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Tiny Tunnellers Media Release

Local school children had the opportunity to learn first-hand what it would be like to work as a NorthConnex engineer on one of Australia's largest infrastructure projects.

The "Tiny Tunnellers" program as it is known is a fun educational session for students to learn from interactive displays and test real-life equipment to see how the NorthConnex engineers and planners are building the longest tunnel in the southern hemisphere.

Up to 50 school kids from 20 local schools had the opportunity to dress up in tunnel safety gear, test out noise real noise testing equipment used on the project, have a close up look at the kinds of rocks coming out of the ground and have a go at constructing their very own model tunnel.

Hornsby State Liberal MP Matt Kean dropped into join the school holiday program class and speak with the children about their thoughts and ideas on the NorthConnex project.

"The school kids were very enthusiastic and asked lots of questions during the presentation session," Mr Kean said.

"Hopefully this program helps to inspire the next generation of tunnellers and encourage them to take part in science, technology, engineering and mathematics subjects at school."

The project team is now also investigating opportunities to develop education resources for secondary schools around STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education and environment as part of the geography curriculum.