

ON TRACK 2017 SURVEY RESULTS



DESTINATION OF STUDENTS WHO EXITED SCHOOL
IN 2016

Mount Alexander (S)



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About On Track

On Track is a large-scale survey designed to monitor the destination outcomes of Year 12 or equivalent completers and early school leavers six months after leaving school. This information provides insights into post-school destinations and pathways, and highlights the diversity of pathways young people pursue after leaving secondary school. The On Track survey involves students from all Victorian school sectors.

Data obtained through the On Track survey is used to publish post school education, training and employment destinations. Those not studying or in part-time work are offered career pathway advice and assistance via a referral service.

This report provides local level information on the post-school education, training and employment destinations of students who attended schools in this LGA to support post compulsory education planning and to assist with youth support services. The report draws on data obtained through the 2017 On Track survey.

Some data presented has not been released due to the small numbers of respondents. These data will either be presented as "np" (not published) or appear blank (in figures and charts) where the number of respondents are less than 5.

Other On Track Reports

In addition to LGA reports, the following reports are produced annually from the On Track survey:

Statewide report

The On Track statewide snapshot provides a comprehensive analysis of destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers and early school leavers across Victoria, six months after they leave school.

School reports

On Track destination data is provided to schools to assist in the development of curriculum options and careers advice for students, to assist them in achieving their post-school education and employment goals.

On Track destination data of school leavers for each Victorian school are available for download in the Victorian Assessment Software System (VASS).

The On Track statewide snapshot and LGA reports are available to the public on the On Track website: www.education.vic.gov.au/ontrack

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1. On Track survey response rates

Consent to participate in the On Track survey is required to enable the Department to contact school leavers. Consent is sought via a question on the students' Victorian Curriculum Assessment and Authority (VCAA) enrolment form completed when a student enrolls in a senior secondary unit.

Students who consent to participate in the survey are contacted six months after leaving school. Participation in the survey is voluntary and school leavers may opt-out of completing the survey when contacted.

1.1 Participation of Year 12 or equivalent completers in the 2017 On Track survey

Year 12 or equivalent completers are defined as those who completed a Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL, Senior or Intermediate). The sample includes those who completed such qualifications in schools, or in TAFE institutions or Adult and Community Education providers.

Table 1: 2017 On Track participation, Year 12 or equivalent completers in Mount Alexander (S) who exited school in 2016

On Track participation	Year 12 or equivalent completers		
	Males	Females	All Total
School leavers in cohort	49	32	81
Consented to participate	41	28	69
Responded to survey	29	22	51
Participation rate (per cent)	59.2	68.8	63.0

Note: Participation rate = On Track respondents as a proportion of school leavers in cohort

1.2 Participation of early school leavers in the 2017 On Track survey

For On Track, early school leavers are defined as students who had registered their details with the VCAA by enrolling in an IB program or a VCE or VCAL unit, and who left school without completing one of the following certificates: VCE; IB; VCAL Senior or VCAL Intermediate. In general, early school leavers had been in Year 10, 11 or 12 when they left school. As such the sample does not represent all early leavers from Victorian schools.

Findings based on the early school leavers' data should be treated with caution due to the relatively low participation rate.

Table 2: 2017 On Track participation, early school leavers in Mount Alexander (S) who exited school in 2016

On Track participation	Early school leavers		
	Males	Females	All Total
School leavers in cohort	22	10	32
Consented to participate	9	8	17
Responded to survey	4	4	8
Participation rate (per cent)	18.2	40.0	25.0

Notes:

Participation rate = On Track respondents as a proportion of school leavers in cohort

* The early school leaver response rate is affected by a number of factors:

- Early school leavers who had not attended school in 2016 or had returned to school in 2017 were scoped out of the survey but were included in the cohort file.
- A proportion of early school leavers could not be contacted or had unusable or incorrect contact information.

2. Destinations of 2016 Year 12 or equivalent completers: Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria

Table 3: Destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers who exited school in 2016, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria

Post-school destination	Mount Alexander (S)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
In Education or Training	21	41.2	21071	74.8
Bachelor degree	12	23.5	15156	53.8
Certificates/diplomas	6	11.8	3643	12.9
Certificate I-III	np	np	566	2.0
Certificate IV or higher	np	np	3077	10.9
Apprenticeship/traineeship	np	np	2272	8.1
Apprenticeship	np	np	1603	5.7
Traineeship	np	np	669	2.4
Not in Education or Training	30	58.8	7073	25.1
Employed	23	45.1	5497	19.5
Employed full-time	8	15.7	1853	6.6
Employed part-time	15	29.4	3644	12.9
Looking for work	7	13.7	1297	4.6
NILFET			279	1.0
Unknown			18	0.1
Total respondents	51	100.0	28162	100.0

Note: NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

Table 4: Destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers six months after leaving school, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2013 to 2017

Post-school destination	Mount Alexander (S)					Victoria				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Bachelor degree	27.3	35.7	20.6	19.2	23.5	53.2	54.3	53.2	54.2	53.8
Certificates/diplomas	np	14.3	7.4	15.4	11.8	15.8	16.1	16.3	14.6	12.9
Apprenticeship/traineeship	14.5	np	8.8	np	np	7.1	7.0	7.5	8.1	8.1
Employed	43.6	28.6	51.5	48.1	45.1	17.9	16.7	17.0	17.7	19.5
Looking for work	10.9	16.1	10.3	9.6	13.7	4.8	5.1	4.9	4.5	4.6
NILFET			np			1.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0
Unknown						0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1

