What is *Hands On Learning* (HOL)

HOL is an education support program to help Year 7 – 10 students get the most out of school. The program runs in more than 60 schools in Victoria and started in Frankston over 10 years ago.
How does HOL work?

One day per week HOL students attend a “Work Place” within their school and do practical jobs that are designed to reinforce the work they do in the rest of their normal school week.
Who is HOL?

HOL are a not for profit organisation that help schools help their students stay at school.
Some HOL staff are trades people, some are teachers some are good at lots of things, some get paid, some volunteer and all of them want to help students be the best they can be.
What happens at HOL?

HOL students attend school as normal but wear work clothes and go to the HOL workplace. We have a light breakfast and plan the jobs to do that day. There are 2 HOL staff and up to 10 students per day. We will do a range of practical tasks and learn practical skills. We cook and eat together.
What is expected of HOL students?

HOL is a workplace, and like any workplace every one is expected to be safe, be part of a team and to do the best they can. HOL students contribute $5.00 per day towards food and drinks and we take turns in preparing a simple cooked lunch and cleaning up afterwards.
What do students get out of HOL?

Different students get different things out of HOL, most increase their self-esteem and confidence, most students also develop friendships and a sense of belonging.

Some students pick up practical skills and find direction in their future careers. The majority of HOL students become more content at school as well as in other aspects of their lives, and generally school attendance is increased.
Who can join \textit{HOL}?

Any student from years 7 to 10 can benefit from spending time in HOL as long as it benefits their other school activities. HOL works best when there is a good mix of students; girls and boys of different ages with different skills from different years with different skills.
How do I join *HOL*?

Talk to your year coordinator or any member of staff, tell us why you want to do HOL. Talk to your parents/guardian, and if you like, get them to talk to us. If we all agree that HOL is best for you, fill out some forms and try it out.
Hands On Learning at Rosebud Secondary College

Hands On Learning at RSC will be based at the shed at the back of the Basket Ball stadium and will be run by Franz Mahr and Liam Kelly, who between them have a great range of skills which they would like to pass on to the Rosebud Secondary College students.

Franz has an environmental background, working in pest plant and animal control. He has worked as a laboratory technician, worked within the building industry and also has a broad range of agricultural skills.

Liam has a trade and industrial design background, has taught at RMIT University, TAFE colleges and several other HOL schools. Both Franz and Liam share a passion for sustainability, the environment, education and supporting young people.