

Vocational Taster Experiences Pilot Vocational Explorer Days

Year 9 government school students (1 day experience)

These one-day immersive experiences are delivered at either our Chadstone or Moorabbin campus as part of the Vocational Taster Experiences Pilot.

Year 9 students sample a range of workshops over the day, gaining a better understanding of each industry field.

Choose one of three vocational explorer options – Construction Essentials, Renewable Future or Caring Careers. See below examples for each program. These may be subject to changes or review.

Full day: 5 hours (plus break times)

Dates: Commencing July 2025 to November 2026. See timetables for more details

Cost: FREE government schools (funded by the Department of Education-), including transport.

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.

Support & Accessibility

Holmesglen welcomes students of all abilities. Let us know any learning or access needs when you book so we can tailor support.

Key Contacts

General Enquiries & Bookings

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Program Overviews

Construction Essentials – Vocational Explorer (Chadstone campus)

Overview

Spend a full day inside our trade workshops building real projects from timber, plaster, painting and brick. You'll rotate through five mini-trades to discover which construction pathway sparks your interest.

Potential pathways:

- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Cert II pre-apprenticeship in Building and Construction
- Cert II Plumbing pre-apprenticeship
- Other pre-apprenticeships
- 10-Week Construction Essentials VET Taster (Year 10 Program)

Key Skills:

- Safe hand-tool handling
- Measurement & spatial reasoning
- Attention to detail
- Collaborative problem solving

Dates:

(See more below)

Construction Essentials – Vocational Explorer Dates Duration: 1 day / 5 hours plus break times Campus: CHADSTONE		
Intake	Date	Groups/All trades
1	Thursday, 3 July 2025	Group 1
2	Thursday, 31 July 2025	Group 2
TERM BREAK		
3	Thursday, 7 August 2025	Group 3
4	Thursday, 14 August 2025	Group 4
5	Thursday, 21 August 2025	Group 5
6	Thursday, 28 August 2025	Group 6
7	Thursday, 4 September 2025	Group 7
8	Thursday, 11 September 2025	Group 8
9	Thursday, 18 September 2025	Group 9
10	Thursday, 18 September 2025	Group 10
TERM BREAK		
11	Thursday, 9 October 2025	Group 11
12	Thursday, 16 October 2025	Group 12
13	Thursday, 23 October 2025	Group 13
14	Thursday, 30 October 2025	Group 14
15	Thursday, 6 November 2025	Group 15
16	Thursday, 13 November 2025	Group 16
17	Thursday, 20 November 2025	Group 17
18	Thursday, 27 November 2025	Group 18
19	Thursday, 4 December 2025	Group 19
20	Thursday, 11 December 2025	Group 20

Day Schedule *Example:*

Time	Session
9.00am – 9.30am	Welcome with Safety Induction & JSA
9.30am – 10.30am	Workshop 1: Woodwork - Phone-Dock Build Hand-tool precision, basic joinery
10.30am - 10.40am	Morning tea break
10.40am – 11.40am	Workshop 2: Finishing - Sand & Stencil Surface prep, decorative technique
11.40am– 12.40pm	Workshop 3: Plaster & Tiling - Measure, Lay, Tile Accurate measuring, layout planning
12.40pm - 1.00pm	Lunch break
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Workshop 4: Bricklaying: Decorative Pier Levelling, mortar placement, teamwork
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Reflection, Next Steps and Feedback Survey

Renewable Future – Vocational Explorer (Moorabbin Campus)

Overview

Wire, test and power a household lighting circuit, then run it from the sun. This hands-on challenge shows you how electricians integrate solar technology and storage into everyday wiring.

Potential pathways:

- 10-Week Renewable Future VET Taster (Year 10)
- Cert II Electrotechnology (Career start)
- Cert II Engineering Pre-apprenticeship (VETDSS)
- Other pre-apprenticeships

Key Skills:

- Cable stripping & termination
- Circuit testing & troubleshooting
- Sustainable work practices, real world problem solving

Dates:

Delivered on Thursdays from July 31 2025 to October 16 2025.

