

Creating partnerships between industry, education and the community that develop positive futures for young people



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Positive Futures for Young People - Structured Workplace Learning

The key objective of Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN is to create partnerships between industry, education and the community that develop positive futures for our young people. Employment is a vital element of a positive future for any young person. Structured Workplace Learning embodies this key objective. Local businesses that provide Structured Workplace Learning placements for secondary students, are not only providing a learning opportunity, but may also be tapping into a future workforce and providing a positive future for their business.

By hosting a student in the workplace, businesses can 'try before they buy' and establish whether the student may be a suitable future employee. There is no obligation to employ workplace students after they complete their placements, but if a student is a good fit for a business, an offer of employment can be mutually beneficial.

Many young people leave rural communities to study or find work in larger rural centres or capital cities. This migration of young people depletes our local communities. Employing local young people in their local communities is good for young people, good for businesses and good for our communities.

Find out more about Structured Workplace Learning by contacting Mary or Melissa at Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN:

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**Today's students –
tomorrow's workforce.**

Host a workplace student!

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Structured Workplace Learning

Jumpstart

WSMLLEN's pilot program Jumpstart has officially seen 2017 out with the final evaluation and reporting being presented to the Committee of Management for consideration in 2018.

The program saw Primary School students engaging in 6 key element areas with the objective to improve oral language development, gross and fine motor skills, literacy development, and social skills and social connection.

Jumpstart elements targeted students who required additional intensive support in order for them to close the developmental gap with their peers.

A key element to the success of the program was inclusion, connection and encouragement.

Thank you to all partners, local business/suppliers, involvement community, and to the schools and students involved.

Jumpstart Garden Club

The Gardening Club had their first harvest this month! The children worked incredibly hard to pick and wash a range of vegetables including a whopping sized cabbage, carrots, beetroot and onions. It was a hot day, so after cooling off the garden with a good watering, the children (and the young at heart) took to the shade and cooled off with an icy pole!

What did we do with all the hand-picked goodness? Made coleslaw and ham wraps of course and shared them with the class! Thanks to our expert Chefs, and all the children involved in the Gardening Club!

We are looking forward to Gardening Club 2018!

Pictured: students and helpers from Horsham Primary School, Rasmussen Campus garden club



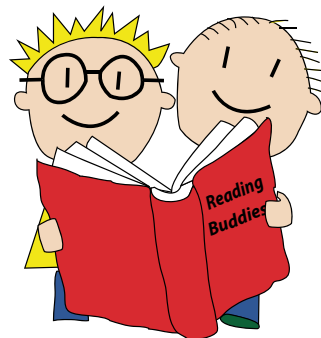
Reading Buddies

Students at Horsham Primary School, Rasmussen Campus receive exceptional support from community volunteers. Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN provides support for the Reading Buddies Program, which is one of the many volunteer programs at the school.

Throughout the year, 40 volunteers assisted with the Reading Buddies program by listening to children read. The school aims to have a reading buddy for every class for every day of the week, which requires 25 reading sessions per week. Volunteers managed to fill the reading roster with an average of 22 reading sessions per week across the whole year.

Thank you to all of the reading buddy volunteers for this magnificent support. A special thank you to Wimmera Health Care Group allied health staff who have participated in Reading Buddies as part of their community education program and to Goolum Goolum who have provided flexible work arrangements for staff to support our young readers.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Reading Buddy in 2018, please contact us at the LLEN: info@llen.com.au or register your interest on line at <http://www.llen.com.au/reading-buddies/>



Youth Mentoring – Become a MATE

In one of the largest collaborative partnerships, the Communities of the Horsham LGA were successful in obtaining funding for the 'Connecting the Service Puzzle' initiative, managed by lead organisation, Centre for Participation.

Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN is supporting the initiative by extending the MATES Mentoring Program model to provide all young people in the initiative with a mentor.

It is our hope we will receive support from the broader community to become Youth Mentors in either the MATES Program or as part of the Connecting the Service Puzzle initiative supported by the Department of Justice, Victorian State Government Crime Prevention funding.

A training model has been developed by Emma McCarthy, <http://www.emcc.net.au/>, and will be an amazing asset to our region, along with other personal development opportunities for mentors. Mentors will provide one hour every fortnight for a commitment of one year after completing the training.

Mentors need to be over 18, have or be willing to obtain a Working With Children's Check and National Police Check, and have a genuine interest in making a real difference in the life of a young person and in the community.

