

Higher Education Equity Support Program (HEESP) Grant Final Report Template

1. Project Title: "Taste of Tertiary"

2. **Timetable** – did the project proceed along the planned timelines or do you need to request an extension of timeline?

Project proceeded along the planned timelines

3. **Participation** – please provide details on numbers of students who participated in the program.

11 students enrolled in the program. 2 students were successful in completing the program.

If your project involves outreach to schools please also provide details on:

- name of school/s involved in the program;
- grade years targeted.
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The project did have an outreach element but not to schools. The program was advertised to the regional communities of Swan Hill and the Riverland in South Australia. The program failed to generate required interest for the program to proceed in these areas.

4. **Budget** – please indicate if all funds were spent as envisaged in HEESP application. Provide brief details of any changes in budget expenditure.

Our understanding is that funds were spent as envisaged.

5. **Project Aims** – was the pilot project successful in meeting the stated aims?

The pilot was successful in attracting members of the community from non traditional university attendance backgrounds to try university study. Most of the students enrolled did not complete the program however.

Overall though we do feel that the scheme had a positive outcome in one sense at least. It enabled us to answer the question, is there significant untapped demand in communities near to Mildura that, if there was some financial assistance, might generate numbers of students for the Mildura campus especially. The now departed Mildura campus director reported to us that he had requests from community leaders in these towns to provide some form of tertiary education. As a result of this program he was able to say; well it does not seem that the demand exists!

6. **Scope for Integration** – has the pilot indicated that the activity should be integrated into your mainstream budget?

No

7. **Project Evaluation** – did the anticipated evaluation activities occur? What were the outcomes?

There were a high number of participants who did not complete the program as a result of the following: pregnancy, financial difficulties, work commitments, and offers for other courses from other institutions.

8. **Promoting Outcomes** – who do you think would benefit from receiving a copy of the final report?

Directors of regional campuses, Associate Dean for the Regions.