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Corrections centre inmates graduate

ANOTHER cohort of TAFE students at Fulham Correctional Centre graduated on Wednesday, September 18.

Inmates graduated from courses including Horticulture and Information Technology.

Of about 800 inmates at Fulham, almost half are involved in education with Kangan TAFE, enrolled in courses such as English, maths, general education, engineering, automotive and furniture-making.

A small number of inmates are undertaking bachelor degrees.

Family members of some of the students were present at the graduation ceremony to share the occasion.

Fulham Correctional Centre senior education officer Phil Maynes said while Fulham Correctional Centre had a high turnover of prisoners, it was important to get them involved in the program.



Fulham Correctional Centre general manager Trevor Craig, FCC Kangan TAFE education manager Carole Petchell and Wellington Shire councillor Darren McCubbin presented graduation certificates to FCC inmates, who completed studies in Information Technology and Horticulture.

“Corrections Victoria has TAFE colleges operating in all prisons and correctional centres in Victoria, offering a wide variety of educational courses and options for prisoners,” he said.

“It is recognised worldwide that education is a key factor in the rehabilitation of prisoners and in

preventing recidivism.”

Corrections Victoria appointed senior education officers to oversee education in all state run prisons and correctional centres.

Kangan TAFE gained the contract to provide TAFE courses at Fulham and commercial classes at the correctional centre.