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Progress
Report

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'Working together to support young people'

School Business Community Partnership Brokers aim to improve community and business engagement with schools and training providers to enhance opportunities for young Australians and the wider community.

Partnership Opportunities

Transport and Logistics Industry

The Transport and Logistics Industry includes Road Transport, Rail, Warehouse and Storage, Maritime and Aviation in Australia and employs an estimated 500,000 individuals directly and over 1 million people in both direct and associated roles. This Industry contributes \$90 Billion to the Australian economy annually (14.8% of GDP). This Industry is dominated by small to medium sized businesses, 65% with less than 100 employees, as well as the number of large national transport organisations. It is an Industry with anticipated significant growth in the movement of bulk freight, local and interstate and the number of containers to triple through Australian ports.

Transport and Logistics involves almost every type of occupation - from crews of vehicles, trains, vessels and aircraft to staff involved in engineering, infrastructure, tourism, hospitality, security, retailing, warehousing, management, administration and Information Technology (T&LISC source).

We are interested in partnering Industry organisations with schools and their students to engage in a range of activities to raise awareness of the Industry and to learn about the career pathways and opportunities available. Members of the Greater Western Sydney Transport and Logistics Taskforce, the University of Western Sydney and the South Western Institute of TAFE are participating organisations.

Please contact Janelle at MWLP on 4625 1863 for more information.



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Partnership Opportunities

“Showcasing local Talent”



This initiative is designed to support young people by providing them with the opportunity to showcase to the wider community their major textiles, industrial arts and creative arts works. It aims to build community and business awareness and engagement with their talented young people. Through an exhibition style event we are hoping to link community, business and potential employers to local young people. In order to gauge interest we are asking schools to click into the link below and complete the expression of interest form.

<https://spreadsheets1.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEdnZldGSEVYYmITS0ZkX0U1RmR0MXc6MA>

‘Linking Youth through Student Voice’



Is a new initiative tailored to empower students to be pro-actively involved in the identification and problem solving of issues that are relevant to them. This is a multi stage program that essentially sees students as representatives of their school community, talking about issues that matter and contributing towards achievable goals. Students will have the opportunity to learn valuable skills, be inspired by others and gain the confidence to stand up and be heard. Student Voice is the most effective device in understanding the needs of youth in the community. By working with the young people we hope to address issues that prevent them from excelling at school and in society.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact Scott Meehan on 46251863 or scott.meehan@mwlp.com.au

“Developing Enterprising Young People”



As part of our commitment to supporting the development of young people we are looking at creating an opportunity to collaborate with business and industry and innovative people to foster future business leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs. The proposal would look at partnering business, industry and entrepreneurs to enterprising young people through workshops, project work, expos, mentoring, and other activities. This would foster their skills and abilities, and encourage them to engage at school whilst developing future business leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs.

We would like to survey your response to our proposal to engaging students in Developing Enterprising Young People and would welcome any feedback you may have. Survey Link:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHZqUU9PdnVQU29jY3lyc1BxUjRLZ1E6MA>

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Linking Community & Schools

"A Professional Development Opportunity"

The Linking Communities and Schools Speed Networking Event took place in term one with over 40 attending the day. The event offered local educators and providers with the opportunity to come together and discuss local needs and learn about services.

The speed networking style event was designed to initiate and encourage collaboration and partnership. The one to one approach gave participants the chance to explore and address individual issues facing their young people. Student priority cohorts across the board were Disability, Indigenous, Low Socio- Economic and Student Welfare. From this, partnerships between schools and providers have flourished. There is a genuine invested interest in supporting and improving outcomes for local young people and many schools and organisations are now working together. Participants found the event to be very beneficial and feedback was very positive, one partaker stated "It was fantastic this really opened my mind & assisted me in working with others in the community".

The event has opened communication channels and opportunities for relationships to develop.



Learner Driver Mentoring Program

"Learning to Drive Safely"

Over the last 12 months the James Meehan Learner Driver Mentoring Program has been in development. This partnership has evolved and grown through collaboration, commitment and investment. Key stakeholders from government, community, business and education have joined forces. The initiative is designed to support students from a low socio- economic community obtain their license in a safe environment. To help them meet the standard requirements expected of many employers the partnership will provide 14 local young people in their senior years of study with access to a vehicle, trained mentors and professional driving instructors.

Recently students and partners attended a local Rotary meeting in Ingleburn to build community awareness and gain support. Thank you to the members for their support and positive feedback. In term 2 the professional driving lessons are taking place. Students will have the opportunity to learn how to drive with a local driving school. They will have 10 hours with a driving instructor which contributes to 30 hours in their log book. Partners are now collaborating and networking with the aim of obtaining a school vehicle for the program.

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F1 in Schools National Finals 2011

"Congratulations to Team CAA from St Gregory's College"



Through the MARS (Metal and Engineering Apprentice Recruitment Strategy) Partnership, Macarthur students have been supported in their participation in the F1 in Schools (design, manufacture, and race miniature F1 cars) project over the past 3 years.

