

2023–24 Victorian State Budget

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Portfolio overview

The Youth portfolio empowers young people and provides access to the opportunities they need to achieve their goals by:

- › improving education, training, skills development and career pathways
- › increasing youth engagement and maximise participation in community and civic life
- › elevating the voices of young people in the design of policies, programs and services
- › prioritising the needs of young people facing layers of disadvantage including Aboriginal and multicultural young people



Key achievements over the past 12 months

Over the past 12 months, the Youth portfolio has:

- › launched Victoria's first Youth Strategy, outlining **74** directions to be implemented over five years
- › Engaged over **3,400** young people from Afghan, Somali and South Sudanese backgrounds through **six** Community Support Groups to address youth disengagement and anti-social behaviour
- › supported over **200** organisations through the Advance, Engage! and FReeZA programs, giving over **220,000** young people opportunities to increase their civic and economic participation
- › supported **144** young people experiencing mental health conditions to re-engage in education through the Living Learning Partnership Addressing Disadvantage.

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23-24 Victorian State Budget funding

The Victorian State Budget delivers:

- › **\$1 million** in investing in wellbeing and connection for young Victorians through our election commitments – initiatives include:
 - » Scouts Victoria infrastructure
 - » Fusion in Mornington Peninsula

The Victorian State Budget also continues investment in programs which are shown to improve social and economic outcomes for young people:

- › **\$23.4 million** in the *Investing early where it matters* package – initiatives include:
 - » the Marram Nganyin Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program
 - » Le Mana Pasifika
 - » Community Support Groups
 - » Regional Presence Project
 - » youth alcohol and other drugs outreach
 - » Scouts and Girl Guides Victoria programs.



Conclusion



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