



Program Booklet

2023

Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning and Employment Network (BBLLEN) is an integrated, effective education, training and employment network established to improve the retention of young people in education and to address disadvantage.

BBLLEN creates and supports collaborative partnerships between schools, local businesses, industry, community organisations and government departments to support vulnerable young people.

BBLLEN supports the learning and employment needs of young people in Baw Shire and Latrobe City.

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Our Vision

Every young person in our local communities is engaging in learning or employment. Every young person is aspiring to a successful future.

Our Mission

Leading innovation, creating opportunities and solutions through local partnerships which assist young people to engage in learning and employment.

Our Purpose

To guide communities to positively connect and support young people to become effective members of the community.

Our Goals

Sustainable Organisation:

We will be a strong, sustained organisation that builds community capacity through leadership, brokering partnerships and advocacy.

Our work will be informed by evidence and be responsive to local needs.

Enhancing Opportunities for every young person:

We will lead the development of approaches and opportunities for young people. We will maximise their opportunities for

- Learning and skill development
- Careers and employment
- Leadership
- Social and emotional well-being

Our community values young people:

We will facilitate and lead our community to support every young person and to recognise their value.



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Important Dates 2023

February

Wednesday 8: Project Ready (Wednesday Group) commences

Friday 10: I am Ready Latrobe commences

Friday 10: Project Ready (Friday Group) commences

March

Wednesday 15: Girls in Trades

Tuesday 21: NET Program - Day 1

Tuesday 28: Out of Home Care IYP Lunch

Friday 31: I am Ready Latrobe finishes

April

Monday 3: NET Program - Day 2

May

Monday 1: NET Program - Day 3

Wednesday 17: Careers Week Dinner

Monday 22: NET Program - Day 4

Wednesday 24-25: Health Camp

June

Thursday 1: Health Camp Industry Tour - Latrobe Schools

Wednesday 7: Apprenticeship/Traineeship Information Evening - Latrobe

Wednesday 14: Apprenticeship/Traineeship Information Evening - Baw Baw

Thursday 22: Health Camp Industry Tour - Baw Baw Schools

July

Friday 14: I am Ready Baw Baw commences

Tuesday 25: Job Skills Expo

August

Monday 7: NET Program - Day 5

Monday 21: NET Program - Day 6

September

Friday 1: I am Ready Baw Baw finishes

Wednesday 6: Inspiring Young Women - Latrobe

October

Monday 9: NET Program - Day 7

Wednesday 11: Inspiring Young Women - Baw Baw

Tuesday 17: NET Program - Day 8 Graduation

Tuesday 24: Girls in Blue

November

Wednesday 12: Project Ready (Wednesday Group) finishes

Friday 24: Project Ready (Friday Group) finishes

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)

Structured Workplace Learning funding is provided to 31 Local Learning and Employment Networks (LLEN's) across Victoria to increase access to appropriate SWL placements for students undertaking VET as part of their senior secondary certificates.

The program aims to open up more opportunities for young people aged 15 – 19 years of age to improve their skills and workplace knowledge through 'on the job' experience whether it be via Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) or School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships (SBAT'S).

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) is where a student is actively participating in a workplace as a component of a formal Vocational Education Training (VET) enrolment. Students are generally studying in years 11 or 12 and undertake a SWL placement for one day a week or in blocks of one week at a time.

An SWL work placement provides students with access to facilities, equipment and the range of work necessary to develop and consolidate their skills to the level required by the course/qualification.

SWL enables students to gain specific skills on-the job or in a simulated workplace environment. The placement must be directly related to the specific units of competency/skill requirements of a VET course/qualification. The school and participating employers agree on these skills or competencies prior to the placement.

What is a School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT)?

SBAT's are a fantastic opportunity for students to work as a part time paid trainee or apprentice whilst completing their secondary education at school. SBAT's are a great way to learn nationally recognised job skills in a chosen career. They provide vast career prospects and provide the opportunity to complete secondary school with two certificates. Students must be at least 15 years of age to be a school based apprentice or trainee.

Statewide Online SWL Portal:

The Department of Education and Training (DET) has invested in the development of an online portal. It has been designed to advertise Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) opportunities, allowing senior secondary students to search for opportunities that match their location and course of study.

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WHAT IS THE FUTURE SELF PROJECT ABOUT?

The Future Self Program will promote future career aspirations and pathways to schools and students through connections with local business and Industry Ambassadors. Students will gain a greater understanding of the careers and opportunities across different industries and sectors within Gippsland. Ambassadors will undertake a range of different school engagement activities such as class presentations, Q&A sessions, workplace tours, and supporting a student on work placement.

WHAT IS A FUTURE SELF AMBASSADOR?

Future Self Ambassadors are volunteers who are passionate about their careers, their organisation or their roles. They volunteer their time and support to promote their career to students in a vast range of original, creative and practical ways. Future Self Ambassadors not only inspire young people; they may also support teachers in the classroom by providing an insight for their students into careers and industry in their local area. The Future Self Ambassadors program enables, business, organisations and individuals wanting to support students to explore future careers and pathways in a way that will deliver the best results for them and young people.

