



2014 KIC iDIVERSITY Students

2014 iDIVERSITY Project

Inside Industry

Students take a look inside industry

The KIC iDIVERSITY Project aspires to provide industry career opportunities for students with a learning disability by raising their self-esteem and self-confidence. The project aims to present students with industry knowledge that will support their decisions towards career pathways. The annual project gives the participating students the opportunity to gain insight into industry through excursions and workshops.

14 local Year 10 students from 8 participating schools took part in the 2014 KIC iDIVERSITY Project.

During the 4 day program, students visited CSBP and Fremantle Ports, took part in mock job interviews and gained pivotal employment skills such as resume writing. The program concluded with a presentation ceremony hosted by the students.

The Project is funded by KIC's Workforce & Education Committee and developed in partnership with 17 of the high schools in the local area that form the KIC Education Partnership.

Participating Schools-

- Hamilton Senior High School
- Kolbe Catholic College
- Living Waters Lutheran College
- Malibu School
- Rockingham Senior High School Education Support Centre
- Seton Catholic College
- Tranby College
- Warnbro Community High School Education Support Centre



Students visit CSBP.

Students are the future for industry workforce

KIC is very pleased to have provided significant opportunities for the selected students in this year's KIC iDIVERSITY Project, and we have no doubt that the Project will build upon its success next year.

The iDIVERSITY Project is just one of the many ways in which KIC is working towards establishing a long-term partnership with local high schools in the region.

Through the iDIVERSITY Project, KIC is able to provide unique opportunities to local students with a learning disability, and give them the same opportunities available to their peers in a supported environment.

KIC members are committed to the iDIVERSITY Project and devoted to helping students explore the career pathways that might lead them into careers in industry.

The future of industry relies on the students of today, and KIC is working towards providing as much guidance and knowledge to the local youths in the region as possible.

It is inevitable that industry needs a workforce, which is why it is so important to the KIC that it continues to build a strong career pathway for students into industry.

I would like to thank all the participating schools and their staff for their support, and all the local businesses that gave the students an opportunity to gain valuable work experience.

Chris Oughton
KIC Director

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Renata Brissett and Ben King, Kolbe Catholic College



Bradly Holliday, Living Waters Lutheran College



Stacey Tegousis and Brodie Wood, Malibu School

Schools



Joel Woodbridge and Zara Mackel, Rockingham Senior High School Education Support Centre



Tayla Busher and Gaelan Sheil, Seton Catholic College



Ryan Warner, Tranby College



Alicia Martin and Nathan Searle, Warnbro Community High School Education Support Centre

Day 1

Excitement grew at the Koorliny Arts Centre on day one of the program, as students and Education Assistants prepared for the journey ahead. Smiles lit the students' faces as they were presented with Project shirts and journals.

The KIC Director, Chris Oughton, welcomed the students and provided an overview of the program and what was to be expected.

One by one, the students boarded the bus bound for The Leeuwin, with a special visit to Fremantle Ports also scheduled.

At Fremantle Ports, students had the opportunity to take a ride on the Emergency Response boat, which provided much enjoyment for all those on board. The students were also able to discuss potential career options that industry like Fremantle Ports offer.

Following the boat ride, students boarded The Leeuwin to hear about the Leeuwin's history and voyages that are available to students. These voyages provide new experiences to enable participants to learn and grow. The Leeuwin is the only tall ship in Australia to offer an ocean adventure specifically designed for young people with limitations.



Students aboard the Emergency Response boat at Fremantle Ports

Students were given details on how to apply for the KIC scholarships available for the 5 day Ultimate Challenge aboard The Leeuwin. These would be awarded to successful students at the end of the iDIVERSITY Project.

After a day of exploring and learning the Leeuwin's history, students returned to the KIC offices. Students filled the pages of their journals with the day's highlights and specific details of what had interested them at Fremantle Ports.

On day 2 students spent the day with a local business to gain valuable work experience. KIC would like to thank the hosts:

- Coastcare in the KIA
- Telegraph Newspapers
- Media Engine
- CSBP/WesCef
- Fremantle Ports
- KIC was also delighted to host a student

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Alicia Martin at Kwinana Industries Council



Dana Mitchell at Fremantle Ports (Reception)



Ben King at WesCef (Murdoch)



Bradly Holliday at Media Engine

iDIVERSITY Graduates



Renatta Brissett at CSBP (Kwinana)



Dillon Scoby-Smith at Fremantle Ports (Records Dept)



Joel Woodbridge, Zara Mackel, Brodie Wood and Stacey Tegousis at Coastcare in the KIA



Nathan Searle at Telegraph Newspapers



Tayla Busher and Gaelan Sheil at Fremantle Ports (Supply & Trade Depts)

Day 3

On day 3 students were guided through a number of workshops including;

- Social media – discussions included the positive use of Facebook, Twitter and other social media.
- Resume writing – students were given help and advice with their resumes and shown the importance of creating a professional document.
- Mock interviews – guest speaker Albert Romano, Manager Business Performance Chemicals at CSBP, joined the students to talk about different opportunities at CSBP and some of the career pathways that the employees had taken to get to their chosen career. He also gave them advice on presenting themselves for an interview.



Albert Romano, CSBP, joins the iDIVERSITY students to discuss career pathways

During the afternoon students reflected on, and discussed the tours that they had taken at CSBP, Fremantle Ports and The Leeuwin. They recorded the information in their journals along with what they had learnt about career pathways.

Other activities included group discussions about personal interests and skills and how these attributes could lead them to future jobs and careers.

Day 4

On the last day of the program, students reviewed their work experience by summarising the positive, negative and interesting aspects of the program. Students also created 'Thank you' notes for their host employer, which were presented later that day at a presentation ceremony.

The students also spent the morning preparing and practicing their parts in the presentation celebration.

2014 iMEN student, Cole Henderson from Kolbe Catholic College, was elected as MC for the presentation ceremony. During the presentation ceremony, students were invited onto the stage to share their experiences during the program.



Bradly Holliday, Living Waters Lutheran College, proudly shows the work he was given to do by Media Engine during his work experience

Certificates of acknowledgment were presented to CSBP and Fremantle Ports for providing a tour of their sites.

The graduation event was held in the Koorliny Arts Centre in Kwinana, and was attended by the students' parents and teachers, members from Kwinana Industries Council, and some of the local employers who hosted the students.

KIC Leeuwin Scholarship Winners

Five of the students were awarded scholarships to go on The Leeuwin sailing ship for a 5 day sailing adventure setting sail on 3 December.



Winners of the KIC Leeuwin Scholarships – Bradly Holliday, Living Waters Lutheran College, Renatta Brissett, Kolbe Catholic College, Zara Mackel, Rockingham Senior High School Education Support Centre, Alicia Martin, Warnbro Community High School Education Support Centre and Dillon Scoby-Smith, Hamilton Senior High School.



iDIVERSITY students and Education Assistants with Ashleigh Tapper, Marketing and Communications Manager, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation (front right), aboard The Leeuwin

“These sorts of experiences are life changing events in the lives of the young people who go on them, and we in industry are proud to be able to offer these opportunities”.

Chris Oughton
KIC Director



Congratulations to the 2014 KIC iDIVERSITY students on graduating the program

KIC was delighted that all students graduated the 2014 iDIVERSITY Project and sincerely hopes that the experience and information gained from the program will be of great benefit to the students.



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