

On the 10th June, 44 students in Yrs. 10, 11 and 12 from Riverside Girls High School and Turrumurra High School attended an industry bites visit to Microsoft.

The students were given a presentation on the IT industry followed by a wonderful career panel where interns as well as managers from different departments in Microsoft spoke of their roles and career paths so far. The interns then took students on a tour of the Microsoft office in small groups and answered questions regarding the company. Many of the students were surprised and excited by the paperless, mobile working environment.

After the tour, students were challenged by thinking about 'the future of entertainment' exploring just how big the entertainment and gaming industry is. They then worked in groups to develop an app—using basic coding students were able to create designs and games.

Before the visit 61% of students were considering a career in IT, after the visit 91% responded they would now consider a career in the IT industry.

91% of students said they learnt about a new job in the Technology Industry and 86% responded the visit had changed their view of Microsoft.



"I enjoyed meeting the people who work with Microsoft. It was very insightful to hear how they got to where they are."



"I enjoyed seeing how down to earth and awesome everyone working at Microsoft is"



"The offices are so beautiful, the atmosphere is what I look forward to."



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