

The Eastern Metro Bugle

SPECIAL TAFE EDITION FROM YOUR VICTORIAN TAFE AMBASSADOR, AND LABOR MEMBER FOR THE EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGION, SONJA TERPSTRA MP

Skills and Training Bonanza No Skills? No Problem! Upskill with free TAFE

There has never been a better time to train at a Victorian TAFE, as the Andrews Labor Government makes it easier than ever to get the highest quality industry training you need for the jobs you want, closer to home.

Since being elected to office the Labor Government has invested a record \$3.2 billion to create a world-class system, following years of destruction at the hands of the Liberal Party.

For the past eight years our mission has been to restore the value and relevance of hands-on learning for school-leavers and for adults who are upskilling, retraining, or re-entering the workforce.

This includes investing \$511.9 million for new and improved TAFE campuses across the state, including \$40 million for a new Collingwood campus at Melbourne Polytechnic and \$63 million for Bendigo TAFE's award-winning city campus redevelopment.

We are making it easier than ever to attend a TAFE nearby, opening a new campus at Port of Sale in Gippsland and reopening campuses at Greensborough, Lilydale and Glenormiston.

Since being introduced in 2019, more than 122,200 students have taken advantage of our Free TAFE initiative, saving more \$297 million in tuition fees while training in more than 60 courses linked to in-demand jobs.

But we know that improvement should be continuous. That is why we commissioned two major reviews – with findings released in 2020 and 2021 - to guide the major structural reform required to make Victoria's vocational education and training the best it has ever been.

This has already led to major improvements in the sector, including the Senior Secondary Pathways reform, which is building a new, integrated senior secondary certificate by 2025 and the establishment of Apprenticeships Victoria, the Office of TAFE Coordination and Delivery and The Victorian Skills Authority.

These are key organisations which will drive job opportunities through apprenticeship creation and training, create a more effective, targeted funding model for TAFEs and support better alignment of training with the needs of industry – including the creation of the state's most comprehensive annual skills plan.

Supporting Women in Solar

It was great to attend Total Solar Solutions in Bayswater North in recent times to see the work being done by two female electrical apprentices who found they can use their technical skills in a field that allows them to follow their passion for the environment.

I had a good chat with Madi who is a first year electrical apprentice. Maddie completed her Year 12 studies, then finished her pre-apprentice course from our Free TAFE list and quickly secured an apprenticeship with Total Solar Solutions giving her a pathway to secure and well paid work, learning while she earns and with no study debt as part of the the Andrews Labor Government's Solar Apprenticeships for Women program.

Total Solar Solutions Australia are a local family-owned business that is located in Bayswater North. Business owner Christine is passionate about supporting women in trades and has been a champion in promoting opportunities for women in the solar industry.

These trailblazing women have taken the first steps to a fulfilling and rewarding career in the renewables sector.

Find out more about Solar Apprenticeships for Women here: solar.vic.gov.au/solar-apprenticeships-women



Sonja Terpstra MP and Minister for Energy Lily D'Ambrosio with Darcey and Madi from Total Solar Solutions Australia

Government Backed Apprenticeship Body

Thousands of apprentices and trainees will be better connected with real learning and job opportunities through the Andrews Labor Government's Apprenticeships Victoria.

Apprenticeships Victoria (AV) coordinates and oversees all aspects of the delivery of apprenticeships, and forms a key part of the Labor Government's unprecedented investment in the training and skills sector.

It provides a point of contact for Victorians as they complete their apprenticeship and provide support by removing barriers for students and workers looking to upskill, creating better pathways to the workforce, fostering connections for employers and industry, and overseeing programs like Big Build Apprenticeships.

If you are interested in apprenticeship opportunities, visit apprenticeships.vic.gov.au or call 131 823.

Apprentice Pathways for a Brighter Career

As part of the Free TAFE Program, many courses have been included which provide career pathways into some of the in-demand jobs our state needs.

Apprenticeship pathway courses (sometimes known as pre-apprenticeships) give you the opportunity to experience training that is like apprenticeship training. It can help you find out what it's like to work in a particular industry.

Pre-apprenticeships can act as a pathway into an apprenticeship, supporting more Victorians to access further training.

