



2017
**VICTORIAN
TRAINING AWARDS**



Real Training for Real Jobs

AIDEN LOWATER

FINALIST - 2017 KOORIE STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Traineeship setting Aiden on path to achieve dream of joining police force

Since starting a school-based traineeship, Aiden Lowater says he has grown in confidence, enjoys learning and sees things from a different perspective.

The Year 10 Lowanna College pre-VCAL student, who has dreams of one day joining the police force, says his one-day-a-week work placement at Moe Police Station answering phones and greeting people at the front desk, under the supervision of Sergeant Peter Fusinato, has improved his interpersonal skills.

As part of his traineeship, Aiden is studying a Certificate III in Business Administration with Skillinvest. He meets with his trainer and mentor Rebecca Mclean a couple of times a month, and says he is staying up-to-date with this learning.

“I have undergone many personal changes due to starting this school-based apprenticeship.”

“Firstly I am far more outgoing, see things from a different perspective and have a more eyes wide open approach.”

“I have increased my self-confidence and have gained a high amount of valuable interpersonal skills and knowledge and feel equipped to tackle a large number of different things that would have been daunting in the past.”



Outside of school, Aiden says he has become more immersed in the community. He mows lawns for quite elderly residents around Yallourn North, has completed his first aid, is a CFA volunteer, a boundary umpire for the reserves in the Mid Gippsland Football League and a peer group mentor for Operation Flinders, which is an outreach program for young indigenous people.

“I believe that leading by example is the best way to be an effective ambassador for young Koorie people in the community and in the state.”

Koorie Student of the Year

The Koorie Student of the Year Award recognises the achievement of a Koorie student who displays a strong understanding and knowledge of the vocational education and training system and demonstrates the relevance of lifelong learning for themselves and their community.

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 Categories

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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