



**Joseph Banks Secondary College CoRE  
Centre of Resources Excellence  
Specialist Program**

Joseph Banks Secondary College will offer a new and exciting program to Year 7 students in 2020 called CoRE – Centre of Resource Excellence. This program was developed at Kent Street Senior High School in Perth through the leadership and guidance of Suzy Urbaniak. Suzy has won many awards with this program including the Prime Minister’s Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools in 2016. The CoRE Learning Foundation, where Suzy is the CoRE Lead, has offered us the opportunity to bring this program to “life” in the Northern Metro.

This STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) based program, focuses on Western Australia's place in the resources industry and provides quality hands on learning in the fields of mining, energy and Earth Sciences. It is an excellent continuation and extension of our current STEAM Learning program we currently offer here at Joseph Banks Secondary College.

The mission of the minerals industry, government and educators, is to provide Western Australian students with enterprise skills, and increase their awareness of the diverse employment opportunities available in the minerals and energy sectors in the state of Western Australia. To be part of this focus, Joseph Banks Secondary College STEAM Learning staff, has been working with Suzy and the team from the CoRE Learning Foundation to bring the CoRE program to our school. This will create valuable links between corporate industry and our school community, as well as allow students to explore a range of opportunities.

The aim of the program is to build lifelong partnerships between networks of families, CoRE graduates already working/studying in the field, and committed minerals and energy professionals. These partnerships will provide students at Joseph Banks Secondary College from Years 7 in 2020, the opportunity to explore and discover a career passion in our resource rich State. We are aiming to extend the program into Year 8 in 2021 and Year 9 in 2022.

CoRE is a select entry program, where students have to submit a copy of their school reports, demonstrating sound, achievement in their conceptual and skill acquisition, as well as provide a summary of their interest and passion for the Earth and its Environments. To apply for enrolment in the CoRE Program, please complete the form attached.

