

Submission Text: I would like the committee to support our school in receiving the \$800000 it has been underfunded.

A low socio economic area and school community that requires additional supports in assisting its students' learning. The Tutoring program, inclusion staff and wellbeing professionals are all services at this school that need to be funded and funded heavily. These services not only support our students but their teachers and their families. These services add to the empowerment of our students.

We talk about inclusion of all students with many learning abilities. Our school has a high population of learning challenges. Students that struggle in learning and finding the motivation to learn some of the time. I have noticed students from large and small families with single parents, student who have come to school hungry and lacking sleep.

Many of our students at Glenroy College do not have families with academic experience or role models to support them in their learning at home. This reminds me of my growing up in the 70's and 80's in Glenroy where my parents were working class, immigrants with little English and education.

I understand and empathise with the struggles of our students who struggle with their reading, comprehension and writing. My learning struggles were the same my non English speaking background meant I was taken out of a class to do work one on one with teachers for additional support in learning. This helped me in my learning. Yes the programs taught in school today do not compare to the programs in the 70's and 80's. The strategies and time allocated to individual needs only shows in the academic growth of the students that have taken part in the Mylans reading program and the Tutoring programs at Glenroy College it has changed the students in these programs. Building their confidence to ask questions and to learn.

Our Tutoring program at Glenroy College has extended to after school tutoring in the library and the amazing [REDACTED] is there to support and encourage students needing help in math and other subjects. I hope this committee will do it very best to ensure the Tutoring program continue at Glenroy College. But most importantly to reinstate, find or allocated the \$800000 dollar funding that has been withheld.

Yours sincerely

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The student success is measured in many ways. Whist our VCE results show lowest success rate compared to other Victorian State schools. Students that are accepted into University are also likely to drop out because of the high university fees and costs.