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- An exciting initiative that aims to engage Year 9 students in education by providing them with the opportunity to experience tertiary studies.
- Four Geelong secondary schools will participate in the program over 2014-2017.
- Delivered through a partnership between the schools, The Gordon and Deakin University.
- Builds on the highly successful Newcomb Tertiary Futures Program.

What was proposed

Skilling the Bay acknowledges the importance of supporting at-risk students to identify education pathways linked to careers that interest them, before they become disengaged from education. This approach supports increased Year 12 completion, develop tertiary ambitions to assist with the provision of a skilled workforce to meet future industry needs.

Skilling the Bay identified the Newcomb Secondary College Tertiary Futures Program as an effective model for supporting students at a vulnerable age, in Year 9, to remain engaged with education and see tertiary studies as a viable and rewarding part of their future.

The program currently involves 120 students attending The Gordon one day per week to participate in a 10 week futures program. The futures provides students with practical hands on experience in trades and vocational education and training. Through the program students are able to identify education and career pathways that can inspire them to continue with their studies.

Skilling the Bay proposed that the Tertiary Futures Program be continued and expanded to three more Geelong secondary schools over 2014-2017.

Action being taken

A Geelong Tertiary Futures Program will be delivered over 2014-2017 to ensure eligible Year 9 students have the opportunity to experience tertiary education at The Gordon and potentially Deakin University.

In 2014, approximately 120 students from Newcomb Secondary College will participate in the program. In 2015, the program will be expanded to include three more schools.

The program aims to:

- support increased engagement in education;
- better equip young people to identify available education and work opportunities; and
- support the development of a culture of educational attainment and lifelong learning across Geelong.