



Moreland
City Council



Moreland Youth

Professional Placement Program 2021

Moreland Youth – What We Do

Moreland Youth is a generalist service delivered by Moreland City Council for young people aged between 12 and 24 years who live, work, study or have a connection to Moreland.

Moreland Youth is resourced by a dedicated team of youth and community workers committed to improving the lives of young people and operates out of the purpose-built Oxygen Youth Space, located at 4-8 Gaffney Street, Coburg North.

The Oxygen Youth Space functions both as a venue for program delivery and a drop-in space for young people from 3.00pm – 5.30pm Monday to Friday and attracts approximately 20,000 visits annually.

Further information about Moreland Youth go to:

- moreland.vic.gov.au/community-health/moreland-youth/home
- facebook.com/morelandyouth





Professional Placement Program

What We Can Offer You

Moreland Youth provides an exciting 'hands on' Professional Placement Program ('PPP') for third year students currently enrolled in a bachelor of Youth Work Course; and are committed to the ongoing professional development of students preparing for a career in Youth Work.

In collaboration with Universities, Moreland Youth will provide relevant and meaningful experience for students and have the opportunity to work directly with young people and gain essential skills.

All students who participate in the PPP will:

- Plan a Youth Engagement Program;
- Deliver a Youth Engagement Program;
- Evaluate a Youth Engagement Program; and
- Supervise drop-in sessions with other staff members.

Other opportunities when available will include:

- Attending Network Meetings;
- Contributing to Policy Development;
- Assisting with Funding Applications;
- Industry Training and Development;
- Research and Presentations; and
- Observation.

How We Support You

While on placement students will benefit from scheduled supervision by the appointed staff member as well as support from the whole Youth Services Team. Students will collaborate with their supervisor to establish their placement goals and receive ongoing feedback and guidance for their placement duration.

Although structure will be provided, there is also a degree of flexibility and autonomy provided to students, as is expected in a professional setting.

Support will include:

- Scheduled Supervision;
- Full Induction and Team Welcome;
- Support to Plan, Implement and Evaluate;
- Encouragement and Supportive Environment;
- Professional Development Opportunities including:
 - Externally facilitated training when available; and
 - Engagement with other youth focused organisations.



What We Expect From You

Moreland Youth's organisational values guide our decision making and our behaviour which include:

- **Customers and community first:** We acknowledge our main purpose is to work with our Community and customers;
- **Respect:** I will support and value others;
- **Personal accountability:** I take pride in our work and am responsible for doing it well;
- **Integrity:** I will do what I say; and
- **One team:** I will work within and across the organisation to achieve community outcomes.

All placement students are expected to represent these values when working with and for young people while participating in the Professional Placement Program.

Program Completion – Skills You Will Now Have

Students will also leave this placement with the following:

- Professional communication skills
- Industry contacts and networking experience
- Rapport building and engagement skills with young people
- Written references and endorsement from Moreland Youth
- Engagement skills with both internal and external stakeholders
- Program planning and delivery experience

Applications – How You Apply

Eligibility:

- Must be a third-year student working towards a youth work bachelor's degree;
- Must secure a recommendation from your University;
- Must commit to a minimum of 250 placement hours; and
- Must have a valid Working with Children Check or willing to secure one.

Steps to Apply:

Moreland Youth has established this application process to simulate a real-world job application while also considering university placement requirements.

1. Talk to your placement coordinator about your suitability;
2. Provide your placement coordinator with:
 - Cover letter summarising why you want to participate;
 - Brief resume summarising your skills and experience;

Your placement coordinator will forward documents to Moreland Youth.

Selection Process:

3. Moreland Youth will acknowledge and then review your application;
4. Moreland Youth will contact you to organise an interview;
5. Students will then attend an interview;
6. Moreland Youth will contact you and advise of outcome; and
7. If successful commence placement for the agreed intake period and duration.



Timelines and Intakes – How it Works

Moreland Youth accepts only two students per intake period. This is to ensure optimal supervision and support throughout the placement duration. Due to the limited number of places, students are encouraged to discuss their potential placement with their placement coordinator as soon as possible.

Intake Period One

Applications Open	Applications Close	Review and Interview	Successful / Unsuccessful Applicants	Placement Commence	Placement Complete
1 December	15 January	January – February	15 February	February – March	May–June
You can only apply during these dates.		Start preparing.	You will know on or before this date.	These dates are a guide based on your specific circumstances.	

Intake Period Two

Applications Open	Applications Close	Review and Interview	Successful / Unsuccessful Applicants	Placement Commence	Placement Complete
1 July	15 June	June – July	15 July	July–August	October – November
You can only apply during these dates.		Start preparing.	You will know on or before this date.	These dates are a guide based on your specific circumstances.	

For a chance to experience a unique and fulfilling professional placement and get one step closer to starting your career in youth work, discuss this opportunity with your placement coordinator today!

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Moreland Language Link

廣東話 9280 1910

Italiano 9280 1911

Ελληνικ 9280 1912

عربي 9280 1913

Türkçe 9280 1914

Tiếng Việt 9280 1915

हिंदी 9280 1918

普通话 9280 0750

ਪੰਜਾਬੀ 9280 0751

All other languages
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