Renewable Future Vocational Explorer Duration: 1 day / 5 hours plus break times Campus: MOORABBIN		
Intake	Date	Groups/All trades
1	Thursday, 31 July 2025	Group 1
2	Thursday, 7 August 2025	Group 2
3	Thursday, 14 August 2025	Group 3
4	Thursday, 21 August 2025	Group 4
5	Thursday, 28 August 2025	Group 5
6	Thursday, 4 September 2025	Group 6
7	Thursday, 11 September 2025	Group 7
8	Thursday, 18 September 2025	Group 8
TERM BREAK		
9	Thursday, 9 October 2025	Group 9
10	Thursday, 16 October 2025	Group 10

Day Schedule Example:

Time	Session
9:00am - 9.30am	Introduction & Safety with overview of DC vs AC, electrical PPE
9.30am – 10.00am	Workshop 1 – Solar Oven Learn how solar energy can be used for cooking and principles of solar technology
10:00am – 10.10am	Morning tea break.
10.10am – 12.25pm	Workshop 1 – Solar Oven - Continued Learn how solar energy can be used for cooking and principles of solar technology
12:25pm – 1.10pm	Workshop 2: Engineering – Mobile phone holder

	Create your own hold, learn planning, squaring, measuring and metal cutting skills with hand tools.
1.10pm – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Workshop 2: Engineering – Mobile phone holder - Continued Create your own hold, learn planning, squaring, measuring and metal cutting skills with hand tools.
2.15pm – 2.30pm	Reflection & Careers A pathways discussion, feedback survey

Caring Careers – Vocational Explorer (Moorabbin Campus)

Overview

Rotate through five workshops, from lab sciences to life-saving CP and explore the many careers that keep our community healthy and thriving. Rotating groups of 25 complete the five workshops below (40 min each + 15 min change-over).

Potential pathways:

- Cert III Laboratory Technology (VETDSS)
- Cert III Allied Health (VETDSS)
- Cert III Early Childhood Education (VETDSS)
- 10-Week Caring Careers VET Taster (year 10 program)

Key Skills:

- Empathy & patient/client communication
- Scientific sampling & documentation
- Critical thinking under pressure
- Life-saving CPR techniques

Dates:

Delivered on Thursdays or Fridays from July 24 to 2025 to August 8 2025.

Caring Careers Vocational Explorer

Duration: 1 day / 5 hours plus break times

Campus: MOORABBIN

Intake	Date	Groups
1	Thursday, 24 July 2025	Group 1
2	Friday, 25 July 2025	Group 2
3	Thursday, 31 July 2025	Group 3
4	Friday, 1 August 2025	Group 4
5	Thursday, 7 August 2025	Group 5
6	Friday, 8 August 2025	Group 6

Day Schedule Example:

Time	Session
8.50am – 9.00am	Arrival, Welcome & Group Briefing
9.00am – 10.00am	Workshop 1: Lab Techniques – Real Science, Real Skills Hands-on lab science experience: collect and analyse your own sample.
10.00am – 11.00am	Workshop 2: Pathology – Blood, Labels & Logistics <i>Handle fake blood samples and learn about labelling, packaging and transport.</i>
11.00am – 11.10am	Morning tea break
11.10am – 12.10pm	Workshop 3: Early Childhood Education – Mini Minds, Big Responsibility An introduction to Early Childhood Education, with hands-on activities showcasing how to support young learners.
12.10pm – 1.10pm	Workshop 4: Beat the Bomb – The Ultimate Team Challenge Teamwork and problem-solving challenge to defuse a "bomb" before time runs out.
1.10pm – 1.30pm	Lunch break
1.30pm – 2.30pm	Workshop 5: CPR Challenge – Save ANNIE, Be a Hero Learn real CPR skills on manikins in a race to save a life. Recap of the day and next steps for pathways.

2.30pm

Students return to school