## The **Impact** of In2science

In2science is a multi-university schools partnership program that places university students as peer mentors in low socio-economic status and regional Victorian schools. Feedback from students, teachers and Mentors is essential for evaluating program efficacy and impact. Here are some key findings from recent evaluations.

#### **Since 2004**



**Placements** 







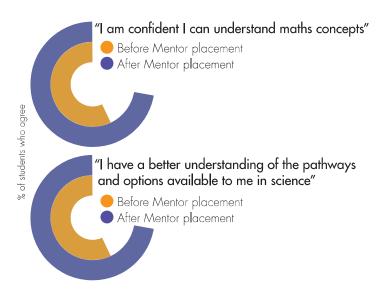
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**81**Partner Schools

#### In2science Mentors are key to students recognising their STEM potential.

After an In2science Mentor placement, students were asked to rate their agreement with key statements.



## "The mentor was really approachable and didn't make it difficult to ask questions, which helped me engage with class discussions more."

– Yr 10 student, Essendon East Keilor District College

# 4 3 3 2 2 Avg. rating

#### Mentors' positive impact on girls is dramatic.

"I feel that studying science in VCE is achievable for me"

- Female, not interacting with Mentor
- Female, interacting with Mentor
- Male, not interacting with Mentor
- Male, interacting with Mentor

### of Mentors say In2science develops skills they will use in the future.

"In2science gave me the professional skills I needed to get my first proper STEM job out of University, laying an important foundation for my career."

Alistair, Bioanalytical Chemist at CSL

#### Top 3 topics regional students enjoyed talking about with their Mentor:

- University life
- Uni Courses
- Study skills







#### 98% of Teachers would like a Mentor in the future.

"Overall, I was incredibly impressed with the high calibre of my In2science mentor, his professionalism and his earnestness...and how well he was able to communicate."

- Eleni Lambropoulos, St Albans Secondary College

### In2science explores new and innovative ways to mentor students.

A proven and award-winning program, In2science:

- Creates collaborative partnerships between schools and universities
- Provides rigorous training to ensure Mentors are equipped to engage students from low-SES backgrounds, female students and regional students
- Offers powerful online eMentoring over an interactive platform to regional students.

