

SERVICES BOOKLET

EDUCATION, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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ALIA COLLEGE

CONTACT DETAILS

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Website: <https://alia.vic.edu.au/>

Campus location: Hawthorn East

WHO WE ARE

- Alia College is an independent alternative secondary school in Hawthorn East, Victoria.

WHAT WE DO

- Years 7-12.
- The curriculum that Alia College provides is the same as mainstream schools, but it is the environment in which Alia College provides this education that is very different.
- Focusing on an informal, pleasant atmosphere e.g. teachers are on a first name basis with students and where casual clothing. No bells, students have open access to the school kitchen, students are free to walk off the school premises during break and free periods.
- There are no formal sets of punishments such as detentions. If any issue arises, students and teachers discuss the matter – at considerable length, if needed. The most serious rule at the school is that students must not interfere with the learning of other students.
- Teachers maintain control of the curriculum. Students have considerable say in any other matters that relate to their activities at school. Lines of communication are always open, which creates conditions ripe for negotiation.
- There is no staff room. Teachers and staff mingle with students during breaks. Teachers have offices but there are no locked doors and students are always welcome.

ELIGIBILITY

- There is no formal eligibility criteria. It is more based on appropriate fit between the student and the school.
- There are a number of aspects to the enrolment process at Alia College. The school is small, and unique, and therefore we take great care in helping new students find their place in the community. The following information about Information Nights, Brief Visits, Trial Days and Trial Weeks (2-3 weeks) is typical, but not prescriptive. First and foremost these processes exist so we can learn the interests and needs of prospective students, and so prospective students can have ample time to ask questions about us.
- Very inclusive and supportive of children who are neurodivergent.

FEES

Alia College charges a means-tested tuition fee of **\$12,000 per year** across all year levels (Years 7 to 12). The school also requires a non-refundable **\$200 application fee** to register for a prospective student trial day. There is scope for flexibility with fees.

BERENGARRA SCHOOL

CONTACT DETAILS

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Website: <https://berengarra.vic.edu.au/>

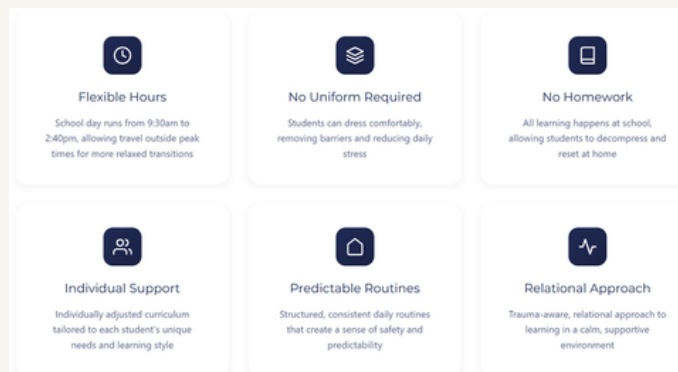
Campus locations: Box Hill and Chadstone

WHO WE ARE

- Berengarra is an Independent Secondary School. All Berengarra School students require specialist support to meet their diverse social and emotional challenges. Students commonly present with a variety of mental health issues and/or learning challenges. Students who enrol at Berengarra School have all had challenges finding success in mainstream education. The school aims to offer the very best learning environment, curriculum and processes to meet the needs of our students.

WHAT WE DO

- The Berengarra BELONG Model® is the framework that underpins our vision of transforming lives by providing hope for a positive and engaged future. It guides our approach to wellbeing, learning and relationships, ensuring that every student experiences the sense of belonging that supports engagement, growth and success.
- Once all the documentation is complete, you and your young person will meet with the Head of Campus for a pre-start meeting and commence the trial period (20 days). The 20-day trial is a gentle reintegration back into an educational environment, designed to reduce overload and make attendance achievable.



ELIGIBILITY

Berengarra School is for capable secondary school students who need a different approach to learning. Many students who attend Berengarra School experience anxiety, school refusal, ADHD, autism, learning differences, or social and emotional challenges. Our students are capable learners who benefit from small class sizes, individual learning plans, and a calm, supportive environment where wellbeing and learning are equally important.

FEES

\$3,300–\$4,000/year; financial assistance available

BERRY STREET SCHOOL

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 9239 1480 (Narre Warren campus)

Campuses at: Narre Warren, Morwell, Shepparton, Ballarat

Email: BSVSchool@berrystreet.org.au/narrewarren@berrystreet.org.au

Website: <https://www.berrystreetschool.vic.edu.au/>

WHO WE ARE

The Berry Street School is a fee-free Specialist, Independent Secondary School (years 7-12) with campuses located in Narre Warren, Morwell, Shepparton, and Ballarat. The school operates to educate children with a history of adverse childhood experiences who are at risk of disengaging from their education. The school adopts a trauma-informed approach to teaching and learning and puts the needs of students at the centre of everything we do. Our School's vision is to create and sustain a safe and inclusive learning community where our students have access to high-quality education so they can thrive, achieve and belong.

https://youtu.be/23U035w3ivI?si=NrlZo_6_ROP8d-pX (Watch great summary of the school)

WHAT WE DO

- The Berry Street School provides a highly specialised learning environment and long term option for students whose needs have not been met by mainstream schools or short-term programs.
- Our School offers a diverse curriculum to our students, including the Victorian Curriculum, Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), Victorian Certificate of Education - Vocational Major (VCE VM), and Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC). Our commitment to providing a safe and inclusive learning environment is reflected in our small class sizes and high staff-to-student ratio. These factors enable us to engage students in their education and foster authentic and meaningful relationships.
- Our teaching approach is characterised by flexibility and personalisation. Each student has an Individual Education Plan, which encompasses specific learning goals and outcomes, as well as wellbeing goals. By tailoring our instruction to the unique needs of each student, we ensure that they experience success and progress in their educational journey.

ELIGIBILITY

Students wishing to attend the Berry Street School must be of secondary school age and meet the following criteria:

- show evidence that mainstream education is not appropriate:
 - have a history of disrupted learning and sustained school absence due to school refusal, suspension and/or expulsions
 - have not responded to interventions and supports provided in a mainstream setting
- experience social and/or emotional difficulties
- have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)*
- want to be enrolled at the Berry Street School and agree to follow the School's Code of Conduct, as well as other policies and procedures.

FEES

.Fee-free; funded by government & Berry Street

CHESHIRE SCHOOL- SPECIALIST PRIMARY EDUCATION

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: (03) 9132 6320

Location: 16 Woodlea Dr, Glen Waverley VIC 3150

Website: <https://www.bestchance.org.au/cheshire-school/>

WHO WE ARE

Cheshire School is a specialist interim education setting for primary-aged children with complex social, emotional, and behavioural needs. Through a safe and engaging environment, our team of dedicated staff foster self-esteem, resilience, and respect. Our expertise in supporting various diagnoses and behaviours ensures students develop positive participation, self-regulation, and a renewed desire to learn. Together with families, we empower students to thrive as learners and become confident members of their community.

WHAT WE DO

- Our classes are capped at 10 students with a 1:3 staff-to-student ratio. This ensures every child receives individualised attention in a safe and supportive space, where they are truly seen, heard and valued.
- Our approach blends trauma informed practices with neuro-affirming strategies.

ELIGIBILITY

- Our enrolment process is designed to carefully assess each student's needs to ensure the best fit for the child and our program. With clear eligibility criteria, we take a thorough and supportive approach, involving families every step of the way. From initial referrals to observation visits and trial sessions, we work collaboratively to create a pathway for successful integration. Our goal is to provide the right environment for each student to prosper and grow.
- Children experiencing significant emotional or behavioural challenges that impact their school success may be eligible for our school. A full-scale IQ of 80+ and age-appropriate speech and language skills are required. Students may have Autism, ADHD, ODD, anxiety or depression however a diagnosis is not required to be eligible.

FEES

Fees not publicly listed; likely subsidised.

CIRE COMMUNITY SCHOOL

CONTACT DETAILS

Ph: 1300 835 235

W: <https://www.cire.org.au/location/berwick-community-school/>

Campus Locations: Yarra Ranges, Berwick.

WHO WE ARE

Discover Cire Community School, a co-educational independent secondary school across five campuses in Melbourne's east. With two additional campuses arriving in 2027.

WHAT WE DO

Our mission is to create a safe and supportive school where every student can grow academically, socially, and emotionally. We understand the impact of trauma on development and respond with empathy, care and respect. By building strong relationships and connecting students with their community, we empower them to feel valued, build resilience, and prepare for a positive future.

ELIGIBILITY

- Years 7-12.
- As an independently registered Special Assistance School, Cire Community School education model is specifically designed to support students who are predominately dealing with social and emotional disabilities, including those impacted by complex trauma.
- Our education model is not designed to cater for students who have a formally assessed intellectual disability.

FEES

- Standard Levy: \$700 full fee per year for all year levels.
- Concession Rate: \$300 per year for eligible concession card holders.

DAVID SCOTT SCHOOL

CONTACT DETAILS

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Website: www.davidscottschool.vic.edu.au

Location: 22-26 High Street, Frankston, Victoria 3199

WHO WE ARE

The David Scott School has been established to deliver an individualised high-quality specialist senior secondary (VCAL) education that focuses on the domains of best practice teaching and learning, wellbeing, pathways and career transition support, for young people marginalised from mainstream educational settings as a consequence of complex personal circumstances.

WHAT WE DO

- The David Scott School supports young people to reconnect them to their education, their communities and their futures. We achieve this through operationalising an approach that places each student in the centre of their school experience, as active agents in decisions about their education, as collaborators in their learning and as designers of their future.
- The David Scott School is a senior secondary specialist education program is taught in a small, supportive and personalised learning environment by experienced and committed staff.
- Each classroom has a maximum of 16 students enrolled, based on the enrolled certificate (VPC, VM Year 1 or VM Year 2). Each class is supported by their Triad (Teacher, Wellbeing Practitioner and Learning Support Educator) which does not change throughout the school year. Classes are located in one permanent classroom throughout the year not requiring moving based on subjects.

ELIGIBILITY

Young people between the **ages of 15 and 19** who are ready to complete secondary school, but for different reasons, are better suited to a flexible educational program outside a mainstream school.

The school is not exclusionary in its intake process but does prioritise students who:

- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- have lived experience of out-of-home care
- face mental health challenges + have had encounters with youth justice
- have experience of family violence
- face employment challenges and/or financial hardship
- are homeless or at risk of homelessness and/ or experiencing insecure housing
- undertake caring and/or parenting responsibilities.
- Please note, students must be 15 years of age to enrol.

FEES

Non-fee-paying independent senior secondary school. It does not charge tuition fees

ECG SECONDARY COLLEGE

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 03 5622 6000

Campuses Locations: Pakenham, Warragul, Leongatha, Dandenong

Email: info@ecg.vic.edu.au

Website: <https://ecg.vic.edu.au/>

WHO WE ARE

ECG Secondary College is a registered independent school and a division of Community College Gippsland (CCG). Our school provides an alternative pathway towards secondary education for those who want a different learning environment. Our students are backed by a team of dedicated and passionate teachers, youth workers, counsellors, and learning support officers, along with collaborative agencies and organisations that provide a comprehensive support system for student wellbeing. The school adopts an applied approach to learning, integrating real-world scenarios into its curriculum through in-class and out-of-class activities such as incursions, excursions, camps, and skills-based programs.

WHAT WE DO

- Our curriculum is aimed at providing individual support to each student to help them succeed. We offer the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) and VCE Vocational Major (VM) for Years 11 and 12 (VPC and VCE VM) at our four campuses located in Warragul, Leongatha, Pakenham, and Dandenong. Our offerings have expanded to include Year 9 and 10 classes at our Warragul and Leongatha campuses from 2024.
- We have a robust support system, with Youth Workers on staff and free, confidential access to professional counselling services
- We have a flexible, innovative, hands-on approach to learning. We teach our subjects in a very practical way with a big focus on learning-by-doing.
- Our classrooms could be workshops, studios, salons, hothouses, gardens, shopfronts or community spaces – or any other location that offers our students the best learning experience.

ELIGIBILITY

- ECG Secondary College is ideal for young people aged 14 to 20 who are disengaged or at risk, would like to prepare for work, an apprenticeship, a traineeship or further training in a subject they are passionate about.
- We offer students more one-on-one time and support than you typically find in a mainstream classroom. That makes learning at our learning environment a great option for young people who have found school challenging in the past.

FEES

ECG Secondary College requires each student to make a small contribution each year towards their learning experience in the form of a tuition fee. Annual tuition fees are \$750 per student, or \$150 if covered by an eligible concession card.

HESTER HORN BROOK ACADEMY

CONTACT DETAILS

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Campuses at: Melbourne CBD, South Melbourne, Werribee, Sunshine

Email: admin@hhacademy.vic.gov.au

Website: <https://www.hhacademy.vic.edu.au/>

WHO WE ARE

Hester Hornbrook Academy is a fee free Specialist Assistance School where learning and wellbeing intersect to support young people 15-25 to develop positive pathways through quality education.

WHAT WE DO

- At Hester Hornbrook, we offer the VPC and VCE VM, which are inclusive Year 11 and Year 12 certificates. The time taken for unit completion and certificate completion varies from student to student. We provide a flexible learning environment where students can take the time they need to complete the VPC or VCE VM, within the limitations of: the certificate completion rules determined by the VCAA; approval for Flexible Delivery by the VCAA; and Hester Hornbrook's age limitation of 15 to 25.
- If a student is 15 years old, they must start with the VPC.
- Once they are 16 or older, students can select either the VPC or the Vocational Major (VM). The enrolments team will determine whether new students are better suited to the VPC or VM, based on the student's learning needs and/or pathway.

ELIGIBILITY

- Hester Hornbrook is a registered Special Assistance School that supports students to re-engage with education. We can enrol students who have social/emotional challenges and cognitive and sensory disabilities. The students we enrol also need to be currently disengaged from education.
- Students need to be 15 years (to 25 years) to enrol.
- Students who have studied prior VCAL or VCE subjects may have credit transferable to their certificate, therefore there will be reduced requirements to completing certificates.
- Students can include Structured Workplace Learning & School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships as part of their studies. Reaching out to the Career & Pathways team is your first step towards these pathway options.
- Students will be assessed on a number of areas to help determine suitability for the course enrolment. This will include academic capacity, pathway options and social and emotional capacity. All decisions will be made in consultation with the student.
- At all stages of the certificates, students have the ability to receive an enhanced statement of results and work alongside our Career & Pathways team to transition into future pathways.

