

The Victorian TAFE Association's applied research webinars series is a platform to showcase, celebrate and recognise the exceptional applied research and innovation activities taking place across Victoria's TAFE network.

About the Speakers

Jan Davis

Program Coordinator

Holmesglen Institute

Jan has teaching experience across the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors. She now works at Holmesglen Institute in the Community and Transitional Education Department in the Faculty of Health, Science, Youth and Community Studies.

She is the lead teacher for the Royal Children's Hospital Integrated Practical Placement Program delivering Certificate I in Work Education. Jan was a recipient of a fellowship through the International Specialised Skills Institute in 2016. Her aim was to investigate vocational training opportunities for the cohort of young people studying Certificate I in Work Education.



This afforded her the opportunity to undertake a research project in the United Kingdom, specifically London in 2017. During this time Jan investigated Supported Internship programs aligned with two colleges and five industry sites. The programs and relevant, supporting statistics encouraged her to explore initiating the programs upon her return. An industry partnership was established with The Royal Children's Hospital and a pilot program began in February 2018.

Stuart Hunter

Head of Department, Community and Transitional Education Holmesglen Institute

Stuart is Head of the Community and Transitional Education (CATE) Department within the Faculty of Health Science, Youth and Community Studies Faculty at Holmesglen.



The CATE Department delivers a range of foundation skills courses for young people who require additional support with their learning plus community services courses that train people to work in ageing, disability and education support roles.

Stuart has eighteen years' experience in the Vocational Education and Training Sector, commencing his career in the UK prior to moving to Australia in 2004. He has a Master of Education (Specific Learning Difficulties), a Post-Graduate Certificate in Post Compulsory Education and Training and a Bachelor of Arts.

Webinar Topic

Holmesglen and the Royal Children's Hospital Industry Collaboration: Breaking new ground in employment outcomes for students with disability

Overview

Young people with learning or intellectual disability face significant barriers to employment. In 2018, Holmesglen and the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) established a strategic partnership to pilot an Integrated Practical Placement Program (IPP) for young people studying Certificate I in Work Education, a nationally accredited course designed to assist people with disability to gain employability skills.

Ten students participated in three, nine week placements at the RCH where they were provided with structured, on the job training by a Holmesglen teacher whilst also being supported by a Disability Employment Service to identify realistic, meaningful employment opportunities post-placement. This mode of delivery is modelled on supported internships that exist in the UK.

Since the partnership was established, Holmesglen has conducted a research evaluation study to compare the experiences and employment outcomes of the participants compared to students studying the same program on campus. The research has been supported by funding from the Jobs Victoria Innovation Fund and will make recommendations for best teaching practice and examine key factors for a successful, sustainable model. This webinar will outline interim results of the research, with the final report to be published later in the year.

Who is invited?

The webinar is open to anyone interested in applied research and innovation.

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