



Media Release

Health jobs showcased to primary kids

GV Health in partnership with Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project have created an industry exposure event for local primary school students.

The event aims to increase career aspiration from an earlier age for Grade 6 students attending Gowrie Street Primary School.

Coordinators of the event Amy Robinson, Coordinator of Industry Links and transitions for Lighthouse and Cathy Scott, Director of Nursing & Midwifery Education at GV Health, say the day is an opportunity to showcase an array of local jobs for primary aged students especially as GV Health undergoes expansion of its health care services for the community of Greater Shepparton and surrounding districts.

“Research confirms the earlier we can begin to create opportunities for exposure and to embed career information the more chance we have of lifting aspiration for employment pathways for our young people,” Ms Robinson said.

“This provides better life outcomes for the children and young people within our region and assists in ensuring the region’s economy is strong and prosperous with local jobs being filled to keep up with the needs of business and industry, she said.”

“GV Health will require up to 400 new roles when the redevelopment is complete, and it really makes sense to embed local knowledge with our school students so they are aware of the medical and non-medical jobs and career pathways available within GV health,” said Ms Scott.

The opportunity to connect Gowrie Street students with local employers originated after the school developed a new vision. Vice Principal Timothy Warwick explained.

“Our vision states: we are a community that takes strength from who we are; our diversity, our cultures and our histories. We will empower our students to seize life’s opportunities and overcome its challenges.” We are therefore prioritising as many experiences and excursions locally in order to assist in connecting our students to that opportunity,” Mr Warwick stated.

Lighthouse is a community organisation that has created a movement to improve wellbeing and educational outcomes of young people in Greater Shepparton from conception to career.

“The Industry Links program in local in local high schools has created connection for 550 students this year alone to participate in tours, experiences and career immersion activities. It makes sense for Lighthouse to continue to use our networks and allow these opportunities and experiences for primary aged students also,” Ms Robinson said.

For more information on how Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project is facilitating improved connections between schools, industry and community please contact Amy Robinson 0438 308 581.

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