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Link Program 2026 – Expression of Interest

The Link Program is 15 years old and well recognised in the community as an alternative learning program for Year 10 students who may have trouble engaging with traditional learning pathways.

The primary goals of the Link program are:

- reengagement of students in school activities
- provision of pathways for transition into further study or work
- building of self-esteem and confidence to continue in training and education
- reduction in social isolation issues and inclusion of school leavers into the community in a positive manner.

Link students experience a wide curriculum including attendance at Mudgee TAFE for one semester, as well as work experience and opportunities for team building, in addition to more traditional Year 10 classes. The program has a school Link Coordinator and a Community Mentor, who assist participating students to enhance their prospects for success in the program and their future transition into further education, training and employment.

Since its establishment in 2010, the Link program has seen many of its participants achieve outstanding outcomes. These have ranged from apprenticeships, traineeships, study at TAFE, paid work, and completion of the HSC. As a result of this success, many students make an application, of which only 24 receive a placement. Therefore, students are asked to submit an 'Expression of Interest' to ensure a fair process for all students. **Students who wish to be considered for the 2026 Link Program are required to complete the attached EOI and commit to the program for its entirety (four terms of 2026).** All questions should be answered with the view that the responses will be used to gauge student need for and interest in the program. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from Mrs McNeill, Ms Wilson (Link Community Mentor), and the Learning Centre if they are having difficulty completing the form.

Parents are also welcome to request an Expression of Interest by phoning or visiting the school.

EOIs must be returned to Mrs McNeill in the Creative Arts staffroom by 3:25 pm Friday 22 August.

Late submissions may not be considered.

Cath McNeill
Link Coordinator

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NAME: _____

1) What do you think makes you a good candidate for the 2026 program? (i.e., How would the Link Program support you with your transition from school planning?)

2) In two years' time, what would you like to be doing? (Example: employment, HSC study, TAFE study, apprenticeship, traineeship)

3) What skills or learning do you think you will need to achieve this goal? (Answer to Q.2)

4) How do you think the Link program can support you in developing these skills?

5) As part of the Link program, what are you prepared to do to assist with working towards your future goals? (i.e., outline how you will commit to the program)
