

'Dream big', Gee tells Mudgee students

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Andrew Gee spoke with the 2014 Max Potential young adults and coaches at Club Mudgee on Friday.



Member for Orange Andrew Gee clowns around with several of the Max Potential young adult's on Friday. Mr Gee spoke to Mudgee Max Potential about reaching for success and never backing down.

The young adults taking part in the 2014 Max Potential program at Club Mudgee received a lesson in success from Member for Orange Andrew Gee on Friday.

As part of Connect Group 1, Mr Gee was invited by program co-ordinators Carol Cockerill-Wright and Fiona Brown to speak to the group about reaching for success.

Mr Gee encouraged the group to find their own version of success as they made their way through the Max Potential program.

One person's way of reaching for success would be different to how another person went about achieving success in their life, he said.

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"You have the opportunity to do anything you want to do in your life. You simply have to find your own way of reaching for success and achieving it," Mr Gee said.

Mr Gee spoke to the young adults about not limiting themselves in what they can achieve through the Max Potential program or in their personal lives.

"Dream big and be passionate about those dreams because if you're passionate about something, you'll work towards it all that harder," he said.

Mr Gee spoke about how he achieved his own success in life and how those successes lead him to becoming the Member for Orange.

He spoke about instances in his own life where he decided what he wanted and achieved the goals that he had set for himself, be it becoming a lawyer, setting up his own overseas business or stepping into politics.

"Once you have a goal, be it personal, educational, or as part of work, then you have to follow that goal with passion and a single-minded doggedness in order to achieve it," he said.

He also spoke with the students about overcoming setbacks and some of the setbacks he had suffered from while achieving his dreams.

Mr Gee gave the young adults several ideas for dealing with the setbacks they would likely come across during the Max Potential program, drawing on his own experiences.

"Defeats come in all shapes and sizes but it is the way in which you deal with those setbacks that are true mark of success," he said.

"Never give up on your dreams and don't listen to the critics.

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As well as listening to Mr Gee, the young adults were told about the projects they would be undertaking as part of their Max Potential journey, including their community service project, their creative expression piece and the Certificate of Active Volunteering they will receive at the end of the program.

"I think you'll find as you continue with the program that you will inspire people, not just in your schools, but in the local community as well," Mr Gee said.