Veteran newsreader visits school

FERGUSON CHATS WITH STUDENTS

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WELL known newsreader Mark Ferguson imparted decades of industry knowledge to Concord students this week.

Mr Ferguson, an experienced reporter with almost 30 years experience in television newsrooms, was at Concord High School sharing his knowledge with budding journalists.

“I have spoken at a lot of schools but I had not been to a school with a specialised journalism class before,” Mr Ferguson said.

The Seven News presenter was at the school as part of the Seven Listens to Sydney campaign.

He was drilled by the students about his career, experiences and advice for becoming a successful journalist.

“For me personally, what a wonderful journey it has been so far. I started in a country town in Tamworth, having not travelled much at all beforehand.”

He has travelled the world, having been a foreign correspondent for Channel Nine for four years from 1992.

“One of his most memorable and harrowing memories come from his reporting from Somalia during its civil unrest.

“Going over there and seeing the level of destruction and suffering was a very harrowing trip that still sticks with me.”

He told students to study hard, grow their interpersonal skills and to take any opportunity and make the most of it.

He remains passionate about his job and it's unpredictable and varied nature.

“You can leave home one day thinking it's a normal day and not return for a week or two.”