

Learning Support Programs in Victoria

Learning Beyond the Bell (LBB) is a program of the Centre for Multicultural Youth that assists organisations and schools to establish and maintain their out of school hours learning support programs. LBB is funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

Out of School Hours Learning Support Programs are often known as homework clubs or tutoring clubs. These programs play an important role in supporting disadvantaged young people with their education. They teach literacy or numeracy, build confidence and self esteem, provide study resources and improve attitudes to learning.

According to the Learning Beyond the Bell Database as of November 2009:

Number of known Learning Support Programs in Victoria: 224

Total number of sessions offered weekly: 372

Primary: 60

Transition/Middle Years 5-9: 4

Secondary: 159

VCE Specific: 8

Upper Secondary & VCAL: 20

Combined Primary/Secondary: 84

Unknown: 37

Number of registered young people¹ 4517

Average number of students per session: 18

Average number of tutors attending per session²: 6

Average student to tutor ratio³: 3:1

Number of tutors who have attended LBB tutor training: 350

Number of Programs per DEECD Region:

Metro North: 60

Metro South: 54

Metro East: 36

Metro West: 44

Barwon/South West: 5

Hume: 2

Lodden/Mallee: 3

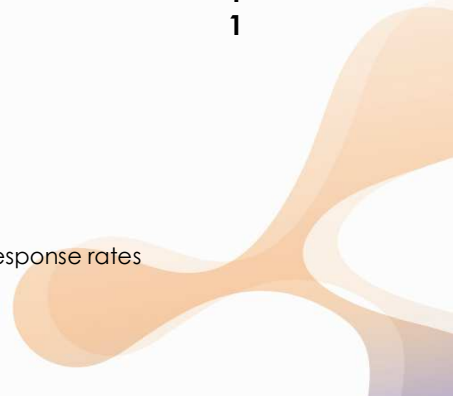
Gippsland: 1

Grampians: 1

¹ Based on data from 142 programs surveyed, limited due to inconsistent response rates

² Based on data from 248 sessions surveyed

³ Ibid



Percentage of programs with more than 50% ESL students⁴: **85%**
 Average percentage of ESL students per program⁵: **79%**

Learning Support Programs by organisation type:

Community: **86**
Community/Local Government: **8**
Corporate/Local Government: **18**
Local Government: **13**
School: **74**
School/Community: **22**
Unknown: **3**
Your Tutor⁶: **18**

Program Numbers by LGA:

LGA	Number of Programs	LGA	Number of Programs
Greater Dandenong City Council	31	Glen Eira City Council	3
Yarra City Council	15	Maroondah City Council	3
Hume City Council	14	Melton Shire Council	3
Monash City Council	13	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	3
Brimbank City Council	11	Nillumbik Shire Council	3
Darebin City Council	11	Port Phillip City Council	3
Maribyrnong City Council	11	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	3
Wyndham City Council	11	Bayside City Council	2
Whitehorse City Council	8	Campaspe Shire Council	2
Greater Geelong City Council	7	Latrobe City Council	2
Melbourne City Council	7	Mount Alexander Shire Council	2
Moreland City Council	7	Across Municipalities	1
Whittlesea City Council	7	Casey-Cardinia	1
Casey City Council	6	Central Highlands	1
Banyule City Council	5	Greater Shepparton City Council	1
Frankston City Council	4	Horsham Rural City Council	1
Hobsons Bay City Council	4	Kingston City Council	1
Knox City Council	4	Manningham City Council	1
Moonee Valley City Council	4	Mitchell Shire Council	1
Boroondara City Council	3	Stonnington City Council	1
Cardinia Shire Council	3	West Wimmera Shire Council	1

⁴ Based on data from 158 programs surveyed

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Your Tutor is a web based interactive tutoring program located in libraries across metropolitan

