Beyond the School Gates at Montague Continuing Education Centre

Beyond the School Gates customises and coordinates programs for secondary school aged young people with intellectual disabilities and learning differences and their families in the Bayside, Kingston, Glen Eira and Port Phillip regions. Our aim is prepare these young people for a successful life beyond school.

At Montague CEC this year, Beyond the School Gates has funded:

- Mindfulness
- Café Skills
- Body Image/ Self Esteem workshops
- TAFE Tasters

- Personal Hygiene/ Grooming lessons for girls
- Industry Explorer

These programs have all been incredibly successful, and feedback from staff, students and parents alike has been overwhelmingly positive. As suggested by Geraldine Charles, “Beyond the School Gates is a fantastic initiative. It has opened up so many opportunities to our students that our school alone couldn’t provide. I particularly liked the Mindfulness and Cafe Skills programs, and noticed considerable improvements in the social skills of the students as a result of interacting with kids from other schools.”

In the near future, Beyond the School Gates will be funding Physical Education classes run by Special Olympics Victoria, as well as Social Coaching and Drama workshops. These programs have been fully tailored to meet the needs of Montague students and intend to address the gaps in available programs in these vital areas.

If you would like to learn more about Beyond the School Gates and what we offer, please visit our website (www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au). We also have an E-Newsletter and have recently launched a new mobile phone app that will enable you to stay up to date with what’s going on and get in early to reserve a place in programs that you find interesting. If you would like to register for either the E-News or the app, or if you have any comments or queries, please email info@beyondtheschoolgates.org.au. We’d love to hear from you!