

# **Boort District P - 12 School**

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# VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to empower our students and staff to work together to become active and valued community members. We provide a safe and supportive learning environment, which fosters independent, resilient lifelong learners.

BDS Motto: 'Achieving Excellence Together'

**BDS Beliefs and Values: Showing Tolerance and Respect for others** 



# DIARY DATES

1<sup>st</sup> School Fete 11<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Holiday 12<sup>th</sup> LMR Swimming Swan Hill 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Otways Excursion 13<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN Testing. 21<sup>st</sup> Foundation and New Parents Afternoon Tea 22<sup>nd</sup> Silver Assembly 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Yr10/11Work Experience 27<sup>th</sup> Yr 5/6 Redball Tennis 28<sup>th</sup> Whole School Assembly 28<sup>th</sup> Last Day Term 1.

# Principal Report: School Fete

All school community members have a role to play in supporting the learning opportunities and contributing to the educational goals of our students. By being connected, there is shared responsibility and an overall increase in the learning opportunities for our students. On Friday, I had the pleasure of meeting a large number of families and community members for the first time during our school fete. Our school fete was a wonderful event, not just for our students but for the entire Boort community and surrounding areas. Thank you once again to our Parents' Club for the organisation of our fete.

# School Uniform

It is very pleasing to see our students in full school uniform. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils

recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. A reminder that families can access our school uniform policy on our school website. I am also seeking interest from families and students to join our uniform committee. If you would like further

information about our uniform committee, please contact our office on 5455 2201

# NAPLAN

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN is conducted in Term 1 and NAPLAN testing will commence on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024. **International Women's Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate women's achievements and gender equality amongst students, staff, family and friends of our school community. Women make up 76% of the government teaching workforce, and all our dedicated female staff members are integral to the continued success of our college and community.

# Football

It is with great excitement that the 2024 AFL competition has begun. I look forward in watching Collingwood reign supreme and win back-to-back premierships this year. Go Pies!

Todd Woodfine Principal





# Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

#### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

#### **Eligibility Date**

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024**.

# Payment amounts

#### **CSEF** payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

Please contact Vikki in the office if you would like an application form.

# Please remember to send to school with your child a packet of tissues and wipes for classroom use in the F-6 area.

### **Ad-Hoc travellers on Buses**

Please note that the Durham Ox and Pyramid Hill connecting buses are at capacity in 2024.

Any requests for Ad-Hoc travel must be in to the office a **minimum of 3 days** before travel, to have time to see if there is a spare seat on a particular day.

There will only be a spare seat if the school has had notification of a current passenger being absent, so there is **no guarantee** that your child will be able to access the bus upon your request.

# NAPLAN 2024

This year, NAPLAN assessments will begin on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Writing will take place on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Reading will take place on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Language Conventions will take place on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Numeracy will take place on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup> (2 tests on the Friday)

Exemption forms are available for exceptional circumstances. Contact the School Office if you require an exemption for your child. Alysha Wilson and Carol White

Adrian Grogan Bus Coordinator



Leading up to the festival there will be writing competitions to enter with winners announced on the day. More information to come.

# Homework Help



# **Boort District School Parents' Club Tesselaar Bulb Fundraiser.** Bulb orders are close on the 29<sup>th</sup> March. You can view the catalogue and order online using the following link: www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/BOORTDS



On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March we had three students travel to Bendigo to compete in the Loddon Mallee Region Swimming event. Victoria, Scarlett and Tyla each competed in two individual events on the day, swimming against some very tough competition. This is a fantastic achievement to represent Boort District School at this level and we congratulate these students on their efforts. A big thank you to the parents for transporting students to the event and for their support on the day.

April Hatcher & Hayden Rowley F-6 Sports Coordinators





# **READING HELPERS**

Thank you to our wonderful parents/carers that volunteer their time for our kids.











# **Boort District School FETE 2024!!**

After 6 years, Boort District School Parents' Club finally brought the Fete back last Friday. It was wonderful to see the kids all excited as they day went on, even though some didn't know what a fete was. It was a great night where the school community came together with the local community.

The class activities were great to see around the grounds, it was great to see a variety from smashing plates, to throwing a coin, to buying a tie dye shirt, raffle tickets, fairy floss, cakes, plants and books, playing golf, guessing the Easter eggs and the name of the teddy (which was BASIL) and of course some matchbox car racing!! To finish the night off with some wonderful food, laughs and an auction around the C21 building was great. Once we finish tallying up, we will let you know what we have raised.

