

YourTutor Program

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.

The University of Western Sydney sponsors the 'yoututor' online tutoring service at the Fairfield City Council's libraries. This sponsorship is a part of UWS's ongoing commitment to supporting the education of young people, particularly in the Greater Western Sydney region.

The program, which is provided free to members of public libraries and at some schools across Australia, enables students to access online tutors who help with their homework, study and research in real time using interactive technology. The yourtutor program is run by Tutoring Australasia and is available every weekday evening.

Tutors cover Maths, Science and English for years 4 to 12 as well as Research and Study Skills. Thousands of students access the service through the Fairfield libraries each year.

Fairfield City Council also partners with UWS to provide research and learning opportunities for UWS students and in 2008 received the UWS Award as Outstanding Community Partner.

"Fairfield City and UWS are motivated to work together to help build communities by helping young students discover the love of learning and improve their performance in school. This program makes free, high quality tutoring available to any student, and it increases their understanding of the role libraries play in promoting lifelong learning. The students tell us it makes a real difference in their confidence as well as their school performance," said Professor Barbara Holland, Pro Vice-Chancellor of University Engagement.

On 27 July 2009 the Pro Vice-Chancellor Engagement, Professor Barbara Holland, presented the Mayor of Fairfield Nick Lalich with a cheque for \$36,000 (pictured) to continue UWS's sponsorship. UWS will be sponsoring this service in partnership with other councils from 2010.

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