Berengarra is the right size – about 40 students in total, 8-10 in each class.

Berengarra has a curriculum that emphasises personal development and hands on learning.

Berengarra has developed many processes and procedures that assist students in dealing with their issues.

At Berengarra the staff are committed, passionate and always positive.

berengarra staff

Staff at Berengarra are dealing with young people that mainstream schools are no longer able to connect with or manage successfully.

Berengarra programs are staffed by people who are able to relate to young people at risk and be flexible in their approach to teaching.

Staff are committed and highly skilled in delivering educational content, handling interpersonal issues and developing good quality relationships with at risk students.

Pathways to VCAL courses are now available for students 15-17 years of age.

‘For the past three decades, Berengarra has been at the forefront of re-engaging disaffected, disaffiliated adolescents with education. They have had some remarkable success with many of my clients.’

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
Adolescent Psychologist

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a school supporting young people in years 7 to 10 who are experiencing difficulty in mainstream education
introducing berengarra

Berengarra is a non-profit, co-educational secondary school providing innovative educational programs to meet the individual needs of adolescents with social and emotional problems.

Our students are of normal intelligence, but have experienced significant difficulties which have precluded them from achieving success in mainstream educational settings.

We aim to break the cycle of failure and provide students with skills for responsible participation within the community.

The school sees itself as a loop out of the mainstream system. Students generally stay for between six months and two years. Upon leaving Berengarra, most students continue in education in either the TAFE system or a secondary school. Some students find employment. The age range of our students is between 12 and 16.

who comes to berengarra

Our students generally display one or more of the following characteristics;

— a marked lack of confidence
— poor academic performance
— poor reading skills
— poor self image
— difficulty in forming relationships with peers and adults
— difficult behaviour (withdrawn or acting out).

We have considerable experience working with a range of social/emotional difficulties including school refusal, ADHD, ADD, OCD Aspergers Syndrome, Tourettes, anxiety and depression and conduct disorders.

the berengarra difference

— Class sizes are limited to ten students maximum
— Students are comprehensively assessed for basic ability and performance
— The curriculum is integrated and theme based, hands on and therapeutic

our unique approach

Berengarra provides an environment where students are able to combine academic learning with extensive social development skills. The curriculum emphasises the importance of literacy and numeracy skill development as life skills.

The program is designed to encourage students to set and achieve goals and reach positive outcomes.

berengarra has worked for over thirty years with a diverse student base