

Painting Your Career 2026-27 – FAQ

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Is there a cost to participate?

No. The program is completely free for both schools and students, funded by the State Government's Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

How do I book my students in?

We are taking bookings for the four-day program from now, term 1, 2026, across the next 6 school terms, until the end of May 2027. Bookings are made directly with the Program Coordinator, and are on a first in, first served basis, then confirmed prior to the start date, with registration and consent forms of a minimum of 6 and up to 12 students.

Scheduling can be made to accommodate the unique needs of each specific school, e.g. a day a week for four weeks, four consecutive days, etc. pending availability of our training facility and trainer. **If your school has a specific VET training day for off campus activities, please book early to secure these days.**

Groups with less than 6 students confirmed are not guaranteed to proceed. If groups need to be combined to reach necessary numbers, this can be negotiated prior to commencing.

If your group is unable to commit to four days, please discuss alternative options with the program coordinator.

How does transport work?

Schools and students are responsible for organising transport to and from the training venue. Some schools use available buses and carpooling from their campus; others ask their students to arrange their own transport.

Where does the program take place?

Sessions are held at the Aussie Painters Network training facility **2/16 Perrin Place, Salisbury**. Limited parking is available onsite.

How long is the program?

Painting Your Career runs across 4 hands-on training days. Schools will be provided with a schedule outlining dates, times, and session structure. For those schools requiring a condensed offering of the program due to distance or other logistics, this can be negotiated case by case. We have demonstrated similar outcomes with shorter attendance for the right participants.

Who can take part?

High school students from partnering State, Independent, and Specialist schools who are interested in painting or construction pathways. Pending availability, we will also request to include new schools to the program.

What should students wear?

All participants receive a Painting Your Career program T-shirt to wear during the sessions. Students should also wear clothes they don't mind getting paint on — shorts or long pants are both fine. Closed-in shoes **are** required for safety. Steel capped boots **are NOT** essential, as the program is delivered in a controlled training environment.

Do students need to bring anything?

No equipment is needed. All tools, materials, and safety gear are supplied. Students should bring a water bottle and lunch/snacks, or there is a range of food available for purchase from the next-door service station.

Is lunch provided?

Lunch is not provided unless otherwise arranged by the school. Students are encouraged to bring their own food and drinks.

Do students require a White Card?

No, students will not require a White Card for the program. They will need to undertake White Card training if they wish to proceed to a work trial, however it will not be a part of this program. If they do not do White Card with their school, we can refer them to a variety of Registered Training Organisations to undertake the half-day course.

What will students actually do?

Students get hands-on experience in painting and decorating, learn practical trade skills, and work alongside industry trainers. They also receive mentoring and insight into real career pathways.

Is this a pathway to an apprenticeship?

Yes — the program is designed to help students explore the trade and, where appropriate, connect them with apprenticeship opportunities. APN provides individual recruitment and training support for interested students.

Do students need prior experience?

Not at all. The program is designed for beginners and those curious about the industry.

Will students receive a certificate?

Yes. Participants receive a certificate of completion recognising their involvement and the skills they've learned.