

VCE SUMMIT

July 2026 Masterclass



On 1 July, Skyline hosted its annual VCE Summit at RMIT University, bringing together 120 Skyline students from across Victoria for a full day of targeted academic support, practical life skills and future planning.

Designed to complement what students receive at school, the Summit provided access to experienced VCE educators, university staff, industry professionals and Skyline mentors, ensuring students could deepen their subject knowledge, build confidence and gain practical strategies for success throughout their final years of secondary school.

Hosted on the RMIT City campus, students experienced university life firsthand while participating in interactive workshops delivered by RMIT University, Edrolo, Westpac, the Maths Association of Victoria, and Skyline's own Program Managers and Skyline alumni mentors.



"I gained knowledge, strategies and skills that I can actually apply to my studies and future."

"A true highlight was talking to fellow like minded rural students from my region, expanding my network."

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

84% gained practical skills & strategies for study and life.

85% built connections with like minded peers.

80% felt more positive about their future.



VCE SUCCESS STARTS WITH EXPERT TEACHING



High quality academic support isn't equally accessible to every student. Skyline's VCE Summit bridges that gap by connecting students directly with experienced educators, VCE assessors and subject specialists in small, interactive learning environments where they can ask questions, strengthen challenging concepts and gain insights rarely available in the classroom.

Students selected from a range of subject specific masterclasses designed to support their individual VCE studies, including:



VCE English | Ross, Senior VCAA English Assessor

Ross provided students with invaluable insight into how VCE English assessments are marked, unpacking the assessment criteria, examiner expectations and marking rubric. By explaining exactly what assessors look for in high scoring responses, students gained practical strategies they could immediately apply to strengthen their own writing and examination performance.

VCE English Language | Ramesh, Teacher at Nossal High School

Students explored key analytical concepts, exam techniques and approaches to tackling complex language analysis with greater confidence.

"I learnt exactly what assessors are looking for and how to improve my responses."

General Mathematics & Mathematical Methods | The Mathematical Association of Victoria

Students developed practical problem-solving skills, examination techniques and greater confidence in approaching complex mathematical questions.

"What I really truly gained from this session, was the importance of taking my time to read and consider the questions!"

VCE Biology | Skyline Alumni, Chandrima

Students consolidated challenging biological concepts while learning effective revision strategies and examination techniques to maximise performance.

VCE Chemistry | Skyline Alumni, Khoa

Students worked through difficult Chemistry content with experienced educators, building confidence in applying knowledge to VCE style questions.

VCE Psychology | Skyline Alumni, Lachlan

Students strengthened their understanding of key areas of the study design while refining revision strategies and approaches to extended response questions.



PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL



Financial Literacy | Westpac

Westpac's interactive Dollars & Sense workshop equipped students with practical financial knowledge including budgeting, saving, everyday banking and making informed financial decisions. These are essential life skills that many young people never have the opportunity to learn in a classroom.

Success in VCE is about more than academic knowledge. Throughout the Summit, students also participated in workshops designed to prepare them for university, employment and adulthood.

Study Smarter | Edrolo

Edrolo delivered an engaging session focused on evidence based study techniques, helping students understand how to study more effectively, manage their workload and build sustainable habits throughout VCE.





Marketing: Building a Burger | RMIT University

One of the day's most creative sessions challenged students to think like marketers by designing and pitching their own burger brand. Through this interactive workshop, students explored branding, consumer behaviour, market positioning and creative problem solving, while gaining insight into the diverse career opportunities within marketing and business.

"It was interesting seeing how creativity and business come together."

Navigating University Pathways | Skyline

One of the day's most valuable sessions focused on the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS). Many Skyline students experience significant educational disadvantage, yet are unaware that universities recognise these circumstances during the admissions process.

Led by Skyline's Lead Program Manager, Gaynor, students learnt:

- what SEAS is and why it exists
- the four SEAS categories
- how to identify their own circumstances
- how to write strong supporting statements
- how SEAS can strengthen their tertiary applications.

For many students, this was the first time they realised their lived experiences could be recognised as part of the university admissions process, transforming what had felt like a barrier into an opportunity.

The workshop was the highest rated sessions of the day, with 89% of students reporting it was useful.



THANK YOU



The VCE Summit continues to demonstrate the power of combining expert teaching, practical learning and meaningful connection to help young people thrive.

We extend our sincere thanks to RMIT University, Edrolo, Westpac, the Mathematical Association of Victoria, our presenters, mentors and volunteers for generously sharing their expertise and helping deliver such an engaging and impactful day for our students.

A special thank you to our transport partners, Driver Coastal, Gull Airport Service, Fallons Bus Service and Maffescioni's, whose ongoing support ensures Skyline students from regional and rural Victoria can attend our Masterclasses. By removing the barrier of distance, you help make these life changing opportunities accessible to every student, regardless of where they live.

Finally, thank you to our donors and supporters. Your generosity enables Skyline students to access opportunities, knowledge and networks that help transform potential into achievement. Together, we are ensuring talented young people, regardless of circumstance, have the confidence, skills and support to pursue the futures they deserve.

"Thank you for everything you have done for us as students at disadvantaged schools. Apart from all the practical and technical help, I will miss these holiday Masterclasses once the year ends, and already feel an immense sense of nostalgia!" - Year 12 Student

