# From Wangaratta to Mars – video transcript

***Maree Timms***

I saw a video clip on VEX Robotics and it was about students and leadership and communication. And I thought, this is STEM skills that we are after, they're twenty-first century skills.

***Anne Geddis***

We just found that we were really like-minded in that we wanted to raise aspirations of the community and improve STEM education in the region.

***Rutvik Chaudhary***

One day I just walked in to the science lab, one of my friends just opened up the brand new kit and I thought it was really cool.

We built it, we had our first competition held at our school.

We actually ended up winning the national championships, which gave us a chance to go to America.

***Maree Timms***

We took on all the teams from Melbourne and beat them.

***Madalynn Baumanis***

This is a little country town, so it's pretty amazing that we have this opportunity to work with this type of technology.

***Rutvik Chaudhary***

While we were in America, because our amazing teachers, we actually had a chance to go to NASA. It was just amazing, it blew my mind.

So, it's just given me a lot more things to think about.

***Cathryn Carboon***

You know, VEX Robotics is so much more than just robotics.

They are learning leadership, they're learning how to speak in public and the team work and the resilience is amazing.

***Anne Geddis***

Their tenacity has just shown that regional kids can do anything that they want.