



Support for Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning students

Dear Parent/Carer (VCAL)

As a parent/carers of a student who is completing Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) studies, I wanted to inform you of the steps we are taking at Lyndhurst to support your child's learning experience during 2020.

We recognise that this year has been challenging for VCAL students to take an applied learning approach into remote and flexible learning due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and I thank you for your work in supporting their learning at home.

Our VCAL teachers are working with our students to ensure that they can complete the required learning and assessments over the rest of the year, which may include changes to learning plans set at the start of the year.

Our school is working closely with VET providers to enable students to undertake essential assessments on-site and to get them back into workplaces as soon as it is safe to do so.

Looking ahead to Term 4, we want to ensure every student is supported to complete their VET studies in 2020.

The Victorian Government is providing an additional \$2.4 million in VET 'Catch Up' funding to cover extra costs for students to complete applied VET studies in Term 4 that cannot be met within the school's current VET budget.

This additional funding is expected to cover additional fees and materials costs associated with changed enrolments in VET Units, or transport costs associated with additional training – ensuring no student is left behind.

In addition, Local Learning and Employment Networks are supporting our school with training providers and employers, as we arrange options for additional training or work placements needed for VET completion.

Students are urged to maintain contact with their current VET teacher as VET courses are continuing via remote learning and where required through some face to face teaching. VET teachers will still be wanting to work with ALL students to complete the certificate they are currently enrolled in. Even if you have fallen behind, your teacher is there to support you to complete as much of your VET course as possible. All students should make the most of the holidays coming up to catch up on any tasks they need to complete.

If you have concerns regarding your child's completion of VCAL or VET certificates, please contact us to help develop an appropriate individual plan for their learning.

Thank you again for your efforts in supporting your child's studies this year.

Yours sincerely

Konnie Prades
Principal
6th September, 2020