



Case Study

The barn café & grocery

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The barn café & grocery is located in Rozelle in Sydney's Inner West. The café provides all-day service, with menus changed regularly to reflect seasonal specialties. The focus is on superior food at reasonable prices, with a commitment to strong customer service, environmental responsibility and community involvement.

The barn café & grocery takes over 35 students each year for their Structured Workplace Learning, which is a requirement for high school students who are studying a Certificate II in Hospitality in either Year 11 or Year 12.

These students spend one week working in the kitchen at the barn café & grocery carrying out tasks as identified appropriate by the business. The benefit of taking on these students is that through their hospitality studies at school they have an understanding of how the industry operates as well as a set of basic skills.

The barn café & grocery has continued to use some of these students as casual employees on the weekends.

There are many benefits for both the business and the students. As Brendan Millet, General Manager of the barn café & grocery says, "a great benefit for



the students is that it is a way to give them some real-life experience about how our industry operates".

It gives the students a taste of the industry and can highlight both the positive and negative aspects of the industry.



Structured Workplace Learning also helps establish in the students' minds whether it is an industry that they wish to pursue as a career option.

Brendan continues to say that the benefits for his business are numerous and varied and include "a responsibility to be involved with the local community and the reputation that your business receives for that involvement" and "encouraging young people to enter the hospitality industry in an attempt to help address the skills and labour shortage that the industry is currently experiencing".

Participating in a program such as this can also provide employers with access to a pool of potential part-time or full-time employees, who may be available for employment at the present time or in the future.



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