



# WHAT IS RECONNECT?



**Funded by the Victorian State Government, the Reconnect program provides support to early school leavers and other high needs learners to overcome the barriers they face so they can participate in education, training or to gain employment.**



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## HOW DOES THE RECONNECT PROGRAM WORK?

The Reconnect program is driven largely by support and encouragement. Once eligibility has been confirmed, participants can expect to:

- Have their learning and non-learning needs and career goals assessed and an agreed work and learning plan developed.
- Identify personal interests and strengths and increase self confidence.
- Receive support to commence and stay in education, training and employment.
- Receive ongoing support as they transition to employment or further training.
- Receive some brokerage assistance towards education related expenses.

Bendigo TAFE has been funded by the Victorian Government, through the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions to offer the Reconnect program in the Greater Bendigo, Campaspe, Loddon, Mt Alexander, Macedon Ranges and Central Goldfields Local Government Areas.

## IS THERE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA RELATED TO THE RECONNECT PROGRAM?

Yes, to be eligible for this funding, participants must be:

### YOUNG PEOPLE

Aged 17-19: Not engaged in education or training for six months or more (less than 8 hours per week).

### MATURE PARTICIPANTS

Aged 20-64: Unemployed for six months or more (less than 8 hours per week) and not engaged in education or training for six months or more (less than 8 hours a week).

### YOUNG PEOPLE IMPACTED BY JUSTICE SYSTEM

Young people aged 17-24 who have been or are currently on, Youth Justice Orders.

### ASYLUM SEEKERS

A person without citizenship but holds a valid: Bridging Visa Class E (BVE), Safe Haven Enterprise VISA (SHEV), Temporary Protection Visa (TPV) or Humanitarian Stay (Temporary) (Subclass 449) Visa (449 visa).

### OUT OF HOME CARE

Aged 17-64: A person that has a current or previous experience with Child Protection.

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