FEES

Free, no tuition fees.

JUNIPER COLLEGE (FORMALLY KNOWN AS FOUNDATION COLLEGE)

CONTACT DETAILS

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Email: contact@junipercollege.vic.edu.au

Website: <https://www.junipercollege.vic.edu.au/about-us>

Campus Locations: Frankston and Narre Warren

WHO WE ARE

- Juniper College is an alternative secondary school where wellbeing and learning work together in every classroom.
- Our Belief is Students Reconnecting with Education Supporting young people experiencing school can't (school refusal) or disengagement to rebuild confidence and reconnect with learning at a pace that feels safe. Building meaningful relationships where every student is known, valued and supported within a connected school community.

WHAT WE DO

- Small School Community Students Experiencing Anxiety: Providing calm, predictable routines and a supportive environment that helps students feel secure, build resilience and engage with learning e.g. no more than 15 students per classroom.
- Belonging and Inclusion Neurodivergent Learners: Celebrating different ways of thinking and learning, including students who are autistic, have ADHD, or other learning differences, through personalised teaching and support. Providing practical, hands-on learning experiences that prepare students for employment, further education, training and independent futures.
- Vocational and Applied Learning Trauma-Informed Education: Creating safe, trusting relationships and a nurturing environment where students can heal, grow and achieve success. Designing individual learning pathways that recognise each student's strengths, interests, goals and aspirations.
- Personalised Learning A Different Approach to School: Supporting students who have found mainstream education overwhelming or not the right fit by providing a flexible, individualised learning environment where they can thrive.

ELIGIBILITY

- Ages 15-19 years old.
- Whether a student is experiencing school can't (school refusal), anxiety, disengagement, autism, ADHD, learning differences or simply needs a different approach to education, our team works alongside them to develop confidence, independence and a pathway towards their future.
- Need to have an official diagnosis given they are a Specialist Assistance School.
- Not appropriate for young people with significant behavioural issues, given challenges of managing this in the classroom.

FEES

- Full fee \$650 per year + \$700 for VET years (Years 11 and 12)
- Concession fee \$220 per year + \$230 for VET years (Years 11 and 12)
- No additional fees (devices, stationary, excursions).

MACKILLOP EDUCATION

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: <https://mackillopeducation.edu.au/contact/contact-us-2>

Campuses at: Caulfield (Foundation to Year 12), Geelong (Foundation to Year 12), Maidstone (Year 3 to Year 6), Clifton Hill (Foundation to Year 12)

Website: <https://mackillopeducation.edu.au/our-schools/schools-and-programs>

WHO WE ARE

- School can be a challenging environment for many children and young people, especially those who have experienced adversity and/or complex trauma. To cater for a student's learning and wellbeing needs, we provide an environment that empowers students to re-engage in education and supports them academically and socially so they can experience success in learning and either continue their education at MacKillop or return to their host school.
- Our Victorian schools implement the Victorian Curriculum at Foundation – Year 10, and offer the Victorian Certificate Education Vocational Major (VCE VM) and Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) in the senior years of secondary school.

WHAT WE DO

In recognition of the impact on learning, of adversity and/or trauma, and the complex and diverse needs of our students, we offer:

- Highly trained staff, who provide unconditional positive regard for all who are part of our learning community
- Quality learning and teaching
- Trauma-informed practice

Intensive support:

- Two staff with a max of 10 students in a class
- 1:1 support, as required
- School Psychologist and Speech Pathologist on-site
- Extensive adjustments to enhance student learning through:

-Individualised and differentiated learning and teaching

-Modified curriculum content

-Tailored learning spaces

- Other targeted interventions include Individual Education Plans and the Canine Assisted Learning Program.

ELIGIBILITY

- Young people who have disengaged or are at risk of disengaging from their education setting. Our schools are suited to students whose learning needs and social and/or emotional behaviours cannot be adequately supported in a mainstream setting.

FEES

MacKillop Education does not charge school fees from Foundation – Year 10 (VIC). There may be some costs associated with enrolment in Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses in the senior years.

OAKWOOD SCHOOL

CONTACT DETAILS

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Website: <https://oakwoodschool.vic.edu.au/contact-us/>

Campus locations: Noble Park, Caulfield Park, Frankston, Chelsea, Rosebud, Hastings, Mornington, Pakenham

WHO WE ARE

Oakwood School is a government school that was created to enrol students who have stopped attending school. The school operates over a range of sites across the Southern, South-East, and Mornington Peninsula areas.. We use three words to describe our work: Learning, Respect, and Empowerment.

WHAT WE DO

The program at Oakwood School is carefully designed to meet the needs of each student. Considerable time is devoted to student induction, which allows the student to attend school for short sessions to work individually with their class teacher. The program focuses on developing the student's literacy and numeracy skills, positive behaviours, and, where possible, specialist subjects in Art and Physical Education.

ELIGIBILITY

- To be eligible for enrolment in Oakwood School, students must be secondary school-aged, not currently attending or enrolled in another school, and wishing to re-engage with teachers and learning.
- Oakwood School provides opportunities for secondary school aged students who have disengaged from school or where a mainstream school learning environment is seen to be inappropriate to meet the young person's needs
- The background of students at Oakwood School is diverse but they have in common the experience of trauma in their lives through for example, violence, family breakdown and associated mental health issues. Often young people have not engaged in learning as a result of chronic anxiety, or specific learning or language difficulties.

FEES

Government school – No tuition fees

TOMBOLA ACADEMY

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 9598 7552

Email: admin@tombolo.vic.edu.au

Website: <https://tombolo.vic.edu.au/>

Location: 453 Bluff Road, Hampton, Victoria 3188

WHO WE ARE

- At Tombolo Academy, our dedicated and passionate educators create a safe, dynamic environment where highly capable neurodiverse students flourish. Our team combines expertise with empathy, building strong, supportive relationships with students and families.
- By embracing innovative teaching methods and cutting-edge technology, we craft personalised learning experiences that cater to each student's unique strengths and needs.

WHAT WE DO

- Tombolo Academy's approach to learning is centred on personalised education and relationship-based teaching. We focus on small class sizes, flexible learning spaces, and movement breaks tailored to neurodiverse needs.
- Our curriculum incorporates innovative strategies to support academic and personal growth. We use SOLO Taxonomy to develop and assess critical thinking, guiding students through stages of understanding from basic knowledge to advanced, interconnected concepts. Additionally, we offer Micro-Credentials to recognise specific skill development and provide resilience training to help students navigate challenges confidently.

ELIGIBILITY

At Tombolo Academy, we cater to students who have become disconnected from learning in mainstream settings. Our school is designed for students from **Year 3 to Year 10** who face challenges due to learning differences, such as ASD, ADHD, and General Anxiety Disorder (GAD). We provide a personalised, supportive educational environment where students' unique needs are met, empowering them to reconnect with learning and achieve their full potential.

Full scale IQ of 90 or above

FEES

Fees & Levies

Annual Tuition Fee 2026	Cost of tuition, materials, and resources only	\$14,976
Excursion Cost (Compulsory)	Travel to excursion activities	\$530
ICT Levy (Compulsory)	Supply of materials, infrastructure, maintenance of the school network and security of devices	\$400
Total		\$15,906

CAREER COUNSELLING & FORMALISED SUPPORT

- **ANGLICARE: TEACHAR**
- **ASURIA**
- **CENTRE FOR MULTICULTURAL YOUTH (CMY)**
- **CHISHOLM SKILLS AND JOBS CENTRE**
- **FOUNDATION LEARNING CENTRE: THE RISE PROGRAM**
- **NAVIGATOR**
- **SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY LINKS**
- **THE SALVATION ARMY, EMPLOYMENT PLUS: INCLUSIVE EMPLOYMENT AUSTRALIA**
- **UNITING: SASP**
- **UNITING: RECONNECT**
- **YDAS: EARLY SCHOOL LEAVER PROGRAM**



ANGLICARE: TRANSFORMING EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT OF CHILDREN AT RISK (TEACHAR)

CONTACT DETAILS

Email: TEACHaR@anglicarevic.org.au

Website: <https://www.anglicarevic.org.au/our-services/education/teachar-tutoring-for-children-and-young-people/>

WHO WE ARE

- Anglicare Victoria's TEACHaR Program has made a huge difference to the education of vulnerable children and young people for almost a decade. While first developed for young people in out-of-home care, it has grown to support students, carers and professionals all across Victoria.
- TEACHaR meets the educational needs of all vulnerable children and young people (4-18 yrs old). Education Specialists (teachers) work collaboratively with children and young people, their carers/parents, school staff and other professionals to transform their feelings and attitudes towards learning. By creating a positive environment towards learning, this personalised program helps to:

WHAT WE DO

Services offered include:



Increase school engagement and attendance.



Improve literacy, numeracy, personal and social capabilities.



Provide one on one teaching and learning based on student's voice, interests and needs.



Deliver a trauma informed, strengths based teaching approach.



Develop collaborative partnerships with schools, Care Teams and other stakeholders.



Provide a flexible learning environment including home, school and online.



Advocate for our students to achieve their best possible outcomes.



Design individually tailored Personal Education Plans (PEPs) with realistic, attainable educational goals.



Develop positive relationships to establish rapport and trust.

FEES

10 week package min \$4900.

ASURIA

CONTACT DETAILS

Asuria - Transition to Work provider

Telephone: 0458 358 423

Email: toni.waters@asuria.com.au

Website: <https://www.asuria.com.au/youth>

Locations: Dandenong, Cranbourne, Narre Warren, Pakenham

WHO WE ARE

Through the Transition to Work Program, Asuria assists and supports young people aged 15-24 into work (including apprenticeships and training) or education. We meet with our young people weekly, and offer activities and services around wellbeing, jobs clubs, linking in with employment consultants, resume and cover letter building, assisting to establish pathways, plus training and education to support those goals and pathways.

WHAT WE DO

Our young people receive support and assistance to develop the practical skills to find and apply for jobs, get a job, link in with education or training, find local opportunities and connect with suited local community services.

We assist and support access to job-specific training, network with local employers and training, provide continuous ongoing support when employed or studying. We also link our young people in with employment consultants, careers counselling and assist in establishing short term and long-term goals. Career guidance and support is also a big part of what we do. We understand not everyone is ready or looking for employment immediately, so we can also support and assist with study options.

We assist in building skills and confidence, with inhouse programs and support, including:

- Personal Development
- Resilience
- Social skills and interactions
- Planning and budgeting
- Goal setting
- Wellbeing
- Mentoring

ELIGIBILITY

Core eligibility to participate in Transition to Work includes:

- Aged 15-24 years old
- An Aust citizen, PR, or an appropriate Visa holder
- Not already participating in Employment Services

Further eligibility Criteria is dependant on individual circumstances and can be discussed upon contact with Asuria (Senior Community Engagement – Toni – 0458 358 423)

FEES

Government-funded and **free** for eligible participants.

CENTRE FOR MULTICULTURAL YOUTH (CMY)

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: (03) 8594 1561

Email: info@cmy.net.au

Website: [CMY Home - Centre for Multicultural Youth](#)

Location: Jamma & South East Hub, Level 6, 280 Thomas Street, Dandenong, VIC 3175

WHO WE ARE

The Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) is a non-profit organisation based in Victoria and has been shaping culture alongside multicultural young people and communities since 1988. CMY works to address systemic barriers that impact multicultural young people. Our work is youth-informed, strengths-based, and grounded in diversity, inclusion and anti-racism. At CMY, we all play a part in shaping systems, attitudes and behaviours that create the society we all deserve.

WHAT WE DO

Some of the programs include:

Navigator

- The Navigator program seeks to support high school aged young people, 12-17 who have disengaged from mainstream education, with attendance of 30% or less. The program is delivered utilising a strengths-based and relationship building model, provides case management, restorative practices and assertive outreach working in collaboration with other key agencies, including schools.
- The program is delivered in the cities of Greater Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia.

Reconnect

- Reconnect is a community-based early intervention and prevention program for young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and their families. The program is client-centred, with a culturally oriented, strengths-based approach and utilises a variety of strategies such as case management, counselling, group work, family mediation and practical support. Reconnect supports young people from migrant or refugee backgrounds, aged 12-21 who have been in Australia for less than five years. The program is delivered across the cities of Greater Dandenong, Casey, Brimbank, Hume, Moonee Valley and Wyndham.

Settling Smarter

Settling Smarter supports young people to transition and settle successfully in their new community. The program works with young people aged 12–25 years, who have arrived within the last five years, live, work or study in metropolitan Melbourne to:

- Learn about life in Australia and understand local systems
- Navigate and connect to support services
- Build independence and achieve goals related to education, employment, social supports, and community networks

Youth Workers provide individual case work support, and professional mentors help young people understand the Australian employment system and work towards their career and training goals.

Jobs, internships & student placements at CMY

In line with our commitment to increasing young people's access to employment, our recruitment and employment practices ensure we can walk the talk. CMY offers annual Youth Internships, Student Placements through universities and TAFE colleges, and also has a range of opportunities for youth volunteers to gain valuable experience. We encourage applicants from multicultural backgrounds and support the diverse needs of our staff.

CENTRE FOR MULTICULTURAL YOUTH (CMY)

WHAT WE DO (CONTINUED)

Jamma

- Jamma supports young South Sudanese people and their families in Dandenong, Casey, Cardinia, Melton and Brimbank areas through guidance, opportunity, and connection.
- Jamma strengthens the bonds between generations and cultures by supporting young South Sudanese people to build strong futures. We do this by improving community wellbeing, fostering safe and respectful relationships, creating pathways through education and employment, and deepening a sense of belonging.
- Our work is built on a whole-of-community approach. We collaborate directly with young people, their families, community leaders, and strategic partners to deliver impactful, mission-aligned programs.
- We welcome young people, families and community members to our programs, workshops and events.

Get in touch with your local Jamma office or email us at jamma@cmy.net.au.

Dandenong, Casey & Cardinia Office

Level 6, 280 Thomas St, Dandenong VIC 3175

P | (03) 8594 1561



Youth Development

Homework club and tutoring:
After-school support.
Youth activities and outreach:
Engaging programs in schools and during holidays.
Leadership:
Building confidence and peer connections.



Personal Support

Casework and advocacy:
One-on-one guidance and speaking up for your needs.
Referrals:
Connecting you to health, legal and housing services.



Employment & Training

Skills workshops:
Practical training in computers, finance and trades.
Job pathways:
Help with resumes, interviews, and finding employment.



Community Building

Community training:
Supporting members to lead projects and initiatives.
Volunteering:
Opportunities to give back and gain experience.
Parenting programs:
Workshops and parent support.

CHISHOLM SKILLS AND JOBS CENTRE

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 9212 4909

Email: skillsandjobs@chisholm.com.au

Website: [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) | [Chisholm TAFE](#)

WHO WE ARE

We provide job seekers with advice on job opportunities, training advice and link you to a range of services across Melbourne's southeast. Our specialist team of career professionals help jobseekers looking to enter the workforce, start training or re-skill. We also match employers with qualified job seekers to assist with their workforce needs. We support individuals, employers, and schools.

WHAT WE DO/ELIGIBILITY

- Victorian Early Leaver Connection Initiative (VELCI) – Career Advice Service: for any young person 20 years of age and under who has left school without completing year 12. Young people under 17 years of age (legal school age) must have a formal exemption. The Victorian Early Leaver Connection Initiative (VELCI) aims to enhance support for school-aged early school leavers. The new Career Advice Service (CAS) will provide careers advice for school-aged early school leavers to support secure transitions into, and continued engagement in, post-school education, training, and employment pathways.
- Victorian Skills Authority (VSA) Skills and Jobs Centre Career Counselling: for any members of the general public, as well as Chisholm students.
- Reconnect: The Reconnect program delivers on the Victorian Government's commitment to understanding and addressing the needs of disengaged and disadvantaged learners with a background of low levels of educational achievement. The Reconnect team at Chisholm work one-on-one with participants in developing positive pathways, through education and training, leading towards successful outcomes.
 - *Young people*: Australian Citizen or Resident aged between 17-19 years; not engaged in education or training for 6 months or longer (less than 8 hours per week).
 - *Mature participants*: Australia Citizen or Resident aged between 20-64 years. Unemployed for 6 months or more (less than 8 hours per week) and not engaged in education or training for 6 months or longer (less than 8 hours per week).
 - *Young people impacted by the justice system*: Australian Citizen or Resident (17 to 24 years of age) who has been, or is currently on a Youth Justice Order.
 - *Out of home care*: Australian Citizen or Resident aged between 17-64; A person that has a current or previous experience with Child Protection.
 - *Asylum Seekers*: Individuals or Dependents of individuals, aged between 17-64 years who meet the following criteria:
 - Hold any humanitarian, protection of refugee visa in Australia; or
 - Have applied for a humanitarian, protection or refugee visa and hold a bridging visa for this purpose; or
 - Have made an application under s.417 or s.48b of the Migration Act 1958 (Cth) which is yet to be determined and hold a bridging visa.

FEES

All our services are free.

FOUNDATION LEARNING CENTRE: THE RISE PROGRAM

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 9704 7388

Email: nic.millwood@flc.vic.edu.au

Website: <https://www.flc.vic.edu.au/courses/the-rise-program/>

Locations:

- CASEY: Onsite classes run on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9.30am – 2.00pm.
Wednesdays 9:30 to 12:00pm
- PENINSULA: Onsite classes run on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9.30am – 2.00pm.
Fridays 9:30 to 12:00pm

WHO WE ARE

From our humble beginning as community centre, FLC have grown into a dynamic not-for-profit organisation dedicated to delivering quality education, training and community programs. We are proud to foster deep connections within our community and beyond. Since our inception, our mission has remained steadfast: to cultivate positive and welcoming learning environments that empower individuals to realise their fullest potential.

WHAT WE DO

- The RISE program is a short term reengagement program that strives to support young people who have disengaged or have low attendance at their mainstream school. The intention of the program is to build student confidence and capacity, with the view to integrate students back into education. By concentrating on the young persons individual goals, wellbeing and social engagement, we aim to help each young person reach their educational goals and celebrate success.
- The topics that the student's engage with will be practical and build life skills. As well as a selection from the General Education for Adults packages, this program includes excursions, incursions, guest speakers, building strategies to cope in classroom environments, a focus on health and wellbeing and fun adventure-orientated tasks to build social skills. We aim to have fun and create a relaxed environment.
- RISE Program students remain enrolled at their home school on a Department of Education Regengagement Contract arrangement, and attend The RISE Program 4 days per week.

ELIGIBILITY

- Young people ages **13 - 16 years old**.
- Enrolments for our RISE programs must be made with the support of your young person's current school and the Department of Education.
- Parents must contact their student's current school to initiate the possibility of an enrolment in the RISE program as schools must agree to and support the DE Reengagement Contract and placement fee that is applicable for this program. All enrolments **MUST** go through the students homeschool only.

NAVIGATOR

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone:

- Windana: 9532 0811
- SECL: 9547 0511
- CMY: 8594 1561

Website: Department of Education website.

WHO WE ARE

The Victorian Government's Navigator Program in the Southern Melbourne Area (covering Casey, Cardinia, and Greater Dandenong) provides intensive case management and assertive outreach to help disengaged young people aged 12 to 17 return to education, training, and learning.

Organisations work in partnership with South East Local Learning and Employment Network (SELLEN), Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY), South East Community Links (SECL) and Windana to deliver the Navigator program.

WHAT WE DO

Navigator is a program here to help young people reconnect with education. This can mean going to school, becoming a trainee or starting an apprenticeship. It depends on each young person's goals! The Navigator program also includes courses that give young people skills to get jobs and feel confident about their education.

In the Navigator program, a member of our team can work with you to:

- Set goals you want to achieve
- Come up with a plan to for you to connect with school, get some training or even start an apprenticeship
- Access other services that may be helpful, including Centrelink for income support.

We also listen to you and can help work through issues you're going through to do with family, friends, school and more.

Our Navigator team provides outreach support – which means we catch up with you somewhere you feel safe and comfortable.

To learn more about Navigator, you can watch interviews with other young people from around the state who have been in the Navigator program!

ELIGIBILITY

Program Details & Eligibility

- Target Age: 12 to 17 years old (inclusive).
- Attendance Criteria: Attended 30% or less of the previous school term, or equivalent, or not attending school at all.
- Local Coverage: Operates across the City of Casey, Cardinia Shire, and the City of Greater Dandenong.
- Delivery: Partnered via local community service providers (such as Windana, South East Community Links and Centre for Multicultural Youth) working alongside schools and Department of Education area teams.

SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY LINKS (SECL)

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: (03) 9547 0511

Email: youth@secl.org.au

Website: <https://secl.org.au/youth/>

Location: Youth Links Hub, Shops 2-4, 49 Douglas Street, Noble Park, 3174

Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday 9am-5pm

Drop-in hours are 2pm-4.30pm

WHO WE ARE

YouthLinks:

Our programs and services aim to help young people in our community who are experiencing disadvantage to achieve better outcomes. These tailored programs focus on education, leadership, employment and housing for people aged 25 or younger in the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

WHAT WE DO

The Navigator program: helping address disengagement from education:

- We know education is crucial to improving social and economic outcomes for young people. Therefore, programs which help support young people to engage with education can make a positive impact.
- Our Navigator program is for students aged 12 to 17 years who have a less than 30 percent attendance rate at school in the previous term. Our trained expert 'Navigators' work with young people, and their support networks, to address the underlying causes of disengagement with education and help get young people back on track.
- We work in partnership with SELLEN to deliver the Navigator program which is funded by the Victorian Government.

TAC L2P:

- This free program is funded by the TAC, administered by the Department of Transport and Planning, and delivered by more than 50 councils and non-profit community agencies across Victoria including South East Community Links.
- Eligible learners are matched with a fully licenced volunteer mentor and an L2P car, which is used to gain supervised driving experience.
- The program adheres to Victorian Child Safe Standards.

Who can join the program

To be eligible for a learner position, you must meet the following criteria. You:

- are between 16 and 21 years old (and in some cases, up to 23 years old)
- are an Australian Citizen or permanent resident, including refugees and new arrivals
- have a Victorian learner's permit
- don't have access to a safe supervising driver who can help you practise your driving, or
- don't have access to a suitable vehicle
- are medically fit to drive
- aren't an overseas student
- are not already in a TAC L2P program (in another time, for example)

SOUTH EAST COMMUNITY LINKS (SECL): CONTINUED

WHAT WE DO

Youth Links Hub

- We're proud to provide a safe space where young people between the ages of 12 to 25 are welcome.
- Our Youth Links hub at our Noble Park site is open from 9.00am – 5.00pm Monday to Friday. We offer a wide range of free assistance and support – you can drop in for a chat and ask us for help with any problems you're having including education and employment pathways and help with your resume, through to emergency relief and referrals to financial counselling and Centrelink. If we can't help you, we'll help find someone that can.
- At the hub, you can use our free computers to do schoolwork, search for jobs and contact friends and family. It's also a safe place to meet and hang out with other young people.

EPIC by Youth: supporting engagement and connection

- Our 'Engage Program Inspired and Created by Youth' (EPIC by Youth) works with migrant and refugee people aged 12 to 25 years to support their continued engagement and connection with family, friends and community.
- EPIC by Youth program provide participants with a culturally supportive environment to foster a sense of belonging and help encourage positive choices and community networks through free social, recreational, educational and cultural activities. The program is led and informed by young people, including local youth leaders.
- We work with around 600 young people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds each year as part of the EPIC by Youth program.

Key activities include:

- youth leadership group
- advocacy action groups
- life-skills workshops which focus on things like swimming, mental health, food and cooking
- financial literacy
- personal development
- *leadership camps*

Better Futures: a supportive transition to adulthood:

- Our Better Futures program supports young people transitioning from out-of-home care to independent living in adulthood. The program sees our trained caseworkers working with clients to help achieve their specific goals in a range of life areas including housing, health, education, employment and community.
- Referred participants must have an out-of-home care order and be aged at least 15 years and 9 months.
- We partner with Mission Australia to deliver the Better Futures program which is funded by the Victorian Government.

THE SALVATION ARMY, EMPLOYMENT PLUS: INCLUSIVE EMPLOYMENT AUSTRALIA

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 0473 639 915 Samantha Corrigan

Email: samanthan.corrigan@salvationarmy.org.au

Website: [Employment Plus](#) | [Inclusive Employment Australia \(IEA\)](#).

WHO WE ARE

- As one of Australia's largest employment service providers, The Salvation Army Employment Plus have been connecting job seekers with employers for over 20 years. In fact, we've placed over half a million people in jobs in over 200,000 businesses.

WHAT WE DO

What IEA offers

- Personalised and person-centred employment support for people with disability, injury or health conditions, placing you at the centre of the process.
- No strict time limits: there will no longer be a two-year cap on support, and people working under 8 hours/week, or those not receiving Centrelink payments, can volunteer.
- A more flexible service model offering intensive support when needed and lighter-touch ongoing support, designed around your goals.

IEA allows us to offer:

- One-on-one career planning and job matching
- Skills training and wellbeing support
- Ongoing in-work support and job retention assistance
- Guidance and advocacy to address personal and workplace barriers

ELIGIBILITY

You may be eligible if you:

- Have disability, injury or health condition as stated in an ESA
- Are aged between 14 years and below the Age Pension qualifying age
- Are not studying full-time
- Meet Australian residency or visa requirements
- Work capacity of less than 30 hours per week and a future work capacity with intervention of less than 30 hours per week
- **Early School Leavers: If disability has created major barriers to finding work, IEA can step in with extra support.**

FEES

- FREE

THE SALVATION ARMY, EMPLOYMENT PLUS: INCLUSIVE EMPLOYMENT AUSTRALIA (CONTINUED)



Finding careers for people with disability

Information for young people with disability – Eligible School Leavers

Fact Sheet

Inclusive Employment Australia can help Eligible School Leavers (ESL) with disability transition from school into the workplace. This fact sheet explains who can join and what support you can expect.

Who is an Eligible School Leaver?

You may be an ESL if you:

- are under 22 years of age
- are in your final year of high school or doing a school-based apprenticeship
- are participating in or recently completed
 - a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funded employment assistance program, or
 - a State/Territory Government funded post-school employment or work transition program
- have a major barrier to employment because of your disability
- are of legal working age
- need help moving from study to open employment.

Your final year of schooling is usually Year 12, but it can be earlier if agreed by you, your parents and your school.

ESL eligibility is for students with **significant barriers to work**. This means your disability affects things like:

- mobility
- communication
- self-care
- self-direction

- work tolerance
- work skills.

To confirm your ESL eligibility, you may need:

- A school statement confirming you are in your final year of school, your identified disability and any additional education funding received.
- Evidence of participation in an NDIS employment program or a State/Territory transition program.
- Proof you receive a Disability Support Pension (DSP) like a letter from Services Australia.

How can Inclusive Employment Australia providers help?

Inclusive Employment Australia providers can help you with:

- writing a resume
- getting ready to work
- training in specific job skills
- writing job applications
- looking for jobs that suit you
- preparing for a job interview.

For more information about the program visit [Inclusive Employment Australia](#).

Do you need to be on NDIS or income support to be eligible?

No, you do not need to be a NDIS participant or receive an income support payment to join the program.

You will need a **Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN)** to access ESL. A provider can help you find or get a CRN if you don't already have one.

Important things to know

One-time access: You can only join Inclusive Employment Australia once as an Eligible School Leaver. If you leave and want to come back, you'll need to complete a new [Employment Services Assessment](#) (called an ESAt).

UNITING: SCHOOL ATTENDANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM (SASP)

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 9704 8377 (Cranbourne, Clyde and Clyde North) and 5945 3900 (Cardinia)

Email: SASP.cranbourne@vt.uniting.org

Website: connections.sasp@vt.uniting.org

WHO WE ARE

School Attendance Support Program (SASP) is an innovative program, offered to primary schools that aims to support children and their families to improve primary school attendance. There are many barriers that can impact on a child's engagement with school including (but not limited to):

- Bullying/Anxiety/Social skills and issues with friendships/Family stress/Academic performance/Struggle with morning routines/Transition or changes at home/Regular school attendance helps a child gain the skills and knowledge needed for success now and later in life.

WHAT WE DO

- SASP supports primary school aged children and their families who are experiencing barriers to school attendance and engagement.
- SASP assists families to understand the barriers and works collaboratively with the family, the school and other services to support early and sustainable change. A SASP worker will listen and get to know families to support them with a tailored approach to suit each individual family's needs and goals.

We work with families, children, schools and other relevant professionals to explore barriers to a child's school attendance and support sustainable change.

A SASP worker may:

- Support the development of a morning routine
- Work with children one-on-one to promote their wellbeing
- Advocate and make referrals to other services if appropriate
- Work with parents and caregivers around exploring strategies to improve their child's school attendance
- Help develop return to school plans with individuals and services involved
- Meet at the home, the school or other office space to support the family

ELIGIBILITY

- SASP is a free and voluntary support service and accepts referrals from families, schools, and other community services.
- SASP is only available in the Shire of Cardinia and suburbs of Cranbourne, Clyde and Clyde North

FEES

No cost

UNITING: RECONNECT

Reconnect

Call us
9704 8377

Visit
unitingvictas.org.au

Reconnect is an early intervention program that focusses on the individual needs of the young person, with the aim to prevent youth homelessness.

How it works

Reconnect is a 12 week case management program that supports both young people and their families to resolve conflict to reduce the likelihood of family breakdown.

Reconnect supports young people by providing family mediation, as well as links to education, employment, training and community homelessness assistance if returning to the family home is not possible.

The Reconnect program is free of charge and is voluntary.

Who can access Reconnect?

Young people aged between 12-18 years who are at risk of homelessness or are already homeless

and live in the City of Casey or Greater Dandenong areas.

Reconnect can support newly arrived young people up to the age of 21 years..

Referrals to Reconnect can be made by:

Self referral

Community and Government organisations such as schools, The Orange Door, Headspace or Centrelink.

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing - Child Protection.

What does Reconnect aim to do?

Reconnect provides a range of supports for young people who are at risk of homelessness that are

tailored to meet the young person and their families' individual needs through:

Individual supports and advocacy

Mediation with family members

Helping to build family relationships

Life skills development

Linking young people to education, community, group work and support groups

How Reconnect benefits the community

Reconnect is building on the community's existing capacity to develop appropriate responses to their own needs around homelessness. An effort is made to respond appropriately to young people and First Nations families or specific cultural backgrounds.

Reconnect is an Australian-wide initiative of the Department of Social Services.

About Uniting

Uniting has stood with local communities in Victoria and Tasmania for more than 100 years, delivering services to people of all ages.

We work in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as Australia's First Peoples and as the traditional owners and custodians of this land. We celebrate diversity and value the lived experience of people of every ethnicity, faith, age, disability, culture, language, gender identity, sex and sexual orientation. We welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender diverse and non-binary, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ+) people at our services. We pledge to provide inclusive and non-discriminatory services.



Uniting has zero tolerance towards child abuse and is committed to establishing and maintaining child safe and child friendly environments.

55 Webb Street

Narre Warren VIC 3805

T: 9704 8377

E: FPRYouthPrograms@vt.uniting.org

Feedback and Complaints

Uniting is committed to providing high quality accountable services that actively involve clients in the review and development of our work. We recognise that your feedback provides valuable information to help us improve the services we provide.

Please give us your compliments, complaints, suggestions and feedback using one of the following methods:

Talk directly with the staff member you work with

Speak to their line manager

Complete the online feedback form on our website: <https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/feedback/>

YOUTH DISABILITY ADVOCACY SERVICE (YDAS): EARLY SCHOOL LEAVERS PROGRAM

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 0486 322 534 or 0447 678 653

Email earlyleavers@yacvic.org.au

Website: [YDAS - Early School Leavers Program > YDAS](#)

WHO WE ARE

We work at Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS).

- We will help you in this program.
- We are youth workers. We are disabled too.
- We want to help you start and stay in study, training or work.
- We will help you as much as possible.

WHAT WE DO

YDAS delivers the Early School Leavers program, supporting disabled young people to find and/or stay engaged with education or employment.

The program provides:

- 1:1 support with a qualified youth worker
- Help overcoming barriers and establishing goals
- Support advocating for access needs where you study or work
- Activities to build confidence, skills and disability pride
- Discretionary funds to aid education/employment goals
- The program can be delivered online or in person, depending on the participant's access needs

We can deliver in person at:

- The YDAS Melbourne CBD office/Your local library/Your local TAFE

The program is facilitated by the Transitions Officer:

- The Transitions Officer is a proudly disabled person and has years of experience supporting young people.
- They have lived experience of facing and overcoming barriers at school and at work.
- They are passionate about ensuring that disabled young people are listened to and supported to create the future they want.
- They work 3 days a week.

ELIGIBILITY

YDAS can take referrals for:

- Young people (aged 12 – 20 years)
- Who left school before completing Year 12 or are doing VCE or the Victorian Pathways Certificate at a TAFE
- Who identify as:
 - A disabled person
 - A person with a disability
 - Having a long-term chronic illness or health condition
 - Neurodivergent (including autistic, ADHD, etc.)
 - Blind or have low vision
 - Deaf, deaf, or hard of hearing
 - Having challenges with their mental health

You do not need a diagnosis.

- And are based in one of these priority locations:
 - **Casey**/Greater Geelong/Whittlesea/Banyule/Nillumbik/Yarra/Darebin

TRAINING APPRENTICESHIPS SHORT COURSES

- APPRENTICESHIPS
- ANIMALS AND OUTDOORS: RSPCA
- BEAUTY: CASEY COLLEGE OF BEAUTY
- BEAUTY: TMT EDUCATION
- HANDS ON LEARNING: BRAINWAVE BIKES
- HANDS ON LEARNING: HANDBREAK TURN
- LEARN LOCAL
- MUSIC & PERFORMANCE: AMPLIFY YOUTH COMMITTEE
- MUSIC & PERFORMANCE: THE PUSH
- MUSIC & PERFORMANCE: SCHOOL OF LOVING MUSIC



APPRENTICESHIPS

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 1300 311 820

Website: <https://www.apprenticeships.vic.gov.au/>

Email: apprenticehelpdesk@djsir.vic.gov.au

WHO WE ARE

- Apprenticeships Victoria (AV) is here to enable real and rewarding apprenticeships and traineeships for all Victorians. There are many great opportunities to earn while you learn, develop real-world skills, and get an up-close view of what your future career could look like.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships are available for many jobs, including traditional trades and a range of careers across business and industry. You can work and study full or part-time or while you're still in secondary school (School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT)). Apprenticeships and traineeships are available to anyone over the age of 15.

WHAT WE DO

The helpdesk provides information, guidance and support on various issues affecting apprentices and trainees, including:

- training contracts, rights and responsibilities
- wages and entitlements
- supervision
- training and progression
- safety and wellbeing, including workplace bullying or harassment
- retrenchment

Examples:

List of Approved Training Schemes	
A-D E-H I-M N-Q R-Z	
A-D	
Accredited Courses	
Code: VIC	
Determination number: 10,000,110	
Aeroskills	
Code: MEA	
Determination number: 10,000,090	
Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management	
Code: AHC	
Determination number: 10,000,129	
Animal Care and Management	
Code: ACM	
Determination number: 10,000,081	
Australian Meat Processing	
Code: AMP	
Determination number: 10,000,101	
Automotive Manufacturing	
Code: AUM	
Determination number: 1018	

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As an apprentice or trainee you may be eligible for a Low Income Health Care Card.

If eligible you could save money on everyday things like training fees, public transport, vehicle registration, health care and medicine, bulk-billed medical visits, electricity and gas bills and more.

APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS

WEBSITES

Apprenticeships & Traineeships:

[Apprenticeship Hub - Apprentice and trainee employer | Chisholm TAFE](#)
[Find an Apprenticeship Employer](#)
[Apprentice Connect Australia Provider | Australian Apprenticeships](#)
[Recognised group training organisations | \[vrqa.vic.gov.au\]\(http://vrqa.vic.gov.au\)](#)
[Group training organisations | \[apprenticeships.vic.gov.au\]\(http://apprenticeships.vic.gov.au\)](#)
[Group Training Organisations](#)
[GTOs in Victoria](#)
[Victorian Government Traineeships | Youth Employment Scheme | Youth Central](#)
[Supporting Apprenticeships Across Australia | Apprenticeship Support Australia](#)
[Apprentice and trainee job vacancies | MEGT \(Australia\) Ltd](#)
[Jobs - Ai Group Apprentice & Trainee Centre](#)
[Apprenticeships & Traineeships](#)
[Apprentice Careers at HIA](#)
[Apprenticeships Central Job Search](#)
[Women In Trades | MEGT](#)
[Apprenticeships & Traineeships - Skillinvest Australia](#)
[Apprenticeship Jobs | MIGAS Apprentices & Trainees](#)
[Apprenticeships | William Adams](#)

Automotive specific:

[Home | VACC Automotive Apprenticeships](#)
[Apprenticeships & Traineeships](#)
[Automotive Apprenticeship Job Vacancies](#)

Electrical specific:

[Impact - Electrical Apprenticeships - Expert Services for Apprentices in Collingwood, VIC](#)

Disability specific:

[MPWP | The Funky Farm](#)
[Sages Cottage - Wallara](#)
[Pathways to Employment - Wallara](#)
[Inclusive Employment Australia \(DES\) – Find a job and keep it – Campbell Page](#)
[Inclusive Employment Australia | Ability Works Australia](#)
[Supported Employment - Waverley Industries](#)
[Disability Employment Service Provider - Brochure Your-Job-Now 2025 Online.pdf](#)
[Australian Disability Network Internship Program - Australian Disability Network](#)
[Find a Mentor - Australian Disability Network](#)
[NCED | Employment opportunities for young people with disability.](#)

ANIMALS & OUTDOORS: RSPCA VICTORIA SHORT COURSES

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 03 9224 2538

Website: <https://rspcavic.org/rspca-victoria-short-courses/>

Location: Burwood

WHO WE ARE

- Developed and delivered by our qualified professionals, RSPCA Victoria offers a range of engaging, practical, and informative courses to help you expand your knowledge of animal care and welfare.
- Whether you enjoy immersive, hands-on learning at our Burwood East facility or prefer flexible, self-paced online courses, there's an option to suit your learning style. Our courses are regularly updated, ensuring you have access to the latest information and best practices in the industry.

WHAT WE DO

Some example courses below:

 Pet First Aid Learn Animal Skills. Discover fundamental basics of cat&dog first aid Sat, 08 Aug 9:30AM • 4h • Runs Regularly AU\$129.00 ★ 4.7 (130) SEE DATES	 Dog Bite Safety Training For Industry Professionals Only Fri, 21 Aug 9:00AM • 4h • Limited Run AU\$490.00 ★ 3.4 (5) SEE DATES	 Reactive to Responsive Transforming Reactive Dogs into Relaxed... Sat, 29 Aug 9:00AM • 3h • Limited Run AU\$79.00 ★ 4.8 (125) SEE DATES
 ANIMAL CAREER DISCOVERY DAY Learn Animal Skills. Animal Career Discovery Day for secondary students Careers with animals Thu, 10 Sep 9:30AM • 5h 30m • Limited Run AU\$79.00 ★ 4.4 (29) SEE DATES	 Summertime health and pasture management Recording Horse Welfare Evening 1h 25m • On Demand AU\$0.00 ★ 4.6 (5) SEE DATES	 Keeping welfare front of mind - Recording Horse Welfare Evening 1h 35m • On Demand AU\$0.00 ★ 5.0 (2) SEE DATES

BEAUTY: CASEY COLLEGE OF BEAUTY

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 1300 711 072

Website: Beauty Therapy Courses, Melbourne

Campus Locations: Berwick, Pakenham and Cranbourne

WHO WE ARE

- Casey College of Beauty Therapy Pty Ltd, is a Registered Training Organisation delivering Nationally Accredited qualifications as well as both Accredited and Non- Accredited Short courses and has become one of the most rapidly growing and highly recommended training organisations in the Beauty training industry.

WHAT WE DO

- This is a private Registered Training Organisation
- Casey College offers qualifications and courses in; Beauty Therapy, Dermal Therapy, Nail Technology, Make Up Artistry and Spa Therapies. Casey College has been in operation for over 14 years and has built an amazing reputation.

Some the courses available are:

- (Full certificates – must be 16 yrs of age)
- CERTIFICATE III IN BEAUTY SERVICES
- CERTIFICATE III IN NAIL TECHNOLOGY
- CERTIFICATE IV IN BEAUTY THERAPY

(Short courses/ Workshops: Must be 15 yrs of age)

- LASH & BROW COURSES
- NAIL COURSES
- MAKEUP COURSES
- HAIR REMOVAL COURSES
- TANNING COURSES
- FACIALS COURSES
- TEEN MAKEUP WORKSHOP (ONLINE SELF PACED)
- TEEN SKIN CARE WORKSHOP (ONLINE SELF PACED)
- BASIC MAKEUP WORKSHOP (ONLINE SELF PACED)

ELIGIBILITY

No prerequisites - age restrictions as above.

FEES

Casey College is an approved Vet Student Loan Provider and approved Study Loans provider.

No government funding available- See fees when looking at courses.

BEAUTY: TMT EDUCATION

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 02 9280 2516

Website: [Home - TMT Education](#)

Email: enquiries@makeup-technicians.com

Location: 86-88 Woodlands Drive, Braeside, South-east Melbourne, VIC 3195

WHO WE ARE

- Australia's premier award winning international makeup college
- Passionate about Pro Makeup, Hair & Beauty? Turn your passion into a career!

WHAT WE DO

- In addition to our diploma, we also offer a range of accredited short courses. These are a great option for young people looking to gain nationally recognised skills or begin their education journey before progressing to a full qualification. As these courses are not approved for VET Student Loans, payment is available either in full prior to commencement or through a payment plan.

ELIGIBILITY

VSL is only applicable to Diploma level or above students, for VSL eligibility: 1) Australian Citizenship / Humanitarian Visa holders 2) Able to pass LLN test or hold Year 12 / Cert 4 above qualification.

FEES

- A VET Student Loan is a Commonwealth Government loan available to eligible students enrolled in approved diploma-level courses, such as our Diploma of Screen and Media (Specialist Make-Up Services). It helps cover the cost of tuition, allowing students to study now and repay the loan through the Australian taxation system once their income exceeds the minimum repayment threshold. Similar to HECS.
- Students do not need to be enrolled at high school to access a VET Student Loan. The loan is designed for eligible students undertaking an approved diploma qualification and who meet the Australian Government's VSL eligibility requirements, including citizenship or residency requirements and academic suitability (as they wouldn't have completed year 12 they would be required to complete an approved Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment).

HANDS ON LEARNING: BRAINWAVE BIKES

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 1300 292 453

Website: <https://brainwavebikes.org.au/>

Email: info@brainwavesbikes.org.au

Location: Unit 6,42-44 Garden Boulevard, Dingley Village, Victoria, 3172

WHO WE ARE

- Brainwave Bikes is the largest retailer of second-hand bikes in Melbourne. As a not-for-profit, all proceeds go towards donating bicycles to families in need as well as supporting the charity Brainwave Australia.

WHAT WE DO

Work experience and employment for young people with disabilities:

- 20 week program with the goal of mainstream employment.
- We provide meaningful work experience and transitional employment for young people with disabilities.
- Our volunteers currently support us with: washing, stripping and rebuilding bicycles, van driving, the shop floor, administration and many other tasks.

NDIS stream:

- Can receive 1:1 support
- No age limit
- Support with service and repair of bikes.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

Our intake process is firstly a meeting at shop as we like the young people to come in and get a feel of the program and the environment, and then we have a chat to determine if it is a good fit for all involved.

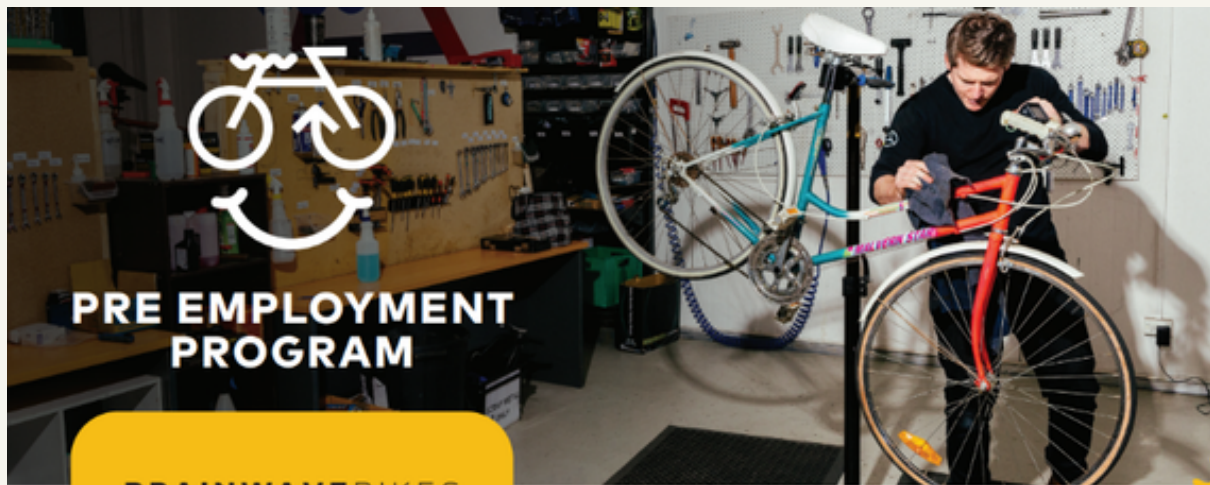
ELIGIBILITY

- Available for 16-24 year olds.

FEES

- Free for pre-employment young people program
- NDIS stream utilising NDIS package

HANDS ON LEARNING: BRAINWAVE BIKES



BRAINWAVEBIKES

DONATE | RECYCLE | RIDE

Brainwave Bikes offers hands-on, real-world work experience to help young people build confidence, skills and pathways into employment supported every step of the way by a dedicated coach.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

Young people aged 16–24 who would benefit from hands-on learning, confidence building and support to move towards employment.

REFER A YOUNG PERSON TODAY

leighann.nolan@brainwave.org.au

Brainwave Bikes,
U6, 42/44 Garden Blvd,
Dingley Village, VIC

- 🌊 **REAL SKILLS.**
- 🌊 **HANDS ON EXPERIENCE.**
- 🌊 **PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT.**

Through our bike shop environment, participants build practical skills in:

- Retail (customer service & point of sale)
- Warehousing and stock management
- Bike maintenance and repairs

Over 20 weeks, participants will:

- Gain real work experience in a supportive, structured environment
- Build confidence, communication and workplace readiness
- Develop practical, transferable skills employers are looking for
- Receive tailored support from a dedicated coach
- Access industry-relevant certificates based on their interests

This program is ideal for young people who:

- Are not yet ready for mainstream employment
- Need practical, real-life experience
- Would benefit from building confidence, routine and social skills
- Are motivated but need the right support to take the next step

F A Q S

Do I need NDIS funding?

No - this program is fully funded.

Will there be support?

Yes, each participant is supported by an experienced coach throughout the program.

How often is the program?

2 days per week, based at our bike shop in Dingley Village.



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HANDS ON LEARNING: BRAINWAVE BIKES





PRE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

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WHO IS THIS FOR?

NDIS participants who would benefit from hands-on learning, confidence building and support to move towards employment.

REFER AN NDIS PARTICIPANT TODAY

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U6, 42/44 Garden Blvd,
Dingley Village, VIC

REAL SKILLS.

HANDS ON EXPERIENCE.

PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT.

Through our bike shop environment, participants will:

- Build confidence using real workplace systems and technology
- Develop teamwork, routine and workplace productivity skills
- Learn practical, transferable trade and hands-on work skills
- Gain real experience in a supportive, structured environment
- Receive tailored support from a 1:1 dedicated coach

This program is ideal for participants who:

- Are not yet ready for mainstream employment
- Need practical, real-life experience
- Would benefit from building confidence, routine and social skills
- Are motivated but need the right support to take the next step

FAQS:

Do I need NDIS funding?
Yes, participants will need Finding and Keeping a Job Individual Employment Support for 1:1 mentoring

How often can I attend?
The supports are 1 day a week, for 4 hours maximum for a maximum of 12 months.





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HANDS ON LEARNING: HAND BRAKE TURN

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: Arna – Kate, the Handbrake Turn Administration officer on 0452 249 449

Email: arnakate.reedy@concernaustralia.org.au or hbtinfo@concernaustralia.org.au. Please note that admin is available Mon, Tues and Weds only.

Website: Hand Brake Turn – Concern Australia

Locations: Dandenong and Sunshine West

WHO WE ARE

- HBT is a hands-on automotive training course that helps young people build skills, confidence, and a pathway to the future.
- Delivered over five weeks from our workshops in Dandenong and Sunshine West, Hand Brake Turn is an inclusive automotive training program designed to walk alongside young people to provide a safe and supportive space for learning, mentoring, and skills development.

WHAT WE DO

Program Overview

- Duration: 5 weeks.
- Focus: Pre-accredited automotive work skills for young people aged 15 and over.

Hand Brake Turn (HBT) is great for young people who:

- Love cars, engineering, mechanics, STEM. Want some space to think about next steps.
- Are interested in learning about future opportunities – we have identified over 52 diverse pathways to employment our course prepares young people for. It's not just mechanics!
- HBT supports (re)engagement with education, training and employment. HBT works well for young people from all backgrounds, including those who are disengaged from education and training or those who are ready to start their automotive employment journey.

The Program approach is inclusive and supportive

- HBT is designed to be inclusive and caters for young people with diverse learning needs.
- It is a respectful, safe, welcoming space where all participants feel valued, and their strengths and potential recognised.
- Emphasis on building life skills such as resilience, goal setting, communication, and building confidence.
- Trainers and Youth Workers provide mentorship and work with schools, case managers, and families to provide case coordination and wrap-around supports for the young person's support needs and goals.

Real skills and mentoring

- Hands-on experience in automotive maintenance and tool use. That means working on real cars!
- Mentoring from experienced trainers and youth workers who guide participants through both technical and personal development.
- Opportunities to transition into employment pathways, including through the fiXit Social Enterprise, which offers short-term jobs to graduates.

Social Skills and Community

- Encourages teamwork, verbal communication, safety and responsibility in a real mechanical workshop environment.
- Builds confidence through practical tasks and positive reinforcement.
- In an external evaluation, participants stated that as well as supporting the transition to employment, Hand Brake Turn had helped them to develop technical and life skills, increased confidence, improved wellbeing, and had a positive effect on their relationships with parents / carers.

HANDS ON LEARNING: HANDBRAKE TURN (CONTINUED)

FEES

Local

STATEMENT OF FEES 2026

***Eligibility for ACFE subsidy**
Learners must be:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or
 - a holder of an Australian permanent visa
 - an Asylum seeker holding a valid visa that confers eligibility for *Skills First* training through the [Asylum Seeker VET program](#)
- 17 years of age and over and not enrolled at school, or under 17 and not enrolled at school with an exemption from school.

Evidence
A prospective learner must provide evidence of eligibility prior to commencement of training and sign the Eligibility and Student Declaration Form

This may include:

- Australian or New Zealand birth certificate
- Australian or New Zealand passport
- Australian or New Zealand Citizen Certificate
- Australian Certificate of Registration by Descent
- Current green Medicare Card
- Formal confirmation of permanent residence granted by the Department of Home Affairs AND the student's foreign passport or ImmiCard
- Driver's licence/learner permit/proof of age card (for date of birth)

****Concession card**
Fee concessions are available for learners who hold a current and valid concession card prior to the commencement of training.

Recognised concession cards are:

- Health Care Card issued by the Commonwealth
- Pensioner Concession Card
- Veteran's Gold Card

A dependant spouse or dependant child of a card holder is also entitled to the fee concession.

Evidence
The eligible concession card holder must provide evidence of the concession card prior to commencement of training.

This may include:

- The original card or correspondence from the card issuer confirming a concession has been granted to the individual.
- A copy of the original card or correspondence indicating the date it was sighted.
- The concession card displayed on a Digital Wallet through a Centrelink Express Plus mobile application on the cardholder's mobile device. The digital card may not be sighted via a screen shot of the card that is e-mailed or otherwise reproduced.

STATEMENT OF FEES 2026

Hand Brake Turn

Course name: Hand Brake Turn

Course duration: 5 weeks

Program hours: 100 hours (20h/week)

Student Details	Government Contribution	Student Contribution			Total Student Contribution
	ACFE subsidy (for eligible learners)	Tuition Fee	Materials Fee	Administration fee (non-refundable)	Total Payable
Eligible for ACFE subsidy*	$\$9.35 \times 100 = \935	$\$1.08 \times 100 = \108	\$20	\$50	\$178
Eligible for ACFE subsidy* with Concession card**	$\$9.35 \times 100 = \935	$\$0.50 \times 100 = \50 (capped rate)	\$20	\$50	\$120
Eligible for ACFE subsidy / Indigenous	$\$9.35 \times 100 = \935	\$0	\$20	\$50	\$70
Not eligible for ACFE (Full fee-paying)	\$0	$\$10.43 \times 100 = \$1,043$	\$20	\$50	\$1,113

Delivered with the Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board and Victorian Government funding support.

LEARN LOCAL

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 13 18 23

Website: [Learn Local - Your goals, your way.](https://www.learnlocal.org.au)

WHO WE ARE

- Learn Local are not-for-profit community organisations registered and funded by the Victorian Government. There are approximately **190 Learn Local locations** across Melbourne and Regional Victoria offering a wide range of courses.
- Learn Local courses are flexible and can be tailored specifically to suit your needs. You can learn in a classroom, online or a bit of both, at the pace that you choose. Class sizes are often small, with training delivered by highly experienced professionals in a relaxed environment.

WHAT WE DO

Core Focus Areas:

- Digital Skills: Basic computer use, internet safety, and software like Word and Excel.
- Literacy and Numeracy: Reading, writing, and math development for daily life and work.
- English Language: Conversation and language classes for non-native speakers.
- Employability: Resume writing, job searching, and industry-specific introductory training.

Key Characteristics

- Not-for-Profit Providers: Delivered by independent local organisations like neighbourhood houses and learning centres.
- Flexible Learning: Small class sizes with relaxed, supportive, and inclusive environments.

Pre-Accredited Programs: Tailored to bridge gaps before entering formal TAFE or university certificates.

If you want to find a course, let me know your suburb or postcode so I can help you locate the nearest Learn Local Provider. See examples below:

	Ready Set Barista	
	Jesuit Social Services (Dandenong) 	Terms 1 2 3 4
	Digital Online Communications	
	Dandenong Community and Learning Centre 	Terms 1 2 3 4
	Community Work Foundations	
	Windana Drug and Alcohol Recovery (Dandenong) 	Terms 1 2 3 4

ELIGIBILITY

Each course has different eligibility requirements.

MUSIC & PERFORMANCE: AMPLIFY YOUTH COMMITTEE

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 85711620

Website: Amplify Youth Committee | Greater Dandenong Council

Email: youthservices@cgd.vic.gov.au

Location: Youth and Family Services, 39 Clow Street, Dandenong

WHO WE ARE

- Amplify (formerly FReeZA) is a Victorian Government initiative that supports young Victorians to get involved in their community by planning and running drug, vape, smoke and alcohol-free music and cultural events for other young people.
- The City of Greater Dandenong Amplify Youth Committee is always looking for volunteers aged 12-25 years to join the team.

WHAT WE DO

The program participants have the opportunity to:

- Co-design and plan community events and festivals
- Gain hands-on experience by volunteering at the events
- Learn about event management
- Gain experience in technical production and music industry (DJing, sound, lighting)
- Develop stage and performer management skills

Program Schedule 2026:

- Amplify runs every Thursday during school terms.
- Term 1: 12 February – 2 April
- Term 2: 30 April – 25 June
- Term 3: 23 July – 17 September
- Term 4: 15 October – 26 November
- Time: Thursdays 4.30pm - 6.30pm

To register your interest, please complete the form below or contact Youth and Family Services.

ELIGIBILITY

Ages: 12-25 years

FEES

Free

MUSIC & PERFORMANCE: THE PUSH

CONTACT DETAILS

Website: [The Push | Programs and All-Ages Events For Young People](#)

Email: hello@thepush.com.au

WHO WE ARE

Music Industry Mentoring connects young people with workplace experience across Australia's music industry.

- A free program for young people at the start of their careers. You'll be placed with a real music organisation, working across live events, production, marketing, or the business side of music.
- You'll gain real industry experience, build your network, and develop the skills and confidence to take the next step in your career.
- Since 2024, more than 30 young people have worked inside leading music organisations across Australia, learning on the job with people working in the music industry.
- Music Industry Mentoring is supported by The Ian Potter Foundation, Music Australia and Live Performance Australia.

WHAT WE DO

- Music Industry Mentoring is a free workplace learning program where you are placed with a music organisation for around 150 hours. During this time, you'll gain hands-on experience and learn directly from industry professionals.
- You'll gain practical industry experience, mentorship and professional connections. The program helps build skills, knowledge and confidence to support the next steps in a career in the contemporary music industry.

ELIGIBILITY

- The program is open to young people aged 18–25 living anywhere in Australia. Priority access is given to First Nations young people, young people of colour, young people from low-income households, LGBTQIA+ young people, and young people with disability.
- The program runs across Australia. Placement locations vary depending on the organisations involved in each round.

FEES

The program is free to participate in. You'll receive an allowance to help cover travel, meals and other expenses while completing the program.

MUSIC & PERFORMANCE: SCHOOL OF LOVING MUSIC

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 9329 0503 (Andrew)

Email: info@lovingmusic.com.au

Website: <https://lovingmusic.com.au/yj/>

Location: 53 Little Baillie Street, North Melbourne

WHO WE ARE

The School of Loving Music is an arts hub located in the heart of North Melbourne. We provide a range of services including music tuition, professional recording, music programs for youth justice clients, and other music related workshops.

We teach music to children and adults who are at all stages of their musical education.

Our facilities include practise rooms, a recording studio, instrumental rooms and a central open plan space for group activities and workshops.

WHAT WE DO

Youth Justice & Community programs

- Loving Music runs a specialist community music program, engaging young people who make music and survive under difficult circumstances. We have a particular focus on young people in the youth justice system, and those facing mental and physical health challenges in community engagement. Our work in this sector stretches over 25 years, working with many young people from across Victoria.

Community Music program:

- Our community music program runs from our recording and production studio in North Melbourne, currently offering sessions on Mondays and Fridays. In this program, young people in the community are free to attend our life-changing, transformative music mentoring sessions.
- Our program is a one-on-one and group music mentoring sessions, usually running for 1-2 hours depending on the client's needs, from our professional recording studio. Young people can access recording, songwriting, industry and advice and musical education from our team of music mentors, who specialise in hip hop production, electronic music, lyric writing, instrumentation and many other facets of contemporary music.

ELIGIBILITY

- Youth Justice/NDIS/Private funded

FEES

- Participation is free for young people currently engaged in the Youth Justice system, as part of our ongoing arrangement as a program contractor with the Victorian Department of Justice. As an NDIS provider, Living Music is also to arrange engagement sessions for young people covered by the NDIS at an accessible rate.

COUNCILS

- CARDINIA SHIRE
- CITY OF CASEY
- CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG



COUNCILS: CARDINIA YOUTH SERVICES

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: Cardinia Youth Services on [18004YOUTH](tel:18004YOUTH)

Email: myplace@cardinia.vic.gov.au.

Website: <https://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/community/youth-services>

Location: My Place Youth Facility, 5–7 Main St Pakenham

WHO WE ARE

Our Youth Services team offers a general support service for young people aged 12 to 25. We do not provide formal counselling, but our youth workers are here to listen, offer guidance and link you with the right support for your situation.

WHAT WE DO

My Place Studio:

- My Place Studio is bookable for young people aged 12 - 24!
- The studio is equipped for recording, editing, and mixing, and can host up to 5 people per session. It's the perfect space to make, edit, and record music or create podcasts and it's FREE!
- Location: My Place Youth Centre
- Bookings available Monday-Friday: 1:00–3:00 PM | 3:00–5:00 PM
- The Studio does get fully booked, so booking is essential.

Youth committees:

What: Passionate about making a difference? Choose either the Amplify committee or the Youth Action and Advisory committee (YAAC), for ages 15 - 24 years

When: Wednesday, 5pm to 6.30pm (fortnightly)

Where: My Place Youth Facility, 5-7 Main St Pakenham

FEES

Free

COUNCILS: CITY OF CASEY

CONTACT DETAILS

Website: <https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/youth-services>

Location: Cranbourne Youth Information Centre/Hampton Park Youth Information Centre/Narre Warren Youth Information Centre/Casey360

WHO WE ARE

Support for youth in the City of Casey.

WHAT WE DO

TAC L2P Program

- The Transport Accident Commission (TAC) L2P Program is a community-based program developed to assist eligible young Victorian learner drivers between the ages of 16 and 21 years (and in some circumstances, up to 23 years) who do not have access to a supervising driver, gain the required 120 hours driving experience required for a probationary licence.
- The TAC L2P Program is funded by the TAC, administered by the Department of Transport and Planning and coordinated by the City of Casey.
- The success of Casey's L2P Program is possible due to the ongoing support from Booran Motors who supply two fully maintained vehicles used for the program.

Eligibility:

To be considered for a learner position within our TAC L2P Program, Learners need to meet the following criteria:

- be between 16 and 23 years old (please note applicants between 21-23 are only considered under special circumstances)
- hold a current Victorian learner's permit
- not have any access to a supervising driver and/or an appropriate vehicle*
- live in the City of Casey
- Be a permanent resident or Australian citizen.

*Note: If you already have access to a supervising driver, you will not be eligible for the program.

If you're accepted into the L2P Program as a learner, the City of Casey L2P program will be responsible for your participation and ongoing advice.

Casey Youth Action Committee

Casey Youth Action Committee (CYAC) seeks to engage passionate young individuals in shaping a brighter future for Casey.

- Lead Initiatives: Develop and lead projects to address critical issues affecting Casey's youth.
- Enhance Your Leadership Skills: Participate in comprehensive leadership training programs to refine your skills and vision.
- Collaborate with Like-Minded Peers: Network and work alongside a dedicated team of young leaders who share your commitment.
- Deepen Your Understanding of the Community: Gain valuable insights into local government and Casey's social landscape.
- Advocate for Positive Change: Become a powerful voice for young people, influencing crucial decisions that impact your community.

COUNCILS: CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 85711620

Email: youthservices@cgd.vic.gov.au

Website: <https://youth.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/programs>

Location: Youth and Family Services, 39A Clow Street, Dandenong

WHO WE ARE

Youth and Family Services works with young people and their families aged 12-25 who live, work, study or have a significant connection to the City of Greater Dandenong.

Youth and Family Services provides an important universal service base for young people and families. We seek to support the healthy physical, social and emotional development of all young people in our community, through building and enhancing protective factors and working with young people to develop their strengths and skills.

Youth and Family Services is a generalist youth service, comprising of three teams, Family Support, Youth Engagement and Participation and Youth and Community Development.

WHAT WE DO

The Young Leaders Program:

The Young Leaders program is for young people aged 16-25 years who live, work or study in the City of Greater Dandenong. The program provides a unique opportunity for participants to work with likeminded individuals, develop leadership skills, and make a positive impact by planning and delivering community projects.

- Be a voice for your peers and advocate on issues affecting local young people
- Develop leadership, communication, and teamwork skills
- Increase your understanding of Local Government and interact with our Mayor and Councillors
- Gain hands-on project management experience and contribute to the development of your community

****Applications closed for 2026**

The Holiday Activities Committee (HAC) is an exciting four-week introductory leadership program designed for young people who want to build confidence and help shape our school holiday activities.

The program participants will have the opportunity to:

- Collaborate to design fun, creative, engaging and healthy school holiday activities
- Develop leadership and facilitation skills through hands-on experiences
- Create new friendships in a supportive environment
- Gain new experiences to boost confidence
- Step into a Peer Leader role during school holidays and attend the activities for free

Program Schedule 2026:

The Holiday Activities Committee runs every Tuesday for four weeks during each school term.

- **Term 3:** 25 August - 15 September
- **Term 4:** 10 November - 1 December

CITY OF GREATER DANDENONG: CONTINUED

WHAT WE DO

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The City of Greater Dandenong Amplify Youth Committee is always looking for volunteers aged 12-25 years to join the team.

The program participants have the opportunity to:

- Co-design and plan community events and festivals
- Gain hands-on experience by volunteering at the events
- Learn about event management
- Gain experience in technical production and music industry (DJing, sound, lighting)
- Develop stage and performer management skills

Amplify runs every Thursday during school terms.

- Term 3: 23 July – 17 September
- Term 4: 15 October – 26 November

Time: Thursdays 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Location: Dandenong

Ages: 12-25 years

Cost: Free

The IMPACT program is designed to provide young people with opportunities for skill development through hands-on learning. The program introduces participants to a variety of careers and volunteering roles, supporting them in developing work readiness, building confidence and creating a pathway to volunteering and employment.

Depending on the thematic focus of the program, participants will usually:

- Complete an accredited training (such as Food Safety Certificate, Barista Training, White Card, First Aid)
- Gain hands-on experience relevant to the industry
- Participate in team-building activities to improve communication skills
- Hear from guest speakers and local organisations
- Be supported to pursue volunteering and/or employment after the program

The IMPACT program is usually delivered during school holidays as a 1-day or 2-day experience, with each iteration focusing on a specific industry and career aspirations. Keep an eye on the website to hear about our upcoming skill development opportunities this year.

When: One-day or multi-day programs during school holidays

Location: Venues across Greater Dandenong

Ages: 16-25 years

Cost: Free or low-cost

IMPACT Trades and Manufacturing Pathways September 2026

Join us for our next IMPACT skill development program this upcoming spring holidays. This interactive, two-day program includes White Card certification, site visits and practical hands-on activities to gain skills and insight into the industry. Participants will hear from guest speakers about study pathways, career journeys and volunteering opportunities.

Day 1: Wednesday 30 September, 10am – 4pm, Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong

Day 2: Thursday 1 October 10am – 3pm, Youth and Family Services Office, 39 Clow Street, Dandenong

Ages: 16 – 25 years

Cost: \$20 for two days (cost includes White Card accreditation, transport and refreshments).

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

- HOMIE
- SOCIAL ENGINE
- SP WORX
- THE LITTLE SOCIAL
- HERE 4 HOSPITALITY
- CHOP 4 CHANGE
- COLLECTIVE IMPACT



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE: HOMIE

CONTACT DETAILS

Website: <https://homie.com.au/pages/about-homie>

Email: programs@homie.com.au

WHO WE ARE

HoMie is a Melbourne-based streetwear label and social enterprise.

100% of HoMie's profits go towards achieving its mission: to support young people affected by homelessness or hardship.

WHAT WE DO

We do this by running four social impact programs:

- The HoMie Pathway Alliance, HoMie's own accredited retail education and employment program for young people (18-25) affected by homelessness or hardship.

HOW IT WORKS

The HoMie Pathway Alliance is HoMie's certified education and employment program for young people affected by homelessness or hardship. Young people, aged 18-25, apply to join through their community support service. Over the course of eight months, from March to October every year, the Pathway Alliance provides intensive wraparound support for the participants, lowering barriers to employment and education, and creating long-term, life-changing, impact.

THE PROGRAM PROVIDES:

Paid Education

Young people are paid to undertake a Certificate III in Business, co-facilitated by HoMie and a local Registered Training Organisation. Paying the young people to study means they aren't pressured to choose between education, family duties, or work – they can study while being compensated for their time.

Paid Employment

Pathway Alliance participants are employed part-time at the HoMie Street Store or at a Pathway Alliance Employer Partner (Champion, Nike,) for six-months of the Pathway Alliance program. The young people work a minimum of three shifts per week during this time period, creating a consistent period of employment, while developing social and professional networks.

Paid Personal and Professional Development

Throughout the course of the eight-month program, HoMie, and its partners, deliver paid classes and activities for the young people engaged in the program. These include cultural awareness and inclusion training, budgeting and money management, fashion design and modelling workshops, resume and cover letter writing, and mental health and resilience training.

When the young people graduate the Pathway Alliance in October, they become part of our HoMie Alumni Program and are invited to ongoing events to stay connected to HoMie and other Alumni.

THE IMPACT

HoMie takes measuring its impact seriously, and we're proud to say that 84% of Pathway Alliance graduates are employed and/or enrolled in further education 12-months post-program.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE: HOMIE (CONTINUED)

WHAT WE DO

- HoMie's VIP Days, where young people are welcomed into our store to shop for free HoMie garments, while enjoying haircuts, beauty services, personal care packs, and lunch with the HoMie team.

WHAT IS THE VIP PROGRAM?

The VIP Program is HoMie's very first social impact program. It started before we even had a store - and has now supported over 4,513 young people affected by homelessness or hardship.

At the core of the VIP Program are our famous VIP Days, where HoMie closes our shop to the public and invites young people affected by homelessness or hardship to come in and shop for free. Each VIP can select five items of brand-new HoMie clothing, receive haircuts, nail and beauty services, personal care packs, and customise the clothing items they have chosen, as well as enjoy a catered lunch.

At least once a year, we try to take the VIP Days on the road – heading out to a rural or remote part of the country and connecting with the young people there. We also offer take home packs (Which include 5 items of clothing per young person) to services that aren't able to attend the store.

We developed the VIP Program to provide young people affected by homelessness or hardship with a day of confidence and connection - a day where they can feel like the VIP they are.

- Retail Ready is a paid, supported 10-week work experience program for young people aged 18-25 affected by homelessness or hardship.

HOW IT WORKS

Retail Ready is a paid, supported 10-week work experience program for young people aged 18-25 affected by homelessness or hardship. Retail Ready equips young people with the skills, experiences and opportunities to be work ready and better prepared for their future. Young people will work 2-3 shifts per week on the shop floor, totalling 12 hours per week on a casual contract.

Young people can apply for the program through their community support worker, who the HoMie Programs team reach out to when a position becomes available within the program.

THE PROGRAM PROVIDES:

Young people will be trained in customer service, visual merchandising, point of sale, stock management, work readiness skills and individual employment goals. All young people are paid for their time in line with the General Retail Award and onboarded as employees of HoMie on a casual contract. Hourly rates will be determined by age, in line with the retail award wage.

Young people will be trained on the shop floor by our inclusive and fun retail team, and supported by our in-house youth workers, who will collaborate with the referring key support worker.

The Retail Ready program is a fantastic opportunity to get experience, learn new skills, increase confidence, build community and simply have a positive experience in employment!

- The HoMie Alumni is a community group which creates connection, community and opportunities for the graduates of the HoMie Pathway Alliance. We provide paid advocacy opportunities, run an Alumni job club, and host special social events.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE: SOCIAL ENGINE

CONTACT DETAILS

Contact: <https://www.socialengine.org.au/contact>

Website: [Social Engine | Powering young people into employment](#)

WHO WE ARE

- We are a Melbourne based social enterprise dedicated to transforming the lives of vulnerable young people through meaningful employment, practical work experience and ongoing support.
- Our non-profit organisation is dedicated to driving meaningful change by leveraging resources and expertise to support impactful initiatives. With a commitment to transparency and accountability, we work diligently to create a lasting difference in our community.

WHAT WE DO

- Social Engine offers Youth Employment Programs in hospitality, warehousing & logistics.
- All streams are facilitated by qualified and experienced staff.
- Our Programs create job opportunities, build life skills and give young people the confidence and courage they need to secure jobs.
- Our program runs over a 3–6 month timeframe, dependent on the needs of each participant and is a pathway into mainstream employment. We provide training and paid work experience to young people that builds their confidence, gives them a desire to come to work and lays a strong foundation for their working life.

Our Warehouse Program:

Enables young people to secure real jobs in the Logistics sector.

Our participants gain:

- Experience in pick and pack operations they can take into any warehouse environment
- Valuable training in workplace safety, work routines and time management
- Guidance by a work mentor in navigating transport and other aspects of the workday scenario
- Social skills needed for thriving in a real work environment

Our Hospitality Program:

Enables young people to secure real jobs in the Hospitality sector.

Our participants gain:

- Valuable experience they can take into any hospitality environment including barista skills, food handling and great customer service
- Training in workplace safety, work routines and time management
- Guidance by a work mentor in navigating transport and other aspects of the workday scenario
- Social skills needed to thrive in a real work environment

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE: SP WORX

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 0431 810 201 (Jay)

Email via contact form: <https://spworx.com.au/contact/>

Website: <https://spworx.com.au/social-impact/>

WHO WE ARE

- SP Worx is a certified social enterprise providing landscaping and other construction and maintenance services to customers across South East Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula.
- At SP Worx, our mission is to bridge the gap for disengaged young people, giving them a hand-up and a sense of purpose by providing them with real jobs. Through training in soft employability skills and on-the-job mentoring we help at-risk young people become job ready with the goal of integrating into the mainstream workforce. We partner with our not-for-profit organisation, 'Street Peace' based in Melbourne's South East and offer supported employment pathways for young people engaged in their programs.

WHAT WE DO

- Places are limited, however opportunities do come up.
- Initially, will meet with the young person to gauge their commitment and offer casual basis work experience.

Our objectives for employing at-risk and disengaged young people into SP Worx are to:

- Develop employability skills and increased opportunity to transition into ongoing employment or accredited training / apprenticeships
- Develop a sense of purpose and meaning through paid employment
- Provide an increased sense of hope about the future
- Improve mental health and well-being
- Decrease rates of crime and anti-social behaviour in the community
- Increase civic participation through volunteering opportunities.

If the young person is showing commitment, then they can offer an apprenticeship.

ELIGIBILITY

Need to meet the requirements for working with young people. Can need sign off from the school and take students on for work experience.

Will encourage students to return to school to complete year 10.

FEES

Free

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE: THE LITTLE SOCIAL

CONTACT DETAILS

Website: <https://thelittlesocial.com.au/our-story/>

Email: <https://thelittlesocial.com.au/contact-us/>

Locations: Werribee, Paula Fox, The Alfred and St Kilda

WHO WE ARE

The Little Social are social enterprise cafés powered by Youth Projects brewing the finest espresso and serving nutritious food across Melbourne. Our cafes exist to empower young people to lead meaningful lives through hands-on skills development and mentoring from industry experts.

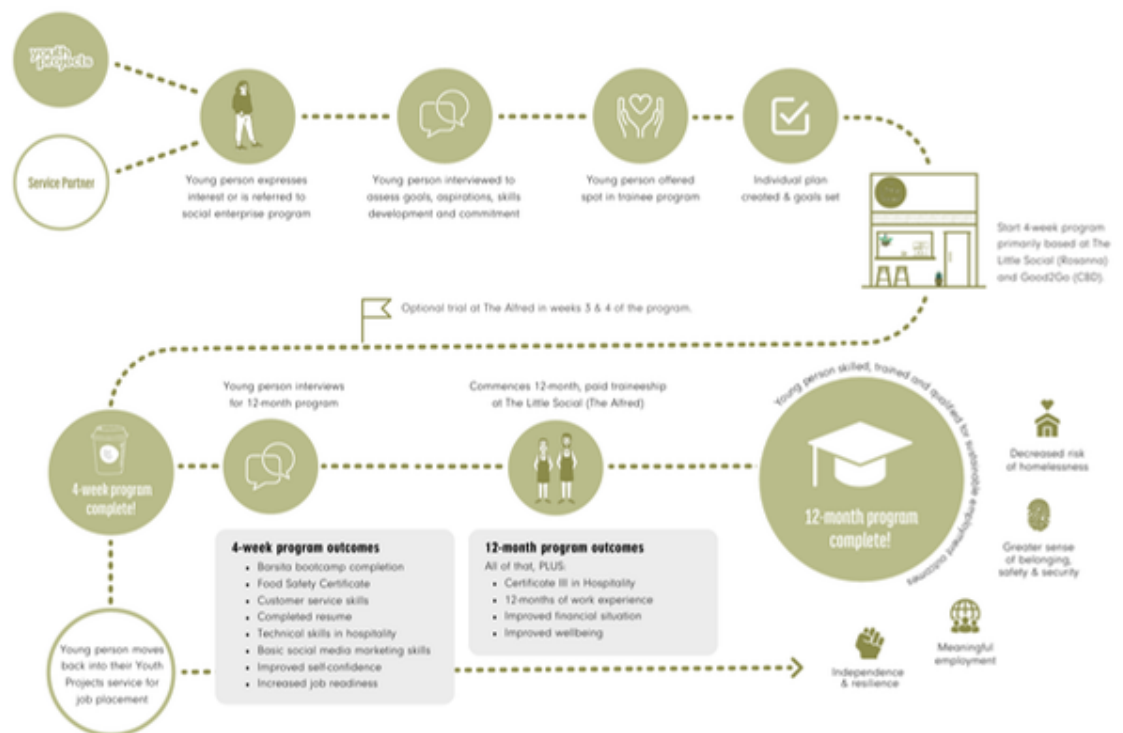
Young people have a platform at The Little Social to build their self-confidence, gain key employability skills, and genuine work experience in a supportive and judgment-free environment.

WHAT WE DO

We're all about giving young people a leg up! The Little Social offers opportunities for youth to gain real-world skills and experience across all The Little Social café locations. Plus, we're committed to sharing 100% of our profits with Youth Projects' primary health service for people experiencing homelessness.

Trainee Program Model

Social Enterprise - Youth Projects



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE: THE LITTLE SOCIAL (HERE4HOSPITALITY)

CONTACT DETAILS

Website: <https://www.youthprojects.org.au/here4hospitality>

Email: H4H@thelittlesocial.com.au

Locations: Our current Here4Hospitality program is based at The Little Social café at Lifeblood in West Melbourne. Young people from Casey, Cardinia and Greater Dandenong are absolutely welcome to participate, provided they are able to travel to the program location.

WHO WE ARE

- Here4Hospitality and Chop4Change are both programs delivered by Youth Projects in partnership with The Little Social cafés. While participants gain hands-on experience within The Little Social café environment, the programs themselves are run by Youth Projects.
- Here4Hospitality is an intensive, industry-specific job readiness program through Youth Projects that supports young people living with different abilities to participate in experiential learning, immersive training and transition into industry traineeships.

WHAT WE DO

Here4Hospitality is a hospitality training and work readiness program for young people aged 15–25 who live in Victoria. Participants develop practical café and customer service skills, build confidence, receive employability support, and complete accredited hospitality training during the program. As part of Here4Hospitality, young people will:

- Be buddied-up with an industry mentor to support you through the program.
- Participate in 4-week intensive pre-employment training with Youth Projects and The Little Social to meet the needs and expectations required to work in the hospitality industry.
- Build their confidence, work-readiness, and motivation.
- Learn workplace expectations, positive behaviours and benefits of employment.
- Prepare for and be placed into a traineeship at The Little Social to build skills and confidence, while working towards long term employment goals.
- A dedicated Youth Coach will work alongside each young person as their mentor to create an inclusive learning model where individuals can share experiences and learning, to build a connected community that supports each other and access Youth Projects' holistic Social Model of Care for the duration of the participation in Here4Hospitality.

ELIGIBILITY

- Young people aged 15–25.
- Living in Victoria.
- No prior hospitality experience is required.
- Young people living with autism, an intellectual disability, and/or a psychosocial disability have an opportunity to participate in Here4Hospitality to be ready and prepared for meaningful employment in the Hospitality industry.

ENROLMENT PROCES

The enrolment process begins with an Expression of Interest or referral, followed by a meet-and-greet to discuss the young person's goals, suitability, and any support needs. If the program is a good fit, they are enrolled into the next available intake.

FEES

There is no cost for eligible participants to attend either program.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE: THE LITTLE SOCIAL (CHOP4CHANGE)

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: (03) 9945 2100

Email: C4C@thelittlesocial.com.au

Website: <https://www.youthprojects.org.au/chop4change>

- Locations: Hoiser Lane (Youth Project, CBD)/The Training Kitchen/ Catering Kitchen - (578 Plummer St, Port Melbourne, 3207)

WHO WE ARE

Chop for Change is a 6-week inclusive entry-level kitchen training program, designed to give participants a taste of working in a commercial kitchen. The program focuses on building practical skills, confidence and connections in a supportive learning environment. Through practical and online learning, you'll learn kitchen fundamentals, food safety, and knife skills. Practical sessions will cover a range of sweet and savoury dishes while exploring seasonal cooking, smart ingredient choices, and techniques that help you create delicious meals with confidence.

WHAT WE DO

What do the first sessions look like?

- Session 1: Wednesday 19th August – Training Kitchen. Induction and Food Safety Basics
- Session 2: Thursday 20th August – Hoiser Lane. - CBD. Hand hygiene and Allergens.

What about the reminding 5 weeks? After week 1 the following weeks will look like this:

- Monday – Check in and update via Txt/Email.
- Tuesday - Online learning.
- Wednesday or Thursday – In-person practical session @ The Training/ Catering Kitchen

All in person sessions will run from 10am – 2pm. Online learning usually takes between 1-2 hours

As part of the program, participants will rotate between our training kitchen and commercial kitchen environments to ensure everyone can develop a range of hospitality skills and experience different kitchen settings.

Practical kitchen sessions will run on either Wednesdays or Thursdays, you're full 6 weeks training days will be allocated on your 1st day of the program.

Next intake is the Start of October 2026.

ELIGIBILITY

- Chop4Change is for young people aged 15-24 who want to learn real kitchen skills and see what it's like to work behind the scenes in hospitality. It's a great fit if you're neurodivergent (diagnosed or not), living with a disability, or have faced other challenges getting into work.
- No experience needed!
- Whether you're dreaming of being a chef, want to work behind the scenes in hospitality, or just want a place to build skills and get your first job, Chop4Change is your chance to make it happen.

ENROLMENT PROCES

If you're interested in joining this program, please follow this link [Chop4Change | Youth Projects Ltd](#) as a starting place. Once I have received your EOI I will check in and confirm your place on the program.

FEES

There is no cost for eligible participants to attend either program.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE: COLLECTIVE IMPACT

CONTACT DETAILS

Email: hello@collectiveimpact.org.au

Website: <https://collectiveimpact.org.au/the-need/>

Factory 3, 393 South Gippsland Hwy, Dandenong South

WHO WE ARE

- Our social mission involves connecting young adults with secure job opportunities at businesses committed to fostering positive change in the workforce. Through these placements, we aim to cultivate strong relationships and establish a solid foundation for their future prospects. The initiative operates from a purpose-built factory located in South Dandenong, Victoria.
- We offer a range of Ethical Business Solutions Fulfilled In Our Purpose-Built Factory in Dandenong South, Melbourne. Profits from these services help build lasting foundations for disadvantaged youth across Australia through secure work, workplace training & mentoring.

WHAT WE DO

How it Works



Specify your Needs

Our most popular products can be found online.

We will work with you to create a unique package that includes the combination of resources that you or your business needs.



Build the Bridge

Collective Impact acts as a bridge between you – the customer – and the businesses providing the resources to ensure a smooth, streamlined process, from the start.



Make a Difference

When fulfilling your project, the **Social Engine** workforce will be used if required; providing steady be employment to young people in the local area.

Profits from each order go to **Big Brothers Big Sisters**; funding that ensures disadvantaged children and teens get continued access to mentors.

FEES

Free

YOUNG PARENTS EDUCATION

- SELLEN: YOUNG PARENTS EDUCATION PROGRAM
- SELLEN: YOUNG MOTHERS TRANSITION PROGRAM
- MISSION AUSTRALIA: PARENT PATHWAYS
- THE SALVATION ARMY, EMPLOYMENT PLUS: PARENT PATHWAYS



SELLEN: YOUNG PARENTS EDUCATION PROGRAM

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 9794 6921

YMTP Senior Transition Coach, Jen Orlandi – jennifer@sellen.org.au

W: <https://sellen.org.au/ypep/>

Campus Locations: YPEP operates at Foundation College, Narre Warren and Frankston.

WHO WE ARE

The YPEP (Young Parents Education Program) provide pregnant and parenting young people, aged between 15 and 20 years old, living in the SE Region, with an opportunity to complete their education through studying in a supported and flexible learning environment where they bring their babies to attend classes (until babies are walking). The program gives young parents the opportunity to access support and advice from a range of experts about parenting, early childhood development, financial literacy and counselling, mental health, wellbeing, legal, housing and more.

