



Quakers Hill High School In the Media 2009



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Eyes opened to tough world

YEAR 10 students of Quakers Hill's Wyndham College and Quakers Hill, Riverstone and Seven Hills high schools took part in Australian Business Week – a program to encourage entrepreneurial interests.

The companies existed only in cyberspace but participants said the experiences often felt like reality.

Their co-ordinator, Quakers Hill High teacher Marguerite Hernage, said each group managed a simulated \$2 million manufacturing company which they had to improve and ensure was profitable.

"It threw challenges at them they didn't anticipate," Mrs Hernage said. "Some went from very happy to

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High school students from Quakers Hill, Riverstone and Seven Hills ran their own businesses this month.

quite distraught, as they felt what it would be like working as a business person."

Quakers Hill High student Hayden Roach said it showed him how companies work. "Obviously, it wasn't a real experience but it's interesting to see what it takes to run an enterprise," he said.

Samantha Ferdous, also of Quakers Hill High, said: "There were tensions because some people weren't sure about what to do. But we had help from our mentors

and learned how to process revenue statements – it was like a real business."

Riverstone High student Morgan Tull had fun. "Keeping a business afloat is about the need to make money," he said.

"When our shares were dropping we had to figure out why – then they went up."

Fellow Riverstone student Codie Breitkopf said: "I got to see the business functioning and had to definitely think about what made it work."



Winners: Laura Sheil (from left), of Seven Hills High, Jasmine Dorahy-Dixon, of Riverstone High, and Hayden Roach, of Quakers Hill High, with principals Greg Johnstone, of Seven Hills High, Alistair Yates, of Riverstone High, Loretta Claus, Quakers Hill High, and Wyndham College deputy principal Bill Nolan. **Picture:** Wolter Peeters