

# SAVING YOUNG LIVES CAN BE SERIOUS FUN!



“The greater the risk factors children face, the more they will benefit from this strong and encompassing program.”

Operation Newstart provides early intervention for Victorian youth aged 14-17 who are experiencing significant academic disruption, have become disengaged from school and family, suffer from emerging mental health issues and are at risk of involvement in crime as offenders or victims. There is a focus on returning to school, further training and pathways to meaningful employment. Over the past twenty years nearly 3000 young Australians are Operation Newstart graduates.



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*All young people  
deserve the chance  
to be their best self.*





*"One of the more successful and comprehensive evaluations in Victoria has been of Operation Newstart. The program was highly beneficial."*



**Caving at Labertouche**

## **BENEFITS**

- 85% of participants remain in school for a further two years after completion
- Evidence of reduction in offending
- Improvements in emotional well-being
- Acquisition of life skills that foster individual achievement
- Enhanced confidence and self esteem
- Improved social skills
- New friendships



Participants spend a whole school term with the Operation Newstart team, three days on program and two days in their school settings. Small group work and unique learning experiences encourage them to make better choices around their physical and mental wellbeing. Many activities have a challenging outdoors/adventure focus in natural settings. Exploring vocational pathways, community service and re-engagement with school and

*"I learnt that you need to pass and finish school to get a job and you never give up and give everything a go."*

*Past Participant*



**Graduation Ceremony**

Five programs statewide are facilitated by qualified outdoor education teachers, youth workers, social workers and partner organisations including local police, schools, local government, human services and health professionals. More than 60 secondary schools referred 164 students into our programs in 2018. There is no cost to students or their families.



Operation Newstart programs are located in Geelong, Dandenong, Collingwood, Flemington, and Narre Warren. Contact details for all programs available at [www.onv.org.au](http://www.onv.org.au)