

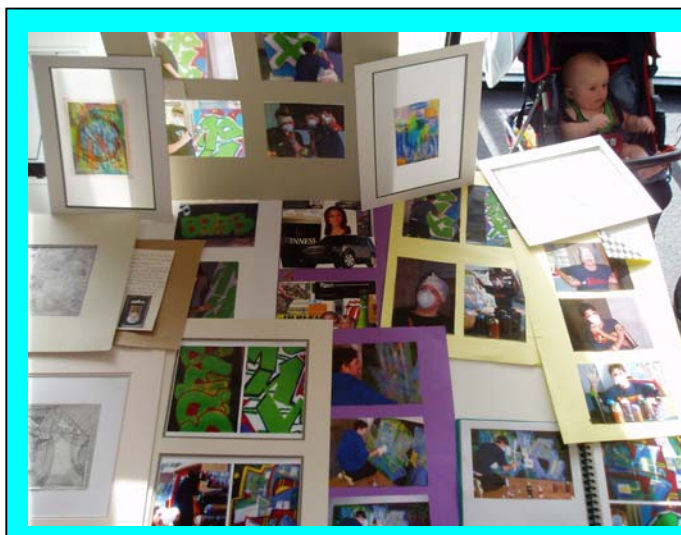
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Wishing you a great festive season
& a happy new year!



Community VCAL EXPO

On November 22nd the Foundation, Hospitality and Young Mums VCAL groups put on an exhibition of their work this year. Friends, family and VIP guests were able to view re variety of artwork including digital media, quilts, graffiti pieces, and poetry. Thanks must go to teachers Colleen, Anne and Mohana for assisting in the organisation of the expo, and to the students for producing the last of their work to tight deadlines.



IELLEN / Swinburne TAFE Intermediate & Senior Community VCAL Graduation 2006

November 23rd was the Swinburne TAFE VCAL groups' special day to celebrate their successes this year at a graduation ceremony held at the Hawthorn campus. There were presentations by various staff members involved, as well as the annual Anna Wearne awards, and speeches by students.



Congratulations to all the students this year for fantastic results, and also to the staff at Swinburne Hawthorn for yet another impressive and most professional event.



IELLEN Community VCAL Graduation 2006

December 8th was the Foundation, Hospitality and Young Mums groups' turn to finish the year off formally with their graduation ceremony. The state member for Prahran, Tony Lupton MP presented certificates and addressed the students and guests. Adam Whitbread also arranged for representatives from the Victorian Electoral Commission and also the Department of Victorian Communities to make presentations for the 'Have Your Say' and 'Advance' projects respectively.

Hospitality VCAL camp at Torquay, 14-16th November

This camp was a great success, and after some early setbacks the commitment from both students and staff resulted in an excellent couple of days that included fantastic cooperation in budgeting for, purchasing, cooking meals (and cleaning up afterwards!). In blustery, challenging conditions the whole group participated in the main surfing activity and caught a few memorable waves.



IELLEN Xmas function '05

To those members who were unable to attend the Christmas party this year, we wish you all the best for the holidays and hope to receive your input to our work in 2006.



The last word..

Congratulations on another successful year for the IELLEN Mentor Program, and thanks to Sue Carey for all her work. We also held the final IELLEN VCAL Cluster meeting for 2005 and look forward to that group assisting schools in 2006.

I am very sad to announce that Adrian Hain, our senior project officer will be leaving the IELLEN this year. Adrian has contributed enormously to the IELLEN, working across a number of projects, always dedicated and unfailingly committed to excellence.

I would like to take this opportunity to give Adrian our heart felt thanks for developing project opportunities for the IELLEN and providing young people with a range of supports to increase their pathway options. I would also like to thank him for the invaluable support and assistance he has given me this year in my role of Acting EO.

Adrian will relocate in Canberra late in January 2006 to take up a position with Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST). Everyone at the IELLEN would like to wish Adrian every success in his new position and hope DEST know they are very fortunate!

A safe and merry Christmas and happy new year to you all. **Gill Meek, Acting EO**