

# Applied Learning Awards 2012 Guidelines

*Bayside Glen Eira Kingston Region  
Applied Learning Network*



**APPLIED LEARNING  
AWARDS 2012**

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## What are the Applied Learning Awards?

The Bayside Glen Eira Kingston (BGK) region '2012 Applied Learning Awards', recognise outstanding students, teachers, schools and employers who have positively contributed to applied learning in our region.

This is the fourth year of the Applied Learning Awards which in previous years has seen over 100 local students, teachers, schools and employers win awards for their success, contribution and achievement in applied learning.

## What is Applied Learning?

Applied Learning assists senior secondary students to develop skills required for employment, further education and training as well as participation in the community. In Victoria, students can participate in a number of applied learning programs as part of their senior schooling including the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) programs or School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs).

The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) sits alongside the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and is a 'hands on' learning option for students in Years 11 and 12. It offers practical work-related experience, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work.

Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) describes courses that are usually undertaken at a TAFE, Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or secondary school. A wide variety of industries offer VET training including hospitality, engineering, community services and music to name but a few. VET training is available to students completing VCE and is a core component of a VCAL program. Students undertaking a VET course are usually required to participate in a structured industry work placement, which allows them to apply their knowledge and skills in a 'real life' workplace. Typically a student will attend their TAFE training one day per week for one or two years. Upon successful completion of the training the student will receive a nationally recognised certificate (eg. Certificate II in Business Administration).

School-Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs) allow students over 15 years of age to work as paid part-time apprentices or trainees while still at school. SBATs enable young people to gain a vocational qualification and paid workplace experience while also completing their school studies. SBATs are an increasingly popular applied learning option for VCE or VCAL students in Years 11 and 12, and in some cases available to Year 10 students also. SBATs prepare students for the world of work and assist employers to attract young employees into their business and industry. Students undertaking an SBAT must attend school, participate in vocational training and attend the workplace. They are paid a national training wage for time spent in the workplace. Upon successful SBAT completion students receive a nationally recognised qualification that can count as part of their senior school certificate (VCE or VCAL).

## Who is Organising the Applied Learning Awards?

Coordination of the 2012 Applied Learning Awards is being undertaken by the Bayside Glen Eira Kingston Local Learning and Employment Network (BGK LLEN) and Youth Connect, two key regional youth and partnership development organisations.

The awards are judged by an independent group of representatives from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD), Catholic Education Office, Victorian Applied Learning Association (VALA), TAFEs, local business and peak industry associations.

## VETiS and SBAT Certificate Awards

A range of outstanding student applied learning awards will be presented to students who have shown success in range of Vocational Education and Training in Schools (VETiS) and School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeship (SBAT) Certificates. The awards to be presented will be determined on the nominations made, so a list of awards will not be given at this stage. However, student awards will be given in a range of industry areas (such as Certificate II in Hospitality or an Engineering SBAT).

## VCAL Awards

Outstanding VCAL student awards will be presented in the following categories:

VCAL Awards	Personal Development Stream VCAL Student Literacy Stream VCAL Student Numeracy Stream VCAL Student Work Related Skills Stream VCAL Student
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## Applied Learning Student of the Year Award

In 2012 a new award will be given to a student who is an outstanding applied learner and who also demonstrates outstanding community participation and leadership. The Applied Learning Student of the Year Award will receive a significant financial scholarship provided by the Hightett Community Bank. This \$1500 scholarship can be used to fund/support further education, training or employment.

## Conditions of Entry

To be considered for an award, students must:

- Be a current student in a Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston (BGK) region school
- Be a current student accessing any of Youth Connect's programs or services (outside the BGK region)
- Have completed or be undertaking their applied learning program during 2012.

## Student Nomination Process

- Students can be nominated by a teacher, trainer, employer, Group Training Organisation or another person connected with their applied learning program.
- Forms are available at [www.bgkllen.org.au/partnerships/applied-learning-awards-2012](http://www.bgkllen.org.au/partnerships/applied-learning-awards-2012) and [www.youthconnect.com.au/get-involved/2012appliedlearningawards/](http://www.youthconnect.com.au/get-involved/2012appliedlearningawards/)
- The form can be completed either electronically or be hand-written.

