Western Futures – School & Business Partnership Dinner

Partnerships Don’t Happen By Magic

The Great Debate - Is a degree the Magic word to a job?

For the current generation of young adults, the magic word is University. University is the key to success. University will get you a good job. University will guarantee you a share of the good life. The red hot careers topic of continuing interest for the public-at-large, and the question for the Great Debate. Panellists tackled issues relating to increased educational qualifications for jobs, employer expectations, are uni graduates best placed to take advantage of the booming economy and can self-made people succeed today?

The panel arguing the positives
Gary Edwards  Consultant
Ramy Azer  Papyrus Australia
Gary Hancock  The University of Adelaide

The panel arguing the negatives
Andrew Worrall  Western Futures
Lynne Symonds  Gepps Cross High School
Mirella Morizzi  TiME

Each panellist argued their designated position (positive/ negative) in relation to the topic and workplace issues, the impact on business. Team captains Gary Edwards and Andrew Worrall summed up their teams points, the audience whilst swayed by the impressive credentials of the positive team were won over by the argument of the negative team that self-made people can succeed, that motivation, life experience and life-long learning are the magic words. The audience voted in favour of the team arguing the negative.

This year’s ‘Great Debate, like last years ‘Generation Y - An Ace up your sleeve or a Joker in the Pack, delivered a message with a dose of humour.