



A Libraries Building Communities Demonstration Project

The Components:

1. ***Cruzin' VCE***
A series of **subject seminars** on key VCE subjects, at low cost.
2. ***Cruzin' Study***
Supporting the study needs of secondary students by providing qualified tutors and other facilities in a free after school **homework program** (one in each city).
3. ***Cruzin' Life***
Developing **life and leisure** skills for 13-18 year olds (building on proven demand, and consulting project partners and teenagers).
4. ***Cruzin' the Web***
Building an **interactive website** which provides teenagers with access to information and services that support their learning, recreational and life needs.

CRUZIN' VCE: Flyers



VCE STUDENTS BOOST YOUR FINAL SCORES!

Do you need practical help with your VCE subjects, exams & study skills RIGHT NOW?



Then check out this special full day of seminars organised by your local library, employing highly skilled and experienced presenters with an excellent knowledge of the requirements of VCE assessment. This program has been developed in association with ACCESS EDUCATION.

TERM ONE program
SATURDAY 5 APRIL, 10.00am - 4.30pm

- 10.00 - 11.00 The new English exam for 2008 - what you can be doing now at the end of term 1
- 11.00 - 12.00 Explore VCAA List one texts English texts Look Both Ways OR The Kiss Remover
- 12.00 - 1.00 Lunch
- 1.00 - 2.30 Further Maths workshop OR Maths Methods workshop
- 2.30 - 4.30 Psychology - preparing yourself for the Unit 3 mid year exam OR Road to VCE Success - tips for motivation, goal achievement and time management.

All this PLUS lunch for only \$20!
And a chance to win PRIZES simply by attending!

When: Saturday 5 April
10.00am - 4.30pm
Where: Box Hill Library
1040 Wattlestone Road, Box Hill
Cost: \$20.00
Bookings: Essential on 9890 1002 or any library branch
Enquiries: Ph: 9890 1002 or any library branch



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CRUZIN' THE WEB

www.cruzin.org.au



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Keys to Success!

- Research
- Collaboration
- Promotion

Research

- **Visit** teen forums of any kind (e.g. Council teen advisory groups).
- **Speak** to providers of youth services in the area.
- **Interview** key school personnel – they are hard to pin down! E.g. VCE Co-ordinators, librarians, school welfare co-ordinators, etc.
- **Communicate** with **key institutions** – e.g. English language schools.

Collaboration – the all-important community partnerships

We set up a 'Cruzin' Working Party' and held regular meetings. It comprised:

- Library staff (Project Manager and Project Officer...)
- Whitehorse Youth Services rep.
- Manningham Youth Services (YMCA) rep.
- Invited parties (sometimes a new member is recruited for a specific task)

Promotion

Intensive, targeted promotion:

- Schools – addressed to VCE co-ordinator (hand-delivered first time)
- Past participants

'Scatter-gun' approach:

- Posters and flyers in library
- Mail-outs to schools, community houses, youth centres
- Local papers – free and paid
- 'Senior Student Resource Centre' in the city
- Library web site
- Other web sites (e.g. speaker's web site VCEhelp)
- Migrant Resource Centre

Outcomes

- The grant has enabled us to **trial great programs** without requiring cost-recovery – they could be organised in alternative ways to reduce costs
- We have gained valuable **community partners** – we are already planning future joint projects
- We have learnt a lot by **consulting** with these project partners and other groups
- We have identified areas of **need** which were not fully recognised before.

Challenges

Our biggest challenges so far:

- Attempting to address the CALD outreach component of our grant application
- Reaching the more marginalised young people we refer to in our application...need to collaborate
- The web site!
- Promotion and marketing – how to reach our audience