THE NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP ON YOUTH ATTAINMENT AND TRANSITIONS aims to increase the educational engagement and attainment of young people and to improve their transition to post school education, training and employment through immediate, concerted action supported by broader long term reform.

Youth Attainment and Transitions Programs

School Business Community Partnership Brokers

School Business Community Partnership Brokers (Partnership Brokers) will broker partnerships between and among schools, business and industry, parents and families and community groups to support student engagement and improve education and transition outcomes.

### Youth Connections Program

The Youth Connections program provides a holistic approach to servicing young people at risk including support for individual young people and the broader community.

Compact with Young Australians

At its 30 April 2009 meeting, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed to a Compact with Young Australians to promote young people’s participation in education and training, providing protection from the anticipated tighter labor market, and ensuring they would have the qualifications needed to take up the jobs as the economy recovered.

* **A National Youth Participation Requirement** which requires all young people to participate in schooling (or an approved equivalent) to Year 10, and then participate full-time (at least 25 hours per week) in education, training or employment, or a combination of these activities, until age 17.
* **An entitlement to an education or training place** for 15 to 24 year olds which focuses on attaining Year 12 or equivalent qualifications
* **Strengthened participation requirements for some types of income support:** the focus on learning or earning also applies to those under the age of 21 who seek income support through Youth Allowance (Other) or the Family Tax Benefit (Part A): if they do not have a Year 12 or equivalent qualification, these young people need to participate in education and training full-time, or participate in part-time study or training in combination with other approved activities, usually for at least 25 hours per week, until they attain Year 12 or an equivalent Certificate Level II qualification [http://www.deewr.gov.au/Youth/YouthAttainmentandTransitions](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Youth/YouthAttainmentandTransitions/Pages/compact.aspx)

As a member of The Council of Australian Governments (COAG), the Premier of Queensland signed off on the **NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON YOUTH ATTAINMENT AND TRANSITIONS** on 2 July 2009

* National Year 12 or equivalent attainment rate of 90 per cent by 2015, provide an education or training entitlement to young people aged 15‐24; better engage young people in education and training; assist young people aged 15‐24 to make a successful transition from schooling into further education, training or employment; and better align Commonwealth, State and Territory programs and services related to youth, careers and transitions.

