

MIRBOO NORTH SECONDARY COLLEGE



2027 VDSS PATHWAYS HANDBOOK

VET Delivered to Secondary Students

Student and Parent Information Guide



Welcome

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the Mirboo North Secondary College 2027 VDSS Pathways Handbook.

Choosing your senior secondary pathway is one of the most important decisions you will make during your time at school. This handbook has been developed to help students and families explore the Vocational Education and Training (VET) opportunities available while completing Years 11 and 12.

VET Delivered to Secondary Students (VDSS) enables students to gain nationally recognised qualifications while studying at school. These programs provide practical, hands-on learning experiences and can lead to apprenticeships, traineeships, employment, further TAFE study and university pathways. Mirboo North Secondary College works closely with TAFE Gippsland and the South Gippsland Bass Coast Trade Skills Alliance (SGBC TSA) to provide students with access to a wide range of vocational courses delivered across the Gippsland region. This handbook has been tailored specifically for Mirboo North students and includes the courses that are available to our school.

As you read through this handbook, think about:

- your interests
- the subjects you enjoy
- the type of work you might like to do
- your strengths
- your future career goals

Choosing a VDSS course is not about locking yourself into one career forever. It is an opportunity to explore an industry, gain practical skills and build confidence while still at school.

Students are encouraged to discuss their options with their parents or carers, me, Geoff Williams (Careers and Pathways Advisor) or one of the Senior School Coordinators before making their final course selections.

Important Date

Applications for 2027 VDSS courses **close on Friday 31 July 2026.**

I look forward to working with you as you plan your pathway beyond school.

Geoff Williams
Careers and Pathways Advisor
Mirboo North Secondary College

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What is VET Delivered to Secondary Students (VDSS)?

VET Delivered to Secondary Students (VDSS) allows secondary school students to complete a nationally recognised vocational qualification while undertaking their Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major (VCE VM).

VDSS combines classroom learning with practical, industry-based training to help students develop the knowledge and skills employers are looking for.

Students generally attend their training provider for **one full day each week**, with courses delivered on either **Wednesday or Friday**, depending on the training provider and course timetable.

Successful completion of a VDSS program contributes towards a student's senior secondary certificate while also providing a nationally recognised qualification that is recognised throughout Australia.

Benefits of VDSS

Students who undertake a VDSS course can:

- gain a nationally recognised qualification
- develop practical workplace skills
- explore careers before leaving school
- improve their employment opportunities
- strengthen applications for apprenticeships and traineeships
- receive credit towards further TAFE study
- develop skills valued by employers such as communication, teamwork and problem solving
- experience learning in an adult education environment.

Students often find that completing a VDSS course helps them make informed decisions about future study and employment.

VDSS at Mirboo North Secondary College

Students enrolled in a VDSS program remain enrolled at Mirboo North Secondary College while attending training with an external Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are expected to maintain high standards of attendance, behaviour and commitment at both school and their training provider.

Attendance

VDSS classes are conducted **one day each week** on either a **Wednesday or Friday**, depending on the individual course.

Students are expected to:

- attend every scheduled training session
- arrive on time
- notify both the school and training provider if absent
- complete all required assessment tasks
- wear any required personal protective equipment (PPE)
- follow workplace health and safety requirements.

Travel

All VDSS courses require students to travel to the training provider.

Courses are delivered at one or more of the following locations:

- Leongatha
- Morwell
- Traralgon
- Yallourn

Students and families should consider transport arrangements when selecting course preferences.

Structured Workplace Learning

Some VDSS courses include Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) or recommended industry placement.

These placements allow students to develop practical skills in real workplaces and gain valuable industry experience.

Information about workplace learning requirements will be provided for individual courses where applicable.

VDSS and Your Future

Completing a VDSS course can open many different pathways after secondary school.

Students may choose to:

- begin an apprenticeship

- begin a traineeship
- continue studying at TAFE
- continue to university
- enter the workforce with practical skills and a nationally recognised qualification.

A VDSS course does not limit future options. Instead, it provides students with valuable experience that can help them make informed decisions about further education and employment.

VDSS provides practical skills and nationally recognised qualifications that support pathways into apprenticeships, traineeships, TAFE, university and employment.

Head Start

Supporting School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

The Victorian Government's **Head Start** program supports secondary school students who are interested in undertaking a **School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship**.