The search is on for 50 people to become Youth Mentors. Let's spread the word, put your hand up, and visit www.llen.com.au/mates.

Email: mary.bysouth@llen.com.au or vanessa.oloughlin@llen.com.au Telephone: (03) 5381 0122 (Mon-Fri 8:30am -5:00pm)

The MATES Mentoring program is seeking volunteer mentors to support young people in our local area. Now is an ideal time to sign up ready to take on your mentoring role in the new year.

Sign up online at www.llen.com.au/mates

Mentors
make a
difference!



Volunteers needed for 2018
for just one hour a fortnight!

Ready for Work Program

2018 VET for Senior Secondary Students



Locations	Wimmera Campus (Horsham)
Duration	Two terms
Contact hours	1 day per week (Wednesdays) in Term 2 and Term 3, 9.30am – 3.15pm
Application	Contact the VET Co-ordinator at your school for an application form
National Course Code	SIT20416/22216VIC

Entry Requirements

Students need to be at least in Year 10 at the time of enrolment.

Extra Requirements

Must complete a Language, Literacy and Numeracy Assessment and Pre-Training Review prior to enrolment. Attendance in November at the WSM VET Cluster Induction Day and a Unique Student Identifier (USI) number.

Career opportunities include:

Completion of Ready for Work programs will help students gain employment, including Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships, or progress to further study.

Further study options

- TAFE Certificates
- Higher Education Study
- Apprenticeship or Traineeship
- Employment

Set your path for employment or further education

Federation College prides itself on offering a suite of education options. Our programs provide learning opportunities with direct pathways to vocational programs, higher education entry into Federation University Australia and employment.

The Ready for Work Program creates pathways for at risk students in education, employment and training through the delivery of units from Australia wide recognised industry qualifications.

This program is aimed at 15 to 18 year olds currently at risk of leaving the education system permanently, or who are looking at undertaking a suite of vocational units that enhance their resume and future employment prospects. The program focusses on personal effectiveness, work readiness and 'hands-on' project based learning. Students are encouraged to make decisions that will promote positive outcomes and options for their future.

Contribution to VCAL/VCE:

VCAL – This program will enable students to gain credit for the compulsory Industry Specific Skills (ISS) strand of VCAL when 90 nominal hours VET training are achieved.

Assessment

Students are assessed through class activities, applied projects, demonstrations as well as group work. The course aims to provide a folio of certificates that enhance 'entry level' employment opportunities, in a hands-on practical matter.

Note: Students do not gain a full qualification and units from other training packages can be replaced or included by negotiation with Federation College.

Your Local Library- Summer Holiday Programs

Your local library has a great range of holiday programs available in January.

Warracknabeal - 5398 1270

Come along and have fun with Duplo during the school holidays. Create your own design or challenge yourself by building something from the worksheets provided. Wednesday 20th December, 10.30-11.00am and 4.00-5.00pm. Wednesdays during January, 3rd - 24th, 10.30-11.00am and 4.00-5.00pm. Bookings are essential for all programs - contact your local library. Children under 13 years must have an adult parent/guardian present.



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Birchip - 5492 2230

Birchip Library will be keeping everyone busy with Saturday craft mornings, 9.30-10.30am from 6th January to 27th January and Tuesday Movie nights, 9th January to 30th January starting at 5.30pm.

Dimboola - 5389 1734

Celebrate the Summer Reading Club with "Games On Dim Style" for old games with a twist including Ping Pong spoon race, Frizbee Chuck and Tunnel Ball. Saturday 20th January @ 11.00am.

Edenhope - 5585 9916

Participate in a cartooning workshop with Diana-Lee Saville. Suitable for children over 8 years of age. BYO lunch/snacks. Tuesday 16th January, 11.00am - 1.30pm.

Horsham - 5382 5707

Join in a Gold Rush Experience. Tuesday 9th & Thursday 11th January @ 10.30am. Cost \$5.

Nhill - 5391 1684

Have fun with a Games morning to celebrate the close of the Summer Reading Club on Thursday 25th January, 10.00-11.30am.

Kaniva - 5392 2723

Keep yourself busy at Kaniva Library with a craft table which will be available throughout the school holidays.

Get your Game on - Summer Reading Club, Birchip, Dimboola, Edenhope and Nhill

It's time to sign up for the Summer Reading Club and enjoy a summer full of books, games, puzzles and fun.

