

happenings

A world of work

FROM arranging flowers to applying make-up to fixing cars, Australind Senior High School students entered the world of work recently.

The Year 10 and 11 students were exposed to the vocations and careers under a program by local community partnership, South West VETlink.

Under the World of Work program, students were invited to nominate a vocation which they were considering as a possible future career direction.

Visits were then organised to the specific industries and businesses, with the aim of providing a hands-on opportunity to learn more about the job.

Treana Jarvis and the staff at Bunbury Flower Place gave students the opportunity to create their own flower arrangements and take them home.

They not only provided expert guidance but discussed pathways into the floristry profession.

Treana said she had fantastic feedback from some of the parents who commented on how

much the girls loved the experience.

The girls were then whisked off to the International Academy for Professional Beauty Therapy where Trisha Heron and the crew spoke to them before letting them perform eyelash tints on each other.

The girls came out batting their new eyelashes with a better understanding of the beauty industry.

Fortunately for the male students, there were more 'blokey' alternatives for visit opportunities.

At Bunbury Automotive, Terry Pyke and his workshop staff took students through a tour of the workshop, explaining all aspects of the automotive and mechanical trade, while guiding the boys through air-conditioning conversion and brake rotor machining tasks.

The students were also provided task sheets that required them to ask questions and research various workplace tasks.

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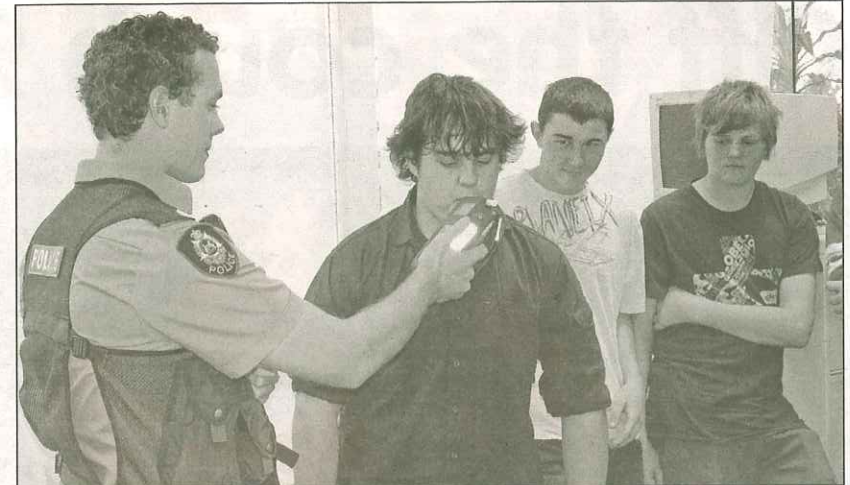
Dave Gray took students on a comprehensive tour of workshop facilities and provided information on the various metal trades working within the facility.

The lads had the opportunity to see some high-tech automated equipment in operation as well as talk to various staff including apprentices and trainees.

After lunch, students visited Bunbury Police Station where Senior Constable Jason Robertson and Police Cadet Matt Boobbyer talked about careers in the police force and provided information about the roles of the police.

The students found the tour of the station's holding cells particularly interesting.

The World of Work program not only provides students with first hand, hands-on exposure to vocations and industries, but is designed to enhance links between the students and businesses as students undertake future vocational studies and work placements.



Police Cadet Matt Boobbyer shows student Damon Atthowe what it is like to be breath tested, while Alan Pryce and Mitchell Williamson look on with interest.



Australind SHS staff member Shahn Reinkowsky with students Rachel Sampsam, Alysha King and Jaemi Delle Donne proudly displaying the flower arrangements created while visiting the Bunbury Flower Place.

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