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Wodonga International Learning City

Wodonga's education providers are joining together to attract more international students to the city and ensure pathways for them through their primary, secondary and tertiary education journey.

Wodonga Federation of Government Schools, Wodonga TAFE and La Trobe University have been working to establish Wodonga as an International Learning Precinct in what has and will lead to an economic boost to the City of Wodonga .

Next month a delegation of local educators will be visiting Weihai in eastern China and Hanoi in Vietnam to meet with local government officials and school leaders.

Wodonga Executive Principal Vern Hilditch said,

"Today's young people are entering a world that has fewer boundaries and is more global in outlook than ever before. Appreciating and embracing this global outlook will ensure greater success for our students. Many of our students will gain positions in global and multinational companies based in the local area as well as in the Asia Pacific Region. We are actively encouraging our students to take up any opportunity that gives them a better understanding of the world outside our artificial borders.

We also look to import those experiences into Wodonga by providing opportunities for international student to study here. Many overseas families want a welcoming community for their children to live and study and Wodonga is ideally placed to offer outstanding educational facilities, a safe clean environment and very friendly supportive people."

The education group has met with Wodonga Council to discuss their plans and ask for the Mayor to accompany them on their trip to China and Vietnam.

"In these provinces, their civic leaders are held in the utmost regard and while we have made great progress in our discussions with them, it is important that our Mayor meets with their Mayor to reflect the sincerity of the relationship.

"We've had several visits where the Mayoral equivalent has accompanied the group and met with the Cr Speedie or the Mayor at the time. It's about respecting that significant relationship."

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