

Term 3, Week 9 2025 Head Start Learning Leader Update!

The term is almost done, but there are still some amazing events and opportunities coming up

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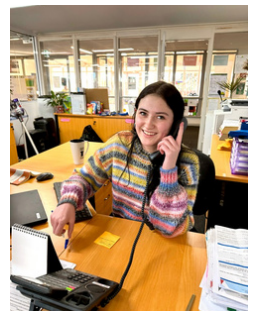
FROM CLASSROOM TO CAREER

When Year 11 Derrinallum College student Scarlett Wilkins first considered a traineeship in Education Support, she worried it wouldn't be possible.

Balancing VCE study, a rural location, and work commitments felt daunting. With support from her Head Start Coordinator and Careers Advisor, a flexible pathway was created.

- Scarlett completed her placement in the primary section of her own College
- The theory component of her Certificate III was delivered online
- Head Start provided regular check-ins, scheduling support, and coordination with her RTO to ensure she remained on track.

"This placement was a great experience, allowing me to put into practice the things I studied, while developing the practical skills and confidence required for work in educational support roles." Scarlett Wilkins



- Scarlett supported teachers by preparing materials, assisting with behaviour management, and working with students one-on-one or in small groups.

Scarlett completed her placement with:

- A nationally recognised qualification
- Real workplace experience in a school environment
- Increased confidence and a clear career pathway

Her journey highlights the value of Head Start in removing barriers, providing flexibility, and creating meaningful pathways—even in rural settings.

Get Suited for the Job	Support for workwear by Batforce	Link
Kitjarra First Nations Support	Kitjarra offer mentoring, connect to community, housing support, wellbeing, food relief, financial support and scholarships, literacy and numeracy support for First Nations students.	The Gordon Tafe
Murran Barista Training	First Nations students	Link
Port Tours	Immersion	Email: stirraramanda@gmail.com
Neurodiversity Vic	Yes we will be continuing our paid internships next year in timber trades, electronics, graphic arts / web design and visual arts. Both North Geelong and Platform Arts locations. EOIs welcome anytime. Simply submit an online application form and send an accompanying letter from school outlining modified curriculum (unless a diagnosis is available) via email. If students / teachers / families wish to have a consultation prior to applying, please feel free to pass on my contact details or vice versa.	Tom Liolios 0407 639 000
Aboriginal Land Management	Diploma	Link

GAME ON with genu



Join our FREE online Gamer Tasters

If you love gaming and you're keen to meet new people, build your skills and have fun in a safe, social space, join our online Gamer Squad Sessions.

Session details

Dates: 29 Sep – 3 Oct 2025

Times (AEST): 1pm – 4pm and 4.30pm – 7.30pm

Ready to play?

Start your journey here.



Have questions? Contact us at connect@genu.org.au or call 1300 558 368



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School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Geelong Gallery— Vocational training and work experience program



As the leading visual arts institution in the region, Geelong Gallery is excited to announce a new specialised work experience and vocational training program supporting young people aged 15 to 18 living in the G21 region. The program is designed for secondary students, to gain valuable learning experience and an understanding of arts industry knowledge, operations and professional development through a specialised training program.

Suitable for Secondary School students aged 15 to 18 years. Including Year 10 work experience placement students. Structured Workplace Learning programs for VCE/VCEVM (vocational major students). The program aims to support a successful transition to further education, training or employment after school.

Key program dates:

Term 4, 2023 program

Term 2, 2024 program

Online training program available from 7 October 2023 for young people living in regional, and/or remote areas, or have additional access needs.

For further details please contact:

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About Geelong Gallery:

Geelong Gallery was established in 1990 and is the leading visual and interdisciplinary arts institution in the fastest growing regional city in Australia, with a magnificent collection of Australian and European painting, sculpture, printmaking and decorative arts dating from the 18th century to today. The Gallery's outstanding collection includes many works of national significance such as Eugene von Guérard's View of Geelong 1856, and Frederick McCubbin's A Bush Bunch 1890. One particular focus of the collection is early images of the Geelong region, documenting the evolution of this important city and its environment.

