

Meenah Marchbank, Principal of Cambridge Primary School, talks about pre service teachers from Victoria University.

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Hi, I'm Meenah Marchbank, the Principal of Cambridge Primary School in Hoppers Crossing. This year we started with about twenty five Victoria University Pre Service Teachers. They got to come in at the beginning of the year, totally new. They had no idea about the workings of a school in general and through the course of the year they have developed a really clear understanding of what occurs in a school. We have over fifty nationalities in our community. We celebrate this diversity and really appreciate the richness it brings to our lives. Now that we have the multi cultural students from Victoria University that enables our students to really connect with the Pre Service Teachers who may be of the same cultural background as the students are. This program gives us a chance to blend those two and really develop deep learning in the workplace. Previously we had Pre Service Teachers in our schools for three weeks at a time and that gives them some experience of what happens in a school. However, two days a week, all year and their three week blocks gives Victoria University students a unique experience and that's what makes Victoria University unique.