



2026 WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



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EXPLORE A FUTURE IN BOAT BUILDING & COMPOSITES

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

MONDAY TO THURSDAY 6:30 AM TO 4:30 PM
WEEK 1 - IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

MONDAY TO THURSDAY 6:30 AM TO 4:30 PM
WEEK 2 - TAILORED EXPERIENCE

BUILDING THE FUTURE, ONE BOAT AT A TIME.

AUSTRALIAN BUILT, INDUSTRY LEADING



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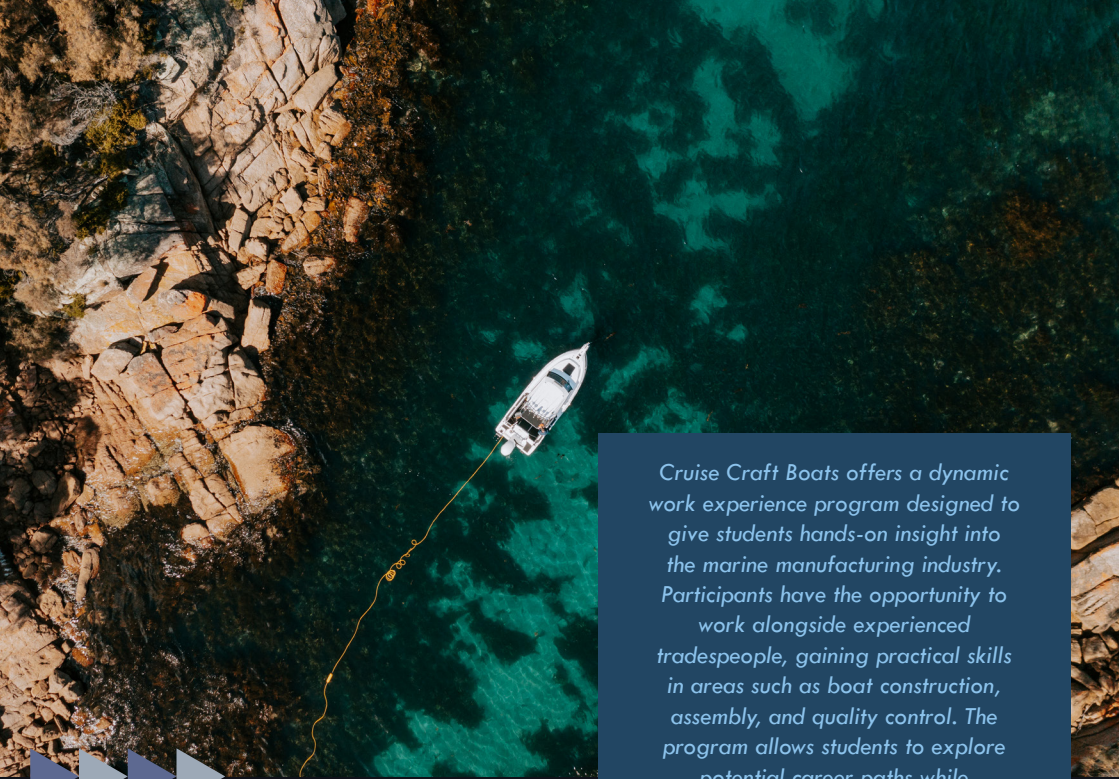
Mark Vowell

HEAD OF RECRUITMENT

Welcome to Cruise Craft Boats, where Australian craftsmanship meets innovation on the water!

My name is Mark Vowell, Recruitment Manager here at Cruise Craft. We're proud to partner with local schools to offer school-based apprenticeships that give senior students practical, hands-on experience in marine manufacturing. Our apprentices work alongside skilled boat builders, learning the trade while developing valuable career skills in a supportive environment.

We look forward to working with education officers who share our commitment to guiding young people toward rewarding careers in the marine industry. Together, we can help the next generation of Australian boat builders launch their future with confidence.



Cruise Craft Boats offers a dynamic work experience program designed to give students hands-on insight into the marine manufacturing industry. Participants have the opportunity to work alongside experienced tradespeople, gaining practical skills in areas such as boat construction, assembly, and quality control. The program allows students to explore potential career paths while developing teamwork, problem solving, and technical abilities in a real-world environment.

ABOUT CRUISE CRAFT

Cruise Craft Boats is a proudly Australian, family-owned company with a rich heritage in premium boat manufacturing. Since its beginnings in Brisbane in 1946, the brand has built a strong reputation for craftsmanship, innovation, and attention to detail. Every Cruise Craft vessel is designed and built locally, blending modern technology with decades of boat-building experience to create high quality boats trusted by recreational and professional boaters across Australia.

The company is known for its commitment to safety, performance, and durability on the water.

Beyond producing exceptional boats, Cruise Craft is deeply committed to supporting Australian industry and local talent. By investing in workforce training and apprenticeship opportunities, the company ensures that traditional building skills are preserved while embracing new, sustainable technologies. Cruise Craft's dedication to quality and innovation continues to shape the future of Australian boating, maintaining its position as a leader in marine manufacturing.



EXPERTISE & EXPERIENCE

OUR EXPERTISE

We build for multiple brands including Cruise Craft, Haines Signature, Seafarer Boats & GO Boat meaning you'll experience a broad manufacturing ecosystem. From design and 3D CAD through CNC machining, composite lamination, assembly, upholstery and marine engine rigging of Yamaha Outboards, we deliver premium boats that set industry bench-marks. This is manufacturing you can touch, see, and learn.

