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OUT ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED BELOW!

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BLOCK OUT YOUR CALENDARS
AND GET SET FOR **VTG25**

EVERYONE EMPLOYED IN A SCHOOL IS ELIGIBLE!

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WHO CAN ATTEND?

Anyone employed by a school or the Department of Education and Training can attend the Victorian Teachers' Games (VTG).

This includes teachers, support staff, principals, casual relief staff (CRT), reception staff, librarians, business managers, IT staff – the list goes on – if they work at your school, then they're in!

WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

VTG is a great opportunity for you to get to know your colleagues, or reunite with old friends, try a new sport or activity and have a bit of fun whilst exploring a regional city - basically it's the ultimate active holiday with your favourite education pals!

No matter your sporting ability, VTG has an event for you – we cater to all ages, fitness levels and preferences and know that you'll be able to find something that appeals to you and your friends.

Take VTG as an opportunity to unwind and enjoy yourself before heading into the final term of the year – not to mention the bragging rights (and medals) that you'll get to take back to the staff room if you do happen to be part of a winning team.

WHEN & WHERE IS THE EVENT BEING HELD IN 2022?

VTG is being held in Geelong from the **18th-21st of September** (The first week in the September school holidays).

Most VTG events are hosted within the Geelong CBD area or within a short drive to make everything easily accessible to participants, making it easy for you to come down for a day trip, or stay in Geelong for a few days if you wish!

Some activities that require travel further from the city may also include shuttle bus services to make your day easier and allow you to enjoy yourself whilst being stress free.

WHEN CAN I REGISTER FOR VTG25 AND HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Registrations will open for VTG25 on Monday 23 May 2022.

Participants pay a one-off registration fee to sign up for the event. The earlier you register, the lower the registration fee. Check out the [VTG25 Pricing Information](#) to find out details of key dates and fees.

Participants then pay for each event they register for. Each sport, recreation & wellness and social activity has its own event fee, which is shown on each event page. Most event fees are between \$20 and \$40 with the exception of a few.

Once you have registered for VTG, you will be able to log back into your account at a later date and add and pay for new events as you wish.

BUT WAIT, WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT FROM A VTG EXPERIENCE?



VTG CENTRAL



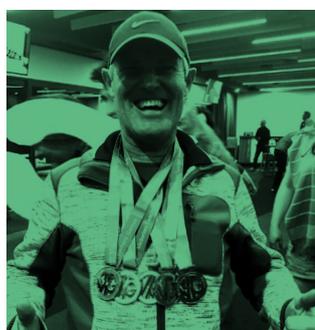
TEAM BONDING



SPORT BY DAY



SOCIAL BY NIGHT



GO FOR GOLD!

WHAT SORT OF ACTIVITIES CAN I TAKE PART IN AT VTG?

VTG has a mixture of team sports, pair sports, relaxing and social activities available – our [schedule](#) is divided up into sport, recreation/ wellness and social activities to help you find those activities that best suit your needs.

This means that there is something for everyone and no one has to miss out on the VTG experience. And whilst overall VTG is about giving you the opportunity to have fun and try out a range of different activities, there are also medals up for grabs for those of you with a competitive streak.

Highlight events on the VTG25 schedule include Lawn Bowls, Netball, Croquet, Trivia and Drag Bingo. In 2022 we are excited to be introducing a number of new events to the schedule, which include Human Foosball, Archery Battle, Boot Camp, Dance, Pilates and a Rainbow Run.

In addition to this, we also have a range of new social activities available including a Social Breakfast, Rock 'n' Roll Bingo, Rooftop Tastings Festival and an all-new night-time Food & Vineyard Tour.

VTG25 is a special anniversary year for The Games, and as such there are a number of exclusive, one-off events that are on this year's schedule. Be sure to check them out and register for any that you're interested in as these events won't be coming around again!

These exclusive events are highlighted on the [VTG25 schedule](#), but include Piano Bar's takeover at The Pier as well as Monday's all-inclusive Birthday Ball.



WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW IF I WANT TO ATTEND?

- 1** **Register** yourself for VTG – register early to take advantage of the Early Bird fee. Once registered, **sign up** to any of the events you wish to take part in. **Registrations will open on 23 May 2022** - put these dates in your calendar!

During registration you will be able to sign up for any events you wish to participate in (get in quick for the high demand events highlighted below). You can also log in again at a later date if you'd like to add any new activities to your itinerary.

- 2** Book **accommodation!** Alone, with a partner, with your teammates – you choose how you wish to spend your down time! The **[Visit Geelong website](#)** has some hotel recommendations to get you started.

