



## Welcome to Term 2, Week 1, 2025 Head Start Learning Leader Update!

Term 2 is underway and there are lot's of amazing events and opportunities coming up - not only in the next few weeks but in the coming months. .

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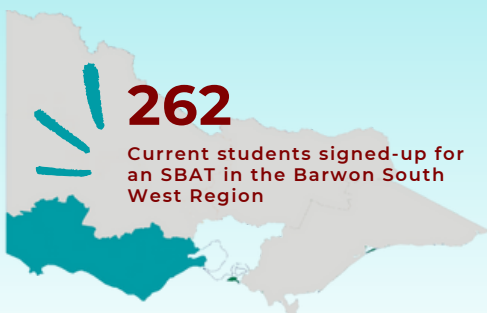
- Head Start Welcome
- Scarlett from Classroom to Career
- Barwon Valley Expo
- Lake Colac School Expo
- Armstrong Creek Expo
- Parenting Change is possible
- Fundraisers & much more

*Do you have something you would like to add to future updates? Please contact: tara.lynch@education.vic.gov.au*

### Learning Leader Link

### What does the Head Start program offer students?

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



## From classroom to CAREER



**Surf Coast Secondary College student Scarlet Menhenett is currently pursuing her passion for food as a Head Start School Based Apprentice in Commercial Cookery with Torquay restaurant Samesym.**

Working with Chef Graham Jefferies, Scarlet balances work, her VCE VM program and Tafe – getting a start on what may turn out to be the beginnings of a career in food.

Supported by SCSC, her employer, careers teachers and Head Start coordinator Nicole Smith, Scarlet has all the personal qualities needed for success – honesty, respect, resilience and passion.

Chef Graham has taken on two SBAT's in recent years. "Having an apprentice is good, because they don't have to fully leave school and can put a toe into an industry before they disengage from school and [are really] able to make an informed decision".

Scarlet hopes to finish her apprenticeship and travel – working in the food industry – learning as much as she can while gaining more experience long term. "If you love it, go for it – give it your all".

*The Head Start Program is provided by the Department of Education and is available in high schools across Victoria. Coordinators for the program work with school careers teachers and students to find a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT), supporting them at all stages of the process.*

### **Want to know more about the Head Start Program and School Based Apprenticeship & Traineeships?**

Email: [head.start.bsw@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:head.start.bsw@education.vic.gov.au) or take a look [here](#)



*Scarlett standing outside Samesym restaurant in Torquay with Chef Graham Jefferies, and former SBAT Ned Dodds*



# HEAD START LEARNING LEADER UPDATE



TERM 2 / WEEK 1

BARWON SOUTHWEST



## Barwon Valley School - Services & Pathways Expo

Explore pathways for the future - including a range of providers and services supporting the Geelong region.



## Lake Colac School - NDIS Service Expo 2025

Expo offering a range of services supporting Colac and surrounding areas.

**Details:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
1pm - 6pm  
Colac Lake School



## Parenting - Change is possible

with Ritchie Hardcore

Designed for parents and caregivers of adolescents and teens, exploring key themes of positive masculinity, respectful relationships, consent and strategies for gender-based violence.

Dates available: Tuesday 29th April  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May



## Skills and Jobs Centre

What's on for Term 2, 2025

The Gordon Skills and Jobs Centre has a variety of workshops and services available to support access to work skills.



Monday 12 May 10:00 am  
Monday 12 May 7:00 pm  
Tuesday 13 May 10:00 am  
Wednesday 14 May 7:00 pm

Do you have a child with disability aged 13+?

Then this FREE workshop is for you!

You'll receive practical information, skills and confidence to navigate the teenage years.



Register via the QR code



## Boating Careers Industry Immersion

Geelong based career immersion

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

QR code available for student to register



The Boating Careers Industry Immersion is proudly presented by VICLLEN, HeadStart and the Boating Industry Association of Victoria. For further information talk to your school career counsellor or email [info@boatingcareers.com.au](mailto:info@boatingcareers.com.au)

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



## Armstrong Creek School - NDIS Service Providers Expo

Save the date!

Details: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
2pm - 6pm



## Good Grief Fundraiser

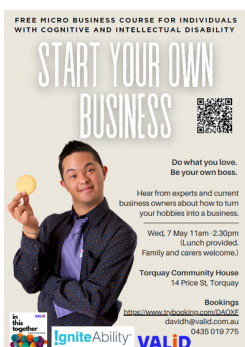
Come and join the family fun for a good cause!

Album launch, art & auctions raising money for Disability Beach Access Wheel Chair for the town.

Featuring: Bree-Arne Manley  
20 Yr Anniversary suffering MS / MS Warrior

Date: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2025 / 5 - 9pm.

Where: Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club  
54 Ocean Road, Point Lonsdale



## Start your own business

Free micros business course for individuals with cognitive and intellectual disability

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Torquay Community House  
11am - 2.30pm (lunch provided)  
Family and carers welcome

Register via QR code



## IDAHOBIT 2025