The nomination steps are:

- 1. Part A (Nomination)** - the person nominating is asked to complete **Part A** of the Student Nomination Form and pass the form onto the student.
- 2. Part B (Student Input)** - Once Part A has been completed the nominator passes the form on to the student so that they can complete **Part B**
- 3. Part C (School Endorsement)** - Once Part A and B are completed, a school representative (eg. VET, VCAL, Careers Coordinator) is required to endorse the nomination (**Part C**) and submit the completed nomination form.
- 4. Submission** – The completed form must be submitted to the BGK LLEN via email or post by 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2012:

Email: [awards@bgkllen.org.au](mailto:awards@bgkllen.org.au)

Post: PO Box 2956, Cheltenham VIC 3192

*The Applied Learning Awards organisers will contact student nominees and their parents to advise them of the nomination and to invite them to the award ceremony being held on the **evening of October 16<sup>th</sup>***

A range of outstanding School / Organisation Applied Learning Awards will be presented to those education providers who have positively contributed to the applied learning in the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston region. These are:

<b>Outstanding School / Organisation Award Categories</b>	
VETiS Delivery Awards	VETiS Delivery Awards are for those schools providing internal VETiS programs to their students and/or to students from other schools. Two awards are available: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VETiS Delivery - new school provider (less than 2 years of VET delivery)</li> <li>VETiS Delivery - experienced school provider (more than 2 years of delivery)</li> </ol>
VETiS Access Awards	VETiS Access Awards are for those schools offering external VETiS programs (eg. At a TAFE, RTO or another school) to their students. Two awards are available: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VETiS Access - new school provider (less than 2 years of VET access)</li> <li>VETiS Access - experienced school provider (more than 2 years of VET access)</li> </ol>
VCAL Awards	VCAL (school-based) Awards are for those schools offering VCAL to their students. Two awards are available: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VCAL – new school provider (less than 2 years of VCAL provision)</li> <li>VCAL – experienced school provider (more than 2 years of VCAL provision)</li> </ol>
Community VCAL Awards	Community VCAL Awards are for those organisations or institutions offering VCAL to their students. Two awards are available: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community VCAL – new provider (less than 2 years of VCAL provision)</li> <li>Community VCAL – experienced provider (more than 2 years of VCAL provision)</li> </ol>
Champion School Award	Nominations cannot be submitted for this award, it will be awarded by the Judging Panel after assessing all nominations.

## Conditions of Entry

To be considered for an award, schools or organisations must be located in the Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston region

## School Nomination Process

- Schools are asked to nominate themselves as they are best placed to answer questions about their applied learning offerings. However, employers, trainers, parents, group training organisations or others may want to encourage schools to apply!
- Nominators can supply additional supporting material such as letters of support, newspaper articles etc if they would like (although this is not necessary).
- Forms are available at [www.bgkllen.org.au/partnerships/applied-learning-awards-2012](http://www.bgkllen.org.au/partnerships/applied-learning-awards-2012) and [www.youthconnect.com.au/get-involved/2012appliedlearningawards/](http://www.youthconnect.com.au/get-involved/2012appliedlearningawards/)
- The nomination steps are:
  - Part A – D (Nomination)** - Nominators are asked to complete the School Nomination Form which consists of a series of qualitative and quantitative questions. Where possible tick-boxes or drop-down boxes have been used to make completion easier.
  - Part E (Referees)** – Provide details of two referees available to support your nomination.
  - Principal / Organisation Manager Declaration** - Once the nomination form has been completed, the Principal (or organisation manager) is required to complete the declaration at the conclusion of the form.
  - Submission** – The completed form must be submitted to the BGK LLEN via email or post by 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2012:

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The Applied Learning Awards organisers contact nominees and invite them to the award ceremony being held on the **evening of October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Two outstanding Teacher / Trainer Applied Learning Awards will be presented to those educators who have positively contributed to the applied learning in the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston region. These are:

Outstanding Teacher / Trainer Award Categories	
VET Teacher / Trainer Award	The VET Teacher / Trainer Award is for those educators delivering VET training to students.
VCAL Teacher / Trainer Award	The VCAL Teacher / Trainer Award is for those educators delivering VCAL in schools or community settings.

