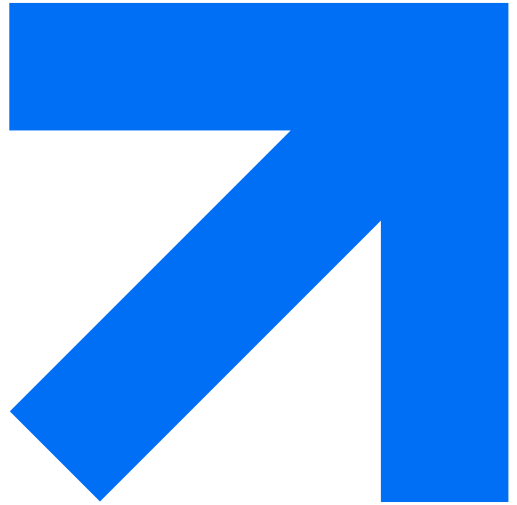


TOP TALKS TOP CLASS **VCE 2026 SEASON OF EXCELLENCE**

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The VCE Season of Excellence celebrates the remarkable talents of Victoria's senior secondary students.

This annual festival showcases outstanding works across art, design, technology, multimedia, film, dance, theatre, drama, music, literature and research—all created by exceptional VCE students.

Enjoy a dynamic program of exhibitions, performances, presentations and screenings, complemented by thought-provoking educational talks, forums and panel discussions. Presented by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), the Season unfolds across Melbourne's leading cultural venues between March and July 2026, with 4 regional events scheduled for April and May.

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority proudly acknowledges and pays respect to Victoria's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and their rich and enduring cultures.

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as Australia's first peoples and as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the lands and waters on which we rely. We pay respect to Elders past and present of the lands where we conduct our work and recognise their ongoing contributions as the first educators on the land now known as Victoria.

**TOP
TALKS**



Friday 6 March
10:30am-12pm
(In-person and online)

Celebrate the exceptional innovation and critical thinking of VCE Extended Investigation students. This event presents insightful research on a wide range of topics, all proposed by VCE researchers. A Q&A session with presenters follows the talks.

State Library Victoria
State Library Theatrette
328 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Ask a Librarian

1-2pm
(Online)

Not sure how to start your research? Join this interactive webinar where you can ask experts about top tips for finding the best information for your inquiry. Students who attend Top Talks onsite are welcome to watch the session on individual devices or on a shared screen in the library's Create Quarter.

Book the *Ask a Librarian* session alongside Top Talks.

Bookings

Visit the [State Library Victoria website](https://www.slv.vic.gov.au). Bookings are required for both in-person and online attendance.

Sessions sell out quickly so book early.
vcaa.info/season



TOP CLASS



Top Class Music and Sound

Monday 30 March (Music)

10am Solo and group classical (acoustic)

2:30pm Solo and group classical and contemporary (acoustic)

Tuesday 31 March (Music and Sound)

10am Solo and group contemporary, including original compositions (amplified)

2:30pm Solo and group contemporary, including original compositions (amplified)

Melbourne Recital Centre
31 Sturt Street, Southbank

Bookings (For all Top Class concerts)
Call Melbourne Recital Centre on (03) 9699 3333 or [visit the website](#) or box office.

Top Class Regional Tour

Performances of VCE Music, Dance, Drama and Theatre Studies. A Q&A session with performers and curriculum experts follows each concert.

Thursday 23 April

10:30am

Gippsland Performing Arts Centre
32 Kay Street, Traralgon

Bookings

Call Gippsland Performing Arts Centre on (03) 5176 3333 or [visit the website](#) or box office.

Thursday 7 May

10:30am

Ulumbarra Theatre
10 Gaol Road, Bendigo

Bookings

[Visit the website](#) or box office.

Tuesday 12 May

10:30am

Geelong Arts Centre
50 Little Malop Street, Geelong

Bookings

Call Geelong Arts Centre on 1300 251 200 or [visit the website](#) or box office.

Monday 2 March – Tuesday 12 May

Be inspired by musical compositions, original and scripted dramatic monologues, theatrical designs and skilled interpretations of dance and music.

Top Class Dance

Monday 2 March

Program 1

10am VCE Dance and VCE VET Dance

Program 2

2pm VCE Dance and VCE VET Dance

Melbourne Recital Centre
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Top Class Drama

Tuesday 24 March

10am VCE Drama solo performances

A Q&A session with performers and curriculum experts follows the concert.

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Top Class Theatre Studies

Wednesday 25 March

10am VCE Theatre Studies monologues (actor/director and designer), interpretations and designs

A Q&A session with performers and curriculum experts follows the concert.

Melbourne Recital Centre
31 Sturt Street, Southbank

TOP ARTS



TOP SCREEN



Friday 13 March – Sunday 19 July

10am–5pm daily
(1–5pm Anzac Day)

The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia
Fed Square, Melbourne

Presented by the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV), Top Arts showcases outstanding works of art by VCE Art Creative Practice and VCE Art Making and Exhibiting students from 2025. This inspiring exhibition offers insight into a range of themes and ideas explored by young artists from across Victoria.

