St. Arnaud students look to the future

LOCAL students from St Arnaud Secondary College are getting a flying start to their career planning, following the development of a partnership with the University of Ballarat’s Regional Schools Outreach Program.

Students and their families from Year Eight through to Year Eleven have taken part in a series of fun, practical workshops with UB staff and students at the College.

The Program is focused on breaking down barriers to further education, encouraging students to stay in school, and inspiring them to consider a range of exciting career and education options.

In particular, a group of around 85 Year Eight and Nine students and family members enjoyed an evening with university students and staff, which complemented student workshops focused on broadening horizons and career pathways.

University students shared their study experiences over dinner, while school students presented personal outcomes from the workshops.

Lizzie Judd, from the North Central LLEN, said the new partnership was an important initiative for local students.

Year 10 students from the College also recently enjoyed a Uni Experience Day at UB’s Mt Helen Campus, getting a taste of university life and exploring a variety of study areas, recently the Year 8 students took part in a Uni Experience Camp over two days in Ballarat.

UB’s Regional Schools Outreach Program, funded by the Australian Government, works with schools across Western Victoria.

A community engagement partnership is also being developed to support education outcomes in St Arnaud. The project will be driven locally with UB’s School of Education & Arts working in partnership with the LLEN and local schools.

Above: (Left to right) Harriet Madams from University of Ballarat discusses careers and subject selection with Jane and Ruby Sutherland, also pictured Roxanne Egan from St Arnaud Secondary College.