

CDAA Welcomes Release of Federal Government's National Career Education Strategy

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The Career Development Association of Australia (CDAA) welcomes the release of the Federal Government's National Career Education Strategy.

The \$3 million strategy was launched today by the Minister for Education Dan Tehan and includes a research paper outlining key findings and recommendations to improve career education in schools.

CDAA National President Wanda Hayes said the strategy was a fantastic step in ensuring all students receive the necessary career education to equip them for the future of work.

The recommendations include increasing the emphasis of career education in the Australian Curriculum and the need for expertise from professionally qualified career educators.

"These recommendations send a strong message that qualified career practitioners play a key role in preparing students for their working lives," Ms Hayes said.

"Your career is arguably your number one asset and it deserves the care and attention from highly trained specialists."

The strategy also outlines six objectives, including creating partnerships between schools, education and training providers, employers, parents and carers, and the broader community.

"We are pleased that the strategy acknowledges the need for collaboration. Preparing our students with the necessary skills is an important task and needs to be a shared responsibility," Ms Hayes said.

While CDAA welcomes today's release, the association is now eager for the Federal Government to commit to a call to action.

"We look forward to working with the Government to ensure these recommendations and objectives are actioned across all schools nationally," she said.

The Career Development Association of Australia (CDAA) commenced as the Australian Association of Career Counsellors in 1989, and is Australia's largest cross-sectoral association of career development professionals working in a diverse range of roles, delivering services in industry, government, education, employment programs and community organisations. The primary purpose of the CDAA is to support its members by leading, building and growing the career development profession.

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