

HANDS DOWN THE BEST WAY TO LEARN

THE innovative Hands On Learning program is hands down one of the best in the world.

Started in Frankston, it has been recognised by global non-profit HundRED as one of its 100 most inspiring education innovations and now runs in schools across Australia as well as the United Arab Emirates.

HundRED creative director Saku Tuominen said Hands On Learning stood out as a project that "needed to be shared with the world". "We will continue to encourage as many schools as possible to get involved," he said.

McClelland College students Jack, 14, Aaden, 15, and Charlotte, 12, said they had enjoyed working on a variety of projects outside the classroom as part of Hands on Learning.

McClelland principal Amadeo Ferra said the program was a winner.

Hands On Learning has a track record of improving attendance, behaviour and encouraging students who may otherwise have left school early.

The program, which is largely funded by donations and philanthropic organisations, sees students learn a range of skills while working on projects.

McClelland College students working in the Hands on Learning program in Frankston. Picture: PENNY STEPHENS

