

Confident, capable and job ready

A strong worksite ethos is rubbing off on the dynamic team at Padua College Rosebud who have smashed out multiple projects to enhance their precinct from a firepit to an extensive deck – let alone the addition of a café serving window.

“HoL is very much part of school and located on school grounds, but Nick and I treat a day in HoL like being on a job site. We want to see work ethic, initiative, and the ability to follow instructions. We focus on developing communication skills and productive team members. You can get anywhere if you do the work and work as a team,” artisan-teacher Tim Walker reports.

Hearing students describe their personal skill development puts the spotlight on the outcomes of supporting young people to develop lifelong interpersonal toolkits while they are still at school.



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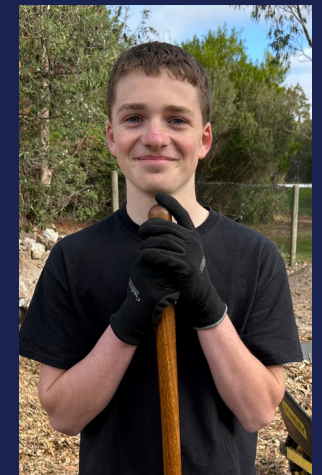
“I feel excited when it's Thursday, because it is HoL and I know that I am going to accomplish something today. I'm very fidgety and I used to annoy other students. In class I was disruptive, and I didn't do my work. There's a big difference since I've been doing HoL. I belong. My leadership skills have grown, and I help the younger kids when they join our team. Focus Plans give me ways to be calm and to make sure the jobs we work on get finished.

Now I get stuff done in class too. I get my assignments in on time. That break out of class every week, it resets my brain to be able to focus. You can't do anything you want in HoL, but you do feel more in control of what you are doing and learning, and you get to do fun stuff. I'm going to be a beautician and run my own business because I like working with my hands and being productive.”

Kirra, Year 9



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“It's a bit more active here in HoL. My favourite project was building the firepit with the team. It's better for me here because love being outside and doing stuff. I get distracted back in class, but in HoL you are always learning new skills and how to work with different tools. You get good experience working in teams. Finishing a job as a team is much easier than by yourself. Here we work in groups of twos and threes, and each take different parts of the job. I know I want to be a tradie, so I need to stay at school for a while yet. Having HoL once a week makes a big difference to my attitude to school – it's so much better than the classroom five days in a row.”

Archer, Year 9