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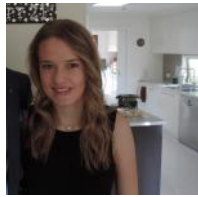
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Meet the VCAL Voice T E A M

Rachael

My goal is to get a job in early childhood education , at the end of this year I will have my Cert III in Early Childhood. I am also currently completing year 12 VCAL. I have a job as a receptionist at peninsula speech pathology.



Hannah Wain

My goals are to have a lot of fun in my life. Next year I want to be travelling and might start my career as a Flight attendant. At the moment I work at Toys "R" Us and I really enjoy it.

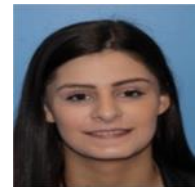


My name is **Benn** Davis. I'm doing Year 11 at Chisholm TAFE. I like going out on the weekend and catching up with my mates. I also like playing guitar at home and listening to music.

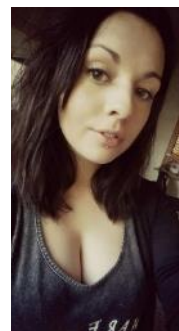
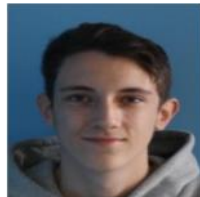


Lily Stewart

My goal by 2017 is to have completed year 12 and to have a full time job while I continue to finish beauty school. I also aim to travel before the year ends and buy my first car.



My name is **Nathan** and I'm doing year 12 at Frankston, Chisholm Institute of TAFE. After I finish I hope to be doing another course here next year to get more qualifications if I haven't gotten a full time job by then



Kelsey Reynolds

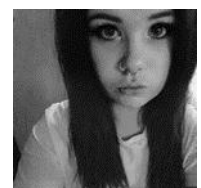
My job goal is to become a beautician and own a salon. Currently doing VCAL year 12, VET course is Beauty certificate 3

Janey Kinna is currently a year 12 students at Frankston Chisholm. Her goals include traveling and pursuing her dream to become a flight attendant. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and being outdoors.



Julia Monaghan

I am currently doing year 12 VCAL and Early Childhood Education Certificate 3 at Frankston Chisholm. My goal is to finish year 12 and Early Childhood and get a full time job that will provide me for the future. I hope to travel, own a house, get married and have a child in my life time.



My name is **Kody Robert Halpin**, my goal in life is to produce my own rap music. Next year I will hopefully be in a studio kicking off my goal. I en-



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VCAL forum 2016



160 Students from Patterson River, Monterey, Flinders and Mt Eliza came together at **Monash Peninsula** Campus for the **2016 VCAL Forum** organised by students from **Carrum Downs Secondary College**.



Presenters from The Frankston Police, YSAS, headspace, FMPLLEN and Apprenticeships matter talked about topics such as Drugs and Alcohol, Safe sex, and employment.

The event will contribute practical learning and assessment to the VCAL outcomes of the students who organised it.

Taylor Bailey—Lindsay the student organiser of the day thanked all those who participated. "This day wouldn't have happened without your help, I hope you enjoyed the day as much as I did" (Taylor)



Lunch was served in the court

Career Access Program



Naranga students visit Morningstar estate

Judy and Mark from Morningstar estate lead the Naranga VCAL class through the 158 acre estate.

They outlined information on horticulture, events, hospitality viticulture and many other industries that operate on and interact with the estate.

Mark talked to the year 12 students about the history of the property as a boys home from the 1930's to 70's.

Students walked around the grounds and interacted with staff and pets as they learned about possible jobs and pathways.



Year 7 Camp



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CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

At the start at term 2 the year 7's and the VCAL students went on year 7 camp to Phillip Island Adventure Resort. There were plenty of fun packed activities which made the year 7's excited but also nervous about what was to come. There were loads of activities where the year 7's could separate into chosen groups and get to know each other as a year level. There was a giant swing, flying fox, raft making and activities on the beach which the VCAL students planned and organized along with the year 7 teachers.



We also planned and went off on the first night to attend the penguin parade which is a famous tourist attraction to many.