Note: NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

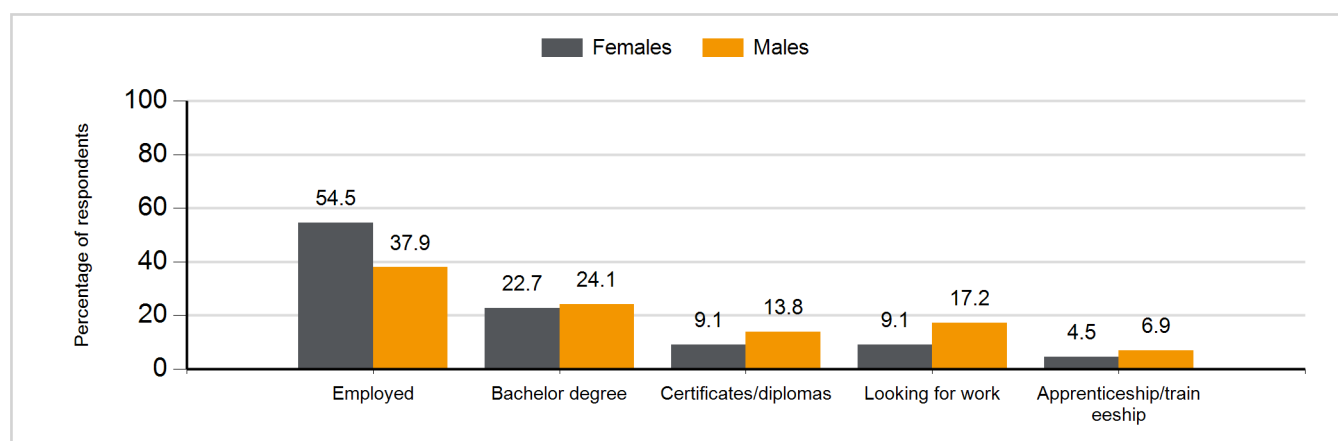
2. Destinations of 2016 Year 12 or equivalent completers: Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria

Table 5: Post-school destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers in Mount Alexander (S), by certificate and study strand completed in 2016

Post-school destination	Study strand completed			
	VCAL	VCE non-VET	VCE VET	IB
Bachelor degree		33.3	21.4	
Certificates/diplomas	np	np	np	
Apprenticeship/traineeship			np	
Employed	np	44.4	50.0	
Looking for work	np	np	np	
NILFET				
Unknown				
Total respondents	100.0	100.0	100.0	

Note: NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

Figure 1: Post school destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers in Mount Alexander (S), by gender, 2017



Note: NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

Table 6: Post-school destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers in Mount Alexander (S), by SES in 2016

Post-school destination	SES quartile of student residence			
	Lowest	Low - Medium	Medium	High
Bachelor degree	27.3	26.3	np	
Certificates/diplomas	np	np	np	
Apprenticeship/traineeship	np	np		
Employed	45.5	42.1	np	np
Looking for work	np	np	np	
NILFET				
Unknown				
Total respondents	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

2. Destinations of 2016 Year 12 or equivalent completers: Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria

Table 7: School destination results of Year 12 or equivalent completers, On Track survey data 2017, Mount Alexander (S), by school

School Name	Year 12 or equiv. completers	Respondents	In Education and Training - 2017			Not in Education and Training - 2017
			Bachelor enrolled	Tafe/Vet Enrolled	Apprentice / Trainee	Total not in Education and Training
	Number	Number	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Castlemaine Secondary College (01450)	81	51	23.5	11.8	np	58.8
Total	81	51				

Note:

(1) School that did not meet the following publication rules were not published in the table above:

- Schools with less than 10 Year 12 completers or less than 10 survey respondents.
- Schools with less than 50% consent rate, less than 50% response rate or less than 20% of the Year 12 cohort participating in the survey.

(2) This table presents the count of Year 12 or equivalent completers who attended a school located within Mount Alexander (S). Students who reside in Mount Alexander (S) but attended a school outside Mount Alexander (S) are not included in this table.

(3) Not in Education and Training include Deferred, Employed, Looking for work and NILFET
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2.1 Year 12 or equivalent completers in campus-based tertiary study

Campus-based tertiary education leads to the award of a certificate (level I through IV), diploma, advanced diploma, associate degree or bachelor degree. Study may be undertaken at a university, a TAFE institution or a private provider.

Table 8: Institution of study of Year 12 or equivalent completers who attended a school in Mount Alexander (S) and were in campus-based tertiary study in 2017

Institution of study	Year 12 or equivalent completers	
	Number	Per cent
University		
La Trobe University	5	31.3
Melbourne University	np	np
Monash University	np	np
Swinburne University	np	np
Victoria University	np	np
Interstate Universities	np	np
TAFE / VET		
Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE	np	np
RMIT (TAFE Division)	np	np
Victoria University (TAFE Division)	np	np
William Angliss Institute of TAFE	np	np
Total respondents in campus-based study	16	100.0

