



Heather Butler, MP

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

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More than 800 Students Try a Trade

More than 800 year nine students from throughout Southern Tasmania will get a taste of future career options at the Try a Trade expo in Hobart today.

Opening the expo, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Heather Butler, said it gave students the opportunity to learn about career pathways, training requirements and employment opportunities in a range of trades.

“Students will gain an insight into specific industry areas and hear first-hand about the world of work from industry representatives, employers and apprentices,” Ms Butler said.

“They can select from 20 booths showcasing everything from carpentry, electronics and automotive mechanical to floristry, radio production and agriculture.”

“They have the opportunity to try hands-on activities at three booths.”

“It’s a fantastic opportunity for students to find out more about a career that interests them.”

Ms Butler said the State Government was committed to improving retention rates and offering more options to encourage year 10 students to stay on to further education.

“Our post year-10 education reforms will help address our retention rates by providing education and training which is exciting and relevant and prepares young people for the careers they want.

“Events like the Try a Trade expo complement these initiatives,” Ms Butler said.

Try a Trade has been organised by SCOPE Local Community Partnerships, the Department of Education, Department of Economic Development and Tourism, Regional Industry Careers Advisor and the Association of Independent Schools of Tasmania.