



Thank you for your interest in the **Community Mentoring Program**. In this program we bring community volunteers experienced in life, education and business together with our chosen Year 11 participants.

Our community mentors will provide support, skills and knowledge to our student mentees, as well as a listening ear as they negotiate the ups and downs of entering senior high school. Together mentor and mentee will be able to consider what options the future may hold.

What is Mentoring?

Mentoring aims to provide a structured and trusting relationship that brings young people together with caring individuals who offer guidance, support and encouragement.

The mentor is not a replacement for a parent, nor are they a counsellor or teacher. The mentor effectively acts as an experienced and trusted adviser, concerned with enabling and extending the young person's competence.

Extensive international research has demonstrated the many benefits of mentoring for a young person across many aspects of their life. Successful mentoring occurs when the partnership is based on mutual respect, and when both parties share and negotiate their expectations.

During this program each mentor will help their mentee to experience the world of work and encourage them to research, learn and discover the opportunities available to them.

What does the program involve?

- Comprehensive training prior to starting the program
- Once a month face-to-face mentoring sessions during school terms, taking place on school premises between 8 and 9am, with breakfast provided
- Ongoing support and debriefing for mentors
- A "shadowing day" opportunity for students to experience a day in the life of their mentor
- A final celebration event to close the program and allow mentees to give short presentations on their mentoring experience to friends and family
- Covid Safe Environment

What is required of you?

- Interest in working with young people
- Attendance of mandatory training session during April/May
- Reliability and commitment to the mentee – being available for each mentoring session
- The ability to communicate and listen effectively
- Understanding and maintaining confidentiality
- Assistance with career planning
- Work within program policies and procedures
- Complete “Working with Children Declaration”

Our responsibilities

The primary goal of the mentoring program is to provide young people at Glenwood High School with the opportunity to expand their social, emotional and academic capacities, as well as develop talents and leadership skills, while exploring future educational, training and employment options.

To ensure that we are able to make the best possible matches between students and mentors, we ask that interested mentors fill out a detailed application form outlining areas of expertise, interest and personal information. While rematching is possible once the program has started, it is most desirable for students to be matched correctly from the start.

Dates

All sessions will be carried out on a Thursday morning from 8:00am – to approx. 9:30am. This will take place in our school Library and breakfast will be provided.

28 April 2022	Training Session (Only 1 session needs to be attended)
5 May 2022	Training Session (Only 1 session needs to be attended)
12 May 2022	Session 1
2 June 2022	Session 2
23 June 2022	Session 3
21 July 2022	Session 4
11 August 2022	Session 5
1 September 2022	Session 6
22 September 2022	Celebration/Presentation Day

Interested?

If you are interested in becoming a mentor at Glenwood High School and have the desire to make a positive difference in the life of a student, please contact Kate Joel kate.joel2@det.nsw.edu.au to advise what career background you can bring to this program.