2.1 Year 12 or equivalent completers in campus-based tertiary study

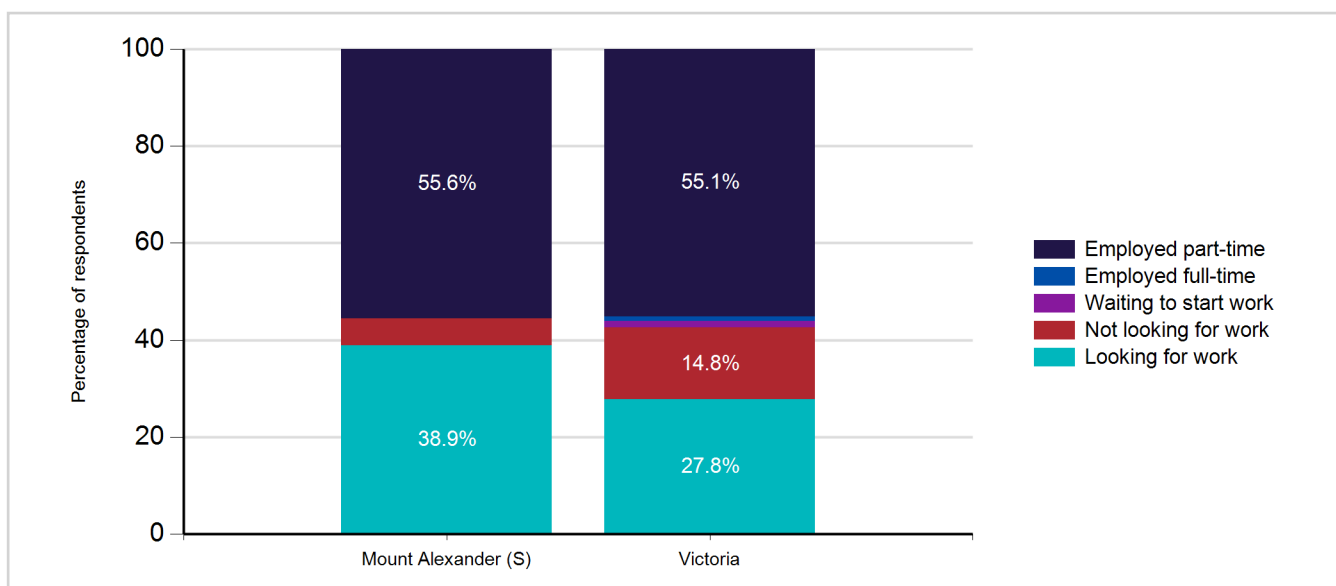
Table 9: Main field of study of Year 12 or equivalent completers in campus-based study, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria 2017

Main field of study	Mount Alexander (S)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Agriculture, Environmental and Related studies			276	1.5
Architecture and Building			519	2.8
Creative Arts	np	np	2451	13.1
Education	np	np	1199	6.4
Engineering and Related Technologies	5	27.8	1361	7.2
Food, Hospitality & Personal Services	np	np	249	1.3
General degree			np	np
Health	np	np	3435	18.3
Information Technology	np	np	823	4.4
Management and Commerce	np	np	3159	16.8
Mixed Field Programmes			57	0.3
Natural and Physical Sciences	np	np	2424	12.9
Other			39	0.2
Society and Culture	np	np	2785	14.8
Total respondents in campus-based study	18	100.0	18,780	100.0

Note:

Year 12 or equivalent completers who deferred a place in a tertiary-level program were allocated to their destination at the time of the survey and are not included in the data presented.

Figure 2: Labour force status of Year 12 or equivalent completers in campus-based tertiary study, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2017



Note:

Year 12 or equivalent completers who deferred a place in a tertiary-level program were allocated to their destination at the time of the survey and are not included in the data presented.

2.2 Year 12 or equivalent completers in apprenticeships and traineeships

Figure 3: Proportion of Year 12 or equivalent completers in an apprenticeship or traineeship, by gender, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2017

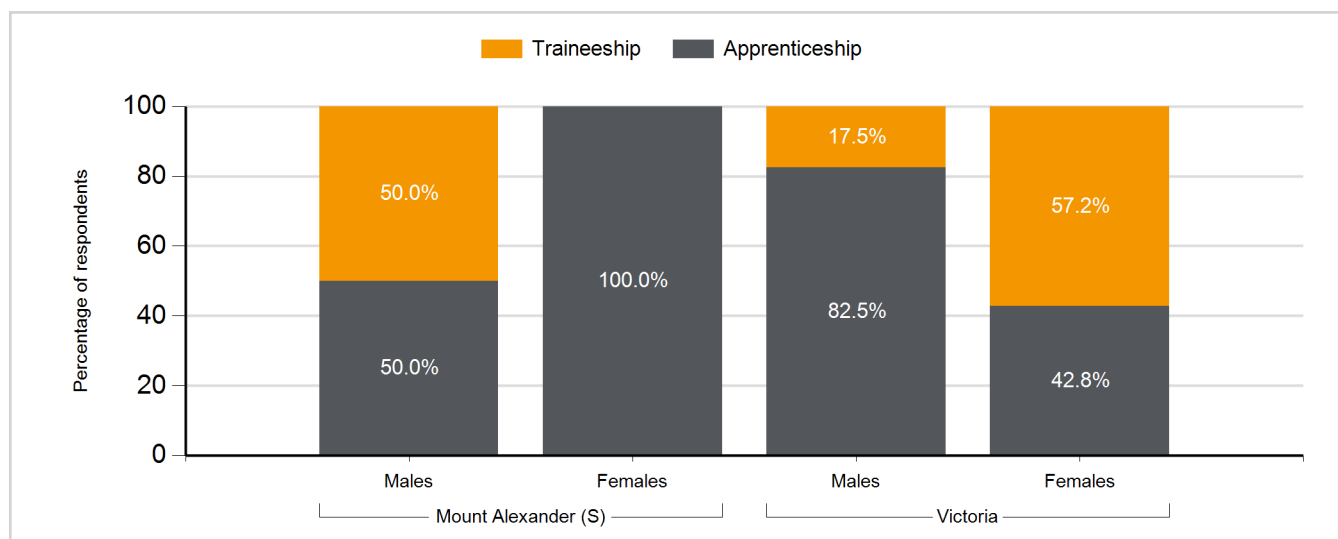


Table 10: Occupation groups of Year 12 or equivalent completers in an apprenticeship or traineeship, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria 2017

