



When I think of the words **Connect, Build and Empower**, I can't help but think of the dragcar project and how these three words fit the project. Mechanically there are so many connections, we are constantly building the vehicle into a better machine and the Power which it produces will leave you speechless – “EM”.

On a more serious note, this initiative has more behind it than we realize, as it provides a fantastic way to come alongside young people with a passion for cars and mechanics, to love them, listen to them and help bring out the gold in them. The Dragster Project, initially started at Eaglehawk Secondary, is making a move to Castlemaine Secondary College (CSC), and will be launched on September the 3rd.

The team, Justin Trevan (Director) and Martin Evans from Castlemaine AOG, and myself, will be working with 10-15 at risk young people from years 7-9, with the assistance of one of the CSC mechanics teachers. Justin and Martin have a heart and passion for seeing the youth of Castlemaine come to know God, and have been helping at CSC whenever and wherever possible over the years. They both love cars and were very eager to be involved when I



approached them. The mechanics teacher, who has been appointed to work with us on the project, is from a catholic background and has a desire to help young people in life skills as well as mechanical skills. Reflecting on how the team has come together, it is plain to see God is undoubtedly behind this

The school is so supportive and has also expressed a desire to begin SOAR Adventures next year. The bottom line is this - God is opening doors into Castlemaine and we are very excited about what He is going to do as He shines through us and into the youth, families, staff and local community people we meet.



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