Head Start works with students, families, schools, employers and training providers to help students successfully combine school with employment and vocational training.

The program provides personalised support before, during and after an SBAT is established.

How Head Start can help

Head Start can assist students by:

- exploring apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities
- identifying suitable industries and occupations
- connecting students with employers
- supporting students through the recruitment process
- assisting with training arrangements
- helping students balance school, work and training commitments
- providing ongoing support throughout the apprenticeship or traineeship.

Local Head Start Coordinator

Pat Frendo

If you think an apprenticeship or traineeship may be the right pathway for you, your first step is to speak with **Geoff Williams**, Careers and Pathways Advisor.

Following this discussion, a referral may be made to the local Head Start Coordinator to explore suitable opportunities.

Head Start Referral Form

An official **Head Start Referral Form** is included at the end of this handbook.

Completing the form does **not** guarantee an apprenticeship or traineeship. It allows Head Start to begin working with you to explore suitable opportunities and provide advice about possible pathways. Complete the form and return to Geoff Williams if an SBAT is something you are interested in.

School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs)

Earn While You Learn

A **School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT)** allows students to combine secondary school with paid employment and nationally recognised vocational training.

Students undertaking an SBAT remain enrolled at Mirboo North Secondary College while working with an employer and completing a qualification through a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

An SBAT is an excellent option for students who have identified a career area and would like to begin their apprenticeship or traineeship before leaving school.

How does an SBAT work?

A typical SBAT includes:

- attendance at Mirboo North Secondary College
- paid employment with an approved employer
- structured training with an RTO
- completion of a nationally recognised qualification
- contribution towards your VCE or VCE Vocational Major.

Every SBAT is individually planned to ensure students meet both their school and employment commitments.

Benefits of an SBAT

Students completing an SBAT can:

- earn a wage while completing school
- gain valuable workplace experience
- build industry contacts
- develop employability skills
- complete part of an apprenticeship or traineeship before finishing Year 12
- improve employment opportunities after school
- continue into a full-time apprenticeship or traineeship after completing school.

Industries that commonly offer SBATs

SBAT opportunities vary each year depending on employer demand but are commonly available in:

- Building and Construction
- Automotive
- Plumbing
- Engineering
- Electrotechnology
- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Early Childhood Education
- Business
- Hospitality
- Community Services
- Health
- Retail

Students interested in pursuing an SBAT are encouraged to discuss this option with **Geoff Williams** as early as possible, as planning often begins well before the start of Year 11.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to know exactly what career I want?

No.

Many students use Head Start to explore different industries before committing to an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Can I complete an SBAT while doing VCE?

Yes.

Many students successfully combine an SBAT with their VCE program. Your pathway will be planned with the school to ensure your study program remains manageable.

Will I be paid?

Yes.

SBAT students are employed under an appropriate training contract and receive wages in accordance with the relevant industrial award.

Can I continue after Year 12?

Yes.

Many students continue with the same employer as a full-time apprentice or trainee after completing secondary school.

Who should I speak to?

Your first contact should always be:

Geoff Williams

Careers and Pathways Advisor
Mirboo North Secondary College

Geoff can discuss your career goals, explain the SBAT process and, where appropriate, arrange a referral to **Pat Frendo**, the local Head Start Coordinator.

EXPLORE YOUR VET OPTIONS

The following courses are available to Mirboo North Secondary College students through TAFE Gippsland and our regional training partners.

These courses provide practical, industry-based learning while students work towards a nationally recognised qualification. They can lead to employment, apprenticeships, traineeships, further TAFE study or university pathways.

Each course profile includes:

- What you will learn
- The type of student the course suits
- Possible job outcomes
- Further study opportunities
- Delivery location(s)

Training Providers

Mirboo North Secondary College works with a range of Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) and education providers to deliver VET Delivered to Secondary Students (VDSS) programs.

Depending on the course selected, training may be delivered by:

- TAFE Gippsland
- Kurnai College
- Community College Gippsland (CCG)
- AGA
- Other approved training providers



Agriculture, Animals & Environment

Agriculture is one of Gippsland's largest industries and offers careers in farming, agribusiness, animal production, horticulture and environmental management. These courses suit students who enjoy practical learning, working outdoors and solving real-world problems.