WHAT WE DO

- Study with other young parents in a supported and holistic education program.
- Complete Year 12 study in VCE, VM or VPC.
- Obtain direct experience in business and industry through completing a VET qualification, developing the skills and attitudes required in the workplace.
- Have access to the Early Parenting Support Practitioner (EPSP) on site every day to assist with care, feeding, sleeping, settling of baby.
- Actively participate in incursions and excursions.
- Pathway to an apprenticeship, traineeship, employment or further study.
- Explore parenting and join in early childhood workshops.
- Are fully supported while in education and with making the transition to further education, training or employment by the Transition Coaches with the Young Mothers Transition Program (YMTP).

ELIGIBILITY

- The YPEP (Young Parents Education Program) provide pregnant and parenting young people, aged between 15 and 20 years old, living in the SE Region.

FEES

Free

SELLEN: YOUNG MOTHERS TRANSITION PROGRAM

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 0474 546 382

Email: jennifer@sellen.org.au

Website: <https://sellen.org.au/young-mothers-transition-program/>

Level 2, Suite 3, 1-7 Langhorne Street, Dandenong VIC 3175

WHO WE ARE

To improve educational and employment outcomes for all young people, prioritizing vulnerable young people. We will achieve Our Purpose through the facilitation and coordination of partnerships that deliver support to young people (and their families and carers) experiencing poverty, distress or disadvantage within the cities of Greater Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia Shire.

WHAT WE DO

- Provide individualised case management, coaching and outreach support in relation to education and/or employment goals for young mothers.
- Work to promote enhanced outcomes and stability for the mother and their child/ren which may include linkage to specialised services.
- Actively work alongside Care Teams and other services to ensure collaborative outcomes for young mothers.
- Small caseloads
- Local connections

ELIGIBILITY

- The young mother (including expecting) are aged up to 22 years (or 25 years of age by negotiation)
- The young mother lives, works or are linked with services based in the City Casey, Cardinia Shire or City Greater Dandenong (or adjoining LGA's)
- The young mother is curious about education and/or employment options
- The young mother is keen to make a good life for themselves and their children
- YMTP is a free service

FEES

- Free

MISSION AUSTRALIA: PARENT PATHWAYS

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 1800 951 123

Email: ParentPathways@missionaustralia.com.au

Website: <https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/find-support/education-skills-and-training/parent-pathways/>

WHAT WE DO

Parent Pathways is a free, voluntary and flexible service that supports parents and carers of young children to set and work towards personal or family goals. Participants are partnered with a Parent Coach who provides guidance, encouragement and links to local services. Support is tailored and may include developing life skills, accessing education, preparing for employment, connecting children to activities, or navigating childcare and financial supports. Parent Pathways helps parents build confidence and create the future they want for their family.

ELIGIBILITY

- Parent Pathways is designed for parents and carers who are caring for a young child and are currently not in paid employment.
- To participate, your youngest child must be under six years old, and you must be an Australian citizen, a permanent resident, or hold a nominated visa.

In addition to this, you need to meet at least one further condition:

- you may have been receiving Parenting Payments for the past six months
- be under the age of 22,
- identify as a First Nations parent or carer,
- not have completed Year 12 or a Certificate III.

Mission Australia support parents in the following suburbs: Frankston, Cranbourne, Garfield, Mornington, Mount Martha, Capel Sound, Cowes, Wonthaggi, Morwell, Moe, Warragul, Sale, Maffra, Yarram, Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Orbost.

REFERRAL PROCESS

Parents and carers can access Parent Pathways through a simple and direct referral process. People can contact the service themselves. Once contact is made, a Parent Coach follows up to explain how the program works, confirm eligibility, and understand the parent's goals. Together, they then arrange sessions at times and locations that suit the needs of families with young children, whether that is in person, by phone or via video.

FEES

FREE

THE SALVATION ARMY, EMPLOYMENT PLUS: PARENT PATHWAYS

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 136 123/0439 836 886 (Tameka directly)

Email: Tameka.mitchell@salvationarmy.org.au

Website: Employment Plus | Parent Pathways

WHAT WE DO

Parent Pathways offers free personalised support to eligible parents and carers of children up to 6 years old. We understand that every family is different, and every journey is unique. That's why we take a tailored approach, alongside you to provide support that matches your needs. With the help of a qualified mentor, you can receive flexible support to assist with any personal, study or work goals. Parents can access an Individual Fund per year of service (\$1,250). This personalised support can go towards a range of essential items and services to support your journey, such as:

- Accredited education.
- Non-accredited personal deployment course.
- Driver's licences costs.
- Fuel vouchers.
- Bus tickets.
- Phone cards.
- Grocery vouchers.

ELIGIBILITY

Parent Pathways is for parents and carers who:

- have a child aged under 6
- are not in paid employment
- live in an area where there is a Parent Pathways provider.

Receiving one of these payments:

- Parenting Payment
- Carer Payment
- Special Benefit.

Eligibility includes those who are not getting a Centrelink payment, and are either:

- under 22 years old
- an early school leaver (parents who don't have a year 12 qualification)
- a First Nations parent or carer.
- The Salvation Army, Employment Plus support parents in the following suburbs: Springvale, Glen Waverley, Noble Park, Keysborough, Dandenong, Hampton Park, Officer, Pakenham, Berwick, and Narre Warren.

FEES

- FREE

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SPECIFIC

- AUROR EDUCATION FOUNDATION
- BLACK DUCK GROUP (SOCIAL ENTERPRISE)
- DEADLY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS
- KOORIE ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT OFFICERS (KESOS)
- INDIGENOUS APPRENTICESHIPS PROGRAM
- INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT AUSTRALIA
- THE KOORIE ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE
- VACCA



AURORA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

CONTACT DETAILS

Email: info@aurorafoundation.com.au

Website: <https://www.vaeai.org.au/koorie-academy-of-excellence/>

WHO WE

- We deliver a suite of Interconnected programs that walk with Indigenous students through each stage of their educational development and build their resilience, identity, aspirations and sense of community.

Aurora Education Foundation

The Aurora Education Foundation is an Indigenous organisation that supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to realise their full education and employment potential – whether it is completing Year 12 or achieving a PhD from Oxford. Through interconnected programs and pathways, the foundation walks with students from high school through to university and the workplace, redefining Indigenous educational and employment success.

A feature of the Aurora Education Foundation website is the Indigenous Pathways Portal lists scholarship resources and opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The portal allows the user to browse and filter scholarship opportunities, save and compare potential opportunities, understand the next steps and apply for scholarships online.

Indigenous Pathways Portal | Aurora Foundation



BLACK DUCK GROUP (SOCIAL ENTERPRISE)



6-Week Warehouse & Logistics Youth Program in Dandenong South

This program, partnered with Social Engine Australia, assists young Indigenous people aged between 16 to 24 years of age to enter the workforce through work experience and gain the skills needed to secure real jobs.

How It Works

- 2 shifts per week for 6 weeks.
- 9:30am - 2:30pm with a 30 minute break.
- Each participant receives a \$50 allowance per shift to help cover costs associated with attending.
- Supervised by the Head of Warehousing Operations.



Program Location

Social Engine Warehouse
393 South Gippsland Hwy, Dandenong
South VIC 3175

There is public transport close by for those participants who do not drive or have access to a car.

Program Start Dates

The program is scheduled in six-week blocks throughout the year and runs approximately every two months.

For exact starting dates throughout the year, please contact us.

For more information or to apply, please contact:

Sarah Beck, Program Manager | sarah@blackduckgroup.org.au | 0422 563 139



Participants Gain

- Valuable work experience in basic warehousing, pick and pack
- Confidence in a workplace setting
- Training in soft skills including time management, following directions, workplace communication and navigating the workday
- Experience in working as part of a team
- Training in finding and keeping a job
- Help writing a resume and applying for jobs
- A workplace reference

DEADLY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

CONTACT DETAILS

Website: <https://www.vaeai.org.au/koorie-academy-of-excellence/>

WHO WE

- Our Deadly scholarships aim to improve higher education access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, particularly those who need to relocate from regional and remote areas in order to access study.
- Deadly scholarships are administered on behalf of the Indigenous Student Success Program. Only Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are eligible to apply.

WHAT WE DO

Koling wada-ngal karrung school camp:

- Experience university life at our Mt Helen Campus on Wadawurrung Country. Free for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in years 9, 10 and 11.
- This is a school camp for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in years 9, 10 and 11. You'll stay on campus and get a clearer idea of what life after high school could look like. Accommodation, transport and meals are all covered, so there's no cost to you or your school.

Deadly Education Scholarships

The Federation University Deadly scholarships are administered on behalf of the Indigenous Student Success Program. Only Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are eligible to apply.

Scholarships are offered in the following categories...

- Deadly Education Scholarships
- Deadly Accommodation Scholarships
- Deadly Rewards Scholarships
- Dr (Aunty) Mary Atkinson Scholarship

Deadly scholarships - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders - Federation University Australia

KOORIE ENGAGEMENT SUPPORT OFFICERS (KESOS)

CONTACT DETAILS

Website: <https://www.schools.vic.gov.au/koorie-engagement-support-officers>

WHO WE

KESOs work with families, communities, education and service providers to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners to participate fully in education.

WHAT WE DO

Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESOs) are part of an area-based team of professionals who understand Aboriginal culture and history of the community. KESOs support schools with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners to participate fully in education by providing advice and building capability within schools. Together with their student support colleagues, KESOs may:

- guide schools about culturally-inclusive learning environments
- identify services to support student engagement and improved outcomes
- support schools to build relationships with Koorie students and families.

KESOs are not qualified mental health practitioners or allied health professionals, however, as part of a multi-disciplinary team, are able to guide schools towards the most appropriate resources to support Koorie students.

Intended outcomes

- Create culturally-inclusive learning environments
- Facilitate and support access to assist in improving wellbeing and mental health outcomes for Koorie students and families

ELIGIBILITY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals.

FEES

- FREE

INDIGENOUS APPRENTICESHIPS PROGRAM

CONTACT DETAILS

Website: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/how-australian-government-indigenous-apprenticeships-program-works?context=22>

Indigenous Apprenticeships Program

A pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to start their career in the Australian Public Service (APS).

The Indigenous Apprenticeships Program (IAP) plays a pivotal role in increasing Indigenous employment opportunities across the APS.

Since 2015, the IAP has given over 1,500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people opportunities to join the APS. These are people with diverse backgrounds, including people leaving school, finishing study or looking for a new career.

The 12-month program offers:

- a permanent, full-time, entry-level job in government
- job security with a competitive salary
- opportunities to progress your career, including a nationally recognised certificate or diploma qualification.

It also offers a range of roles across a number of departments and agencies.

- administration
- policy and program development
- service delivery
- finance
- human resources
- information technology.

Applicants can nominate which department or agency they are interested in. They can also indicate where they would like to work within Australia.

The Indigenous Apprenticeships Program recruits at APS2 and APS3 level in a department or agency. An APS2 apprentice will complete a Certificate IV in Government and an APS3 apprentice will complete a Diploma in Government.

During the program, participants team up with a buddy and a mentor to help with any challenges. To help with program related questions, each department or agency has a local coordinator.

How the Indigenous Apprenticeships Program works - Services Australia

INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT AUSTRALIA

CONTACT DETAILS

Email: jobs@atsijobs.com.au

Website: <https://www.atsijobs.com.au/>

WHO WE

- Indigenous Employment Australia is focused on connecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with employers committed to Reconciliation, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Our goal is to deliver better information to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander job seekers, businesses and communities.
- By joining the Indigenous Employment Australia website you can easily search and find a range of job opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. You can create a profile and apply for jobs so that employers can see your information when seeking new employees.

WHAT WE DO

- We provide a comprehensive job board that showcases a wide range of vacancies from employers who are committed to fostering diversity and inclusion in their workplaces. By utilising social media and innovative technology, we deliver up-to-date information directly to job seekers, ensuring they have access to the latest opportunities available.
- Our platform is designed to be a valuable resource for both job seekers and employers, facilitating connections that lead to sustainable employment.

ELIGIBILITY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals.

FEES

- FREE

THE KOORIE ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 03 9481 0800

Email: vaeai@vaeai.org.au

Website: <https://www.vaeai.org.au/koorie-academy-of-excellence/>

Location: 144 Westbourne Grove, PO Box 113, Northcote VIC 3070

WHO WE

- The Koorie Academy of Excellence (KAE) is an out of school hours program supporting young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to develop a connection to culture, leadership skills and their academic capabilities.
- For whatever reason, too many capable Indigenous young people do not capitalise on their potential, so the KAE is about nurturing the next generation of Koorie leaders.

WHAT WE DO

- The KAE provides support to Indigenous secondary school students to build their aspirations to remain engaged and excel in their education, complete Year 12 and pursue a study / career pathway of their choice. It is about encouraging its members to be excited about their future, be confident in their choices and be culturally strong. We want our students to dream big!
- Koorie Academy of Excellence – Locations
- The NWVR Koorie Academy of Excellence operates throughout the northern metropolitan suburbs of Melbourne, including those Hume, Moreland, Yarra, Darebin, Banyule, Nillumbik and Whittlesea. The KAE is a 'virtual' academy, meaning there is no permanent dedicated classroom, building or space. Camps, events and social gatherings run by the NWVR KAE will be held at various venues around Melbourne and country Victoria.
- As part of the Marrung Aboriginal Education Plan 2016-2026, the KAE will be expanded to three other locations across the state, including the Oven-Murray area in north-east Victoria, the Gippsland area in south-east Victoria and the Wimmera area in south-west Victoria.

ELIGIBILITY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals.

FEES

- FREE

VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD CARE AGENCY (VACCA): HOMEWORK CLUB

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 9108 3500

Email: barbarai@vacca.org

Website: <https://www.vacca.org/page/our-services?term=&category=4&location=1>

WHAT WE DO

KKHWC Tuesday

Time 4.30pm to 6pm

Venue Southern VACCA office

Address Level 2, 1-7 Langhorne St
Dandenong VIC 3175

A tutor will be available this evening.

All children/Young person must be enrolled before they attend.

A healthy afternoon snack will be provided.

KKHWC Wednesday

Time 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Venue St Luke's Anglican Church

Address Frankston East,
72 McMahons Rd,
Frankston VIC 3199

Connection with Elders , community, hear stories, learn about culture, participate in cultural arts and crafts, get to know other Koorie children in a safe and fun environment.

All children/young persons must be enrolled before they attend.

A healthy snack and main meal will be provided.

For all enquiries, please contact **Barbara Ingram**
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