HOW DO SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE?

- Schools / Students can see list of Future Self Ambassadors on the Future Self page via the Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN website
- Teachers can then register an expression of interest for an Ambassador by submitting an online request.
- Upon receipt of the expression of interest request from the school, the LLEN will contact the requested Ambassador.

If the Ambassador is able to facilitate the request:

- Secondary Schools – Log onto SWL Portal and consume event relating to the Ambassador
- Primary Schools – the school will be provided with contact details of the Ambassador
- The Ambassador will connect with the School and arrange requested activity to be undertaken.

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Available throughout the year, for all schools, on request
This program is aimed at: Grade 5 - Year 12



The New Energy Technology (NET) Program partners with schools and industry in organising and conducting interactive programs, which include opportunities for students to gather information about training and career pathways, visit a range of works sites and working environments and in a number of cases engage in work placement.

The NET program will be made up of emerging jobs of the future in renewable energy, technologies, and industries, also providing an opportunity for industries to be involved in educating young people by participating in a series of learning activities.

Term 1

Day 1 - Presentation (Students/Professionals)

Day 2 - Get to know your team, develop your project

Term 2

Two days at Gippsland tech School (Students/Mentors)

Term 3

Two days at Gippsland tech School

Term 4

Day 1 - Checking in with students

Day 2 - Presentation of each Project

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This is a 12 month program

This program is available for: Year 9 - 10

Jobskills Expo 2023

TUESDAY, 25 JULY 2023

Lardner Park, 155 Burnt Road, Warragul

9.00 am to 3.00pm



The JobSkills Expo targets students and young people from schools, training and community organisations. It will engage young people with “hands on” activities, advice and information about the various skills, jobs and industries that make up our regional workforce. As well as static displays the JobSkills Expo will have a range of short seminars providing practical information and advice to students.

Showcasing careers and pathways to young people. Over 100 Exhibitor sites and Industry themed seminars.

Further Information

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This is a once a year event

This event is available for: Year 9-12



Inspiring Young People (IYP)

IYP Events take place across Baw Baw and Latrobe, the series of events bring experienced guests from the local community together with young people from local schools to share stories of their career pathways, aspirations and personal journeys.

IYP 2023 EVENTS

- Inspiring Young People-Out of Home care - 28 March
- Inspiring Health Dinner (Part of Health camp) - 24 May
- Inspiring Young Women-Latrobe - 6 September
- Inspiring Young Women-Baw Baw - 11 October

Further Information

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These events are held throughout the whole year
These events are available for: Year 10-11



Girls in Trades

The Girls in Trades event will be for all girls currently studying a non-traditional VET trade or have a desire to pursue a non-traditional trade.

The aim of this event is to give female students and their families an insight into how traditionally male dominated trades are evolving and becoming more female friendly.

The event will also provide an opportunity to hear from two guest speakers in the industry and then a panel discussion with other trades including painters, tilers, plumbers, mechanics and builders.

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This is a once a year event, available to females studying a non-traditional VET trade or with a desire to pursue a non-traditional trade



The 'I am Ready Program' is designed to address the current failure of transitioning young people with learning barriers into employment. The social cost of not addressing the current gap is unacceptably high and carries with it significant social consequence and lost opportunity as well as the monetary cost. The structure of the I Am Ready Program initiative allows a holistic approach to address the issue of how to make work real for participants by creating a common language for work readiness across all stakeholders in the partnership. The initiative offers three stages to support innovation and industry connections based on best practices in facilitating youth transitions that fosters empowerment and self-direction.

Stage 1: I Am Exploring

Delivering the eight Employability Skills including: Team Building, Industry Buddies & Visits, Mock Interviews, Dressing for Success, Career Pathways Expo.

Stage 2: I Am Becoming Ready - with coordinated assistance participants apply to take part in work experience or traineeship opportunities with engaged employers as a school term of work experience one day a week;

Stage 3: I Am Ready - supporting employers, young people and their families in placements in school based apprenticeships, vocational training and structured workplace learning, and post school employment. Stage 3 includes brokering placements, mentoring in the workplace. Target participants - I Am Ready Partnership will meet the needs of students with disability (and their families) in Years 10-12, enrolled in mainstream and specialist schools across Gippsland - both funded and non-funded for their disabilities.

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This program runs for a semester

This program is available for: Year 10-11

Term 1, 2023 - Latrobe City Schools

Term 3, 2023 - Baw Baw Shire Schools



Project Ready

Following a successful pilot of Project Ready in 2022, Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN (BBLLEN) will again run Project Ready in 2023. Project Ready is aimed at year 10's with a focus on re-engaging students through a 12 month experiential work readiness and interactive personal development program. The Program will be delivered from Moe Library on Wednesdays and Fridays for the full year- easily accessible by public transport.

The program will commence on Wednesday, 8 February 2023 from 9.00am to 3.00pm

Project Ready was first delivered by Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network in 2017 to assist disengaged students become re-engaged in their education and ready for their future worlds of work. Since then, Project Ready has been redeveloped to meet the needs of a wider range of students such as those who have not identified a preferred career path or developed the work readiness skills required to successfully transition to further education, training or employment. Project Ready is available as a full-year VET program mapped against Certificate II in Active Volunteering.

