

## **Background**

July 2009 marked the establishment of Education Centre Gippsland Community College (ECG College). ECG College was founded to meet the educational needs of students who desire an educational pathway outside the conventional system.

ECG College caters exclusively for senior secondary students, studying for The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL). Classes are small to provide students with opportunities for individual assistance and to provide individual pathways to the future. Trust, respect for others and self-help are keystones to learning and these are developed through a course offering VCAL at all levels.

ECG College operates from three campuses in Warragul, Leongatha and Pakenham.

Enrolments at ECG College in 2017 included 20% of students who identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

## **Our program of learning in 2017 included:**

VET program: As part of the VCAL program students also participate in a Vocational Education Training programs. Programs our students participated in included:

- Certificate II in Business
- Certificate II in Salon Assistant
- Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics
- Certificate III Beauty Services
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate II in Racing (Stablehand)
- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)
- Certificate II Allied Health Assistance
- Certificate II in Community services
- Certificate II in Automotive Studies (Pre-vocational)
- Certificate II in Building & Construction
- Certificate II in Horticulture
- Certificate II in Plumbing
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate II in Automotive Studies

Excursions and Guest speakers: Throughout the year excursions and guest speakers to and from the following organisations added to the varied and engaging curriculum:

- RSPCA
- The Careers Expo at Lardner Park
- The Summit school camp

- Grampians school camp
- Melbourne aquarium
- High ropes courses
- Community members
- Salvation army,
- Blood Bank
- Bad Science
- Road Safe South East,
- Local Community Policing Officer
- Hepatitis Vic
- Sports centres
- Men's shed

As well as simulated work environments within ECG College and CCG campus's running a coffee shop and car detailing business

#### Co-curricular activities include:

- Art
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Sport
- Social Enterprise
- Constructing raised garden beds
- Up cycling
- Animal care

#### **Senior Secondary Outcomes:**

For the year ending 2017 ECG College delivered VCAL to 117 students 24 of these students have been awarded their VCAL certificate.

#### **Post School Destinations**

Of the 117 students

- 6 Have gone onto further education
- 1 has started apprenticeship
- 29 Have entered the workforce
- 47 Have returned to do the ECG College in 2018

#### **Student / Staff numbers:**

2017 Information as at August Census

- 117 students
- 17 Indigenous students
- 13 teachers with a combined FTE of 9.8
- 7 non-teaching staff with a combined FTE of 5.3

### Teacher Qualifications

Of the 13 teachers employed in 2017:

- 4 hold a Bachelor of Education
- 3 Bachelor Degree plus a Diploma of Education
- 6 hold a Graduate Diploma of education
- 1 also had Certificate IV in Training and Assessment

### Benchmark Results and Comparisons with previous year

NAPLAN tests not available at years 11 & 12

### Attendance

ECG College cohort is comprised of students who face many barriers to their education which have lead them to seek a schooling option outside the mainstream. ECG Colleges program is designed and run over 5 days a week. Due to the barriers faced by each student, an individual attendance plan has been designed to meet their individual needs.

Each student is supported to attend their planned days, nonattendance on these planned days is recorded and families are informed of nonattendance.

Our staff work with students and their families to maintain their attendance at school.

### Financial activities

The funding for ECG College comes from 3 sources Federal Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and State Governments Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) and student paid fees, as represented in the following graph.

