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The story of the Granville alternative TAFE education (GATE) programme.

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Social Inclusion Board

Established December 2007 to achieve better outcomes for the most disadvantaged people in our community. Policy areas for first term of office are:

- The incidence and needs of jobless families with children
- **Focusing on specific locations, neighbourhoods and communities to ensure programmes and services are getting to the right places**
- Addressing the incidence of homelessness
- **Delivering effective support to children at greatest risk of long term disadvantage**
- Employment for people living with a disability or mental illness
- Closing the gap for Indigenous Australians

http://www.socialinclusion.gov.au/pmc_social_inclusion_unit.htm

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Our story started with a discussion between the Outreach section at Granville College and the Granville School District

Outreach offers alternative ways of learning by

- Negotiating with different college sections
- Creating courses to suit the students' interests
- Working with the Granville Behaviour Team

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Students attend TAFE 2 days a week

They learn practical skills such as...

- auto air brushing
- small motor maintenance
- hairdressing
- personal grooming

and social skills including...

- identifying sources of conflict
- respect for others

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Hi im ahmed moussalli and i am doing a gate courses in granville tafe we do mechanics and spray paniting it is relly good i have had a relly good time i have lerent a hole lot i have lerent to show respect and be polite and also i have lernt a hole lot about cars and how to spray them and stuff we. Had 4 teacher ms antonio ms kerry bill and sharmile and they wher all grate we had are ups and down but in the end im relly glade i got picked for this courses and i think use should still run it so over kids out ther can get to lern wat i did

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Sony I will like to thank anto one who put a hand to the GATE 2008. This have make me understand what life is all about.
 For the pass two term I have coming to Gate It a life change for me.
 It like that have come to the end of the road. I have meet some nice people at tafe.
 I have learn some thing like to love cars, one I am going to miss my fellow student I have make friends there.
 one more thanks to Antonia, Bill and sharon for the time they take to help me to be a better person they have take a big place in my life and I will never for get them

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To whom it may concern

In my capacity as Deputy Principal of Belmore Boys High School, working with significantly at risk students, I have found the GATE program the only saviour for students with which we had possibly we had otherwise reached the "end of the road"; students that had been spending most of their time on suspension or in the custody of police.

Although in schools we attempt to provide support, motivation and relevance through modified curriculum and variety of programs and intervention strategies, unfortunately we are not always successful.

For the students that fit into this category we have found nothing as positive and successful as the GATE program. From our 2008 cohort we have one particular student who has since gained an apprenticeship and beginning to save towards his future. His family never thought that this level of engagement and personal goal setting would ever be a part of their sons life.

Our 2009 cohort featured even more difficult personality traits but even though there were a few bumps along the way, the GATE team managed to get one of our most intractable students all the way to graduation. Again something he never achieved at school.

I cannot over emphasise the high regard in which I hold this program and the necessary function it fulfils. It is an invaluable program that should be viewed as having the highest priority.

In particular the staff that underpin it are exceptional and I can only say that I hope that it is available again as a resource in 2009.

Your sincerely

Alan Smith
Deputy Principal
Belmore Boys High School

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Trent Dunkley

Hello parents and fellow students. My name is Trent and I am 16. I am here to tell you how much fun I have had at Granville TAFE in the GATE program.

I'd like to tell you how much of a great guy Bill is. He is down to earth and likes to help you the best he can without doing it for you. He will tell you what to do then he will tell you to go and do it and if you much around he will let you know and that is how he is.

And also thank Antonia for all her help when we needed it. Thank you also for the apples.

And I am very thankful for all your help throughout the GATE program, Bill and Antonio. I am so thankful that now hopefully I can get an apprenticeship at spray painting then hopefully become a mechanic then open my own business that my kids kids can run so thank you for all your help.

Thank you for listening to my speech.