Involvement of stakeholders from business and industry, education and training, parents, family and community groups have guaranteed the success of the project. Seven local schools competed at the Regional Finals and three teams represented the Macarthur Hub at the State Finals last year at Eastern Creek. In March Team CAA from St Gregory's College competed at the Nationals against other teams from around the country to build the best engineered and fastest car, the best pit stand, give an informative presentation and to also excel at innovation, marketing and project management. Team CAA placed 4th overall in the competition with the winners from Tasmania and Victoria going to Malaysia in September 2011 for the World Championships. The project addresses regional (and national) skill shortage areas across the manufacturing and engineering industries and provides students with an insight into what the industry is really about and what it has to offer through collaboration with business and industry with the aim of gaining highly qualified and innovative young people in the industry in the future.

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Healthwise

"Career Awareness"

Professional staff from South Western Sydney Health Network participated in the fourth annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healthwise at Campbelltown Performing Arts High School in March. The Health Industry is the largest industry in NSW and is a growing industry currently undergoing restructure and looking at future health systems.

The industry is currently experiencing skill shortages and will be where many of the jobs requiring highly skilled staff will be in the future. The Local Health Network's Workforce Planning and Development Unit have had a strong commitment to informing and engaging young people about the Health Industry in South Western Sydney. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Traineeship opportunities are provided through South Western Sydney Local Health Network at Hospitals across the Network in a range of departments to start their career in the industry. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Campbelltown Performing Arts, Airds, Elderslie, Miller, Robert Townson and Thomas Reddall High School

attended and were able to benefit from the interaction and experiences of the professionals. Students were able to talk to the range of professionals and had the opportunity to gain hands on experience with some of the equipment that is used. Stakeholder support from the local Elders, Campbelltown Performing Arts High School, Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES), University of Notre Dame, C91.3 local radiostation and MWLP was also appreciated. The students were also treated to a feel good motivational presentation from Kudzi at iNSPIRE.



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FREE Career Service in Macarthur

A FREE Career Service ran throughout the month of March that was available for all 17 - 21 year olds within the Macarthur Region. 15 students in the Macarthur 9 girls and 6 boys used this service seeking assistance with resumes, career advice, cover letters & guidance. The students had an option of meeting face to face or receiving information and guidance via the phone. Out of those 15 students involved, only 1 student wanted information over the phone, the other 14 met with Fiona Mansell from Careerzone in person. 11 students wanted further career advice after their initial meeting, 6 students needing guidance with resumes and cover letters, indicating they were unsure of where to even begin. Several calls were also made by students 15-16 years old wanting advice as to part-time and casual work, Fiona guided them with some information and templates, then suggesting they talk with their School Career Adviser. The majority of students who used this service, were unaware of how to approach potential employers and were interested in hearing about the variety of work opportunities, this resulted in many of them not knowing what to do and how to go about it. As a result of this service, 15 young people have an understanding and confidence of what they can do and how they can achieve this. On behalf of MWLP, we would like to acknowledge the outstanding work that Fiona from Careerzone delivered along with partners including MG My Gateway, MTC Work Solutions, Prime Learning, Hospitality Employment Solutions (HTN), Macarthurparents.com.au & the Career Advisers of the Macarthur Region (CAMS) by supporting this initiative. We are hoping for this service to continue, and are looking for interested partners to participate. Watch this space for more information...



International speaker comes
to the Wollondilly



De-coding the Adolescent Mind

Date & time: Monday 16th May 2011, 6-8 pm

Location: Tahmoor Community Centre, 6 Harper Close, Tahmoor

Cost: FREE / light refreshments on arrival

Booking: macarthurparents.com.au



To register your seat visit macarthurparents.com.au

OR phone Amber Hope at MWLP on (02) 4625 1863

www.mwlp.com.au

Building strong & resilient young people

This workshop will introduce participants to a strengths-based model for building resilience, called the Resilience Doughnut.



Date & time: Monday 23rd May 2011, 6-8 pm

Location: Iron Bark Meeting room, Narellan Library Building, Cnr Queen & Elyard Streets, Narellan

Cost: FREE / light refreshments on arrival

Booking: Call either Kim at Narellan Library on 4645 5039 OR Amber at MWLP on 4625 1863

What's On

- ✿ Decoding the Adolescent Mind
Monday 16th May 2011
 - ✿ Building strong & resilient young people
Monday 23rd May 2011
 - ✿ National Career Development Week
(16th May - 22nd May 2011)
www.nationalcareerdevelopmentweek.com.au
 - ✿ Breakfast Relationships at Sunrise
www.brasnetwork.com.au
 - ✿ Manufacturing Week
(2nd May - 6th May 2011)
 - ✿ Macarthur Careers Expo 9th June
www.macarthurcareers.com.au
 - ✿ Partnership Forum - coming up
Thursday 23rd June 2011
- for more information visit mwlp.com.au
& macarthurparents.com.au



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School Business Community Partnership Brokers program fosters a whole-of-community approach to supporting young people as they learn and develop—with a key goal of ensuring that young Australians attain year 12 or equivalent qualifications.

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