



**FREE
PROGRAM**

Invigor8ing Education

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inspired young people*



EMERGING AMBASSADORS FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Invigor8ing Education is a supported, practical semester program for Year 8 students with interactive participation in a training and/or workplace environment.

The program aims to provide a practical applied learning option for small groups of students in Year 8 who need assistance with their school engagement.

Our goal is to increase student awareness of the value of vocational pathways as they gain important transferable skills for use in education and workplace settings. Students become more aware and confident about their capabilities, passions and learn to apply their skills to real life situations.



TRAINING AND WORKPLACE IMMERSION

This program offers students a choice of engaging in either Trades or Community/Leisure experience with industry specialists and are guided by qualified youth workers in a supportive environment:

COMMUNITY/LEISURE

Students have access to a variety of workplace environments within Epping Leisure City. Students gain experience in Hospitality (café and reception desk), Sport and Recreation (swimming pool, gymnastics and sports centre) and Childcare (creche).

TRADES

Students gain experience in a range of trade skills as they engage with qualified trainers at Melbourne Polytechnic Epping Campus. Trades can include Carpentry and/or Painting & Decorating.



BENEFITS

- ▶ The program provides a nurturing environment which aims to build self-esteem and self-motivation.
- ▶ Program participants gain valuable experience in work readiness skills such as punctuality, responsibility, cooperation, communication, collaboration, creativity and problem solving.
- ▶ Specialist Youth Workers actively support students throughout the program and provide regular communication with the school and families on the progress made by the students.
- ▶ Students are awarded with a Graduation Certificate and Statements of Achievement providing a comprehensive account of accredited skills and activities attained throughout the program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND REFERRAL PROCESS

- ▶ Students are referred by school staff and undergo an interview with program organisers.
- ▶ Parents accompany students for an information session prior to the commencement of the program.
- ▶ Students commit to participating in the induction process and full semester program (approx. 16 weeks).
- ▶ Students will need to be able to make their own way to and from the program venues.
- ▶ Students will need to wear suitable clothing (e.g. safety boots for Trades) and agree to the OH&S regulations associated with the course/venue.
- ▶ Students, parents and school staff will be invited to provide feedback.

Invigor8ing Education is a partnership program supported by The Y Whittlesea, Baseline for Young people (City of Whittlesea Youth Services), Whittlesea Youth Commitment and Hume Whittlesea LLEN.

TESTIMONIALS

“ I really love working in the reception area and I can see myself making a career out of this, but I am not great at working out how much change to give people or counting things quickly so now I see why I need to go to my maths classes. I thought I was being taught stuff I wouldn't need at school but now I can see how I do need it in the real working world ”

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“ 2 years post completion of invigor8ing my daughter has started attending school again after previously having very poor attendance. She has a goal to work in hospitality and has enrolled in a tafe course. She is happier in herself and she has made a lovely new group of friends. She is totally a different person after this program. Her improved confidence and happiness have blown me away and in turn she is happily engaging in school again! ”

“ Can't we just come back here everyday or do another year, this place is awesome and exactly what I need. This is the way I learn ”





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