



REALISING CHILDREN'S POTENTIAL  
THROUGH EDUCATION

# PATHWAYS BEYOND SCHOOL



SUPPORTING  
EVERY CHILD'S  
POTENTIAL

## OUR PROGRAMS

Our Pathways Beyond School initiatives focus on building career and educational aspirations and preparing students for life beyond school.

The program offers students engaging learning experiences that are designed to support their preparation for employment, as well as increase aspirations towards continued education and training, with a view to gaining long-term, meaningful work.

Children and young people are given the chance to connect with people from diverse industries such as hospitality, automotive, engineering, universities – gaining experiences and role models that those facing disadvantage might not otherwise have access to in their everyday lives.

## CONTACT

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## SPEED CAREERS

Speed Careers gives secondary and senior primary school students the opportunity to connect with a variety of professionals which increases students' awareness and understanding of the range of study and career pathways available to them. During Speed Careers sessions, students rotate in groups to hear from each speaker, learning about careers in areas such as law, policing and engineering. The program support students to imagine life beyond school and to engage with successful role models.

## MOCK INTERVIEWS

In this program, young people are connected with professional volunteer mentors to help build their skills and confidence. Students participate in a formal job interview process, which assists them to practice and build interview techniques that are crucial to securing employment, as well as encouraging them to consider their short and longer-term work options.

## YOU-NIVERSITY

In this program, partner universities invite students to visit a campus where they can meet the academics, hear from university students participate in activities related to university life and take a tour. This program aims to strengthen the links between higher education and their schooling, building and supporting aspirations to undertake further study after high school, which can be especially important for students coming from families in which no-one has attended university.

## LEARNING THROUGH LUNCH

These hospitality industry visits involve a class of students attending a two-course fine dining experience and spending quality time with professional volunteers who share their career stories and life experiences. Students and volunteers share the meal together with students asking questions of their mentors, who provide tips and advice on career options.

## INDUSTRY VISITS: EXCURSION

Students have the opportunity to visit industry workplaces to learn about what skills and training are required in sectors with future employment growth possibilities. The industries they visit and learn about include retail, hospitality, technology, automotive and the health sector. This program is suitable for children in grades 4-6 and High School.



## Why Partner with us

Ardoch's programs have proved effective in providing children and our education partners with practical and effective support to improve educational outcomes.

- **After six months with Ardoch support, 67% of students showed greater academic improvement than anticipated.**
- **79% of students showed greater confidence in their ability to learn.**

We work to help children and young people create their own vision for what they would like to be in the future, and inspire them to engage in their education. We provide real world experiences and trained volunteers so that children can practice and improve their skills to reach their full potential.