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Entrepreneurial spirit
EdSpace Education and Training Centre, VIC

Partner **Centre for Service and Therapy Dogs Australia**
Partnership title **Benalla Dogs for Life**

EdSpace Education and Training Centre began a partnership with the Centre for Service and Therapy Dogs Australia to provide opportunities for students with special needs to gain work experience. The partnership's goal is to create a sustainable business while providing vocational education and training for students. Year 11 students are working towards their Certificate II in Animal Studies and other students at the school are provided with opportunities to gain skills in retail, business and animal studies. The partners operate a shop where the students undertake work experience. The students have taken on the responsibility of talking to the public, showing what the dogs can do, and teaching other students what to do. Students have become increasingly more social, better communicators and have more interaction with each other and the community. Part-time employment has increased and the senior students earn money from dog training and grooming while studying for their Vocational Education and Training certification.