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### Hazelwood equipment helps in science education

ENGIE Hazelwood is helping Latrobe Valley primary and secondary school students with their science education.

Redundant equipment from the Hazelwood Chemistry Laboratory has been donated to Kurnai College in Churchill, Lavalla College in Traralgon and Hazelwood North Primary School.

Chemistry teachers from all three schools said the equipment, including beakers, flasks, test tubes and retort stands, was much appreciated and would be put to good use.

“The large amount of glassware in particular is constant use by all year levels,” Kurnai Churchill chemistry teacher, Trevor Chandler, said. “Some materials, such as the auto pipette tips, will be passed onto Federation University as it uses equipment of that particular size.”

Kaye Stockdale from Hazelwood North school said the science equipment donated would prove valuable to the school, with its new focus on STEM – science, technology and mathematics.

The Hazelwood Chem Lab, as it was known, performed an integral role in the operation of the Hazelwood Power Station and Mine. Staff undertook a range of work including water quality testing and air monitoring across the site.

Hazelwood Manager of External Communications, Lauren Carey, said that as the station had closed, much of the redundant equipment had been donated to local community organisations and schools.

“The chemistry equipment is just a small part of what is being distributed,” she said. “We had a terrific response from the community and are thrilled this equipment can be put to good use.”

