

Media Release

The Hon Ben Carroll MP
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KICKSTARTING HANDS-ON LEARNING FOR STUDENTS

Victorian students will now have more chances to experience hands-on learning and develop real-world skills in the classroom.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll announced today that nine schools will share in almost \$50,000 through the Lynne Kosky Memorial Applied Learning Grants.

The grants target schools offering the VCE Vocational Major or Victorian Pathways Certificate and support innovative, community-focused projects that connect learning with real-life experiences.

The 2026 recipients are:

- Corryong College
- Echuca Twin River Specialist School
- Gleneagles Secondary College
- Hampton Park Secondary College
- Hester Hornbrook Academy
- John Paul College
- Merri River School
- Rushworth P-12 College
- Yea High School

At Hampton Park Secondary College, funding will support an intergenerational volunteering project through partnerships with Lynbrook Park Aged Care and Dementia Australia.

Gleneagles Secondary College will develop a community cookbook celebrating the school's cultural diversity.

Rushworth P-12 College will establish a student-led media production hub in partnership with Waranga News.

Hester Hornbrook Academy will produce a children's literature podcast in partnership with a local publisher, re-engaging students who have become disengaged from education.

The Allan Labor Government is investing in our children's future – with Free TAFE, Free Kinder and 121 new schools, every child has the chance to find their pathway.

More information and a full list of recipients is available at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au.

Quotes attributable to Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Ben Carroll

"We're giving more students the chance to develop real-world skills and build lifelong careers."

"We're backing young Victorians to follow their passions and gain skills for the jobs they want."

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