VET Student of the year awards

Application form for VET students



Teleah Bridger was presented the 2025 VET Student of the Year award due to her dedication and motivation for her Certificate III in Dance.

Josh Carlin was our VET award winner in 2024. Josh undertook a Certificate II in Construction Pathway and a Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology.



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Steps to complete application

1. Read the ‘First thing’s first’ information sheet
2. Fill out your personal details
3. Fill out your application along with references
4. Return your completed forms by Friday 28 August to Taryn Hall, Community Wellbeing Officer, Wakefield Regional Council, admin@wrc.sa.gov.au with the subject title: ‘VET Application (*your name*)’.

Tips for filling out your application:

- Show us your enthusiasm in your comments (remember; we don’t know what we don’t read)
- Dot points are encouraged

IMPORTANT DATES

VET Awards open	Friday 31 July, 2026
Applications due	Friday 28 August, 2026
Interviews	Applicants will be advised
Awards Presentation	TBA

Any queries please call Community Wellbeing Officer Taryn Hall on 8862 0800.

VET AWARDS – FIRST THINGS FIRST

To be eligible for nomination the student needs to satisfy these minimum requirements:

- Student must be currently enrolled in or have completed a VET course or ASBA (Australian School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship) in Semester 2, 2025 or Semester 1, 2026.
- Student must live within the boundaries of the Wakefield Regional Council or be enrolled in a course through Balaklava High School or Horizon Christian School.
- Students must be fulfilling all the requirements for their training.
- Students must be satisfactorily achieving in their off the job training requirements, i.e. the modules they are enrolled in, whether delivered by RTO or school.
- Students must have satisfactorily met all the school's organisational requirements.

Selection criteria are based on:

- The application submitted by the student.
- The feedback provided by the employer/workplace supervisor, VET coordinator & trainer.
- A short interview.

INTERVIEW

There will be a short interview at your school with dates to be advised. It is anticipated that the interview will be no longer than 15 minutes in duration. The interview is not meant to be scary! It's meant to be a casual conversation so we can meet you. There will be two known questions for the applicant to answer, and the judging panel may also ask clarifying questions related to the application. You're welcome to bring a support person for the interview.

A staff member from Council will be in contact with you to advise/negotiate your interview time.

Interview Questions:

Please prepare answers to the following two questions:

Question 1: Describe a task, activity or project that you have completed that is unique to your chosen industry.

Question 2: What encouraged you to consider the training that you are doing and why do you want to work in the industry you have chosen?

It is looked favourably upon by the judging panel if you bring evidence of completed projects to talk to (i.e. a finished metal or wooden project, photos of completed projects)

Awards Presentation

The presentation of the awards will be held in the Phil Barry Chamber at Wakefield Regional Council, Balaklava with a date to be announced.

Students are encouraged to attend and invite their parents/caregivers, trainers and workplace supervisors to attend.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Student's Name	
School	
Year level	
Postal address	
Email address	
Contact phone number	

List the VET Program/s that you are/have been enrolled in or completed during 2025/26. *Example: Certificate I, II or III in Hospitality*

Tell us a little about yourself. *What are your hobbies? What do you enjoy doing?*

IMPORTANT NOTE

- The VET Awards process is designed to be similar to a job interview to help prepare you for the future! You **must** provide us with the details of your references (employer/workplace supervisor, vet coordinator and trainer)

- This will allow us to contact them and get the information we require to complete the application process.

APPLICATION

Student Name	

Answer the following questions for your application:

What reason did you have for choosing this course?

List the skills you have learnt as a result of this VET course?

What have you learnt about what is important in the workplace?

What have you enjoyed about doing this course?

How will doing this course help you? E.g. in getting a job.

Part 2

REFERENCES

As part of this program, the below people will be contacted as referees.

VET Coordinator details *required	
Name	
Email	
Phone	

Work placement(s) completed at: *required	
Workplace name	
Workplace location	
Employer name	
Email	
Phone	

TAFE Trainer *required	
TAFE campus	
Name	
Email	
Phone	

Student signature Date

End of application.



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