Occupation group	Mount Alexander (S)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Accounting, Finance & Management			44	2.0
Building & Construction	np	np	583	25.9
Cleaning			11	0.5
Clerks, Receptionists & Secretaries			99	4.4
Computing & IT			25	1.1
Drivers & Transport			7	0.3
Electrical & Electronics Trades	np	np	272	12.1
Engineering, Science & the Environment			35	1.6
Food, Hospitality & Tourism	np	np	237	10.5
Gardening, Farming & Fishing			68	3.0
Government & Defence			21	0.9
Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty			184	8.2
Labourers, Factory & Machine Workers			68	3.0
Marketing & Sales Representatives			17	0.8
Media, the Arts & Printing			25	1.1
Metal & Engineering Trades			36	1.6
Motor Vehicle Service & Repair			202	9.0
Other			54	2.4
Sales Assistants & Storepersons			95	4.2
Social, Welfare & Security			22	1.0
Teaching, Childcare & Library			142	6.3
Total - all occupation groups	3	100.0	2,247	100.0

2.3 Year 12 or equivalent completers not continuing in education or training

Table 11: Reasons for not continuing study: Year 12 or equivalent completers in Mount Alexander (S) not in education or training at the time of the survey, 2013 to 2017

Survey Year	You wanted to start working / earning your own money	You just needed a break from study	You never planned or intended to study	The courses you were interested in were not available locally
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
2013	92.3	61.5	46.2	7.7
2014	78.9	84.2	15.8	21.1
2015	91.3	56.5	26.1	8.7
2016	91.7	66.7	16.7	8.3
2017	88.2	76.5	23.5	17.6

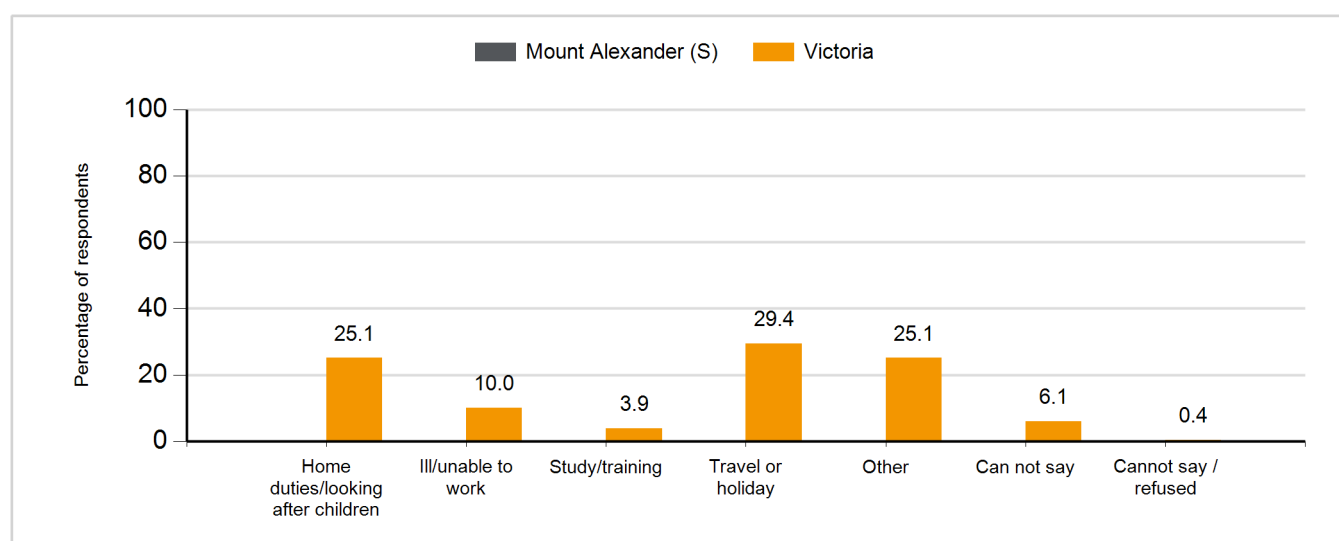
Note:

Respondents may have agreed to more than one statement.

Table 12: Likelihood of study in the next two years that would lead to a qualification, reported by Year 12 or equivalent completers not in education or training in, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria 2017

Likelihood of future study	Mount Alexander (S)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Extremely likely	9	52.9	1658	41.6
Somewhat likely	5	29.4	1633	41.0
Not very likely	np	np	381	9.6
Not at all likely	np	np	176	4.4
Can not say			129	3.2
Cannot say / refused			9	0.2
Total	17	100.0	3,986	100.0

Figure 4: Main activity reported by Year 12 or equivalent completers Not in the Labour Force, Education or Training (NILFET), Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2017



2.4 Year 12 or equivalent completers who deferred tertiary study

Deferred students are those who had been offered a place at university, TAFE or other tertiary institution, but had chosen to defer taking up the offer.

