

# Equipping the next generation of teachers and leaders through the Future Tracks mentoring program

## Become a mentor and explore the benefits for your career

The Future Tracks Mentoring Program has been created to support your professional practice and future career opportunities with a sector that is growing and changing.

Future Tracks is inviting a team of experienced teachers who, through their role as trained mentors, will support the growth and development of students as they secure a bachelor degree in early childhood education. At the same time, our goal is to help you grow from strength to strength as an early childhood professional with a new set of skills and tools. We understand that your role is to set children up for life - so we are here to set you up for a career with new strengths.

The next generation of early childhood teachers will rely on well-equipped mentors to help them put theory into practice and generate positive learning outcomes for children.



*'I did the Future Tracks mentor training with the encouragement of my centre director and it helped me realise that I have much to contribute as a mentor. I can support the next generation of teachers as well as those who work at the centre. I can also give my own practice some fresh thinking and grow as a leader.'* Early childhood mentor

### How it works:



- Excellent training delivered in a blended way with practical face-to-face components supported by online learning.



- Once trained, mentors will be matched to two Future Tracks students during the first year of their study.



- Each mentor will engage with two students in a three-way dynamic learning relationship so that students benefit from peer-to-peer exchange.



- Mentors help students develop their skills, put theory into practice and broaden their understanding of early childhood education.



- Both students and mentors agree on an approach and are provided with the tools and resources needed to build strong relationships based on trust and a commitment to strengthening their practice.

## Set your career up for life

**Excellent training and professional development:** The training has been developed by experts through a co-design process to support your professional development and extend your skills in putting theory into practice, communication, problem solving and creative thinking.

**Paid time release and travel allowance for mentors:** Organisations are reimbursed by Future Tracks for monthly mentoring sessions (during the university semester) so the process does not financially impact on the organisation or you.

**Flexible hours:** The flexibility of the program ensures the timing and location of monthly catch ups suit everyone. We understand the time pressures and demands on your organisation and you.

**Access to research and new topics:** You'll have access to our online portal with research and teaching themes through our partnerships with leading universities and the students we engage through our program.

**Ongoing mentor role:** Once trained, mentors can contribute to the growth and professional development of staff and educators within the sector, helping colleagues ensure their teaching strategies and approaches are up-to-date and evidence based.

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