BBLLEN Project Ready program will be delivered by a TAE-qualified trainer (known as the Project Ready facilitator). The facilitator has specialist facilitation skills to enable delivery of the Project Ready curriculum using relationship-based pedagogical approach.

Further Information

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This is a 12 month program

This program is available for: Year 10 -12





Are you a young person looking to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship
OR

Are you a parent/guardian wanting to support your child?

Join us at our event to hear from employers and industry experts about:

- What apprenticeships and traineeships are available in your area
- What industry is looking for in applicants
- How an SWL placement can lead to an apprenticeship
- What to expect from apprenticeships and traineeships

Further Information

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These events are run throughout the year
These events are available for: Years 9-12 and parents

7 June 2023 - Apprenticeship/Traineeship information session - Latrobe

14 June 2023 - Apprenticeship/Traineeship information session - Baw Baw

Are you Ready for Work Placement? Video Series

This year we plan to develop a series of video guides for school to use in preparation for work experience/placement. We will be seeking input from local employers and open to suggestions from career staff for content/topics.

WORK PLACEMENT





The Girls in Blue program will be for all secondary schools across Baw Baw and Latrobe from years 9-12. It is a taster program for girls interested in joining the Police Force. It is a great opportunity to hear about career pathways within Victoria Police such as Forensics, Prosecutions, Highway Patrol, Criminal Investigation Unit and General Duties. The day will include a tour of either Warragul, Moe or Morwell Police Station as well as a presentation and a Human Library.

**In 2023, the Girls in Blue Program will take place on
Tuesday, 24th October.**

Further Information

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This program is a once a year event
This program is available for: Year 9-12





Inspiring Health Camp Program – Baw Baw Latrobe

The Baw Baw Latrobe Local Learning & Employment Network is working in partnership with TAFE Gippsland and Federation University to promote opportunities for secondary school students in the region.

Up to 65 senior secondary school students (years 10-12) interested in careers in the Health sector from schools across Baw Baw and Latrobe regions will attend Federation University – Churchill in May 2023. A full scheduled program will follow.

Through local health employer provider partnership, students will be introduced to the range of Health-related careers available in the Gippsland region. Including pathways and employment options.

Federation University Health Experience/Inspiring Health Dinner
TAFE Gippsland Experience/ Sport & wellbeing activity
Health sector Industry tour

We will be seeking to partner with health sector employers and agencies across the region. Opportunities for sponsorship, industry tours and staff involvement will be available.

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This program is a once a year event
This program is available for: Year 10-12





VIC VICE is a brand new virtual reality platform where students can explore the world of work.

VIC VICE is a virtual reality platform that will allow secondary students to see, touch and experience different workplaces.

VIC VICE will bring to classrooms across Baw Baw and Latrobe regions:

- 360* virtual workplace environments with interactive touchpoints
- Engaging video content featuring real people in different industries
- Immersive 'hands-on' experiences that simulate workplace activities

The platform is a modern solution to growing workforce shortages and a widening skills gap.

For 2023, our focus Industries are Food & Fibre, Transport & Logistics and Health & Community Services.

Key Benefits

Schools

- BE WHAT YOU CAN SEE
- ALIGNED WITH THE VICTORIAN CURRICULUM
- UNLOCK NEW EXPERIENCES & OPPORTUNITIES
- SUPPORTING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE FIRTH REVIEW

Key Benefits

Industry

- A WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SOLUTION
- OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER COLLABORATION
- PROMOTE ENTRY LEVEL PATHWAYS AND JOBS
- BRAND AWARENESS

Further Information

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This program will be available after Job Skills in July 2023.





Network Groups

VCAL Cluster

The VCAL Cluster meets once per term to network and discuss all things in relation to the Vocational Major stream of VCE. This group is administered by the BBLLEN.

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VET Cluster

VETDSS school representatives meet each term with RTO reps. Opportunities to network, share ideas and challenges & communicate with RTO's delivering VET courses. This group is administered by the BBLLEN

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CGCAC (Central Gippsland Careers Advisors Committee)

Career Advisors from Baw Baw, Latrobe, South Gippsland & Bass Coast schools meet each term for networking & presentations by guest speakers. Tertiary training providers, the LLEN and other partners are part of this group providing reports each meeting of course and program offerings. CGCAC is administered by an appointed committee.

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Gippsland Disability Transition Network

GDTN is a network established through the I Am Ready program to provide Educator Professional Development and information to school staff working with students with a disability in the transition from school to further education & employment. 2023 Meetings will be held online each term.

3.45-5.00pm, Thursdays, 23 Mar, 8 Jun, 10 Aug, 2 Nov

Partners who attend include:

Disability Employment Services (DES), TAFE Gippsland, NDIS Local area Coordinators, other training providers. This group is open to anyone with an interest in supporting the transition of students with additional needs.

GDTN is administered by the I Am Ready partnership comprising the three Gippsland LLEN's. Baw Baw Latrobe, South Gippsland Bass Coast and Gippsland East.

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