

UNLEASH YOU AT BENDIGO TAFE

Bendigo TAFE is one of the largest and most trusted education and training providers in Victoria. With more than 155 years of educational excellence backed by industry connections, our graduates learn real skills and gain the confidence to succeed in life.

With an established network of industry partners and a strong reputation with employers across Victoria, our courses are developed to respond to their employment needs. We ensure our training is relevant and will provide you with the skills and knowledge you need to match the demands.

We focus on providing you with work-ready training including practical, hands-on experience, industry projects and work placements.

LEARN FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS

Our outstanding training educators come with extensive industry experience and connections. Our personalised approach means you get one-on-one attention in classes.

GAIN HANDS-ON PRACTICAL SKILLS

Our focus is all about getting you work-ready. With an emphasis on practical training, industry projects and work placements, you will gain real experience and the latest industry knowledge. So, when you graduate, you will have the skills that employers are looking for.

ACCESS OUR INDUSTRY PARTNER NETWORK

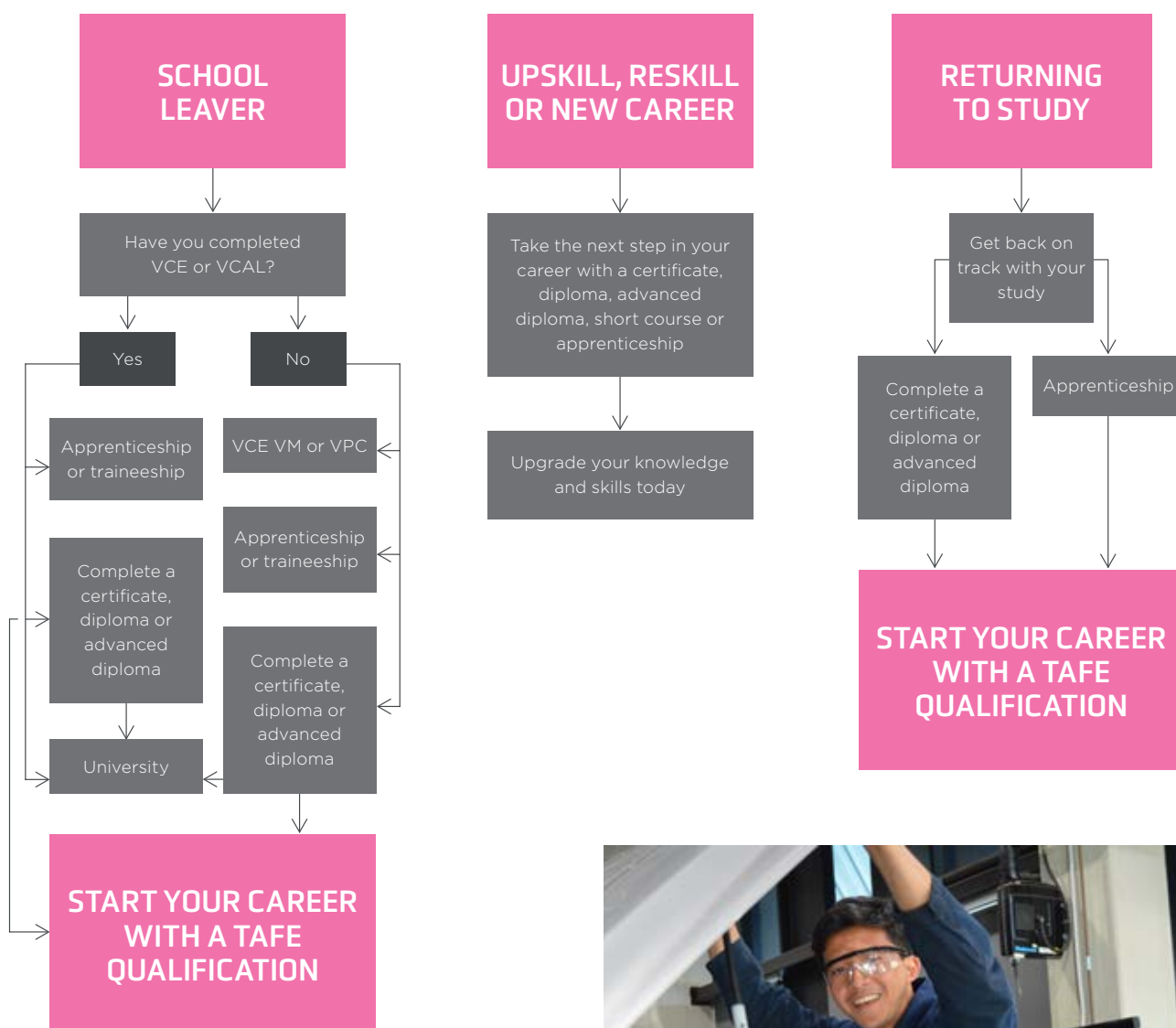
Bendigo TAFE has established a vast network of industry partners and a strong reputation with employers across regional Victoria. By developing our courses in consultation with industry partners, we make sure that you gain the most current and up-to-date skills.

