

Developing future entrepreneurs at Macquarie University

Earlier this month, eight Year 10 students visited Macquarie University to learn about developing entrepreneurship skills. It was an exciting day for us to meet students from other schools who share similar interests and career aspirations.

In this workshop, we learnt strategies to conduct an effective interview to find out more details about the users of a prototype and then deduced a problem. Working in groups, each team brainstormed solutions to solve problems related to their hobbies through divergent and convergent thinking processes. Examples of the proposed solutions include reducing the cost of replacement parts for instruments and providing better access to sports-injury diagnostics. We designed a prototype for a hypothetical start-up, including app concepts and business features, and each group presented their pitch in front of the other participants.

Overall, we thoroughly enjoyed the day as we were challenged to think critically and creatively. We developed our collaboration, creativity and problem-solving skills. We were also inspired by the guest speakers' entrepreneurial journeys, learning that businesses can be established from a simple interest or a hobby and that meaningful ideas often start small.



Top Row: Brianna Ngo, Julia Chen, Louisa Yenson, Amelia Von and Chloe Nguyen. Bottom Row: Tori Barlow, Wenwen Zheng and Irimi Paleologos

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