Figure 5: Proportion of Year 12 or equivalent completers who deferred tertiary study in Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2013 to 2017

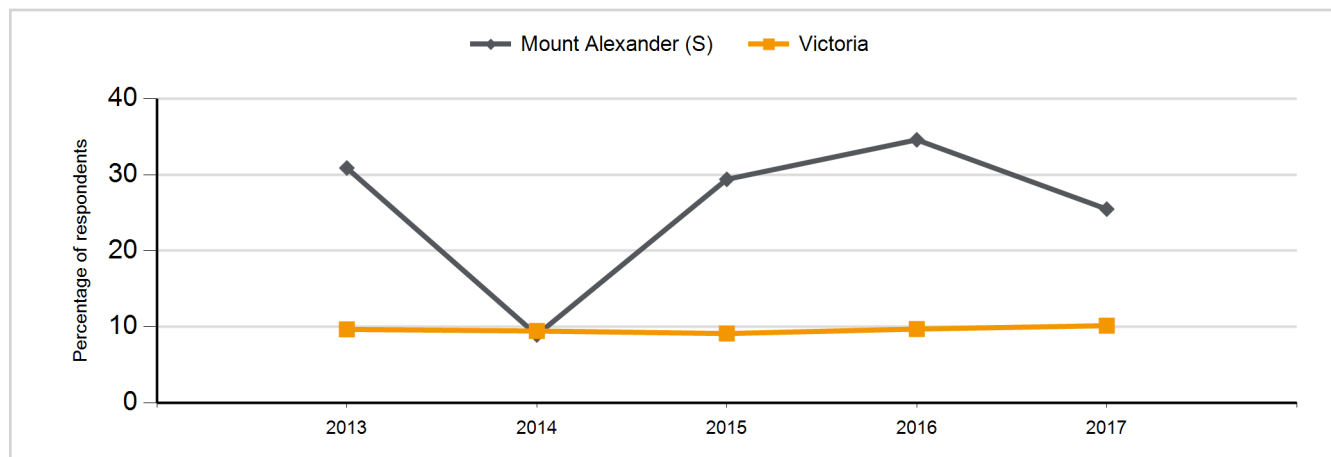
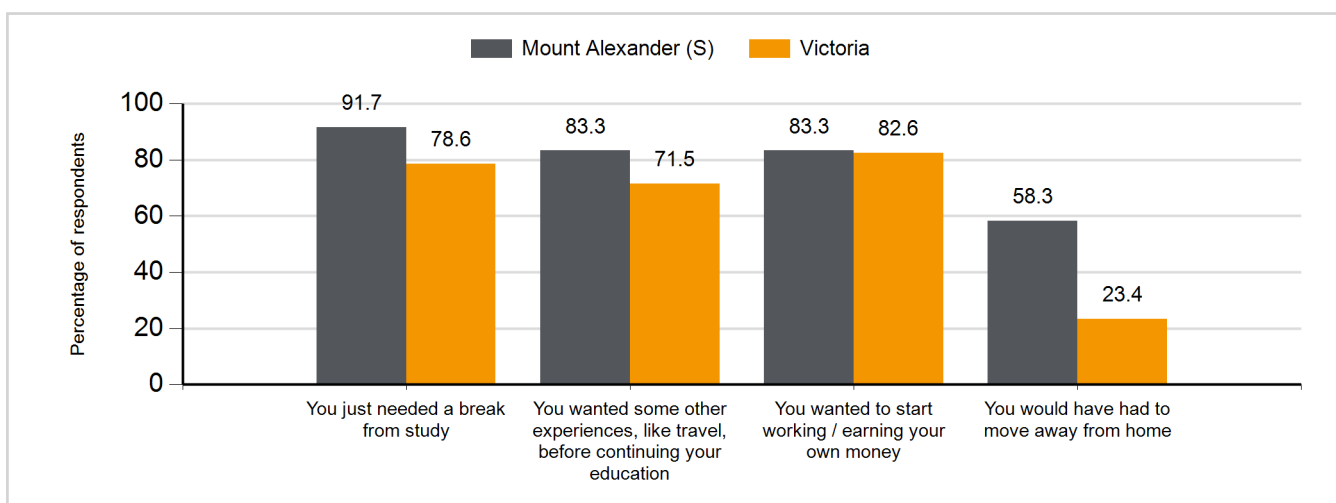


Figure 6: Reasons provided by Year 12 or equivalent completers for deferring tertiary study, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2017



Note: Respondents may have agreed to more than one statement.

Table 13: Destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers who deferred tertiary study, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2015 to 2017

Post-school destination of deferred students	Mount Alexander (S)			Victoria		
	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Employed full-time	10.0	22.2	30.8	26.4	28.3	28.3
Employed part-time	75.0	66.7	61.5	54.0	55.0	54.9
Looking for work	15.0	11.1	7.7	14.1	12.4	12.3
NILFET				5.3	4.1	4.2
Unknown				0.1	0.1	0.3
Total respondents	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.00	100.00	100.00

Note: NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

2.5 Year 12 or equivalent completers who were employed

Table 14: Top 10 occupations in Victoria of Year 12 or equivalent completers who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria 2017

Occupation	Mount Alexander (S)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Waiters	7	33.3	759	14.4
Sales Assistants	np	np	609	11.5
Checkout Operators & Cashiers			462	8.7
Storepersons			314	5.9
Kitchenhands	np	np	296	5.6
Counter Hands at Food Outlets			246	4.7
Factory Workers & Packers	np	np	227	4.3
Bar Attendants			160	3.0
Sport & Fitness	np	np	142	2.7
Teachers, Tutors & Teacher Aides			141	2.7
All other occupations	8	38.1	1,927	36.5
Total respondents	21	100.0	5,283	100.0

Table 15: Average hours worked per week, Year 12 or equivalent completers who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria 2017

Average hours worked per week	Mount Alexander (S)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Less than 5 hours	np	np	80	1.6
5 - 9 hours			288	5.6
10 - 14 hours	np	np	459	9.0
15 - 19 hours	np	np	532	10.4
20 - 24 hours	np	np	705	13.8
25 - 29 hours	np	np	596	11.7
30 - 34 hours	np	np	653	12.8
35 - 39 hours	5	25.0	756	14.8
40 - 44 hours	np	np	637	12.5
45 - 49 hours			178	3.5
Greater than or equal to 50 hours	np	np	230	4.5
Total respondents	20	100.0	5,114	100.0

