



New skills, new careers, for our future

The ME Program is a five year program funded by the Australian Government that aims to spark the interest of 5,000 of the NSW Hunter region's Year 8 to Year 12 students in Advanced Manufacturing so local companies have a workforce ready to enable them to better compete for future business and contracts.

Studying subjects like engineering, science and mathematics can help students take up exciting new technology based careers including avionics, robotics, IT, electronics and aerospace.

ME Program is funding industry visits, work experience programs and helping teachers to share ways of making teaching these subjects more interesting to students and more relevant to industry.



Students and teachers receive real-world experience through industry visits.

2011 schools and industry partners

Industry partner	School
<i>Ampcontrol</i>	<i>West Wallsend High</i>
<i>BAE systems</i>	<i>Callaghan College</i>
<i>Custom Fluid Power</i>	<i>Kotara High</i>
<i>Forgacs</i>	<i>St Philip's Christian College</i>
<i>Marciano Industries</i>	<i>Maitland Grossman High</i>
<i>RPC Technologies</i>	<i>San Clemente High</i>
<i>Thales</i>	<i>St Paul's High</i>
<i>Varley Group</i>	<i>Newcastle High</i>

Companies and schools in italics participated in the pilot program

ME program results

A pilot program run in 2010 has led to schools running more science based and related subjects and helped to increase the number of students going on to study these subjects at university.

What students say



"The ME Program really helped bridge the gap between school and the 'real world', confirming my decision to go down the path of engineering. I am now enrolled in an engineering course at the University of Newcastle and was lucky enough to qualify for an industry supported scholarship. I really think that the ME Program and my experience with Varley got me over the line."

Sarah Gray, Graduate of Newcastle High

What industry says

"Varley is proud to be participating in the ME Program to help make a positive change to young adults' views of careers in Advanced Manufacturing. We need to attract smart people to manufacturing. Encouraging students to visit Varley and work with our people had a real and dramatic effect on attracting students to consider careers in science and technology."

Jeff Phillips, Chairman and Managing Director, Varley.

Support for teachers and schools

Kim Moore has been recruited to assist in the management, implementation and evaluation of the ME Program at Newcastle High. As an Industry Liaison Officer she is co-ordinating industry visits for staff and students, work experience, and developing partnerships with other industry and training organisations.

More information : Visit www.meprogram.com.au or call Ashley Cox on 02 4908 7302