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### Students visit *The Whistleblower* movie set

Fifty students from partner Secondary Schools and Federation Training attended the Gippsland Technical School to experience what it is like to work on a movie set when they visited the location of *The Whistleblower* film at ENGIE Hazelwood last Friday.

The students participated in activities including special effects make-up, professional sound and lighting, film production and acting.

ENGIE Hazelwood Rehabilitation Project Director, Tony Innocenzi, said that following discussions between the production company and the Gippsland Tech School, it became clear that opportunities to tour a working film set were rare.

“We were very keen to partner with the Gippsland Tech School and Federation Training to give local media and film students an opportunity to experience first-hand an insight into the world of film making and that was certainly what drove us to facilitate the visit,” Mr Innocenzi said.

“Feedback from students and teachers was fantastic, with students learning a great deal about the film industry to support their studies.”

The Gippsland Tech School in Morwell is a high-tech learning environment, with innovative education programs linked with local industry to deliver real world learning to students. There is an emphasis on skills needed for the 21st century, including vital science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics skills (STE(A)M).

Supervising Location Manager for Edko Films, Pia Emery, hosted the students.

Ms Emery said the joint Australian-Chinese production was being filmed at 48 locations in Victoria and had a cast and crew of almost 200.

“We were blown away by the interest in the production from the Latrobe Valley and thrilled to be able to give the local students a taste of the many career opportunities in the film



industry," she said.

After three weeks on the site of the former Hazelwood Power Station, the production packed up to move on to other Victorian locations including Melbourne, Werribee and Geelong.

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