

## **VCAL Group Projects**

### **Garden beds**

As our first VCAL project for 2017, we students worked in teams to build eight garden beds. Over a four week period the following preparations were made:

- site plans were drawn
- material quantities and costs were calculated
- teams investigated appropriate vegetables to plant based on seasonality

Before construction started Students had to first complete a series of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS), risk assessments modules online.



### **Classroom storage**

In semester one, we identified a problem related to organisation in our class room. Students came up with the idea to construct personal pigeon holes for all their work folders and personal equipment.

After a process of consideration, the best design was decided upon and we costed the costed all materials for construction. In addition, students also made a mobile phone storage unit to minimize mobile phone usage in class.



## VCAL Personal Development Skills

This year in PDS we have had a few big class room activities to complete.

### Project No 1 - Shark Tank

For this project we were divided up into groups and given \$50000 “play money” to start up our own business. We were to plan, create and master our business plan before having to present it using the “Shark Tank” method.

Our group business plan had three sections:

- Marketing
- Finance
- Vision and future goals

These sections challenged us to think outside the box, this helped us all to understand how the business world really works. As our group discovered, it's not as easy at it seems to run a business.

## **Project No 2 - Community Project**

For this project we were split up into groups and asked to go out into a community and change something about it. Each group chose a focus for example:

- Looking at helping youth by mentoring kids to help them decide what they want in life
- Danger of speeding on roads in our community

These projects required us to get in contact with people outside of school which helped us to develop our ability to talk to new people and plan what needed to happen to get the projects underway.

These projects help every student in a different way, helping us develop skills we will need for working in the real world.

## **VCAL Project - Fundraiser for Headspace**

A group of VCAL students have chosen to raise money to donate to the foundation, Headspace. Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation.

The students organised a Trivia Lunchtime competition held in the library which involved liaising with different people to book the space, setting up the equipment, advertising the competition and most importantly hosting the quiz itself.

It was a great success and well attended with several tables of student and staff teams competing.