I was overwhelmed with how well it all came together, so thank you to everyone involved! There are so many people that I need to thank that have worked so hard behind the scenes doing all the nitty gritty parts, so if I miss anyone my apologies but thank you!

Thank you to the Year 8/9 Home Eco Class for all the food Prep, Staff & Students, Mr Woodfine, Mr Bleicher, Kim Potter, Hamish Lanyon, Steve Lanyon, Brenton Henderson, Greg Boyd, Chris O'Flaherty, Marj Potter, Jacqui Verley and parents that were on a rostered shift, families who supplied an item for the cake stall, plants for the plant stall and **finally my group of Parents' Club – Sherryn O'Flaherty, Nikki Lanyon, Kate Nelson, Varlea McClelland, Kathryn Lanyon, Sarah McNally and Trish Bird, we did it, thank you so much for all your support!!** 

The Insurance House raffle was won by Kellie Hare and the Boort Lakes Holiday Park was won by Graeme Chamberlain. The Brojayla Quilt raffle was won by Joy DePiazza.

# Thank you to our Sponsors: Boort Grain Co-Op, Boort Amity, Southern Riverlands Poultry, Altora Ag, NDCH, North Central LLEN and the Loddon Shire!

Thank you to the following for donations:

AL & NF Stringer Pty Ltd	Arnold Family Butchers	Bendigo Heritage
Bendigo Discovery Centre	Boort Co-Op	Boort IGA
Boort Lakes Holiday Park	Boort NAB & B Accommodation	Boort Newsagency
Boort Post Office	Boort Pharmacy	Boortomotive
Boort Veterinary Services	Brojayla Patches	Cobram Estate
Daisies Cleaning	Dunn Seeds	George Tallis Hardware
Godfrey & Bear	Insurance House	Jo & Greg Bear
Kath & Steve Lanyon	Kerry Willis Hair Design	Kim Potter
Kingston Winery Estate	Lakeside Café	Lilyvale Catering
Loddon Podiatry	Michell Wool	Nutrien Ag Supplies
North West Ag	O'Connor Machinery	Railway Hotel
Reilly's Designer Appliances	Ross & Sue Pay	Salute Olivia
Sherry Nuttall	Snooze Bendigo	SoFitness
Tam Boyd	The Shared Table	The Zone Fun Park, Bendigo

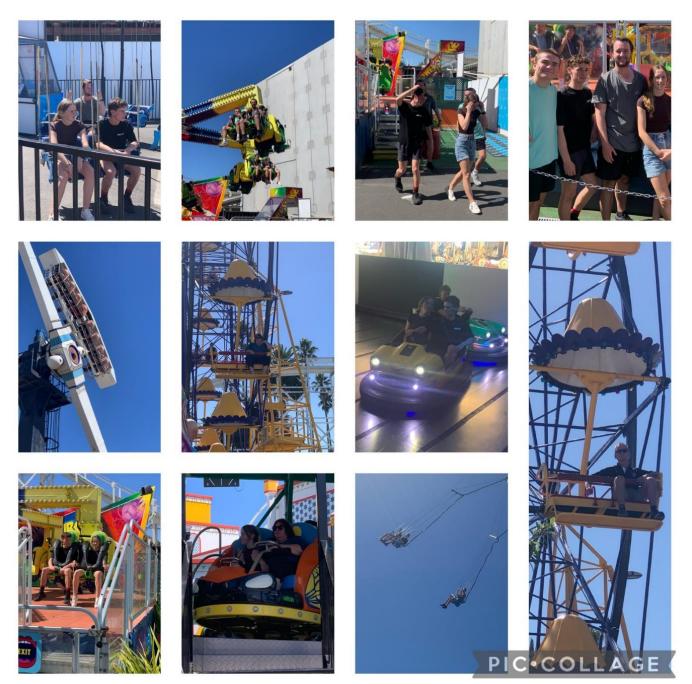
Regards, Kelly Henderson (President of Parents' Club)

# Year 6 Easter fundraiser

As in the past, Year 6 students are raising money for their end of the year trip to Melbourne via an Easter raffle. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from any Year 6 student or the School Office. There will be in excess of 10 prizes to be won. Be in it to win it! Thank you

# Year 12 Physics Luna Park Excursion.

Year 12 Physics students took part in the annual Physics day at Luna Park last Tuesday. Students were able to experience various rides ranging from the Carousel to the Enterprise, from the Dodgem Cars (not aptly named) to the Scenic Railway (a rollercoaster). They were able to log data including accelerations, get real time data and will continue to work on applying their Year 12 physics to the rides they experienced, to prepare for their upcoming SAC. Thanks to Ms Dussin for accompanying the class. Pictured below are some highlights.



