

# LEEP (Local Education Employment Program)

## About the organisation

LEEP is a new beginning. It is about helping young people aged 15-19 to realise their potential and to embrace new opportunities; it is about building skills to work. But most importantly, it is focusing on helping young people to succeed.

LEEP understands that round pegs don't fit into square holes and that some young people have not had a good experience with learning; some have had a disrupted education.

LEEP is an option for young people to come along and thrive.

LEEP believes that all students have strengths, talents and capacities for growth, and are entitled to high expectations.

LEEP is run by teachers who understand that school is not for everyone but that everyone deserves a chance to learn.

LEEP teachers are committed to supporting their students and challenging them to be the best they can be.

## About the program

LEEP students are enrolled in VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning). LEEP runs engagement vocational training in the form of VETiS (Vocational Education and Training in Schools) or SBAT (School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships) as an integral part of a student's VCAL course. Delivery of the program is flexible to allow students to complete their certificate over two years if required.

The program focuses on a team approach to develop co-operative working relationships. Teaching and learning is hands on and relevant to the lives of young people. By encouraging individual responsibility, students are expected to attend school regularly and participate in all organised activities.

Students can complete VCAL at Foundation, Intermediate or Senior levels and will develop skills through work placement. Pathway planning for students to TAFE, an apprenticeship or employment is included. Additionally advice and assistance is given in helping to decide on a career path.

LEEP offers:

- learning with an IT focus, IT is a big part of the program, all students have access to computers
- learning through practical experiences, including excursions and incursions
- varied and versatile topics to address the interests and needs of the current cohort
- involvement within the community (students are encouraged to become active and responsible citizens) - this includes volunteering and working with local community groups.

LEEP aims to support 40 students per year from their Longbeach location.

## Contact

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LEEP is accessible by public transport.

**Website:** <http://www.leep.org.au/>



LEEP student Chelsy, winner of the VCAL Applied 'Student of the Year' 2014

LEEP student Emily, winner of the VCAL Applied 'Student of the Year' 2015

