



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY BONDS

Camberwell Girls Grammar School graduates have returned to School...not to the classroom, but rather as mentors of a new program which the school is launching in March.

The Old Grammarians Mentoring Program sees graduates of the School return to conduct mentoring sessions with current students.

The program has been designed for girls in Years 11 – 12 as a means of:

- further enhancing the links between current and past students;
- assisting current students with their understanding of life and studies after their secondary schooling is complete; and
- recognising the depth of life and professional experience that exists amongst Camberwell's alumni.

The main purpose of the mentors is to:

- share their life and professional experiences with students, as they make difficult subject and life choices in their senior years at school;
- provide a sounding board for ideas and questions that students may have that relate to life outside of school; and
- strengthen the Camberwell Girls' Community.

Founder of the program, and ex-Camberwell student Mrs Zoe Hart said that she was really excited to see the project become a reality.

"Both the mentors and students are extremely excited to be involved. When you're at School, it's quite daunting to have to pick a University Course or Career Path, and hopefully this program will assist the School's Careers Counsellor in helping students in making some of these decisions".

"When selecting our mentors, we didn't just pick girls who were doctors, scientists and lawyers. Camberwell really encourages students to find something that they are good at and pursuing it to the best of your ability. Therefore, we have a variety of mentors from different fields including engineers, teachers, pilots, psychologists, nurses, chinese medicine specialists and sports managers to name a few", Mrs Hart said.

All mentors were required to commit for one year, and four sessions are conducted throughout the year across breakfast in the School's Hall.

