

Skyline Connect



A newsletter for the Skyline community



Term 3 Edition

Welcome to our Term 3 update! This issue is packed with what you need to stay connected and supported, including upcoming masterclasses like ACT on Your Future, the Hatch Exam Revision Series, scholarship opportunities, and practical wellbeing tips. Term 3 is a time of momentum and resilience, with Year 12s entering their final stretch and preparing for exams, while Year 11s are strengthening their skills and routines to set themselves up for success. We're also celebrating stories of growth, connection, and achievement across the Skyline community, reminding us of the power of learning and support as we head toward the end of the year.

At the heart of Skyline's work in 2025 is a renewed strategic focus on amplifying student voice and delivering a data-informed, student-tailored experiences.



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“Rather than cutting down tall poppies, Skyline Education Foundation Australia is helping these students beat the odds.”

— Ann-Marie Hermans MP

Shadow Assistant Minister for Education

“We’re proud to be working with over 40 Victorian Government partner schools, right across the State, many in the bottom third of the ICSEA index, as we select our Class of 2026–27.

Our goal? Expand by 25% and give even more exceptional young Australians the chance to thrive, no matter their starting point.

By supporting our students to complete high school, many of whom are the first in their families to reach this milestone, Skyline gives them the chance to become the future leaders and changemakers Australia needs.

Since 2006, 96% of Skyline students have completed VCE (compared to less than 70% in low SES areas).

Research makes it clear: supporting academically high-ability students facing adversity to complete VCE and enter tertiary education is both a social justice and economic imperative.

When these students have the chance to reach their potential, they not only succeed personally, they also contribute meaningfully to our nation’s future, with the Skyline Program creating \$13.20 of social and economic value for every dollar invested.”

Samantha MacRae

CEO, Skyline Education Foundation Australia



Upcoming Masterclass

A.C.T on Your Future

On **Tuesday 30 September**, Skyline students will take part in the **A.C.T on Your Future Masterclass** at **Deakin University Burwood Campus**.

This full-day program is designed to strengthen three key areas for success: **A**cademic skills, **C**onfidence, and **T**eamwork and leadership.

Students will gain practical strategies to study more effectively, manage their workload, and prepare for exams, while also building resilience, self-belief, and problem-solving skills. Through engaging, interactive activities, they'll work together develop stronger communication and leadership abilities, helping them to step into the future with confidence.



[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR CONSENT FORM](#)

DUE DATE: TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER





Wellbeing Tools & Resources

ATTENTION - VCE Students
EXAM REVISION in the September
School Holidays (live online)
...and it is **FREE!**

SKYLINE HATCH EXAM REVISION SERIES 2025

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 29 MORNING	TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 30 MORNING	WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1 MORNING	THURSDAY OCTOBER 2 MORNING	FRIDAY OCTOBER 3 MORNING
GENERAL MATHS (PART ONE) 10AM - 12:30PM	MATHS METHODS (PART TWO) 10AM - 12:30PM	PHYSICS 10AM - 1PM	PSYCHOLOGY (PART TWO) 10AM - 12:30PM	EAL (PART TWO) 10AM - 12:30PM
	LEGAL STUDIES 10AM - 1PM	HEALTH & HUMAN DEV. 10AM - 1PM	BUSINESS MANAGEMENT 10AM - 1PM	BIOLOGY 10AM - 1PM
AFTERNOON	AFTERNOON	AFTERNOON	AFTERNOON	AFTERNOON
ENGLISH (PART ONE) 1:30PM - 4PM	PSYCHOLOGY (PART ONE) 1:30PM - 4PM	CHEMISTRY 1:30PM - 4:30PM	ENGLISH (PART TWO) 1:30PM - 4:00PM	GENERAL MATHS (PART TWO) 1:30PM - 4PM
EVENING	EVENING	EVENING	EVENING	EVENING
MATHS METHODS (PART ONE) 5PM - 7:30PM	EAL (PART ONE) 5PM - 7:30PM	NO EVENING SESSION	SPECIALIST MATHS 4:30PM - 7:30PM	NO EVENING SESSION



Department
of Education

Skyline Hatch acknowledges the support of the
Department of Education, Victoria, through the
Strategic Partnerships Program.



