

Westvic Staffing Solutions Foundation 2011-12

Brauer College

Funding amount: \$6,000

Project: Leadership sessions for year 9 students which encourage and develop students' self esteem, confidence, leadership, trust and wellbeing

The objectives for the leadership sessions are to develop greater self esteem, confidence and a healthier approach to physical and mental health and wellbeing. Included are activities to develop confidence (rock wall climbing), self awareness (Tai Chi/yoga) and trust.

Colac Secondary College

Funding amount: \$8,000

Project: Bring to Colac the performance "Cheap Thrills", which highlights the issues of alcohol misuse to students, their families and the wider community

Students from several local secondary schools, their parents, and the wider community will have the opportunity to attend the "Cheap Thrills" performance. An interactive community forum facilitated by Colac Area Health will follow the performance. Supper will be provided to encourage attendance and discussion on the issues raised during the performance and forum. Local media will be engaged to promote the event and raise awareness of alcohol misuse and community issues.

Derrinallum College

Funding amount: \$2,000

Project: Upgrade to the school's metal fabrication facility to meet safety standards

Derrinallum College is a small, rural P-12 college seeking to sustain broad curriculum offerings to its middle and upper secondary students. The upgrade to the metal fabrication facility will include replacement of safety curtains on the welding bays and the installation of a motorised roller door system. This will allow the school to continue to provide students with the best possible educational opportunities to develop practical metal fabrication skills within the school and the community.

Mortlake College

Funding amount: \$4,000

Project: Travel expenses for year 9 students to attend a Vocational Experience program in Warrnambool

Mortlake College has identified a need for its year 9 cohort to engage more fully in education and vocational education in particular. Within this cohort there are a number of students who are at risk of disengaging from education or engaging in risk taking behaviours in the community. The Vocational Experience program is designed to provide a taste of a wide range of potential pathways other than the more traditional academic pathways.

Portland Secondary College

Funding amount: \$2,000

Project: Support a year 10 health expo day which will encourage students to make healthy choices

The expo consists of six workshops covering: mental wellbeing, risk taking behaviour with drugs and alcohol, sexual health, save a mate, healthy relationships and cybersafety. A healthy morning tea and lunch is provided to support healthy nutrition. The afternoon sessions include Zumba and Boxercise to encourage and support physical health and wellbeing. This expo is presented in a fun, interactive format that engages young people while reinforcing positive health and lifestyle choices.

Warrnambool College

Funding amount: \$6,000

Project: Promote the importance of mental health and wellbeing and services available to students and the community

Year 12 Senior VCAL students will build and implement a HOW RU? campaign. This campaign will involve the development of marketing materials and advertising to make fellow students aware of the services offered by the school and community when their peers are presenting with mental health and wellbeing issues. The school has a wellbeing/welfare centre; additional furniture will be purchased to ensure a welcoming and comfortable environment for those seeking help.

Warrnambool Volunteer Coast Guard (VF16)

Funding amount: \$2,000

Project: Purchase audiovisual equipment for use in training WVCG members and in search and rescue

VF16 will install the audiovisual equipment in the radio tower at the Warrnambool breakwater. This equipment will assist in the effective delivery of accredited and non accredited training to its active members, and small specialised courses for the general public relating to seamanship, navigation and marine radio skills. The equipment will also be used during search and rescue operations, to monitor and forward reports to appropriate emergency service organisations.