THEIR EXPERIENCE

A genuine exposure to a major manufacturing operation in the marine craft industry.

- **Meaningful participation:** Be paired with a dedicated mentor and given a structured plan for the week — ensuring every day has purpose, learning and engagement rather than just observation.
- **Experience of multiple trade and technical pathways:** composites, CNC machining, CAD design, upholstery, marine mechanical rigging, assembly and logistics.

A real opportunity to connect your STUDENTS school-skills and interests with apprenticeships, trades and long-term career paths.



GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

**Program runs Monday to
Thursday (4 days)**

Hours: 6:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Students must wear enclosed steel cap's and will undertake a safety induction
on Day 1**

**Please provide a short student interest profile
(composites, mechanical, machining) so we can match a suitable mentor.
Transport/pick-up arrangements to be coordinated.**

*To ensure a smooth and productive work experience,
please take note of the following important details
regarding the program schedule, safety requirements,
and student preparation. These guidelines help us
provide a safe, engaging, and well-matched placement for
each student, while supporting your coordination needs.*



APPRENTICESHIPS

CAREER PATHWAYS

Certificate III in Marine Craft Construction (MEM30719)

Learn to build and repair boats using fibreglass, timber, and metal materials.

Gain skills in reading designs, creating templates, lofting, and assembling hulls.

Develop expertise in using hand and power tools safely and effectively.

Understand occupational health and safety practices in a marine workshop environment.

Certificate III in Polymer Processing (PMB30121 or PMB30116)

Master working with fibreglass and composite materials for boat parts manufacturing.

Learn laminating, molding, and finishing techniques used in advanced boat construction.

Understand polymer materials' properties and their applications in manufacturing.

Learn quality control procedures to ensure polymer product standards.

*Help your students get ahead of their peers
by connecting them with real-world marine skills and
fast-tracking their career pathways through our hands-on
apprenticeship program.*



APPRENTICESHIPS

CAREER PATHWAYS

Certificate III in Marine Mechanical Technology (MEM30305)

Acquire skills to install, service, and repair marine engines and electrical systems.

Develop expertise in installing, configuring, and maintaining marine battery setups, including lithium and lead-acid types, with integrated monitoring and safety systems.

Gain skills in integrating 12-volt electrical systems, electronic instrumentation, and engine rigging to ensure seamless power distribution and reliable marine electronics operation.

Perform diagnostic testing and routine maintenance on marine engines and electrical components.

Certificate III in Upholstery (MSF30622)

Learn to work with various fabrics, foam, and stitching techniques specific to marine use.

Understand material selection, pattern making, and installation processes for boat interiors.

Master pattern drafting and customization techniques for complex and curved surfaces in marine settings.

Integrate upholstery solutions that meet both aesthetic preferences and functional marine requirements.

Inspire ambition and confidence: students gain hands-on knowhow, professional mentors, and industry insights that set them apart.

WORK EXPERIENCE

WEEK 1

MONDAY



Design & Technology

ACTIVITIES

Safety induction; tour both Hemmant & Murarrie sites; intro to 3D CAD & CNC

TUESDAY



FIBREGLASS & COMPOSITES

ACTIVITIES

Moulding shop; learn about composite materials, lamination, core/resin systems; assist with demoulding and part-prep.

WEDNESDAY



BOAT ASSEMBLY & FITOUT

ACTIVITIES

Work alongside a team member; learn hull, deck, liner integration; assist with tool-setup, part-fitting, basic wiring/plumbing.

THURSDAY



LOGISTICS, DISPATCH & WRAP UP

ACTIVITIES

Observe finish-component tracking, packing, quality checks for dispatch;

Reflection session and Week 2 selection





MONDAY & TUESDAY

**STUDENTS CHOICE
FROM WEEK ONE**

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WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

**WORK EXPERIENCE
WEEK 2**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To give your student the best chance of success, please review the following checklist with them prior to submitting their work experience application. This ensures they understand the expectations, are well prepared, and meet the requirements needed to excel.

- ☐ **Confirm the student is available Monday to Thursday for the full program (6:30 am – 4:30 pm each day)**
- ☐ **Ensure the student has enclosed steel cap shoes suitable for a workshop environment**
- ☐ **Discuss the importance of participating in a safety induction and check understanding of workshop safety**
- ☐ **Prepare a brief student interest profile**
- ☐ **Confirm transport arrangements have been coordinated between the school, student, and parent/guardian**
- ☐ **Check the student's understanding of workplace expectations, including punctuality, appropriate attire, and following instructions**
- ☐ **Verify that any required consent forms or paperwork (e.g., medical information, emergency contacts) are completed and provided**



APPRENTICE TESTIMONIALS



Keith

I completed two years of a school-based traineeship in 2011–2012, which counted as one full year toward my apprenticeship. In total, 81 days led to a total year of my trade.

I've worked at CruiseCraft since 2012, and now work on the assembly line building the largest production models.

Lachlan

Completing a school-based traineeship in 2024 gave me a great head start. The experience amounted to more than half a year of full-time work, which meant that when I transitioned into full-time employment in 2025, I already had a strong foundation and practical understanding of the role.



Seth

I started my school-based traineeship in Grade 11, which allowed me to get a six-month head start in my career compared to my peers when finishing school.

I am now fully qualified in Marine Mechanical Technology and have been part of the Cruise Craft team for over 5 years.





APPLICATION INFORMATION

For application inquiries,
Schools and students are invited to reach out to us via



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