We also planned a trivia night for the year 7's and planned some trick questions as well as knowledgeable ones.



Main Highlights of camp:

- Giant Swing
- Flying fox
- Penguin Parade
- Beach Course

What was your favourite activity or highlight on camp?

"I was scared of the flying fox but i loved it and wanted to go it again". - Liam

"The beach activity was fun as!"- Rachel

"I liked buying stuff from the Penguin Parade". - Brooke

Many of the students feared the giant swing and the flying fox but it turned out to be a highlight of their camp. Year 7 camp was an enjoyment to many and also a time to conquer major fears of height and get to know each other as one big family. As apart of our project for personal development VCAL, we were split up to be individual leaders for an activity group on camp. This gave us some time to get to know some year 7's and build great friendships with our group. It was surely an memorable camp for both the year 7 students and the VCAL students.

"Definitely loved the giant swing." -

Senior VCAL @ Chisholm, Frankston.

I first decided to enrol in VCAL Choices at TAFE because I felt like I wasn't being myself at my previous school. I needed direction and wanted to show people who I really am. I spoke to my mum about it and she was really supportive of me going to Chisholm TAFE as she knew I had more to offer. Since the very first day of TAFE I have made new friends and worked hard to complete all my work. The VCAL teachers give you a lot of work to complete and I have participated in many activities. However even though it has been a lot of work, it was relevant and we always understood it needed to be completed. I enjoy going to TAFE. I love all my teachers and I love that I am treated like an adult. I love that I am rewarded for my effort.



One dream of mine was to work at The Langham Hotel. When I told my Work Related Skills teacher about this she was willing to help me achieve this goal. I was lucky enough to be accepted to do my work placement there. I gained so much more knowledge about the hotel industry and loved every opportunity given to me. I was given the choice to work in 5 hotel areas but decided to focus on 3 areas – Banquet, Melba and Housekeeping. Surprisingly I really enjoyed housekeeping and gained valuable skills in what really goes into keeping a bedroom clean. I met some amazing people and decided to spend two days in Housekeeping. On my final day they encouraged me to apply for a job at the Langham. At the moment I am too young to be employed there but I am definitely interested in applying once I turn 18.

I loved my work placement and I am so glad that I was able to do it. I know that TAFE has helped my confidence and I have gained a lot of skills. I would recommend going to Chisholm Frankston for an amazing education. It is the best thing I ever did. I am sad this year is my last year and I won't be returning. My biggest regret was not transferring the year before. I have learnt more about what to expect in the workplace and adulthood. I know I am ready to move up in the world because of how amazing my teachers have been. I can see that all they want to do is help the students. It has been a great year and I'm very happy with who I have become and I couldn't have done it without my supportive teachers and friends.

Hannah Wain



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FMP Youth Pathways

www.fmpyouthpathways.com.au

Extensive information on education options

The site has a flexible learning focus but also information on :

Training and Apprenticeships.

How to find work.

All the education and pathways options on the Peninsula.



"Be amazing. Be good. Be pretty. Be strong. Be smart. Be cool. But the most important thing, be yourself."



What we do....

headspace Frankston is a youth health service for young people aged 12—25 who live, work or go to school in the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula areas.

We are here to deliver support for young people in the areas of mental health, physical health, drug and alcohol and work and study support.

There are lots of services & programs here that can help. We can link you with the ones which are right for you.

Making an appointment

To make an appointment;

Call us on 9769 6419

Drop in and talk to our team at 62 Playne St Frankston

9am—5pm (7pm Wednesdays, closed weekends)



VCAL @ Flinders College

On the 30th of May, the VCAL class visited the Point Nepean National Park. This landmark has sentimental value to Victoria's history. Point Nepean will always be a major factor to our history, and will always be remembered.

Point Nepean's battery fired the first shot for Australia in both world wars. The WWI shot was at the German cargo steamer that was attempting to clear the Port Phillip Heads and seek neutral port of refuge in South America. During WWII, it was deemed that the guns at fort Nepean were vulnerable to air attack after Japanese dive bombers destroyed similar gun positions at Rabaul, New Guinea. Point Nepean is known for some of the earliest European settlement in Victoria. The Quarantine Station, established in 1852, was the place for quarantine purposes in Victoria until 1979. During the years 1952-

1985, the site became home for the army officer cadet school and the school of army health (1985-1998.) In 1999, selected buildings were used to accommodate Kosovo Refugees.

