

Shared stories.  
Bright futures.

## What's the connection?

Borroloola School students are exploring their future through a Youth Mentoring Network with McArthur River Mining.

Connecting with role models from the local area and beyond, they're discovering that the more we share our stories, the more we realise the range of possibilities the future may hold.

Discover how we're connecting possibilities.

 McArthur River Mine

### McArthur River Mine (MRM) workers are sharing their stories with Borroloola School students to help inspire them into bright futures.

The Youth Mentoring Network involves students meeting with MRM mentors, gaining an introduction to the workplace and village life and participating in activities on site.

The first sessions were held on site before travel and social distancing restrictions came into place. These sessions were about meeting new people and learning about life in the village.

"The mine site is a very different environment for anyone new to get used to, so feeling comfortable and safe in the camp village is the first step of the program," said Carrie Bendeich, Senior Advisor Community Relations and Corporate Affairs and coordinator for the MRM Youth Mentoring Network.

The mentors, who had volunteered their lunch hour, represented many work areas across the operations including mining maintenance, engineering, supply, environment, safety, and metallurgy.

Students were paired up with MRM Mentors and guided through an introduction activity, followed by lunch.

The mentors and mentees asked questions about each other from the worksheet, before introducing their new friend to a larger group, allowing the students to practice communicating in front a group of people. The worksheets are then turned into posters for the students to take with them.

"We've put them up around our classroom and they're inspiring the kids," said Borroloola School secondary teacher Leo Boudib.

"We found that the mentors and mentees had a lot in common, including camping, fishing and caring for country. It's really important that the students get to meet people working at MRM so that they will be more comfortable applying for jobs after school."

"I feel proud of the students, having had this opportunity to broaden their minds and start thinking about their future. Hopefully it made them think about why school is important for them and their future," said Assistant Principal Maria Pyro.

The partnership with Borroloola School aims to generate interest among school students in participating in mining industry and developing career pathway plans.