

# WARIALDA PUBLIC SCHOOL

## WIDER THAN GWYDIR

### COMMUNITY



Warialda Public School is leading a community of schools in north western NSW in an innovative project called Wider than Gwydir. The project is successfully broadening the minds and future horizons of students in the middle years (5-8) through dynamic industry partnerships and online collaboration.

### FOCUS AREAS

- ★ STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics)
- ★ Fluid career landscapes and awareness
- ★ Middle years strategy
- ★ Student Engagement
- ★ Digital disruption
- ★ Innovation



### MILESTONES 2016

92% of students replied to a survey highlighting that they are interested in careers that require no further education beyond high school.



Designed an innovative middle years project to connect students to industry experts and broaden students' horizons

Trial of Wider Than Gwydir Networking Event



Survey results demonstrated positive impact on student values and attitudes



Wider than Gwydir events held fortnightly connecting students and schools to a diversity of industry experts using online collaboration technologies

### MILESTONES 2017

### REFLECTION



#### POSITIVES

Students are more aware of a diversity of careers, the need to work hard to achieve their goals and to pursue further education beyond high school.



#### CHALLENGES

**Main challenge:** bridging the gap of distance and isolation in rural NSW

**Solution:** video conferencing technologies used to connect students and schools to industry experts



#### EMOTIONS

Emotions experienced throughout:  
Curiosity  
Concern  
Excitement  
Interest  
Motivation

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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