



# OUR PROGRAM

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Welcome to Riverside Education

Riverside Education is designed for young people who learn best through experience, connection, and purpose.

Our 2026 program combines formal qualifications, hands-on learning, personal development, and real-world experiences to support students to grow in confidence, skills, and independence.

This program recognises that the world young people are entering is changing rapidly — shaped by technology, artificial intelligence, and new ways of working — and prepares students to meet that world thoughtfully and confidently.

## WHO IS THIS PROGRAM FOR?

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The Riverside Education program is suited to young people who:

- Learn best in small, supportive environments
- Benefit from practical, hands-on learning
- Are building confidence, motivation, or direction
- Want a pathway into work, further study, or entrepreneurship
- Are curious about the future and how technology is shaping it

Students come from a range of backgrounds. There is no “one size fits all” learner at Riverside.

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# CERT IV IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND NEW BUSINESS

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Students are enrolled in the Certificate IV in Entrepreneurship and New Business through Open Colleges.

This nationally recognised qualification supports students to:

- Develop business and enterprise skills
- Build problem-solving and initiative
- Learn communication, planning, and teamwork
- Understand how ideas become real-world projects

Students are supported by Riverside staff to manage coursework, assessments, and learning routines.

## DOG THERAPY

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The Riverside Dog Therapy Program is a core part of student wellbeing and learning.

Working alongside trained dogs, students:

- Build emotional regulation and confidence
- Develop responsibility and empathy
- Learn through calm, structured interaction
- Strengthen communication and teamwork skills

This program supports mental health, self-awareness, and connection — essential foundations for learning and work.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Work experience helps students connect learning to the real world.

Through supported placements, students:

- Explore different industries and roles
- Practice workplace communication and expectations
- Build confidence in professional environments
- Identify strengths and interests

Placements are chosen carefully to suit each student's readiness, interests, and goals.



# PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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Personal development is embedded across the year.

Students are supported to:

- Build self-awareness and resilience
- Develop healthy routines and goal-setting skills
- Learn reflection and decision-making strategies
- Strengthen independence and responsibility
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This program recognises that learning is not just academic — it is personal.

# PREPARING FOR AN AI SHAPED FUTURE

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The world students are entering will be shaped by artificial intelligence, automation, and rapid change.

Riverside supports students to:

- Understand what AI is and how it is used
- Think critically about technology and decision-making
- Develop skills that remain valuable alongside AI
- Learn adaptability, creativity, and ethical awareness

Rather than avoiding technology, students learn how to engage with it thoughtfully and responsibly.

