

Cherbourg State School

FUTURE VISIONS PROJECT

2007

As part of their **Leadership and Transition Program**, Cherbourg State School is piloting the '**Future Visions**' Project aimed at providing upper primary students with opportunities to see a wide range of occupations in the work site.

The school community believes that giving the students first hand experience in seeing a wide range of jobs will better enable them to make informed choices about their future educational, training and career options.

The students will be visiting a number of local, regional and metropolitan centres to increase their awareness and understanding in both the professional and trade sectors. Businesses, industry and institutions are supporting the project by hosting on site visits to increase the students' understanding of what the various occupations are about and what pathways are required to achieve qualifications and employment. Many of the host work sites employ Indigenous people thus presenting the young students with an added advantage in seeing other role models at work.

Some of the wide ranging occupations the children will be experiencing include various areas of the sciences, engineering, rail carriage and locomotive building, performing arts, librarians, cultural heritage preservation, ambulance, SES, fire services, building (carpentry, plumbing, electrical etc) police, defence forces, health services, retail, agricultural and industrial sectors.

The students will be developing a folio of potential careers that will travel with them as they soon transition into High School. Similar programs and career expos will be offered during their secondary schooling enabling students to choose further education, training, school based apprenticeships or cadetships thereby enhancing their entry into their chosen field of the workforce.

The project is funded by the Commonwealth Department of Science and Training (DEST) under their Whole of School Intervention program. This initial pilot project will run for a period of 9 months with a final report on its effectiveness due at the end of June 2008.

The staff, parents and students of the Cherbourg State School are very appreciative of the wonderful support received from the host work sites, the Community and DEST.

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Careers Expo at Cherbourg March 2008*