



# Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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### CASTLE HILL SCHOOL LEAVERS SCORE NEW SKILLS OVER SUMMER

Students wrapping up their schooling in Castle Hill will be given the opportunity to access fee-free training to help them rapidly gain new skills for summer jobs in industries experiencing labour shortages such as hospitality, construction and early childhood education.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the NSW Government's Summer Skills program will help school leavers find their feet as they try to match their early career opportunities with the right training.

"Business in Castle Hill and across NSW need workers now and this program will help upskill young people and find jobs this summer," Mr Williams said.

"Summer Skills gives young people meaningful opportunities to get jobs, whether it's a gig at their local café or securing work in the aged care sector."

Minister for Skills and Training Alister Henskens said the Summer Skills program will deliver 4,000 fee-free courses, with a focus on school leavers, as part of the NSW Government's record \$3.1 billion investment in skills and training.

"If you're completing your HSC, now is the perfect time to get skilled for free and jump straight into a well-paid and rewarding job over the summer," Mr Henskens said.

"This program is helping people boost their budget by slashing course costs, so that young people can get the skills they need for the jobs they want – whether that's to kick start a career or earn money while they study.

"It will also help businesses address labour shortages so that they can employ more people and have a bumper summer."

Summer Skills courses will be available for people between 16 and 24 who have left school through TAFE NSW and other registered training organisations.

For more information, visit [www.skills.education.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/summer-skills](http://www.skills.education.nsw.gov.au/initiatives/summer-skills).

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