



# RIVERSIDE EDUCATION

*A qualification in life*





In 2026 Riverside Education is pleased to announce the pilot of a new program for a new era in education.

## WHY

As the world evolves at unprecedented speed, so too do the skills required to succeed. While some already have a clear direction, others will find immense value in developing these emerging skills within a real-world environment that helps shape their future.

That’s why the Riverside Education Year 13 program was created. With a strong focus on critical thinking, creative problem solving, emotionally intelligent communication, and practical life skills, the Year 13 program is designed to provide greater vocational clarity, self-awareness and social connectivity.

## WHAT

The 12-month course provides participants with the chance to engage in a year-long educational experience working alongside some of Australia’s most inspiring entrepreneurs while also challenging themselves in environments as diverse as the deserts of Central Australia, the surf coast of the Otways and the jungles of Cambodia.

## OUTCOMES

Aside from the experiential learning of this program, participants in the pilot will also graduate with a nationwide qualification in Entrepreneurship and New Business Management.

During the year, students will also learn the following practical skill:

How to pay tax	How to write a resume	How to apply for jobs
How to vote	How to buy a car	How to start a small business
How to effectively use AI	How to insure valuable items	How to shop for food
How to cook	How to manage time	How to travel effectively
How to resolve conflict	How to save money	How to use credit cards





## HOW DOES IT WORK

Those with any interest in the program should talk to their school careers counsellor.

Should you decide this course is suitable for you, please email us an expression of interest at [info@riverside.org.au](mailto:info@riverside.org.au) and we will forward you further information.

Official enrolment in the course is limited and applicants will be contacted in the week following VTAC offers are received.

Those who choose to enroll will begin the course in late February on a timetable consistent with mainstream university.

The course is full-time and operates as follows...Mondays and Tuesdays consist of coursework carried out at our Hawthorn campus situated at 8 Glan Avon Road in Hawthorn.

Wednesdays are dedicated to paid employment, which is organised in Term 1. On this day students will be hired and paid to carry out a wide range of jobs outside the 'school' environment.

Thursdays and Fridays are activity-based and take place at one of our Otways campuses in Term 1. The Otways program includes practical, hands-on building skills as well as assistance in running our Otways Therapy Dog Training Course. If necessary, participants can choose to stay overnight, and we provide transportation to and from the site.

**Term 1** is based in Melbourne and at the Otways campus.

**Term 2** is based in Melbourne with the option to attend our desert program run with Australian adventurer Robyn Davidson, which focuses on personal reflection, creating an adventure, and basic survival skills.

**Term 3** is based in Melbourne with the option of attending the Queensland Survivor program at our Stradbroke Island campus. This program is a "Survivor"-like course run with Sailing Adventurer Jesse Martin.

**Term 4** is based in Melbourne, and students are encouraged to attend our Cambodian Centre to participate in our schools building program at KEP Gardens in Kampot, Cambodia. Term 4 also has a heavy focus on establishing students to hit the ground running in 2027. Whether this involves tertiary study, vocational preparation or heading straight into the workforce, it is a launchpad into the future.

**Costs:** The base cost of our program is \$4,800 per term, which includes enrolment in our full Melbourne and Otways based program and enrolment in Cert IV Entrepreneurship and New Business Management.

Additional costs depend on activities chosen. These include camping equipment/tools/technology/travel costs and booklists. More information will be given out during our information evening.





2026 RIVERSIDE EDUCATION PROGRAM



The Riverside Education Year 13 Program is being run as a pilot for 2026 in line with the policies outlined on our website, [www.riverside.org.au](http://www.riverside.org.au).





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