

Give your young person a career Head Start

Head Start combines secondary school education with an apprenticeship or traineeship.

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) are an employment-based learning pathway designed for students in senior secondary school. Your young person will combine their senior school years with paid part-time employment and skills training in a dedicated field.

About Head Start

Head Start will support your young person to do an SBAT whilst completing their senior schooling. Head Start teams are based in government schools across Victoria and provide wrap-around supports for the duration of the SBAT.

Eligibility

SBATs are available to secondary school students who are:

- ✓ Over 15 years old
- ✓ Enrolled in years 10, 11 or 12
- ✓ An Australian citizen or permanent resident*

*Non-citizens may be eligible under certain circumstances.
Speak with the Head Start coordinator for more information.

Benefits

By joining Head Start your young person will:



Increase their future employability and earning potential, by gaining the skills, confidence and knowledge they need to succeed in the future workplace.



Undertake a secondary certificate such as the VCE, including the VCE Vocational Major, or the Victorian Pathways Certificate.



Undertake paid employment to build the career they want.



Access quality VET courses, in a wide range of industries with an approved training provider. Courses include building and construction, trades, community services, early childhood education, health, digital media and technologies, hospitality, engineering and more.



Combine regular school attendance with a minimum of seven hours per week of employment, and a minimum of six hours per week of structured training, (averaged over 3 periods of 4 months in each year of the SBAT). At least one day per week is timetabled by the school to be spent on the job or in training during the normal school week.

Getting started with Head Start

Your young person can get started in five easy steps

- ✓ **Career planning** The school career adviser helps them to find the right career pathway and connects them with a Head Start coordinator.
- ✓ **Find an employer** The Head Start coordinator helps them to find an employer.
- ✓ **Do a trial** They will complete work experience or structured workplace learning to make sure it's the right fit.
- ✓ **Pathway planning** The Head Start coordinator works with them to develop a pathway plan
- ✓ **Get started** The Head Start coordinator works with school staff to create a flexible timetable to help your young person to combine school, work and training successfully. They will receive one-on-one support throughout their SBAT, and will be supported to transition into a full or part time apprenticeship or traineeship once they have finished school.

Find out more

Talk to your school Head Start coordinator
or visit www.vic.gov.au/headstart