Our focus is to ensure industries have access to well trained, highly skilled tradespeople and professionals. This may be through an apprenticeship or people refreshing their skills to ensure they have the most current knowledge and work practices to bring to their workplace.

WHY CHOOSE TAFE

With hands-on practical learning, high levels of student support and opportunities to work with our key industry partners, TAFE gives you the skills you need to achieve your future career goals.

Whether you have recently finished school or university, have decided to change careers or further develop your skills, TAFE can support you to achieve the skills that you require to gain employment.



FREE TAFE COURSES

Whether you're looking to commence your career, reskill or upskill, we offer a wide range of Free TAFE courses*, providing you study opportunities to fill identified in-demand industry jobs.

Free TAFE can help cover the cost of tuition for selected courses. See if you meet the eligibility criteria below.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Residential status: Any Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen is eligible for a Free TAFE course in Victoria.

Previous qualification: You can do your first Free TAFE course no matter what qualifications you already hold. This applies to all qualifications - whether they be through TAFE or university. This is because the 'up-skilling rule' has been removed.

Students whose only Free TAFE fee waiver was under JobTrainer can also do another Free TAFE course, either in a pathway or non-pathway program.

You will be charged for any additional non-tuition fees relating to your studies, which may include material and consumable fees.

FREE TAFE PRIORITY PATHWAYS

You can do multiple Free TAFE courses in the same occupational pathway listed under 'Free TAFE Priority Pathways' below.

This is because the 'once-in-a-lifetime limit' requirement for Free TAFE has now been removed for Priority Pathways.

Note: Students who choose a Free TAFE course that is not part of a Priority Pathway can only study one Free TAFE course.

Students whose only Free TAFE fee waiver was under JobTrainer can also do another Free TAFE course, either in a pathway or non-pathway program.

Free TAFE priority pathways do not include apprenticeship pathway courses.

You will be charged for any additional non-tuition fees relating to your studies, which may include material and consumable fees.

Note: Some Priority Pathway courses are not offered at Bendigo TAFE. See the full list of Priority Pathway courses at vic.gov.au/free-tafe

You can continue to study your Priority Pathway at Bendigo TAFE even if you have started the Pathway at another TAFE.

*Free TAFE on selected courses only. Eligibility criteria apply. Tuition is free, other fees and charges may apply. Find out more at freetafe.vic.gov.au

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
FREE TAFE AND FREE TAFE
PRIORITY PATHWAYS**

**[BENDIGOTAFE.EDU.AU/COURSES/
FREE-TAFE](https://BENDIGOTAFE.EDU.AU/COURSES/FREE-TAFE)**

FREETAPE.VIC.GOV.AU

13 TAFE (8233)

WHERE DO I START?

PREREQUISITES

You may need to meet some entry requirements in order to enrol in one of our programs. These requirements vary for each course, but may include:

- A minimum age (some courses require that you are over 18 so that you can legally work in the industry).
- Satisfactory language, literacy and numeracy skills.
- A Police Check or a Working with Children Check (if you are working in an industry that has contact with children or the public).
- Evidence of immunisations. Some courses such as health care may require additional immunisations.

These prerequisites are not designed to be a blocker to entry in the course, but to ensure that you are compliant and ready to be employed in the industry once you complete your training with us.

To find out more about our prerequisites, please contact us on 13 TAFE (13 8233).

