



Access for Success Year 11 Mentoring Program

Deakin Engagement and Access
Program (DEAP)

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Artwork by Rosa H,
2nd place in Deakin University's Heal Country
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► What is Access for Success?

Access for Success is a 8-week peer mentoring program for select Year 11 students attending a DEAP Partnership School, who want to learn from current university students

The Deakin Engagement and Access Program (DEAP) aligns with the Victorian Schools' Careers Curriculum (VSCC) to support secondary school students in their decision making about their futures.

The new Year 11 Access for Success program is designed to maximise your opportunities to connect with and learn from current university students.

The program consists of eight consecutive weekly mentoring sessions. Each session is held online and runs for a duration of 60 minutes.

Over the eight weeks you will progress through different themed sessions. Topic areas include finding motivation and setting goals, managing stress and developing resilience and studying for success.



DEAP mentors work with Portland Secondary College students



► Why choose Access for Success

Are you thinking about going to university and are interested in peer mentoring to stay motivated and on track to achieve your personal best?

Access to a university mentor

As a mentee in the Access for Success Program you will be placed in a small mentoring group lead by a current university student. Over the eight weeks you will work through themed weekly sessions to get you excited about your future.

Online learning

The Access for Success Program is run wholly online. Deakin is a leader in digital learning with 40 years of distance and online learning excellence. You will be well supported in your mentoring journey with a range of online resources and connection with other Access for Success program students and Deakin mentors through digital communication tools.

Deakin student mentors

When you join the Access for Success Program, you will be mentored by current Deakin University students. Through these interactions, you will gain an insight into uni life and learn tips, tricks and skills in small mentoring groups.

Fun learning network

Access for Success is a group mentoring program where you will join other like-minded Year 11 students from DEAP Secondary Schools across Victoria. You will have the opportunity to connect with your peers and build friendships in a fun and supportive learning environment.

Fitting in with your VCE

Running during Term 2, the program will support your studies as you progress through the term. Each weekly session will be held after school hours, so you won't miss out on important school classes.



Rakshit Jain
Deakin University and DEAP Mentor Graduate



Getting the most out of your experience

To get the most from this program, it is important that you attend all eight sessions. Each session is designed to help develop your confidence and knowledge and will involve different activities, conversations and handouts to support your learning. Refer to the program schedule for the weekly topics.

For deeper engagement and learning, we encourage you to think about what you want to achieve from each mentoring workshop prior to attending. If there is something that you want your mentoring group to chat about, you are strongly encouraged to let us know.

Weekly program

The weekly sessions will be held on **Mondays, 5-6pm**, commencing on Monday 2 May and concluding on Monday 20 June.

	WEEKLY TOPIC	TOPIC INFORMATION
WK 1 (2 May)	Welcome and Introduction	Meet your fantastic mentor and the other year 11 students that will be part of your mentor group.
WK 2 (9 May)	Who am I?	Career focused session looking at individual skills and interests and how that links to possible professions/careers.
WK 3 (16 May)	Finding motivation and goal setting	Over the last two years we have all struggled with motivation. This week we will learn the science behind behaviour and what we can do to get motivated again.
WK 4 (23 May)	Guest session: Access Education	Get an inside look at best skills for approaching VCE English. This guest session will focus on how to best structure essays and understand English questions.
WK 5 (30 May)	Studying for success	Increase your understanding of effective study skills. We will identify our strengths and weaknesses and learn about time avoiding distractions and preparing for exams.
WK 6 (6 June)	Finding resilience and managing stress	Everyone gets stressed. In this workshop we will unpack how to better manage it. People that are resilient manage stress better.
WK 7 (13 June)	Understanding Your Pathways	There are many pathways after high school. In this session we discuss how you can get into your dream course and reach your dream career.
WK 8 (20 June)	Program Wrap Up	Celebrate your achievements in the program with your peers. Reflect on your future going forward and your next steps.
<i>Please note subjects may change prior to program commencement</i>		

How to apply for Access for Success

Am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible for the Access for Success Program, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be completing Year 11 in 2022 and attending a DEAP partnership school.
(To check if your school is listed as a DEAP Partnership School, please refer to the application form or contact us.)
- Have a willingness to commit to 60 minutes every week, for 8 weeks.
- Have access to a device such as a desktop computer or laptop, reliable internet connection and capability to use Deakin's online learning platforms.
- Understand and agree to the DEAP Mentoring Program Terms and Conditions (TBC).

Application assessment

- The Deakin Engagement and Access Program will consider all applications that meet the above eligibility criteria.
- The program capacity is for 60 students.
- Applicants will be selected based on responses to questions in the application form.

How can I apply?

STEP 1

REFLECT

- Are you thinking about studying at university in the future?
- Would you benefit from having a university student as a peer mentor?
- Do you enjoy learning online?
- Are you able to commit to a 8-week program?

STEP 2

APPLY (CLOSES SUNDAY 3 APRIL)

- Complete the following application form: <http://bit.do/accessforsuccess2022>

STEP 3

OFFER

- If your application is successful, you will be notified on **Thursday 7 April**.
- You will have one week to formally accept your offer and confirm your place in the program.

STEP 4

WELCOME

- Join us for an Online Information Session on **Tuesday 26 April** to welcome you, introduce the program and key learning platforms. We encourage parents/guardians to also attend.
- Login for the first session on **Monday 2 May at 5pm**.

► For more information

The Access for Success program is a 2022 HEPPP funded pilot program lead by the Deakin Engagement and Access Program (DEAP).

If you would like more information about this program, please contact us on the details below.

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DEAP Mentor Amira engage with high school students, 2019



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