Learning programs and resources

Engage in a range of in-gallery and online student and teacher programs, including educator-led introduction talks and folio sessions.

Explore the online Top Arts Hub for learning resources, including student interviews and profiles of exhibiting students and their work.

Bookings

Visit the [NGV Learn website](#).

Latest news

Visit the NGV [Top Arts Hub website](#).

Tuesday 17 March – Monday 11 May

Immerse yourself in the world of emerging filmmakers and enjoy an eclectic showcase of VCE Media films featuring gripping narratives, enlightening documentaries and stunning animations.

Premiere screening

Celebrate the opening night of Top Screen 2026 with the filmmakers, cast and crew.

Tuesday 17 March

6:30pm (90 minutes)

ACMI
Fed Square, Melbourne

Screening schedule

(90 minutes)

Enjoy the films of Top Screen 2026 on the big screen.

Wednesday 18 March

10am, 12:30pm and 1pm

Thursday 19 March

10am

Tuesday 24 March

10:30am and 1pm

Wednesday 25 March

10am

Thursday 26 March

1pm (Open Caption screening)

Tuesday 28 April

1pm

Wednesday 29 April

9:30am (Open Caption screening)

Thursday 30 April

10am and 12:30pm

Tuesday 5 May

1pm

ACMI
Fed Square, Melbourne

Screening and Meet the Filmmakers

(150 minutes)

After the screening, hear insights from the Top Screen 2026 filmmakers about how they created their films.

Thursday 19 March

1pm

Wednesday 25 March

12:30pm

Thursday 26 March

9:30am

Thursday 9 April

10am (school holiday screening)

Wednesday 29 April

12pm

Tuesday 5 May

10am

ACMI

Fed Square, Melbourne

Screening and ACMI Education Session – all day visit to ACMI

(150 minutes, with optional exhibition visit)

Join expert Media teacher Victoria Giummarra as she leads a session on the 5 stages of the media production process as outlined in the VCE Media Study Design, followed by an optional visit to ACMI's exhibition *The Story of the Moving Image*, and a screening of Top Screen 2026.

Wednesday 18 March

10-11am Creating an outstanding production with Victoria Giummarra

11-11:45am Visit to *The Story of the Moving Image* (optional) or break

12:30-2pm Top Screen screening

Tuesday 24 March

10-11am Creating an outstanding production with Victoria Giummarra

11am-1pm Visit to *The Story of the Moving Image* (optional) or break

1-2:30pm Top Screen Screening

ACMI

Fed Square, Melbourne

Bookings

Visit the [ACMI website](#)

General information

Call (03) 8663 2583

or email education@acmi.net.au

Behind Top Screen

(15 minutes, online)

Extend your understanding of film and media production by streaming this short film via ACMI's Cinema 3, online from Wednesday 18 March.

Top Screen Regional Screening and Meet the Filmmakers

Monday 11 May

10am

After the screening, hear insights from the Top Screen 2026 filmmakers about how they created their films.

Geelong Arts Centre

50 Little Malop Street, Geelong

Bookings

Call Geelong Arts Centre on 1300 251 200

or visit [the website](#) or box office.

Top Class and Top Screen Regional Geelong are proudly supported by Geelong Arts Centre.

TOP DESIGNS

Exhibition

Saturday 11 April – Sunday 26 July

9am-5pm daily

Melbourne Museum

11 Nicholson Street, Carlton

Explore innovative ideas and design solutions in VCE Media, Product Design and Technologies, Systems Engineering, Visual Communication Design and VCE VET design studies.

Education forums

Top Designs 2026 Education Forums will feature educators and design industry speakers for the VCE studies featured in Top Designs. Visit the Melbourne Museum website for bookings and updates.

Program charges and education service fees apply.

Bookings

Call Melbourne Museum on 13 11 02

or email mvbookings@museum.vic.gov.au

Latest news

Visit the [Melbourne Museum website](#).



TOP SCRIBE

Anthology launch

Friday 5 June

10:30am

(In-person and online)

The Wheeler Centre

176 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Celebrate the achievements of VCE Literature students from across Victoria. This event will feature readings from the published anthology including fiction, poetry and experimental writings, showcasing literary expression and new voices in Victorian writing.

Bookings

Call The Wheeler Centre on

(03) 9094 7800 or [visit the website](#).



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Program sessions sell out fast so please book early.

Stay informed with exclusive updates on events and programming by subscribing to the Season Update e-newsletter via the VCAA website, or email seasonofexcellence@education.vic.gov.au to join the mailing list.

Details of presenters, exhibitors and performers will be published on the VCAA website from February 2026.

General enquiries (no bookings)
Call (03) 9032 1629 or email seasonofexcellence@education.vic.gov.au

Details are subject to change and are correct at the time of publication.

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