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND SKILLS RECOGNITION

If you have acquired relevant skills and knowledge in your workplace through previous training, or even via volunteer work, you may not need to complete further study to obtain a qualification.

With our skills recognition program you can save time and get an accredited qualification to improve your career prospects.

Find out more at bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/Skills-Recognition-and-Change-of-Preference or contact us on 13 TAFE (13 8233).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Bendigo TAFE provides all international students with a supportive learning environment and staff committed to meeting your needs.

Your training will be practical and relevant to industry and takes place in our high quality facilities, helping you gain rewarding employment wherever you choose to work and live.

For more information about our courses available to international students please visit bendigotafe.edu.au/international or call 1300 175 176 to discuss your options.



INDIGENOUS EDUCATION CENTRE

The Indigenous Education Centre (IEC) at Bendigo TAFE is an innovative environment that fosters and promotes Indigenous learning, while supporting Indigenous students undertaking study and training in a wide array of courses across the institute.

Honouring the traditional landowners of the area, across Bendigo and Echuca which include the Dja Dja Wurrung and the Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation and Yorta Yorta Nation. The centre merges the cultural heritage and values of these landowners with contemporary Aboriginal culture and strong networks with key Aboriginal organisations to ensure that our students are supported throughout their time with us.

As one of the state's largest providers of training and education, Bendigo TAFE delivers a wide range of courses and programs. Our courses are designed in consultation with communities and employers which means that Aboriginal students gain skills and knowledge while improving their networks and employment options.

OUR STUDENTS

The IEC welcomes all Indigenous Australians. Our students come from many different backgrounds ranging from early school leavers to people over 50.

We support students engaged in a variety of courses across the institute and conduct a number of events through the year, celebrating Aboriginal culture and key milestones to which all the students are invited to along with their friends and family.

Most importantly, we have a dedicated Koorie Student Support Officer, Koorie Liaison Officer as well as a Koorie Engagement Mentor based at the IEC to assist students in accessing the full range of support services and assistance in dealing with government agencies and other relevant organisations.

To speak with one of our Koorie Liaison Officers please contact us on 1300 328 329.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

The IEC has forged strong relationships with key Aboriginal organisations across Victoria. We work closely with these organisations to ensure that our students have access to all the resources they require throughout their time with us.

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING (ICAT)

We are committed to supporting organisations in gaining a greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander History and Culture. This program enables workforces to build successful working relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The ICAT program is designed to provide participants with a practical understanding required for successfully working with the Victorian Indigenous Community. It also builds awareness of Indigenous issues in every day situations and aims to eradicate apprehension or misconception about Indigenous people.

We focus on developing improvement of strategies targeted at Indigenous recruitment and employment with follow-up support and ongoing consultation.

Contact the Indigenous Education Centre for more information on 13 TAFE (13 8233) or visit bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/indigenous-education



WE SUPPORT YOU THROUGH YOUR JOURNEY

LIBRARY

Our Library services are available to all Bendigo TAFE students. Located at our City campus, the Library has an extensive range of books, online databases, video streaming and e-books.

Open access computers are available for you to use the internet, email, Microsoft Office and more. The Library catalogue is available at **libguides.mylibrary.bendigokangan.edu.au/home/bendigo**

For further information students can contact 5434 1516.

RECONNECT

Reconnect is a free service that can provide wrap-around supports and course related financial assistance to disengaged, high needs learners. This service works with your strengths and your individual learning and non-learning goals to support you back into study or employment pathways.

To be eligible for the Reconnect program you must meet the eligibility requirements listed at **bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/reconnect**

With locations in Echuca, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Maryborough, Wedderburn and Macedon Ranges contact us on 1300 327 328 to find out how we can help you or go to **info.bendigotafe.edu.au/reconnectprogram**

EMPLOYMENT CENTRE

Our Employment Centre is specifically dedicated to helping you develop your employability skills. Our experts can help you with job search, one-on-one coaching and access to the weekly vacancy listing and other useful resources. Over 1,000 employers advertise jobs with the centre every year and we have a strong track record in successfully placing our students.

You can contact the centre on 1300 484 335 or email **employmentcentre@bendigotafe.edu.au**

SKILLS AND JOBS CENTRE

Our Skills and Jobs Centre is a free career service providing students and the wider community with advice on career planning, employment, education and training, and transferable skills, whilst assisting individuals to prepare for their future.

