Engagement the key with helping children learn

By Paul Murray

The innovative Hands on Learning (HoL) program is hands down one of the best learning programs in the world.

Started in Frankston, it has been recognised by global non-profit HundrED as one of its 100 most inspiring educational innovations and now runs in schools across Australia.

HoL is an innovative education program that schools use to cater to the different ways young people learn, giving participants the hope and aspiration to stay at school and realise their potential.

The program has a track record of improving attendance, behaviour and encouraging students who may otherwise have left school early by giving young people an opportunity to develop their talents and use their learning at school in a practical way through the development of skills while working on building projects.

Many educators and a growing number of parents and students in Euroa can attest to the program's success in keeping young people engaged and continuing with their education at both Euroa Primary and secondary schools.

Ross Davis, principal of Euroa Primary School said the Hands on Learning program is a brilliant initiative where students are able to work in a practical, hands on manner to engage with their education.

"Euroa Primary School is part of the pilot program working with Euroa Secondary College - the first time that primary and secondary schools have combined, to run Hands on Learning, " he said.

On Tuesday HoL held a showcase down at Parliament House for participating schools.

Euroa Primary and secondary college students and principals visited and had their own display as part of the showcase.

"Our students thoroughly enjoyed the expo at Parliament House, where their work was on display for everyone to enjoy." Mr Davis said.

Steph Ryan (MLA, Euroa), who attended the day, said she was, "proud to have students and teachers from both schools in parliament this week to show off the impressive creations they have made as part of their Hands on Learning classes".