LOCAL STUDENTS LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Local Year Eight students are getting a head start on planning for the future, after visits from the University of Ballarat's Regional Schools Outreach Program. An 'Awesome Futures' pilot workshop run by the University's staff and students saw 11 students from Goroke P-12 College and 17 from Kaniva College take part in a day of fun, practical activities and games. The workshop aimed to demonstrate links between school and work, increase self-knowledge and confidence to succeed, and broaden horizons on career possibilities and options available after Year 12. Kathy Bendall, Careers Coordinator at Kaniva College, said the workshop was a success and students responded positively to the activities. “Students started to think about what their futures might look like. Many thanks to the University of Ballarat for allowing schools like Kaniva to be part of such an innovative program,” she said.

Students and their families enjoyed a presentation dinner following the workshop, where they heard from a current university student from Warracknabeal, and guest speaker Dion Griffin from WorkCo. UB's Regional Schools Outreach Program works with 54 secondary schools across Western Victoria, encouraging students to consider further education, and helping them develop the skills and motivation to get there. Any enquiries regarding the Regional Schools Outreach Program can be directed to Darcy Franklin, Regional Schools Outreach Coordinator, on 5327 6218 or at outreach@ballarat.edu.au.