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Mackay Isaac Whitsunday high schools' opportunity to activate future.

After the success of the Big Ideas Challenge in October, Greater Whitsunday Alliance (GW3) is calling on Mackay Isaac Whitsunday schools to take hold of an opportunity to take part in Future Anything: Activate.

GW3 CEO Ms Kylie Porter said Activate is an award winning, immersive, in-curriculum program delivered by youth social enterprise company Future Anything.

Ms Porter said the Activate program is designed and led by experienced educators.

"The Activate program is about providing an environment for our region's future entrepreneurs to take their ideas out of the classroom and into the world and GW3 is delighted to be involved," Ms Porter said.

The program includes face to face professional learning for the teaching team; a fully resourced curriculum; a day's event for high school students and post program opportunities for teams to win funding and support to launch their business.

Activate will be delivered in partnership with Future Anything, Split Spaces and Greater Whitsunday Alliance with support funding through the Advancing Regional Innovation Program, which will allow school students to take part at minimal cost.

Split Spaces Community Manager Ms Deb Allan said that the Activate program is open to all high schools from across the Mackay Isaac Whitsunday region.

"We are excited to be offering this entrepreneurial program to our local students at a highly subsidised cost. It is another example that living in regional areas does not mean missing out on big city opportunities," Ms Allan said.

Future Anything Founder and Director Ms Nicole Dyson said creating new content, or reinvigorating lessons is one of the most challenging parts of the teaching profession and all too often is a rather lonely experience for too many teachers.

"Our Future Anything programs address these challenges directly by providing fully resourced and curriculum aligned programs that support educators to deliver engaging learning that links to life," Ms Dyson said.

Activate runs in the regions for students in Year 9 or Year 10 English, Business and/or STE (A)M subjects and will commence in term 2, with finals taking place in term 4 2020.

For more information about the Activate program please contact Split Spaces via email at manager@splitspaces.com.au

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