

2026 CHES Expo Centre for Higher Education Studies (CHES)

Monday 25 May - Save the date and register your attendance!



CHES is offering the opportunity for high-ability students in Years 10 and 11 across Victoria to extend and deepen their learning, connect with leading academics and high-ability peers, and chart a course towards university through our live Expo day.

Event Details

When: Monday 25 May 2026 (see schedule for further details)

Where: Centre for Higher Education Studies, 669 Chapel St South Yarra 3141 (Sessions 1 and 2 are available online)

Who: This state-wide event is open to high-ability students in Years 10 and 11 from government schools in metropolitan, regional and rural Victoria. Please note, that there is a limit of 15 students per school with the addition of 1 staff member (if there are any changes to this, we will advise you).

Key sessions will be available both in-person here at CHES and online through our state-of-the-art centre. Participation is subsidised by CHES so there is no cost to students from government schools (excl. travel costs).

Expo Activities

Connect with representatives from several major universities: Throughout the Expo, representatives will be available to answer your questions and they are excited to share their insights and expertise on a wide range of courses, careers and university pathways.

Participate in interactive workshops, competitions, and networking opportunities with other high-ability senior students across a wide range of schools.

Explore and learn more about the **Higher Education Study** and **VCE** options available through CHES in 2027.

Meet the CHES team and student ambassadors and learn the **foundations for success** in VCE and university.

About CHES

Established in 2023, CHES provides senior secondary students across the state with opportunities for extension, acceleration, challenge, and support in their studies. CHES is a hub for **Higher Education Studies** with a wide range of **first-year university courses** on offer to high-achieving Year 12 students in government schools through our exclusive university partnerships. This year 800-1000 high-ability students participate in CHES programs. To expand access to these four VCE subjects, we also specialise in **VCE Algorithmics, Extended Investigation, English Language, and Specialist Mathematics**, and will also begin offering **Philosophy and Classical Studies in 2027** —and offer five introductory Enrichment Electives for Year 10 students— **Research Matters, Mind Over Myth, Introduction to Algorithmics, Lingo Lab, and Mathematical Investigations.**

How to register for the Expo: [Click here](#) to access the Registration Form. Limited places available - participation will be confirmed with your teacher upon registration.



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Date: Monday, 25 May 2026

Time: Group 1 9:25-12:25,

Group 2 11:35-2:35 (schools are asked to sign up for one grouping only)

Students should bring their own food/snacks, and water bottle to refill for the duration of the Expo. CHES will have light snacks available from our student kitchen.

Students will connect with other high-ability peers, gain insights into the unique nature of CHES and the subject options offered, explore future pathways at major Victorian universities, and develop strategies for making informed decisions about university and future work.

Session 1

Group 1
9:25am

Introduction to CHES Welcome, overview, introductory activities – CHES Team

Group 2
11:35am

Session 2

Group 1
9:55am

Insights from and for young people about future studies and work; student panel This is an interactive Q&A panel with ex-CHES students on their experiences as CHES and university students.

Group 2
12:05pm

Session 3

Group 1
10:25am

Exploring future study pathways and connecting with universities and CHES Structured small-group activities and interactive competitions to deeply engage with each university and with CHES (University stalls: Melbourne, Monash, Deakin, Federation, La Trobe, RMIT, Swinburne, Victoria). Opportunities to speak with students currently in CHES courses.

Group 2
12:35pm

Optional Q+A

Group 1
12:25pm-12:40pm

CHES staff are available to answer any questions

Group 2
2:35-3:00pm