Fort Nepean is considered to be one of the best examples in Australia of a major fort complex exhibiting the changes in military engineering over the 19th and 20th centuries. Point Nepean holds a memorial spot for the former Australian Prime Minister, Harold Holt, who disappeared without a trace at cheviot beach in December 1967.

This excursion taught us students more about our own countries history and made us realise how sentimental and valuable our land really is.

By Teisha

The **Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)** forum took place at Monash University Frankston Campus. The day was hosted by a student of Carrum Downs Secondary School. The forum addressed topics affecting teenagers in today's day and age. Topics included drug use amongst teens, sex amongst teens and an overview of trainee-ships and apprenticeships out of school. Despite the day being rushed and somewhat unorganised, I believe it was still valuable and I personally learnt many

things.

I thoroughly enjoyed this experience as I believe we learnt a lot. Each topic included a guest speaker which in my personal opinion, enabled students and teachers to learn more and ask enticing questions.

By Luke

On the 25th of June, the VCAL class held an informal presentation for their parents and parents of students interested in doing VCAL. Each student had a topic or an event the VCAL class had done. Luke started the introduction by saying what we do, what VCAL is and other subject that have to do with the course, he introduced Miryah and she spoke about the effective classroom and how they wanted to set the classroom up. Declan spoke about fundraising we did, Charlie spoke about the excursion to the Grand Prix and also the cooking on why they did it and what each person made. Luke then spoke about the First Aid course that all of us will be doing and spoke about the Junior School Garden and lastly the Worm Farm that Bunnings donated to us. Teisha spoke about the Point Nepean excursion and the Food Handling course the

class did, next Hannah talked about the VCAL forum and blog. Nathan and I spoke about the Camp Rumbug and the activities we did. We showed a video what we did, I also spoke about the RSPCA trip we are going to in the future. Charlie spoke about the Blood bank and what we learned and how we can help with donating blood. Maddie spoke about the urban camp and Hannah concluded the presentation by talking about our VET courses and work placements we all do and then Mr Bylart opened it up to the audience to ask questions.

Overall it was a successful night and everyone spoke well and had very informative speeches.

Written by Courtnie



Miryah Vornhagen-Byrne

Flinders Christian Community College Tyabb

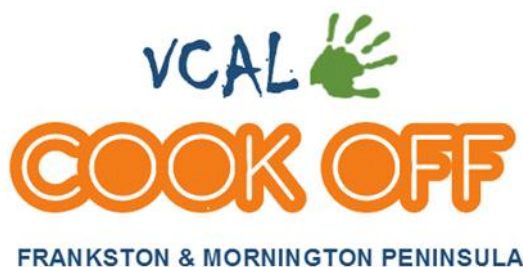
campus started the **VCAL program** this year for the first time. Starting off with a class of 8 students, which now has increased to 14 students. Our first project was to brainstorm what an effective classroom looks like. Throughout the year we have also done other projects such as the Grand Prix, cooking, Point Nepean and the junior school garden. We have completed two courses through VCAL, which are our **Food handling course** and **First Aid**. We all are studying different TAFE courses on a Wednesday and work at different places on a Friday for work placement. For example I am doing a business course from 1-5pm on a Wednesday and for work placement I work at a Real Estate Agency from 9am-3pm on a Friday. We learn more about life and work related skills that you don't get to learn in VCE.

During my experience being in VCAL for the last term and a half has been a different environment that VCE usually doesn't have. It's more relaxed and can you learn better skills. Due to this class only just started this year with 8 students which has now turned into 14. My favourite part about being in this course is going on the camp to get to know the people in the class, being able to do extra courses throughout the VCAL course itself for example a certificate 2 in First Aid. I also really love doing my Tafe course, I am currently undertaking first year in certificate 3 in early childhood education, every week I really enjoy going to placement spending time with a group of adorableness. One of the bigger assignments that we have done was the junior school garden, it is still needing some things to be added but went very well and a great chance for the younger kids to learn about gardening and looking after the plants.