To find out more about free TAFE visit
freeTAFE.vic.gov.au



Making it free to study Nursing and Midwifery



The Andrews Labor Government is backing Victoria's healthcare system with free university and specialist training for thousands of nurses and midwives.

In a \$270 million boost to the health system, more than 17,000 nurses and midwives will be recruited and trained as part of a massive hiring and upskilling initiative – building an army of home-grown health workers to care for Victorians.

More than 10,000 students will have the cost of their nursing or midwifery undergraduate studies paid for, while scholarships will be available for thousands more who complete postgraduate studies in areas of need including intensive care, cancer care, paediatrics and nurse practitioner specialities.

All new domestic students enrolling in a professional-entry nursing or midwifery course in 2023 and 2024 will receive a scholarship of up to \$16,500 to cover course costs.

Students will receive \$9,000 while they study and the remaining \$7,500 if they work in Victorian public health services for two years.

More midwives will join the workforce through an expanded postgraduate midwifery incentive program, which will provide scholarships to cover course costs

and salary support for 150 existing nurses to continue working while they complete their specialist studies in midwifery.

The initiative, together with the \$12 billion Pandemic Repair Plan brings the number of nurses and midwives being supported to more than 20,000, including funding 13,000 nursing and midwifery positions and scholarships, and funding the upskilling of 8,500 nurses.

The package also includes:

- Scholarships for postgraduate nurses to complete studies in specialty areas such as intensive care, emergency, paediatrics and cancer care – worth an average of \$10,000
- \$11,000 scholarships for enrolled nurses to become registered nurses, covering course costs and boosting the number of registered nurses
- \$12,000 scholarships to support training and employment of 100 new Nurse Practitioners in both acute and community settings
- More than \$20 million to provide more support to the growing numbers of graduates and postgraduates as they transition to working in our hospitals – ensuring they have access to the clinical educators, preceptors and study time they need.

The package recognises that the cost of study is a financial burden for prospective and existing nurses and helps our health services maximise the recruitment of new nurses and midwives in key areas of need.

In the past eight years, the number of nurses in the public system has risen by more than 26 per cent – increasing by 9,400 to more than 45,000 nurses.

The Labor Government has overseen a net increase of more than 22,000 healthcare workers in the system since 2014 – up by 27.6 per cent.

To find your nearest TAFE visit
[freeTAFE.vic.gov.au](https://www.freeTAFE.vic.gov.au)



Training Mental Health Practitioners to meet demand

One of the first TAFE courses to be provided under the Free TAFE program was the Mental Health course offered at Swinburne's Croydon campus.

Like so many aspects of life, the COVID-19 pandemic shone a new light on mental health issues in our society. The Royal Commission into mental health also made many important and timely recommendations, across a wide range of sectors.

Among these was a call to action for the skills and training sector to build our capacity to train more mental health practitioners and support workers, and to help to ensure awareness of mental health issues is more embedded in our society.

This is why courses like this are so important – they give students the knowledge, skills and values required to work as a professional in community mental health.

It's also a great pleasure to see that this important course has been added to the Free TAFE course list, removing the financial barriers that might otherwise keep dedicated and talented people from realising their study or training goals.

I want to thank the students and staff for letting me see part of their classwork, and a practical role play simulation of a real life counselling event, which gives these students the skills they need to find quality, meaningful employment in the industry.



Modernising Agricultural Training across Victoria

Through a range of measures, the Andrews Labor Government is supporting sustainability and investing in training for a circular economy.

Through TAFE and training, partnerships with industry, and targeted grants, we are making progress to future proof our agricultural supply chains to ensure we have the skills and jobs we will need for whatever the future might throw at our industry.

The Labor Government's \$15 million Agriculture TAFE and Training Fund will benefit our state by ensuring tailored training and investment for our vital agriculture sectors.

The investment will support TAFE and other training providers to work directly with industry to develop targeted future-focused training for Victoria's future agricultural professionals.

To ensure that Victoria's training system is contemporary, the grants will support new curriculum design, delivery, equipment and technology.

The fund will help deliver on the findings of the Future of Agriculture Training Review.

The Review outlines how TAFEs and training providers can attract and prepare students for agriculture's evolving demands.

