

NMIT, WORK EDUCATION CENTRE, FACULTY OF BUSINESS

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1 Employment Initiative



Richard Lucas (Coles Employee)

The Work Education Centre is developing an exciting Employment Initiative to increase employment outcomes for students with disabilities.

We have established partnerships with large organisations through cold canvassing and developed networks which have enhanced opportunities for practical placement and employment.

As a result of successful placements, four students have been offered employment. Through maintaining good communication and strong partnerships with all stakeholders, these students continue with TAFE to obtain their certificate award.

2 Trades Assistant

Our Trades Assistant students are involved in a Come and Try program in partnership with the Building Structures and Services Department.

Students completed an on-site job safety analysis prior to commencing tasks and were introduced to the fundamental skills of key trades such as painting, decorating and plastering. Working in teams, students developed awareness of preparation and painting techniques using relevant materials and equipment. Students acquired practical skills quickly and felt working in these trade areas would be a real possibility in the future.

Charlie Robbins (Head of Department) commented that students enjoyed the program and feedback from his staff was very positive.



Nicholas Evans and Richard Kinvig

Respect

Create

Respond

Celebrate

3 Shared Table



Kate Prowd

The Hospitality group has settled in well. They are producing a variety of biscuits, sweet and savoury function foods working in conjunction with front of house staff in a commercial environment. Students are learning to work with others in a team, developing skills required in the workplace. The course is training students in hospitality skills, an important step in preparing them for employment or further education training.

Students attended a food safety workshop at the City of Darebin. The Environmental Health Officer provided an overview of food safety and the laws that regulate food businesses.

4 The Doom of Romeo and Juliet

During term one Ignition Theatre students have had many opportunities to perform and work within the live theatre industry. They were invited to perform as part of the Moomba Waterfest and worked with choreographer John Gray to create The Doom of Romeo and Juliet.

The piece was adapted as a roving performance for the Art of Difference Festival Block Party at Gasworks Arts Park. Students also assisted as front of house for the Rollercoaster performance of Real Eyes.



David Robinson and Ben Chapman

5 Alumni Update - Where are they now?

- Ashlee Smith Certificate IV in Information Technology NMIT
- Nakia Moodie Diploma in Hospitality Management NMIT
- Angelo Tzagadouris Stock replenishment Coles Reservoir
- Michael McDowell Retail assistant Bunnings Epping
- Dennis Axios Process worker Marvel Bookbinding
- Christopher Musgrave Festival worker mentored by City of Darebin