Certificate II in Agriculture

Qualification

AHC20122 Certificate II in Agriculture

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Leongatha

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday (provider timetable)

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students gain practical skills in a working agricultural environment including:

- Livestock handling and care
- Fencing techniques
- Machinery operation
- Pasture management
- Workplace health and safety
- Sustainable farming practices

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy working outdoors
- Have an interest in farming
- Enjoy practical learning
- Like working with machinery
- Are interested in livestock

Career pathways

- Farm Hand
- Dairy Industry
- Beef Production
- Agricultural Contractor
- Farm Management

Further study

- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Diploma of Agriculture
- Bachelor of Agriculture or Agribusiness

Certificate II in Animal Care Qualification

ACM20121 Certificate II in Animal Care

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Locations

Leongatha • Morwell

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop practical skills in caring for companion animals through:

- Animal handling and restraint
- Feeding and nutrition
- Animal behaviour
- Workplace hygiene
- Animal health monitoring
- Customer service

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy working with animals
- Are patient and responsible
- Enjoy practical learning
- Are considering veterinary or animal industries

Career pathways

- Animal Boarding Facilities
- Pet Grooming
- Animal Welfare
- Pet Retail
- Animal Shelters

Further study

- Certificate III in Animal Care Services
- Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing
- Wildlife and Conservation Studies

Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management

Qualification

AHC21024 Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Morwell

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students learn practical environmental skills including:

- Revegetation
- Weed control
- Environmental monitoring
- Conservation techniques
- Chainsaw safety
- Workplace safety

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy being outdoors
- Enjoy science
- Care about the environment
- Enjoy physical work

Career pathways

- Parks Victoria
- Landcare
- Conservation organisations
- Environmental contractors
- Local government
- Natural resource management

Further study

- Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management
- Environmental Science
- Natural Resource Management

Certificate II in Horticulture

Qualification

AHC20422 Certificate II in Horticulture

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Locations

Leongatha • Morwell

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students gain practical skills in:

- Plant identification
- Landscaping
- Irrigation
- Turf management
- Pruning
- Nursery operations

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy gardening
- Like practical work
- Enjoy being outdoors
- Enjoy creating attractive spaces

Career pathways

- Landscaper
- Parks and Gardens
- Nursery Industry
- Golf Course Maintenance
- Local Government Parks Services

Further study

- Certificate III in Horticulture
- Certificate IV in Horticulture
- Diploma of Landscape Design
- Diploma of Horticulture

Trades & Construction

Trades continue to be one of Victoria's strongest employment sectors. These courses provide excellent preparation for apprenticeships and employment while giving students valuable practical skills and experience.

Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation

Qualification

AUR20720 Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Locations

Leongatha • Yallourn

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop foundation automotive skills including:

- Vehicle servicing
- Engine systems
- Steering and suspension
- Brake systems
- Workshop tools and equipment
- Workplace safety

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy working on cars
- Like solving mechanical problems
- Enjoy practical learning
- Are considering an automotive apprenticeship

Career pathways

- Light Vehicle Mechanic
- Heavy Vehicle Mechanic
- Diesel Mechanic
- Automotive Technician

Further study

- Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology
- Automotive Apprenticeship

Certificate II in Building and Construction (Carpentry)

Qualification

22614VIC Certificate II in Building and Construction (Carpentry Pre-apprenticeship)

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Yallourn

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop foundation carpentry skills including:

- Measuring and setting out
- Timber framing
- Hand and power tools
- Workplace safety

- Reading plans
- Construction techniques

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy building things
- Like practical work
- Enjoy mathematics and measurement
- Are considering a carpentry apprenticeship

Career pathways

- Carpenter
- Builder
- Construction Industry

Further study

- Carpentry Apprenticeship
- Certificate III in Carpentry

Certificate II in Building and Construction (Bricklaying)

Qualification

22614VIC Certificate II in Building and Construction (Bricklaying Pre-apprenticeship)

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Yallourn

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students gain practical skills in:

- Bricklaying
- Block laying
- Mortar preparation
- Construction safety
- Basic construction techniques

Career pathways

- Bricklaying Apprenticeship
- Construction Industry

Certificate II in Building and Construction (Painting & Decorating)

Qualification

22614VIC Certificate II in Building and Construction (Painting & Decorating Pre-apprenticeship)

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Yallourn

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students learn:

- Surface preparation
- Painting techniques
- Decorating finishes
- Safe use of equipment

