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Koorie Outreach Support Program – Community Information Sheet

The Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated (VAEAI) has launched the *Koorie Community Outreach Support Program* to empower our community to overcome challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The changing COVID-19 situation continues to shape how we move throughout our community, so families may face particular challenges that stand in the way of Koorie learners being able to fully engage in their education. The challenges will be different, depending on whether learners are:

- Early Years students
- Primary or Secondary, VCAL or VET in Schools students
- TAFE, University, or Adult Education students

As we continue to live and work under COVID-19 restrictions throughout Victoria, barriers to our learning might impact our:

- Physical health
- Social or emotional wellbeing
- Mental health
- Relationships
- Internet capacity or technical issues
- Knowledge of computer systems
- Ability to support remote or online learning
- Access to additional tutoring to 'catch up' with the required workload

We want Koorie learners to stay engaged with their learning, so whatever challenges families are facing, we want the community to know that VAEAI is here to support you.

VAEAI's Outreach Facilitators will link up families with existing supports in their community, that family members may not be aware are available to them, or may not have known how to access.

There will be a Facilitator located in the South East, South West, North East and North West regions of Victoria, and an additional Facilitator looking after the Metro region. We also have a specialist Facilitator for those studying in Adult Education course.



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Simply put, we don't want our Koorie families to feel isolated during this time of compulsory "isolation". We want all families to have access to the services and support they require right now, so that all Koorie learners remain engaged in their education.

This is an "opt-in" service, so feel free to contact our friendly staff at VAEAI either:

- By phone: 1800 VAEAI 1
03 9481 0800
- Our social media pages:
<https://www.facebook.com/vaeai/>
<https://www.instagram.com/koorieeducation/>
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