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Media Release:

Learning Club helping local students achieve

Employees from Premier Coal are continuing to volunteer their time and skills to help students from Wilson Park Primary School as part of The Smith Family Learning Clubs educational support program.

Learning Clubs run weekly and aim to enhance local students' learning and development skills by getting access to volunteer tutors for one-on-one learning support outside of school. With the assistance of a tutor, the student can work through homework and learning blocks together, helping the student catch up.

Diane Blount, The Smith Family Learning for Life Program Coordinator for Collie and Bunbury, was thrilled to receive the assistance.

"We know from research that offering learning opportunities outside of school hours is one way to improve the learning success of students and positively influence educational and personal outcomes.

"Disadvantaged students can miss out on these kinds of out of school programs as they are often too costly for families with limited financial means.

"It's always fantastic to see how much the students gain from these sessions as well as the volunteers.

"We all have the common goal of helping Australian children get the most out of their education and create a better future for themselves. We appreciate the Premier Coal team lending their support," said Diane.

Learning Clubs provides a safe and supportive out-of-school learning environment where primary or secondary students can participate in activities that develop their academic skills, such as homework, numeracy, and literacy. The Smith Family encourages volunteers to help provide support for the children in our local schools.

Premier Coal Operations Manager, Braedon Gaske, was more than happy for his team members to lend a hand.

"Ensuring students in our community get the best education they can is one of our key priorities as a large employer in Collie.

"We have been volunteering at the Learning Clubs for many years and recognise the life-changing opportunity they provide to the students in our area. We are thrilled to help the future leaders in our community," said Braedon.

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