

# APPLYING THEMSELVES TO EXCELLENCE

Sandringham College students were successful in 10 of the 21 Outstanding Student Awards in the inaugural Bayside, Glen Eira & Kingston Region 'Applied Learning Awards 2009', held at the Southern Golf Course in Dingley recently. The College itself also won two Outstanding School Awards for its delivery of Applied Learning programs.

Initiated by 'Youth Connect' and the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston Local Learning and Employment Network (the BGKLEN), the Applied Learning Awards celebrated excellence of student, school and employer achievement in Australian School Based Apprenticeships

(ASBAs), in the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and in Vocational Education and Training (VET) Certificates.

Heavy rain and a last minute change of venue failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the large audience there to celebrate the evening's successes. In excess of 250 proud students, families, employers and teachers recognised not only the Award recipients, but the importance and success of Applied Learning programs themselves.

'Vocational' or Applied Learning certificates and programs provide young people with meaningful pathways into both further study and employment. The Awards recognised and celebrated these opportunities and outcomes.

The message of meaningful pathways was further acknowledged by guest speakers Shannon Hanson, from the Hospitality Department at Holmsglen, and Lisa Burgess from the VCAA. Lisa, who is a Project Manager at VCAA, provided the audience with a clear and concise overview of Vocational Learning and its growing importance within the Victorian education framework.

Shannon, a former Sandringham College student was, in 1999, one of the first students in the state to study VET Hospitality.

Now a well-recognised and successful Instructor, he spoke of the opportunities and rewards Applied Learning has offered him and continues to offer his students. Many of Shannon's students are themselves current Sandringham College students.

Sandringham College's VET program is an extensive one. Students of the College enrol each year in excess of 35 different Certificates. While the majority of these are located at local TAFEs, students can undertake VET Acting, Art, Dance, Fashion Design, Information Technology, Media and Music Industry at the College itself. Sandringham has been a VET provider since VET's inception in 1998.

The College also offers a vibrant and popular VCAL program, further broadening the range of options and possibilities students are offered.

The Bayside, Glen Eira & Kingston Applied Learning Awards, which attracted major sponsorship, including the Bendigo Bank (Highett and East Malvern Branches), Holmsglen and Southern Suburbs Group Training, recognised the following students, schools and employers:



## OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

### Australian School Based Apprenticeship Student Awards

ASBA Built Environment | **Joshua Knight** | St Bede's College

ASBA Automotive | **Matthew Flanders** | Sandringham College

ASBA Media Arts & Production | **Liam Gibbons** | Sandringham College

ASBA Personal Services | **Angela Marciano** | St Peter's College

ASBA Engineering, Science & Technology | **Liam Dwyer** | De La Salle College

ASBA Tourism & Recreation | **Nathan Beaumont** | De La Salle College

ASBA Hospitality | **Rea Hawkhead** | Sandringham College

ASBA Natural Environment | **Andrew Bruce** | Parkdale Secondary College

### Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning Student Awards

VCAL Personal Development Stream | **Anupriya Surendran** | Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College

VCAL Literacy & Numeracy | **Daniel Anderson** | Sandringham College

VCAL Industry Specific | **Amanda Rikard** | Holmsglen Vocational College

VCAL Work Related Skills | **Tom Smole** | Sandringham College

### Vocational Education & Training Student Awards

VET Media Arts & Production | **Nicholas Hirst** | Mentone Grammar

VET Engineering, Science & Technology | **Jesse Fenech** | St Bedes College

VET Health & Community Services | **Emma Dow** | Sandringham College

VET Built Environment | **Richard Breenwer- Wrennall** | Sandringham College

VET Creative Arts | **Adam Tunchay** | Sandringham College

VET Hospitality | **Ray Granek** | Sandringham College

VET Textiles & Clothing | **Julie Filatov** | Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College

VET Personal Services | **Alexandra Kazantzidis** | Sandringham College

VET Natural Environment | **Sam Israel** | Berendale

## OUTSTANDING SCHOOL AWARDS

### Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) School Awards

VCAL Community Provider

**Westall Secondary College – Community VCAL**

VCAL – Experienced Provider

**Parkdale Secondary College**

### Vocational Education & Training (VE&T) School Awards

School Based VET Delivery – Experienced Provider

**De La Salle College**

School Based VET Delivery – New Provider

**Glen Eira College**

Industry Specific Skills Stream – VET Multimedia

**Mentone Grammar**

Out-of-School VET Access – Experienced Provider

**Sandringham College**

Champion School Award – Regional Applied Learning

Champion **Sandringham College**

## OUTSTANDING EMPLOYER AWARDS

Employer Business School Partnership Awards –

**Elanora Aged Care Facility**

Employer Australian School Based Apprenticeship Awards

**Low Construction**

Employer Group Training Organisation Award

**Southern Suburbs Group Training (SSGT)**

Employer Structured Workplace Learning Award

**Julie Gill Garden Care**

**Morello Panels Pty Ltd**

Champion Employer Award – Regional Applied Learning

Champion **Julie Gill Garden Care**

