

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

Victoria

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Approved Project Title Re-engaging disadvantaged young people with learning

2010 \$50,000.00

2011 \$50,000.00

2012 \$50,000.00

Primary FoR 1608 SOCIOLOGY

Partner Organisations

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development - Grampians Region

Administering Organisation University of Ballarat

Project Summary

Having significant numbers of young people, especially those from contexts of socio-economic disadvantage, not experiencing a satisfying and worthwhile education, is a personal, social and economic loss the nation can ill-afford. This research will provide insights into the impediments confronting these young people, the circumstances in which they re-engage with formal learning, and the benefits of having done so. This will enable new policy and practice responses in the direction of reducing economic costs while seeking to ameliorate personal, health and social consequences. Reducing educational inequalities is one of the most salient ways of strengthening Australia's social and economic fabric.