It also found that a collaborative approach across industry and the education and training sector is essential to deliver the most appropriate training and position agriculture as a career of choice.

The Review is a culmination of more than 300 consultations including with TAFEs, industry, agriculture business owners and students.

The Agriculture TAFE and Training Fund is part of the Future Agriculture Skills Capacity Fund established under the Government's \$50 million Agricultural College Modernisation Program which supports more Victorians to pursue careers in agriculture.

Hands on for Better Jobs

Across the state, there is investment being put into education and industry to support a circular economy, ensuring what comes out of our agricultural sector can be put back into it to keep it thriving.

I had the pleasure of visiting a number of facilities across the northern outskirts of Melbourne that are working to train students in sustainable agriculture, horticulture, land preservation and food waste and water recycling.

Melbourne Polytechnic students at the Yan Yean farm campus learn cattle and sheep production, broad acre farming, pest and weed control, farm maintenance and essential farming activities. The farm also utilises the latest technology, called the Wireless Farm that is used by program areas to monitor soil water and growing conditions across the different soil profiles over the farm.

I spoke with Kate, who is studying Certificate III in Agriculture about her experiences working with animals in the farm setting, and how getting hands on experience is a benefit to her future career.

It's great to see more women getting involved in agriculture and despite having no background in



agriculture, Kate says she has found her passion. She is learning about modern farming practices, conservation and land management and encourages others to get involved regardless of having no background or experience in farming or agriculture.



Industry Partnerships Coming Full Circle

The Wollert Community Farm, next to Yarra Valley Water's Aurora Treatment Plant, has a plan for local conservation and is currently working to recycle food waste and utilise recycled water for agricultural purposes.

The Wollert Community Farm and Food Collective is a collaboration between the Whittlesea City Council, Melbourne Polytechnic, Whittlesea Community Connections and Yarra Valley Water. The partnership enables the local community to grow food using recycled water and also offers training and employment opportunities to people who are wanting a career in food and fibre.

This collaborative partnership has facilitated the development of a mixed farming enterprise, which

provides food for distribution into the local emergency relief network and volunteering, hands-on education and employment opportunities in best practice sustainable agriculture systems for peri-urban areas.

It is through partnerships like these that we are able to provide robust education and ever-expanding career opportunities for the future of our state.

If you are interested in learning more about the opportunities to gain a career in agriculture, horticulture or other career paths in a circular economy, visit [freetafe.vic.gov.au](https://www.freetafe.vic.gov.au)



State-of-the-art Greenhouse for Quality Education

Melbourne Polytechnic has a brand new Greenhouse in Epping that will be used by Horticulture students as part of the Free TAFE program.

I recently spoke with Rebecca who started the Cert III in Horticulture about her experience with TAFE and her future in the industry.

The greenhouse facilities include advanced irrigation and aquaponics, climate controlled rooms and state of the art equipment to give students everything they need to get a high quality education in horticulture, aquaponics, agronomy, plant physiology and other agriculture related fields.

Melbourne Polytechnic received \$4,100,000 from the Andrews Government's TAFE Asset Maintenance Program, part of the \$1.81 billion announced in the 2020-21 State Budget, for critical education infrastructure for schools and early childhood centres, to help drive the state's economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

Melbourne Polytechnic's Epping campus is the largest provider of agricultural training in Melbourne and is home to agriculture, animal studies and primary industry departments. Melbourne Polytechnic is committed to supporting the growth of the State's, Food and Fibre Industry by providing innovative and sustainable training products to attract, retain and develop a thriving and future focused industry workforce.

Further, the facility acts as a proof of concept within the Australian market as a system for low mileage, environmentally sustainable and urban food production.