Led by high-achieving tutors who are recent VCE graduates,
the Exam Revision Series is a fantastic opportunity for
students to prepare for success in Unit 3/4 exams.

Each interactive, live online session includes:

- A SUCCINCT SUMMARY OF EXAMINABLE CONTENT
- FROM THE UNIT 3/4 STUDY DESIGN
- PROVEN EXAM STRATEGIES
- INTERACTIVE PRACTICE QUESTIONS AND WORKED EXAMPLES
- HIGH SCORING SAMPLE RESPONSES
- Q & A WITH OUR EXPERIENCED TUTORS
- ACCESS TO SLIDES & BONUS RESOURCES

CLASH OF SUBJECTS? NO PROBLEM. REGISTER NOW AND ACCESS
THE RECORDINGS AFTER EACH SESSION.

"Hatch is my go-to for revision
lectures. I love the way that they are
so interactive with their presentations
as well as the content covered. It helps
me feel very prepared."

SELECT YOUR
SUBJECT
SESSIONS HERE



Scan the QR code or go skyline.org.au/events/ to select your subject sessions.
Make sure you're logged in for 1-CLICK SESSION REGISTRATION.

Don't forget that applications are looming!

Application	Open Date	Close Date
Timely applications for 2026 courses	Monday 4 th August	Monday 29 th September
Late applications for 2026 courses	—	Friday 31 st October
Very late applications for 2026 courses	—	Friday 5 th December
HATCH Exam Revision Series	Monday September 29 th - Friday October 3 rd	
Course applications for January round 2 offers and subsequent rounds	Friday 5 th December	Tuesday 13 th January, 2026
<u>Dawn Wade Scholarship</u> <u>Deakin University</u>	Monday 8 th September	5pm Wednesday 7 th January 2026
Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) Applications	Monday 4 th August	Friday 10 th October 5:00 pm
<u>Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship</u>	Open	Tuesday 23 rd December
<u>Daffyd Lewis Scholarship</u>	Open	Tuesday 23 rd December
<u>Narrm Scholarship</u>	Apply through SEAS application	Friday October 10 th

How Skyline supports *students* through VCE and beyond

“Skyline guides gifted young people through challenging settings with financial and moral support, enabling them to progress into tertiary education and big careers.”

Ann Marie Hermans, MP

Skyline partners with schools and a wide network of organisations, including foundations, community groups, and event supporters, to provide students with resources, mentoring, and opportunities. Together, these partnerships create a strong support system that helps young people succeed academically, personally, and beyond school.

A heartfelt thank you to our donors, partners, and community members for your continued support. Your contribution helps create life-changing opportunities for Skyline students.

Academic Support

- Personalised academic programs that respond to each student's learning needs
- VCE-focused workshops and masterclasses to deepen subject knowledge
- Complimentary access to Skyline Hatch and tutoring via Enquiring Minds
- Study guides, tools, and materials to strengthen coursework and exam readiness
- Learning opportunities with teachers, alumni, and industry experts
- Guidance in goal-setting, time management, and effective study habits



Wellbeing and Belonging

- Regular **check-ins** and mentoring from Skyline Program Managers
- Referrals to free 1-on-1 counselling/psychology sessions provided through the **Cairnmillar Institute**.
- Wellbeing workshops focused on resilience, self-care, and stress management
- Encouragement and support in establishing healthy routines—sleep, nutrition, exercise, and rest
- A nurturing, inclusive community that values each student's voice and story
- Events and experiences that promote balance, joy, and social connection

Financial Support

- \$250 annual gift card to support student expenses
- Free access to Edrolo online learning platform
- Free or discounted textbooks and resources
- Access to second-hand devices for study needs
- Support with scholarships applications, travel, and enrichment opportunities
- Assistance accessing State Schools' Relief and school-based supports (e.g., CSEF)
- Guidance to navigate financial barriers impacting study or wellbeing
- Financial literacy support to build long-term skills



Pathways & Future Focus

- Alumni mentoring through connecting with former students for guidance and inspiration
- Career guidance and tailored support for future pathways
- Industry connections and networking opportunities, including work experience or internships
- Opportunities to be connected with industry professionals through the Alumni Industry Mentor Program, after graduation from the Skyline Program.



Skyline is more than a program, it's a community. We stand beside our students through the challenges and triumphs of VCE, celebrating their potential and preparing them for success beyond the classroom.

