BENALLA P-12 COLLEGE STUDENTS VISIT FARESHARE MELBOURNE

Senior students from Benalla P-12 College Barkly Campus recently travelled to Abbotsford, Melbourne to volunteer their services to assist in the Fareshare kitchen.

Fareshare is a charity organisation that rescues food from many different donors and then prepares and cooks the rescued food into meals for the homeless. This charity relies solely on volunteers in the kitchen, and have some 600 people that volunteer regularly to produce 4,000 meals a day. This food is then frozen and delivered to Foodbank, another charity organisation that distributes the food throughout Victoria.

After a three hour trip into the city from Benalla the group of students were briefed on safety in the kitchen and gloved and hatted up to start their allocated tasks. Kitchen hygiene was tightly scrutinised. Teacher Pip Rowe said “One group was assigned to the pastry kitchen and prepared vegetable rolls and the other group packed the quiches that had been cooked the previous day. After morning tea the groups swapped tasks and we all got to cut onions as our final job. It was explained at the end that we had contributed to 2,000 meals in our 3 hour’s work in this amazing kitchen! It just goes to show if everyone puts in a big job is made easy. Our students were praised for their work ethic and ability to listen and get the instructions right. They were quite definite that every veggie roll needed to be full size otherwise the receiver may feel a bit hungry and hard done. This is a fantastic charity that makes a huge difference to many people on a daily basis. It is also able to give young people, like our students, the opportunity to experience volunteering in a very positive way. We have set a date for term 3 2015 to do this excursion again.”