

North West Metro Careers Expo

Peter Moyes Anglican Community School partnered with BJL Connecting Communities Local Community Partnerships (LCP's) in hosting the North West Careers Expo. The venue provided students and parents in the Northern corridor, who would not normally make the trek to the city, the opportunity to attend an expo right on "their doorstep". In all there was a broad representation of 40 exhibitors.

The event was opened on Friday with a breakfast for year 12 students followed by a panel discussion on perceptions of Generation Y in the work place today, how they fit in and their perceived flexibility. The panel comprised of 3 employer representatives; Jahn Giolitto from Australian Quarantine & Inspection Service (AQIS), Ashley Roncon from Bunnings Warehouse Whitfords and John Rowe from the Institute of Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI), who each delivered a short talk on Generation Y in their workplace followed by an open floor discussion and questions.

The Expo ran over 2 days and was attended by more that 400 pupils from the area. It was promoted amongst all schools within the North Metro area. Attendance on Friday was dedicated to Peter Moyes students and students from neighbouring schools of Mindarie, Quinns Baptist and Clarkson. A relaxed and welcoming atmosphere was created and students came through in year groups, so that numbers were not too overwhelming. This provided a greater opportunity for students to engage with exhibitors, resulting in an increased awareness of career planning and gathering of vital career advice. Saturday was open to the general public from 10 am to 3 pm.

It was a rewarding event that will benefit the youth in this area and positive feedback was received from students, parents and exhibitors. Surrounding schools have indicated that it is a particularly worthwhile Expo, and Peter Moyes and BJL are keen to make it an annual event.

