

WHAT MATTERS MOST TO YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE GREAT SOUTH COAST?

Youth Conversations was an initiative undertaken by Beyond the Bell and partners to offer a forum where young people could articulate their views about education, community and the pandemic.

711 voices
12 to 19 years of age
Collected between
2019 and 2021

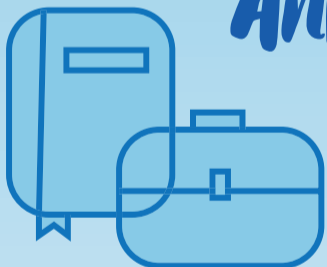
6 Local Government Areas

Colac Otway Moyne
Corangamite Southern Grampians
Glenelg Warrnambool

Youth facilitated,
locally designed and
implemented

38 learnings from young people
9 recommendations from the
research report

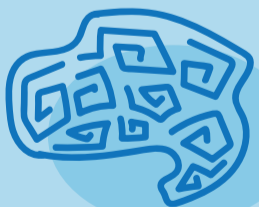
EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT



A desire for their community to recognise a range of pathway interests and career options and to celebrate, alongside attaining a VCE.



A need for schools to provide well for students with special needs and a differing range of abilities.



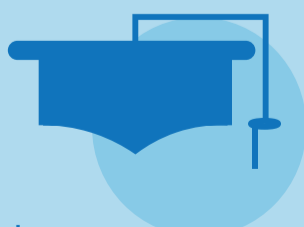
There's a strong desire to complete a successful VCE and go to university.



More relevant programs are wanted to link to pathways, interests and employment options beyond school.



Access to a quality education is not equal for all young people

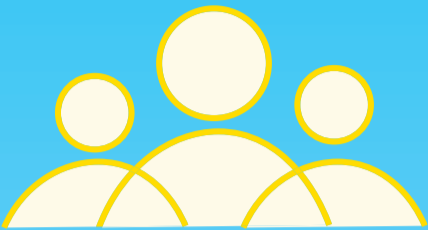


A need for better career advice.



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COMMUNITY



Family and home life don't always provide a supportive environment for making decisions about their future and transition to life beyond school.

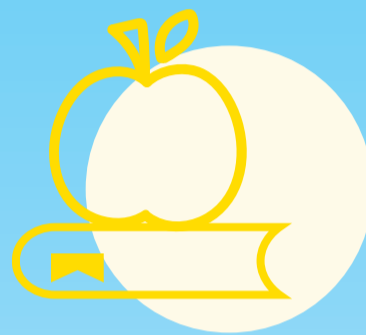


There's a desire for communities to be more inclusive, more diverse and less judgemental of difference.

Young people want better access to, and better communication of, events.



LGBTQI+ members don't always feel safe in their community.



Young people have a very strong connection to their communities through livelihood and local activities.

PANDEMIC



There's a deep concern for mental health and consistently "feeling down" during the pandemic.



A lot of young people had developed a pessimistic view of the world and their future because of the pandemic.



Remote learning and the arrangements put in place during lockdown were difficult to deal with.

The pandemic had brought families closer together.



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