By Hannah



PENINSULA VCAL ASSOCIATION



Interschool Cook Off 2016

The **Interschool Cook Off 2016** held at The Trade Training Centre – Frankston on September 1st was a great success.

14 teams from 8 schools cooked up a storm and worked closely with local chefs to produce meals from a staples list of ingredients and some special ingredients provided by local producers.



Main course winner

Padua College

Will Faska and Mat Elvy

Main runner up

Skills plus/Brace

Talia Gordon and Katlyn Gale

Dessert winner

Naranga school

Ben Airey and Malinda

Tredinnick

Dessert runner up

Rosebud secondary

Ashley Hardy and Kaitlyn Mc

Laughlin

Honourable mention – encouragement

Tess Duncan – Skills plus

Lucy Callaghan – Padua





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Harmony Day on March 21, 2016

Western Port Secondary College



Throughout Semester One this year Senior VCAL students worked with **I Connect** and Mornington Peninsula Youth Services to run a project centered around **Harmony Day** on March 21 st.

This Project was run in two parts, first was a "diversity" themed educational day aimed at celebrating and educating students about the different types of diversity in Australia, such as cultural, physical and mental.

The day was run by Senior VCAL students for Year 8 students of Western Port Secondary College.

Senior VCAL Students took the lead for this and organized, ran and evaluated a number of activities

for the Year 8 cohort.

The activities included an Aboriginal Painting workshop, an obstacle course, where students participated wearing blindfolds, a Personal Identity collage workshop and a Wheelchair Basketball lesson delivered by Wheel talk.

Students were responsible for contacting external providers, liaising with **I Connect** for payments and resources, completing OHS assessments, engaging with the year 8 students during their lesson and evaluating the project.



All the vacancies in the FMP region

This site has a range of features:

- Job vacancies
- Local newsletters
- Air CV
- Providers can print job beacons – printed job ads

Mayor for the Day – Reflection

On the 20th of July, 2016, I had the opportunity to visit the Frankston RSL and attend the Citizenship Ceremony. These ceremonies are invite only and it was a great opportunity to be allowed and invited to attend this event with Jayne and Daniel from BSL and be there to help and celebrate such an amazing event with all the happy and excited people who attended, especially those receiving their citizenship and their families.



We met a lot of council staff and important people at the event such as the Mayor of Frankston and it is a good feeling to have been there to see the excitement and the happiness of the people receiving their citizenships when they come up the front where Daniel and I were helping hand out their gifts which they receive with their citizenship certificates.

Unfortunately, only one Member of Parliament was able to attend the event but it was a fun and interesting day, especially helping the Mayor with putting on of his chains.—

Dave King



Current Padua VCAL Students thoughts:

- **VCAL has paved the way for my future. Scott**
- **If I could name one skill VCAL has given me, it would be communication Scott**
- **VCAL has given me everything I need for my apprenticeship Brandon**



Aged Care with the little ones.....

Young Parents VCAL Program - Frankston Chisholm

On August 3rd 2016, the Learn Engage Connect, **Young Parents VCAL Program**, visited a local Aged Care facility with our children.

The purpose was to look at ways to improve our communication, identifying the challenges of communication we face daily when speaking with our children, and empathy for the elderly and their life circumstances.

It was very clear to all that the elderly thoroughly enjoyed seeing our kids running around laughing, playing with musical instruments and colorful balloons.

We found that it was very difficult to communicate with the elderly due to speech problems, but found common ground in music, dancing, and the children.

I felt very uncomfortable at the living circumstances for the elderly. I thought they should have more space for the amount of people they have.

Overall, I think it was a positive and educational experience. It was a real eye opener, as we weren't aware of the chronic illnesses the elderly face.

Katharine Whitehead



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Are you a young parent?

Education for young parents

Learning program for children

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Young Parents Program

Education for Young Parents

Are you interested in completing your intermediate or senior VCAL but find it hard to find somewhere that caters for not only yourself but your child too?

