

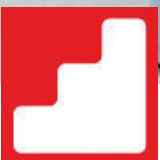
SKYLINE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

MID-YEAR REPORT 2025



The first half of 2025 has been both exciting and inspiring for Skyline. Our students are thriving, our events have run seamlessly, and our team has brought energy and dedication to everything we do. From camps and masterclasses to mentoring and community celebrations, every moment has strengthened our mission to create opportunities and pathways for talented young people.

We are proud of the progress made so far and even more excited about the direction Skyline is heading. With strong momentum and a united team, we look forward to the months ahead, confident that the impact we deliver will continue to grow.



YEAR 11 2025 RESIDENTIAL CAMP

RESIDENTIAL CAMP - UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

20-24 JANUARY 2025

We kicked off 2025 with our annual Residential Camps, where Year 11s met their Skyline peers for the first time and Year 12s returned with focus on the future. Over the week, students explored themes of identity, leadership, and resilience, supported by Skyline alumni mentors who shared lived experience and encouragement. From karaoke and trivia to thought-provoking workshops, the camp built confidence, friendships, and a powerful sense of belonging. For many students who feel isolated or disconnected at school, creating this genuine sense of belonging is not just valuable but essential.

Thank you to University College for hosting this milestone program.

IMPACT

86%

Year 11 reported that the Who Are You: Design Yourself - One Year Plan session presented by Leah Davidson, was beneficial.

92%

Year 12 students found the Skyline Hatch presentation, outlining its comprehensive offerings and strategies for success useful and relevant.

KEY TOPICS

Year 11 – “Who Are You?” Topics included Incredible Me, Mindset Matters, Deeply Know Yourself, and a splash of karaoke fun.

Year 12 – “Who Do You Want to Be?” Sessions focused on leadership, future of work, responsibility, and a trivia night finale.

NGV MASTERCLASS YAYOI KUSAMA EXHIBITION

8-9 APRIL 2025



“Today helped me visualise where I want to be and put in a plan to keep me accountable.”

“The exhibition inspired me for more ideas for Studio Arts.”

During the April school holidays, Skyline students immersed themselves in the vibrant Yayoi Kusama exhibition while also exploring the practical power of SMART goals. The day blended cultural discovery with future-focused learning, giving students the chance to set meaningful goals, reflect on their strengths, and expand their horizons. Guided by mentors and inspired by Kusama’s work, students walked away with fresh perspectives and tangible strategies for success. Many described it as a rare opportunity to connect with both art and their own aspirations.

Thank you to the National Gallery of Victoria & Krystyna Campbell-Pretty, OAM, for your continued support of Skyline students and for generously hosting this Masterclass.

“Today helped me understand what I need to do for the future.”



- **84%** ENJOYED THE NGV EXHIBITION TOUR
- **81%** OF STUDENTS WERE HIGHLY SATISFIED WITH THE EVENT
- **76%** GAINED KNOWLEDGE FROM SMART GOAL SESSION

ANNUAL RECEPTION EVANS & PARTNERS

14 MAY 2025



In May, we were thrilled to hold our Annual Reception, back in person for the first in since 2019. It brought together students, alumni, educators, and supporters for a night of celebration and inspiration. A panel featuring current students, alumni, and Dandenong High School Principal Susan Ogden highlighted the transformative impact of Skyline. Held in the beautiful Evans & Partners space, the evening connected donors directly with the voices and stories of those they empower.

A huge thank you to Evans & Partners for generously hosting this special event.

"My family fled the Vietnam War for Australia with the hope to survive. Skyline gave me the hope to thrive. As the first in my family with the freedom to dream this way, Skyline not only opened doors for me, it placed me in a community of like-minded individuals who believe in the power of possibility." - Skyline alumna panelist

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VCE SUMMIT - MONASH UNIVERSITY

8 JULY 2025



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SCHOOL"*

"I really enjoyed the study strategies session as I have been struggling with study & retaining information. I learnt new ways to approach it"



A full-day combined Masterclass, shaped by student feedback, resulted in what many called *"the best Masterclass yet"*. Students dove deep into subject workshops led by experienced VCE teachers, explored financial literacy with experts from Westpac and William Buck, and built practical life skills through Adulting 101 and Ready to Work sessions run by experienced Skyline staff. Alumni also led Hatch workshops on study strategies before the day closed with a lively Jeopardy challenge, hosted by ValueLabs that left students energised, connected, and more confident in both school and life.

Thank you to Monash University and our facilitators for making this event possible.

93% FELT MORE CONNECTED & REPORTED A BOOST IN CONFIDENCE

93% GAINED SKILLS FOR SCHOOL & LIFE

"The VCAA English presenter was so thorough and knowledgeable, I feel like my SACs improved just from sitting in his session!"

TRANSPORT MATTERS

Getting students to and from camps and masterclasses is no small feat! We couldn't do it without our incredible transport partners. Your support ensures every Skyline student has the chance to participate fully in our programs throughout the year.

A huge thank you to Fallons, Maddescioni Bus Lines, Driver Coastal, and The Geelong College.

ALUMNI INDUSTRY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM LAUNCH

 **LANDER & ROGERS**
15 AUGUST 2025

In August, we proudly launched our brand-new Alumni Industry Mentor Program, an exciting initiative designed to support Skyliners once they complete our core program and step into life after school. Led by Program Manager and Class of 2021 Skyline alumna, Kristy Chung, this program is already creating powerful connections.

Seven alumni have been welcomed into the pilot program and paired with industry professionals including lawyers, marketing specialists and more. Over the next five months, they'll engage in mentorships exploring themes such as Building Trust, Effective Communication and Industry Insights and Career Pathways.

A highlight of the launch night was the industry mentor panel, moderated by Kristy. Panelists shared candid reflections on their career journeys, challenges, and the advice they'd give to their younger selves, sparking authentic conversation and meaningful engagement with the audience.



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FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND
PROFESSIONALS TO SHARE
THEIR POWERFUL
EXPERIENCES AND LEARN
FROM ONE ANOTHER." –
KRISTY CHUNG***



Thank you to Lander & Rogers for hosting
and partnering in this program.

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& ROGERS**



ONE MONTH - ONE FUTURE. EOFY CAMPAIGN

JUNE 2025

Our community rallied in June to raise an incredible **\$106,425** through Skyline's EOFY Campaign. Weekly stories from students, alumni, and parents showcased the very real impact of donor support, reminding us all why investing in education matters. The generosity of our donors ensures Skyline can continue transforming lives and creating pathways for future leaders.



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We extend our heartfelt thanks to the generous donors who contributed during this campaign. Your belief in Skyline and our students made this milestone possible, and we are honoured to recognise your support below.

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