

Minda Disability Enterprises



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- > Are you leaving school?
- > Still at school but looking for work experience?
- > Looking for employment?
- > Interested in attending a day placement?
- > Not quite ready for open employment?

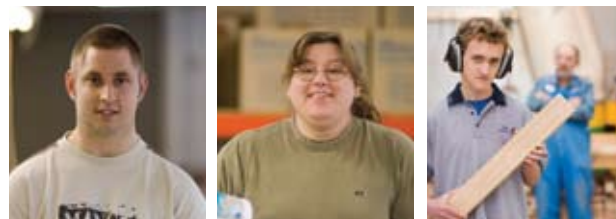
Minda might be just what you are looking for!

A job is something that is important to most people. It is more than just working. It is building confidence, working with others to achieve goals, making friends, having a focus and allowing financial independence.

At Minda, we understand this. That is why we want you to come and see what we have to offer. Everything we do at Minda is aimed at increasing employment opportunities, life skills and the self-esteem and confidence of individuals with a disability.

Minda provides a variety of different supported employment opportunities both on campus at Brighton and within the community at various locations such as Lonsdale, Craighburn and Somerton Park. In each of these areas there are different skills that are learnt and used.

Supported employment offers individuals the opportunity to contribute their skills and abilities as part of the workforce. Employees receive a wage and are able to learn new skills and build their confidence, self-esteem and status within the community.



Supported employment is available to people with a disability who:

- > Are seeking employment
- > Are over 16 years of age
- > Are eligible for the disability support pension
- > Are able to work at least 8 hours per week

Work experience and/or transition to supported employment can be arranged for final year school students.

If this sounds like you or someone you know, why not give Developmental Educator, Aaron Byrne, a call on 0400 625 460 to arrange a meeting and work site visit, or contact Minda on 8422 6200.



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The Minda Laundry

The Minda Laundry, located on site at the Brighton campus, offers supported employment opportunities in a commercial laundry facility with links to the textile, linen rental and laundry industry standards.

Employees are given the opportunity to participate in all aspects of the laundry process and with support, are encouraged to develop skills relevant to their levels of ability. Tasks include receiving, sorting, washing, drying, pressing and dispatching clothing and linen.

Training and supervision is provided to operate machines and presses (such as washers, dryers, steam cabinet, shirt press, sheet ironer and trouser press).



Adam has been attending Minda for the past three years.

Adam commenced a work trial at the laundry whilst still at school and was lucky to be offered a two-day a week position upon completing school. Initially Adam was a little anxious about starting work but over time, he became more relaxed about it. At the end of school, Adam was unsure about starting full-time work so he began attending Chuaninga, a Minda day options program directed at school leavers, on the three days he did not work.

Adam has just recently begun working an extra day in the laundry, which he says he is happy about because, "it means I get better at my job and earn more money!" Adam does lots of different jobs in the laundry including delivering clothes to the campus houses, the bag run to collect dirty items and washing and folding clothes and sheets.

Adam believes that staff at both the laundry and Chuaninga have helped him to understand how to act and what to do at work and in the community.

"I'm happy working in the laundry as I enjoy the work, I'm used to what I have to do and I like the people I work with," Adam said.

"I enjoy doing the deliveries the best as I get a chance to spend time with my peers and talk about my favourite topic, football, and my team Port Power," he exclaimed.

Trak Furniture

Trak furniture, located at Lonsdale, focuses on timber manufacturing and assembly. Supported employees who work here are able, through support and training, to gain skills necessary for timber finishing and furniture assembly.

Supported employees at Trak make items such as timber bedroom suites, coffee tables, book cases and wine racks.



Andrew has been working at Trak since he completed school three years ago.

Before working at Trak, Andrew attended Cardin College and although he found school "alright", he was happy to finish and begin his career. A teacher suggested Trak as a good work option for Andrew. Although Andrew was a little unsure about working, when he found out that several of his friends worked at Trak, he spoke to them and "wanted to give it a go".

Since then, Andrew has learned and achieved many things. He recently completed a TAFE Certificate in Furniture with some of the other workers at Trak and he is looking forward to learning new skills such as wood carving.

"I love working at Trak! I've made many new friends, get paid for doing a job I like and it has helped me to become more independent," Andrew said.



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| > Trak Furniture | 8382 9599 | > Craighburn Nursery | 8278 8229 |
| 16 Aldershot Road, Lonsdale SA 5160 | | 36 Fergusson Avenue, Craighburn Farm SA 5051 | |
| > Minda Brighton Campus | 8422 6200 | > Minda Packaging Services | |
| King George Avenue, Brighton SA 5048 | | MPS Lonsdale | 8326 2900 |
| > Laundry Services | 8422 6398 | 10 Sheriffs Road, Lonsdale SA 5160 | |
| > Envirocare | 8422 6200 | > MPS Somerton Park | 8296 9054 |
| > Catering Services | 8422 6200 | 16 Bowker Street, Somerton Park SA 5044 | |
| > Cleaning Crew | 8422 6200 | | |