

## Sanofi and The Smith Family continue to inspire Australian students with first virtual *Work Inspiration* Program

**Wednesday, 22 July 2020** – Sanofi and The Smith Family have delivered their first virtual *Work Inspiration* program together, for high school students in Queensland.

Run over three days, the program welcomed students from Year 9 to 12, from a number of schools. For 90 minutes a day, the students logged on to chat with The Smith Family and Sanofi employees, to learn more about themselves, their future career aspirations and the types of careers they can explore within a company like Sanofi.

Sanofi Australia & New Zealand Country Lead, Karen Hood, thanked employees from both organisations for leading the virtual program.

“Sanofi Australia and New Zealand has been a Smith Family partner for more than four years and we’ve been proud to host hundreds of students at our offices, as part of the *Work Inspiration* program over that time,” she said.

“This week’s virtual event was a great example of private and not-for-profit partners coming together to find new solutions and new ways of working in the face of this ongoing pandemic.

“I was proud to see Sanofi employees from multiple states, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, put their hand up to work with The Smith Family and make sure this group of students didn’t miss out.”

Judy Barraclough, Head of Strategy and Philanthropy at The Smith Family, thanked Sanofi for its ongoing commitment to the *Work Inspiration* program.

“*Work Inspiration* provides young people with opportunities to experience the world of work in a meaningful and inspiring way. It also demonstrates the important role that employers can play in shaping the next generation of Australian workers,” she said.

“Like other organisations, The Smith Family has been adapting quickly to the changing landscape. Taking our life-changing, face-to-face programs and turning them into virtual offerings that continue to engage and inspire our students is an ongoing priority.

“It was a pleasure working with the Sanofi team to plan this year’s event, connect our students to their business, and in the process broaden their career knowledge and aspirations.”

Now in its fourth year, Sanofi’s partnership with The Smith Family sees the company sponsor numerous students through their STEM-related studies each year. Alongside its involvement in *Work Inspiration*, the team volunteers for The Smith Family and supports student mentoring.

#### **About The Smith Family**

The Smith Family is a national children’s education charity helping young Australians in need to succeed at school, so they can create better futures for themselves.

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