



# Nation-first tech program results in jobs

MCCARTHY Catholic College students are part of a nation-wide tech program that develops long-term partnerships between industry, school and tertiary education providers, and helps young people get jobs.

The P-Tech program enables big businesses, such as Telstra and PricewaterhouseCoopers, to play an active role in the learning and career development of the future workforce.

And it helps the students get future jobs with these companies before they leave school.

Principal Tania Cairns said the P-TECH program was an extremely invaluable asset to the already rich career pathways on offer at the school including the Trade Training Centre and VET courses,

“This year every Year 9 students will have immersion experiences in both industries in areas such as cyber security and Big Data.

“The students will be connecting and building relationships with our industry partners, and engage in hands-on, project-based activities, both at school and in the workplace.

“These experiences will help students to make informed decisions about their future careers and pathways.

“In particular we have increased opportunities for our students to receive preferential

development of skills for 21st century careers, many of which may just be evolving or have not been thought

of yet.”

The Federal Government selected McCarthy Catholic College as one of 14 secondary schools Australia wide, and the only Catholic school in NSW, to participate in the P-Tech program. The program is linked in each of the 14 schools to match industry needs.



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