FIND YOUR LOCAL TAFE



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- A1 - Bendigo City Campus**
154 Hargreaves St, Bendigo
- A2 - Charleston Rd Campus**
62 - 104 Charleston Rd, Bendigo
- A3 - Echuca Campus**
Cnr of Hare St and Darling St, Echuca
- A4 - Castlemaine Campus**
65 Templeton St, Castlemaine



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- B1 - Elgar Campus**
465 Elgar Rd, Box Hill
- B2 - Nelson Campus**
853 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
- B3 - Whitehorse Campus**
1000 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill
- B4 - Lilydale Lakeside Campus**
Jarlo Dve, Lilydale
- B5 - City Campus**
253 Flinders Ln, Melbourne



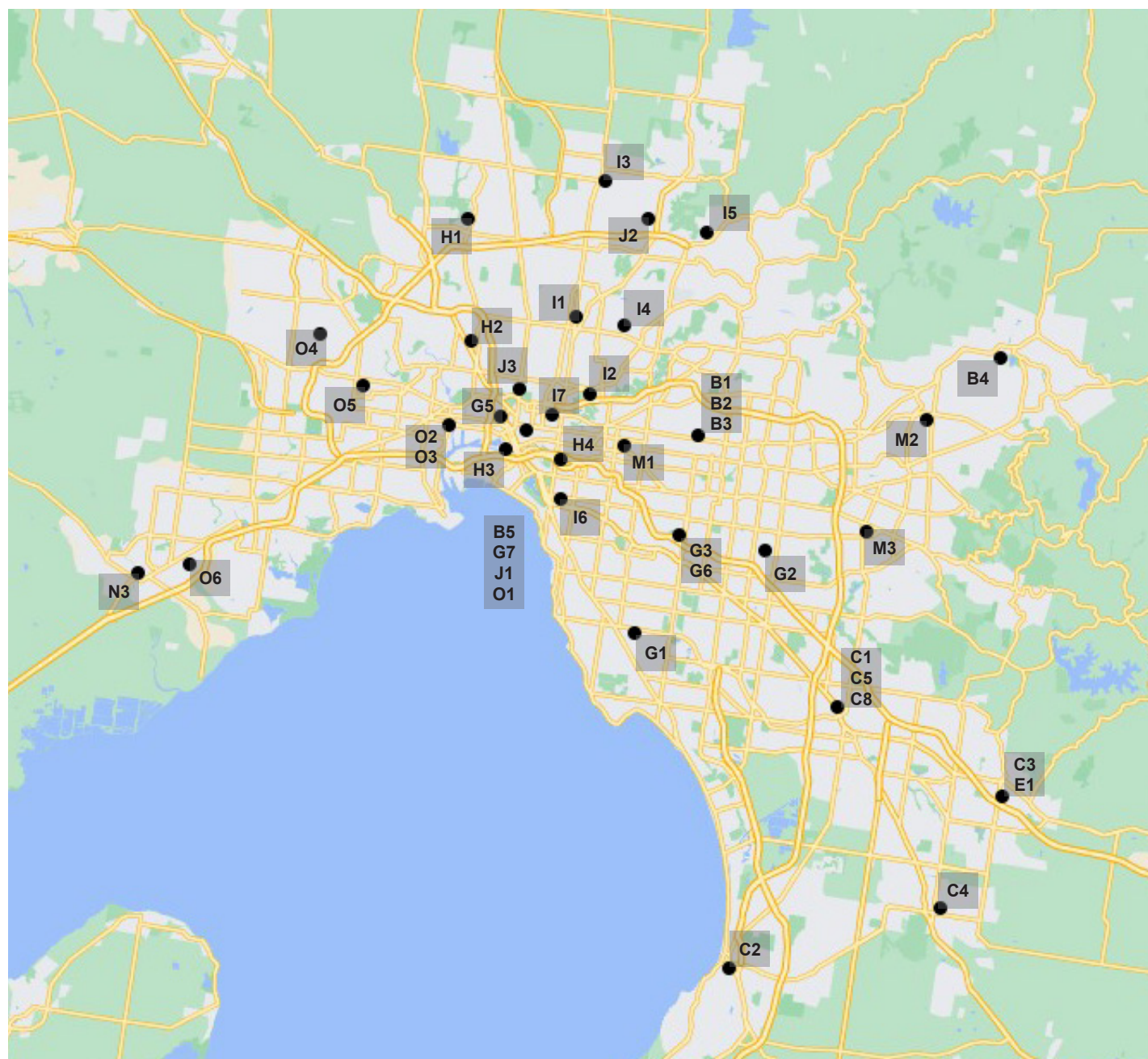
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- C1 - Dandenong Campus**
121 Stud Rd Dandenong
- C2 - Frankston Campus**
Fletcher Rd, Frankston
- C3 - Berwick Campus**
25 Kangan Dve, Berwick
- C4 - Cranbourne Campus**
New Holland Dve, Cranbourne
- C5 - 311 Campus**
311 Lonsdale St, Dandenong
- C6 - Bass Coast Campus**
Bass Hwy, Wonthaggi
- C7 - Mornington Peninsula Campus**
Boneo Rd, Rosebud
- C8 - Springvale Campus**
Springvale Rd, Springvale



