A UWS partnership with Greater Western Sydney schools
The *Fast Forward* program is a UWS partnership with Greater Western Sydney Schools which helps students to see the value of continuing their education through to year 12 and beyond.

The program commenced in 2004 and has continued to grow to offer the opportunity for greater academic and personal achievement to a large number of students in Greater Western Sydney.

Through the *Fast Forward* program students are encouraged to strive for their personal best and to see tertiary study as a realistic and viable post-school option. They participate in experiential learning opportunities which develop their skills and foster familiarity with the University environment.

*Fast Forward* gives students the chance to be involved in a range of activities, including:

**Fast Forward Awards Night**
Students and their parents are invited to attend a UWS campus early in Year 9 to take part in the Awards Night. This recognises the academic and leadership potential which has led to their selection in the program. As well as welcoming new students to Fast Forward, this is a chance for students and their parents to learn more about the program and hear from inspirational speakers including UWS student role models.
Skills Days
In Years 9, 10 and 11, students attend a UWS campus with Fast Forward students from a number of schools in their area. Through these days students have the chance to see more of the university environment and learn more about what tertiary education has to offer. There are also opportunities to meet current UWS students who will share their knowledge and experiences; learn leadership skills, study techniques and time/stress management skills; as well as learn more about themselves and the career paths that interest them.

Year 11/12 UniM8s
Students have the opportunity to be matched with a UWS student whose course of study relates to their interests and ‘shadow’ that student to uni classes for a day. This is a great way to get a taste of what goes on in and out of classes, become more familiar with the local UWS campus and get the chance to ask an expert what it’s like being a university student.

Support in First Year Uni
Students that go on to study at UWS are offered any additional information or support needed to make the transition to University smoother and many students go on to become role models for the younger students entering the Fast Forward Program thus creating further leadership opportunities.
**UWS Assist sessions**

UWS counsellors together with student mentors are available to work with student groups at the schools’ request on a range of additional areas including leadership skills development, managing finances, coping with stress and critical thinking.

As part of the **Fast Forward** Program students also receive:

**Fast Forward** workbook, newsletters and invitations to other relevant UWS events such as Open Day, UWS Day and Parent Information evenings.
FAST FORWARD – supporting students further study aspirations

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