# A MAP OF THE VICTORIAN EDUCATION SYSTEM





For eligible school-age students who move to Victoria from different countries. Provides 6 -12 months of intensive English Language study.

#### ADULT MIGRANT ENGLISH PROGRAM (AMEP)

English Language study for young people over 18.



18+

# Primary School 5-12 YEAR OLDS

Everyone must attend and complete 7 years of primary school (Foundation to Year 6)

### Secondary School 13-16 YEAR OLDS

Everyone must attend and complete at least 4 levels of secondary school (Years 7-10).

# Senior Secondary School 16+ YEAR OLDS

The last years of secondary school are Years 11-12. Everyone must stay in full-time secondary school or other education or training until age 17. Schools offer different education options for different students.

#### TAFE and RTOs

Technical and Further Education institutes and Registered Training Organisations deliver vocational education and training (VET) courses which focus on practical experience in preparation for employment. TAFE institutes are government-owned and RTOs are private colleges or industry associations.

### **UNIVERSITY**

Offers different levels of study and a range of courses, some lead to specific jobs and others are more general courses.



# **VCAL**

(Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning)

2/3 years FT certificate includes hands-on learning for students in Years 11 and 12. Prepares for further education, training, an apprenticeship or employment. Can be completed at school or TAFE and can include VET courses.

### **VCE**

(Victorian Certificate of Education)

2/3 years FT certificate for students in Years 11 and 12. Prepares for further education at university. Can be completed at school or TAFE and can include VET courses.

### Certificates I to IV

Provides
introduction
to more industry specific
knowledge and skills.
Courses vary in length from
six months to two years.

# DIPLOMA/ ADVANCED DIPLOMA

Qualifies individuals in advanced technical skills and knowledge. Some diplomas require a completion of a Certificate IV in the chosen course. Diploma: 2 yrs FT or 4 yrs PT Advanced: 3 yrs FT or 6 yrs PT

### **BACHELORS DEGREE**

3-4 yrs FT or 6-8 yrs PT Focus on one subject area.



FT = Full Time PT = Part Time

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS (after completion of a Bachelor Degree)

Graduate Certificate – 6 months FT or 1 year PT.

Masters Degree – 1-2 years FT or PT equivalent.

Graduate Diploma – 1 year FT or 2 years PT.

Doctoral Degree – on completion of a Masters degree. 3-4 years FT or part time equivalent.

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### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

**Centrelink** - can help while studying full time with financial and other assistance. Many young people are supported by Youth Allowance. See centrelink.gov.au

**Scholarships** - sometimes offered by places of study to help with the cost of study, travel, books and housing.

**Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) or FEE-HELP loans** - available to Australian citizens or permanent residents to help pay for university, TAFE and RTO courses. See studyassist.gov.au

### **MY EDUCATION**

CMY's MY Education provides resources and support crucial to the success of primary and secondary students' learning. MY Education delivers two key programs that support schools and community organisations to improve out-of-school-hours learning throughout Victoria.

# Learning Beyond the Bell (LBB)

Across Victoria, LBB supports over 250 out-of-school-hours learning support programs, also known as homework clubs. These programs provide high quality tuition and learning support to children and young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds and their families. They also assist families to better support their children's learning at home.

# Refugee Education Support Program (RESP)

RESP improves the educational outcomes of students from migrant and refugee backgrounds. RESP provides holistic and targeted support to selected schools to strengthen the connections between student achievement and wellbeing and student, family, school and community engagement.

RESP is a partnership between CMY, Foundation House and the Department of Education and Training, delivered in collaboration with Catholic Education Commission of Victoria and the Association of Independent Schools Victoria.

CMY's MY Education program is generously supported by the Victorian Government.

### CENTRE FOR MULTICULTURAL YOUTH

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### **FURTHER HELP**

Career Development Association of Australia
T: 1800 222 390 | TAFE Course Line: 13 18 23 | W: cdaa.org.au

Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) T: 13 26 37 | W: education.gov.au/amep

Skilling Australia Information Line

Department of Education & Training, Information & Referral Service T: 1800 809 834 | W: education.vic.gov.au

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) T: (03) 9032 1629 | W: vcaa.vic.edu.au