This is your first port-of-call when you are looking to enter the workforce, start training, re-skill, or for employers to meet their workforce needs.

To make an appointment or to find out more, visit **bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/skills-and-job-centre**

Call 1300 100 606
or email **skills&jobscentre@bendigotafe.edu.au**

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COUNSELLING

Bendigo TAFE Counselling Services provides free, confidential, short-term counselling to currently enrolled students. In-person, telephone and video consultations are available at all campuses.

Our counsellors are available to talk about any issues you may have – whether they are personal issues, mental health and wellbeing issues or study-related issues. You don't need to be in crisis or dealing with a serious problem to go to counselling.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email studentsupportservices@bendigotafe.edu.au

WELFARE

Student Welfare Support can assist you with budgeting skills, Centrelink advice and assistance, housing advice and referrals and accessing emergency relief for students experiencing financial stress. The team can also assist with applying for scholarships available to Bendigo TAFE students.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email welfare@bendigotafe.edu.au

YOUTH WORK

Our Youth Workers assist young people in a variety of ways including health and wellbeing, and acknowledges the social and cultural environments within which young people live. The key difference between Youth Workers and other support is that young people are their primary focus. The Youth Workers' primary role is to ensure young people feel supported in developing the skills they need to succeed while at Bendigo TAFE.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email studentsupportservices@bendigotafe.edu.au

DISABILITY SUPPORT

The Disability Liaison Officer (DLO) provides essential support and accommodations to students with disabilities or conditions that affect their ability to study or participate fully in student life. We recommend you schedule a meeting with the DLO at Bendigo TAFE at your earliest convenience. The DLO will assist in implementing suitable strategies for your participation and learning needs. They can also propose and discuss reasonable adjustments to provide the necessary support for successfully completing your studies.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email disabilityofficer@bendigotafe.edu.au



ELIGIBILITY & FEES

How much you pay is determined by the course you enrol in, the scheduled hours you commit to undertake, your eligibility for a government subsidised place and any concession entitlements you might be eligible for.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES

You may be eligible for government subsidised training if you meet the eligibility requirements.

ADDITIONAL FEES

In addition to the tuition fee you may be required to pay any applicable materials and consumables fees.

To find out more about government subsidies, concession or fees and charges refer to bendigotafe.edu.au/courses/fees or call 13 TAFE (13 8233).

FULL FEE

If you are not eligible for government subsidised training you will pay the full fee listed on the respective course page.

CONCESSION

You may be entitled to a concession on your tuition fees if you are in a government subsidised place and you meet the eligibility criteria.

If your tuition fee concession application is successful, your concession fee will be charged at 20% of the government subsidised tuition rate for your program.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in a government subsidised place will continue to be eligible to access concession at all program levels (including diploma, advanced diploma, vocational graduate certificate and vocational graduate diploma programs).

PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

Getting started on your journey after finishing school can be tough. With so many choices, expenses and paths to follow it can be a challenge to work out what's right for you.

TAFE is the perfect transition between school and university.

Your ATAR score is no barrier to further study because you can gain a Bendigo TAFE qualification and still go to university too.

Bendigo TAFE has formalised pathways with reputable universities.

To find out more about our pathways, visit bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/pathways-to-university

There are benefits to completing your studies at TAFE before you start university:

- Develop your knowledge with hands-on, industry specific learning.
- Work in your chosen field while studying.
- Start off in a supportive environment with small class sizes and one-on-one interaction with teachers.
- Gain credits towards the completion of your degree course which could reduce the duration.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLAN

Bendigo TAFE offers eligible students the option of paying their course fees over time by setting up either weekly or fortnightly instalment payments to cover their tuition, materials and consumables.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

At Bendigo TAFE, we believe in rewarding hard work and achievement. We offer a number of scholarships and grants to help pay for your course.

Find out more on what you can apply for at **bendigotafe.edu.au/scholarships**

VET STUDENT LOANS

A student loan scheme is available for eligible students and courses to assist in the payment of tuition fees whilst studying at TAFE. These are called VET Student Loans and are capped according to the course you are studying. These loans are income contingent and interest free and are repaid via the Australian Taxation Office when your income reaches a certain threshold. For 2023-2024 income year, the threshold is \$51,550. The loan will continue to be a debt to the government until it is repaid.

