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Family**

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# ***Learning for Life***

**Learning programs for  
high school children**



Program Guidebook – August 2025

# Creating brighter tomorrows

Welcome to the *Learning for Life* program guidebook. Taking part in our programs is an exciting journey for your family. Here you'll find an overview of some of the fantastic opportunities and programs available to support your child's ongoing learning and success at high school and beyond.

Our program availability does depend on the community you live in and school your child attends.

We understand that success at school is about so much more than what happens in the classroom.

That's why *Learning for Life* focuses on supporting your child and partnering with your family. We also work with schools, local community services, and community and cultural leaders.

We want to help solve problems together and connect you to the right services when you decide that's what your family needs. Our range of learning and mentoring support programs help your child build skills, knowledge, motivation, self-belief and positive relationships.

This support can help your child or children stay engaged with school, and develop rewarding career pathways for life after school.

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## Future Seekers

**Year 7–8**  
students

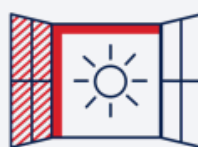


Future Seekers is an interactive program that introduces your child to the world of work. It provides them with information and tools so they can start thinking about their career options beyond school.

### What does Future Seekers involve?

Your child will attend six to seven one-hour sessions during school hours. In these sessions, they'll explore their skills and interests in a fun, imaginative and interactive setting. The program is run by a trained facilitator.

*"I've learnt about careers I didn't even know existed. I didn't realise how many opportunities were out there that I can take."*



**– Talon,  
Future Seekers  
participant**





## student2student

**Year 7–8**  
students



Our student2student program matches students who have reading difficulties with an older student buddy who helps and encourages them with their reading.

### **What does student2student involve?**

Your child and buddy receive a login for an online library, Chatty Kids. Their reading buddy contacts your child via Chatty Kids two or three times a week for at least 20 minutes, over 18 weeks. Your child reads to their buddy, who uses the skills learnt in training to assist them with their reading and offers encouragement and praise. Their buddy keeps a simple record of each call and reports progress to a volunteer supervisor fortnightly.

