VICSRC SENIOR SECONDARY PATHWAYS REFORM STUDENT ADVISORY PANEL

Have your voice heard about Senior Secondary education!

OVERVIEW

What is the panel?

The Senior Secondary Pathways Student Advisory Panel is your chance to have a real say in how senior secondary education works in Victoria.

Run by VicSRC with support from the Victorian Department of Education, the panel brings together 14 students from across the state to share their ideas directly with the government.

It's all about making sure every student has equal access to opportunities after school. This could look like studying further, starting work, or exploring what's next.

By sharing your experiences, you'll help shape a system where every Victorian student feels supported and ready for the future.

What does the panel discuss?

You'll chat about what's working at school and how the government can make opportunities fairer and more accessible for students like you.

Some of the things you might talk about include:

- How the different senior secondary pathways are going, like the 'one VCE', the VCE Vocational Major, the Victorian Pathways Certificate, VET, and school-based traineeships or apprenticeships.
- How new programs and ideas from the government can work better for students.
- How the government can communicate with students in an engaging way.

What would my responsibilities be?

Time commitments

You'll spend around 40 hours across the year taking part in panel activities.

There will be four main panel meetings throughout the year. Each meeting will run for around three hours and take place during the school holidays between terms, so you won't have to miss school!

Before each main meeting, you'll also take part in a one-hour online pre-briefing with other students on the panel and VicSRC staff.

These sessions will help you:

- Find out what you'll be discussing at the next meeting.

- Ask questions and get more information.
- Get to know the other students on the panel.
- Build your confidence and learn new skills through training and activities.

Attending meetings

All four main panel meetings will be held in person at VicSRC's office in North Melbourne.

If you're travelling from regional Victoria, VicSRC will cover your travel costs and organise supervised accommodation.

The pre-briefing sessions will be held online through Zoom, so you can join from home.

It's important that you can make all four main meetings. Before applying, have a chat with your parents, carers or guardians to make sure you can get to the meetings and take part throughout the year.

Professional expectations

Being on the panel is an awesome chance to build your confidence and experience in a professional setting.

You don't need any previous work or professional experience. All we ask is that you come ready to learn new things, work in a team and contribute.

Knowledge

You don't need to be a policy expert or know lots about how the education system works! You know what it's like to be a student, and that's the experience we want you to bring.

How much will I be paid?

Your time and contributions are valuable, and you'll be paid for your role.

You'll receive $25 per hour through a payment called an honorarium. This recognises the time and effort you put into the panel.

This payment covers your time spent on meetings, training and pre-briefing sessions.

If you're travelling from a regional or rural area, VicSRC will also cover your travel and accommodation costs.

Meeting schedule

Engagement	Date range*
Term 1 Meeting pre-brief Training and upskilling (session one)	23 March – 27 March 2027 *(online)*
Term 1 Panel Meeting	3 April – 30 April 2027 *(in-person in Melbourne)*
Term 2 Meeting pre-brief Training and upskilling (session two)	15 June – 19 June 2027 *(online)*
Term 2 Panel Meeting	25 June – 13 July 2027 *(in-person in Melbourne)*

Term 3 Meeting pre-brief Training and upskilling (session three)	7 September – 11 September 2027 *(online)*
Term 3 Panel Meeting	18 September – 5 October 2027 *(in-person in Melbourne)*
Term 4 Meeting pre-brief Training and upskilling (session four)	16 November – 20 November 2027 *(online)*
Term 4 Panel Meeting	23 November – 6 December 2027 *(in-person in Melbourne)*
** Timing might change.*	

CAN I JOIN?

VicSRC is looking for Victorian secondary students who have chosen lots of different pathways for their senior secondary school journey. As part of the panel, there are opportunities for students from government (state), independent, and Catholic schools, as well as for students who are from Melbourne and from regional Victoria.

If you are confident that you will have the time and availability to participate in all the panel meetings, then you should apply!

HOW TO APPLY

You can go ahead and apply by filling out this online form (or copy and paste: https://airtable.com/appg8ReQezk6MFaw7/pagobNYas3gFIpHFk/form). It's super short!

What happens after I apply?

Someone from VicSRC will get in touch with you in 2027 to organise a short, informal online chat. It's a chance for us to get to know you and answer any questions you have about joining the panel.

What if I have more questions?

If you'd like to talk more or get help applying, please reach out to VicSRC using the contact details below.

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