- Workplace safety

Career pathways

- Painting and Decorating Apprenticeship
- Construction Industry

Certificate II in Civil Construction

Qualification

RII20720 Certificate II in Civil Construction

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Yallourn

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop skills in:

- Road construction
- Drainage
- Earthmoving
- Surveying basics
- Civil construction safety

Career pathways

- Civil Construction Apprentice
- Road Construction
- Infrastructure Projects
- Plant Operator

Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)

Qualification

UEE22020 Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Morwell

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students are introduced to:

- Electrical principles
- Electrical circuits
- Wiring practices
- Electrical safety
- Tools and testing equipment

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy mathematics
- Like problem solving
- Enjoy practical work
- Are considering an electrical apprenticeship

Career pathways

- Electrical Apprenticeship

- Renewable Energy Industry
- Electrical Trades Assistant

Certificate II in Engineering Studies (Fabrication & Fitting)

Qualification

22632VIC Certificate II in Engineering Studies

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Locations

Leongatha • Yallourn

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students gain practical engineering skills including:

- Welding
- Fabrication
- Metal cutting
- Fitting
- Engineering drawings
- Workshop safety

Career pathways

- Boilermaker
- Fabricator
- Fitter and Turner
- Engineering Apprenticeship
- Manufacturing

Further study

- Certificate III in Engineering
- Engineering Apprenticeship

Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship)

Qualification

22701VIC Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship)

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Morwell

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop practical plumbing skills including:

- Plumbing systems
- Water services
- Drainage
- Safe use of plumbing tools
- Workplace safety

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy practical work
- Like solving problems
- Enjoy working with tools
- Are considering a plumbing apprenticeship

Career pathways

- Plumbing Apprenticeship
- Gasfitting
- Roofing Plumbing
- Mechanical Plumbing

Further study

- Certificate III in Plumbing Apprenticeship

HEALTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Health and Community Services are among the fastest-growing employment sectors in Gippsland. These courses are ideal for students who enjoy helping people, working as part of a team and making a positive difference in their community.

Certificate II in Community Services

Qualification

CHC22015 Certificate II in Community Services

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Kurnai

-Kurnai offer Community Services as a combined Certificate II and Certificate III program.

Delivery arrangements vary between providers.

Location

Morwell

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop introductory skills for working in community and human services, including:

- Communication skills
- Working with diverse people
- Community support services
- Workplace health and safety
- Teamwork
- Professional workplace practices

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy helping others
- Are good listeners
- Want to work with people
- Are interested in youth work, disability support or community services

Career pathways

- Disability Support
- Youth Work
- Community Support
- Aged Care
- Welfare Services

Further study

- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate IV in Community Services
- Diploma of Community Services
- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Human Services

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

Qualification

CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (*partial completion may apply depending on delivery arrangements*)

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Locations

Leongatha • Morwell

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop skills in:

- Child development
- Learning through play
- Supporting children's wellbeing
- Working with families
- Health and safety
- Planning learning activities

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy working with young children
- Are patient and caring
- Enjoy being creative
- Are interested in teaching or childcare

Career pathways

- Early Childhood Educator
- Childcare Assistant
- Kindergarten Assistant
- Family Day Care

Further study

- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
- Bachelor of Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Primary Education

Please note: Students may be required to complete workplace learning as part of this course.

Certificate III in Health Services Assistance

Qualification

HLT33115 Certificate III in Health Services Assistance

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Locations

Leongatha • Morwell

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop practical healthcare skills including:

- Infection prevention and control
- Patient communication
- Working safely in healthcare
- First aid
- Supporting healthcare teams
- Workplace procedures

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy helping people
- Are considering nursing
- Are interested in allied health
- Enjoy practical learning
- Can communicate well with others

Career pathways

- Health Services Assistant
- Hospital Support Worker
- Aged Care
- Disability Support

- Allied Health Assistant

Further study

- Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance
- Diploma of Nursing
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Paramedicine
- Bachelor of Health Science

Please note: Some healthcare placements may require immunisations and other documentation before workplace learning.

HOSPITALITY & PERSONAL SERVICES

Hospitality and personal services offer exciting opportunities for students who enjoy working with people, providing customer service and developing practical skills in fast-paced environments.

Certificate II in Cookery

Qualification

SIT20421 Certificate II in Cookery

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Kurnai

-Kurnai offer Hospitality and Cookery as a dual qualification.

