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Northern Bay College kindergarten student earns school \$10k for naming giant crane

One imaginative kindergarten student won his school \$10,000 by naming the 50-metre tall crane dominating the skyline in Moorabool Street as part of the \$85 million GMHBA headquarters site. This was the clever name he came up with.

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The 50-metre tall crane dominating the skyline in Moorabool Street as part of the \$85 million [GMHBA headquarters](#) site has been given a unique name following a competition.

The crane has been named 'Boomka' by [Northern Bay College](#) kindergarten student Sonni, who won the 'Name the Crane' competition open to the school's kindergarten and prep students.

Sonni's name for the crane references the noise made by a crane.

Project partners Quintessential Equity, GMHBA and Kane Constructions, have donated a combined \$10,000 to the Northern Bay College Early Learning Centre.

Quintessential Equity executive chairman Shane Quinn said he was excited to give a name to the crane in a way that also supports education in the area.

"We are proud to come together with our project partners to support Northern Bay College which is making a great contribution to this diverse community through education. It's great that the students were also able to have fun and play

a small but certainly noticeable part in the development of our project,” he said.



📷 Sonni McInnes won the competition to name the GMHBA crane and \$10,000 for his kindergarten, the Northern Bay College Early Learning Centre. He's pictured with his teacher Vivian Kilpatrick. Picture: Alison Wynd



📷 The giant crane has been named 'Boomka'. Picture: Alison Wynd

Quintessential Equity, GMHBA and Kane Constructions are all signatories of the G21 Region Opportunities for Work (GROW) compact – an initiative focused on maximising economic and social outcomes in the Geelong region. The project has so far created 220 local jobs.

Northern Bay College is one of Victoria's largest public schools and its Family Learning Centre, encompassing childcare and kindergarten, relies on the generosity of the community to support local families in need.

“We are so grateful for the kindness and generosity of this donation which will allow us to enhance the outdoor learning areas with stimulating play equipment. This will benefit not only the current 2020 children who entered the competition, but also the future families in years to come,” Northern Bay College principal Scott Diamond said.

Construction is under way at 60 Moorabool Street, with major bulk excavation and earthworks ongoing. Completion is slated for mid-2021.