# La Trobe Rural Health Club presentation

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March representatives of the La Trobe Rural Health Club (LARHC) visited the school to deliver presentations firstly to the Year 11s and 12s, and then to the Year 9s and 10s. Led by the club's President and former Boort District School student, Ella Lanyon, the sessions included discussing the role of the LARHC and engaging students in a series of hands-on stations. Topics covered included the study of medicine and allied healthcare, and also health literacy and first aid. A strong emphasis was the importance of rural healthcare the need for remote and regional areas to attract and retain healthcare professionals. Students enjoyed playing Kahoots and competing for prizes, and also experiencing hand-on stations that allowed students to experience using a stethoscope, EpiPen and also a knee hammer to test each other's reflexes. Students were able to take a great deal from each presentation, and we thank the LARHC for taking the time to visit Boort District School and speak to 80 of our senior students. Drew Crilly, Brooke Chamberlain Careers Coordinators

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Foundation/1	Max P	For making responsible choices in the classroom!
	Jack R	For his great listening
	Tom	For his great colouring!
	Pippa N	For her fantastic helping
	Xander T	For his great 'p' sounding out!
	Noureen M	For trying to be more independent and 'having a go'
	Olivia P	For sharing her interesting ideas and thoughts about our Big Books!
	Frankie B	For her great name writing this week
	Ava V	Great counting
	Gabriel G	For his amazing home reading efforts this week!
Year 1/2	Hunter N	Terrific counting by 10s.
	Keira H	Terrific counting by 10s.
	Cruz N	Always being inclusive.
Year 3/4	Becky S	Making models of 3D shapes and describing key features.
	Indigo S	For being an honest and reliable class member.
Year 4/5	Zoey G	For her hard work with answering questions in full sentences.
	Shelby H	For her hard work with using the split strategy.
	Connor M	For using the free choice Maths lesson time wisely to increase his
		knowledge.
	William H	For genuinely being a wonderful partner and friend to all in his class.
Year 5/6	Year 6 students	For their efforts at the F-6 swimming sports. Their organisation of
		events and encouragement shown to all was outstanding.
	Year 5 students	For their support of all year levels at the F-6 swimming sports. Their
		barracking for team mates was next level.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# BOORT HOCKEY CLUB – REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!!

Boort Hockey Club is inviting all interested players, both existing and new to register for the upcoming 2024 Season! Please register as soon as possible so we can gauge

numbers for each level before our next league meeting. We are seeking registrations in all grades of hockey: -Minkey (Prep to Year 4)

-Under 12's (born 2012-2014)

-Under 15's (born 2009-2011) -Women

-Men

# **REGISTER WITH THE LINK BELOW:**

https://www.revolutionise.com.au/boorthc/registration Any questions please contact: Kelly Henderson 0427 280583



insights



EDUCATORS - Educators can claim 3 hours of Professional Development. Australian Professional Standard for Teachers at the level of Proficient Teacher 6.4.2

**Interested in Agriculture** 

or Veterinarian Studies? Sign up for the NCLLEN Excursion to



Explore Day Wagga Wagga March 19th 2024

Attend tours of the facilities, farm, accommodation & explore careers. Free luch, live music and activities.

Depart Charlton on Monday 18th March 3.45pm Accommodation provided in Wagga Wagga Attend CSU Explore Day Tuesday 19th March Return to Charlton Tuesday 19th March at 7pm Funded by NCLLEN (meals not provided) Limited to 40 Year 10 - 12 students Parents welcome to attend

North

Central LLEN



Contact Susan Gould for more information 0429927534





**Opportunities!** 



Draft Day

Trades

Tribunals



2 FULL DAYS

April 2nd + 3rd (Easter School Holidays) 8:30am - 5:00pm \$80 for 1 day - \$150 for both days Victoria Park, Echuca



BOOK NOW



The link to register to the Auskick Centre is https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/f98afb

# 1. Show Blurb

Snowy and the seven cool dudes - promotes healthier eating and exercise

**Snowy and the seven cool dudes** Saturday 6 April 2pm Based on the book by the same name – Snowy and the seven Cool Dudes – Written by A.J Bailey and Illustrated by Ziggy Moskwa Snowy is becoming more beautiful every day and The Wicked Queen is not happy!

She has decided to send Snowy away, to get rid of her, once and for all.