Delivery arrangements vary between providers.

Locations

Leongatha • Morwell

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop commercial kitchen skills including:

- Food preparation
- Knife skills
- Food safety
- Kitchen operations
- Preparing and presenting meals
- Working in a commercial kitchen

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy cooking
- Work well under pressure
- Like practical learning
- Enjoy working as part of a team

Career pathways

- Apprentice Chef
- Commercial Cook
- Catering
- Café and Restaurant Industry

Further study

- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery
 - Certificate IV in Kitchen Management
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Certificate II in Hospitality

Qualification

SIT20322 Certificate II in Hospitality

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Kurnai

-Kurnai offer Hospitality and Cookery as a dual qualification.

Delivery arrangements vary between providers.

Locations

Leongatha • Morwell

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students gain skills in:

- Customer service
- Food and beverage service
- Café operations
- Coffee preparation
- Event service
- Workplace communication

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy working with people
- Have good communication skills
- Enjoy customer service
- Like working in busy environments

Career pathways

- Café Assistant
- Restaurant Staff
- Hotel Industry
- Tourism
- Events

Further study

- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate IV in Hospitality
- Diploma of Hospitality Management

Hair and Beauty Skills Set

Qualification

Hair and Beauty Skills Set

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Locations

Leongatha • Traralgon

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

One year

What will I learn?

Students develop foundation skills in:

- Hair styling
- Beauty services
- Client communication
- Salon safety
- Retail skills
- Professional presentation

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy working with people
- Have an interest in fashion and beauty
- Are creative
- Enjoy practical learning

Career pathways

- Hairdressing Apprenticeship
- Beauty Therapy
- Salon Assistant

Further study

- Certificate III in Hairdressing
- Certificate III in Beauty Services

Certificate II in Salon Assistant

Qualification

Certificate II in Salon Assistant

Provider

Community College Gippsland

Location

Leongatha

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop skills in:

- Salon operations
- Client reception
- Hair preparation
- Shampooing
- Customer service
- Workplace hygiene

This course may suit students who...

- Want to become a hairdresser
- Enjoy customer service
- Like practical learning
- Work well with people

Career pathways

- Salon Assistant
- Hairdressing Apprenticeship
- Beauty Industry

Further study

- Certificate III in Hairdressing
 - Certificate III in Barbering
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BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY & CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Technology, business and the creative industries continue to grow across Gippsland and throughout Australia. These courses suit students who enjoy solving problems, using technology, thinking creatively or working with people in professional environments.

Certificate III in Business

Qualification

BSB30120 Certificate III in Business

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Traralgon

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop practical business skills including:

- Business communication
- Customer service
- Digital technologies
- Workplace documentation
- Organising meetings and events
- Teamwork and administration

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy working with people
- Are organised
- Like computers and technology
- Have good communication skills
- Are considering office or business careers

Career pathways

- Administration Officer
- Receptionist
- Customer Service Officer
- Business Trainee
- Office Assistant

Further study

- Certificate IV in Business
- Diploma of Business
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Commerce

Certificate III in Information Technology

Qualification

ICT30120 Certificate III in Information Technology

Provider

IVET

Kurnai College (training delivered under an auspiced agreement with IVET Institute RTO 40548)

Location

Leongatha

Churchill (Kurnai College University Campus)

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students gain practical skills in:

- Computer hardware
- Software installation
- Networking
- Cyber security awareness
- Programming fundamentals
- ICT support

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy computers
- Like solving technical problems
- Enjoy technology
- Are interested in cyber security or software development

Career pathways

- IT Support Officer
- Help Desk Technician
- Network Support
- ICT Trainee

Further study

- Certificate IV in Information Technology
- Diploma of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Computer Science

Certificate II in Creative Industries

Qualification

CUA20220 Certificate II in Creative Industries

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Leongatha

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students explore a range of creative skills including:

- Visual arts
- Design principles
- Digital media
- Photography

- Creative projects
- Working in the creative industries

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy art and design
- Like creating visual projects
- Enjoy digital media
- Are imaginative and creative

Career pathways

- Graphic Design
- Photography
- Digital Media
- Visual Arts
- Creative Services

Further study

- Diploma of Graphic Design
- Diploma of Visual Arts
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Arts

Certificate II in Apparel, Fashion and Textiles

Qualification

Certificate II in Apparel, Fashion and Textiles

Provider

ReadCloud

Location

Leongatha

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop practical skills in:

- Garment construction
- Textile selection
- Fashion design
- Sewing techniques
- Pattern interpretation
- Workplace production skills

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy fashion
- Like design
- Are creative
- Enjoy making and creating

Career pathways

- Fashion Industry
- Clothing Production
- Retail Fashion
- Costume Production

Further study

- Certificate III in Apparel
- Diploma of Fashion Design
- Bachelor of Fashion Design

Certificate II in Integrated Technologies (3D Printing & Robotics)

Qualification

22586VIC Certificate II in Integrated Technologies (3D Printing & Robotics)

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Baw Baw Skills Centre (Warragul)

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday (provider timetable)

Duration

Two years

You'll learn to:

Students develop practical skills using emerging technologies, including:

- 3D design and computer-aided design (CAD)
- 3D printing and additive manufacturing
- Robotics and automation
- Programming and coding fundamentals
- Electronics and mechatronics
- Digital manufacturing processes
- Problem-solving through technology projects
- Workplace health and safety

Ideal for students who...

- Enjoy technology and innovation
- Like designing and building things
- Enjoy mathematics and problem solving
- Are interested in engineering or robotics
- Enjoy computers and digital technologies
- Like practical, project-based learning

Possible Job Outcomes

- Engineering Technician (with further training)
- Robotics Technician
- 3D Printing Operator
- CAD Assistant
- Manufacturing Technician
- Engineering Apprentice
- Mechatronics Apprentice
- Product Design Assistant

Further Study

- Certificate III in Engineering
- Certificate IV in Engineering
- Diploma of Engineering
- Diploma of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Engineering
- Bachelor of Mechatronics Engineering
- Bachelor of Industrial Design

Certificate II in Music Performance

Qualification

Certificate II in Music (Performance Stream)

Provider

Community College Gippsland

Location

Leongatha

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop skills in:

- Live performance
- Instrumental or vocal performance
- Music industry knowledge
- Performance preparation
- Working with other musicians
- Stage confidence

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy performing
- Play an instrument
- Sing
- Enjoy music production

Career pathways

- Musician
- Performer
- Music Industry
- Entertainment

Further study

- Certificate III in Music
- Diploma of Music
- Bachelor of Music

Certificate III in Screen and Media

Qualification

CUA31020 Certificate III in Screen and Media

Provider

TAFE Gippsland

Location

Warragul

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

You'll learn to:

- Create digital media content
- Plan and produce video projects
- Operate cameras and lighting equipment
- Record and edit audio
- Edit video using industry software
- Develop creative production skills

Ideal for students who...

- Enjoy photography or filmmaking
- Are creative
- Like storytelling
- Enjoy technology
- Are interested in media production

Possible Job Outcomes

- Camera Assistant
- Video Editor
- Production Assistant

- Digital Content Creator
- Media Assistant

Further Study

- Diploma of Screen and Media
- Diploma of Film and Television
- Bachelor of Media
- Bachelor of Film and Television
- Bachelor of Creative Arts

Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot)

Qualification

Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot)

Provider

National Drones

Location

Leongatha

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop skills in:

- Drone operation
- Flight planning
- Aviation safety
- Aerial photography
- Mapping technologies
- Civil Aviation regulations

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy technology
- Are interested in aviation
- Like problem solving
- Enjoy practical learning

Career pathways

- Drone Pilot
- Surveying
- Agriculture
- Environmental Monitoring
- Emergency Services
- Media Production

Further study

- Commercial Remote Pilot qualifications
- Aviation training
- Surveying
- Geospatial Science

Certificate III in Supply Chain Operations

Qualification

TLI30325 Certificate III in Supply Chain Operations

Provider

iTFE

Location

Korumburra

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday (provider timetable)

Duration

Two years

You'll learn to:

- Receive and dispatch goods
- Manage inventory and stock
- Operate warehouse systems
- Apply workplace health and safety practices
- Work effectively in logistics and distribution environments
- Use digital systems to support supply chain operations

Ideal for students who...

