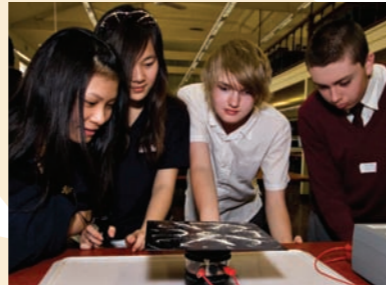


Year 10 Experience Day

100 students from three of our partner high schools were selected to participate in the Year 10 Experience Day on Friday 28 May, at the University of Sydney campus.

As well as participating in two afternoon 'taster' sessions delivered by the University's faculty staff, students spent the morning in 'study skill' lectures and workshops where they learnt:

- how to study
- setting goals
- creating study timetables
- time management (both for when studying and during exams)
- unpacking exam questions
- reading for information (skimming and scanning)
- planning exam answers
- answering multiple choice questions.



Images from the 2009 Year 10 Experience Day

Results from the 2010 Compass Parent Survey

Thank you to the more than 130 parents who completed the 2010 Compass Parent Survey in our last Newsletter. We were delighted with the response from parents and the results of this survey will inform our planning of parent activities this year.

The most requested activities for parents were workshops on:

- career investigation
- homework support workshops
- computer skills.

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If you would like to receive your Compass Newsletter via email, please email compass.administration@sydney.edu.au with your name, email address and school.

Compass is working closely with your school to provide your child with a greater awareness of university life and support their academic attainment.

To keep up to date with what is being offered to your child as part of the Compass program, visit our News and Events page: sydney.edu.au/news/compass

A sustainable literacy intervention takes off in Condell Park

As part of a wider leadership initiative, 26 Year 10 students from Condell Park High School received training in MULTILIT, with a view to delivering the program to low-progress readers in their local area.

Since then, 16 of the students have started facilitating a reading tutoring program to the Year 7 students in their high school. In addition, 10 students have volunteered to work with students in local Compass primary schools from Term 2, 2010.

Jana, one of the students who attended the training, reflected on the experience. "The intervention is important because it will help these students in the future. And the younger we can start, the more the students can absorb the information."



Condell Park students Jana, Hussein, Phung and Lilian

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Welcome to the second parent newsletter for 2010

We have had a busy start to 2010 with a focus on the beginning of our University student's volunteering programs in schools and some great activities with your children at the University of Sydney.

More than 600 Year 3 students from our 12 primary school partners attended an Introduction to University Day and another 100 Year Ten students from three of our partner high schools attended an Experience Day. Our University of Sydney student volunteers piloted the *Word Up* reading tutoring program in many of the Compass schools and also began supporting the homework club at Marrickville High School. We also facilitated the training of more than 30 teachers and 20 parents in *Making up for lost time in literacy* (MULTILIT) reading tutoring program.

Other highlights from the year so far:

- 53 teachers received professional development, including MULTILIT and film production/editing & MacquarieNet training
- 30 students participated in the film production and editing program
- 25 University of Sydney students and staff received *Word Up* training and started working in our partner schools
- 25 high school students received reading support training as part of a leadership program
- 22 parents received MULTILIT/Compass/Teaching in a Multilingual Classroom/Engaging Students training
- 40 students attended a Dr Karl Kruszelnicki lecture
- 500 students attended the Seymour Centre for a production of *Fox* by Monkey Baa Theatre.



Our partner schools

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| • Kogarah High School | • Marrickville High School | • Condell Park High School | • Picnic Point High School |
| • Athelstone Public School | • Marrickville Public School | • Condell Park Public School | • Panania Public School |
| • Bexley Public School | • Marrickville West Public School | • Wattawa Heights Public School | • Picnic Point Public School |
| • Kogarah Public School | • Wilkins Public School | • Yagoona Public School | • Revesby South Public School |

University of Sydney students supporting your children at school

More than 25 University of Sydney students, from a diverse range of disciplines, are providing one-on-one reading tutoring to low-progress readers on a weekly basis in our partner primary schools and intensive English centres at Marrickville and Kogarah. Another 10 University student volunteers are providing homework support every week at Marrickville High School's Homework Club. Our volunteers are easily identified in their bright yellow Compass t-shirts.

If you do see our Compass volunteers at your school, please do stop and say hi.



University of Sydney student volunteer Celia after volunteering at Bexley Public School

Year 3 Introduction to University Day

Due to the success of a number of smaller-scale introduction or 'taster' events in 2009, the University of Sydney played host to more than 600 Year 3 students from all 12 primary schools involved in the *Compass – find your way to higher education* program on Thursday 22 April.

After sitting in on their first ever lecture, students were involved in activities such as:

- learning about forensics via animal poo and studying the Tasmanian Devil's food chain with the Faculty of Science
- making mouth guards with the Faculty of Dentistry (just in time for the footy season!)
- examining x-rays with the Faculty of Health Science
- having their blood pressure read and their heart rate monitored with the Faculty of Nursing
- studying how rules are made with the Faculty of Law
- creating sculptures and self-portraits and doing monster drawing at the Sydney College of the Arts
- extracting DNA with Faculty of Agriculture staff before examining the skulls of animals with Vet Science
- being introduced to computer-based historical research with the Faculty of Arts.

To top it all off, students took part in hula hooping and touch footy with Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness staff and students.

Involving more than 30 individual activities, the Year 3 Introduction to University Day was the biggest event on the Compass calendar and would simply not have been possible without the strong support and commitment of a number of faculties and University-based organisations.



Fox comes to life!

On 3 May, almost 500 primary school students were left dazzled by theatre show *Fox* at the University's Seymour Centre. This colourful Monkey Baa production, based on the children's book by Margaret Wild and Ron Brooks, used opera, drama and beautiful puppetry to bring the story to life. For many of these Year 4 students, it was their first trip to the theatre and the performance left them wanting more!



About Compass

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