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## WSMLLEN/LCP Newsletter No 1 – February 2009

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas & New Year break and you looking forward to 2009 and whatever it brings

You are receiving this newsletter because of your association with VET & VCAL students in the Wimmera and Southern Mallee in 2008 as a parent, school or business. We particularly wish to thank those [businesses](#) that offered approximately 70 students Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) in 2008. Contributions by businesses are vital the VET experience. We look forward to your continuing support in 2009.

### VET/VCAL Awards in 2008

Each year the WSMLLEN sponsors the VET/VCAL awards and we congratulate the 2008 winners announced at school speech nights in December.

School		
Balmoral P-12	Brendan Russell	Tom Quigley
Birchip P-12	Debra Hughes	
Dimboola MSC	Mark Launer	Rosa Goode
Edenhope P-12	Carl Pahl	Hamish Cartledge
Goroke P-12	Melissa Mayberry	Jessica Robinson
Hopetoun SC	Jake Roberts	Daniel Young
Kaniva College	Shanna Jones	Olivia Rabone
Murtoa College	Alan Satchell	
Nhill College	Todd Dickinson	Taylor Drendel
St Brigid's College	Daniel Simpson	Tahnee Andrea
Rainbow SC	Justin Cozens/Jessica Schilling	Samira O'Heaney/Matthew Werner
Warracknabeal SC	Matthew Arnott	Tara Leith

### Vocational Educational Training in Schools (VET) in 2009

VET & VCAL continues to gain status as an important transition from school to work. 300 students studied VET courses in 2008 and this year the figure is about 350. Students from the 12 schools in the region will travel to Horsham each Wednesday to study a range of VET subjects. The University of Ballarat, Wimmera Hub and Longerenong College will offer the following subjects.

Cert II Agriculture	Cert II Electro Technology	Cert II Hospitality (Food Service)
Cert II Automotive	Cert II Engineering Studies	Cert II Multimedia
Cert II Building & Construction	Cert II Equine Industry	Units from Hair & Beauty
Cert II Children's Services	Cert II Furnishing (Cabinet)	Cert II Music Industry (Foundation)
Cert II Sport & Recreation	Cert II Hospitality (Kitchen Ops)	

### Structured Work Placements (SWL) in 2009

The VET year starts on the 4th Feb and students will be approaching employers during the year prospecting for SWL placements. Please make them welcome. The experience will cost you little and you might make a very important connection with a future employee. SWL Students are fully covered by insurance. The Local Community Partnership distributes *Employer's Kits* to all prospective employers. Contact: Andrew Cormack 03 53810122/ [andrew@llen.com.au](mailto:andrew@llen.com.au)