

VICTORIAN SENIOR SECONDARY REFORM: STUDENT ADVISORY PANEL

Have your voice heard about Senior Secondary education!

What is the panel?

The Senior Secondary Pathways Student Advisory Panel is your chance to have a real say in how senior secondary education works in Victoria.

Run by VicSRC with support from the Victorian Department of Education, the panel brings together 14 students from across the state to share their ideas directly with the government.

It's all about making sure every student has equal access to opportunities after school. This could look like studying further, starting work, or exploring what's next.

By sharing your experiences, you'll help shape a system where every Victorian student feels supported, valued, and ready for the future.

OVERVIEW

What will the panel discuss?

As part of the panel, you'll get to join discussions and workshops with VicSRC and the Department of Education, where your voice can help shape how senior secondary school works in Victoria.

You'll chat about how the government can make school opportunities fairer, more accessible, and more useful for students like you.

Some of the things you might talk about include:

- How the different senior secondary pathways are going, like the 'one VCE', the VCE Vocational Major, the Victorian Pathways Certificate, VET, and school-based traineeships or apprenticeships.
- How new programs and ideas from the government can work better for students.
- Ways to make senior secondary schooling even better by sharing what's working and what's not.
- And anything else that matters to students finishing school and figuring out what's next!

What would my responsibilities be?

Time commitments

You'll spend around 40 hours across the year taking part in different panel activities.

There'll be four main panel meetings, each running for about three hours. These are held during the school holidays between terms, so you won't have to miss school!



Before each main meeting, you'll also join a pre-briefing session (about 1 hour) with other panellists and VicSRC staff. These sessions are a great chance to:

- Learn more about what's coming up in the next meeting
- Ask questions
- Get comfortable and prepared

You'll also get some training and skill-building during these pre-briefings to boost your confidence and knowledge on the topics being discussed.

Attending meetings

All four main panel meetings will be in person at VicSRC's office in North Melbourne. If you live in regional Victoria, VicSRC will cover your travel costs and provide supervised accommodation.

The pre-briefing sessions will be held online via Zoom, so you can join from wherever you are.

It's really important that you're able to attend all the meetings, so before applying, make sure to chat with your parents, carers, or guardians to check they can help you make it work.

Professional expectations

Being on the panel is an awesome chance to build your confidence, skills, and experience in a real professional setting.

You don't need any previous work or professional experience. All we ask is that you come ready to learn new things, work as part of a team, and put in the time to make a meaningful contribution throughout the year.

Knowledge

Don't stress — you don't need to be a policy expert or know everything about how the education system works!

The panel is all about bringing together students who want to share their real experiences and ideas about how to make senior secondary school in Victoria even better.

How much will I be reimbursed?

Students on the panel will get paid for their time and contributions through something called an honorarium. This is a payment that recognises the amazing work you do as a volunteer.

You'll receive \$25 per hour for the time you spend on panel activities, including meetings, training, and pre-briefings.

If you need to travel from a regional or rural area, VicSRC will cover your travel and accommodation costs too.

Meeting schedule

Engagement	Prospective date range*
Term 1 Meeting pre-brief Training and upskilling (session one)	23 March – 27 March 2026 (<i>online</i>)
Term 1 Panel Meeting	3 April – 30 April 2026 (<i>in-person in Melbourne</i>)

Term 2 Meeting pre-brief Training and upskilling (session two)	15 June – 19 June 2026 <i>(online)</i>
Term 2 Panel Meeting	25 June – 13 July 2026 <i>(in-person in Melbourne)</i>
Term 3 Meeting pre-brief Training and upskilling (session three)	7 September – 11 September 2026 <i>(online)</i>
Term 3 Panel Meeting	18 September – 5 October 2026 <i>(in-person in Melbourne)</i>
Term 4 Meeting pre-brief Training and upskilling (session four)	16 November – 20 November 2026 <i>(online)</i>
Term 4 Panel Meeting	23 November – 6 December 2026 <i>(in-person in Melbourne)</i>
<i>* Timing is subject to change.</i>	

ELIGIBILITY

VicSRC is looking for Victorian secondary students who have chosen lots of different pathways for their senior secondary school journey. As part of the panel, there are opportunities for students from government (state), independent, and Catholic schools, as well as for students who are from Melbourne and from regional Victoria.

If you are confident that you will have the time and availability to participate in all the panel meetings, then you should apply!

HOW TO APPLY

You can go ahead and apply by **filling out this online form** (or copy and paste: <https://forms.office.com/r/0nRekCRR3B>). It's super short!

What happens after I apply?

You'll be contacted by VicSRC to set up a brief and informal online meeting to learn more about you and your experiences at school.

What if I have more questions?

If you'd like to talk more about this opportunity to get help applying, please reach out to VicSRC via the contact details below.

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