

Prominent Australians meet tomorrow's leaders

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*Haberfield's Student Leadership team hone their skills as they run the weekly school assemblies to over 600 students.
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Over 6000 of tomorrow's young leaders listened to Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione, Paralympian Ben Austin and TV presenter Scott Tweedie share their experiences of 'Mastering the Little'.

On the 29th of February, 2016 at the Allphones Arena prominent Australians addressed the theme of 'Mastering the Little', taking small steps to achieve great goals.

Andrew Scipione, the 21st Police Commissioner of Australia was an influential speaker for the young leaders. He made it clear that by the end of the day, it didn't matter what the outcome was but rather the choices a person had made. He told the young leaders that it took integrity and perseverance for him to move from the lowest rank of recruit officer to the top rank of Australia's Police Commissioner.

Paralympian Ben Austin, holder of 15 world records and 81 national records for swimming and 11 Paralympic medals proved that although he had some disadvantages they could be overcome.

Ben's motivational motto was that if you keep on moving forward and trying, taking small steps, you will succeed at the end.

"Where there's a will, there's a way," said the 3 time Paralympian.

Scott who hosts ABC3's youth show, 'Prank Patrol' was a popular TV presenter among the young students. He explained his ambitions to be a live reporter and said that it involved great teamwork and the ability to think on your feet and adlib.

The 'Panel' of Leticia Lentina the Event Magician at Google, Rebecca Kerswell, a chocolatier, Veronica Morland, owner of a Cat Café together with Scott Tweedie explained how they incorporated leadership skills into their jobs and goals.

Generally all the panellists' jobs had a common point that the little pieces make up the big puzzle and the need to break difficult goals up and work on the pieces one by one.

Amongst the 6000 students were Haberfield Public School's Student Leadership team.

"I liked the Paralympian man, Ben. He was very interesting. Just shows that anyone can do anything if they really put their minds to it," said Haberfield Public School Prefect Claudia.

The National Young Leaders Day was started in 1997 by the Halogen Foundation. Since then, it has been held annually to develop stronger leadership skills amongst Australia's young leaders.