



**WILLIAM CLARKE
COLLEGE**
CHRIST OUR WISDOM

INFORMATION BOOKLET

**COMMUNITY
MENTORING PROGRAM**

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Welcome to the William Clarke College Community Mentoring Program, a program where we have brought people experienced in life, education and business together with our chosen Year 11 participants.

As Mentors (those providing support, skills and knowledge) you will journey with your mentee (the student) as they experience the ups and downs of Year 11. The support you will provide to each other will be a privilege.

WHAT IS MENTORING?

In a Mentoring relationship, the mentor effectively acts as an experienced and trusted adviser, concerned with enabling and extending the other person's competence.

Successful mentoring occurs when the partnership is based on mutual respect, and when both parties share and negotiate their expectations.

Your role as a Mentor is invaluable to the development and engagement of our students. The role of the mentor is to help the mentee to gain knowledge, skills and experience. During this program you will help your mentee to experience the world of work, encourage them to research, to learn and to discover the opportunities available to them.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO ME AS A MENTOR?

- Mentors gain personal and professional satisfaction in helping a student
- Mentors gain recognition from their peers
- Mentors gain improved interpersonal skills
- Mentors gain improved ability to empathise and focus outside themselves
- Mentoring promotes deeper understanding of teen and societal problems
- Mentoring can break down generational barriers
- Mentoring assists businesses to inform and educate students about relevant vocations

WHAT DOES A MENTOR DO AND WHAT AM I COMMITTING TO?

- Attend regular breakfast meetings with enthusiasm (eight meetings between March and November)
- Communicate positively with your mentee
- Offer assistance with career planning
- Be honest. Teenagers need to know that we all make mistakes
- Ask questions: Teenagers need someone to ask them questions about themselves
- Attend the presentation ceremony at the conclusion of the program
- Arrange for a 'shadowing opportunity' where possible

2021 MEETING DATES

Mentoring sessions are currently held one Thursday morning monthly from April till October. A celebration breakfast will be held Thursday 28 October.

Mentors and Mentees will be provided with a light breakfast at each meeting.

INTERESTED?

If you are interested in becoming a Mentor please contact:

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Or simply fill out the [registration form](#).



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