



Links to Learning

The Links to Learning program supports students in Years 6–11 to re-engage with school and reach their potential. The program is aimed at students who are facing barriers to participation in mainstream education and supports them to engage with learning at their school. Through personalised support and innovative activities, the program helps empower students, build their life and learning skills and provide learning opportunities aimed at improving their education, future employment and life skills.

Who is it For?

To participate in Links to Learning, students need to be:

- In Years 6–11
- Identified by their school as being:
 - At risk of disengaging from learning
 - And/or at risk of leaving school early or where there are concerns the student will not make a successful transition to high school

Links to Learning through MTC supports at-risk students in Years 6–11 to re-engage with school. Working with Youth Advisors, students identify goals and create a plan aimed to improving their education, future employment and life skills.

Students can be referred to the program by the school's Learning and Support Team but participation is voluntary.

How it Works

Links to Learning is delivered within schools each Semester by MTC Australia Youth Advisors. Students participate in individual support sessions with a dedicated Youth Advisor to discuss barriers they are facing, identify their goals and create a plan to achieve them.

Students also attend group workshop sessions with fellow participants to re-engage with group learning, learn life skills and build social confidence. Group sessions allow students to learn in a supportive environment and discuss real-life issues covering a wide number of topic areas whilst also building knowledge and strategies to address and overcome these. Throughout the program, students work with Youth Advisors to track their own progress and celebrate successes.



How to Apply

To apply for the program or to find out more, call MTC Australia on **0438 245 867** or **1300 232 663** or go to mtcaustralia.com.au

Key Benefits of Links to Learning

► An engaging environment

Our experienced staff create a fun, open and comfortable environment where young people feel respected and safe. In this setting students are more likely to engage and connect.

► Personalised support

Students work with Youth Advisors to create individual plans that take into account their needs, interests, skills and goals. Youth Advisors provide one-on-one support throughout the entire program, including their transition out of Links to Learning and back into their base school.

► Holistic approach

Links to Learning is designed to meet students where they are, and provide support across a broad range of areas. These include self-esteem and resilience, managing emotions, team-building and leadership skills, communication and healthy relationships.

► Sense of agency

By involving students in personal goal setting and progress tracking, as well as giving them a space to be heard, Links to Learning promotes agency and encourages students to participate in decisions about their own lives.

► Proven results

Since 2010, MTC Australia youth programs have helped to improve education, employment and life outcomes for more than 10,000 young people across West and South West Sydney.

About MTC Australia

MTC Australia is a thriving social enterprise that provides pathways for people of all backgrounds and life stages to create new life opportunities. We offer high impact employment, learning and youth programs delivered from more than 20 locations across NSW. As a social enterprise, we reinvest surplus into innovative social impact initiatives that support and empower at-risk Australians.

MTC helps more than 20,000 people every year to build self-worth, gain skills for employment and entrepreneurship, and enable possibilities for transformative change.

Program in conjunction with:

