

## Sydney Vocational Support Networks

The Sydney based regions of the National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) Program support a number of Vocational Support Networks (VSNs) in the Sydney metropolitan area.

The VSNs were originally started and organised by Department of Education Support Teacher Transition (STTs) to bring together stakeholders involved in the transition process for school leavers with disability. As the networks grew in strength, steering committees were established to help ensure the sustainability of the networks.

VSNs are located within Western Sydney, South Western Sydney, Sydney and Northern Sydney.

The membership of the VSN is comprised of school staff, State and Commonwealth funded services and government departments who are engaged in supporting school leavers with a disability to access both employment and prevocational education and training programs.

Those who attend include:

- School staff (DoE, CEO, Independent)
- Other educators (TAFE, Apprenticeship programs, RTOs)
- State and Commonwealth funded services (DES, NDIS)
- Government departments (Human Services, NDIS)
- National Disability Coordination Officer

VSNs provide a forum for:

- Information sharing
- Identification of barriers and emerging trends
- Professional development
- Expo planning
- Improving vocational and employment outcomes for school leavers with a disability and ensuring a smoother transition

# 2019 VSN Dates

## WSVSN: Western Sydney VSN

9am-2pm, Henry Parkes Equity Centre in Mimika Avenue, Whalan

- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

9am – 11:30am, Henry Parkes Equity Centre in Mimika Avenue, Whalan

- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

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## SWSVSN: South Western Sydney VSN

Tuesdays, 9:30am -12pm, Padstow TAFE College, Raine Road, Padstow, Building T- Level 1 – Room 1.11

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

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## SVSN: Sydney VSN

Tuesdays, 9:30am-11:30am, 50 Beach Street Kogarah

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

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## NSVSN: Northern Sydney VSN

Mondays, 9.30am -12.00noon and some venue to be advised

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – TAFE Hornsby, Peats Ferry Rd, Hornsby NSW 2077
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Job Centre Australia, 1/13 Spring St, Chatswood NSW 2067
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August - TBA
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November – TBA

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