

Bridgewater High School SERVICE INDUSTRY TOUR 31st August 2009

SCOPE facilitated a Service Industry Tour for Year 10 students from Bridgewater High School as part of the Career Transitions Programme.

This day trip set out to lead students on a tour through the diverse job opportunities offered through the Service Industry and they found out what it takes to be successful in this ever changing field.



The first stop on the Tour was at the new **Red Cross Centre** that had opened in the recent months, just one block away from the school. The relationship built between the Red Cross facilitator and the teacher Amy Seabrook has resulted in some afterschool work experience opportunities for the students. This was a great result for the school.

Second stop was **Headway**. Here the students heard from experienced staff exactly what the job involves and the philosophy behind Headways model of care. The students were then introduced the client group who took time out of their activity to introduce themselves. The clients, who suffered varying degrees of head injury made a heart warming impact on the students and on leaving Headway we were pleased to hear the girls discussing how much they appreciated the clients and how they could see themselves working there.



After the lunch break the Tour stopped at **Lady Gowrie Training Facility** where the Training co-ordinator gave the girls some insight into the type of skills shortage in the industry that has lead to funded training opportunities for those interested in pursuing this career.

The Seven Bridgewater High School girls had a good look at the careers and occupations within the industry which will assist them to make choices for further study, vocational training or apprenticeships in the coming years. Accompanying staff also gained insight into the industry and will now be better able to provide information to students looking at these careers.



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