Students debated policies and laws as diverse as ‘work-for-the-bole’ schemes and freedom of speech before voting in a mock parliament to see which ‘new’ laws they would pass.

Day two kicked off with discussions about some key legal challenges that are particularly relevant for young people such as cyber bullying and how police, judicial officers and members of the community can take steps to try to prevent it. Students were also asked to put their negotiation skills to the test in a high pressure business-like environment, trading property and cash, in an attempt to ‘close the deal’ in a short time frame. A short trip into the elements of both civil and criminal trials followed.

In the final segment of the workshop, students had an opportunity to explore in depth some of the many different paths into studying law. Students discussed what might best suit them as they embark on their final years of secondary schooling.

PROSPECTIVE LAWYERS ON TRIAL AT NEXT STEP LAW

Year 10-12 students from across Victoria stepped into law-related roles as they examined real cases at an event at ACU Melbourne’s Swanston campus on the last day of Term 3.

Students were introduced to different aspects of the study of law. Students identify the differences between solicitors and barristers, and discussed Queen’s and King’s Counsel, before delving into a real-life case of criminal law, led by the barrister who had defended the client.

After receiving a briefing of details of the case, students broke down into groups, taking on roles either as ‘prosecution’ or ‘defence’.

After spending some time further examining the evidence and building their case, several brave students, wearing ‘wigs’, acted as the prosecutors or, in front of a stand-in judge. Students also completed an activity around the very relevant topic of Intellectual Property law and music.

HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE, NORTHERN HOSPITAL

19 September was the first time the Northern Hospital opened its doors for students from LEAP priority schools, giving them insight into a working healthcare system, aiding them with valuable information to make choices about their future careers. A total of 24 Year 9 and 10 students from seven schools participated in a stimulating day where students interacted with current university students and explored the Hospital, observing Health professionals in action.

They gained a glimpse into what it would be like to take on a disability to enhance their understanding of a patient’s condition. Discussions were insightful and interesting as the students worked in teams to come up with the best allied professions to assist each case.

Medical students provided engaging stories about their roles and experiences of training for their profession both at university and during their practical hospital placements. Many hospital departments opened their doors and spoke about their roles as well as looking at some of the equipment they use.

Guided tours of the hospital by university students provided a unique insight into the workings of the emergency department, the operational structure of hospital wards along with the staff and specialist services available in patient care.

The students were also treated to a very exciting opportunity with the Royal Flying Doctors Service. Parked at the front of the hospital, a simulation plane gave the students an opportunity to see the internal section of a plane up close and personal. After listening to a very interesting history of the flying doctors they got to go into the plane and try all the equipment.

Overall a great time was had and students left the hospital feeling that they had a greater knowledge of the range of possible careers in the health profession.

WHAT IS LEAP?

The LEAP Program aims to demystify the links between university, students, and professions. LEAP seeks to encourage secondary students from low SES communities to consider higher education as a future option through a focus on the professions.

By affording access to a range of university campuses, workshops and school-based activities along with virtual classrooms, LEAP helps students discover more about the career options in selected professions, and the role of university study in attaining those career goals. Engineering, Health, Design and Law professions are the first four with other professional fields being added over time.
LEAP into...the City
MILDURA SCHOOL BUILDS LEAP ACTIVITIES INTO THEIR CITY CAMP

A great option for outer suburban and regional schools wishing to take part in LEAP activities is to include LEAP in your school’s Urban trip or camp. Chaffey Secondary College in Mildura did just that and booked three different LEAP activities for their students during a week-long excursion to Melbourne.

Attending their City Camp during the week of 29 August were 30 students from Year 8-10. By looking into three different LEAP activities the students were able to have a great city experience and explore different professions along the way.

Law workshop
The Legal profession was the order of the day during a visit to Victoria University’s Footscray campus. Students experienced the key skills required for someone working in law during some fun and hands on activities. 86% of the students commented they now had a greater knowledge of the different jobs in the law profession after the workshop.

Health workshop
At The University of Melbourne, on 21 August students experienced three different health professions: speech pathology, audiology and optometry, as well as a visit to dentistry. Hands on activities were very much appreciated by the students and they learnt the opportunity to use the different professions ‘tools of the trade’.

Current university students helped them understand and use the equipment and learn how patients are dealt with to ensure they are looked after at the highest level.

Design workshop
Following a morning of health professions, the students then participated in LEAP into...Design’s Signage in the City activity. This workshop included a session at RMIT University investigating typography and how graphic designers use it for maximum impact. In addition the students went on a walking tour of the city to see how typography and signage has been used to great effect.