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- D1 - Bairnsdale Campus**
48 Main St, Bairnsdale
- D2 - Forestec Campus**
27 Scriveners Rd, Kalimna West
- D3 - Seamec Campus**
Bullock Island Rd, Lakes Entrance
- D4 - Leongatha Campus**
129 Nerrena Rd, Leongatha



- D5 - Morwell Campus**
Monash Wy, Morwell
- D6 - Sale Campus**
2 Punt Ln, Sale
- D7 - Traralgon Campus**
49-63 Princes St, Traralgon
- D8 - Warragul Campus**
116/118 Queen st, Warragul
- D9 - Yallourn Campus**
Monash Rd, Newborough



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- E1 - Berwick Campus**
100 Clyde Rd, Berwick
- E2 - Camp Street Campus**
Camp St, Ballarat
- E3 - Gippsland Campus**
Northways Rd, Churchill
- E4 - Mount Helen Campus**
University Dve, Mount Helen
- E5 - Rural Sciences Skills Centre**
Gillies St, Ballarat
- E6 - Rural Sciences Skills Centre**
Rose Hill Rd, Mt Rowan
- E7 - SMB**
Lydiard St, Ballarat
- E8 - Wimmera Campus**
289 Baillie St, Horsham



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- F1 - Benalla Campus**
57 Samaria Rd, Benalla
- F2 - Seymour Trades Training Centre**
30 Loco St, Seymour
- F3 - Seymour Campus**
35 Wallis St, Seymour
- F4 - Goulburn Murray Trades Skills Centre**
290-300 Archer St, Shepparton
- F5 - Shepparton Fryers Campus**
152-200 Fryers St, Shepparton
- F6 - Shepparton Campus**
260 Wanganui Rd, Shepparton
- F7 - Wallan Campus**
57 High St, Wallan
- F8 - Wangaratta Docker Campus**
27 Docker St, Wangaratta
- F9 - Wangaratta Campus**
218 Tone Rd, Wangaratta

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- G2 - Glen Waverley Campus**
595 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley
- G3 - Chadstone Campus**
Batesford Rd, Chadstone
- G4 - Eildon Campus**
92 Moore Rd, Eildon
- G5 - North Melbourne Campus**
L2, 200 Arden St, North Melbourne
- G6 - Drummond Street Campus**
Drummond St, Chadstone
- G7 - Bourke Street Campus**
3/206-218 Bourke Street, Melbourne
- H1 - Broadmeadows Campus**
59 Pearcedale Pde, Broadmeadows
- H2 - Essendon Campus**
38 Buckley St, Essendon
- H3 - Docklands campus**
1 Batmans Hill Dve, Docklands
- H4 - Cremorne Campus**
85 Cremorne St, Cremorne



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- G1 - Moorabbin Campus**
488 South Rd, Moorabbin



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- I1 - Preston Campus**
77 St Georges Rd, Preston
- I2 - Fairfield Campus**
101 Yarra Bend Rd, Fairfield
- I3 - Epping Campus**
Cooper St & Dalton Rd, Epping
- I4 - Heidelberg Campus**
Bell St & Waterdale Rd, Heidelberg
- I5 - Greensborough Campus**
61 Civic Dve, Greensborough
- I6 - Prahran Campus**
144 High St, Prahran
- I7 - Collingwood Campus**
20 Otter St, Collingwood



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- J1 - Melbourne City Campus**
124 LaTrobe St, Melbourne
- J2 - Bundoora Campus**
289 McKimmies Rd, Bundoora
- J3 - Brunswick Campus**
25 Dawson St, Brunswick



