

Industry tour kicks off Future Leaders program

THE Future Leaders of Industry program hit the ground running on Friday with the group journeying around Portland for the Industry Tour.

The program, which has hit the nine-year mark this year, will see students from Bayview

College, Heywood and District Secondary College, Portland Secondary College and the South West Institute of TAFE, explore possible local career paths and gain personal mentoring from a local professional.

On Friday the 20 participants

attended the Glenelg Shire Council offices, where chief executive officer Sharon Kelsey led the group on a tour of the council chambers and offices, whilst offering information about the different roles and duties of the various staff within the

organisation.

The group then split into two smaller groups to continue the day's activities.

A group of 12 made up the health group and travelled by bus to visit local health and community services organisations; such as Portland Police Station, YMCA, Portland Child and Family Complex, Ambulance Victoria, Portland District Health, Active Health Portland and Portland Physiotherapy Clinic.

The second group saw eight students join the industry group, and visited Hatch Engineering, the Port of Portland, Wannan Water, Incitec Pivot and Keppel Prince.

The program is supported by Portland Aluminium, the Glenelg and Southern Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network (GSGLLEN), local education providers and more than 15 business and industry representatives.

GSGLLEN executive officer Anne Murphy said the industry tour provided great insight into the local career opportunities that might be otherwise unknown to young people considering options.

"The businesses and organisations that help support the program, and in particular the Industry Day, are imparting invaluable knowledge into these students at a very influential time in their lives," she said.



THE Future Leaders of Industry program kicked off on Friday, with the groups splitting into a health group and industry group, to take local tours of businesses. The health group's (pictured) tour included a stop at the Portland YMCA with Portland Aluminium community relations officer Anna Impey and Leading Senior Constable Lee-Anne Nelson.

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