- Enjoy organised and practical work
- Like solving problems
- Are interested in transport, warehousing or logistics
- Want to develop skills for a growing industry

Possible Job Outcomes

- Logistics Assistant
- Warehouse Operator
- Distribution Centre Worker
- Inventory Controller
- Supply Chain Administration Assistant

Further Study

- Certificate IV in Supply Chain Operations
- Diploma of Logistics
- Traineeship in Warehousing or Logistics
- Employment in transport and distribution industries

Certificate III in Sport, Aquatics and Recreation

Qualification

SIS30122 Certificate III in Sport, Aquatics and Recreation

Provider

Savile Learning

Kurnai College

Location

Leongatha

Churchill (Kurnai College University Campus)

Attendance

Wednesday or Friday

Duration

Two years

What will I learn?

Students develop practical skills in:

- Coaching
- Recreation programs
- Sport leadership
- First Aid
- Customer service
- Working safely in recreation environments

This course may suit students who...

- Enjoy sport
- Like coaching others
- Enjoy leadership
- Like working with people

Career pathways

- Sports Coach
- Recreation Officer
- Aquatics
- Outdoor Education
- Community Sport

Further study

- Certificate IV in Sport and Recreation
- Diploma of Sport
- Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science
- Bachelor of Physical Education

Choosing the Right Course

When selecting your VDSS course, consider the following questions:

- What subjects do I enjoy at school?
- Do I prefer practical or classroom-based learning?
- What careers interest me?
- Does this course suit my future study or employment goals?
- Have I discussed my options with my parents or carers?
- Have I spoken with Geoff Williams or one of the Senior School Coordinators?

Remember, there is no single "right" choice. A VDSS course is an opportunity to explore an industry, gain practical experience and build valuable skills while completing your senior secondary education.

Frequently Asked Questions

Does a VDSS course contribute to my VCE?

Yes. VDSS programs contribute towards the successful completion of your Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major (VCE VM). The contribution varies depending on the qualification and VCAA program requirements.

Can I still go to university if I complete a VDSS course?

Absolutely.

Many students complete a VDSS program and continue to university after Year 12. A VDSS qualification provides practical skills and industry knowledge while keeping a wide range of future study options open.

How often will I attend my VDSS course?

Students attend their training provider **one day each week**, usually on either **Wednesday or Friday**, depending on the course and provider timetable.

Students attend Mirboo North Secondary College on all other school days.

Will I need to travel?

Yes.

All VDSS courses require students to travel to the training provider.

Training locations include:

- Leongatha
- Morwell
- Traralgon
- Yallourn

Students and families should consider travel arrangements when selecting course preferences.

What happens if I am absent?

If you are unable to attend your VDSS course, you must notify:

- Mirboo North Secondary College
- Your training provider

Regular attendance is essential for successful completion of your qualification.

Will there be homework?

Some courses require students to complete assessment tasks or projects outside class time.

As with any VCE subject, students should expect to complete work outside scheduled classes.

Do I need to complete work placement?

Some courses include Structured Workplace Learning or industry placement.

If workplace learning is required, your training provider and the school will provide information well in advance.

Can I change my mind?

Students should choose carefully.

While changes may sometimes be possible early in the year, changing courses can affect your study program and may not always be available.

If you are unsure, speak with Geoff Williams before submitting your preferences.

Who can help me choose?

Speak with:

- Geoff Williams – Careers and Pathways Advisor
- One of the Senior School Coordinators
- Your parents or carers

They can help you explore your interests and identify the course that best suits your future goals.

Glossary

Term	Meaning
Apprenticeship	Employment combined with training that leads to a trade qualification.
ATAR	Australian Tertiary Admission Rank used for university entrance.
Head Start	Victorian Government program supporting students undertaking School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs).
RTO	Registered Training Organisation – an organisation approved to deliver nationally recognised training.
SBAT	School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship. Students remain at school while undertaking paid employment and vocational training.
Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)	Planned workplace learning linked to a VET qualification.
USI	Unique Student Identifier required for nationally recognised training.
VCAA	Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority.
VCE	Victorian Certificate of Education.
VCE VM	Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major.
VDSS	Vocational Education and Training Delivered to Secondary Students.
VET	Vocational Education and Training.

Head Start referral form

This referral form does not guarantee a traineeship or apprenticeship.