The Magic Mirror has warned The Queen this is a huge mistake – Snowy is beautiful on the inside and the outsideeveryone loves her.

The Queen isn't listening and orders The Hunter from the Palace to take Snowy into the forest and leave her there... forever!

Meanwhile, the Cool Dudes have decided it's time they started making healthier food choices and doing some exercise.

https://swanhilltownhall.com/events/snowy-and-the-seven-cool-dudes/ 2. Show Blurb

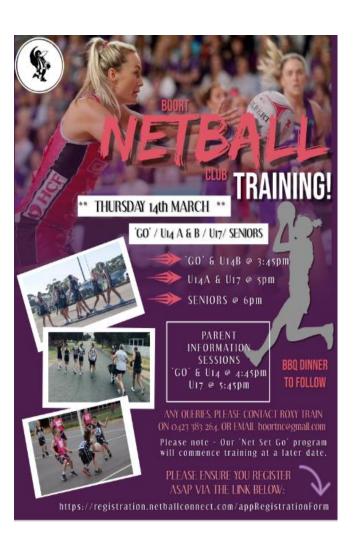
# Children are Stinky Sunday 7 April 10.30am

High calibre circus, a rocking soundtrack, and genuine belly laughs propelled the Australian debut of Children are Stinky to Sell-Out seasons across the world.

This is a show to be seen. Suitable for ages 3-12. Innovative stagecraft combined with mischievous fun have wowed reviewers and audiences alike with their focus on high skilled acrobatics and entertaining circus mix with a fun accessible narrative.

Children are Stinky challenges children to step on stage and prove themselves worthy, smart, coordinated, and imaginative against these ridiculous circus performers resulting in wonderful interaction and an audience of proud kids and parents.











#### Careers and Pathways

#### Victorian

# careers & EMPLOYMENT expo

TERTIARY |> SKILLS |> TRAINING |> JOBS

# March 14<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Victorian Careers & Employment Expo is open from March 14 to 16, 2024 at the Melbourne Showgrounds. The Expo will showcase over 130 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Visitor entry is free. The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new opportunities.

www.careersemplovmentexpo.com.au/Victorian.html



Volunteering your free time to help worthy causes is a really noble undertaking. You won't earn big bucks, but there are plenty of other ways that becoming a volunteer could be of value.

### Learn new skills

No matter where you decide to volunteer, there will always be an element of training. Plus there's skills that you might not even realise you're working on, like communication, team work, independence, problem solving, and customer service – the list goes on.

#### Give your resume a boost

Showing commitment to community efforts, or any kind of voluntary work, will speak volumes about your personality. If you're happy to keep showing up without getting paid, you must be dedicated and motivated; all qualities that universities and future employers will look favourably on.

#### Form connections and networking contacts

Volunteering could introduce you to people you wouldn't have met otherwise. Those people could become friends, mentors, or your inspiration. The more you get involved with projects outside your school, the wider you're casting your net.

#### Personal development

- Increase your confidence
- Learn to communicate more effectively
- Become a better listener
- Learn about your personal strengths and weaknesses
- Be more aware of/active about social issues

#### Positive impacts on your health

Studies have shown that volunteering could contribute to improved mental and physical health.

Start by having a look around your local community and find out what Volunteering options are available to you!

### VICTORIA POLICE CAREERS EXPO



Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 10:00am – 4:00pm

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Victoria Police is hosting the "Your Made for More Pathway" Careers Expo. The expo will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. If you are ready to make a change and choose your own career path, then this is the event for you.

Members from a range of working units will be in attendance, such as:

- general duty police officers
- protective services officers
- police custody officers.

They will show you all the exciting and varied career pathways available to you at Victoria Police.

Speak to members from our specialist units e.g.:

- Air Wing
- Crime Scene Services
- Road Policing Drug and Alcohol Section
- Public Order Response Team
- Forensic Services
- Dog squad.

For Further Information Visit:

www.police.vic.gov.au/victoria-police-careerexpo-your-made-more-pathway



All Year 11 & 12 Students receive a weekly emailed edition of the North Central LLEN Careers Newsletter.

The Careers Newsletter includes information on upcoming Career events, University & TAFE Webinars, Open Day information, Apprenticeships, Scholarships, Gap Year opportunities, VTAC information + more.

