



What Schools Are Doing: Aquinas College

Aquinas College, a Catholic secondary school in Ringwood, has embraced the **Gay and Lesbian Youth Project** and is looking forward to working with the project worker, over the next few years. The school's involvement began in late 2002 when Shelley came to talk to our Student Support Services staff about the issues for SSA students and strategies to effectively support them. After hearing Shelley talk with great clarity and conviction about the project and enthusing the welfare staff, she returned to address the College executive and a small group of invited staff. From that point, the Principal, Tony O'Byrne, formalised the College's involvement by agreeing to become one of the pilot schools in the eastern sector. Shelley then returned in the last week of term 4 to address the whole staff about the project. Philippa Lovell from the Catholic Education Office also attended this session and spoke about the CEO's work in this area. A small working party has been formed to meet with Shelley in term 1 to begin mapping out the project direction at Aquinas.

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