The theme for the 2017 Summer Reading Club is GAME ON. Young readers will be encouraged to play, solve, participate and read in celebration of sports, games, technology and spirit. Completed reading records will be rewarded with small prizes including bookmarks, keyrings, and pens. Just participate in branch or join the Australia wide online Summer Reading Club (<http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/theclub/>) where you can upload your own book rave and enter competitions.

Sign-up today at Birchip, Dimboola, Edenhope and Nhill libraries - collect a reading record, and start reading!

Give a Book for Christmas



ACCESSING AOD ALCOHOL & other DRUGS Support & Services

FREE	Adult Counselling Services	GCH & Uniting Wimmera	ACSO 1300 022 760	Stawell Horsham
	Bed Based Rehabilitation	Bradshaw House Private	Admissions Officer 1300 283 297	Halls Gap
FREE	Brief Intervention AOD Counsellor	GCH	Intake 5358 7400 8-22 Patrick Street	Stawell Horsham
FREE	Making a Change MAC - AOD Day Rehabilitation	GCH	Intake 5358 7400 8-22 Patrick Street	Stawell Horsham
	Drink Drive - Drug Drive Education	GCH	Intake 5358 7400 8-22 Patrick Street	Stawell Horsham
FREE	Better Life Dual Diagnosis - BLDD	GCH	Intake 5358 7400 8-22 Patrick Street	Stawell Horsham
FREE	Forensic AOD Counselling	GCH & Uniting Wimmera	ACSO 1300 022 760	Stawell Horsham
FREE	Home Based Withdrawal HBW	GCH & Uniting Wimmera	GCH 5358 7400 UW 1800 195 114	Stawell Horsham
FREE	Youth AOD Counselling 12 to 25 yrs Old	GCH	NEXUS 5358 7400	Stawell Horsham
FREE	WDAT / GPDAT	GCH	5358 7400	Horsham
FREE	Orti Care	BCH PHN	BCH 5338 4500	Ballarat



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Australian Red Cross FoodREDi™

Facilitator Training

About FoodREDi™

FoodREDi™ helps people with a limited budget to get value for money and achieve a balanced diet through:

- increased consumption of fruit and vegetables,
- understanding good nutrition, healthy weight and physical activity,
- skills to choose, prepare and cook healthy meals,
- greater economic self-reliance with food budgeting skills,
- increased confidence in implementing new knowledge and skills,

Become a FoodREDi™ Facilitator and run the Red Cross FoodREDi™ program with groups in your community

Trained facilitators receive comprehensive program resources, facilitator guides & support from Red Cross staff.

When: Tuesday 13th February 2018, 8.45am-4.30pm

Venue: Stawell Neighbourhood House

Address: 42 Sloane St, Stawell VIC 3380

Cost: FoodREDi Facilitator Training will be provided free of charge. Limited numbers.

Training facilitator: Kate Baker - Red Cross Program Officer - Food Security

All participants representing organisations, schools and community groups will be eligible to receive an allocation of funding by the Australian Red Cross/ALDI partnership to run 2 x 6 week FoodREDi programs in 2018.

RSVP: RSVP to Jesse Hinch- Red Cross Youth & Community Development Officer

Email jeinch@redcross.org.au

Tel (03) 5362 1501



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS

ENCOUNTER 2018

ART IS invites you to participate in a professional development experience with a twist. Be part of the conversation and development of the work CHRIS 2.0, a play that's as physical and philosophical as it is fun! You don't want to miss this.

23-24 March 2018

Book via our website:

artiswimmera.com/encounter



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Contributions to News You Can Use

Anyone wishing to contribute news or information about events, is welcome to submit articles for inclusion in the WSMLLEN Newsletter. Articles can be forwarded to info@llen.com.au

WSMLLEN reserves the right not to include items deemed to be incompatible with the purpose of the LLEN.

WSMLLEN Staff - Season's Greetings



WSMLLEN staff thank all of our members, partners and supporters who have worked with us during 2017 to create positive outcomes for young people in our local communities.

We extend best wishes to all for the Christmas season and new year.



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Our WSMLLEN office will close for the holiday break on mid-day, 21 December and will open again on 8 January 2018.



Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN is a recognised Gold Skilled Workplace with 100% of our current staff having completed the Youth Mental Health first aid training. We highly recommend YMHA training for everyone who works with young people.

To find out more about being a skilled MHFA workplace, or to apply for recognition for your organisation, go to the Mental Health First Aid website. <https://mhfa.com.au/cms/mental-health-first-aid-skilled-workplace-initiative>

The Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN Newsletter is sent electronically to over 300 people across the region.