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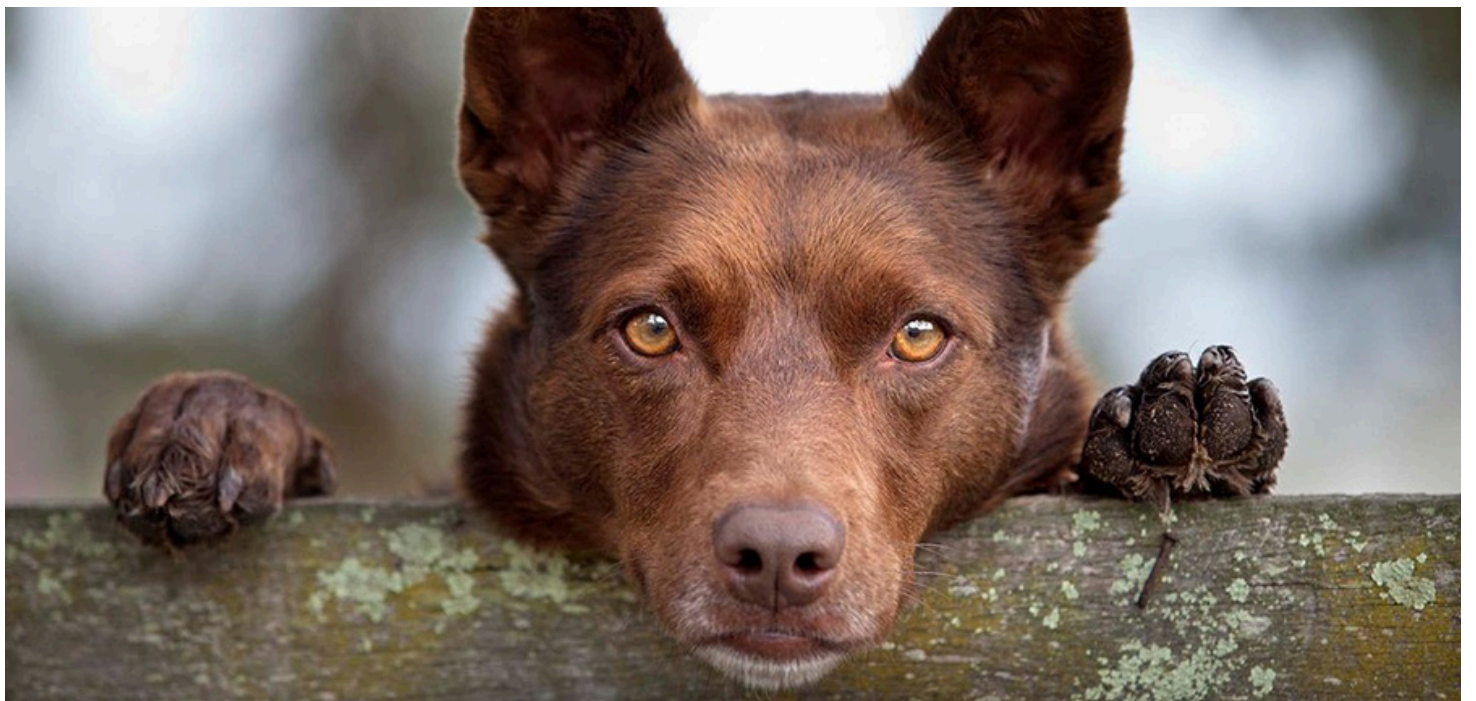
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Students have the opportunity to participate in the Riverside Cambodia program.

This experience focuses on:

- Cultural understanding and global citizenship
- Contribution and service learning
- Perspective-taking and empathy
- Personal growth outside familiar environments

Participation is carefully prepared, supported, and structured to ensure safety and meaningful learning.



# SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

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Students are supported through:

- Small group learning environments
- Strong relationships with staff
- Clear routines and expectations
- Individualised support where needed
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Riverside prioritises psychological safety, respect, and dignity for every student.

# PATHWAYS

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Students leave Riverside with:

- A nationally recognised qualification
- Work experience and references
- Increased confidence and independence
- Clearer pathways into work, further study, or self-employment

Success looks different for each student — and Riverside respects that.



# 2026 DATES

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## Semester 1

Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 27 <sup>th</sup>	Info/ orientation week
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Semester 1 commence
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day
April 3 <sup>rd</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Mid semester break/ Easter
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Semester 1 ends
June 1 <sup>st</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup>	Work experience week
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	King's Birthday
June 9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	Study week

## Semester 2

July 20 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Info/ orientation week
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Semester 2 commence
Sep 25 <sup>th</sup> to Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mid semester break/ Grand Final
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Semester 2 ends
Oct 26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	Work experience week
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melbourne Cup
Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	Study week
Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	Camp

# FIND US

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We're located in Hawthorn, easily accessible by public transport and close to local amenities.

## **Riverside Education**

Address: 8 Glan Avon Road, Hawthorn VIC

Email: [info@riverside.org.au](mailto:info@riverside.org.au)

Website: [www.riverside.org.au](http://www.riverside.org.au)

If you're visiting for the first time, please get in touch ahead of your arrival so we can ensure someone is available to welcome you and assist with access.

## **Driving**

Limited parking is accessible off Glan Avon Road.

## **Train**

The nearest train station is Hawthorn Station. Trains from Melbourne CBD take about 10 minutes and run frequently throughout the day.

From Hawthorn Station, Riverside Education is a short 5–10 minute walk.

## **Tram**

Route 70 – Runs between the CBD (via Flinders Street) and Wattle Park, passing through Hawthorn (use Power St/ Riversdale Road).

Route 75 – Connects Vermont South with the CBD, running along Riversdale Road (use Power St/ Riversdale Road).

We look forward to seeing you at Riverside.



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