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Creating our new school

Benalla Flexible Learning Centre

- Individual Learning Plans
- Flexible timetables
- Mentor Support
- Involvement in the community
- Catering for students needs

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Benalla Flexible Learning Centre.

This center has been developed out of the need to cater for young people between the age of 15 – 19 who find it difficult to attend traditional secondary school education.

Wodonga Senior Secondary College has been running a successful Flexible Learning Centre for 5 years and so were happy to assist Benalla and drive the management of the program.

This is a great opportunity for our town and our young people to engage in an educational pro-

gram that is tailored to their needs, and aspirations. Each student will have a varied timetable and will work closely with one teacher in a small group or even one on one if and when required.

There will be close links with the community and support agencies will also be engaged to ensure the best outcomes for our students.

While at Benalla Flexible Learning Centre students will be working toward Certificate 11 in General Education for Adults. This includes literacy, numeracy and a community involvement project.

As you can imagine the process of creating a new school has many challenges. One of these is that we cannot begin classes until the building has been checked and approved for student use by a quality assurance team. Hopefully this will occur over the next week. In addition to this the tables and chairs currently in the room will be returned to their owners and we will be ordering new furniture for the room.

In the meantime students will be expected to attend school to develop their individual learning plan and timetable.

Where are we?



Michele and Anna in front of the new Benalla Flexible Learning Classroom.

Located in Barkly Street behind Aldi, the classroom in recent times has been used by The Centre but has now been returned to the Department of Education and Training.

OUR STAFF

My name is Michele Ramage and during the recent summer holidays I was appointed the Campus Principal of the Benalla Flexible Learning Centre. I have been involved in public education in Benalla for over 30 years, beginning as a PE / Science teacher at Benalla High School, at Benalla College I was VCAL coordinator and my most recent role has been as Middle School Leader at Benalla P-12 College. I am passionate about my new role at Benalla

Flexible Learning Centre and look forward to seeing some great results for our students.

I would like to welcome Anna Pinnuck to the team at BFLC. Anna has held the role of year level coordinator at Benalla P-12 College for 7 years and brings with her a wealth of knowledge. Anna's skills in art and visual communication will bring to the team some great ideas and creative art work ideas to share with the students.

Depending on enrolments we may be able to employ another teacher or student assistant in March but this is dependent on numbers.

If you know of any young person not currently attending school please let me know so I can contact them about the options available to them.

Looking forward to a successful year ahead.

Michele Ramage