

# Future farmers student connect program

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SCF are excited to announce a new partnership with Mt Barker Community College and Great Southern Grammar, along with the continued partnership with WA College of Agriculture, Denmark to participate in the student membership and mentoring program.

SCF is proud to support the youth and the future of our industry by providing better links between farmers and agricultural students. The program aims to better equip students by connecting them to farmers and industry professionals, helping to enlighten them to the wide range of industry employment the Ag sector provides. This will be achieved through sustainable farming innovation demonstrations, lectures and mentoring throughout the year. Some specific activities we are planning to do include, offering the SCF student membership package, running a student scholarship essay competition and hosting an ag careers info session, just to name a few.



Currently the new term has kicked off and we are already in the 7<sup>th</sup> week of school! Mt Barker is concentrating on careers in Ag for term 1 with a focus on technology, its implications, applications and benefits to farmers.

SCF invited Stratus imaging and CSBP out to Mt Barker to talk about careers in Ag and technology use. Keith from CSBP introduced the students to Decipher, their precision agriculture platform that generates nutritional insights to help the agricultural industry grow its value. Andrew and Johnathan from Stratus Imaging introduced the students to their UAV's (drones) that collect data which can assist in critical crop management decisions.



SCF hope to get Stratus back later in the year to demonstrate their drones in action to all participating schools.