Our Young Parents Program could be perfect for you! Our program is designed to suit the needs of yourself and your child. Parent program: A classroom that is suitable for both you and your child You can work at your own pace

An Early Childhood Educator there to support the growth and development of your child and yourself as a parent A great support network Qualified VCAL teacher Prepare for employment Find pathways to further study .

Cross Cultural Exchange Project

This semester for Year 12 Personal Development Skills at **Dromana College**, we completed a **Cross Cultural Exchange** project which included visiting Narre Warren P-12 College and their Year 12 VCAL students visiting us.

The project began with learning about the different cultures at their school through a booklet the teachers had created for us. This gave us an insight into their religions, how many cultures they have and other interesting facts. After this, a number of us including myself, contributed to a Skype call where we had the chance to ask them questions and to meet them for the first time. From there, the Year 12 VCAL Dromana College students headed to Narre Warren to take part in the many activities they had planned for us which included, sport, art, henna, dancing and an amazing race around their school. They provided us lunch with many different foods that represented their cultures and the sort of food they would eat at home. They made us feel welcomed and gave us an enjoyable day.

When Narre Warren visited our school, we started with a morning tea prepared by some of our VCAL students,



this allowed us time to mingle with one another and ask any other questions we may have for the Narre Warren students. From there everyone participated in a scavenger hunt which gave the students a chance to see all around our school. Once completed, we ventured off to our local beach and to Arthurs Seat where we saw the scenery and had a delicious lunch prepared by Ms. Russel and her helpers.

The project was a very enjoyable experience where we were able to learn as well as meet many new people. A massive thank you goes out to the teachers who made it possible and a well done to Year 12 VCAL for becoming so involved with the Cross Cultural Exchange.

Laura Landry.





Workplace Experience

Linton Hardy

My workplace experience while studying Parks & Gardens Cert II.

I really enjoyed learning how to use machinery for the first time. I have had a great time learning to use the ride on lawn mower. At first I was nervous but it felt so good to finally have a go on my own. I used a drop saw when we were creating the herb garden. I have met a new group of people who have become my friends. It has been really good to share my new experiences with my new friendship group. The teachers have been very encouraging and supportive. I have been able to save money to help me in my new pathway for next year. I am thankful for this experience especially learning how to use new equipment that will be helpful when looking for a career next year.



Maddy Wale

This year I am studying Year 12 VCAL at Rosebud Secondary College and completing Certificate II in Parks and Gardens. I attend this course two days a week on Tuesday and Thursday at Peninsula Specialist College, Dromana. I am enjoying the course a lot and hope to successfully complete it in November this year.

I am enjoying the course a lot and hope to successfully complete it in November this year. We work in the school grounds doing gardening, maintenance around the school, designing and completing a sleeper wall vegetable garden with all the other students. We are required to complete 7 hours a week theory modules and 7 hours practical work in a workplace environment. During this time I have developed new friendships with co-workers, learning what is expected from me as a worker whilst in the workplace, punctuality and working as a team. I love doing this course and maybe will continue on in this field next year or later on in life.



VCAL FRESH START @ Frankston Chisholm

The VCAL Fresh start program at Chisholm has provided a group of students the opportunity to complete their VCAL course within 6 months. This has meant coming to school 5 days per week and working very hard to complete everything but it has been worth it.

As well as the core VCAL units we have completed our coffee making, RSA, Food Handlers, Business and IT units. We also loved the hands on activities such as our trip to Bayside Rock climbing and rafting for our recreation

subjects. Currently we are working on preparing our graduation lunch with our hospitality teachers.

We feel we have learnt valuable life lessons such as resilience and the course has opened doors to many careers we otherwise

wouldn't have considered. The course has developed our communication, teamwork and leadership skills for future jobs and provided us with confidence that we really needed to build on.

The teachers have made the course enjoyable and achievable given the time constraint, their style of teaching has made the course feel less intense. It has been an amazing 6 months. Thanks to all the teachers that have supported us and made this all possible.



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Pierre de Coubertin Award



This year I was nominated for the **Pierre de Coubertin Award**, an award for

students who demonstrate values which are consistent with the Olympic Movement. I was excited to get the award.