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- K1 - Warrnambool Campus**
193-205 Timor St, Warrnambool
- K2 - Portland Campus**
154 Hurt St, Portland
- K3 - Hamilton Campus**
200 Ballarat Rd, Hamilton
- K4 - Colac Campus**
89 Bromfield St, Colac

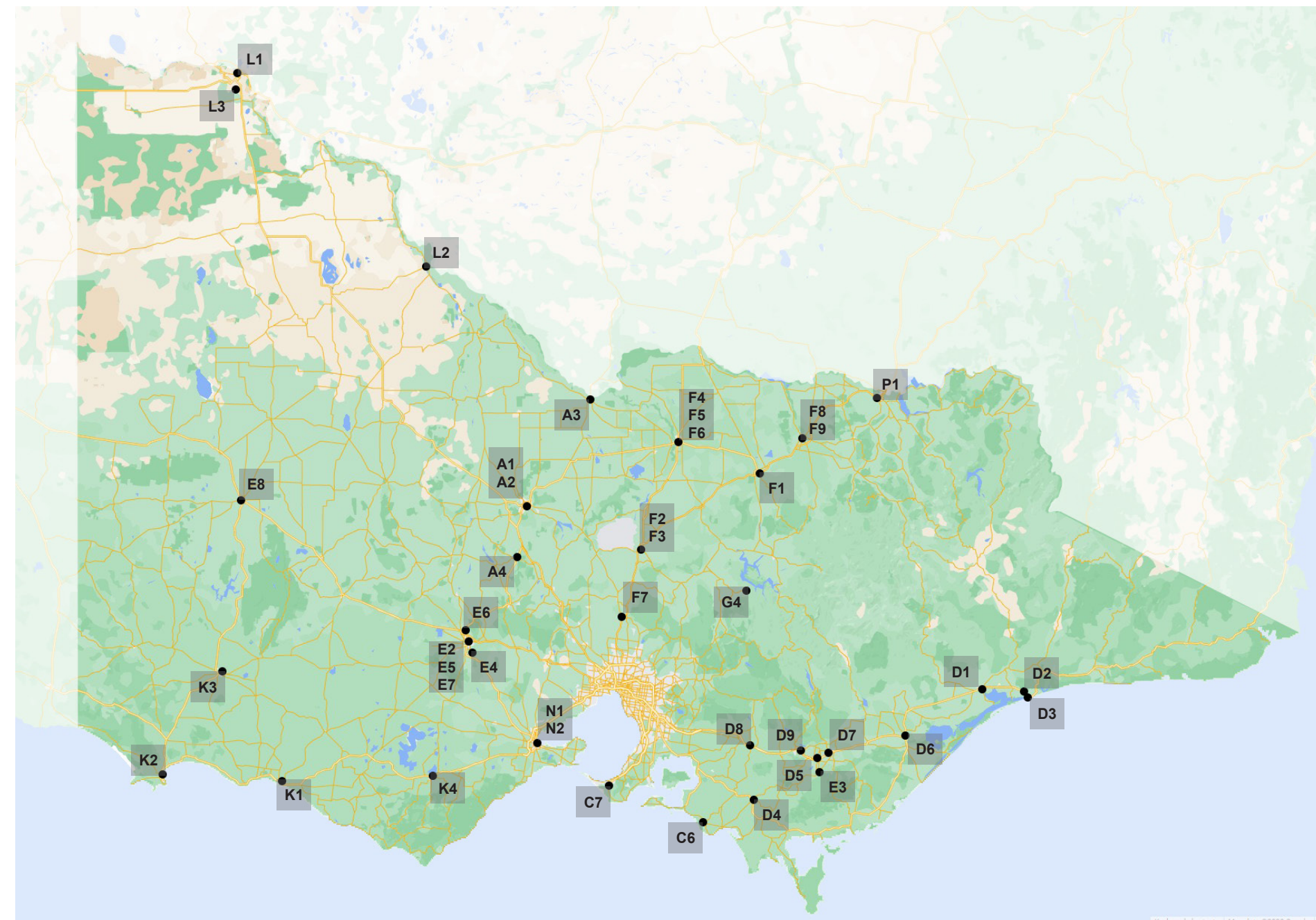


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- L1 - Mildura Campus**
453 Benetook Ave, Mildura
- L2 - Swan Hill Campus**
64 Sea Lake-Swan Hill Rd, Swan Hill
- L3 - Suni TAFE Smart Farm**
161 Dairtnunk Ave, Irymple