SECTION 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION	
Student full name	*
Date of birth	*
Student email	
Language spoken at home	
School	*
Current year level	
Current study program	Please circle - Yr 9 Yr 10 VCE VCE VM VPC
SECTION 2 – WORK / INDUSTRY INFORMATION STUDENT TO COMPLETE	
Have you undertaken any of the following? (select all that apply) ☐ Structured Workplace Learning ☐ School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship ☐ Work Experience ☐ Part time/casual employment ☐ Volunteer work	
Have you undertaken any VET programs?	If yes, provide details below:
Do you hold any of the listed licenses or certificates? (select all that apply) ☐ First Aid ☐ Food Handling ☐ White Card (construction card) ☐ Safe at Work ☐ Drivers Licence: ☐ L ☐ P	
What industries are you interested in?	
Do you have an employer that is willing to commence you as an SBAT?	If yes, please specify below:
SECTION 3 – PARENT/ CARER INFORMATION AND APPROVAL	
Parent/Carer name:	*
Parent/Carer phone:	*
Parent/ Carer email:	*
Is an interpreter required?	*
I understand, that as part of the Head Start program, students will undertake a Language, Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. Information will be collected by Head Start including the VASS report, Morrisby and other relevant information from the school to support students to undertake a SBAT. The details captured in this form, student resume and other relevant information will be shared with employers and the Apprentice Connect Australian Provider, when the time comes to support the student to have a safe workplace. For more details speak with your Head Start Coordinator.	
Parent/Carer signature	*
Date:	*

All information will be handled in accordance with the Department of Education privacy policy and relevant privacy laws. For more information, see www.vic.gov.au/departments-of-education-privacy-policy.

* Required fields

2027 VDSS Course Preference Form

Mirboo North Secondary College

Student Details

Student Name: _____

Current Year Level: _____

Home Group: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Instructions

Please indicate **ONE First Preference** and **ONE Second Preference** only.

Write:

1 = First Preference. 2 = Second Preference

Only one **1** and one **2** should be used.

Preference	Course	Location(s)
☐	Certificate II in Agriculture	Leongatha
☐	Certificate II in Animal Care	Leongatha / Morwell
☐	Certificate II in Apparel, Fashion & Textiles	Leongatha
☐	Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation	Leongatha / Yallourn
☐	Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot)	Leongatha
☐	Certificate III in Business	Traralgon
☐	Certificate II in Building & Construction – Carpentry	Yallourn
☐	Certificate II in Building & Construction – Bricklaying	Yallourn
☐	Certificate II in Building & Construction – Painting & Decorating	Yallourn
☐	Certificate II in Civil Construction	Yallourn
☐	Certificate II in Community Services*	Morwell
☐	Certificate II in Conservation & Ecosystem Management	Morwell
☐	Certificate II in Cookery*	Leongatha / Morwell
☐	Certificate II in Creative Industries	Leongatha
☐	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care	Leongatha / Morwell
☐	Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)	Morwell
☐	Certificate II in Engineering Studies (Fabrication & Fitting)	Leongatha / Yallourn
☐	Hair & Beauty Skills Set	Leongatha / Traralgon
☐	Certificate III in Health Services Assistance	Leongatha / Morwell
☐	Certificate II in Horticulture	Leongatha / Morwell
☐	Certificate II in Hospitality*	Leongatha / Morwell
☐	Certificate III in Information Technology	Leongatha / Kurnai
☐	Certificate II in Integrated Technologies (3D Printing & Robotics)	Warragul
☐	Certificate II in Music (Performance)	Leongatha
☐	Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship)	Morwell
☐	Certificate II in Salon Assistant	Leongatha
☐	Certificate II in Screen & Media	Warragul
☐	Certificate III in Sport, Aquatics & Recreation	Leongatha / Kurnai
☐	Certificate III in Supply Chain Operations	Korumburra

* Some courses may be delivered differently depending on the training provider. For example, Community Services may be offered as a combined Certificate II and III program, and Hospitality and Cookery may be delivered as a dual qualification by some providers. Current delivery arrangements will be confirmed during the enrolment process.

Student Declaration

I understand that:

- ☐ All VDSS courses require travel to the training provider.
 - ☐ I am expected to attend all scheduled training sessions.
 - ☐ My preferred course may not proceed if minimum enrolments are not met.
 - ☐ Some courses include Structured Workplace Learning or industry placement.
 - ☐ My course selection should be discussed with my parent/carer before submission.
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Student Signature

Date _____

Parent/Carer Signature

Date _____

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Item	Completed
Parent approval received	☐
Course availability confirmed	☐
Student notified	☐
Enrolment submitted	☐