## Get Work Network becoming a reality

An amazingly talented class of students at Joseph Banks Secondary College has been participating in Just Start It, an 18 week inter high school program that teaches teams how to create a technology start up. The students identify a problem that affects their lives and a business opportunity that flows from that, then research, develop, design and test the business concept before 'pitching' it to an expert panel of judges.



The 'Get Work Network' student team won the top school prize and progressed to the WA State 'Pitch-Off' event held on 28 July, where they competed against winning teams from other participating schools. 'Get Work Network' is an app to help teens to find their first job. The challenge identified was that existing job seeker sites/apps require applicants to enter their past experiences and contend for jobs based on those skills, however first time job seekers do not have the background and cannot successfully compete against those with experience.



The Get Work Network team performed brilliantly at the Pitch-Off and received an investment prize valued at $25,000 for a full build and go to market strategy for the app provided by the City of Wanneroo, Secure2Go, Community to Go, The League Prize and the Wanneroo Business Association.

**More about Start It**

Just Start IT Ltd is a multi-dimensional mentor lead program that crosses industries and generations. It aims to build a force of business and technology savvy job creators. The program is endorsed by Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) as a personal development program, and counts as five points towards the TEE score. The program is currently being trialled as a VET program for Cert I, II and III in Business and Cert I in IT.

The City of Wanneroo has sponsored two high schools to undertake the program in 2016 - Joseph Banks Secondary College (terms 1 & 2) and Butler Secondary College (terms 3 & 4).