## Conditions of Entry

To be considered for an award, teachers or trainers must be providing training to some / all students from the Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston region.

## Teacher / Trainer Nomination Process

- Teachers / Trainers are asked to nominate themselves as they are best placed to answer questions about their VET or VCAL instruction and approach. However, employers, trainers, parents, group training organisations or others may want to encourage teachers / trainers to apply!
- Nominators can supply additional supporting material such as letters of support, newspaper articles etc if they would like (although this is not necessary).
- Forms are available at [www.bgkllen.org.au/partnerships/applied-learning-awards-2012](http://www.bgkllen.org.au/partnerships/applied-learning-awards-2012) and [www.youthconnect.com.au/get-involved/2012appliedlearningawards/](http://www.youthconnect.com.au/get-involved/2012appliedlearningawards/)
- The nomination steps are:
  1. **Part A – C (Nomination)** - Nominators are asked to complete the Nomination Form which consists of a series of qualitative questions. Where possible tick-boxes or drop-down boxes have been used to make completion easier.
  2. **Part D (Referees)** – Provide details of two referees available to support your nomination.
  3. **Principal / Organisation Manager Declaration** - Once the nomination form has been completed, the Principal (or organisation manager) is required to complete the declaration at the conclusion of the form.
  4. **Submission** – The completed form must be submitted to the BGK LLEN via email or post by 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2012:

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A range of outstanding Employer Applied Learning Awards will be presented to those businesses/organisations who have positively contributed to applied learning in the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston region. These are:

<b>Outstanding Employer Award Categories</b>	
Employer Awards	Four employer awards are available: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. School-Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) Employer</li> <li>2. Structured Workplace Learning Employer</li> <li>3. Business-School Partnership</li> <li>4. Group Training Organisation</li> </ol>
Champion Employer Award	Nominations cannot be submitted for this award, it will be awarded by the judging panel after assessing all nominations

## Conditions of Entry

To be considered for an award, a business/organisation:

- Must have hosted or employed a student/s attending a Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston region school and/or undertaking an applied learning program organised by Youth Connect.
- Can be located outside the Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston region.
- Must have hosted or employed a student/s during 2012

## Employer Nomination Process

- Schools, trainers, group training organisations, community organisations, parents, students or others connected with applied learning are welcome to nominate an employer for an Applied Learning Award.
- Employers can also nominate themselves for an award.
- Nominators can supply additional supporting material such as letters of support, newspaper articles etc if they would like (although this is not necessary).
- Forms are available at [www.bgkllen.org.au/partnerships/applied-learning-awards-2012](http://www.bgkllen.org.au/partnerships/applied-learning-awards-2012) and [www.youthconnect.com.au/get-involved/2012appliedlearningawards/](http://www.youthconnect.com.au/get-involved/2012appliedlearningawards/)

The nomination steps are:

- 1. Part A – C (Nomination)** - Nominators are asked to complete the Employer Nomination Form which consists of a series of qualitative and quantitative questions. Where possible tick-boxes or drop-down boxes have been used to make completion easier.
- 2. Nominator's Declaration** - Once the nomination form has been completed, the nominator is required to complete the declaration at the conclusion of the form.
- 3. Submission** – The completed form must be submitted to the BGK LLEN via email or post by 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2012:

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## Judging Process

- Nominees will be assessed on the basis of written information provided in their nomination.
- An independent panel of judges representing the peak industry associations, education departments, training providers and local government will assess all nominees and select winners.
- All winners will be announced at the presentation ceremony on evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2012.
- Winners will be selected in accordance with principles of equal opportunity.
- Nominees must agree to abide by the judging panel decisions which are final and cannot be appealed.

## Awards Ceremony

The 2012 Applied Learning Awards will be presented at an Awards Ceremony on the evening of the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2012 at The International of Brighton (81 Bay Street, Brighton).

## Key Dates

The key 2012 Applied Learning Award dates are:

18 <sup>th</sup> of June 2012	Nominations open
24 <sup>th</sup> of August 2012	Nominations close
16 <sup>th</sup> of October 2012	Awards Ceremony

## Further Information

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