We recommend trying to book your accommodation in the heart of Geelong so that you're at the centre of all the action and within walking distance to many of the social activities at night. Get in fast though, the best locations tend to fill up quickly.

- 3** **Uniforms** are optional, we encourage teams to somewhat coordinate colours whilst adhering to sport specific safety rules (e.g. no pockets in shorts for contact sports), but you don't need to be fully kitted out from head to toe, as long as you're comfortable!

However, we do love to see some creativity out on the grounds, so if you'd like to deck your team out then by all means, go ahead, we can't wait to see it!

Customised teamwear available through our partner **[S-Trend Sportswear](#)** and thanks to our friends at S-Trend, you'll receive a 10% discount on all your teamwear orders – and no minimum quantities on orders applies!

- 4** **VTG themes** change each night to give you inspiration for your social and nightlife outfits; this is a real fun aspect of our event that VTG participants generally taken fairly seriously - we've seen some great outfits/costumes in the past!

Check out 2022 themes **[here!](#)**

- 5** **How will I get to Geelong?** Car, bus, train, ride your bike – any way you wish! We do encourage car-pooling to limit traffic in the city, and to allow for extra bonding time (we recommend carpool karaoke as a great bonding exercise).

Geelong is accessible via the Princess Highway by car, and the city also has a V-Line train running through it if public transport is your choice.



HOW DO I PLAN MY TIME AT VTG?

The planning experience is half of the fun! You can assign a team captain to design your teams VTG experience, or each member of the team may wish to tailor their own days to suit themselves.

You may wish to print out a copy of the schedule and highlight all of the activities you'd like to participate in. Then you can work to pull together the team members required for each day and set out the week as you please.

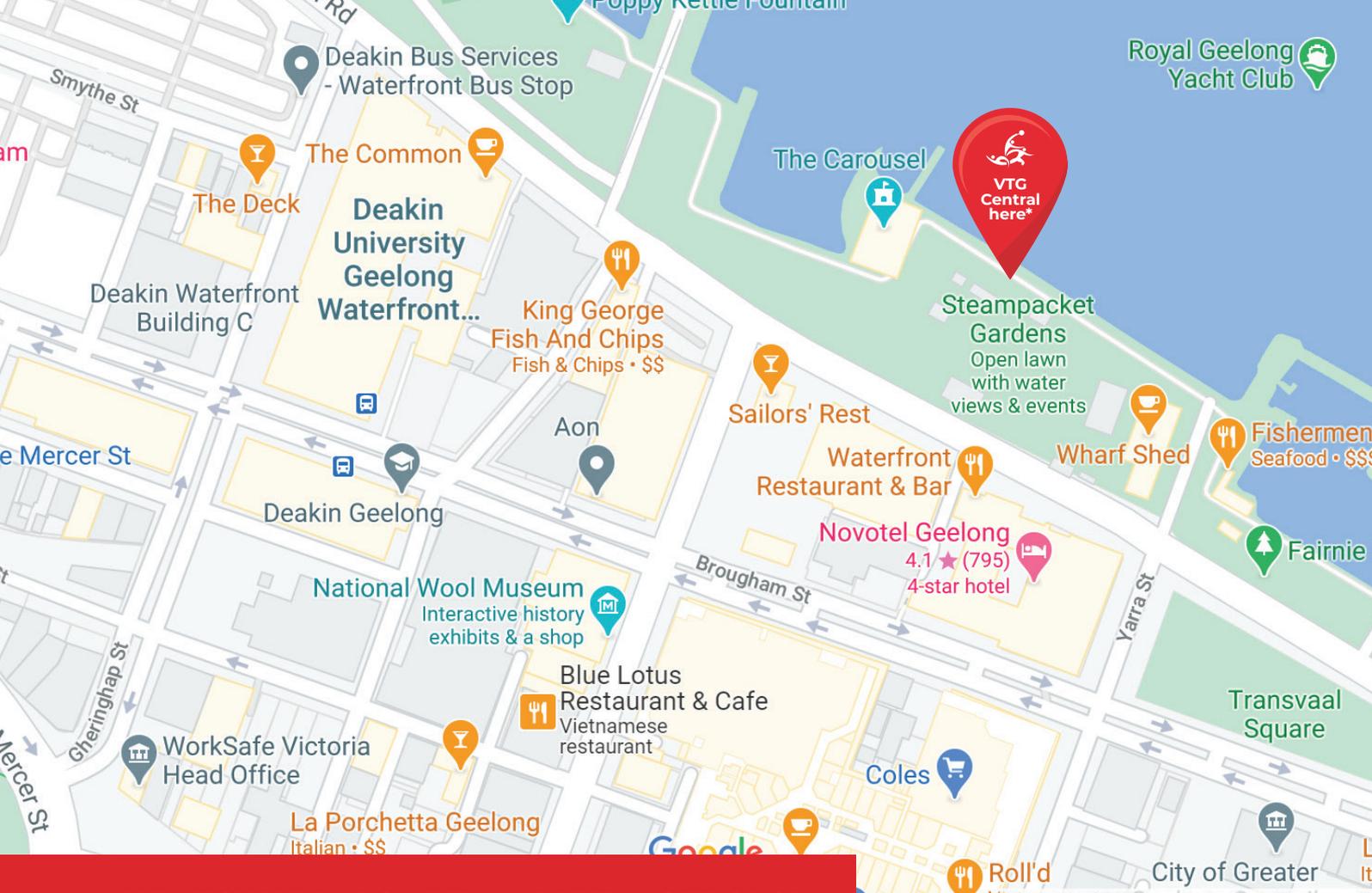
Each activity (except Lawn Bowls (Pennant) runs for a half day to allow you maximum flexibility with how you want to spend your time.