### **Who is eligible?**

- Year 7 and 8 students up to 4 years behind in reading

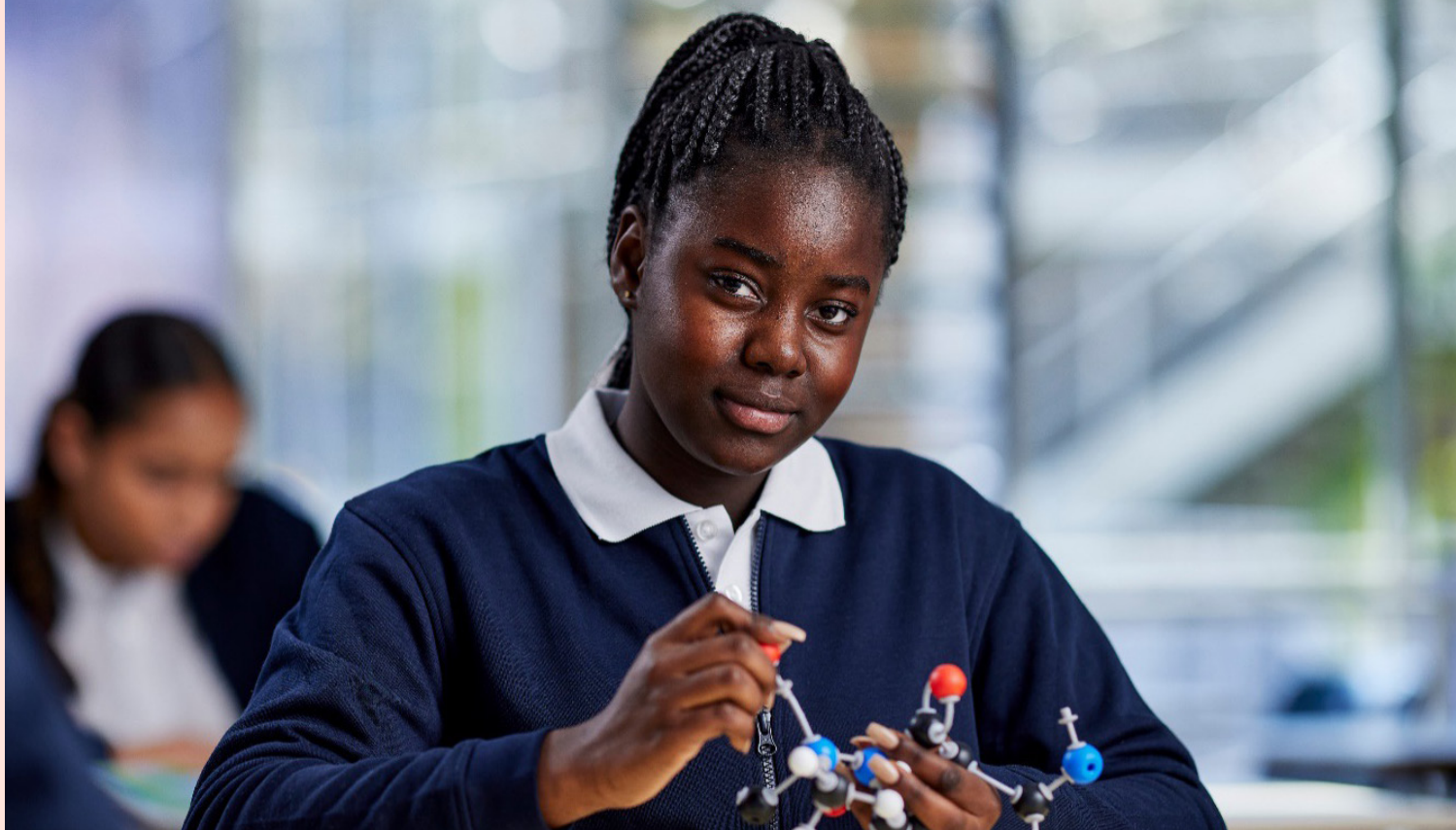
Your child can apply in Term 1 of the school year.

*"I liked the fact that I didn't feel judged while reading to my buddy."*

**– Year 8 student**

*"[Student 2 student] helped me improve my reading and I enjoyed talking to someone different and my buddy was nice and caring."*

**– Year 7 student**



## Career Activities

**Year 7-12**  
students



Career Activities are designed to support your child as they explore career and further study options beyond school.

### **What do Career Activities involve?**

Career Activities can take place at school, or in the community. Each activity is designed to provide your child with the necessary skills and knowledge they need to help them create plans for their post-school pathways.

### **Did you know?**

Young people who can recall four or more structured Career Activities across their school life are five times less likely to be unemployed or disengaged from education or training as a young adult.\*





## Learning Clubs

**Year 7-12**  
students



Your child will attend an out-of-school hours learning club, designed to offer your child extra learning support that will have a positive impact in their everyday school life.

### What do Learning Clubs involve?

Your child will attend a one-hour session per week for 18 weeks or more, outside school hours, either at school or a local community venue. Learning Clubs are supported by tutors.

Learning Clubs provide:

- ✓ Activities that support school-based learning
- ✓ Support with a specific skill set or homework
- ✓ Support with test or exam preparation
- ✓ Confidence building to participate more fully in their school-based learning

*"[Learning Club has] given me a quiet place to study and turn in homework tasks on time".*

**– Year 9 student**



*"I enjoy the relationships I have made with the volunteers at the learning club and admire their consistency. They really do care about my learning as long as I make the effort."*

**– Jessica**  
**Learning Club participant**



## SmArts

**Year 8-12**

students with an  
interest in the arts



SmArts is a program for children who are interested in creative industries and arts. Your child will be encouraged to use their imagination and creative skills. It also gives them practical information about pursuing a career in the arts.

### What does SmArts involve?

Your child will attend SmArts for a minimum of 20 hours. Sessions are held at school or a community venue.