Enquire about incorporating LEAP into your 2014 city excursions via the LEAP website.

LEAP in 2014

LEAP into...Sciences

We are very pleased to announce that the newest LEAP Project, LEAP into...Sciences will be launched in early 2014.

With activities currently in development and being trialled, LEAP into...Sciences will soon join the existing four LEAP into... Projects on the website and in running LEAP events.

LEAP into...Sciences will be headed by a team from Monash University Gippsland, (Federation University Australia) and RMIT University.

Understanding the Professions (Years 7-9) activities will explore a range of Science professions through different themes, including ‘Science and well-being’ and ‘Science and food’, with more to be added. Professions covered will include examples such as chemists, physicists, geologists, materials scientists, nanotechnologists, ecologists, hydrologists, agronomists and food technologists.

Making It Happen (Years 10-12) activities will focus more on building an understanding of university life, science courses and preparing to enter a career in science.

As with all LEAP into... Projects there will be a range of activities available on the LEAP website for both school and student bookings:

LEAP into...Sciences will join the existing LEAP projects in having a large presence on the LEAP website, with written and video content currently under development.

LEAP into...Sciences events will run in both metro and regional Victoria in 2014. To stay up-to-date with information about LEAP into... Sciences and its events, you can subscribe to the LEAP newsletter at our website leap.vic.edu.au/subscribe.

LEAP into...Design

2014 will see the return of the popular and engaging activities run by LEAP into... Design in 2013. This will include the return of the successful Interdisciplinary Drawing Workshop to be held at Monash University’s Caulfield campus for Year 10, 11 and 12 students between 20-21 January. Applications for this event are now closed. Visit the LEAP website for details on future events.

The following activities are also available for expressions of interest by schools during 2014:

How Do They Do That?, Mystery Challenge, Signage in the City, Thinking Outside the Box

Check out the Design pages on the LEAP website for further information and enquiries about Design activities in 2014.

LEAP into...Health

LEAP into...Health returns in 2014 with a new round of Hospital Experience events at various hospitals in the state, as well as Next Step Health workshops. Some examples of upcoming events are:

TERM 1: Hospital Experience in Dandenong and Echuca.

TERM 2: Hospital Experience in Sunshine. Next Step Health workshop at the Alfred Hospital in April holiday school.

TERM 3: Hospital Experience events in Dandenong, Sunshine and Geelong.

TERM 4: Hospital Experience at the Northern Hospital. Next Step Health workshop in metro Melbourne in September school holiday.

The following activities are also available for expressions of interest by schools during 2014:

Introduction to Health Professions, Linking Students to Health Careers- Allied Health, Linking Students to Health Careers- Clinical Health

Check out the Health pages on the LEAP website for further information and enquiries about Health activities in 2014.

LEAP into...Engineering

2014 will see the return of the Engineering Link Project (ELP), Engineering Experience days. Some examples of upcoming events are:

Applications are now open for the Engineering events in Mildura in February. Visit the LEAP website for details.

TERM 1: Engineering Experiences in Ballarat and Mildura. ELP in Mildura. ELP at La Trobe University, Bundoora in the April school holiday.

TERM 2: Engineering Experience in Eastern, Southern and Northern metro areas as well as Geelong. ELP at Deakin University, Geelong in the July school holiday.

Check out the Engineering pages on the LEAP website for further information and enquiries about Engineering events for 2014.

LEAP into...Law

In 2014, LEAP into...Law will return with the Legal Studies and Australia Politics (LEP) program running again for Year 10, 11 and 12 students around Victoria, as well as workshops for junior students. Some examples of upcoming events are:

TERM 3: July school holiday LSAV multi day program

TERM 4: September school holiday LSAV multi day program

The following Law activities are also available for expressions of interest by schools during 2014:

Introduction to Legal Profession Next Step Law Workshop

Check out the Law pages on the LEAP website for further information and enquiries about Law activities in 2014.

Other events will run during 2014 - look out for further information on our website or regular E-newsletter.

LEAP Website in 2014

* Brand new Science section
* Student Landing Page for easy navigating
* Updates from Web Ambassadors
* New Professional Profiles
* More Student Stories

Keep informed

Stay in touch with the LEAP program and receive regular news, information on upcoming events and website updates by subscribing to our regular E-newsletter: leap.vic.edu.au/subscribe