

# Students find their purpose

## A Place to Belong: ECG Secondary College Dandenong Campus Helping Students Thrive

In the heart of Dandenong, closer to major public transport routes, ECG Secondary College's Dandenong campus is quietly transforming lives of Years 10 to 12 students seeking a fresh start. Since 2023, it has offered a safe and welcoming environment for those who may feel overlooked, misunderstood, or simply disconnected, supporting individual learning journeys.

Recognising that education is not one-size-fits-all, ECG focuses on small class sizes, tailored learning, and a curriculum aimed at building resilience, confidence, health and wellbeing. Students here are seen, heard and valued.

Teachers and volunteers nurture and support students in building practical life skills while rediscovering the joy of learning at their own pace, finding purpose, connection and self-worth.

The story of Bella, a student whose transformation is nothing short of inspiring, illustrates this impact.

"I found it difficult to attend school because of my social anxiety and autism. It was overwhelming and a little bit scary," she shared. "But after joining ECG, I've made friends, had the best teacher I've ever had, and I enjoyed attending ECG very much."

Bella, who dreams of educating the world about insects and the ecosystem, found more than a classroom; she found confidence. She explored her interests through Workplace Skills and Hairdressing Tasters, pushed past her comfort zone, and even applied for her first job. "I now



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verbally express my opinions and thoughts. I never thought I could, but I did." Bella said.

Teachers like Ush, who bring joy and understanding to the classroom, are the cornerstone of ECG's success. At ECG, learning is fostered through conversations, laughter, encouragement, and real-world experiences, helping students rediscover their strengths and align with their aspirations.

For students like Bella, ECG is not just a school; it's a place to belong and find purpose.

With enrolments now open, ECG encourages students and families to explore this unique opportunity. For more information or to apply, visit <https://ecg.vic.edu.au/enrol-with-us/> or contact 03 5622 6000.



Street Feast - Sweet Edition Returns to Dandenong Market.

## Street Feast - Sweet Edition has returned

Get ready, dessert lovers – Street Feast – Sweet Edition is back at Dandenong Market on Saturday 7 June, and it's set to be the sweetest day of the year!

For one sugar-filled day only, Melbourne's favourite street food destination transforms into a dessert wonderland, serving up indulgent treats from around the globe. From rich gluten-free brownies by Butter Mafia, to the fluffy mini-Dutch pancakes of Country Fair Poffertjes, the offerings are as diverse as they are delicious.

Taste your way through Greek loukoumades from 776 BC Loukoumades, Polynesian milkshakes at Maui's Snack Bar, Filipino sweets by Inasal Express, and the ever-popular

creamy cannoli from Pauly's Cannoli. Don't forget the crispy churros from Churros Ole or the stunning Japanese-style crepes from Kimono Crepes. And if cheesecake is your weakness, Clarissa Creates Cheesecakes has you covered.

The dessert journey continues inside the market with baklava from Why Not? Wooden Bakery, dulce de leche delights at Cafe Valentina, handcrafted pastries from Melina's Bakery, jam-filled donuts at Dandee Donuts, and sweet popcorn from Golden Popcorn.

Vegan? Gluten-free? Or just dessert-obsessed? There's something for everyone at Street Feast – Sweet Edition.

## YOU'RE SO WELCOME HERE EXACTLY AS YOU ARE

### Looking for a school that gets you?

At ECG Secondary College Dandenong, we offer Year 10, Year 11 and 12 VCE Vocational Major and Victorian Pathways Certificate programs in a safe, supportive environment that values you for who you are.

- ✓ Small class sizes
- ✓ Individual learning support
- ✓ Practical life skills
- ✓ Wellbeing-focused curriculum
- ✓ Easy access via public transport

Just ask Bella:

"I used to find school overwhelming. But ECG gave me confidence, friends, and the best teacher I've ever had. This is the happiest I've ever been at school."

Join ECG and learn in a way that suites you.

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