

# Summary of Successful Linkage - Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2010 by State and Organisation

## Victoria

### Australian Catholic University

**LP100100154** Prof Elizabeth A Warren, Ms Eva B De Vries, Mr Stephen L Thomson, Ms Thelma G Gertz

**Approved Project Title** **Young Indigenous students' numeracy learning: Oral language, mathematical representations and engagement**

2010 \$65,000.00

2011 \$110,000.00

2012 \$115,000.00

2013 \$130,000.00

Primary FoR 1302 CURRICULUM AND PEDAGOGY

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#### Partner Organisations

BWGC Colman Community School, Shalom Christian College, Townsville Catholic Education Office

**Administering Organisation** Australian Catholic University

#### Project Summary

High quality early childhood education for Indigenous students is an essential precondition for school readiness, and Indigenous parents and communities are essential for success and sustainability. Our pilot results confront stereotypes by evidencing that young Indigenous students are mathematically capable learners. It is a significant social and economic loss that a section of the Australian community is not sufficiently educated to share in the wealth of the nation. Minimal progress on numeracy measures results in failure to engage in higher levels of mathematics. This research builds a foundation in mathematics that levels the assessment playing field and supports participation in higher levels of mathematics.

**LP100100084** Prof Ruth P Webber, Prof Christine Bigby, Prof Barbara J Bowers

**Approved Project Title** **Increasing organisational capacity of community residential units to facilitate ageing in place for people with intellectual disability**

2010 \$59,000.00

2011 \$56,000.00

2012 \$57,000.00

Primary FoR 1117 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

#### Partner Organisations

Catholic Homes, L.I.B. Pty Ltd as Trustee for Gill Family Foundation, National Disability Services Victoria, Office of the Public Advocate (VIC), St John of God Health Care (VIC), Wesley Mission Melbourne

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#### Project Summary

Unique challenges face the disability, aged care and health sectors because of the increased life expectancy of people with life-long intellectual disability (ID) and the likelihood of their premature ageing. Although this group is recognised by Federal and State governments as requiring specific and special service arrangements, little is known about adapting disability and aged care services to their needs. This research will inform the development of policy and programs in the disability, aged care, and health sectors. The research aims to improve the capacity of disability group homes to respond to the health and ageing issues of older people with ID, to improve their quality of life.