Daniel Ragg – Kingston High School  
Certificate III in Electrotechology  
“My ASbA in Certificate III in Electrotechology gives me lots of variety. I came in to my ASbA not really knowing where I was going, or what I wanted to do. My ASbA; it has opened up so many possibilities. I highly recommend an Australian School-based Apprenticeship to other students. From my experience it’s great, the best part is you are working towards achieving an apprenticeship qualification, while achieving the TCE. ”

Bronte Richardson - Hellyer College  
Certificate III in Engineering  
“I would recommend an ASbA to other students, it is a great opportunity to get the ‘hands on’ experience and while undertaking schoolwork, so you can get multiple qualifications while still at school. My ASbA has influenced me on where I want to go in my career – I didn’t know what opportunities I had in this field until I started my ASbA, now I have the opportunity to go on to university and follow this pathway which I really enjoy. ”

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A SMART WAY TO LEARN AND EARN
What is an Australian School-based Apprenticeship?

An Australian School-based Apprenticeship (ASbA) or Traineeship is an employment-based training arrangement where a Year 10, 11 or 12 student has the opportunity to combine employment with training and school as an apprentice or trainee.

ASbA allows you to continue attending school at the same time as undertaking a nationally recognised qualification whilst in paid employment. The qualification is usually at a Certificate II or III level and is nationally recognised by industry and employers.

ASbA students enter into a contract of training as an apprentice trainee, and participate in a minimum of 7.5 hours to a maximum of 15 hours paid employment per week. During school term time, however you are able to work additional hours during the school holiday periods.

Through work, you will develop skills under the guidance of your employer, while a Register Training Organisation (RTO) provides the formal training required to complete the qualification.

An ASbA is a smart way to study to gain your Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE), get a “head start” in your chosen career and link it to vocational or university pathway.

Smart Way to Learn and Earn

ASbA are a valuable first step in your career pathway and can be a valuable starting point to build an ongoing and rewarding career.

By undertaking an ASbA while still attending school/college you will pick up knowledge and skills that will put you ahead of other job seekers.

ASbA are the smart way “Learn and Earn”.

Advantages of an ASbA:

- Earn money while training
- Get started on a career pathway
- Complete a nationally recognised qualification
- Get on the job training and experiences
- Continuing into higher education/qualification upon completion of an ASbA
- Gain points towards TCE
- Gain the possibility of full-time employment

Australian Apprenticeships are available in over 500 occupations, so chances are there will be one that matches your career interest.

Information and Support

ASbA students receive ongoing support from their school/college ASbA facilitator.

The school facilitator works out a student’s school timetable arrangements regarding the students work schedule and provides “check-in” meetings to make sure everything is going smoothly.

The Department of Education ASbA team supports all ASbA students in Government schools and colleges, and is available to respond to questions or concerns that may arise.

Start your career today

Tips for getting your own ASbA

- Start exploring your own career interests
- Talk with your teachers, the career advisor or VET coordinator at your school/college about an ASbA
- Make a list of potential employers
- Undertake a work placement or work experience
- Ask you school/college for some ASbA flyers to give to potential employers or businesses
- Talk to some local businesses about employing you on an ASbA
- Tap into your network of family and friends – for employment possibilities
- Check out employment websites and career notice boards at school/college

“An ASbA is a smart way for me to work and study”

“My career started without me even knowing it”