



## Careers Roundabout Mildura

As part of National Career Development Week, a 'round robin' careers forum for Year 8 students was held at Mildura Senior College on Wednesday May 27.

Organised by Lavina Hamilton (Careers Coordinator, Mildura Senior College), Pat Hamdorf (Regional Industry Career Adviser) and Derek Bowman (Mildura Local Community Partnership), the aim of the event was to encourage younger aged secondary students to start thinking about careers and the job opportunities available to them in the future.

120 Students from Chaffey Secondary College, Red Cliffs Secondary College and Trinity Lutheran College spent the morning with speakers from industries where skilled workers are in high long term demand. Modeled on the 'speed dating' concept, the speakers rotated to 6 student groups in rapid succession, giving them a quick snapshot of their industry, and the careers and training pathways available.

Industry representatives involved in the event were Jeremy and Rebecca from Mildura Chamber of Commerce and La Trobe University (Business / Retail); Jenney, Ivan and Ashleigh from Sunraysia Residential Services (Health & Community Services); Lee from Mildura Rural City Council (Engineering); Tamara from Dom's Restaurant (Hospitality); Craig from Sunraysia Institute of TAFE (Information & Communication Technology); and Brendan from Mildura Transport & Logistics Cluster (Transport & Logistics).

Students were also advised to seek career information from a variety of sources including school careers counselors, parents, friends and industry websites, and were encouraged to undertake work experience and part time employment to give them an understanding of the world of work.

More information about National Career Development Week can be found at website:- [www.ncdw.com.au](http://www.ncdw.com.au)

Information on future career activities for young people can be obtained from Pat Hamdorf (5021 1611); and Derek Bowman (5025 9308).

*Below: snapshots of the 'round robin' careers event*