Geelong Gallery works to contribute to the life and well-being of the city by fostering strong community engagement with the excellence of its collection, its creative lifelong learning experiences, and inspiring exhibitions.

This program is proudly supported by



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WINDS of CHANGE GEELONG



The Winds of Change program will:

- Provide prompt, respectful feedback about individual behaviours, group interactions and circumstances.
- Provide ongoing opportunities for reflection by individuals and the group.
- Provide a safe and supportive environment that supports participants to identify and apply more positive attitudes and behaviours.
- Provide opportunities for participants to practice these new behaviours.

Within the structured framework students actively participate in the learning process, moving from observation, to guided practice, then independence. Each week they make decisions, with guidance from teachers and the MWF crew, about their individual journeys of growth.

Finding Us:

Boat: Wot Eva
Royal Geelong Yacht Club (RGYC)
25 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong VIC 3220

Parking:

The best location to disembark is at Stony Pier Lane, it is the main entrance to the yacht club. After disembarking, the best place to park is along Eastern Beach Rd or in the Eastern Beach Reserve. Our boat will be berthed at the Floating Marina through the gate near the Yot Cafe.

Toilets:

Please use the toilet at RGYC before your sail as you may not have the chance for several hours. There are no toilet options once onboard. Your MWF volunteer will assist you in accessing the facilities.

What to Bring:

Bring a hat, sunscreen, and a jacket or two depending on the weather. No food is to be consumed on the boat unless required for medical reasons. Water bottles are recommended to keep hydrated.

You are welcome to bring your phone onboard to take photos, but be mindful that it is almost impossible to retrieve anything that falls overboard. We have space below deck to store your bags where they should be protected from the elements, however, we do not take responsibility for the loss or damage of any personal items you bring onboard.

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Horticulture Confidence

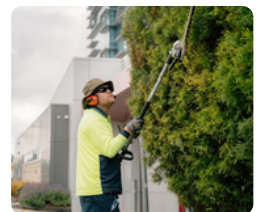
Empower your future with hands-on experience in the horticulture industry!



The 8-week Horticulture Confidence program is designed to support Year 10-12 students receiving NDIS support to explore a future in the horticulture industry.

What Students Will Learn:

- Introduction to horticulture and industry expectations
- Safe work practices (QH&S) in outdoor environments
- How to use powered, cordless and hand tools
- Insight into real-world horticulture settings and roles
- Career pathways in landscape and nursery
- Work Teamwork, communication and preparing for employment



Who Should Apply?

Year 10-12 students with an interest in property or landscape, receiving NDIS support.

Schools offering flexible and supported inclusion learning are encouraged to get involved.

Key Benefits

- **Practical Experience:** Hands-on training in real land and property care settings, using industry tools and equipment.
- **Workplace Health & Safety (WHS):** Understand the importance of safety when working outdoors and with machinery.
- **Career Opportunities:** Build foundational skills for future roles in horticulture, with pathways to work experience, supported employment and open employment.

Keen to Apply?

1. Complete the online application form here: bit.ly/43XzhLI
2. Confirm NDIS funding.
3. Submit completed registration paperwork to connect@genu.org.au

SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE!



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Cotton On/Pet Stock Industry Immersion

Cotton On will be hiring Christmas Casuals over the next two weeks. Apply via Cotton On Careers or You Hub Cotton On
Typical shifts: 6:30am–3:00pm or 4:00pm–10:00pm (Note: Under 18s cannot work past 10pm)

PetStock Distribution Centre – Marcus Hull

- Apply via: petstockgroup.com.au/careers or rangeworkforcesolutions.com.au
- Minimum age:
 - 18+ for Distribution Centre (due to machinery and manual handling)
 - 15+ for retail store roles
- No prior experience required



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