

Horsham Secondary College – Horsham, Victoria 2009

Students - Year 9 Elective Program – 2 classes approx. 50 students

Background

The TLfS program was run as a pilot as part of the Year 9 Elective course. The objective was to test it out before making the TLfS program a permanent part of the curriculum. After achieving wonderful results in 2009, the school will offer the TLfS program again in 2010.

Partnerships

The teachers at Horsham invited 15 Rotarians (Rotary club of Horsham) to do mock job interviews, as part of the Careers Module of the TLfS program. The students at Horsham also created partnerships in the local community when asking for support in developing their projects. Some of the supporting organisations included:

- local hardware store
- local golf club
- local primary school
- local charity shops
- local kindergarten

Some of the charities that the project monies went to included:

- RSPCA
- Red Cross
- St Vinnies
- Starlight Foundation

Projects

Students projects were conducted during the semester. Students were given one day a week to work in their groups to complete their projects. Students worked in groups of 3-4 and each group presented their project at the TLfS Graduation Ceremony. There were many interesting projects including:

- Selling environmental gift cards
- Making retro clothes from recycled materials
- Building and selling bird nesting boxes
- Making pillows from recycled material
- Completing a revegetation project
- Environmental maintenance
- Pet adoption
- Making and selling kindling from old timber
- Conducting Healthy Cooking Classes
- Making and selling compost
- Making and selling cat scratching poles from recycled material
- Building a drought tolerant garden

Feedback

One of the problems we are having is finding time to plan the program. Overall we are pleased with the way it is going and believe that on the whole, the program is broadening the experiences of all students.

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