

## Careers in Manufacturing activity – ECHO tour

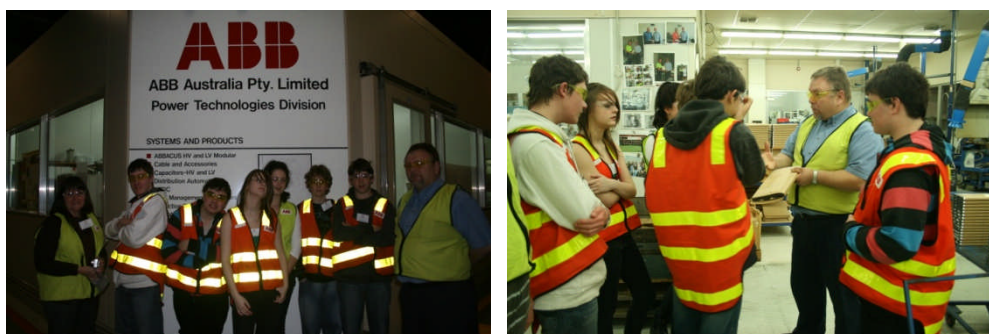
Students participating in a mentoring program have been given the opportunity to learn more about careers in the manufacturing sector through industry tours and young industry ambassador visits.

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2009 students from the Emerald Centre for Hope and Outreach (ECHO) attended a variety of businesses to explore career pathways options. The Outer Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network coordinated the tour that was funded through the Careers in Manufacturing program.

Students were taken on a guided tour of Heidelberg Graphic Equipment, a hi-tech facility that includes a showroom space for presses and post-press equipment, a pre press suite, cafe and training rooms. After the visit, students were shown the DVD 'World Without Print' and Bruce Lowery from the Printing Industries Association of Victoria spoke about the diverse training and employment opportunities in the printing industry.



After lunch the students visited ABB, an electrical conductor manufacturer based in Lilydale Estate. Safety in the workplace was put into practice with students required to wear high visibility vests, steel capped boots and safety glasses.



The final industry tour was to ARB, a large scale 4 wheel drive accessories production plant in Kilsyth. Scott Oswald, a Young Industry Ambassador employed by ARB, provided an in depth tour of the plant and discussed career pathways young people could consider when leaving school.



Next term the students will be visited by Samuel Pop, a Young Industry Ambassador who will discuss his career pathway.

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