Benalla P-12 College Automotive students had the fantastic opportunity to inspect, hop in and learn all about the world of drag racing from the experts!

Recently the Edgar Motorsport Team visited the Automotive Centre at Faithfull Campus. The team brought their dragster, an ‘Alcohol Funny Car’ and a hotted up HQ Holden and a range of memorabilia to show the students.

The team is led by Benalla locals, Murray Edgar, Brett Cooper- Crew Chief, Wayne Trevena, Peter Mobbs and Paul Gardener.

They have raced in Australia and the States, with their last competition in Mildura recently, where they were awarded “Best Appearing Car and Crew”. The engine is a custom ‘Big Block Chevvy’, with a 1471 supercharger; 6500 CC and putting out 1800HP. The students were very excited when the big engine roared into life and deafened when Murray gave it full throttle….nothing like a smokin’ engine!

Auto Teacher, Mark Rogers said “he would like to thank Mr. Edgar and his Crew for a fantastic lecture and practical demonstrations and for donating  4 new Victa Engine stands for the year 8 Auto program which is much appreciated.”

Students at Benalla P-12 College have the opportunity to Automotive studies from Year 8 where they work on Victa Lawn mowers and in Year 9 on small Briggs & Stratton 4 stroke engine. Where both levels have the opportunity to dismatle, clean, reassemble and start their engine. Students identify the parts explain the operation and look at trouble shooting different engine problems.

Year 10 students have the option of fast tracking into VET Automotive or continue with small engines in a more advanced and complex way. In year 10 as in year 9 they are also introduce to welding, both Arc and oxy.

VET Automotive gives students the opportunity to complete a Certificate 11 in Automotive. During this course they learn all about the motor vehicle. Areas of study include; servicing, brakes, wheels and tyres, engine diagnostics using scan tools, suspension, steering, gearboxes, engines and many more items of the vehicle.