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| Higher Education and Skills Group**Participation Branch Memo****Department of Education and Training** |

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| Learn Local organisations *– ALL or RTOs only* | ACFE Board | ACFE Regional Councils |
| Adult Education Institutions | Learn Local stakeholders  | LLENs *– Chairs and / or Executive Officers* |
| Participation Branch staff | Regional Participation and Facilitation Fund (RPFF) | Workplace Learning Coordinators |

**FROM:** Bronwen Heathfield, Director, Participation Branch

**DATE: 01**/09/2015

**SUBJECT:** *2015 Lynne Kosky Memorial VCAL Scholarships*

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:**

* *You are encouraged to promote the Lynne Kosky Memorial VCAL Scholarships to your community.*
* *Applications are now open and close at 5.00pm on Friday, 18 September 2015.*
* *Further information about the scholarships and how to apply is available at* [*The Lynne Kosky Memorial VCAL Scholarships*](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/pathways/Pages/koskyscholarships.aspx)*.*

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The Department of Education and Training is inviting students in Year 10 to apply for the inaugural Lynne Kosky Memorial VCAL Scholarships. The Scholarships recognise the outstanding contribution that Lynne Kosky made to education and training in Victoria.

Two scholarships are available for students in Year 10 who plan to study VCAL in Years 11 and 12 as a pathway to further study, employment and training.

Each VCAL scholarship will be valued at up to $25,000 in $5,000 grants each year over 5 years of study, training or apprenticeship.

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A flyer to the 2015 Lynne Kosky Memorial VCAL Scholarships is attached for information.

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Ms Kosky who passed away on 4 December 2014, considered the introduction of the VCAL to be one of her greatest achievements during her term as Victorian Minister for Education and Training from 2002 to 2006.

