

## Sanofi and The Smith Family get behind National Science Week

**Sydney – August 16, 2019** – Sanofi Australia has marked National Science Week by welcoming more than 20 students from Sydney’s Chester Hill High School into its offices for a two day *Work Inspiration* program with The Smith Family.

*Work Inspiration* is a Smith Family initiative designed to help students, many from disadvantaged backgrounds, broaden their perspectives and aspirations. The program reiterates the valuable role that employers play in shaping the next generation of Australian workers.

Sanofi Australia and New Zealand Country Chair, Karen Hood, said she was proud to see the company continue to deepen its partnership with The Smith Family.

“Sanofi’s partnership with The Smith Family has always been focused on bridging the STEM education divide in Australia,” she said.

“We know that STEM education underpins the skills our young people will need for future roles in healthcare and we also know that young people from disadvantaged backgrounds are behind their peers when it comes to STEM.

“It was great to see our two organisations get behind National Science Week by welcoming students from Chester Hill High into our business. I know that our employees enjoyed the opportunity to meet with the students and help them to see how STEM education could help prepare them for work in the future.”

Across the two day *Work Inspiration* event the students from Chester Hill High were taken through a series of workshops and activities to help them learn more about themselves, explore their career aspirations, and get to know more about the careers a company like Sanofi offers.

The Smith Family’s Head of Strategy and Philanthropy, Judy Barralough thanked Sanofi for warmly welcoming the students and for making the *Work Inspiration* event so engaging.

“Our relationship with Sanofi is now in its third year and it’s great to see their employees so connected to its shared purpose,” she said.

“We know that our *Work Inspiration* schools appreciate the opportunity to bring their students into the offices of Australia’s leading employers. We’re grateful to Sanofi for their continued work with us this week and for their continued efforts to grow interest in STEM education.”

### **About The Smith Family**

The Smith Family is a children's education charity that helps disadvantaged young Australians to succeed at school, so they can create better futures for themselves.

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### **About Sanofi Australia**

Sanofi is dedicated to supporting people through their health challenges.

We are a global biopharmaceutical company focused on human health. We prevent illness with vaccines, provide self-care solutions to better manage personal wellbeing and provide innovative treatments to fight pain and ease suffering. We stand by the few who suffer from rare diseases and the millions with long-term chronic conditions.

With more than 100,000 people in 100 countries, Sanofi is transforming scientific innovation into healthcare solutions around the globe.

While our local corporate headquarters are in Sydney we also have offices, state-of-the-art laboratories and a world-class manufacturing facility in Brisbane, and offices across Auckland, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

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