Applications
Entry is by application through the school by November 2010.

Enrolment
Students will be advised by their VET co-ordinator where and when classes start. Students are advised to bring along a pen, their Form number and proof of identity which may include a passport, learners permit, Keypass ID card, Consumer Affairs Victorian Proof of Age card – with photograph, Australian Government issued ID card – with photograph or birth certificate.

The VETiS instructor will advise students on how to enrol. After enrolment students will receive a student ID card and a student diary.

Course and material fees
Students are advised to contact the Careers Practitioner or VET Program Coordinator in their school.

Attendance
Students are required to attend campus on the days of their program, during school terms.

Course dates
February to October. Normal school term breaks and public holidays apply.

Assessment
Assessment is based on competency, which is the ability to demonstrate specific skills, and a combination of observation, discussion and practical application projects. Written tests may also be required.

General course information

Pathways explained...
VET in School Programs

The Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) Programs aim to provide students for further education, training and employment. Students who complete a VETiS course are awarded a nationally recognised certificate of qualification and VETiS courses can make up part of a VCE. For further details, visit www.holmesglen.edu.au/VETiS.

To enrol in a VETiS course students must be older than 14 years and 10 months, and be enrolled as a full time student in a secondary school. Students can only enrol in a VETiS program through their school.

VET certificates contribute to a students ATAR score. Some certificates offer an examination which is held during the VCE examination period and provide a study score; other certificates provide block credit which is used to enhance an ATAR score.

Advantages of a VET Certificate:
- a nationally recognised qualification
- improved employment prospects
- credits towards further qualifications
- experience in industry

Certificate II in Floristry

Course length
2 years

Timetable
Wednesday 8.30am - 3.40pm

Location
Waverley campus

Course description
Throughout this course, students will learn how to arrange flowers in an attractive manner and create floral designs for all types of occasions. Students will also learn how to deal with the public in a pleasant and helpful manner.

Underneath the specialised Horticulture and Floristry training centre, this course provides an outlet for a students creative flair.

Subjects
Units 1 & 2
- Communicate in the workplace
- Perform routine housekeeping duties
- Apply safe working practices
- Work effectively in a retail environment
- Operate retail equipment
- Apply point of sale handling procedures
- Recognise plants
- Perform stock control procedures

Unit 3 & 4
- Balance register/terminal
- Care for floristry stock and merchandise
- Prepare and display floristry stock
- Provide service to floristry customers
- Assemble and prepare floristry products
- Minimise theft
- Sell products

Contribution to the VCE and VCAL
During the first year, students are eligible to receive a block credit at unit 1 & 2 level. Second year students can arrange for extra studies to enable them to gain credit at 3 & 4 level.

Further training and employment opportunities
Successful students may articulate into an apprenticeship or a Certificate III in Floristry qualification.

Career interests
- Floristry

Certificate II in Horticulture (Landscape)

Course length
2 years

Timetable
Wednesday 9.00am - 3.40pm

Location
Waverley campus

Course description
This course is part ideal for students who enjoy working outdoors and who want to develop the skills and knowledge needed to work as a skilled operator or assistant to a tradesperson in the landscape industry, or operate in a broad range of horticultural practices. Students will be able to assist in constructing and maintaining domestic and commercial landscapes and recreational landscape structures such as paving, retaining walls, water features and irrigation systems.

Subjects
- Recognise plants
- Follow occupational health and safety procedures
- Observe environment work practices
- Work effectively in industry
- Apply chemicals under supervision
- Participate in workplace communications
- Maintain pressurised irrigation equipment
- Support turf establishment
- Lay paving
- Assist with landscape construction

Unit 3 & 4
- Plant trees and shrubs
- Operate machinery and
- Treat weeds
- Treat plant pests, diseased and disorders
- Prune shrubs and small trees
- Construct low profile timber or modular retaining walls
- Determine basic properties of soils/growing media

Special requirements
This program incorporates an extensive practical component, therefore some degree of physical fitness is preferred.

Contribution to the VCE and VCAL
During the first year, students are eligible to receive a block credit at unit 1 & 2 level. Second year students can arrange for extra studies to enable them to gain credit at 3 & 4 level.

Further training and employment opportunities
Upon completion, students may articulate directly into apprenticeships within selected fields or into the Diploma of Horticulture.

Career interests
- Arbiculture
- Production horticulture
- Floriculture
- Turf management
- Parks and gardens
- Nursery
- Landscaping

Pathway Programs

Pathways programs provide students with the opportunity to commence training in their chosen industry while still attending secondary school. All programs are delivered on campus at Holmesglen in specially designed facilities, where an emphasis is placed on providing hands on and practical training wherever possible.

Students will gain the skills and knowledge relevant to their chosen industry, and will complete modules taken directly from the corresponding Certificate I or II programs. Pathways programs are not suitable for students under 15.

Horticulture (Landscape)

Course length
1 year (Students undertake approximately 280 hours of study)

Timetable
Wednesday 9.00am - 3.40pm

Location
Waverley campus

Course description
This program incorporates units of competency from the Certificate II in Horticulture (Landscape). An emphasis on practical training is provided whenever possible, taking full advantage of the specialised Horticulture Training Centre at Holmesglen.

Subjects
- Recognise plants
- Follow occupational health and safety procedures
- Observe environment work practices
- Work effectively in industry
- Apply chemicals under supervision
- Participate in workplace communications
- Maintain pressurised irrigation equipment
- Support turf establishment
- Lay paving
- Assist with landscape construction

Special requirements
This program incorporates an extensive practical component, therefore some degree of physical fitness is preferred.

Further training and employment opportunities
Upon completion of this program students may articulate directly into apprenticeships within selected fields of horticulture, or the Diploma of Horticulture.

While at school, I spent all week looking forward to study at Holmesglen

Stacey

While completing her VCE, Stacey began studying a VET in schools program. She decided to study a VET in schools program because it provided her with an opportunity to try a career area of interest.

She enjoyed the friendly learning environment, supportive teachers and the hands on learning approach. After completing her VCE, Stacey decided to continue her studies at Holmesglen. She is currently completing a Diploma and working within her industry while she completes her studies.