

# Media Release

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY IDEAS TO SET THE IMAGINATION FREE

From dance parties and inspiring exhibitions to robotic lego and DJing workshops, Victoria has plenty of free and low-cost activities to keep kids entertained these school holidays thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Acting Minister for Creative Industries Vicki Ward visited Fed Square today to launch the bumper offering of creative activities on offer over the Easter holidays.

Fed Square will host free dance parties and costume and craft workshops led by performers Turtle and Sugar Rush, a kids-only act created by Victorian creative company All the Queens Men. From 10-11 April, the Square will also play host to the Little Food Festival, Australia's first and only food festival for kids.

Junior art lovers are invited to NGV Australia to see the free *Top Arts 2024* exhibition celebrating the best student art in Victoria, or catch the final weeks of ACMI's awe-inspiring *Marshmallow Laser Feast: Works of Nature exhibition*.

The rest of the Melbourne Arts Precinct is bustling with silent disco walking tours and free music making and DJing workshops at Arts Centre Melbourne. The Melbourne Recital Centre is hosting a kids music festival called *Music Play* and it's also the last chance to catch the *NGV Triennial* in its final week at NGV International.

Over at State Library Victoria, holiday programs include illustration and robotic Lego workshops, while Melbourne Museum brings the laughs with a family-friendly version of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival. Meanwhile, the Immigration Museum will capture hearts and minds of all ages with its colour exhibition *Joy*.

Highlights across regional Victoria include Geelong Arts Centre's live stage adaptation of the beloved classic *Possum Magic*, and workshops at Art Gallery of Ballarat, Geelong Art Gallery and Bendigo Art Gallery which will see budding artists learn new skills in painting, animation and clay.

For details about everything that's happening these school holidays, visit [creative.vic.gov.au/news](https://creative.vic.gov.au/news).

### Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Creative Industries Vicki Ward

*"One of the wonderful benefits of Victoria being the creative state these school holidays is a bumper calendar of free and low-cost events and activities for kids of all ages."*

*"We are backing fun and inspiring creative experiences that Victorian families can jump into free of charge these school holidays."*