

## Taking the leadership journey

A highlight for members of Ganbina's Year 10 Youth Leadership Program this year was taking part in the Sydney/Melbourne Tour.

The group set off on their five day trip in June to meet some of Ganbina's business partners and learn about their industries.

Here is the group at the Sydney Opera House.





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## Ganbina Youth Leadership Program

**Ganbina's Youth Leadership Program starts in Year 10 and runs for three years. During that time, participants meet leaders from different business sectors; become involved in regional, metropolitan, national and international events; and learn how to develop their leadership skills. The Program includes a trip to Sydney and Melbourne in Year 10; a trip to a remote Indigenous community in Year 11; and a trip to New Zealand in Year 12.**

The Sydney/Melbourne Year 10 trip this year kicked off in Sydney with meetings with the global financial company AMP. Then it was on to software company Atlassian, followed by investment company Gresham Partners.

Back in Melbourne, we met up with The Bennelong Foundation, Leadership Victoria, Transurban, Crown Resorts, Gandel and Chadstone Shopping Centre.

Everyone at the organisations we visited, who are all supporters of Ganbina's work, were very generous to us. They arranged tours of all their premises and meetings with staff who spoke about their own personal career paths and career opportunities in their industries.

April Atkinson and Chloe Jones, both 15 years old and students at Mooroopna Secondary College, said the tour was interesting and inspirational.

"It was the first time we had been to Sydney and it was amazing," they said.

Chloe, whose twin sister Shania is also a member of the Year 10 Youth Leadership Program, said a highlight for her was seeing the Sydney Harbour and the Sydney Opera House. "I never, ever thought I would go there and it was just incredible," she said.

"The people that we met on the tour were fantastic and they gave us a lot of very important tips about the work journey that we will have when we are older. One tip that really stood out for me was not to stress about finding one particular career for the rest of our lives. They said that it's up to us if we want to change our career choice at any time and that we don't have to stick with one thing if it turns out we don't like it, or if it's not right for us.

"Taking a tour of the control room at Transurban, which manages the urban toll road networks in Australia, was unbelievable. I had no idea it would be so big or so complex, it was incredible to see how it works," she said. "Chadstone Shopping Centre was amazing too, it was massive and the people there told us all about their plans to expand it even more in the future."

April said she really enjoyed meeting the people at Atlassian in Sydney, which is a software company that has some of the biggest companies in the world as its clients including NASA, Toyota, Netflix, Facebook and Twitter. "The people we met from Atlassian were great and we got to do some really interesting things with them."



## Ganbina Melbourne Industry Tour

**It was an action-packed trip for members of Ganbina's Year 9 Melbourne Industry Tour (MIT) last month.**

The MIT took place over four days and included experiential learning, personal development and networking opportunities with several of Ganbina's partners. Our group stayed at Trinity College and travelled around on trams to meet people who worked at the Collingwood Football Club, the MCG, The Police Museum, the law firm Allens, Crown Resorts and Officeworks. We also went to The Shrine and looked around the First People's section at The National Museum.

Our group had a special Indigenous guide who took us on a Heritage Walk around the Melbourne Botanical Gardens where we learned about plants and their traditional uses, our culture, the history of our land and community structures.

We also met up with other Ganbina participants, who are studying at Melbourne University at Murrup Barak, the Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development, to hear about their work and study experiences.

"The tour was great," said 15 year old Virgil Biggs. Virgil, who studies at Shepparton Christian College, wants to go into the armed forces when he leaves school. "Everyone we met was just fantastic and told us all about their industries and what they do.

"The guide in the Botanical Gardens taught us how you never just take from the land, you need to give back. And Crown was like wow! It's so big and there are so many different jobs you can do. The manager there said when it comes to jobs, to make sure we took up all the opportunities that came our way and give everything a go. He also gave us some tips on what employers look for when you are applying for jobs. He was good."





**Name**  
Zachary Henningsen

**School**  
Wanganui Park Secondary College, Year 7

**Interests**  
PE, Play station 3

**Favourite subjects**  
Maths

**Early ambitions**  
F1 Driver

**Current Career Goal**  
To be a tradie



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Cody Mohamed

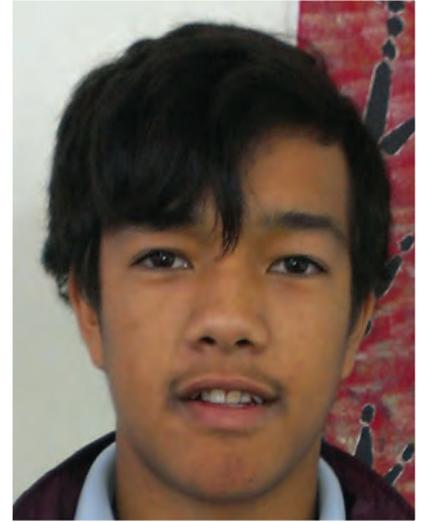
**School**  
Goulburn Valley Grammar School, Year 9

**Interests**  
Basketball, music

**Favourite subjects**  
Science, art

**Early ambitions**  
To have a career in medicine

**Current Career Goal**  
Paediatrician, Forensic Scientist



**Name**  
Jerawyn Cooper

**School**  
Notre Dame College, Year 9

**Interests**  
Drawing – Anime and landscapes

**Favourite subjects**  
Art, PE

**Early ambitions**  
To draw

**Current Career Goal**  
To work in the art sector - Illustrator

## On the radar

1 October	Year 12 Youth Leadership Program DVD
3 October	Year 11 Youth Leadership Program Communication Session
10 October	Youth Achievement Awards applications open
17 October	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program Goal Setting Session
21 October	Youth Achievement Awards applications close
24 October	Annual General Meeting
24-26 October	Youth Achievement Awards – application short listing
27 & 28 October	Youth Achievement Awards – winners notified
31 October - 4 November	Youth Achievement Awards photo session
11 November	Youth Achievement Awards Night