

Welcome to the 2025 school year! We're excited for another great year of learning and growth. The Head Start Learning Leader Update will be shared twice per term, so if you have anything you'd like to include, please contact: Tara Lynch - [Tara.Lynch@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Tara.Lynch@education.vic.gov.au)

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## Learning Leader Link

**GEELONG AGED CARE Jobs Expo**  
**20 March 2025**  
 11am - 2.30pm  
 Armstrong Creek East Community Hub  
 46 Central Boulevard, Armstrong Creek VIC 3217

Connect with aged care employers and explore a range of career options within Aged Care. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to kick-start a meaningful career!

**Why attend?**

- find out more about the Aged Care sector
- connect with reputable employers
- explore rewarding career options
- connect with local job network
- explore training options
- opportunity to gain work experience

**Who is this for?**

- graduated/graduating students of Cert III or Cert IV in Individual Support or related courses
- nursing students, allied health students
- parents looking for work flexibility
- mature aged people wanting to contribute
- school leavers exploring career options
- job seekers

**This event is proudly supported by:**

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**Participating Employers and Exhibitors:**

- Homestead
- Maccare
- Great Ocean Road Health
- Pearl Homecare
- Just Better Care
- Barwon Health
- Regiscom
- Goldstar Care Solutions
- Cultura
- City of Greater Geelong
- Your Care Co Geelong
- WCIG
- Gordon Skills and Jobs
- Gordon TAFE
- GenU Training
- VFA Learning
- Atwork Australia
- Djerriwarrh ...and more

## What does the Head Start program offer students?

- ✓ A wide variety of apprenticeship & traineeship options
- ✓ real life work skills while still in school
- ✓ genuine employment outcomes

### What does it take to be in the Head Start program?

- You must be over 15 and enrolled in year 10, 11 or 12
- Has good school attendance & is punctual & reliable
- Ideally have completed work experience or structured workplace learning
- Committed to studying and learning
- Willing to find work opportunities

Want to know more? Email: [headstart.bsw@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:headstart.bsw@education.vic.gov.au)

## Geelong Disability & WorkAbility Expo



14th & 15th March 2025  
 Geelong Arena

Join us for a two-day event showcasing disability-specific products, services, and employment opportunities - all under one roof! Enjoy expert presentations, interactive workshops, and all-ability entertainment.

- ✓ Connect with employers & support services
- ✓ Practical workshops & employment resources
- ✓ Accessibility features:

- Auslan interpreters
- live captioning
- quiet time (Sat 9-10am)
- service animal friendly
- accessible parking & facilities

**Register now** for free & get the Expo Guide with all the key info!

Scan the QR code to view and apply for our current vacancies!

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## Welcome to DoFoodSafely

DoFoodSafely is a free, non-accredited, online learning program provided by the Department of Health Victoria and proudly supported by Queensland Health, South Australia Health and Tasmania Health.

DoFoodSafely is designed to enable you to understand how to safely work with, and handle, food in commercial settings.

After reading through the seven topics below and answering practice questions, you will be ready to do the assessment and gain your DoFoodSafely Certificate of Completion – a certificate that is well-respected by the food industry across Australia.



### Gre8 School Based Apprentices Traineeships SLES Warehousing Logistics

Gre8 provide Logistics, Bakery, Employment Opportunities for School Based Apprentices &...

[gre8.com.au/](http://gre8.com.au/)



Free advice, real results

### Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library Career Advice Service

Book a **FREE** appointment or walk-in and meet with a qualified Career Advisor from The Gordon Skills and Job Centre.

Available every Wednesday

Get help with:

- Career planning
- Resumes and cover letters
- Job search strategies
- Interview help
- And much more!

All appointments and walk-ins are private and confidential.

Find us at Biyal-a Armstrong Creek Library  
20 Main Street, Armstrong Creek



For more information and registration:

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Workshop	Dates	Time
<b>Build your Interview Confidence</b> Learn about the various types of interviews and what employers are seeking.	21 February 21 March	10am - 11.15am 10am - 11.15am
<b>Your Career Plan, What To Do Next</b> Identify your key skills and how to use them to plan your next career move.	21 January 18 February 25 March	5pm - 6.15pm 12pm - 1.15pm 5pm - 6.15pm
<b>Getting Australian Job Ready</b> This workshop helps migrant job seekers develop the skills and knowledge they need to find and secure a job in Australia	17 January 14 February 14 March	10am - 11.30am 10am - 11.30am 10am - 11.30am
<b>Mastering Key Selection Criteria</b> Join our workshop to make your job application shine with a professional key selection criteria.	11 February 11 March	10am - 11.15am 10am - 11.15am
<b>Resume - New or Renew</b> Let us help you update a current resume or create a new one from scratch.	3 February 3 March 31 March	10am - 11.15am 10am - 11.15am 10am - 11.15am
<b>Job Search Strategies</b> Master job search strategies, tailored applications, and networking to unlock opportunities with confidence and resilience.	25 February	12pm - 1.30pm



### BACK TO BACK THEATRE

AUDITIONS FOR THEATRE OF SPEED  
Speed Trial  
Wed 19th of February  
9:30am to 3:30pm.



## Helping teens navigate their future career & work life

Tuesday, February 25 :: 6pm - 8pm  
Geelong West Library  
Age group: Adults

Join Danielle Flack, a school teacher and career development practitioner for a two hour Q & A. Gain insights and strategies for exploring career options and developing essential career skills.

[Register](#)



Neil had a passion for helping students enter careers that matched their interests. He realised the many positive outcomes that eventuate when industry and educators work together and this partnership was a constant feature of his teaching career, much to the benefit of everyone.