

On behalf of the students of Highvale Secondary College I would like to thank all the staff at the METEC Training Centre for providing the Year 10 students with an invaluable driving program.

Students at this College are provided with a Driving program which consists of a Police presentation to all Year 11 students on Road Safety; a "Keys Please" evening for Year 10 students and their parents arranged through Vic Roads and finally, a two day practicum of driving and theory in the METEC course in Kilsyth.

The Year 10 students have been involved in this driving course for at least the last 10 years and every student who has participated has nothing but praise and enthusiasm for the 2 days that they spend at the Centre. All the driving instructors are experienced and as such have provided our students with key driving strategies presented in a friendly and supportive manner. The actual program has been carefully planned, and continually refined, with students working in groups of three where they spend an hour in a manual car driving around a well designed circuit of bitumen and gravel roads which have level, hilly, straight and winding sections. Their time in the vehicle is alternated with an hour of road safety problem solving activities and hands on demonstrations all presented in air conditioned and comfortable classrooms.

Student and parent feedback have been really positive with students gaining not only confidence, but valuable tips and techniques which places them in excellent stead for their entry onto the metropolitan roads. The course certainly is a perfect way for the parents to feel a lot more confident when they take their son/daughter out onto the roads.

I have no hesitation in recommending that students be given the opportunity do this course irrespective of their driving experience and age.

Yours sincerely

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