

# VCAL - Young Parents Program (Senior)

COURSE CODE	VCALSEN001YP
LOCATIONS	Warrnambool
STUDY MODE	Full-time, On Campus
Length	One year
Commencement	February, June
Timetable	Three days per week

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## Course Overview

*This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.*

### Study from home during COVID-19 restrictions

Whilst we pride ourselves on our hands-on training, we have had to adjust most of our courses for study from home and remote learning during the COVID-19 restrictions. This means courses will be delivered using a range of methods including online learning, virtual classrooms, workbooks and direct contact with your teacher.

Given the government restrictions that are now in place to reduce the spread of coronavirus in Australia, we expect this new model of study will continue until the government makes changes to these restrictions.

## Introduction

This specialised program – which is unique to South West TAFE- gives young parents the opportunity to access the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) in a supportive and friendly environment. The program has a holistic approach which means that the children are in the classroom with their parents while they complete their work. A fully qualified Child Care Worker provides activities for the children to support their development and learning while the parents complete their class work. The classroom incorporates a 'child friendly zone' so the children can participate in activities such as role play, painting, reading, adventure play on the equipment and many other activities. The VCAL Senior gives you practical work-related experiences, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work. Like the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), it is a recognised senior secondary qualification.

The VCAL program and the teaching of it at South West TAFE supports and promotes the principles and practices of Australian democracy through a commitment to elected government, the rules of law, the values of openness and tolerance, equal opportunity, and freedom of speech.

## What will I Learn?

You will learn a range of skills through teacher guided, project-based, hands-on learning; including Literacy, Numeracy, Personal Development and Work Related Skills. You will investigate and experience a number of different industries and job pathways in their chosen area. You will learn necessary social, personal and academic skills to take independent steps towards sustained engagement in formal education and training. Young Parents VCAL study will be undertaken in an environment that is supportive and encouraging of parental obligations as the course is structured to allow children in class.

## Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

Graduates from this course pathway into employment, career specific TAFE courses or tertiary education.

## Placement

You may elect to complete a work placement for this course, which will be undertaken at a time additional to class.

## Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

[Find the next info session near you](#)

# Course Requirements

*This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.*

## Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

Entry Requirements for this course include:

You must be under 30 years old at the time of starting the course, unless you are continuing from 2018, have a child/children or pregnant, partner is having a child. You can enter at the level of VCAL to suit their learning needs and abilities. Decisions about which VCAL level you will be placed in will take into account the your literacy level, interests, goals and ability.

## Course requirements

You are to be aged under 30 years at the time of starting the course.

To be eligible for this qualification you must successfully complete 10 credits for the year.

## Units offered

### Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
LIT031	Literacy Skills Senior Reading And Writing	100	\$0.00
LIT032	Literacy Skills Senior Oral Communication	100	\$0.00
NUM031	Numeracy Skills Senior	100	\$0.00
PDS031	Personal Development Skills Senior Unit 1	100	\$0.00
PDS032	Personal Development Skills Senior Unit 2	100	\$0.00
WRS031	Work Related Skills Senior Unit 1	100	\$0.00
WRS032	Work Related Skills Senior Unit 2	100	\$0.00

## Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

## After applying

Once you have applied for your chosen course, you will receive a thank you email from South West TAFE with a few steps to help process your enrolment.

### Complete a Pre-Training Review

You will receive an email to complete a Pre-Training Review online evaluation. This evaluation helps us tailor your training to suit your needs.

### Create or provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A USI is a nationally recognised reference number that provides an online record of your training qualifications gained in Australia.

[Create your USI](#)

Already have a USI but can't remember it? [Find your USI](#)

### Skills recognition

If you have experience or prior qualifications, you may be eligible to apply for [recognition of prior learning](#) and gain credits. You will be asked to provide any relevant Statement of Attainment to support identified credits.

## Fees

*This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.*

## Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements. Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

## Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. Government Subsidised Fee - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.  
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)
2. Government Subsidised Concession Fee - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.  
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. Free TAFE - Students who are eligible for Victorian government-subsidised training will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or

material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.

[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)

4. Full fee - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

### **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY**

The fees listed below are indicative only. The student tuition fees as published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Funding made available to eligible individuals by State and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect future opportunities to access additional funding in the future.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$3,260.00
Concession rate	\$655.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$13,500.00

  

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$50.00

## Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

## How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account, debited from your Centrelink payments or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

## Next Steps

*Ready to take the next step? Here you can [make an enquiry](#), [attend an information session](#) or [begin the application process](#).*

## How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. **Apply** - [complete a short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank you email.

2. **Get ready** - your thank-you email will contain links to a pre-training review, to a unique student identifier and to government-subsidised training eligibility.
3. **Chat with your teacher** - your teacher or course specialist will contact you about your Pre-Training Review outcomes and additional course information.
4. **Enrol** - after chatting with your teacher, you will receive an email with your enrolment form and a link to verify your identity.
5. **Sign** - once you've completed your enrolment, you will receive a declaration form to review and sign.

If need any assistance with applying, [contact our Customer Service team](#) on 1300 648 911 or [visit your nearest campus](#).

## Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

## Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).