Great Lakes College 2011

Meals on Wheels Service Learning Program
*Our aim:

• To establish a partnership between local Meals on Wheels Organisation and the College.
• To create a partnership that is sustainable in the long term
• To provide Meals on Wheels with much needed volunteers
• To get students involved in this aspect of their community

*The Program*
* Students undertake volunteer training through the Meals on Wheels Organisation
* Students rostered to volunteer in pairs at Meals on Wheels facility
* Students are responsible for attending and notifying if unable to attend
* Opportunities for students to attend extra activities provided by Meals on Wheels
* Meals on Wheels an established well known organisation
* Have their own insurance, background checks etc.
* Provide many and varied opportunities for students
* All training, supervision provided

* Advantages for Schools
* Gain industry qualifications in Food Safety and Handling
* Real hands on activities, students participate in all aspects of the service
* Chance to interact with members of community they might not have experience with
* The service they will provide is very valuable, students treated as regular volunteers

*What’s in it for the kids?*
* Meets many and varied curriculum outcomes
  • Examples include hospitality, PDHPE, Mathematics, English, Music, Drama, History, HSIE

Easier to get other staff on board if you can link the activities directly into their programming

Opportunity for staff to take advantage of established partnership to introduce Service Learning into their teaching
* The partnership will expand over time to include more students
* Students will establish a relationship with the organisation that will continue after school
* The model is used with other Meals on Wheels establishments
* Schools become a major partner of the Meals on Wheels Organisation in Australia

* Hopes for the future!