



STUDY VISIT
FAMILY SUPPORT AND INFORMAL LEARNING ADAPTED TO
NEEDS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS
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Introduction



Education in The Netherlands



Vocational education



ROC Mondriaan

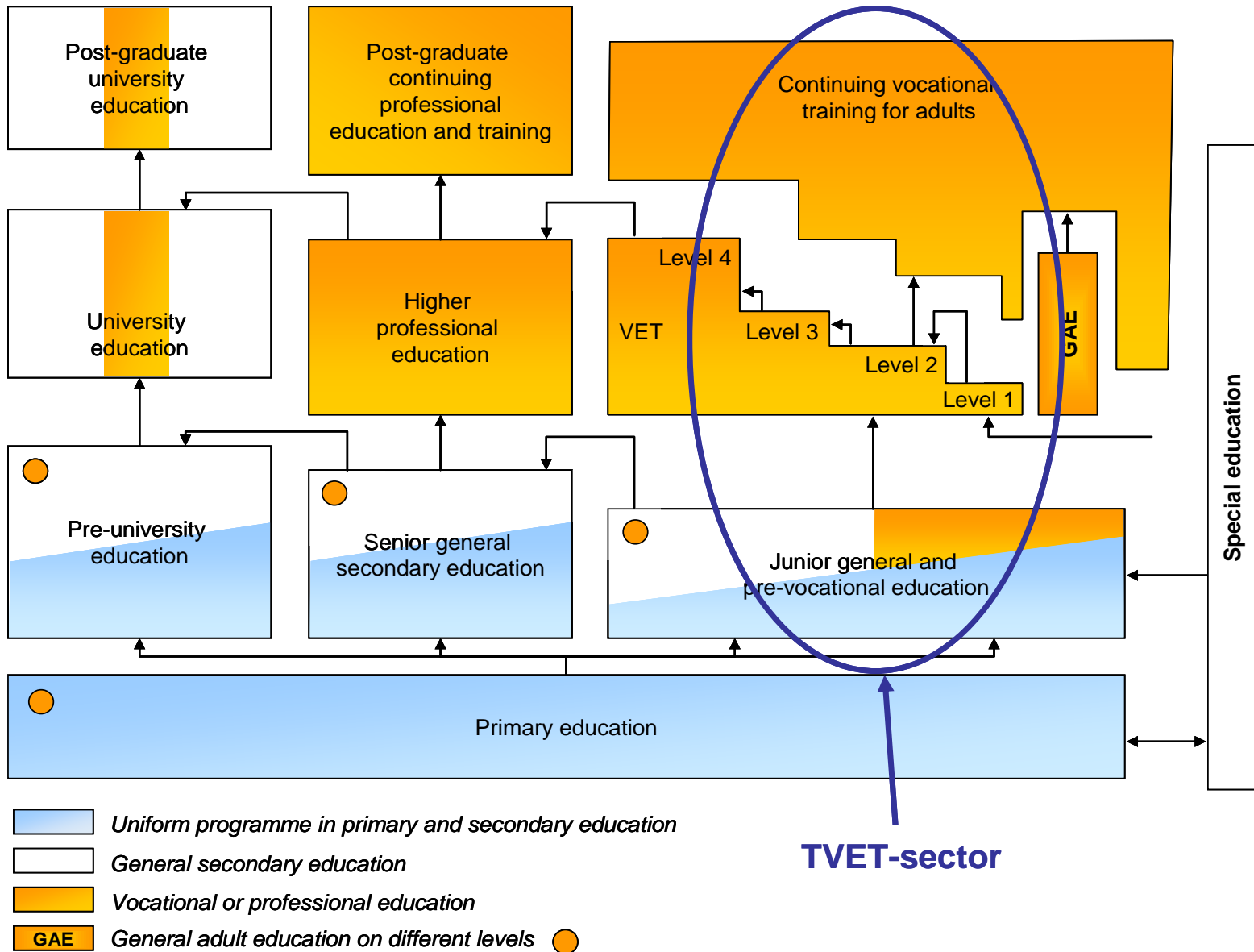


Parental involvement

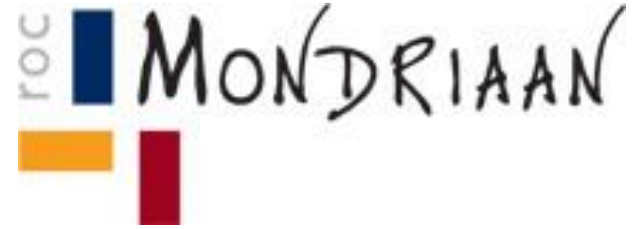


Conclusion

EDUCATION IN THE NETHERLANDS



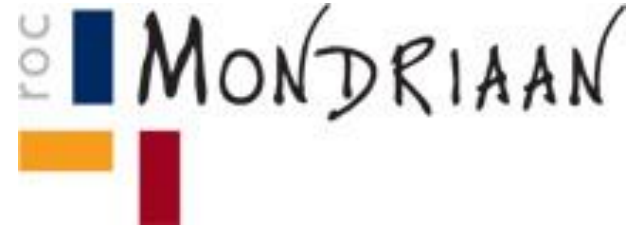
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION



