



# Transition 2008: a first year program from the heart of Australia's food-bowl

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## Our Community

- Shepparton –regional Victoria
- population 60,000
- low progression to tertiary study
- indigenous, refugee,
- low socio-economic





2008 Transition



## The Campus

- La Trobe University
- Regional campus
- 300 students
- B.Bus, B.Com, B.A, B.N
- Grad Dip Education  
(Middle Years)





## HEESP grant

- Background
- Application
- Reference group
- Employment of research assistant (from student body)



## Program concept

- local
- accessible
- CD and face-to-face sessions
- cultural, geographic, educational, and social components



## Design

- Technical production
- Community support
- Budget
- Time factor



## Implementation

- CD links
- Program delivery
- Staff and community involvement
- Social



## Evaluation

- surveys
- good comments
- very low attrition this year





## 2009 Transition?

- Do it again
- Turn CD into webpages?
- Consider how to improve the social side
- Transition is not just Orientation Week
  
- Any suggestions?