

## Pilot schools review passion <sup>[1]</sup>



The one-year trial of the Passion Index, a student profile and learning engagement tool, in six Victorian schools drew to a close at the end of 2018.

The Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) have been working with the schools and the ALL team to evaluate the trial.

The pilot schools are Western Port Secondary College, Mount Alexander College, Bentleigh Secondary College, Eltham High School, Kingswood College and Portland Secondary College.

Across the trial there were many diverse ways schools worked with their students to identify interests and use that knowledge to support learning. The flexible toolkit meant that schools were working with different year levels and trialling models based on their school context.

As the 2018 school year closed, Year 7 Kingswood students taking part in the trial in 2018 shared their experiences at an expo for the Junior School students in the afternoon, followed by parents and friends in the evening. Kingswood teachers who supported the students during this two-week experience told ALL that the students found it challenging, but ultimately rewarding. Students' passions guided the work, but it also required collaboration, problem-solving and time-management skills. They found it a good opportunity for students to delve deeper into their passions.

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