For further information visit **studyassist.gov.au**

You will still have to pay the materials and consumables fee (if studying a government subsidised course) and other non-tuition fees (if applicable) at the time of enrolment.

You must meet the eligibility criteria to access a VET Student Loan. For details and more information visit **bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/vet-student-loan**

APPRENTICESHIPS INCENTIVES PROGRAM

The Australian government has established the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program to encourage genuine opportunities for people to enter into skills based training through Australian Apprenticeships.

Apprentices may be eligible for a range of payments to assist them with the initial set up costs and completion of their apprenticeship.

For more information about the different incentives available to you, please refer to: **australianapprenticeships.gov.au** or your local Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider.



SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Our schools team provide schools with a single point of contact when dealing with us, to help you get the best value from our services.

Our resources and support for schools ensure that you and your students are well equipped with information about career paths and further study options.

The schools team can assist your school to create career pathways for your students through:

SCHOOL VISITS

We can visit your school and talk to your students about our training programs via a tailored presentation or at a careers expo.

CAMPUS TOURS

Our campus tours provide school groups with the opportunity to get a glimpse of campus life and an overview of what vocational and higher education is all about.

CAREER ADVISORS NEWSLETTER

Our regular newsletter for career advisors and practitioners will help you stay abreast of upcoming events, new and updated courses and other relevant information about our organisation.

FUTURE OPTIONS

Our Future Options events provide secondary school students with the opportunity to visit our facilities and gain an insight into vocational education through a series of interactive workshops.

COURSE GUIDE

We've designed our course guides as helpful reference tools for you and your students. They provide an overview of the wide range of courses we offer, study pathways and possible career outcomes.

CAREER ADVISORS SEMINAR

Our annual career advisors seminar offers a professional development opportunity for career advisors to learn more about courses offered at Bendigo TAFE. This event has a strong education and employment pathway focus with our Industry partners, current students and teaching staff actively participating to reinforce the value of undertaking a VET qualification at Bendigo TAFE. Find out more at bendigotafe.edu.au/for-schools



APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS

Apprenticeships and traineeships are customised training programs that are developed to meet evolving industry needs.

They are a great way to kick-start your career in a variety of industries and roles by combining your training and paid employment.

WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS?

If you are interested in working in a skilled trade such as building, hairdressing, automotive or electrical then an apprenticeship is for you. If you are interested in working in a vocational role such as office administration or information technology then a traineeship will get you started. All our apprenticeship and traineeship programs incorporate learning that takes place in the workplace to help you graduate with confidence, experience and be ready for the workforce with real skills.

APPRENTICESHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM

Apprenticeship Support Officers (ASOs) are located across Victoria and offer a free and confidential support and advice service to registered apprentices and employers. They're part of a Victorian Government initiative to keep more apprentices in jobs and help more people complete their training.

This means you can get help with the kind of workplace, training or personal issues that sometimes affect apprentices.

For further information, please check the following: **bendigotafe.edu.au/courses/apprenticeships-and-traineeships/Apprenticeship-Support-Officer-Program**

To contact a Bendigo TAFE ASO, email: **bendigoapprenticeshipsupportprogram@bendigotafe.edu.au**

For further information, please contact, 1300 311 820 or email: **apprenticeship.support@edumail.vic.gov.au**

WHY DO AN APPRENTICESHIP OR TRAINEESHIP?

There are many reasons to consider an apprenticeship or traineeship including:

- Start earning money while you study.
- Train on-the-job, on-campus or both.
- Develop knowledge and skills from expert teachers with extensive industry experience.
- Learn with the latest technology and tools in our well-equipped facilities.
- Graduate with a nationally recognised qualification.
- Access our Employment Centre after you graduate.

STEPS TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE

STEP 1 PREPARATION AND RESEARCH

Figure out what trade you are interested in, do research on job opportunities and write or update your resume.

You can also speak to one of our friendly Skills and Job representatives on: 1300 100 606 who can advise on job opportunities or vocational training.
bendigotafe.edu.au/skills-and-jobs

STEP 2 JOB HUNTING

Start applying for jobs through networking with people you know, online or via Jobactive providers.