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Table 16: Preference to be working full-time, Year 12 or equivalent completers who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria 2017

Prefer to be working full-time	Mount Alexander (S)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Yes	5	38.5	2,014	59.4
No	8	61.5	1,156	34.1
Can not say			220	6.5
Cannot say				
Total respondents	13	100.0	3,390	100.0

Note: Part-time employment = less than 35 hours per week

3. Post-school destinations of early school leavers

Table 17: Post-school destinations of early school leavers who exited school in 2016, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria

Post-school destination	Mount Alexander (S)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
In Education or Training	np	np	1,213	51.2
Bachelor degree			18	0.8
Certificates/diplomas	np	np	447	18.9
Certificate I-III	np	np	261	11.0
Certificate IV or higher			186	7.9
Apprenticeship/traineeship			748	31.6
Apprenticeship			640	27.0
Traineeship			108	4.6
Not in Education or Training	6	75.0	1,146	48.4
Employed	np	np	612	25.8
Employed full-time	np	np	224	9.5
Employed part-time	np	np	388	16.4
Looking for work	np	np	396	16.7
NILFET			138	5.8
Unknown			10	0.4
Total respondents	8	100.0	2,369	100.0

Note: NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training

Table 18: Post-school destinations of early school leavers in Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2013 to 2017

Post-school destination	Mount Alexander (S)					Victoria				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Bachelor degree						0.9	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.8
Certificates/diplomas		np	np		np	23.2	28.1	25.8	23.6	18.9
Apprenticeship/traineeship	66.7	np	np	np		27.5	25.1	28.2	29.6	31.6
Employed	np	np	66.7		np	24.8	23.9	23.7	24.0	25.8
Looking for work				np	np	17.4	16.9	15.6	15.9	16.7
NILFET				np		6.0	5.1	5.5	5.9	5.8
Unknown						0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4

Note: NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training. The percentage of early school leavers by post-school destination is sensitive to changes in respondent numbers and fluctuates year to year due to the small sample size in each cohort.

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Figure 7: Reasons given by early school leavers in Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria for leaving school, 2017

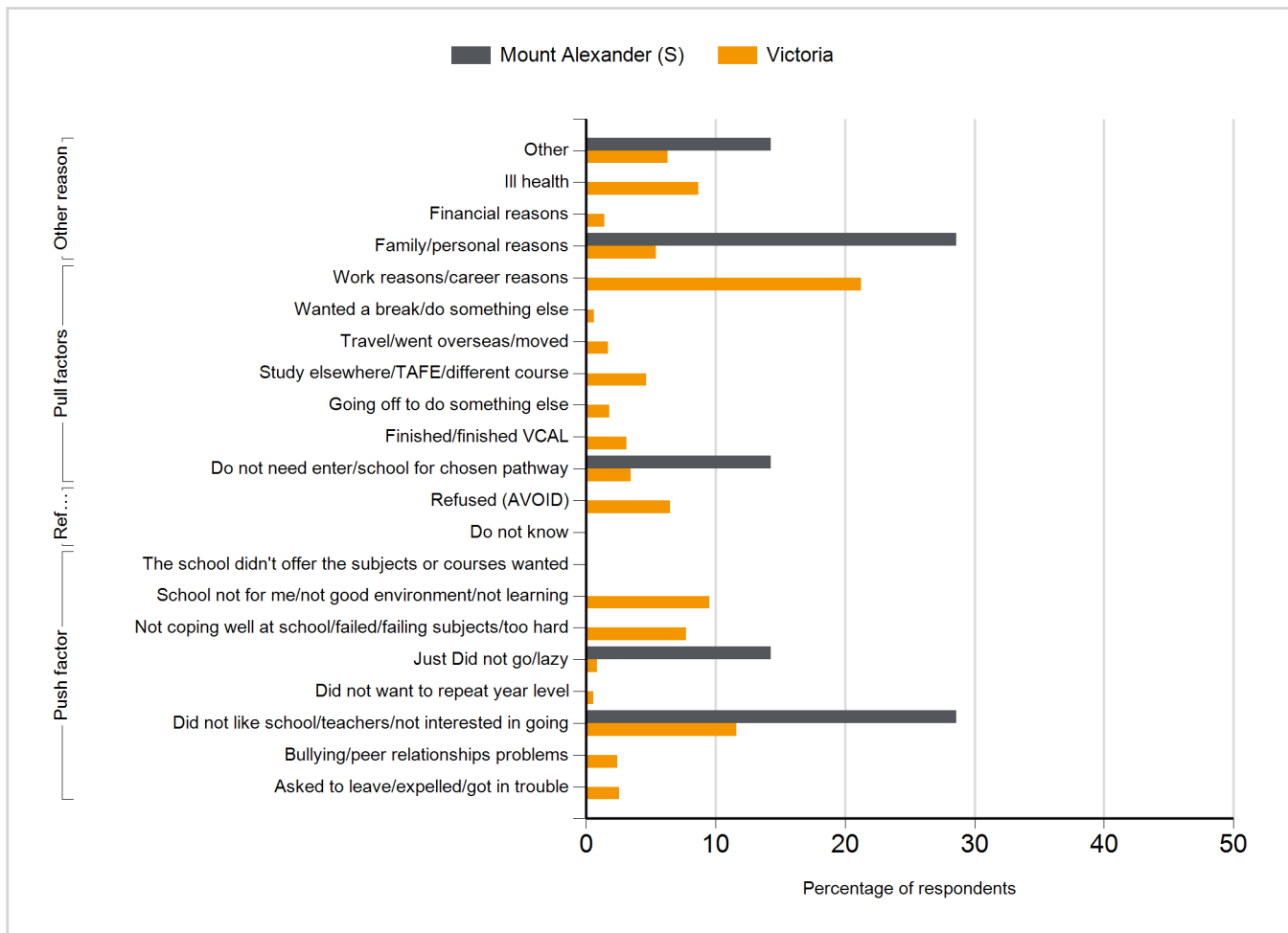


Table 19: Factors that would have motivated early school leavers to stay in school, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2013 to 2017

