

# UWS Academic Speakers in Schools

The University of Western Sydney Schools Engagement Program provides primary and high school students with opportunities to not only improve their academic performance, but also to expand their horizons.

Academics from the University of Western Sydney have volunteered to share their expertise with both school students and staff through the UWS Academic Speakers in Schools program.

This free program sees academics from all UWS Schools (faculties) and most Research Centres present at schools on topics as diverse as 'Emotional Intelligence', 'Team Building', 'Urbanisation', 'Nanotechnology Research at UWS', 'The Global Financial Crisis' and 'How to go from sitting on the couch to changing the world'.

The program, which is offered to DET primary schools, high schools and special schools, Catholic systemic schools and independent schools, has also been accessed by educational organisations. Academics have presented at school youth forums, careers days, school development days and welfare days.

The response from schools and academics has been enthusiastic. Schools can access the expertise available at UWS and both the schools and academics participating in the program value the opportunity to build strong relationships that enhance the learning of students. School students are not only gaining a better insight into their subjects but are also widening their understanding of career opportunities.

As one Greater Western Sydney school teacher commented following a presentation, "I feel we have initiated a valuable relationship with a UWS Academic through this program. Please convey my praise and gratitude to all concerned". Another said "The students felt the presentation would help them prepare for the HSC".

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Left - Students from Auburn Girls High School enjoying a presentation. Right - Dr James Arvanitakis showing students dance moves at the Holroyd Parramatta Youth Forum.