



Teacher Joanne Jager and students Alex Reid, Shannie Beattie and Joanne Gardiner, Phil Williamson, principal Lisa Muir, Jill Hall and David Harris at the launch.

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New career path launched

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NORTHLAKES High School officially launched its career and transition excellence award program last month as part of National Career Development Week.

The program recognises year 10, 11 and 12 students who actively seek to increase their employability skills through taking part in a variety of vocational based activities.

More than 40 different Central Coast business representatives, Shortland Federal Labor MP Jill Hall

and Wyong State Labor MP David Harris attended to support the program.

Careers adviser and program designer Phil Williamson said the response from the community could not have been more successful.

"Businesses and potential employers recognised the importance of developing these skills in students and have jumped on board," he said.

"It is not designed to over-burden students but rather acknowledge students who are already engaged or have access to

courses, work placement, casual employment, voluntary work and career planning," he said.

Mr Williamson said students could undertake the program in two years but it was possible to do in one.

"After fulfilling the criteria, including 20 days of workplace learning and a mock panel interview, students will be presented with a career and transition excellence award and a record of achievement to show prospective employers," he said.