- **Four levels of professional education**
 - **Level 1: assisting professional (1 year)**
 - **Level 2: starting professional (2 years)**
 - **Level 3: self-dependent professional (2-3 years)**
 - **Level 4: specialized professional (3-4 years)**

- **Two learning routes**
 - **College-based learning route**
60% school, 40% internships
 - **Work-based learning route**
20% school, 80% work

ROC MONDRIAAN

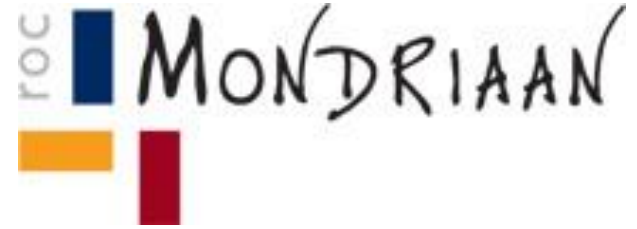


- Institute for vocational education
- Based in The Hague

- 120 different qualifications
- Three sectors of professional education
 - Health and welfare
 - Economics, trade, food service, tourism & fashion
 - Technology

- 2,000 employees
- 62% women, 38% men
- 62% teachers, 38% management and staff

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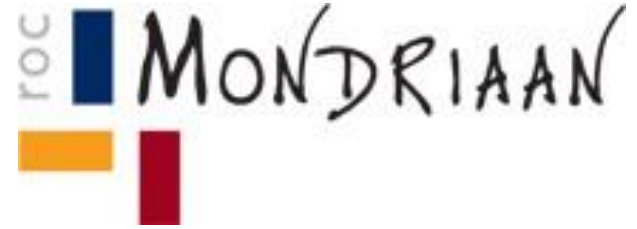
- **18,000 students**
 - **80% between 16-22 years old**

- **Level 1: 4%**
- **Level 2: 26%**
- **Level 3: 30%**
- **Level 4: 40%**

- **Dutch natives: 52%**
- **Western immigrants: 6%**
- **Non-western immigrants: 42%**

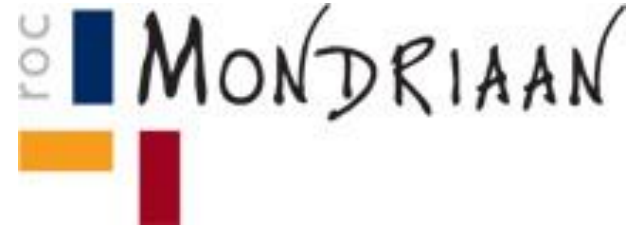
- **69% of students leaving ROC Mondriaan graduate**

PREVENTION OF EARLY DROP-OUTS



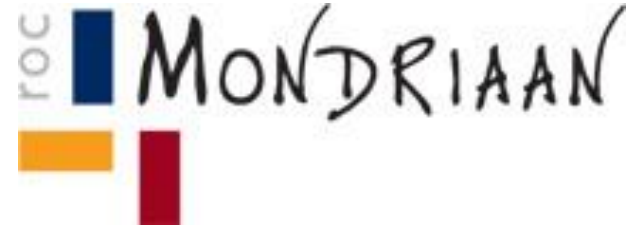
- **2001: 70,000 early drop-outs in The Netherlands**
- **Target for 2015: 25,000 early drop-outs**
- **Focus points:**
 - **Transition from secondary school to vocational education**
 - **Customization of education**
 - **Absence registration & prevention**
 - **Improving student guidance**
 - **Transition from professional education to labor market**
 - **Parental involvement**

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT



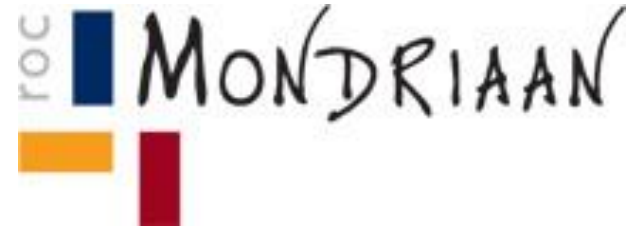
- **National**
 - **National program: Parents & School Together**
- **Local**
 - **Subsidy for schools to promote parental involvement**
 - **Participation in URBACT PREVENT program**
- **ROC Mondriaan**

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT



- **Parental involvement at ROC Mondriaan**
 - **Focal point since 2008**
 - **Main goal: reduction of early drop-outs**
- **Good practices:**
 - **Parents of students who are 18 years or older**
 - **Parents as a target group for information about education**
 - **Parents in an advisory counsel**
 - **Newsletters for parents**
 - **Involving students in organizing parent-teacher meetings**
 - **Parent-teacher meetings aimed at minority groups**

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT



- **ROC Mondriaan has achieved good results, but...**
- **There are still challenges!**
 - **Parents from minority groups**
 - **Partnership of school and parents**

CONCLUSION



- **What can I learn during this study visit**
 - **Different methods to reach immigrant & minority groups**
 - **How to increase immigrant children's school grades**
 - **How to build a partnership to maximize support for parents and their children**
 - **How to prevent early drop-outs**
 - **Learn from the other participants**
- **What do I have to offer to the other participants**
 - **5 years of experience of promoting parental involvement**
 - **Dutch approach to prevention of early drop-outs**
 - **Critical friend**



QUESTIONS?

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