

What is it?

Explore Your Future is a program that assists teacher education students gain first hand experience in school areas that offer the highest employment opportunities for new graduates.

The program is a partnership between universities, schools, regional offices, state office and the school community. It provides valuable experiences to teacher education students to assist them make informed choices about their teaching future in NSW public schools.

What does it do?

Explore Your Future supports teacher education students by:

- organising student visits to western NSW and western and south western Sydney schools and their communities; and
- assisting students to undertake their professional experience in western NSW and western and south western Sydney schools.

What does it offer?

A) Non-coastal rural school initiatives

1. *Beyond the Line – School Community Visits*

A week-long visit by teacher education students to introduce them to country schools in the Western NSW, Riverina and New England regions, particularly in and around the Bourke, Broken Hill, Deniliquin, Dubbo, Griffith, Inverell, Moree and Tamworth areas.

2. *Beyond the Line – Professional Experience*

Financial and professional experience placement assistance for teacher education students who wish to undertake practice teaching in targeted non-coastal rural NSW schools.

B) Western and south western Sydney school initiatives

3. *Beyond the Bridge – School Community Visits*

One or two day structured visits to schools in western and south western Sydney for groups of teacher education students.

4. *Beyond the Bridge – Professional Experience*

Assistance with professional experience placements for teacher education students who wish to explore the teaching opportunities available in western and south western Sydney.

Further information

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