



Worlds of Work takes learning out of the classroom and into some of Australia's most vibrant workplaces.

WOW offers students in Years 9 and 10 a unique educational experience. Over five days, they get the opportunity to tap into the resources and knowledge of diverse organisations as they search for their own answers to the question 'what does it take to succeed in the global worlds of life and work?' WOW students will discover the city, interview executives and employees, learn how to network, hear from inspirational speakers and engage in skills development workshops.

The WOW program has broadened my outlook on life and my future career. I have learnt so much about myself, about other people and how I can communicate with a range of people and understand them. This is a fantastic program and I recommend it to everyone and anyone.

WOW student

The most interesting week that I had in the whole of year 9

WOW student

“
a unique educational experience”



WHAT DOES SUCCESS MEAN FOR YOU?

I've been teaching for 30 years, and I have to say that this week was the best week of my career!

WOW teacher



GETTING THE BIG PICTURE FROM EUREKA TOWER

Research shows that in today's world, the most important resource for young people is opportunity - opportunity to learn, to go beyond their neighbourhood and to form new networks and connections. Independent evaluations reveal that WOW opens the doors of the city for all young people.

Dr. Lucas Walsh, Director of Research, FYA

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“WOW benefits...”

Students

- > helping them to recognise and communicate their strengths and abilities
- > building their understanding of what success means for them
- > increasing their knowledge of possible career pathways and employment practices
- > developing social skills and networks

Schools, teachers and communities

- > extending school networks and boosting resources
- > sparking new ideas to take back to the classroom
- > providing excellent professional development opportunities for teachers
- > engaging the community in education and closing the gap between the classroom and the workplace
- > addressing disadvantage by supporting schools on a needs basis

Participating workplaces

- > creating leadership development opportunities for staff
- > giving insight into young people
- > strengthening commitment to corporate social responsibility

I can't believe the level of engagement I have seen from all the students, they may not be in school but they are learning far more than if they were in a classroom

WOW teacher

Why WOW?

WOW is a groundbreaking approach to education that engages young people in learning and addresses disadvantage. In 2008, over 500 students and their teachers, as well as 36 workplace partners took part in WOW with surveys revealing “overwhelmingly positive” responses from all groups. After completing the WOW program:

- > 82% of students feel they have a stronger sense of themselves
- > 75% of students think they are more likely to work harder to succeed in school
- > 85% of students feel more confident about approaching and talking with successful people

Source: Stokes, H.& Turnbull, M.(2008). Succeeding in the Global Worlds of Life and Work: Evaluation of the Worlds of Work pilot project. Australian Youth Research Centre, University of Melbourne

How can I get involved?

Please contact FYA on 03 9663 7007, email wow@fya.org.au or visit www.fya.org.au if you'd like to:

- > get more information on WOW
- > register your school
- > get your organisation involved
- > donate to the WOW program and help a young person to participate

I derived a great sense of satisfaction out of playing a part in equipping these kids to better understand the challenges ahead of them.

Michael Consolo,
General Manager – Victorian Government, Telstra

“Participating workplaces...”

- > ACCA
- > Berry Street Victoria
- > Booz & Company
- > Cadbury Schweppes
- > Capital City LLEN
- > Challenger
- > City of Melbourne
- > Clemenger BBDO
- > Connell Wagner
- > Credit Suisse
- > Crown
- > Department of Education & Early Childhood Development
- > Department of Human Services
- > Fitness First
- > Goldman Sachs JBWere
- > Grocon
- > IBM
- > Koorie Heritage Trust
- > Lonely Planet
- > Macquarie Group
- > Museum Victoria
- > Myer
- > Oxfam
- > Australian Red Cross
- > Red Rock Leisure
- > Rio Tinto
- > RMIT
- > Small Business Victoria
- > Telstra Foundation
- > The Smith Family
- > Verve Studios
- > Victoria Police
- > Wesley Mission
- > Victorian College of the Arts



WOW WHAT A WEEK!



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