The La Trobe Teaching School / Judy Dunne Video Script

The teaching school model works in the secondary system

So we have three people planning

Doing a classroom activity

The benefit to this school is the fact that we have many students who have literacy issues

And we can break the classroom up with the three adults into different groups

And for our students they get very very close to the PST that they’re working with

So it’s really nice to see kids wanting to learn

Putting the extra miles in

And also the PST doing that as well

I believe in this model because at a school like Charles La Trobe

That has a smaller number of staff

We are able to do planning meetings

We have a whole emphasis on curriculum development

They can plan out a whole semesters work

Or individual units of work

They can put their personality in their work

Their knowledge in the work

And there’s three heads working towards the one class

The benefits for the student using a peer placement model

Is the fact that there are three adults in the classroom

And at certain times classrooms can be broken up into three if that’s what’s needed

You can break off into small groups

There can be team teaching

There can be single the PST may take the lesson by themselves

But it offers us a whole range of different teaching styles in the classroom

But for our kids it’s hugely beneficial because of their literacy levels

And it’s wonderful to see kids reengage with learning

For the students here it’s the relationships that they’re been able to form with the PSTs

For our staff it’s been having another colleague to bounce ideas off

And for the PST the experience they gain here

And their ability to be able to make mistakes and correct them has been vastly important

We’ve had research scientists

We’ve had astrophysicists

We’ve had people in the media so paid journalist

And we’ve also had a qualified doctor

Teaching our students science and also literacy skills

So that vast experience must be beneficial to any school