LOCAL ROSEBUD RESIDENT WINS OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

Local Rosebud resident Jessica Ballingall, won the Outstanding Certificate Student category at the Holmesglen annual Awards Dinner held on Friday 22 March 2013. The Awards Dinner was part of Holmesglen’s 16th Annual Awards Festival which celebrates, recognises and rewards outstanding achievement and excellence of students and staff.

Ballingall was recognised with a $3,000 cash prize for her hard work during 2012 while studying the Certificate IV in Youth Work and Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs at Holmesglen’s Moorabbin campus.

While completing VCAL, Ballingall received a Certificate of Excellence for outstanding achievement in the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning. At the same time she undertook a placement at a Uniting Church youth camp.

During a very difficult period in her life, Ballingall was assigned a Youth Worker who helped her tremendously and from this time, Ballingall decided she too wanted to become a Youth Worker and make a positive difference in the lives of young people.

Ballingall enrolled in the Certificate IV in Youth Work and Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs at Holmesglen, while at the same time undertaking a placement as a Youth Worker at Operation New Start. Described as a passionate and enthusiastic student, she demonstrated high skill levels and commitment.

As a result Ballingall was offered ongoing employment at Operation New Start and plans to continue her studies through to the Diploma of Youth Work.

Running since 1998, the Holmesglen Awards Festival, celebrates, recognises and rewards outstanding achievement and excellence by students and staff. In a turbulent time for the TAFE sector, the Holmesglen Awards Festival is a demonstration of the positive impact the vocational education and training has on the lives of its students.

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Offering over 600 programs across ten study areas, including graduate diplomas, degrees, graduate certificates advanced diplomas, diplomas, certificates, pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, short courses and the Vocational College, offering an alternative to VCE.