



Navigator

What is Navigator?

Navigator actively works with young people and their support networks to address underlying issues in disengagement and expand the opportunities to support a young person flourishing in education.

The Navigator Program supports learners who are disengaged, aged 12-17, to re-engage with an education or training pathway.

Navigator works intensively with young people, families, schools and support networks to help young people overcome barriers and expand opportunities to successfully re-engage with a learning pathway.

Disengaged learners are more likely to struggle during their transition to work or further education than learners who have completed Year 12 or equivalent.

However, recent studies have shown that with the right intervention and support, young people who disengage can catch up when they re-engage with education.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible, young people must be:

- between 12 and 17 years of age
- disengaged from an educational setting for more than 70 per cent of a school term

What happens on the Navigator Program?

Navigator provides case management and intensive outreach to young people. Our team assists each young person to create their own education re-engagement plan that:

- expresses individual goals
- addresses specific barriers to education
- responds to issues underlying non-attendance
- Involves and works restoratively with families, carers, schools and community supports by:
 - Expanding and coordinating the network of people who can provide ongoing support and oversight
 - Promote well-being, restore relationships and reduce further harm.

We also work with education providers to ensure that each young person's re-engagement into education best suits their needs.

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What now?

How can young people join Navigator?

The Department of Education and Training (DET) Navigator Coordinator manages the referral process to the Navigator Program at Jesuit Social Services.

Young people can be referred to Navigator through a variety of pathways, such as:

- schools
- families and carers
- DET regional offices
- Local Learning and Employment Networks (LLENs)
- police, child protection, youth justice
- community organisations working with young people and their families
- young person self-referral

Where is Navigator delivered?

Navigator is delivered state-wide across Victoria. Jesuit Social Services delivers Navigator in four areas across Melbourne:

- Hume-Moreland,
- Brimbank-Melton,
- North Eastern Melbourne (Banyule, Darebin, Nillumbik, Whittlesea and Yarra), and
- Inner-East Melbourne (Boroondara, Manningham, Monash and Whitehorse).

How do I make a referral?

If you know a young person who may be eligible for Navigator please visit: bit.ly/navigator-jss or email: navigator@education.vic.gov.au

The DET Navigator Coordinator will respond to your referral and seek information about the young person. To appraise the referral, the DET Navigator Coordinator will need the following information:

- student name, age and place of residence
- last enrolled school (if known)
- attendance over the last term of school (if enrolled)
- parent/carer name and contact details.

If the young person is deemed eligible for the program, the referral information will be passed to the Navigator Program at Jesuit Social Services. We'll then begin working with the young person and their family.

Jesuit Social Services delivers Navigator in partnership with VACCA in all four areas.



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Jesuit Social Services is a social change organisation working to build a just society where all people can live to their full potential. This program is funded by the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training.

VACCA is a state-wide Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation servicing children, young people, families, and community members.