

# Navigator Program

The Navigator program is a Victorian government initiative to support young people aged 12-17 years to re-engage with education and training. This program is being delivered in the Goulburn Area by the Department of Education and Training (DET) in partnership with The Bridge Youth Service (Lead provider).

The Navigator program operates in the Shires of Moira, City of Greater Shepparton, Strathbogie, Mitchell and Murrindindi. A Navigator Coordinator (from the Department) oversees each Navigator Area.

## The key outcomes Navigator is seeking to have are:

- Re-engaging young people
- Developing students with greater social and emotional capabilities
- Supporting schools to be better equipped to engage all young people (indirect outcome).

## What can Navigator Providers do?

- Assertively engage disengaged young people and actively work with them to return to education
- Be responsible for providing individual case management for young people, that will involve linking them into support services and interventions
- Provide the support for a successful return to education
- Will work closely with local areas, school communities and regional offices

## To be eligible, young people must be:

- Between 12 and 17 years of age
- Disengaged from school for one term or more and have been absent for at least 70% of the term or last 13 weeks
- Either live in or have most recently been enrolled in an education setting in the Goulburn Area

## Navigator referral process

Eligible young people can be referred to the program by emailing [navigator@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:navigator@edumail.vic.gov.au) to register your interest in receiving more information. The name of the young person should not be included in your email.

A Navigator Coordinator will then be in contact with you. If the young person is deemed eligible for the program, consent will be sought from their parent/carer.

Once obtained, the referral information will be passed to the Bridge Youth Service, who will begin working with the young person.

## More information:

- [Navigator website](#)

To request further information or to consult about a referral enquiries can be directed to:

- The Bridge Youth Service Alex Bruinier [abruinier@thebridge.org.au](mailto:abruinier@thebridge.org.au) (03) 5831 2390
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