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CAPTION: Schools Program Coordinator Sharlene Kidd talking to students at the Emmanuel Catholic College 2021 Careers Expo on Wednesday, 21 July 2021

HEADLINE: WA boasts higher than national average of students undertaking VET in Schools training, says latest report

MPA Skills said its training numbers supported the findings of the latest Australian vocation education and training (VET) statistics which found that there was an increase in VET in Schools student in 2020 with more than 240 000 choosing this option nationally.

The report from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) found that WA accounted for 33 700 VET in Schools students in 2020 out of a national figure of 241 200 - nearly 14% of the total.

MPA Skills CEO Ben Dahlstrom said the fact that WA's total students under training is greater than its percentage of population, reflects the nature of the market at present.

"We continue to see a large amount of interest from students and parents at career expos in painting and plumbing apprenticeships," said Mr Dahlstrom. "What is particularly encouraging is seeing the cut through to young people about the wide range of school-based options that exist for them to satisfy their curiosity with the industry.

From the CTF's Try a Trade program to school-based pre-apprenticeships, there has never been a better time for young people to learn more about the diverse careers that are available for them in the painting and plumbing sectors," he added.

A copy of the report can be found by visiting <https://www.ncver.edu.au/research-and-statistics/publications/all-publications/vet-in-schools-2020>

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