

Media Release

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MORE STUDENTS GOING ON TO FURTHER STUDY THAN EVER BEFORE

The Allan Labor Government is focussed on what matters most: ensuring every child gets a world class education and are supported into their chosen pathway after school, whether that be further study, training or joining the workforce.

New data released today in the *On Track 2024 Destinations of Victorian School Leavers* report shows that 96 per cent of students who complete year 12 will go on to further education and training or find employment the following year.

The annual survey tracks the destination outcomes of Year 12 completers six months after leaving school. The data shows three in four (75.6 per cent) Year 12 completers advance to further education and training, while one in five (20.1 per cent) enter the workforce.

More than half of students who complete Year 12 and continue their education will pursue a bachelor's degree at university, with Health the most popular field of study.

Year 12 completers who go straight into employment are most likely to find jobs in the Food, Hospitality or Tourism sectors, or as a sales assistant or store person.

Forty-two per cent of Aboriginal students who completed year 12 pursued higher education including a bachelor's degree (29.7 per cent) or a certificate/diploma (12.3 per cent), while one in five (20.8 per cent) undertook an apprenticeship or traineeship.

More than 26,600 Year 11 and year 12 students were enrolled in the VCE Vocational Major in 2024 – a 19.3 per cent increase compared to the previous year.

Victoria is the only state to record continued VET enrolment growth in schools for the last four consecutive years - and last year, for the first time, more than 30 per cent of year 11 and 12 students in Victorian government schools chose vocational education.

Through the Labor Government's once-in-a-generation One VCE reform, all VCE students have the support they need to pursue their dreams, with practical and vocational options for students to open the door to their career sooner or follow pathways to further study.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"Senior secondary education in Victoria prepares students for post school options no matter what their pathway."

"Victoria is proud to be the Education State and a place where students can get an education that gives them the skills to pursue their dream careers."

"The 2024 On Track report shows our education system creates the right career paths to match the varied interests of our students, whether it be further education and training, or direct transition into the workforce."