

# PEERING INSIDE A GREAT TRADE

**P**EEER's Try a Trade day is a practical and fun way for senior high school students considering their career options to gain exposure to four trades.

It is a free, interactive learning day where students meet some of PEER's apprentices and have an opportunity to try hands-on activities in electrical, plumbing, data and voice communications, and airconditioning and refrigeration trades.

PEER is a not-for-profit organisation and the largest employer of apprentices in the building and construction industry in SA.

Chief executive Peter Nolan says it has trained more than 48,000 people, including more than 3000 apprentices, recording a 90 per cent completion rate and 95 per cent employment rate.

"If you're a student you'll find the Try a Trade days a lot of fun and enormously beneficial in helping you decide what career path to take," he says.

“What we find is that some students come in who are super keen on a trade and it crystallises their thoughts, some are keen on one trade and then decide they like another one better, and some work out that a trade may not be for them.

"The best way to approach the day is to relax and enjoy learning something new, see how it feels and if it interests you."

Students wanting to pursue a trade career can then sign-up to undertake a vocational education and training (VET) program and get a headstart on their apprenticeship by completing some units while at secondary school.

Try a Trade days are held at  
PEER's Albert Park location.

where it has spent \$2 million on innovation. It includes a purpose-built training facility which provides apprentices a real, on-site work environment, and simulated activities.

It is also investing in the latest technology such as augmented reality and virtual reality.

PEER has an academy model whereby it trains, coaches, mentors and supports its students to be their best. It has recruited former Port Adelaide player Jacob Surjan to drive elite performance among its apprentices.

"We equip students with a nationally accredited qualification and also impart problem-solving, critical thinking, communication and life skills," Nolan says.

"They graduate with a well-rounded, valuable education that sets them up for success in their chosen careers."

**DETAILS: [PEER.COM.AU](https://www.peer.com.au)**



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Jaydan Brumby is pursuing a hands-on career through PEER.  
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