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- M1 - Hawthorn Campus**
John St, Hawthorn
- M2 - Croydon Campus**
12-50 Norton Rd, Croydon
- M3 - Wantirna Campus**
Riverpark Dr, Wantirna



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- N1 - Geelong Campus**
2 Fenwick St, Geelong
- N2 - East Geelong Campus**
Bounrary Rd, East Geelong
- N3 - Werribee Campus**
24 Watton St, Werribee



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- O1 - City King Campus**
225 King St, Melbourne
- O2 - Footscray Nicholson Campus**
Nicholson St & Buckley St, Footscray
- O3 - Footscray Park Campus**
Ballarat Rd, Footscray

- O4 - St Albans Campus**
McKechnie St, St Albans
- O5 - Sunshine Campus**
460 Ballarat Rd, Sunshine
- O6 - Werribee Campus**
Hoppers Ln, Werribee



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- P1 - Wodonga Campus**
87 McKoy St, West Wodonga



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- Q1 - City Campus**
555 LaTrobe St, Melbourne

To find your nearest TAFE visit
freeTAFE.vic.gov.au





Infrastructure jobs at Victorian Tunneling Centre

Back in 2021 the Victorian Tunnelling Centre produced its first round of graduates, with 26 trainees now working on the city-shaping Metro Tunnel Project.

The world-class centre, which includes life-sized replicas of mined and bored tunnels and a massive tunnel boring machine cutterhead, is located at Holmesglen Institute's Drummond Street campus in Chadstone and was built as part of the Metro Tunnel Project's contract with major contractors CYP Design and Construction.

The centre is operated by Holmesglen Institute, a leading TAFE for construction and civil engineering training, which has facilities to train up to 5,000 workers a year in underground construction and maintenance, including tunnel boring machine (TBM) operation.

This state-of-the-art centre provides a real-world experience, with the TBM replica tunnel built at the same 7.28m diameter as the Metro Tunnel, and the replica mined tunnel the width of a three-lane freeway. Training includes augmented and virtual reality programs.

It is the only facility of its kind in Australia where students can train within replica mined and bored tunnels on the same site. It is one of only a few such facilities in the world and was partly modelled on the Tunnelling and Underground Construction Academy (TUCA) established for London's Crossrail.

The centre will train skilled workers for the Andrews Labor Government's massive pipeline of infrastructure projects in the coming years, including the North East Link and Suburban Rail Loop.

Become an Early Childhood Educator through Free TAFE



The Andrews Labor Government's Best Start, Best Life Program is providing a wide range of opportunities for future employment in the Childcare and Early Education Industry.

From 2023, free kindergarten programs will be made available for all Victorian 3 and 4 year olds, which will also help to boost the number of jobs available in the industry to meet demand.

The Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care is a great pathway to employment, giving students the skills they need to work in childcare.

In addition to this, back in June the Andrews Government announced the Early Childhood Educator Jobs initiative, which provided traineeships for people who have had difficulty securing employment, with focus on women over 45, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, culturally and linguistically diverse Victorians, and young people.

Funding will also go towards fast-tracking recruitment, support for early childhood centres to train new staff and attracting potential new workers.

If you're interested in being a part of giving our future generations the best start at education, enrolments are open now to access Free TAFE

Serving our Community with Creativity

I had a special lunch prepared by Certificate III in Commercial Cookery and Certificate III in Patisserie Students at Chisholm Institute.

What a special treat to see these amazing loaves of bread. Imagine seeing this creative bread making on display in your very own bakery or in the hospitality sector at an amazing restaurant. There were adult and baby turtles and this amazing crocodile.

The talent of these students is outstanding! Excuse the pun but industry is snapping up Chisholm graduates, whether that be in health and community services, hospitality or hairdressing.

Chisholm develops and delivers their courses in partnership with industry experts.

