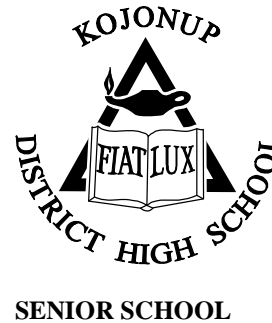
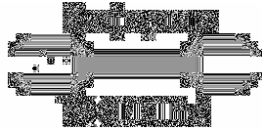




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The **Working Communities** vision is a network of vibrant, sustainable and prosperous rural communities developing and sharing innovative solutions to employment, enterprise and learning challenges in the bush.

The **Working Communities: Engaging Youth** project is a collaboration between local community group Kojonup Working and the Kojonup District High School. This project will address the special learning and employment challenges faced by students in rural areas to ensure they are well prepared for their future, wherever it may be. Many of these challenges were highlighted in the recent parent/community satisfaction survey that Kojonup Working and the Kojonup District High School Council undertook. The project is supporting the School Council to work through 28 strategies from the report.

Kojonup Working and the Kojonup District High School are supported in their endeavour by the Local Community Partnership inc (LCP) committee (Hotham; Pallinup; Lakes districts). The Local Community Partnership is an incorporated, not for profit, community based organisation which aims to assist all young people aged 13 – 19 years to gain the skills, experience and professional guidance to help them achieve a successful transition through school, and from school to further education, training or employment.

The **Working Communities: Engaging Youth** project will create access to well respected learning options and ensure all young people in our community reach their full potential. It will recognise and promote the important role of parents, the local community, business, employers and destination schools in the learning pathways of our children. Increasing communication and awareness of what is available is essential and we have already had an overwhelmingly positive response from parents and employers wanting to participate.

The **Working Communities: Engaging Youth** project is unique because it is community driven to address a specific rural issue and has strong support from both State and Federal Government and community organisations as a pilot that may eventually be shared with other rural schools in the Pallinup, Hotham and Lakes area.

Working Communities projects are addressing challenges in rural communities and have the potential to influence policy. If you would like any further information please contact Vicki Webb 0429 323 025 or email wcrn@bigpond.com.au

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