

# Media Release

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## YOUTH MYKI DESIGN FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

The Allan Labor Government has revealed the shortlist of designs that could feature on the new youth myki card, which will unlock free public transport for every Victorian under the age of 18 from next year.

Children aged between five and 17 were invited to submit their work, with the winning artwork to feature on the youth myki cards when they become available later this year.

More than 6,000 impressive entries were submitted, with the young artists tasked with creating an original design that highlighted what public transport in Victoria means for them.

The youth myki was announced as part of the *Victorian Budget 2025/26* to deliver free public transport to children from 1 January 2026 – easing the cost-of-living pressures on families and helping children to get to school and extracurricular activities easily.

Ten finalists have been shortlisted and Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams will select the winning design.

The final design will feature on more than a million youth myki cards, with the winning artist also taking home a \$1,000 gift card.

A yearly student pass currently costs \$755, but from next year children aged under 18 can travel for free. For a family with three children under 18, that's a saving of \$2,265 each year.

More than one million young Victorians and their families will benefit – with the cards set to cost \$5 and be valid until the child turns 18.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams**

*"We were blown away by the high quality and creativity of the entries, with thousands of young Victorians putting their artistic talents on show to design the new youth myki."*

*"The winning design will be printed on one million youth myki cards and used every day by young Victorians to access free public transport, making it easier to get to school or recreation activities."*