

54 reasons

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Not all students learn in the same way

Stacey: former HoL student

"Hands on Learning gave me the break from class I needed. Time to concentrate, focus and the drive to stay in school and finish Year 12. I've now got a psychology degree."

Oscar: Year 9

I learnt how to be more organised, co-operate, and listen. I got confident talking in a group, and it made it much easier when I had to stand up in assembly and sell myself to be sports captain."

Brieanna: Year 5

"I used to be super late to school, now I'm coming to school earlier because in HoL you get to do real things."

Katie: former HoL student

"All kids learn differently and HoL changes the way you think about school. I couldn't handle class back then, but HoL allows you to do school in a way you can learn and succeed. I developed really strong leadership, communication and teamwork skills that I'm using every day now in my job."

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HANDS ON LEARNING


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Learning by doing

Hands on Learning (HoL) is an innovative education program that caters to the different ways young people learn, helping students build confidence, engage and achieve at school. Students thrive developing the creativity, self-discipline and interpersonal skills vital for the 21st Century workforce.

HoL was first piloted in 1999 and now runs in schools in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and Tasmania. It was recently judged one of the top 100 education programs in the world by Finnish not for profit, HundrED.





"It warms your heart to see the faces of students who are relaxed, happy, proud and experiencing success."

Sharon Cordiner, Principal, Murrumba State Secondary College, Queensland

Sienna: Year 9

"I love it. I can't wait for Friday. I'm so happy. It makes me feel confident, it makes me feel part of it and I can't wait to get my hands on things and get working."

Jordan: Year 8

"No-one picks on each other at hands-on. There's some jokes but they don't make anyone feel bad. We are all equal here."

Kayde: Year 6

"I'm school captain and I've run every assembly this year. I wasn't confident before HoL, but I've got much more comfortable with public speaking."

Benefits for students

Students build self-esteem, friendships, a sense of belonging and become more content at school. Motivation, focus and confidence increase when they return to class - building the platform for engagement in their learning.

HoL students develop critical skills to succeed in work and life:

- collaboration
- problem solving
- communication

How Hands on Learning works

Students attend HoL one day a week fostering teamwork and leadership. Students and artisan-teachers share meals and work together on meaningful projects that benefit the school and local community.

Any student can flourish. HoL is open to girls and boys from different year levels, in both primary and secondary settings, with different talents, needs and interests. Like any workplace everyone is expected to be safe, part of a team and to do the best they can.

Backed by evidence

HoL's proven impact has been captured by some of the biggest names in research including the Australian Research Council, the University of Melbourne and Deloitte Access Economics.

Support schools receive

54reasons HoL School Support Team provides ongoing quality assurance to each school to encourage the best outcomes for students, including support to recruit, train, and strengthen HoL artisan-teacher skills, professional development at regional meetings, school visits and regular updates to school leadership.