AUSTRALIAN CAREER DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (ACDS)

The Department of Further Education, Science and Technology (DFEEST) has provided funds to the three schooling sectors to improve the professional development of school-based Careers Counsellors.

The funds will provide opportunities for at least one Careers Counsellor in each Independent school to study and gain accreditation for either Component Two or Component Three of the Australian Career Development Studies modules during 2006.

Component Two of the ACDS is comprised of the following competencies at Certificate IV level:
- Analyse and apply labour market information
- Provide careers guidance
- Utilise specialist communication skills to build strong relationships

Component Three of the ACDS is comprised of the following competencies which contribute to a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education (Career Guidance):
- The context for career development services
- Career development processes
- Career service delivery

Component Two or Component Three can be undertaken independently depending on the background skills, knowledge and experience of the Careers Counsellor.

Component Two will be offered as two x ½ day workshops that will include assessment. Two sets of dates have been organised for Component Two. The attached flyer provides registration details and times for those Careers Counsellors wanting to study Component Two.

Component Three may be offered online through the Queensland University of Technology. Professor Wendy Patton will attend the Careers Counsellors’ Network Day on 19 May to provide details about the content, delivery and assessment of Component Three through the Queensland University of Technology. A registration form for Component Three will be available on that day.

Careers Counsellors must choose either Component Two or Component Three. The course and assessment costs will be met by AISSA. Schools will need to provide TRT if required.