The primary goals of the ALC are to:

- Cater for different learning styles, preferences and life circumstances
- Improve young people’s employability, career development and life skills
- Engage or reengage all young people in education through to Year 12 or equivalent attainment
- Provide opportunities for young people to participate in workplace and community learning
- Plan for development of skills and knowledge to address community and workforce needs
- Increase opportunities for young people to connect with the community
- Increase the level of engagement and attainment of youth in the Central Highlands region to complete Year 12 or equivalent studies (Certificate II qualification)
- Increase mentoring opportunities and resources through volunteering activities.

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ALTERNATIVE LEARNING
The Emerald ALC offers a flexible learning environment for those struggling to fit into the mainstream education system. Students will be able to complete core language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) requirements for a sound achievement equivalent to Year 10 before moving onto further studies.

TAILORED LEARNING
Students referred to the ALC will get:
- an individual support plan
- an agreed learning pathway
- industry exposure through work/industry placement
- modified and adjusted learning materials that support individual skills
- blended assessments that cater to individual styles
- ongoing mentoring and counselling
- free online access to courses
- supplies as needed to complete assessments

PRACTICAL LEARNING
Whilst enrolled in the ALC, students will also be able to access other courses offered by partner RTO’s that offer an extensive scope of VET certificates in retail, agriculture, business and mining.

Students completing certificates through ALC will have the advantage of RTO links with industry, providing a pathway to greater employment opportunities with LLN, skills and workplace exposure.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS
Potential students need to be referred to the ALC from existing community and industry services supporting the program.

Once identified, industry partners will meet to identify needs and develop a simplified selection process to ensure eligibility criteria are met.

INDUSTRY PARTNERS
Capricornia School of Distance Education, Australian Agricultural College Corporation and Zero Harm Safety and Training are key partners in the Emerald ALC, offering:
- delivery of VET certificates (Level II) in retail, agriculture, business and mining
- education and training outcomes in agriculture, mining and resources and civil construction
- extensive industry contacts through delivery of programs
- alignment with local and regional workforce needs