

External Provider Information sheet

Welcome to **Djerriwarrh Community College** (DCC) and thank you for your interest working with our school.

DCC is an independent special assistance school based in Melton (land of the Wurundjeri-Wathaurong). The College delivers the Victorian Pathway Certificate (VPC) and VCE Victorian Major (VCE VM1&2) for students aged 15-19 years in small class-size settings.

Philosophy

Our **Mission** is to provide students who are experiencing complex personal and educational barriers, at risk of or have disengaged from education, with individual and supported wrap around support

Our **Values** are to be caring, inclusive, respectful, adaptable, and accountable.

As part of our whole-school approach fostering positive respectful relationships, we use all-inclusive language and provide all-enabling participation options.

We ask providers to present activities along our philosophy and to reflect on the following:

- Inviting participation but not calling on individuals or asking personal questions.
- Abstaining from using references to boys and girls.
- Using visuals, tactile activities and movement where possible.
- Recognising and accepting that some students don't feel comfortable working in groups and/or making use of staff members who can be grouped with students.
- Students are permitted and encouraged to use anxiety fidget toys and colouring activities to assist with self-regulation.
- Being mindful of trigger words or activities and that students may need breaks (students are empowered to follow pre-determined steps as part of support plans).
- Using language that is accessible to our cohort.

Members of staff are happy to arrange a meeting to present our premises and setting and to clarify any questions.

Prior experience working with high-risk students – anxiety and trauma affected students (e.g., grief, neglect, violence and abuse) is of benefit. Please provide brief information on facilitator's background, experience, pronouns.

Child Safety

All staff, volunteers and contractors are required to be familiar with the content of the Child Safety Policy, the Child Safe Code of Conduct and their legal obligations with respect to the reporting of child abuse. Any disclosures of violence, abuse or neglect must be reported to the Principal, Assistant Principal or Youth Worker. I hereby acknowledge my responsibility to child safety at DCC.