Ambarvale High School has an outstanding Careers / School to Work Program which provides our students with a myriad of opportunities to reach their career goals. Support is given to students in the transition from study to the workforce.

We tailor career programs for all students by developing Individual Careers Action Plans and conducting interviews for subject selections and specialised interview training and work readiness programs. Our school has strong links with the University of Western Sydney and the business community including many local employers.

We also offer our students a wide range of pathways both academic and vocational through TAFE NSW and school-based traineeships.

**Post School Results:**
Post Destinations Survey results were impressive with 49.5% successfully gaining entry to a Bachelor degree of their choice. 39% of these students gaining entry through UAC offer and 10.5% gaining entry to a bachelor degree studied at a Private Institution such as the Australian College of Physical Education or the Australian Catholic University. 52.5% is a huge rise from past years of 28%. Areas of study for these students include Engineering, Social Work, Medical Science, Health, Education, Digital Media, Health Science, Criminology, Policing, Civil Engineering, Arts, Law, Nutrition and Food Science, Agricultural Economics, Fine Arts, Nursing, Forensics, and Aviation. Students starting Double Degrees continues to rise as a result of the changing world of work and its competitive nature.

A slight decrease of students gaining entry to TAFE is evident perhaps a result of pleasing University offers. 15.5% of students will attend TAFE in 2013 in a course of their choosing. Students are starting Diplomas and Cert IV qualifications in the areas of Childcare, Community Services Welfare and Mental Health, Photography, Information Technology, Hairdressing and Graphic Design.

Students that successfully gained an apprenticeship or traineeship increased to 6.5% with most of those students continuing their VET studies from school into their apprenticeships/traineeships.

Defence force Entry was unpopular as no students applied for entry in 2013.

As a result of the pleasing amount of students gaining entry to a form of tertiary education, a decrease is evident in students that are working fulltime (17%), Part-time or casual (2.5%) and actively looking for work (6.5%). Majority of these students are planning to continue their studies by applying for Mid Year Entry TAFE or University in 2013.
Year 9 and 10

- Approximately 20 hrs of School To Work Careers Classes. During this time students will learn about the World of work, apply for Tax File Numbers, Research Careers that are suited to their interests and skills and complete the Work Readiness Program.
- Individual Careers Action Plan Building
- STW Employer/ Business Breakfast
- Tradies Afternoon Ute Muster/BBQ
- Speed Careering Morning
- Social Etiquette Training (Boys and Girls)
- Interview Training Day
- Mock Interview day
- Work Experience Block Week
- Boys and Girls Focus Mentoring days
- OH&S Whitecard Training
- NAIDOC Indigenous Careers Day
- Macarthur Careers Expo
- Taronga Zoo – Meet a Keeper Day
- Apprenticeship / Traineeship Expo
- Defence Boot Camp and leadership days
- Healthwise Expo
- Guest Speaker Lunchtime Lectures
- Job and Apprenticeship Lunch Group
- Get that Job Day
- Various Work experience opportunities throughout the Year
- Subject selection classes and counselling (5 hours)
- Subject Selection Interviews
- TAFE delivered Vocational Education & Training and School-Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Applications

Careers - School to Work Program

Your child will be participating in Careers – School to Work programs during years 9 – 12. In these STW classes your child will explore the world of work through a variety of activities, classes and events that include:

- STW classes (20hrs)
- Work Readiness Program
- Individual Careers Action Plan Building
- STW Employer/ Business Breakfast
- Tradies Afternoon Ute Muster/BBQ
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- Various Work experience opportunities throughout the Year
- Subject selection classes and counselling (5 hours)
- Subject Selection Interviews
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Year 11

- Regular classes - one period per fortnight (20hrs)
- Apprenticeship / Traineeship Expo
- TVET and SBAT courses
- Transition Adviser counselling
- Careers Adviser counselling and regular monitoring of Individual Careers Action Plans
- Job and Apprenticeship Lunch Group
- Get that Job Day

Year 12

- Regular interviews with Careers Advisor (one per term at minimum)
- National Careers Expo
- University Discovery days
- TAFE taster days
- Sydney Morning Herald Careers and HSC Expo
- UAC, Scholarship, TAFE and Private Provider Application help and guidance
- Exit Interviews and Exit Plan Counselling
- Lunch time and Year meeting Guest speakers including (Uni’s, TAFE, GTO’s, Private Providers, Enrol to Vote, Tax Office, Defence Force)

Post School - Post-Destination surveys and career guidance