

FAQs - TEACHERS

You've got questions and we'll give you the answers, **but** if there's still some burning questions on your mind, please email them to us at info@upstarthq.com.au and we'll do our very best to answer them.

Q. What year level do you recommend for the Upstart Challenge?

A. Teachers from all secondary levels and curriculum areas are welcome to register their class. We've had teachers from Year 7 all the way through to Year 12 lead the Challenge with their students. Whatever the year level, students will progress through their entrepreneurial journeys and acquire valuable new skills as they go. The Upstart Challenge is **mapped to the Australian Curriculum for Years 9, 10 and VCAL**.

Q. What subject area do I fit this into?

A. Over the years we've had students from across the curriculum participate in the Upstart Challenge and we have found that the program material is best suited for teachers with class time. As the program is mapped to the Australian Curriculum General Capabilities, so we have had students from **Enterprise and Commerce, Business Studies, STEM** and **VCAL** take part. As the theme or "idea" that students develop is their own choice and based on problems they care about, it really doesn't matter to us what the subject matter is – what matters is the learning as they progress through their entrepreneurial journey.

Q. Does a teacher need to attend the Upstart Challenge Accelerator with their finalist students?

A. No, students can attend independently however you're very welcome to join in. You'll find that the workshops will provide you with a great opportunity to learn more, extend your network by meeting like-minded professionals and our local industry mentors. It's also a great professional development opportunity.

Q. Can teachers and school staff be part of the teams?

A. No, all team participants must be under 19 years old but that doesn't mean school staff can't join the fun and be part of the support team at the Upstart Challenge Showcase.

Q. Can you provide additional/specialist support to one or more of our potential participant students?

A. We always try our best to ensure all our programs are accessible for all, please feel free to talk to us about individual needs and we'll try our absolute best to put a plan in place.

Q. Will our students' business ideas entered into the Upstart Challenge be shared with others?

A. Yes, in the spirit of celebrating all our students entrepreneurial learning, we want to share your students' creativity! The Upstart Challenge Showcase provides your school with the opportunity to exhibit to the community your students' innovative ideas!

Your finalists' entries are shared in full with our judging panel who regularly deal with confidential material and we ask them to treat students' work with the same respect and confidentiality as they do in business.



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Please note that finalists participating in the Upstart Challenge Accelerator and Upstart Challenge Showcase will be sharing their ideas with mentors and the event audience and therefore ideas will be in the public arena.

Teams are welcome to exclude any content they consider to be confidential. This is a standard approach adopted by the business community.

Intra-team confidentiality is the sole responsibility of team members and Upstart will not arbitrate any disputes that arise between team members during the challenge. A brief statement of ideas submitted will be used for promotional purposes. This should be considered public knowledge and will be a required element of participation. If you are in doubt or have any concerns regarding this, please speak to a member of the Upstart team at info@upstarthq.com.au and we shall endeavour to allay any concerns.

Q. Is there a cost for schools?

A. Yes. The cost for this program is subsidised through financial support from our generous sponsors. As a result, only the Program Registration Fee is payable by the school.

This includes:

- Teacher access to the Upstart Challenge Online Learning Portal including 8 teacher led learning modules.
- A repository of downloadable learning resources for teachers to use throughout the program.
- 1 x teacher PD webinar (eligible for CPD).
- Entry for at least one student team to proceed to the Upstart Challenge Accelerator (2-day workshop and mentoring).
- All student workshop materials and resources.
- Entry for at least one student team to participate in the live pitch component of the Upstart Challenge Showcase to win prizes.

Q. How many student teams can I have?

A. Your Program Registration Fee includes one class. Teams are made up of 2- 4 students.

Q. What are some of the business ideas students have come up with in the past?

A. We've had a huge array of ideas from affordable technology to assist in locating your wallet, a rotating handstand device for circus performers and accessible, lightweight storage solutions for wheelchair users. See Ideas Bank on the **Resource Page** for more ideas.

Q. How long does the Upstart Challenge last?

A. The Upstart Challenge consists of 8 learning modules, with each module designed to be delivered over a minimum of a double period. There are ample opportunities for you to expand the duration and depth of learning for each module to fit with your students' learning and timetable.