



NEWSTART AIMS

To allow young people to make positive choices in their life and set realistic goals.

To provide meaningful learning opportunities in a challenging environment.

To promote individual achievement and the development of self-confidence.

To practise and develop social and physical skills in a safe and supportive environment.

To provide opportunities to return to mainstream schooling, TAFE, apprenticeships or general employment.

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ENROLMENTS

Referrals from parents, Student Welfare Coordinators, Victoria Police, Dept. Human Services and other welfare agencies can be made throughout the year via the website www.opnewstart.org

or

Telephone the New Start coordinator for an application form to be posted. Interviews are conducted in the last week of the term prior to starting.

PAYMENT

Schools will be asked to contribute a fee to help cover costs for the student placed on the program.



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PURPOSE

Operation Newstart allows students who are experiencing difficulties at school, to engage in a high challenge, outdoor pursuit program that assists them in reaching their potential. It gives students a unique opportunity develop new skills and self confidence while accessing vocational links into TAFE and industry.

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

The program offers:

- ▲ adventure activities and camps
- ▲ work experience
- ▲ vocational orientation
- ▲ personal development
- ▲ community work

Students are involved in the program for 8 weeks over a term and maintain contact with their school 1 day a week.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Operation Newstart is a joint initiative between the Victoria Police and Department of Education and Training.

One teacher and one police officer engage eight students each term in a selection of the following activities.

Outdoor Activities

- ▲ surfing
- ▲ canoeing
- ▲ mountain biking
- ▲ rock climbing
- ▲ caving
- ▲ bush walking
- ▲ abseiling
- ▲ skiing (third term only)
- ▲ high challenge ropes course

Certificates

- ▲ First Aid
- ▲ NMIT TAFE taster days
- ▲ CFA Fire Wardens Course
- ▲ RAAF adventure certificate of achievement

VOCATIONAL ORIENTATION

Students visit a host of different work settings which may stimulate a chosen career path. The Jobs Pathway Programme provide experiences in Agriculture, Hospitality, Engineering, Horticulture and Carpentry. Resume writing and on going career support is also provided by the JPP.

Community Projects

Students become involved in emergency services training such as the C.F.A. as well as taking part in projects which benefit the larger community.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- ▲ Participation in OPERATION NEWSTART is open to any young person who meets the following criteria.
- ▲ Applicants will need to display a commitment in participating on the program and a willingness to make personal positive changes.
- ▲ Applicants will be aged from 14 years to 18 years.
- ▲ Applicants must be enrolled in a Northern Region school and will continue to attend their school one day a week.
- ▲ Applicants will need to display a capacity to deal physically and emotionally with the demands of the program without putting themselves or others at risk of injury.
- ▲ An interview will be used to determine applicants suitability for the program.