Motivation factors for staying in schools		The school had a wider range of subjects	There were vocational programs or VET subjects in areas that interested you	There was more flexible scheduling of classes	You could have studied part-time while working
		Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Mount Alexander (S)	2013	55.6	44.4	55.6	44.4
	2014	60.0	60.0	40.0	40.0
	2015	66.7	66.7	66.7	55.6
	2016	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
	2017	57.1	57.1	42.9	57.1
Victoria	2013	49.7	49.4	48.7	55.4
	2014	48.6	47.6	48.4	52.3
	2015	47.5	47.9	46.8	50.5
	2016	48.5	46.2	47.9	50.6
	2017	47.4	45.6	47.0	49.5

Note: Respondents may have agreed to more than one statement.

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Figure 8: Year level studying when left school, early school leavers in Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2013 to 2017

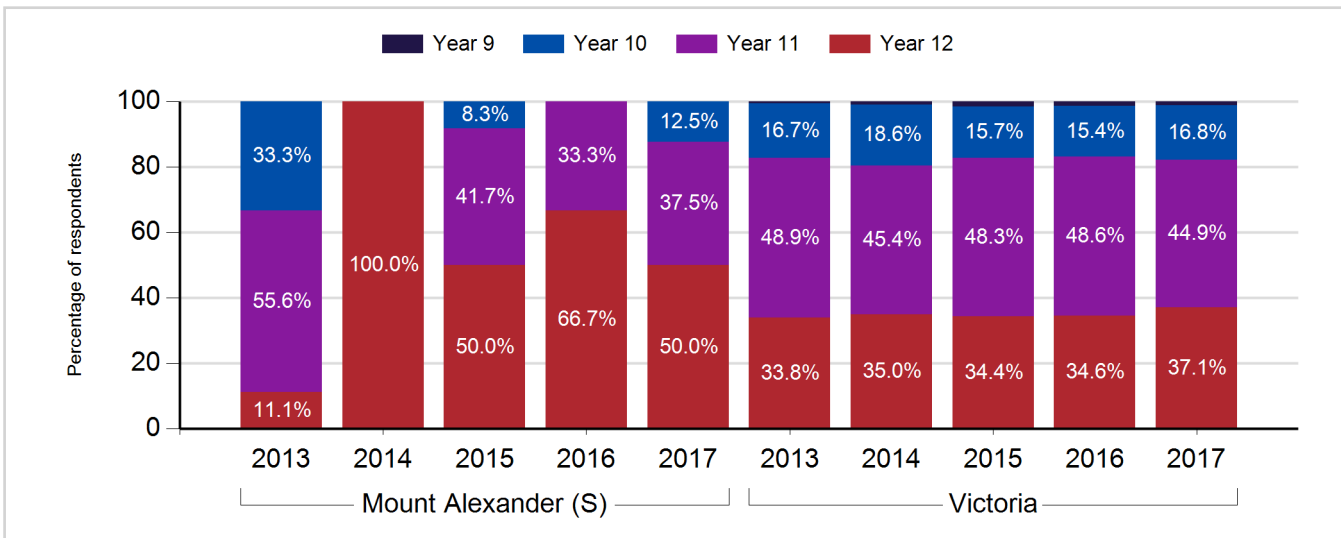


Figure 9: Reasons for not continuing education or training: early school leavers in Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2017

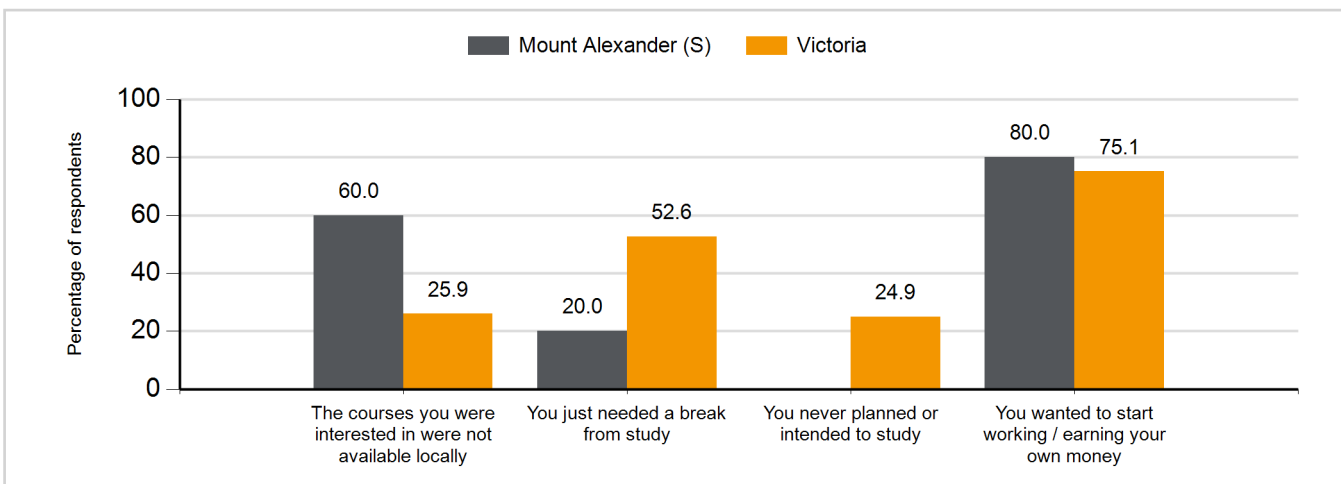


Table 20: Top 5 occupations in Victoria of early school leavers not in education or training who were employed at the time of the On Track survey, Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria 2017

