



Vocational Taster Experiences Pilot

VET Tasters

Year 10 students – immersive 8-week program

This **8-week program** (4.5 hours per session plus break times on a Thursday or Friday) provides students with the opportunity to develop more in-depth practical understanding of a core industry areas to aid in better career and VET subject selection. Students receive a certificate of attendance (non-accredited) at the end of the VET taster.

Taster options: *Construction Essentials · Renewable Future · Caring Careers · Digital Economy*
See below examples for each program. These may be subject to changes or review.

Duration: 8 week program– students attend one day for a **4.5 hour** workshop each week.
(Term 1 will offer a 7-week program delivery for some streams)

Format: Immersive and practical tasks and workshops. Students receive a non-accredited certificate of attendance upon completion.

Eligibility: **Year 10 students** interested in trying vocational study before committing to a VETDSS or further study pathway.

Cost: FREE government schools (Department of Education-funded), including transport to and from school weekly.

What to Bring & Wear

- **Closed-toe footwear** (no sandals).
- Long hair tied back; avoid loose jewellery and clothes.
- Water bottle, BYO lunch, notebook (café available).
- All specialist PPE and materials are supplied.

Construction Essentials

VET Taster (Chadstone)

Overview

Students build skills across five core construction trades including tiling, carpentry, painting, plastering and bricklaying. Students work towards completing a chessboard project over the duration of the taster, which they can take home. Ideal for hands-on learners who love making, fixing and seeing immediate results. These may be subject to change or review.

Upcoming Commencement Dates

| Cohort | Day/Time | Term | Start–Finish dates | Campus | Spots available |
|--------|--|---------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| A | <i>Thursdays (one day per week over 7-weeks)</i> 9:10 am – 2:40pm | Term 1 | February 12 to March 26 | Chadstone | 25 |
| B | <i>Thursdays (one day per week over 8-weeks)</i> 9:30 am – 2:20pm | Term 2 | April 30 to June 18 | Chadstone | 60 |
| C | <i>Thursdays (one day per week over 8-weeks)</i> 9:30 am – 2:20pm | Term 3 | July 23 to September 17 | Chadstone | 60 |
| D | <i>Thursdays (one day per week over 8-weeks)</i> 9:30 am – 2:20pm | Term 4 | October 15 to December 4 | Chadstone | 60 |

Weekly Breakdown

| Week | Focus | Key Skills |
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| 1 | Induction & Tiling Grid | Safety, tiling fundamentals and chessboard project design and tiling layout |
| 2 | Timber-Frame Intro | Build your own table. Learn hand-saw technique, accurate cutting and practical carpentry skills |

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| 3 | Frame Assembly | Continue table project with joinery, squaring, sanding and carpentry skills |
| 4 | Final Paint / Varnish | Coating methods, chemical safety |
| 5 | Surface Prep & Finishes | Painting, sanding, stencilling, varnish basics |
| 6 | Project Assembly | Fit frame to board, quality checks and chessboard finishes |
| 7 | Plaster Repair | Cutting, patching, flushing joints, tools and techniques |
| 8 | Bricklaying Basics | Mortar mixing, setting out, levelling and constructing a pyramid wall |

Further pathways

- Certificate II in Construction Pathways (VETDSS)
- Certificate II Pre-Apprenticeship in Building and Construction (Carpentry) VETDSS
- School-Based Apprenticeships
- Apprenticeships in building and construction

Renewable Future VET Taster (Moorabbin)

Overview

This hands-on program introduces students to Australia's fastest-growing industry sector, providing direct exposure to electrical trades, sustainable engineering, and clean energy careers. Students learn electrical principles, build their own mini wind turbine that actually works, and design and race a solar-powered car they learn to put together themselves. It's all about experimenting, creating, and having fun with renewable energy.

Dates & Campus

| Cohort | Day/Time | Term | Start-Finish | Campus | Spots available |
|--------|--|---------------|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| A | Thursdays (one day per week over 7-weeks) 9:10 am – 2:40pm | Term 1 | February 12 to March 26 | Moorabbin | 30 |

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| B | Thursdays (one day per week over 8-weeks) 9:30 am – 2:20pm | Term 2 | April 30 to June 18 | Moorabbin | 30 |
| C | Thursdays (one day per week over 8-weeks) 9:30 am – 2:20pm | Term 3 | July 23 to September 17 | Chadstone | 30 |
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Weekly Breakdown

| Week | Focus | Key Skills |
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| 1 | Electrical light with solar | Electricity basics – learn how to connect a simple circuits and test out cool projects, gain a practical understanding how electricity really works. |
| 2 | Engineering | Mobile phone holder project. Build and design your own metal mobile phone holder while being immersed in our engineering training workshops. |
| 3 | Solar Oven | Discover how solar energy can be used for cooking. Build and construct your own solar oven project to take home. |
| 4 - 6 | Wind turbine generator | Ever wonder how wind can power the world? Discover how electricity is generated by wind power. Use of basic components to set up and understand how a wind turbine generator operates. Make your very own full functioning wind powered turbine. |
| 7-8 | Solar powered vehicle | Get introduced to the basics of solar energy and discover how sunlight can be turned into electricity. Build your very own solar powered mini racer. No boring stuff, just real-world, practical skills. |