If any Parents/guardians would like to be added to the email distribution list, please email: p.mcconville@ncllen.org.au

Pam McConville and Careers and Pathways Email: <u>p.mcconville@ncllen.org.au</u>

# CAREERS & PATHWAYS NEWSLETTER 2024

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School Holiday Uni Tours & Experience Days

North Central

Discover ACU – Ballarat www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events

Deakin University – all campuses www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-andservices/events/campus-tours

#### Latrobe University - Bendigo

www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/bendigo-campus-talkand-tours2

Monash University – all campuses www.monash.edu/discover/events/campus-experience

#### RMIT University

www.rmit.edu.au/events

# VTAC

#### VTAC Dates for 2025 Entry



The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is the central hub for applying to tertiary institutions in Victoria, responsible for processing and forwarding course applications to universities, & some TAFEs and independent tertiary institutions in Victoria. After selections are made by the institutions, VTAC will send out messages of offer to applicants who were successful.

VTAC has now set the date for 2025 Course applications. Courses, SEAS & Scholarship Applications open for current Year 12 students on: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024

To explore courses, visit: www.vtac.edu.au

### UNIVERSITY TOURS



School Holidays

Are you a high school student that wants to find out more about studying at RMIT? Come along to our tours during the school holidays and take a look around our City, Brunswick or Bundoora campuses. Visit:

www.rmit.edu.au/events

### INFORMATION SESSIONS



Thursday March 7th, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Consider a career like no other and work alongside likeminded, expertly trained personnel as a member of the Navy. Speak with serving members about career opportunities at our virtual info session. To Register Visit:

www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/

### SCHOLARSHIPS

#### HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Application Support Webinar



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 6:00pm – 7:00pm With applications open from 5 February to 3 April 2024, this will be your opportunity to:

- Learn more about the eligibility criteria and application process
- Discover tips on how to submit a competitive application
- Hear from a current Hansen Scholar who will share their experiences about the program and answer any of your questions.

#### To Register Visit:

https://study.unimelb.edu.au/studentlife/events/hansen-scholarship-programapplication-support-webinar

#### CAREER EXPOS

The Trades Fit: Young Women in Trades

and Tech Expo



Wednesday 8th - Thursday 9th May 2024

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre The Trades Fit expo demonstrates the exciting world of trade and tech industries and the rewarding, well-paid career opportunities they can provide to Female & Gender Diverse Students in Years 9-12. Visit: www.vic.gov.au/trades-fit-youngwomen-trades-and-tech

#### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

#### Regional, Rural & Remote students Why choose ANU?

#### Tuesday March 12, 4:30pm – 5:30pm

Hear from other regional students who will share their stories, talk about why they chose to come to ANU, and tell you about what to expect from life at ANU in Canberra.

To Register Visit: https://study.anu.edu.au/events/rrr-students-whychoose-anu

**DISCOVER MEDICNE @ MONASH** 



Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024, 5:30pm – 6:30pm Online via Zoom

Discover what it's like to study Medicine at Monash. Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure, placement opportunities and entry requirements. Our current students will be online to provide insights into their own experiences as well.

#### To Register Visit: www.monash.edu/discover/events/courseinformation/discover-medicine

#### MEDICINE INFORMATION NIGHT



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 6:00 – 6:30pm

Charles Sturt University offers the Joint Program in Medicine in partnership with Western Sydney University. The two-year program runs on our Orange campus in regional New South Wales and is followed by three years of regional placements

Whether you're in high school, looking for a career change or keen to take the next step in your health career – this information night is for you! Parents, carers and career advisers are also welcome to attend.

#### To Register Visit:

https://study.csu.edu.au/why-charles-sturt/events

COURSE RESEARCH

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# SEEKER

Course Seeker is a comprehensive database of tertiary courses on offer from universities and private providers across Australia.

It makes it easy to find your dream course. You can filter your search by subject area, location, duration, qualification level, institution type, and more. You can also see the entry requirements for each course, so you can work out which courses you might be eligible for in a flash.

#### Find the course of your dreams here:

www.courseseeker.edu.au





The Skills Victoria website is a directory of vocational education and training (VET) organisations and courses offered in Victoria.

Find the course of your dreams here: www.skills.vic.gov.au/s/

To Search for Interstate TAFE courses, visit: www.myskills.gov.au/

#### CAREER RESEARCH



Watch video snapshots of a typical day in a variety of careers, and interviews with people in the job about what they do and how they started their careers. (Ctrl + Click to follow the links)

Veterinarian

- Structural Engineer
- Livestock Farming
- Architect
- Psychologist
- Web Developer
- Musician
- Mining
- Helicopter Pilot
- Train Driver
- Navy Helicopter Pilot
- Maritime Warfare Officer
- Army Combat Engineer
- Submariner
- Air Force Nurse

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