Term 3 *Highlights*

Term 3 has been a season of momentum, growth, and connection across the Skyline community.

We started off the term by having a jam-packed day at Monash University, for the VCE Summit Masterclass. Skyliners were able to select workshops that gave them insights into Unit 3 & 4 subjects, and whilst also equipping themselves with study skills that were best for each subject. They also engaged in workshops to learn about life skills such as those involved in 'Adulting 101', and enhancing financial literacy. They were supported by talented facilitators and Skyline partners from the Bank of Melbourne, StemZone, Skyline Hatch, and more.

Equally inspiring was the launch of the Alumni Industry Mentor Program with award-winning law firm Lander and Rogers, which brought community members, alumni, and industry professionals together to share stories, insights, and guidance. These experiences not only strengthened academic readiness but also deepened community connections, leaving students motivated, supported, and excited about the pathways ahead. Skyline's support doesn't end when our students graduate. We're here for the long run.

Our Program Team is at the heart of Skyline's support, walking alongside 160 students through every step of their VCE journey. With regular check-ins, tailored guidance, and genuine care, the team makes sure each student feels valued, supported, and confident. Whether it's academic advice, career planning, wellbeing support, or simply being a trusted sounding board, the Program Team plays a vital role in helping students grow, achieve, and thrive.

Looking ahead, the team is committed to deepening collaboration with school companion teachers, working together to create a truly holistic, full-circle approach to supporting students as they strive for their goals.

“Visualising my future helped me to work back and identify what I need to do know to achieve my dreams”



Skyline VCE Summit Masterclass

Reflection



*"I LEARNT MORE TODAY
THAN IN A WHOLE TERM
OF SCHOOL."*

The best part? The day was shaped by students themselves. At the beginning of the year, we asked them what they felt was missing from school. Their answers were clear: they wanted support with specific VCE subjects deep dives, real financial literacy they could actually use, and practical life skills to help them feel more prepared for the future. So, we listened, and we delivered

"The best masterclass so far." – Year 12 student

Thanks to your incredible support, our students experienced one of Skyline's most powerful events yet: the July VCE Summit Masterclass.

This one-day intensive brought together over 110 Year 11 and 12 students from across Victoria for a jam-packed program full of academic deep dives, career readiness, life skills, and peer connection.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

93%

boosted their confidence in
VCE

93%

gained skills for school &
life

93%

felt more connected

Skyline's Alumni Industry Mentor Program

Supporting Skyliners Beyond Graduation



This year, Skyline Program Manager Kristy Chung is leading Skyline's Alumni Industry Mentor Program! This program links alumni and industry professionals, who will support our alumni in their professional and academic journeys. As a proud alumna from the Class of 2021, this project holds incredible meaning for Kristy. Seven Skyline alumni have been paired with industry professionals including lawyers, marketing specialists, and business owners. They will spend the next five months engaging in robust mentorships, exploring various themes including 'Building Trust & Effective Communication', and 'Industry Insights & Career Pathways'.

On Friday the 15th of August – we launched the program with the help of our amazing host and partner, award-winning law firm Lander and Rogers. It was a truly inspiring evening that brought together students, alumni, and industry professionals for an engaging night of connection and learning.



The event opened with a warm welcome and Acknowledgment of Country, followed by words from CEO Sam MacRae outlining the vision for the pilot of the Alumni Industry Mentoring program. A highlight of the night was the industry mentor panel, moderated by Kristy, which featured accomplished professionals who were lawyers, communications leaders, and even business owners! Panellists shared candid insights into their career journeys, challenges, and advice they would give to their younger selves, sparking meaningful engagement and interaction with the audience.



We ended the night on vibrant networking, where alumni had the chance to connect directly with industry professionals, and reunite with Skyliners from previous classes. The energy in the room reflected the power of mentorship to inspire confidence, expand possibilities, and strengthen the Skyline community.

"I always ask mentors: What is one thing you would tell your younger self?"

And mentees: What is one thing you would ask your older self?"

This is my way of showing that mentorees know much more than they think about the other person, even without having met them!

It's a golden opportunity for young people and professionals to share their powerful experiences and learn from one another."

Kristy Chung

Program Manager, Skyline Education Foundation Australia



At Skyline, we are committed to supporting our students beyond their graduation from the program
- once a Skyliner, always a Skyliner!

