



## YARRA OPERATION NEWSTART PROGRAM

TERM 2 2024



### WHAT IS IT?

Operation Newstart is a re-engagement program for young people aged 14-17 in Yarra. It focuses on engaging young people with their local community, gaining new skills and exploring areas of personal development. Participants experience a wide range of activities over the eight week program. Including:

- Three camps including hiking, surfing and canoeing/rafting.
- Outdoor and adventure-based activities.
- Local Community projects, & TAFE tasters.
- Local youth services programs.
- Mental health and youth service activities
- A graduation ceremony.



### WHY DO WE DO?

- To guide young people to make positive choices in their lives and set realistic goals.
- To provide meaningful learning opportunities in challenging environments.
- To promote individual achievement and the development of self-confidence.
- To practice 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.
- To encourage youth engagement with relevant and localised services.





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## WHO IS IT FOR?

Young people aged 14-17 who are currently enrolled in a government secondary school within the Yarra council area.

The program is offered to a wide range of students. They may be having difficulties at school, experiencing other hardships or would benefit from the building of self-confidence or gaining career support.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

The program runs for 7 weeks starting week 3 of term 2 2024. The young people attend Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on the program and attend their regular school Monday and Tuesday.



## WHO IS THE COST?

There is no cost to families but there is a referral cost of \$1200 to the school.

## WANT MORE INFO?

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