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SUPPORT FOR START-UPS IN REGIONAL NEW SOUTH WALES

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As a higher education provider we specialize in education revolving around new technologies including Coding, Virtual reality, Robotics and maker space activities. We also teach a range of courses to children and school teachers to assist them in demystifying technology. Our most successful model of education has been training career changers who have wonderful business ideas but lack the technology skills to rapidly build basic prototypes or to communicate with web developers effectively to bring their ideas to life. The model which has been most successful is the boot camp approach where an intensive 3-6 month block of training is offered to give participants the skills and confidence to create rather than consume technology. By supporting the growth of these courses in regional areas and cooperating with existing co-working spaces and innovation centres in regional NSW we can give more budding entrepreneurs access to the same opportunities that urban residents enjoy.