During the day I attended an Olympics Academy with my friends Ali and Sean. We had fun playing games with students from other schools and learning their names. My favourite part of the day was meeting a Taekwondo athlete Carmen Marton. She spoke about when she first started Taekwondo. While she was training she always tried to skip her training because she liked other sports. She was pushed by her dad to train hard and she's proud of him pushing her because she wouldn't be at the Olympics without his encouragement. To be able to receive the award I had to produce a piece of work explaining what sport means to me.

Here's my PowerPoint I hope you like it! (see next page)

Kyle Lyons-Clarkson Nepean School.



“Sit in my Shoes”

VCAL students at **Nepean school** have this year been involved in a personal development project called “**Sit in My Shoes**”.

This project is about raising awareness for accessible toilets out in the community for people with physical disabilities.

The reason we have chosen this project is because students and families at our school face this issue out in the community every day.

We've partnered up with a campaign called Changing Places which is an organisation that makes accessible public toilets even more accessible.

We have organised a morning tea and have invited politicians from the areas that we live in to make them aware of this issue. They will take part in activities that allow them to “Sit In Our Shoes” for a moment and experience what we go through every day.

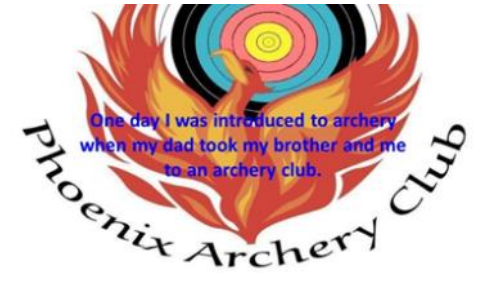
We are looking forward to completing this project and hopefully getting a big response.

If you are interested in finding out more about this campaign go to the Changing Places website. <http://changingplaces.org.au/>



Here's my PowerPoint I hope you like it!

Kyle Lyons-Clarkson Nepean School.



Mornington Peninsula Shire Youth Services (MPYS)



Supports young people (10-25) and their families, who live, work go to school on the Mornington Peninsula.

MPYS provides a diverse range of programs, personal support services and partnerships within the community with the purpose of fostering healthy behaviors and social connectedness among young people.

MPYS has three main youth centers – The Corner in Mornington, Shed 11 in Hastings and the YLounge in Rosebud.

Give us a call on **5950 1666** or like us on **Facebook/mornpenyouth** to find out how you can get involved in your local community.

Some of the programs and supports available through MPYS:



Looking for a Work Experience Placement for VCAL?



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Get work experience related to your course:

- In a REAL workplace
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Over 2,000 available work experience placements for you to choose from!

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Go to www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au to find your next work experience opportunity waiting for you!



Refugees

Chisholm

Guest speakers:

On the 18/8/2016 the Intermediate and Senior VCAL classes at **Frankston Chisholm** got to meet and listen to two guest speakers from the New Hope Foundation. **The New Hope Foundation** is an organisation based in Frankston that focuses on helping and educating the youth in the area on asylum seekers and refugees. The new hope foundation also helps new refugees and asylum seekers in the area adapt to living here and getting used to things locally.

The two speakers that we met were named Liah and Theresa. Liah was a refugee who moved here in 2006 from South Sudan. Theresa moved to Australia over 30 years ago from Uganda when she was getting out of the war torn environment in her home country of Uganda. When Theresa moved here her journey started off as an asylum seeker with her seeking any form of refuge. She told us of how in the asylum camps women had to sometimes sell themselves to get bits of food to keep their children alive. When Theresa managed to get into Australia she did a degree in being a librarian and then went back to university to become a social worker which she now loves.

Liah moved over here in 2006 as a refugee. Before that he was in a UNHCR camp in Ethiopia for 6 years waiting to get refuge in Australia. When Liah came to Australia he was 19 years old and decided he was going to become a youth worker to help Refugees in the same situation as him. Liah spent the next 9-10 odd years learning the English language and studying at uni to get his youth work degree.

I think that the talk with the Refugees showed us all how lucky we are and how courageous these people are for going through all the trouble and loss they have but still manage to live a happy healthy life here in Australia.

Josh Turkovic



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