

Kindergarten Teacher

Stacey is planning a future as a Kindergarten teacher:

Innovative partnerships between employers and schools, like the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), are paying huge dividends for businesses, and giving students the skills they need to ensure a smooth transition into the workforce.

The VCAL is also ideal for industry sectors experiencing difficulties attracting new employees or wanting new ideas.

Nicola Beautyman, a teacher at the Kindergarten believes that having Stacey, a VCAL student in Year 12, at the Kindergarten injects new vibrancy into the lessons.

“It’s a huge benefit to the kindergarten,” says Nicola.

As part of her VCAL qualification, Stacey undertakes structured workplace learning one day per week at the Kindergarten for an entire year. This will allow her to complete her Certificate II in Community Services (Children Services).

“She’s going to have a wealth of experience - having worked throughout the year here at the Kindergarten gaining practical experience with the children,” says Nicola.

Stacey intends to continue her studies while working and get the qualifications needed to be a kindergarten teacher.

“I really like helping the children to learn new things when I’m at the Kinder. Ever since Primary school I’ve wanted to be a Kindergarten teacher and it’s made it a lot easier to get into because of VCAL,” says Stacey.



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“It’s a huge benefit to the Kindergarten having a VCAL student because we have this wonderfully energetic person offering new ideas and obviously assisting with the number of children we have each week. It’s also really valuable for Stacey to have practical experience in the work environment she wants to enter in the future.”

Nicola Beautyman

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The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is a hands-on option for Years 11 & 12 students. It gives students practical work related experience and the literacy, numeracy and personal skills they need to take them into further training or their ideal job. Like the VCE, it’s a recognised secondary qualification. **For more information about VCAL, phone 1800 828 262 or visit www.vqa.vic.gov.au**