About Holmesglen
Established in 1982, Holmesglen Institute of TAFE is the largest vocational education and training provider in Victoria and was the first educational institution in Australia to obtain International Quality Assurance Certification to ISO9001 standard - a demonstration of its total commitment to quality and academic excellence.
Holmesglen has a reputation as an innovative and dynamic educational institution that maintains the highest standards of instruction and provides a complete student support system, using the latest developments in instructional technology and pastoral care.
Holmesglen provides an excellent environment for students where academic and welfare support are central to the education philosophy. The Institute is located in the Melbourne suburbs of Chadstone, Glen Waverley and Moorabbin close to public transport, shops, restaurants and sporting facilities.
Holmesglen has modern classrooms with audio-visual equipment, computer laboratories, graphic design studios, building and engineering workshops and a well-equipped Learning Commons on each campus containing a library, fully-networked computer, conference rooms and classrooms.
For further information, students should refer to Holmesglen’s interactive student prospectus available at www.holmesglen.edu.au

Course Information
Holmesglen offers three Certificate III in Horticulture qualifications specialising in Parks and Gardens, Landscape or Turf. All three courses provide participants with the necessary skills and knowledge which, together with workplace skills enhancement, will enable them to work as horticultural tradespersons in accordance with National Industry Competency Standards. Each course is one year in duration. Students study full-time three days per week.
In general, horticultural tradespersons maintain plants and planted areas, construct horticultural features, and apply treatments to improve plant growth and control pests. Students interested in undertaking these courses should enjoy practical and mechanical activities; be able to undertake manual and heavy work; be able to work safely with chemicals and machinery; be able to work for long hours and be able to work outdoors in all sorts of weather conditions.

Certificate III in Horticulture (Landscape)
This course aims to prepare students for work as a horticultural tradesperson specialising in landscaping. It helps develop the skills and knowledge needed to plan and construct garden landscapes and to work at trade level in the landscape industry, or in a broad range of horticultural practices. Students learn to prepare plans, specifications and quotations for landscaping projects; select materials and plants; landscape a range of sites; construct paths, retaining walls, water features, paved areas, garden sites and other landscape features; install and maintain drainage and irrigation systems; and operate horticultural machinery.
Employers in this industry include individual landscapers, landscaping companies and public bodies, such as local councils. Career opportunities exist in the management and maintenance of public and private parks, reserves and gardens; the management and maintenance of natural bushland and community recreation areas; the design and implementation of special plant displays; the provision of advice on plant selection and use in domestic and commercial situations; or in contract administration and management.
Students will be required to complete all of the following units:
- Lay segmental/units paving
- Provide information on plants and their culture
- Erect timber structures and features
- Respond to emergencies
- Prepare and apply chemicals
- Install irrigation systems
- Install drainage systems
- Carry out workplace OH&S procedures
- Establish turfs
- Implement a plant establishment program
- Construct brick and/or block structures and features
- Construct concrete structures and features
- Implement a landscape maintenance program
- Install water features
- Set out site for construction work
- Construct block or stone structures and features

Certificate III in Horticulture (Parks & Gardens)
This course aims to prepare students for work as a horticultural tradesperson specialising in parks and gardens. Students learn how to prepare and maintain seedbeds, gardens and lawn areas; propagate and plant trees, shrubs and flowers; install and maintain irrigation and drainage systems; identify and treat weeds, pests and diseases; operate and maintain horticultural machinery; and work at trade level in parks and gardens or horticultural industries.
Employers in this industry include individual landscapers, landscaping companies and public bodies, such as local councils. Career opportunities exist in the management and maintenance of public and private parks, reserves and gardens; the management and maintenance of natural bushland and community recreation areas; the design and implementation of special plant displays; the provision of advice on plant selection and use in domestic and commercial situations; or in contract administration and management.
Students will be required to complete all of the following units:
- Provide information on plants and their culture
- Operate specialised machinery and equipment
- Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
- Respond to emergencies
- Prepare and apply chemicals
- Coordinate work site activities
- Operate pressurised irrigation systems
- Carry out workplace OH&S procedures
- Establish turf
- Implement a plant establishment program
- Implement a plant nutrition program
- Implement a propagation plan
- Implement a tree maintenance program
- Plan and establish plant displays
- Implement a landscape maintenance program
- Sample soils and analyse results

Certificate III in Horticulture (Turf)
This course aims to prepare students for work as a horticultural tradesperson specialising in turf. It provides students with the skills and knowledge needed to establish and maintain turf grass areas and associated plantings on recreational facilities such as bowling greens, golf courses, tennis courts, soccer and hockey fields, cricket wickets and race tracks. Students learn how to prepare seedbeds and establish turf surfaces; install and maintain drainage and irrigation systems; construct cricket wickets, tennis courts, bowling and golf greens; peg, mark out, install nets and posts in sporting fields; maintain surrounding gardens and structures; operate and maintain hand and power driven machinery; and work at trade level in the turf management industry, or in a broad range of horticultural practices.
Employers in this industry include individual landscapers, landscaping companies and public bodies, such as local councils. Career opportunities exist in the establishment and maintenance of recreational turf; the preparation of sports playing surfaces; the management of recreational and sports turf facilities and the provision of advice on turf irrigation, pest and disease control, and management practices.
Students will be required to complete all of the following units:
- Provide information on plants and their culture
- Operate specialised machinery and equipment
- Control weeds
- Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
- Respond to emergencies
- Prepare and apply chemicals
- Coordinate machinery and equipment maintenance and repair
- Install irrigation systems
- Install drainage systems
- Troubleshoot irrigation systems
- Operate pressurised irrigation systems
- Carry out workplace OH&S procedures
- Construct turf playing surfaces
- Establish turf
- Renovate sports turf
- Sample soils and analyse results

Enrolment and Assessment
At enrolment, students will receive a study pack listing references, required texts and software. Access to these materials will be available in the Learning Commons. Subjects will be delivered in the form of face-to-face lectures and tutorials. All subjects are supported by online material provided on campus by the Institute. Assessment comprises written assignments, exams, practical application projects and professional placement. Students are required to attend tests and examinations as scheduled by Holmesglen.

Opportunities for Further Study
Graduates of one of the above Certificate III qualifications will be eligible to continue on to the Certificate IV in Horticulture and the Diploma of Horticulture offered at Holmesglen.

Who Can Apply?
Students who have completed Year 11 level studies (or the overseas equivalent); OR Qualifications and/or experience acceptable to the Course Admission Committee; AND English language proficiency of IELTS 5.5, ISLPR 2+, TOEFL 197 (CB) or 71 (IBT) or equivalent.
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