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## City students look at life on the land

A group of South West Sydney high school students are heading west this week to see if they would swap city living for a life on the land, in a trip sponsored by the NSW Farmers' Association.

Students from Hurlstone Agricultural High School will be touring the Macquarie Valley as part of the annual Crossing the Divide tour.

With this year's theme celebrating local food, fibre and lifestyle, organisers are aiming to leave students with an appreciation of rural life.

Local Association representative George Gibson says it is a great opportunity to show young Australians that there are career options outside the city and that life on the land can be a very rewarding experience.

"The idea is to bring city students studying agriculture to the Macquarie Valley and allow these students to live in a farming community for five days and to experience structured hand on activities on farms in our local area."

The students arrived in Trangie today, Monday 1 March, and will visit agricultural sites around the communities of Dubbo, Narromine and Trangie including cattle saleyards, an abattoir and a number of farming enterprises including sheep, cattle and broadacre operations.

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