It was also great to talk to students who are studying the Diploma of Community Services (Free TAFE), who were so inspiring in discussing their lived experiences and passion for working in the child protection and community services sector.

I also visited students who are finalising their studies in Hair and Beauty - Cert III in Hairdressing, Cert III in Beauty Services (Make-up) and for those who are interested in 'man-scaping' there is the Certificate III in Barbering that is growing in popularity as we see many boutique barber shops popping up at shopping centres and shopping strips!

TAFE gives you the skills you need for the jobs you want.



THE SKILLS YOU NEED FOR THE JOBS YOU WANT

FREE TAFE COURSES

- Advanced Diploma of Building Surveying
- Advanced Diploma of Interpreting (Auslan)
- Diploma of Auslan
- Diploma of Interpreting (Auslan)
- Certificate II in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance
- Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance
- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations
- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery
- Certificate III in Concreting
- Certificate III in Construction Waterproofing
- Certificate III in Dairy Production
- Certificate III in Dental Assisting
- Certificate IV in Dental Assisting
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Health Services Assistance
- Certificate III in Horticulture
- Certificate III in Production Horticulture
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate III in Information Technology
- Certificate III in Rail Infrastructure
- Certificate III in School Based Education Support
- Certificate III in Supply Chain Operations
- Certificate IV in Ageing Support
- Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Certificate IV in Building and Construction
- Diploma of Building and Construction (Building)
- Certificate IV in Child, Youth and Family Intervention
- Certificate IV in Civil Construction Supervision
- Diploma of Community Services
- Certificate IV in Community Services
- Certificate IV in Cyber Security
- Certificate IV in Disability
- Certificate IV in Engineering
- Certificate IV in Leisure and Health
- Certificate IV in Mental Health
- Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work
- Certificate IV in Outdoor Leadership
- Certificate IV in Plumbing and Services
- Certificate IV in School Based Education Support
- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing
- Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety
- Certificate IV in Youth Work
- Diploma of Accounting
- Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping
- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
- Diploma of Emergency Health Care
- Diploma of Justice
- Diploma of Nursing
- Graduate Certificate in Client Assessment and Case Management

FREE TAFE SHORT COURSES

- Introduction to the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Gender Equity
- Identifying and Responding to Family Violence Risk
- Working Safely in the Solar Industry
- Agricultural Chemical Skill Set
- Hybrid Electric Vehicle Inspection and Servicing Skill Set
- Battery Electric Vehicle Diagnose and Repair Skill Set
- Battery Electric Vehicle Inspection and Servicing Skill Set
- Mental Health Co-existing Needs Skill Set
- Mental Health Peer Work Skill Set

FREE TAFE PATHWAY COURSES

- Certificate II in Automotive Air Conditioning Technology
- Certificate II in Automotive Body Repair Technology
- Certificate II in Automotive Servicing Technology
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate II in Baking
- Certificate II in Building and Construction Pre-apprenticeship
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)
- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Pre-vocational)
- Certificate II in Engineering Studies
- Certificate II in Furniture Making
- Certificate II in Horticulture
- Certificate II in Meat Processing (Food Services)
- Certificate II in Nursery Operations
- Certificate II in Plumbing Pre-apprenticeship
- Certificate II in Printing and Graphic Arts
- Certificate II in Salon Assistant

Increasing Auslan Teaching Workforce

WE'RE ADDING



TO FREE TAFE STARTING FROM 2023

Auslan will be added to the signature Free TAFE list, helping more Victorians become Auslan interpreters and creating a stronger and more diverse community.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$4 million through the Victorian Budget 2022/23 to make the Diploma of Auslan and the Advanced Diploma of Interpreting (Auslan stream) available fee-free from 2023.

The work of Auslan interpreters during the pandemic showed just how critical this interpreting work is for the wider community. This boost to the interpreter workforce is a crucial step in better connecting Victorians who are deaf or hard of hearing and creating a more inclusive Victoria with a local pool of expert interpreters.

The diploma provides a foundation to students to become an Auslan interpreter, while the advanced diploma will be a recognised qualification to become a certified Auslan interpreter.

The two courses build on the one-of-a-kind Certificate IV in Training and Assessment in Auslan offered at Melbourne Polytechnic.

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