Further pathways

- Certificate II Electrotechnology Career Start (VETDSS)
- Certificate II Engineering Studies Pre-Apprenticeship (VETDSS)
- Apprenticeships in Renewable Energy / Engineering / Electrical

Caring Careers

VET Taster (Moorabbin/Chadstone)

Overview

Students rotate through health, pathology, early-childhood, nursing and community-services workshops to discover people-focused careers and gain a more in-depth understanding of the industry and study pathways. This program is delivered across both Moorabbin and Chadstone campus locations. These may be subject to change or review.

Note: VET Tasters not running over school holidays or last week of term

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| A | Thursday (one day per week over 8-weeks) 9.30am – 2.20pm | Term 1 to Term 2 | March 5 to May 28 | Moorabbin | 25 |
| B | Friday (one day per week over 8-weeks) 9.30am – 2.20pm | Term 1 to Term 2 | March 6 to May 29 | Moorabbin | 25 |
| C | Thursday (one day per week over 8-weeks) 9.30am – 2.20pm | Term 3 to Term 4 | August 27 to November 5 | Moorabbin | 25 |
| D | Friday (one day per week over 8-weeks) 9.30am – 2.20pm | Term 3 to Term 4 | August 28 to November 6 | Moorabbin | 25 |

Weekly Breakdown

| Week Focus | Key Skills |
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| 1 Care in Motion (Allied Health) | Patient transfers, hygiene, food safety and patient care understanding |
| 2 Pathology: Swab to Science | Specimen collection, slide staining and analysing samples |

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| 3 | Early Childhood: Learn by Play | Emotional literacy, how educators communicate to young learners |
| 4 | Nursing Simulation | Inside the virtual hospital ward with VR and real-world nursing activities |
| 5 | Nursing: CPR Intensive | Adult & child CPR, AED use |
| 6 | Nursing Relay | PPE, bandage & splint skills and key nurse skills |
| 7 | Community Services: Create Change | Youth challenges, creative outreach |
| 8 | Dental Assisting & Tech (Chadstone campus) | Chairside protocols, model casting technology |

Further pathways

- Certificate III Allied Health (VETDSS)
- Certificate III Early Childhood Education & Care (VETDSS)
- Certificate III Laboratory Technology (VETDSS)
- Dental Assisting or Dental Technology careers
- Diploma or Bachelor Nursing

Digital Economy VET Taster (Chadstone and Moorabbin)

Overview

This practical program introduces students to high-demand technology careers in one of Australia's fastest-growing sectors. Students explore IT fundamentals, cybersecurity, emerging technologies, and game design through practical projects that mirror real industry work. Whether students are tech-savvy or just curious, this program reveals the diverse career opportunities in digital career industries.

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Weekly Breakdown

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| 1 | Digital Foundations | Computer systems, networks, troubleshooting basics, IT career pathways |
| 2 | Cybersecurity Essentials | Password security, threat identification, digital safety |
| 3 | Cyber defending | Protect LEGO town from cyber-attacks - set up firewalls, detect threats, block hackers |
| 4 | Game Design Fundamentals | Game mechanics, storytelling, character development, design thinking |
| 5 | Game Creation | Building simple games, coding basics, testing and debugging |
| 6 | Emerging Technologies | AI, machine learning, IoT devices, automation, future tech trends |
| 7 | Web Development | Website creation, HTML/CSS basics, user experience design |
| 8 | Digital Innovation Challenge | Team project combining skills learned, problem-solving, presenting solutions |

Further pathways

- Certificate III Information Technology (VETDSS)
- Certificate III Emerging Technology (VETDSS)
- Certificate III Enabling Technology (VETDSS)
- Diploma of Cyber Security or Diploma of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Information Systems
- Digital careers

Support & Accessibility

Holmesglen welcomes students of all abilities. Let us know any learning or access needs on the booking form so we can tailor support.

Student Supervision Policy

Vocational Taster Pilot operates under the **Department of Education's Risk Management - Schools policy, not the Excursions Policy.**

What this means:

- Schools can send **any staff member** (VIT registration not required)
- Schools conduct their own risk assessment regarding student independence
- Holmesglen may offer further flexibility for students to attend **without school supervision** on a case by case basis.

Student Behaviour Policy

To ensure a safe, respectful, and productive learning environment for all students participating in VET Taster Holmesglen has a behaviour policy outlined.

School must ensure:

- Support Holmesglen trainers in maintaining workshop safety and respect
- Assist with any behaviour issues from students
- Any significant behavioural incidents will result in removal from the program, this includes intentional property damage, verbal abuse towards staff or students, refusal to follow safety rules and acts of aggression.

Contact & Bookings

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