

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!



“ *Imagine being in a new country with no job and limited language skills: you need a lifeline to hold on to...* ”



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St George and Sutherland CC

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Program

Part qualification, FSK, CGEA & CSWE

Target Group

Migrant

Details

2 days/week face to face
9.30am-1pm each day for 20 weeks
Additional day for drop in

Key points of difference

Family approach and whole college approach to pathways

At St George and Sutherland Community College (SGSCC) we pride ourselves on offering a lifeline to recent migrants.

The college has run foundation skills classes for the migrant community for over 15 years under various funding programs (ACE VET, Social Inclusion and AMEP). The CSO funding has allowed this program to continue expanding helping break the cycle of under/ unemployment.

The students do part qualifications including FSK, CGEA and CSWE at different levels according to their abilities and goals.

When students first enroll they are welcomed into the SGSCC family, we give them a SGSCC bag with information, match them with an experienced student as a mentor, develop short and long term learning plans and provide a range of wrap around services such as health referrals.

We celebrate the diversity of cultures, hosting luncheons with traditional dress and encouraging family and friends to attend.

Graduations are a grand celebration and we keep our graduates in the College family by providing pathways to further training and keeping in touch via newsletters and emails letting them know about other programs on offer and encouraging them to bring their friends and family.

The strategies that have contributed to the success of our CSO programs are varied including:

- Creation of a 'pod' for each class, consisting of up to 5 students who work together to achieve learning tasks assigned by the teacher, often with a very practical focus. The pod approach is empowering because it allows

the students to take control of the activity. They meet independently to complete the task reporting all findings back to the group.

- Coordination with the College General ACE Programs whereby CSO students are supported to enroll at no cost in classes with vacancies to support their social inclusion.
- Close coordination with Job Active providers to provide job search support and workplacement opportunities.
- Welcoming TESOL students from UTS as volunteers in the classroom.
- Developing short and long term individual learning plans and regular re-assessment of these.
- A regular time slot with a College manager to identify current or emerging problems, provide home study support and/or organise other service support.
- Wrap around services – health referrals, visits from police and ambulance service to the class to familiarize students with these services and dispel fears.
- Regular use of technology such as iPads.
- The availability of part qualifications under CSO funding is particularly useful providing flexible pathways into further training such as Smart and Skilled programs.

This training is subsidised by the NSW Government.