Remember, there's no need to fill every single day with activities – you may wish to have a day off whilst you're away to enjoy all that Geelong has to offer, or even just enjoy a sleep in or lazy breakfast by taking a morning off.

As long as you have at least one sporting and/or recreation/wellness activity on your agenda then we're happy – but we also wouldn't want you to miss out on any of the fun! Find the perfect balance for you and your team.

It is also important to note that some of VTG's staple events sell out quickly when registrations open, so the team captain needs to be prepared to sign up quickly for teams keen on participating in Trivia, Lawn Bowls (Barefoot 4's), Amazing Race Geelong, Beach Volleyball, Croquet, Dodgeball, Netball, Ten Pin Bowling, Volleyball, and the Food & Vineyard tours.

We have prepared some **sample schedules** to help get you started planning your perfect VTG experience.



WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I ARRIVE IN GEELONG?

Most participants will arrive in Geelong for VTG on Sunday 18 September, having set their schedule for events beginning on either Sunday afternoon or Monday morning.

Once you're settled in Geelong, you'll need to head straight to VTG Central to check in and collect your VTG ID and participant showbag – it is essential that you check in and collect your ID cards prior to participating in your first event at VTG. These ID cards are also your ticket into all exclusive VTG Social events.

VTG Central will be located on Geelong's foreshore at **Steampacket Gardens** and will not only be the place for you to check in for the event and collect your VTG ID, but it will also be a mecca for meeting up with your team mates, chatting with VTG partners, and having a bite to eat or drink.

If you're arriving on Sunday but don't have any activities planned for the afternoon, there will be plenty to see and do around VTG Central, with activities taking place along the Geelong foreshore all afternoon for you to watch, including the Rainbow Run, Human Foosball and The Bomb Dive Competition.

Following a big day of activities and socialising, you and your teammates may wish to head out for a meal (if you're not participating in an event on the social schedule) before preparing for an evening of dancing and laughter! Don't forget, your VTG ID card is essential for gaining access to VTG Social events.



OTHER STAFF AT MY SCHOOL ARE HESITANT, HOW DO I CONVINCING THEM TO JOIN MY TEAM?

STEP 1

Send your colleagues the VTG website link and tell them to check out our videos, schedule and participant information sheets! Let them know to subscribe for VTG emails as well as follow @Victeachersgames on social media so that they can keep up to date with the event as more information is released.

Be sure to also send this **'Newbie Information Pack'** to any colleagues who have never attended VTG before.

STEP 2

Have a discussion with all potential team members to map out what your time at VTG might look like. Discuss accommodation options, sports you may wish to take part in, social activities (these always get people on board), and don't forget to emphasise what a great opportunity this is going to be for your team to bond!

STEP 3

Ensure that all potential team members are aware that they don't need to attend the event for the full 4 days. Perhaps you have one colleague who just wishes to come up for the day and play Netball, that's fine! Or perhaps you and most other team members are staying for 3 nights but a couple of colleagues with young children only wish to stay one night – no worries!

STEP 4

Share the enthusiasm! Get excited about the event, chat about what sports you want to try or events you'd like to see – enthusiasm and excitement are contagious. And don't forget, if you or any of your colleagues have any questions or are unsure about any aspect of The Games, the VTG team are always available for questions over the phone, on email or on socials.