Student Spotlight

Christopher Galea

Year 12 Student,
Dromana Secondary College



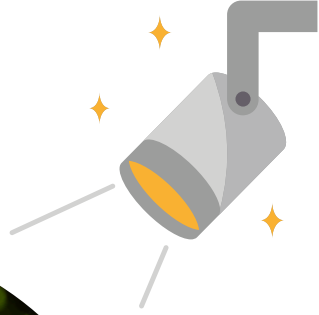
"My name is Christopher Galea, and I am a Year 12 student currently attending Dromana Secondary College on the Mornington Peninsula. I am currently studying English, Maths Methods, General Maths, Outdoor Education Studies, and Physical Education, and I have previously completed Systems Engineering in Year 11.

Outside of school, my main hobbies include spending time with friends and family, as well as playing basketball. I play for 3 different basketball teams, all of which vary in age (U18s - U24s) and difficulty (Domestic, Rep, and Big V). For me, basketball has been my outlet during Year 12 as I have been able to switch off and enjoy playing a sport that I truly love.

I would highly recommend finding that one outlet that you can fall back on during the stresses of Year 12 because this activity will ultimately help you to continue persevering and doing your absolute best!

I have also been extremely fortunate to have the support of Skyline right at my fingertips. Throughout my journey, I have been able to receive support and resources through my Program Manager, Kristy, as well as having the opportunity to attend the amazing masterclasses that the program holds (including at the NGV!). This guidance has assisted me in determining where my next steps lie once Year 12 is over, as well as helping me to stay strong and focused during the crunch time of my studies."

Student Spotlight



Daegan Eddy

Year 11 Student,
Lyndhurst Secondary College



“Hi everyone! My name is Daegan. I'm in Year 11 at Lyndhurst Secondary College, studying English, Chemistry, Methods, Physics, and 3 & 4 Biology.

I am planning to go to uni after school to study a Bachelor of Science. Being a part of Skyline has been very helpful to learn about what to expect ahead of me in VCE, especially what life would be like in different universities around us.

It has also been a good opportunity to hear about the tips that other people have about VCE from their own experience, both people my own age and people who have already completed theirs.”

Meet the *Alumna*

Skyline alumni mentors, former Skyliners who return to give back, play a vital role in our community. From supporting staff at events, to tutoring VCE students through Skyline Hatch, to mentoring current Skyliners, these alumni share their wisdom, empathy, and lived experience.

This month, we are proud to introduce Mackenzie Gunton, who is an alumna participating in the Alumni Industry Mentor Program.



Mackenzie Rose Gunton
Class of 2023

Favourite VCE subject: In VCE, my favourite subject was Legal Studies.

Where are you now?

I was lucky enough to enrol in a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Melbourne, during first round offers in 2023. Early on I knew I wanted to take a gap year, so once accepting, I went through the deferral process. During 2024, I worked multiple jobs (Retail, Office Assistant & Warehouse worker) all to afford a few months away in Europe (which was as dreamy as it sounds). Once my solo travelling was over, it was basically the start of 2025 and my first year of university - and so far, so good! While I'm not 100% sure on what I would like my major(s) to be, my goal is to complete my Juris Doctor once my Bachelor of Arts is completed.

Top Wellbeing Hack: I am the biggest advocate for taking breaks. You can only be so productive once your mind and body start feeling fatigued. When possible, I like to go outside (do the basic go for walks, sit outside) or break up my studying with a couple hours of things I enjoy - like reading, baking, or seeing a friend. Breaks are your best friend!

Fav Holiday Destination Nice, France is incredible!

ForHealth Urgent Care

Did you know that **ForHealth Urgent Care Centres** provide **bulk-billed, walk-in care** for non-life-threatening health issues?

Open 7 days a week, these centres are designed to give families, students, and carers quick access to expert medical help without the long wait times of a hospital emergency department.

What they offer:

- Assessment and treatment by emergency-trained doctors and nurses
- Support for common urgent health needs such as sprains, minor fractures, cuts, infections, asthma, or sudden illness
- On-site X-ray, pathology, and basic imaging services at many centres
- Bulk-billed care (no out-of-pocket costs with a Medicare card)
- No appointment needed – just walk in or book online

This service means your child or family member can get the care they need, when they need it, close to home.

