Transition 2008: a first year program from the heart of Australia’s food-bowl

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Our Community

- Shepparton – regional Victoria
- population 60,000
- low progression to tertiary study
- indigenous, refugee,
- low socio-economic
The Campus

• La Trobe University
• Regional campus
• 300 students
• B.Bus, B.Com, B.A,B.N
• Grad Dip Education (Middle Years)
HEESP grant

• Background
• Application
• Reference group
• Employment of research assistant (from student body)
Program concept

- local
- accessible
- CD and face-to-face sessions
- cultural, geographic, educational, and social components
Design

• Technical production
• Community support
• Budget
• Time factor
Implementation

- CD links
- Program delivery
- Staff and community involvement
- Social
Evaluation

• surveys
• good comments
• very low attrition this year
2009 Transition?

• Do it again
• Turn CD into webpages?
• Consider how to improve the social side
• Transition is not just Orientation Week

• Any suggestions?