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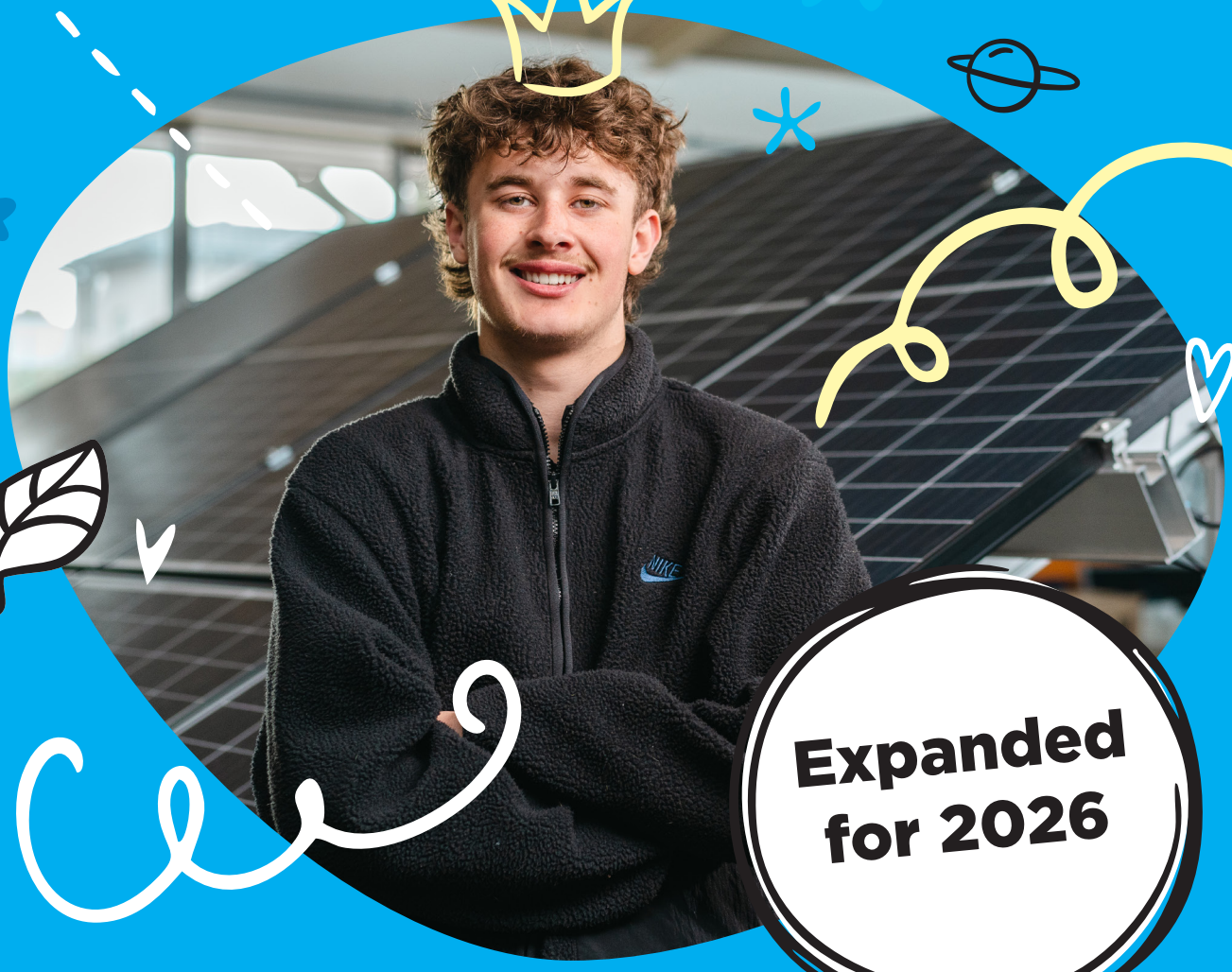
Discover your passion!

with the Vocational Taster Experiences Pilot



Government Schools • Years 9 and 10 • Funded by the Victorian Government

What's new for 2026?

