



2017
**VICTORIAN
TRAINING AWARDS**



Real Training for Real Jobs

GRACE JAMIESON

FINALIST - 2017 APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

Grace's road from law student to auto apprentice

While studying a Bachelor of Law/Commerce at Deakin University, Grace Jamieson realised what she really wanted to be was a mechanic.

However, before Grace made the move from university student to apprentice, she thought it wise to taste what a career as a mechanic would be like, and enrolled in a pre-apprenticeship course (Certificate II in Automotive Studies (Mechanical) at Bendigo Kangan Institute (BKI). She believed the course would also increase her chances of an apprenticeship offer.

Her instincts to be a mechanic turned out to be reality. She was successful in securing an apprenticeship at South Yarra BMW and they allowed her to nominate the TAFE she wished to attend. "I chose BKI again because I had such a great experience there and the facilities at the Automotive Centre of Excellence had been recently upgraded and were world class," she says.

After completing a Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology, Grace, who was named 2016 BMW Apprentice of the Year, was offered a Service Technician position at Tesla.

"Now that I have completed my apprenticeship I am interested in enrolling in further education at TAFE, in particular Certificate IV in Training and Assessment so I can further my skills in mentoring and get a head start in finding opportunities to progress to an official mentoring role," she says.



"I'm a good example that if you are on a certain path, then you realise your passion is somewhere else – then don't be afraid to change or at least try something else. An apprenticeship gave me that chance."

Apprentice of the Year

The Apprentice of the Year Award is presented to a Victorian Apprentice who has been outstanding in all aspects of their trade.

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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

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