To find your nearest centre or book ahead, visit: forhealth.com.au/urgent-care



Skip the wait at your local ED

Just walk in.

Bulk Billed

Our Urgent Care centres are government funded, offering 100% bulk-billed services

Open 7 days

Get care quicker, with short wait times, with the option to book online or just walk in.

Convenient

Urgent Care Network is Australia's largest network of government funded urgent care providers with 27 urgent care clinics nationally

Parent & Carers *Toolbox*

VCE can be demanding, but with your support, your teen can thrive. Encouraging balance, independence, and wellbeing helps them stay confident, resilient, and motivated.

How you can support with Evidence-Based study tips

- Ask your child to explain a concept to you, quiz them with flashcards, or encourage them to practice past exam questions.
- Suggest short, regular study sessions across weeks, and gently prompt them to revisit older topics, not just the most recent.
- Encourage your child to rotate between subjects or question types (e.g. mix maths, English, and science in a session).
- Ask open questions like, “Can you tell me how this links to what you learned last week?” or “Why does that formula work?”
- Offer to be the “exam supervisor” at home, timing practice tests and creating a distraction-free environment.
- Encourage good routines such as regular sleep, breaks, exercise, and balanced meals.



Celebrating Milestones

Acknowledgement → sit down and reflect together on how far they've come, not just the grades.

Acts of Service → cooking their favourite meal, doing a chore for them, or creating a stress-free study environment.

Encouragement → reminding them that effort and resilience are just as important as results.



FAQs

Is Skyline a scholarship program?

What financial support does Skyline provide?

Skyline is not a traditional scholarship program, but a holistic support initiative for high-potential VCE students facing adversity. Alongside a \$250 annual gift card, Skyline provides access to free or low-cost academic, wellbeing, and career development resources to help students thrive during VCE and beyond support.

Is Skyline just for students in government schools?

What happens if a student moves schools?

Skyline is designed to support students facing adversity who are enrolled in government schools. If a student transfers to a non-government school (e.g., Catholic or independent), they may no longer be eligible to continue in the program. However, if a student moves to another government school, we ask that the school contacts Skyline promptly to ensure a smooth transition for the student. This allows us to maintain consistent support and continue offering program opportunities without disruption.

What happens if a student changes into a VM pathway?

Can they still be supported by Skyline?

Whilst Skyline acknowledges the inclusivity of the VCE Vocational Major (VM) certificate, the program is currently designed to support students undertaking VCE academic pathways, and thus, students enrolled in a VM pathway are not eligible for participation. If a student transitions to a VM pathway mid participation, they will no longer be supported by the program. That said, we're always open to discussing individual circumstances and exploring the best possible outcomes for each student.





What do we need to know about the next Masterclass?

The next Masterclass will be held on the **30th of September** at the **Deakin University Burwood Law Building**. If your child is not catching a bus, they will either need to come in via public transport or be dropped off at the venue. Catering will be provided, so all your child will need to bring for the day is a water bottle and a notebook and pen.

What other supports does Skyline provide to students?

Skyline provides a wide range of tailored supports through partnerships with over 60 organisations, ensuring students have what they need to succeed. Key supports include unlimited bulk-billed psychology counselling through Cairnmillar, free access to essential school items such as uniforms, textbooks, and calculators via State Schools' Relief (SSR), and free access to Edrolo, a leading VCE learning platform. Students also benefit from Skyline HATCH, Skyline's own online VCE learning and revision platform, all designed to help students thrive academically and personally.

Does Skyline provide scholarship entry into University?

No, Skyline does not provide university scholarships. However, we do offer guidance and support with **SEAS applications** and **university scholarship applications**, helping students access additional opportunities to support their post-school pathways.

What communication do students receive from Skyline?

Skyline encourages students to take ownership of their learning journey and develop independence as they navigate VCE. To support this, students receive regular communication from the **HATCH** and **Program teams** via their nominated email address, including important updates, opportunities, and event information. Each term, Program Managers check in with students using their preferred mode of contact—whether by email, Microsoft Teams, phone, or text—and are available throughout the school term for additional support. Students also receive monthly newsletters, which are accessible anytime through the student **Skyline Hub**.

Have any other burning questions? [Click here](#)