Occupation group	Mount Alexander (S)		Victoria	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Sales Assistants			71	12.5
Checkout Operators & Cashiers			56	9.9
Kitchenhands			51	9.0
Waiters	np	np	51	9.0
Factory Workers & Packers	np	np	21	3.7
All other occupations	np	np	318	56.0
Total working and not in education or training	np	np	568	100.0

4. Career advice activities participated in while at school

Figure 10: Career advice activities participated in while at school, by school leavers in Mount Alexander (S), 2017

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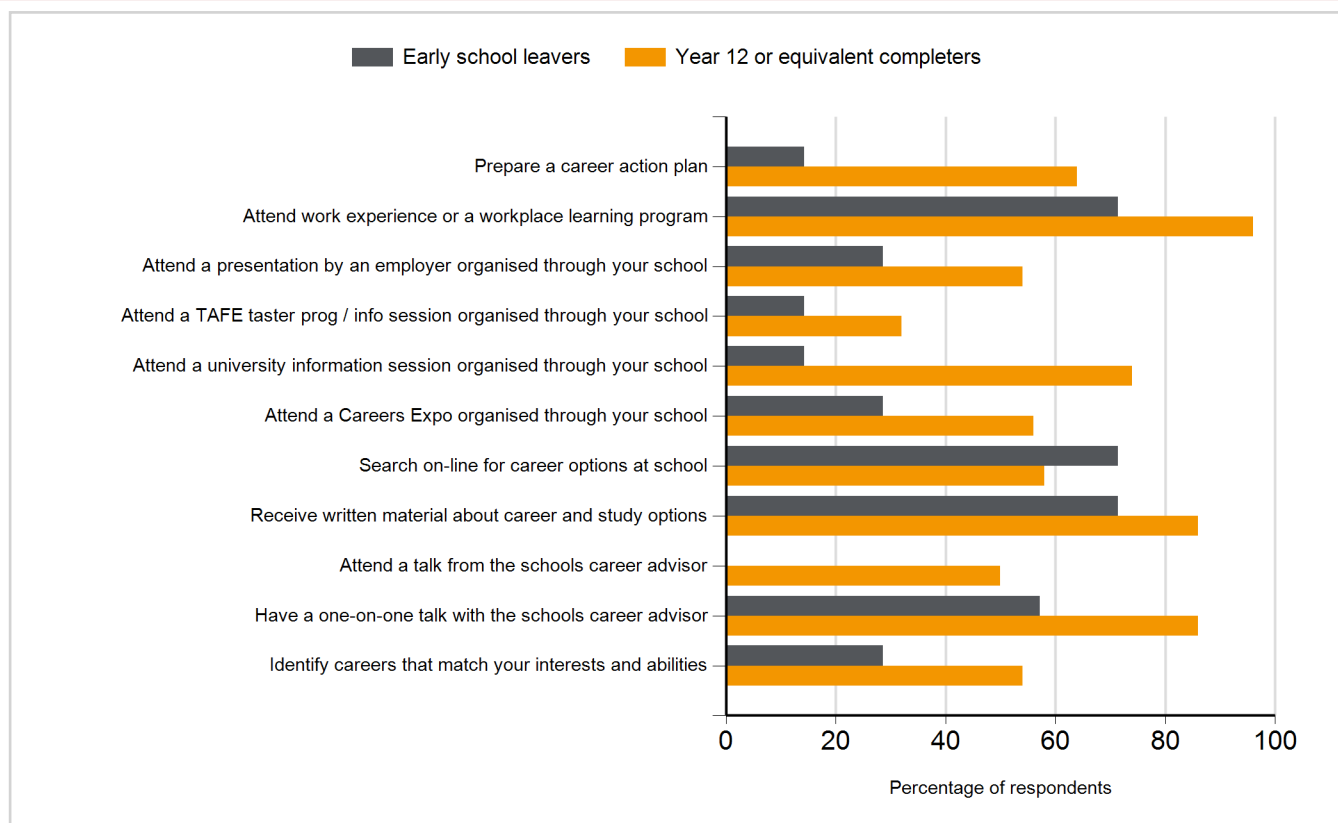


Table 21: Perceived usefulness of career advice received while at school, school leavers in Mount Alexander (S) and Victoria, 2017

Perceived usefulness of career advice received	Mount Alexander (S)		Victoria	
	Year 12 or equivalent completers	Early school leavers	Year 12 or equivalent completers	Early school leavers
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Very useful	18.0	np	28.0	19.3
Somewhat useful	52.0	np	50.8	41.6
Not very useful	14.0	np	14.2	20.8
Not at all useful	12.0	np	5.8	14.1
Can not say	np		1.0	2.6
Did not receive any advice / Cannot say			0.1	1.6
Total respondents (Number)	50	7	27,651	2,257

Table 22: Follow-up action taken on career action plans by early school leavers in Mount Alexander (S), 2017

Career action plan follow-up	Year 12 or equivalent completers		Early school leavers	
	Number	Per cent	Number	Per cent
Total respondents	50	100.0	7	100.0
Prepared a career action plan while at school	32	64.0	np	np
(Of those who prepared a plan) - Had a copy of this plan when they left school	9	28.1		
(Of those that had a copy of their plan when they left school) - Followed up on actions in their plan	5	55.6		