You can register with our Employment Centre to receive our weekly vacancy list and access other useful resources.

1300 484 335
bendigotafe.edu.au/employment-centre

STEP 3 SIGN UP

Once you've found an employer, you both must contact an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN). Select Bendigo TAFE as your preferred training provider to get started. If you are eligible for a Health Care Card, make sure you apply for one prior to enrolling so you are eligible for concession fees.

FOR APPRENTICES

Group Training Organisations (GTOs)

GTOs partner with a range of businesses and offer you expert advice and assistance to find you the right apprenticeship. GTOs can place you with the right business and also monitor your progress and support you as you need it. Find out more at **naen.com.au**

Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN)

AASNs are contracted by the Government to support and facilitate the apprenticeship process for employers and individuals. AASNs can also help you with the recruitment process and provide mentoring and career advice. Visit **australianapprenticeships.gov.au** for more information or call them on 13 38 73.

Pre-apprenticeships

A pre-apprenticeship with Bendigo TAFE can get you in the fast lane and give you the skills and confidence to start your apprenticeship. Whether you are currently doing your VCE VM, VPC or you've left school early, a pre-apprenticeship also combines literacy and numeracy skills units to give you extra support to get employed and into an apprenticeship.

FOR EMPLOYERS

Workplace delivery

To help your business grow, we work closely with you and your apprentices to develop training plans and deliver high quality training to improve staff satisfaction and productivity in your business.

Your apprentices learn the latest and most relevant skills from industry experts with extensive experience.

Why send your apprentice to us?

We know that a successful business is built on delivering exceptional levels of service to create lasting relationships with your clients.



OUR CAMPUSES

BENDIGO CITY

154 Hargreaves Street

Study areas: Business, Hospitality, IT, Hair and Beauty, Health, Community, Foundations, Art and Design, English, VCE VM and VPC.

Bendigo TAFE's City campus has undergone a major revitalisation as a result of a \$60 million investment by the Victorian Government. With a mix of new and refurbished heritage buildings, our modern campus provides the latest equipment and audio visual, with formal and informal teaching and collaborative learning spaces throughout. Joining our state-of-the art Health and Community Centre of Excellence, is our new hairdressing and beauty salon, which is open to the public, equipped with the latest equipment to train on clients in real-world situations; as well as our new hospitality training building that includes industrial sized commercial kitchens, retail baking equipment and barista training areas.

We are located close to public transport, including regular train access to Melbourne.



BENDIGO, CHARLESTON ROAD

62-104 Charleston Road

Study areas: Trades, Automotive, Animals, Plants and Sciences.

Bendigo TAFE's Charleston Road campus is home to our trades facilities, including carpentry, plumbing, automotive and electrical. The Food and Fibre Centre of Excellence is home to purpose built agriculture, animal studies, horticulture and farming training centres.

Nestled amongst a natural bushland setting, the campus boasts its own student amenities area and cafe. Vast parking makes this campus accessible to anyone driving, as well as being only a 20 minute walk from the Bendigo Railway station for people travelling to and from metropolitan and regional areas.





ECHUCA

Corner of Hare and Darling streets

Study areas: English Language, Indigenous and General Education, Community Services, Health, Trades and VCE VM or VPC.

Bendigo TAFE's Echuca campus is a modern facility in Hare Street and is the hub of community based industry partnerships and activities, aimed at providing a skilled workforce for the local community.

CASTLEMAINE

65 Templeton Street

Bendigo TAFE's Castlemaine campus contains modern learning facilities and services the Mount Alexander Shire and its surrounds.

Being one of Bendigo TAFE's smaller campuses, we can offer friendly and personal service to our diverse student population – whether young or mature age students or to our many industry clients.

INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

We work with some of the best industry brands to give our students access to practical work placements, the latest industry tools and real skills.

AUTOMOTIVE CONNECTIONS



HEALTH & COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



HAIR, BARBERING, BEAUTY & CREATIVE CONNECTIONS



BUSINESS, ACCOUNTING & IT CONNECTION



ANIMALS, PLANTS & SCIENCES CONNECTIONS



TRADES CONNECTIONS

