

SWINBURNE'S EARLY LEADERS PROGRAM 2019

The program itself is based around assisting students to feel more comfortable making the move from secondary school to tertiary education, hoping to maximise the students in the program ability to succeed in their further endeavours.

To complete the program, each student must finish the core certificate and one elective certificate. The core certificate is the academic and research skills certificate which everyone must undertake. For this you must write a report based upon an article supplied to you and an interview with a Swinburne student that you are matched with. The program offers three elective certificates to choose from; career development, community engagement and creativity certificates. I am part of the career development certificate, which is intended to enhance professional and career development. You must complete an employment development profile and complete additional tasks that must be signed off by a school career practitioner. For example, one of these activities is to attend the VCE Careers Expo.

I have really been enjoying the opportunity to be a part of this program, which has completely exceeded my expectations. As I can't go to Swinburne to complete seminars and different activities during the week along with many others undertaking the program, they have an app where everything they do is streamed live where I can still be involved and ask questions in the moment. Along with this, they give students support all throughout the week and are very easy to reach and communicate with, and to think I applied for this program in early January through an ad on Instagram. I am definitely looking forward to what this program has to offer me as I move forward throughout this year.

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