

Aspirational Behind the Scenes Tours

These interactive and informative tours provides Year 5 and 6 students a unique opportunity to visit local businesses and discover the many career options available to them across different sectors including health, hospitality, tourism, manufacturing, community services, supply chain and logistics.

These tours provide practical and hands-on experiences that enable students to aspire to meaningful futures, as well as to educate them and their families about opportunities, pathways and services readily available to them in their local area. To reinforce the concepts gained, students complete an activity worksheet as they ask questions and interact with each host employer.

In term 3, the entire Stage 3 students at Warwick Farm Public School toured Liverpool Hospital and was warmly greeted by Robynne Cooke, General Manager who provided some impressive insights into her role and what it takes to keep everything running smoothly.

Robynne is responsible for a budget of approximately \$65,000 per hour (nearly \$600 million per year) which includes over 4,000 staff and a lot of equipment and resources. It was inspiring for students to meet an impressive role model like Robynne who commenced her career as a nurse before progressing through management.

Students had a rare opportunity to 'play' with multimillion dollar training equipment usually reserved for surgeons and medical students at the South Western Sydney Clinical School, UNSW Medicine (also at Liverpool Hospital).

The photos show students using:

- a robotic surgery simulator tutorial that prepares a surgeon for a real surgery
- a high-fidelity robotic patient mannequin, called 'SimMan'
- a 3D digital dissection table, resembling a gigantic iPad known as the 'Anatomage'

Students then toured the Cucina 105 restaurant in Liverpool where they learned about the different roles before actually making a pizza and eating it.

Afterwards, students visited Street University before going to visit the University of Wollongong and TAFE. Students also received a showbag from Masterton Homes containing gifts and useful information about the different career pathways in the trades and construction industry.

SWC would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the tour venue hosts for generously donating their time and expertise to inspire the students. In particular, thank you to Fairfield Hospital and Cucina 105 for hosting a combined number of nearly 2,000 students over the past 5 years.





About Aspirational 'Behind the Scenes' and 'Future Links' Tours

The tours allow students and their teachers to experience a variety of aspirational workplace visits, including TAFE/Universities. Students are guided and supported throughout the day. They experience and see first hand the environment and skills that are required to succeed in any job.

The tour is free and lunch is included.

Students receive resources and materials to help them navigate through the various career opportunities available.

It targets Year 5 & 6 students and will help with transitioning to high school.

Why 'Behind the Scenes' Tours?

It creates a positive change in a students school engagement levels and aspirations for their future.

It encourages and inspires students to Dream Big and start thinking about their future!

It inspires students to start thinking of career pathways and the importance of subjects like Maths, English, Science etc.



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Future Links Tours

Future Links Tours are an extension of the ABTS Tours and introduce students to the various study and work opportunities outside of their local area.

Students start off by visiting tertiary institutions in the City (University of Sydney, UTS or TAFE) and discover the many course options and career pathways available.

Students will then visit either the ABC TV and radio Studio, Sydney Opera House, Powerhouse Museum or other notable venues in the city where they explore the many career options available to them across different sectors. Students also get an opportunity to dine either at the Opera House precinct or Darling Harbour, further lifting their aspirations.

Students receive a show bag which includes an activity resource booklet containing valuable information about career pathways including examples of skills and subjects that students need to build on now for future success. The booklet also contains practical information about goal setting and transitioning successfully to high school. The aim is for students to have meaningful discussions with their peers and parents about their observations during the tours and to hopefully 'dream big' and start planning for their future.



Bring It On! Festival 2017

A 1989 NSW initiative organised by young people, for young people, Youth Week has grown to a Nation wide celebration, giving youth the opportunity to express their ideas and views and act on difficulties that affect their lives.

The 2017 Bring It On! Festival, held during Youth Week, had more than 10,000 youth and their families from all over Sydney gather at the Fairfield Showground.

SWC held a lolly guessing competition along with a t-shirt design contest. The theme of the t-shirt design was "happiness," which the young participants were eager to create and share. Paper t-shirts were given to design, then displayed throughout the day, with three lucky winners winning gift vouchers for both best design and best effort.

The YCI Team interacted with families who had come for a family day out, as well as handing out resources on programs and important information for parents about engaging in their child's education and supporting their wellbeing. This music, sporting and arts festival, was a great day out for all. It was an ideal opportunity for SWC to speak with local students, residents and community workers about 'Our' community.