Enhanced Program Options:

8 to 10 week VET Taster format
With flexible delivery available for school timetables.
NEW

Term 1 through to term 4 delivery options.

Whole year level explorer options
Accommodate your entire year 9 cohort with an explorer day.

Earlier planning
Term 4 notifications and details to be sent to schools.

Expanded Program Streams:

Construction Essentials
Building and construction trades.

Caring Careers
Healthcare, Early Childhood Education and Community Services.

Renewable Future
Electrotechnology, Engineering, Renewable Energy.

Digital Economy
Cyber, IT, VR and Gaming Design.
Coming soon. New for 2026

Built on 2025 Success:

Over **500 secondary students** have participated in the pilot so far.

Proven pathway connections to VDSS programs.

Over **93 percent of students said they enjoyed** participating in a Holmesglen explorer day.

43.6 percent of students said they were more interested in taking up a VETDSS course after attending an explorer.

"The 10 week tafe taster program has been outstanding particularly the format of the construction essentials the Westall students have been thrilled with the program." (Westall Secondary College)

Program options

Year 9 Vocational Explorers

- **Duration:** 1-day, 5 hour immersive experience
- **Focus:** Career exploration and pathway awareness
- **Format:** Practical learning in professional facilities
- **Outcome:** Students take home projects built on the day and a receive a career info showbag.

Year 10 VET Tasters

- **Duration:** 8-weeks with flexible timetabling
- **Focus:** Deeper skill development and VDSS preparation
- **Format:** Multi-week practical learning programs
- **Outcome:** Certificate of Attendance received. Students get to take home all projects completed.

Delivery locations

- **Chadstone Campus:** Construction Essentials, Digital Economy
- **Moorabbin Campus:** Caring Careers, Renewable Future

What's included?

- Transport costs
- Professional equipment and all materials
- Qualified TAFE trainers
- Industry-standard facilities
- VDSS pathway information and career info showbag

Program streams and highlights

Construction Essentials

- Carpentry and building techniques
- Explorer lesser-known trades of masonry, tiling, painting and more.
- Tool operation and industry safety protocols
- Materials identification and application
- Trade pathway exploration

Caring Careers

- Nursing simulation immersion
- Early childhood education and community services exposure
- Dental technology and assisting
- Practical Allied Health workshops and connections
- Care, empathy and communication skills

Renewable Future

- Explore how solar panels convert sunlight into clean energy
- Build and test basic electrical circuits
- Discover the role of future trades and clean energy
- Learn engineering design and tools
- Build wind turbine and mini electric car

Digital Economy

COMING SOON

Perfect for your students

Priority support for:

- Students with diverse learning needs
- CALD background students
- First Nations students
- Students exploring vocational pathways
- Those unsure about post-school options

Flexible participation:

- Small groups to whole year levels
- Multiple delivery terms available
- Accommodation for diverse learning needs

Student outcomes

- Increased career pathway awareness
- Practical skill development
- Enhanced motivation for vocational study
- Clear connections to senior secondary options

Pathway Connections

Post-School Options
Vocational Taster Experiences Pilot

- TAFE certificates and diplomas
- University or degree programs
- Apprenticeship opportunities
- Direct employment pathways

Government investment

Part of the Victorian Government's $4.873 million commitment to vocational education pathways.
Partnership Delivery: Department of Education + Holmesglen Institute of TAFE

Quality assurance

- Qualified TAFE trainers
- Professional industry facilities
- Student wellbeing focus

Expressions of interest

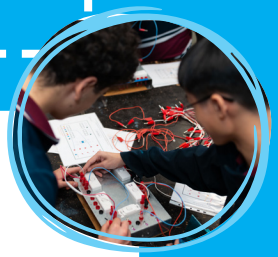
Complete our EOI to secure your 2026 places:

Key dates for 2026

- Program dates to be sent out November 2025
- Programs run: Terms 1, 2, 3, 4

Planning support

- Early notification (Term 4, 2025)
- Flexible delivery options
- Risk assessment guidance provided
- Minimal school administration required



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