

# Media Release

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## YOUTH MYKI DESIGN REVEALED: UNLOCKING FREE PT FOR KIDS

The Allan Labor Government has revealed the winning design of the new youth myki cards that will hit the network next year – unlocking free travel for every Victorian under 18.

Minister for Public and Active Transport Gabrielle Williams today congratulated 11-year-old Charlie Bindokas on winning the design competition – with his artwork set to feature on over a million new youth myki cards.

The competition drew more than 6,600 entries from young Victorians and a panel shortlisted the top designs, with Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister Gabrielle Williams selecting the winner.

Bright and bold, Charlie's design showcases a V/Line train, Metro train, tram and bus – capturing all the ways young Victorians will be able to travel for free from 1 January 2026.

In addition to seeing his design being used by one million young Victorians, Charlie will receive a \$1,000 gift card for winning the statewide design competition and in recognition of his time and effort.

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 cost of living pressures on families and helping children to get to school and extracurricular activities.

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 from free travel. Youth myki cards are set to cost just \$5, unlocking all public transport anywhere statewide.

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

*"Charlie is our very own 'myki-angelo' – his design will travel in the pockets of a million young Victorians, unlocking free travel across the state."*

*"While there can only be one winner, the creativity on show from across the state was amazing to see, and everyone who took part in the competition should be very proud of their achievements."*