

Not all students learn in the same way

Brieanna: Year 5

"I used to be super late to school, now I'm coming to school earlier because in HoL you get to do real things."

Kayde: Year 6

"I'm school captain and I've run every assembly this year. I wasn't confident before HoL, but I've got much more comfortable with public speaking."

Mason: Year 6

"I do my work a lot better because I'm not drained. It teaches you how to work with other people and gives you great teamwork skills. When we are building this pizza oven some people get the bricks, some mix the concrete, and some of us lay the bricks."

Godios: Year 5

"I've been using tools for the first time. HoL helps me solve my problems. It helps me because usually I give up early; but in HoL the whole team encourages me not to give up early. I can do my work quicker and I don't give up, even in class."

Lina: Year 6

"I don't like HoL - I love it! It helps me with my learning. The measuring part is Maths and now I'm higher up in the Maths class. It's really good because you get to focus on one thing and see the real start and finish of the job."



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Learning by doing

Hands on Learning (HoL) is a practical in-school program that caters to the different ways young people learn, helping build confidence, engagement and achievement at school. Students thrive learning by doing – developing the teamwork, self-discipline and interpersonal skills vital for the 21st Century workforce. HoL was first piloted in 1999 and now runs in primary and secondary schools in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, and Tasmania. It was recently judged one of the top 100 education programs in the world by Finnish not for profit, HundrED.

"This is what education should be about - practical, authentic learning with an impact that is life-long."

John Ralph, Assistant Principal, Hawkesdale P-12



Benefits for students

Students build self-esteem, friendships, a sense of belonging and become more content at school. Motivation, focus and confidence increase when they return to class - building the platform for engagement in their learning.

HoL students develop critical skills to succeed in work and life:

- collaboration
- problem solving
- communication

How Hands on Learning works

Students attend HoL one half-day a week fostering teamwork and leadership. Students and artisan-teachers share a meal and work together on meaningful projects that benefit the school and local community.

Any student can flourish. HoL is open to girls and boys from different year levels, with different talents, needs and interests. Like any workplace everyone is expected to be safe, part of a team and to do the best they can.

Backed by evidence

HoL's proven impact has been captured by some of the biggest names in research including the Australian Research Council, the University of Melbourne and Deloitte Access Economics.

Support schools receive

Save the Children's HoL School Support Team provides ongoing quality assurance to each school to encourage the best outcomes for students, including support to recruit, train, and strengthen HoL artisan-teacher skills, professional development at regional meetings, school visits and regular updates to school leadership.