

# IPH Media Release

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## **IPH announces \$500,000 partnership with Beacon Foundation to support disadvantaged students in Australia**

IPH has today announced a flagship community partnership with Australian not-for-profit organisation Beacon Foundation. The partnership is the first-of-its-kind for IPH, with the Group committing \$500,000 over a five-year period to support Beacon Foundation in fulfilling its mission of improving educational and employment outcomes for young Australians.

Beacon works with schools, businesses and communities across Australia to bridge the gap between education and industry, delivering meaningful work exposure and career opportunities to inspire students. Beacon currently works with more than 195 schools across Australia helping to break the cycle of unemployment and underemployment in some of the countries most disadvantaged communities.

Commenting on the partnership, IPH CEO, Dr Andrew Blattman said, “We’re really excited about the difference we believe we can make to the foundation and the opportunity our people will have to inspire students to think about their career.

“Community giving is an important component of the culture of all firms within the IPH Group so we are looking forward to working together with the Beacon Foundation to maximise the impact we can make as one team.”

Beacon CEO, Scott Harris said, “As an organisation, we have a long history of supporting disadvantaged young Australians to transition from school into meaningful work, in part due to our ability to connect volunteer industry mentors into schools.

“Through IPH’s financial support, Beacon will have capacity to support more Australian students and continue on our mission to improve employment pathways for Australia’s young people who need it the most.”

To coincide with the announcement, IPH launched a Volunteering Policy, which will give people working across the group in Australia up to a day’s leave to volunteer and give back to the community by supporting Beacon. With IPH’s strong footprint in the Asia Pacific, the Group is exploring similar opportunities to support communities in New Zealand and Asia.

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