Students carve path to success

Innovative Mount Alexander College program designed to empower youth

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THE school year has only just started but students are already poised for success on the back of an innovative curriculum introduced at a Flemington school.

Mount Alexander College principal Wayne Haworth said the new structure, implemented last year, aimed to empower students to take control of their learning.

“All students have their own individual learning plan. We cater for the passion and learning needs of each student.” Mr Haworth said.

He said ATAR scores did not define students or limit their opportunities, and critical thinking, creativity, independent learning and entrepreneurial skills were vital for success in the 21st century.

Mr Haworth said there were many pathways to a successful career, with three categories of Dux acknowledged last year: for VCE, awarded to Daniel Aristotle; VCAL (Fredy Lopez); and the largest growth in academic achievement (Lensa Rashid).

Enrolments rose by more than 15 per cent last year.

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Mount Alexander College principal Wayne Haworth with five of the new Year 7 students, from left, Janak, Jacinta, Miranda, Aymane and Marcella. Picture: JOSIE HAYDEN