



**Hagley Community College**

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**Hagley Community College has a commitment to creating learning opportunities across diverse communities. Since 1979 Hagley Community College has provided people from refugee backgrounds with education and support.**

The programmes based at the College are resources for people across the whole of the city. These programmes focus on assisting individuals of all ages, families and communities from refugee backgrounds

Resettling in a new country can be a difficult experience. At Hagley you will be part of a strong multi-cultural community that celebrates and encourages diversity.



### **The Multi-Ethnic Homework and Study Centre**

**The Centre is open on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 5-7.30pm from Week 2 of every new school term.**

All primary, intermediate and secondary school students from refugee backgrounds from schools and colleges across Christchurch are very welcome to attend. At present students from 23 schools access the Centre.

Specialists in subjects from english and maths to the sciences and accounting help participants with work set by the students' own school. Teacher aides proficient in community languages bring a welcome multi-lingual flavour to the Centre. Volunteer teachers from local primary schools assist in the primary room.

This additional support is vital for students who may be unfamiliar with the NZ education system, producing NCEA work or improving their study skills.

### **Evening Programmes for Refugee Background Adult Men and Women**

**Alongside our Multi-Ethnic Study Centre is the social empowerment programme for adult learners. This runs from 5pm-7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.**

These courses are designed to assist with literacy, numeracy, English language and living and working in New Zealand. Courses include cooking, sewing, home maintenance, driving theory and computing. They are an opportunity to learn new skills, meet new friends and develop the confidence to be a part of a vibrant and diverse Christchurch community.



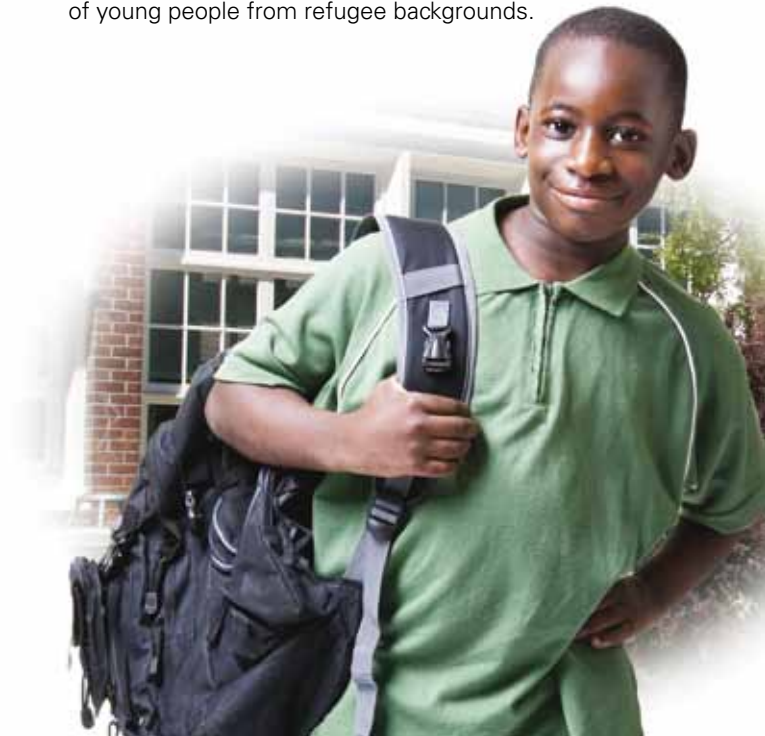
### **Services**

#### **Multi-Lingual Liaison Staff**

The college employs Multi-Lingual Liaison Officers with cross cultural skills. They can assist individuals, communities and schools with education related questions and queries. They can provide school based interpretation support.

#### **Careers and Pathways**

All students enrolled at Hagley in ESOL or mainstream courses have the opportunity of one on one or group careers advice. This is specifically targeted to the needs of young people from refugee backgrounds.



## Other Programmes



### Capacity Building

Every three months Hagley Community College provides a day long workshop called **'Working Alongside Refugee Background Families'**. This explores the process of resettlement, cultural competency and organisational responses to increasing diversity. The workshop is for staff and volunteers at NGOs/charities/BOT/government agencies that are involved in providing services. Workshops have been running since 2007, with over 100 participants having completed the capacity building programme. (NB: All 2010 workshops are full).

### Look out for the advertising as these course fills up fast!

**Email:** [refugeeprogrammes@hagley.school.nz](mailto:refugeeprogrammes@hagley.school.nz) for information about other opportunities for intercultural awareness and communication training.

### NCEA Holiday Programme

This initiative runs in either term two or term three holidays at the College. It is a preparation course for refugee background students or those aspiring to study for NCEA.

### Hagley Healthy Girls and Women

Twice weekly exercise, first aid training and team building trips for girls and women from refugee and migrant backgrounds in a private, culturally appropriate environment.

### Refugee Women's Day

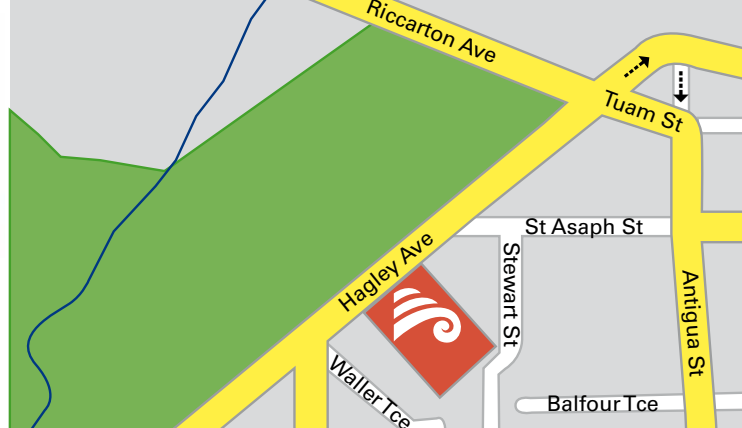
A celebration of the lives of women from refugee backgrounds and acknowledgement of their contribution to family and community life.

### Cultural and Social Activities

From film nights to pot luck lunches, art projects to external speakers! A programme of events and activities are spread across the school year to provide opportunities to make friends, discuss issues and develop knowledge and understanding between different ethnicities and cultures.

### Advocacy, Assistance and Referrals

Refugee programmes staff can assist with accessing services beyond the College. This includes social and youth work and community organisations. The College is active in local networks supporting refugee families.



## Contacts

### Multi-Lingual Liaison Officers

### Refugee Programmes Co-ordinator

### Refugee Careers and Pathways Adviser

### Refugee Backgrounds Girls' and Women's Officer

### Director of Learning Communities

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## Programmes for People from Refugee Backgrounds based at Hagley Community College



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