



2017  
**VICTORIAN  
TRAINING AWARDS**



Education  
and Training

## *Real Training for Real Jobs*

### **DANIEL FISHER**

**FINALIST – 2017 SCHOOL-BASED  
APPRENTICE/TRAINEE OF THE YEAR**

School-based traineeship helps Daniel change direction

Daniel Fisher, 17, is a case study in the power of Vocational Education Training (VET) to help school students find their passion and pathway into a career.

In Daniel's case – the School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeship program (SBAT) – led the Year 12 Assumption College Kilmore student, from thinking he wanted to be an electrician to discovering his passion for a career as a primary school teacher.

"I am forever telling people about the outstanding benefits of doing a SBAT. They're impressed how I have been able to try so many things while still at school," he says.

"Most say they thought VET and SBAT were only for students doing VCAL, and are not aware how these programs give credit to VCE."

***"Incorporating a SBAT as part of my VCE this year has allowed me to make an informed decision on my future goal to become a primary school teacher."***



When he was in Year 10, Daniel enrolled in VET electrotechnology, which while enjoyable, helped him decide being an electrician wasn't for him. In Year 11 a VET Acting (Screen) subject increased his communication skills and self-confidence, and people started telling him he'd make a great teacher.

The seed was planted, and Daniel completed a week's work experience at Sacred Heart Primary School in Yea, where he discovered teaching was definitely for him. He applied for a SBAT Certificate III in Education Support – through Goulburn Oven Institute of TAFE. After Year 12 he intends to study Bachelor of Education (Primary).

#### **School-based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year**

The School-based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year Award is presented to a student who is undertaking a Certificate II or above qualification as a part-time Victorian school-based apprentice or trainee. The Award recognises the student's commitment to their formal studies at school, and in the workplace.

*Recognise and honour outstanding achievements in training*



## ABOUT THE VICTORIAN TRAINING AWARDS

Each year, the prestigious Victorian Training Awards recognise and honour the outstanding achievements of vocational education and training students, teachers, training providers and employers.

The Awards celebrate excellence in the training and TAFE system, highlight student achievements and the businesses' who train them. Showcases innovation and collaboration between industry and training providers - continuing to put Victoria's top achievers in the spotlight.

Through *Skills First*, the Victorian Government is delivering a trusted training and TAFE system that delivers real training for real jobs. The Awards bring confidence and pride to vocational education and training.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### Individual Categories

- Vocational Student of the Year
- Apprentice of the Year
- Trainee of the Year
- Koorie Student of the Year
- School-based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year
- Teacher/Trainer of the Year

### Training Provider Categories

- Small Training Provider of the Year
- Large Training Provider of the Year
- Community Training Provider of the Year

### Employer Categories

- Small Employer of the Year
- Medium Employer of the Year
- Large Employer of the Year
- Employer Award for Apprenticeship Development

### Industry Collaboration Award

### Lynne Kosky Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement

## Australian Training Awards

There are five Australian Training Awards categories open for direct entry:

- National Achievement Award
- Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award
- International Training Provider of the Year Award
- School Pathways to VET Award
- Australian Apprenticeships - Employer Award

## WHY APPLY?

The Awards set the standards for vocational education and training in Victoria; promoting high quality training and workplace skill development.

Being a finalist puts organisations at the forefront, building brand recognition and a strong industry reputation. In turn attracting a better standard of employees.

Students have the opportunity to showcase skills and their journey within the training and TAFE system. Plus students have the chance to network with industry experts and employers from across the state to help build their careers.

Award winners receive \$5,000 prize money.

Winners go on to be ambassadors for the Victorian Training Awards and have the opportunity to represent Victoria nationally at the Australian Training Awards (in aligned categories).

For more information visit Victorian Training Awards [www.education.vic.gov.au/vta](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/vta)

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