

Applied Research and Innovation in TAFE

Webinar Series

Friday, 17 November, 2017 | 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm



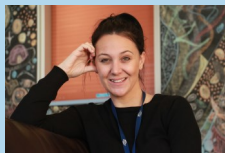
The Victorian TAFE Association is proud to launch the first of what will be a regular series of webinars to showcase, celebrate and recognise the exceptional applied research and innovation activities taking place across the TAFE network.

Speakers

Lana Hanssens

Teacher Youth Programs

Lana Hanssens is committed to connecting and collaborating with young people who are facing multiple barriers to participation in education. Commencing in 2010 as Wodonga Institute of TAFE's Youth Pathways Officer, Lana now teaches in the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) program.. Lana has established two important and innovative projects within the VCAL program – "Social Raw" and "One Dish Restaurant", which provide Wodonga TAFE VCAL students with real-world experience in running and working in a business, and the opportunity to show their skills and attributes to prospective employers. She is currently investigating the motivating factors for engaging young people in vocational education as part of a Master of Educational Studies. Lana is one of three finalists in the Teacher of the Year category in the 2017 Victorian Training Awards.



Justine Rofe

Senior Educator Higher Education

Justine Rofe is a passionate educator, having worked in the VET sector for 13 years - firstly as a teacher before moving into the managing all aspects of Wodonga Institute's higher education, applied research, student success, international education and VETiS.

Justine's current enrolment in the Masters of Education by Research has fuelled her love of learning and belief that scholarly activity and in particular applied research has a critical place in the VET sector.

Webinar Overview

Justine and Lana will give detail on a project that investigates student retention in the context of changing funding formulas and the introduction of a contestable funding model. Using Applied Research Methodology to model student retention patterns, the analysis undertook formal documentation of the VET student lifecycle and identified new practices and activities to engage with students throughout their learning journey. The ultimate aim is to identify strategy to ensure the best possible learning experience and graduate outcomes.

The project output is the *Student Success and Retention Initiative*, which outlines a series of 'Student Success Services' that will be piloted across four student cohorts in 2018 before being rolled out across the wider student body in 2019. The new initiative focuses on the holistic development and implementation of academic and social engagement principles that are inspired by Wodonga TAFE's vision of "Building success through learning".

Webinar attendees will have the opportunity to ask Justine and Lana questions relating to the project.

Who is invited?

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

Registration

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Registrations close Thursday 16 November

Cost

Free

Enquiries

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