

Bright Sparx Club

The Kwinana Industries Council (KIC), in partnership with Wesfarmers Chemicals, Energy & Fertilisers (CSBP and Kleenheat) and Murdoch University, recently launched its newest iProject, 'iCAREER – The Bright Sparx Club', which is now the newest part of the KIC's Education Development Program.

The Program is for students at Rockingham Senior High School and gives students in Years 8-9 the opportunity to raise their confidence and aspirations while building their awareness of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) careers. 20 students were selected to be part of the program.

The after school club will run over 10 weeks in Term 4, one day per week after school.

Students will participate in a range of STEM based activities including excursions to CSBP (Kwinana) and Murdoch University. The program will provide students with an opportunity to work together to share experiences and raise their awareness of future technologies and STEM careers.

Murdoch University Student Ambassadors will coordinate the program activities, CSBP & Kleenheat employees will act as mentors and guides throughout the program and attend sessions relevant to their expertise.

KIC Director Chris Oughton said the iCAREER Project demonstrated KIC's commitment towards providing ongoing opportunities for students in the local region.

"This newest component of our Education Development Program is deliberately targeting the younger students who want to put that extra bit of effort in now so that they can really focus on what course subjects they will put their energies into during their high school years," Mr. Oughton said

Ian Hansen, WesCEF Chief Operating Officer, said that WesCEF was proud to partner with KIC and Murdoch University to develop the inaugural Bright Sparx Club.

"The demand for STEM-related skills has always been high in industry, so programs like the Bright Sparx Club are vital to foster a love of learning in STEM subjects," he said.

"This initiative will also facilitate an important and necessary link between the subjects taught at school and real-life careers."

Murdoch University will provide students with valuable information and awareness of science, maths and technology courses at Murdoch University and students will have the opportunity to visit the South Street Campus to meet lecturers and students.

Student's achievement will be recognised by the program partners through a presentation evening on the final day of the project in December. Students will reflect and share their experiences with teachers, parents and their families.