Roxby Downs Area School is providing its students with individual VET pathways through Australian School Based Apprenticeships (ASBA’s), engaging with its Community, Industry and employers, retaining its students and advantaging them to complete SACE for entry to University and Trade Careers.
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School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (ASBAs) combine schooling at the senior secondary level (normally years 10, 11 & 12) with training and employment.

Planned learning in school and work is balanced between the needs of the student, the employer and the school, and allows the students to study for SACE at the same time as commencing and/or completing a nationally recognised vocational training qualification as a paid employee.

The School Based Apprenticeship allows students to gain real life experience within their chosen pathway while continuing with their schooling. The student is able to develop essential capabilities that align with our school goals:

- communication
- Critical thinking
- Career literacy
- Teamwork
- Decision making
- Personal skills

These partnerships between education and industry allow learners to engage more deeply where learning is made more relevant through real work application. These learning opportunities help develop the dispositions including:

- Resilience
- Enthusiasm
- Persistence
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**Successes**

School leaders have been working with members of the DECD Secondary Learners Directorate to maximise outcomes in SACE, VET and STEM.

*Roxby has 19 ASbA’s, the fourth highest in SA schools. Around 15% of ASbA’s identify as Aboriginal.*

**Developing a Student Pathways Team (SPT)**

Principal Steve Bennett and Key RDAS leadership staff partnered with DECD regional Senior Leader, Apprenticeship Broker and Business Partnership Manager to offer students the opportunity to commence an ASBA within Roxby Downs in a variety of different industry areas.

A well attended industry evening was held at RDAS, with local business committing to assist the town’s youth to access meaningful career pathways. Students were interviewed about career aspirations.

Follow up meetings were held with businesses indicating scope to take on an ASBA while careful planning and student/business matching was conducted by the Student Pathways and RDAS Teams.

Structures are place to monitor ASbA’s and to assist students, families and employers when difficulties have arisen – and to celebrate successes. Careful planning in school has balanced outside work with SACE plans that capture learning, provide support for training and manage a pathway for each student.
The broad spread of ASbA based careers at Roxby Downs Area School

Conversations about moving forward have commenced with Ross Vickers, BHP Apprenticeship Manager, potentially offering students pathways into BHP Billiton, linking with their Apprenticeship Intake Program.
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“Tom’s commitment to safety has been outstanding, so much so that his performance was published in the Monadelphous newsletter that goes nationally.” – Tony Butson - CEG

“Jordan has been a star for the council and will have a good career once he has completed his studies” – Tony Butson - CEG
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