During the sessions, your child will learn more about creative industries and be connected with professionals to get a real sense of a creative career.

The program provides both hands-on experience and offers a behind-the-scenes look at creative industries in the real world. Your child might also attend exhibitions or musical performances.

*"The best thing about SmArts was hearing from people who are in the arts field/industry and hearing their story and how they ended up where they are. Listening to their advice, what opportunities they took to get them where they are today."*



**– Diego,  
SmArts participant**





## Exploring Educational Pathways (EEP)

Year 9–12  
students



Exploring Educational Pathways is a career activity designed to help educate your child about their higher education opportunities.

### What does Exploring Educational Pathways involve?

Your child will attend activities at a university and TAFE over two days. These activities help them understand the different educational pathways they might wish to take.

*“Overall I enjoyed my experience. There are a lot more careers and pathways than I thought there were and there is a lot of freedom at university.”*

– EEP participant





## Ready for Work

**Year 9–12**  
students

(based in VIC, NSW, and SA)



Ready for Work will give your child tailored student support through one-on-one meetings with a career coach.

### What does Ready for Work involve?

Your child will attend between four and six one-on-one sessions with a career coach. These sessions are held fortnightly. Their career coach will help them explore their next steps in education and careers and the best way to approach this.

### Who is eligible?

Your child must be based in VIC, NSW, and SA in Year 9–12 and still exploring their next steps in their academic and/or career space.

*“Career coaching definitely opens up your pathways and skills, and helps you understand what it’s like in the future. I definitely recommend this program to kids who don’t know what they want to do going forward.”*



**– Ready for Work participant**





## Work Inspiration

Year 9–12  
students



Work Inspiration will help your child explore the real world of work. They are given opportunities to experience the world of work first-hand in a meaningful and inspiring way.

### What does Work Inspiration involve?

In this program, your child will gain understanding of themselves, learn more about the roles in organisations and explore different career paths by:

- ✓ Going on a school excursion to a business over two days
- ✓ Connecting with a chosen business
- ✓ Meeting staff and taking part in the activities designed by them

*“Before I wasn’t really listening that much at school, but since going to the McDonald’s Work Inspiration program I’ve learnt that if you want to get a career you have to go for it and you have to achieve things to get what you want.”*



– Arani,  
Work Inspiration  
participant



# Programs for parents and carers

## Saver Plus

**18 years old**  
and over



Saver Plus is a 10-month financial education support and matched savings program. It's delivered in partnership with ANZ, to help families on a tight budget manage their money and develop long-term saving habits.

Participants receive up to \$500 in matched savings when they complete the program, which can be used for educational costs such as computers and tablets, textbooks, and uniforms.

### Who can join Saver Plus?

To join the Saver Plus program, you must:

- ✓ Have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card and an eligible\* Centrelink payment
- ✓ Be at least 18 years old
- ✓ Have some regular income from work\* (yourself or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal work or child support
- ✓ Have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself

### How Saver Plus works

1. **Goal setting:** Set a savings goal with your delegated Savings Coach for your education-related item(s).
2. **Saving:** Open an ANZ Progress Saver account and save regularly over 10 months.
3. **Education:** Complete our virtual MoneyMinded financial education workshops.
4. **Matching:** Reach your savings goals and have your savings matched up to \$500.

*"If it had not been for Saver Plus, my kids would have gone months without school. Thanks to my savings, I got two laptops and one tablet. I still had \$200 left for food. It's just a brilliant program and I've been letting everyone know about it!"*



**– Cassie,  
Saver Plus participant**

**To apply please call 1300 610 355  
or [click here](#)**

\*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible. Get in touch with your Saver Plus Coordinator for more information.

# Interested in joining a *Learning for Life* program?

Our teams are always here to help.

We want your child to get the most out of *Learning for Life* and the great opportunities it offers.

If you'd like to know more about any of our *Learning for Life* programs or how to join, chat to your Family Partnership Coordinator.

We can't wait to see what your child will achieve.



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