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ARMADALE STUDENTS 'TASTE-A-TRADE' AND FIGHT GRAFFITI

Armadale Senior High School students are to get a glimpse of life as a 'tradey' and find out about the impact of graffiti vandalism during a two-day program as part of Crime Prevention Week.

The Taste-A Trade program on 22-23 September will teach students about employment opportunities within the building industry and also discuss the impact of graffiti vandalism on the industry and community.

The program is part of the School to Work Transition Program devised and funded by the Building and Construction Industry Training Fund (BCITF) in partnership with the Office of Crime Prevention and MPA Skills.

Schools involved in the program are encouraged to set up their own student volunteer Graffiti Busters Brigade to increase awareness about the impact of graffiti vandalism within their school and community.

BCITF support WA's building and construction industry by subsidising the cost of training for people actively employed in the building industry. As part of its School to Work Transition program, the BCITF is funding MPA Skills to deliver several Taste-A-Trade short courses to secondary school students, giving them some great hands-on skill-based activities to help them make informed choices about careers in the building and construction industry.

Armadale Principal Mary Griffiths said graffiti vandalism was a problem at all schools and the course provided an opportunity to turn the tide on graffiti in the Armadale district.

"We want our students to understand the implications of graffiti and take action against it at a school level," Ms. Griffiths said.

Office of Crime Prevention Director Wendy Murray said Crime Prevention Week provided an excellent opportunity to highlight successful crime prevention initiatives and generate community support.

"The war against graffiti vandalism is ongoing and requires the whole community to get behind efforts to stamp it out," she said.

To report graffiti go to www.goodbyegrffiti.wa.gov.au or call the graffiti hotline on 1800 44 22 55.

Crime Prevention Week runs from Sunday, 21 September to Sunday, 28 September

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