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During 2012 Mr Ashley Gurney conducted a Professional Development training session at Wallan Secondary College.

The session involved all staff, including teaching and non-teaching, Principal class, Leadership, Teachers and Educational Support staff.

Mr Gurney and I had discussed the rationale for the training prior to the session.

I therefore expected a theoretically sound presentation with some strategies for staff to use when discussing alcohol consumption with students within a classroom setting.

What we experienced was far beyond my expectations; probably the most effective, most engaging and relevant professional learning our staff have had.

The training was interactive, based on research, data and statistics, designed for secondary school staff, accessible, interesting and fun.

Staff were involved fully in the activities and the scenarios were relevant, realistic and effective in generating discussion amongst staff.

Mr Gurney is an excellent facilitator who delivered the training in a highly engaging and professional manner.

The learning materials presented are transferable across a number of curriculum areas and year levels.

The feedback from staff was overwhelmingly positive.

I have no hesitation in recommending Ash Gurney and the AlcoCups training program to schools and to anyone who works with young people.



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