



Advance

Description

The Advance program encourages students to develop skills in a range of areas. Students will develop interpersonal skills through team building games and activities. They will develop and implement a community project. They will work with people outside of the school to do this. Students will be encouraged to be decision makers and drive the direction of the course work.

Unit Topics

Community - The focus is to develop young people's self-knowledge and increase their understanding of their community and volunteering opportunities. Previous projects:

- Engaging with Leongatha Pre School and reading to the students*
- Working with Leongatha Community Garden and providing community grown food to local food banks*
- Volunteering with landcare to revegetate eroded landscapes*
- Yarn bombing Leongatha*
- Food collection and volunteering at the Salvation Army food bank*
- Engaging with Woorayal Lodge residents*
- Developing and installing artworks for the community garden*

Communication - The focus is on strengthening young people's communication skills and teamwork.

Project Management - The focus is on building young people's project management skills. This relates specifically to the Advance community project(s) or series of volunteering activities that young people deliver in partnership with a community organisation. These topics include community project(s) or series of volunteering activities delivered in partnership with a community organisation

Recognised training - Certificate 1 First Aid

Camp preparation - develop knowledge and awareness of the equipment required for the camp

Skill Development

Skills associated with teamwork - such as empathy, understanding, awareness of strength and weaknesses of self and others. Individual and group decision making, importance of participation, understanding the benefits of volunteering and personal management.

Possible Assessment Tasks

Community project development (group task), participation in community projects and personal Camp reflection

Excursions and Camps

Students will participate in a range of excursions relating to the community projects that the students develop. The students will be participate in one 5 day outdoor camp. The camp will develop students ability to make decisions and work in groups to manage the camp. Possible camp options are white water rafting on the Mitchell River, sea kayaking on the Gippsland Lakes or canoeing on the Murray River. The camps are free of charge and all specialist equipment is supplied. Students will receive relevant training at the start of each camp and are suited to all skill levels. The camps are designed to encourage students to be in charge of the camp as soon as they have developed the skills necessary.

If you have any queries regarding this subject and what it entails please contact Jamie Cummins (Advance Program Coordinator) at Leongatha Secondary College.