RECONNECT PROGRAM (2021) APPLICATIONS OPEN

- Applications to deliver the Reconnect Program in 2021 are open from 15 September 2020 and will close on 4 October 2020.

- Please carefully read through the *Reconnect Program (2021) Guidelines*; *Reconnect Program (2021) Application Handbook*; *Reconnect Program (2021) Application Terms & Conditions* and; *Victorian Department of Education Common Funding Agreement (CFA) and Terms & Conditions* prior to applying.

- These documents can be found on the Department of Education and Training Reconnect webpage: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/reconnect-program.aspx

RECONNECT PROGRAM (2021) APPLICATIONS OPEN

Reconnect Program (2021) to commence in January 2021 is now open for applications.

The Reconnect Program (2021) has introduced a number of changes to ensure the program is participant centred, provider enabled, and outcome driven. The Reconnect Program (2021) Guidelines provides details of the program strategy, structure, operations, funding and supports. It is important that each applicant familiarise themselves with this document in order to understand what the program expects of the organisations, as well as the participants and the partners.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible to apply for the Reconnect Program (2021), organisations must meet a number of criteria. Please refer to the Application Handbook for this detail.

APPLICATION FORM AND PROCESS

The application form is an online form, the Department requires the Applicant to be a registered user in order to save or submit an application form. The online application form will be available after the online forum is held on 18 September 2020.

ONLINE INFORMATION FORUM 11:30 FRIDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2020

On Friday, 18 September 2020 at 11:30am, the Department of Education and Training will hold a live information forum to present the information contained in the Reconnect Program (2021) Guidelines. Potential applicants will have the opportunity to ask questions.

- Link to live information forum hosted on Webex:
https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/k2/j.php?MTID=t5a576b3a8e1547a8d4d475f9c90ad846

- Session password: ZXmp2rwy4g2

TIMELINE

PARTICULARS	DATE
Release of Application	Tuesday, 15 September 2020
Online Information Session	11.30am, Friday, 18 September 2020
Closing Date & Time of Application	Sunday, 4 October 2020, Midnight
Announcement of Successful Organisations	By Friday, 30 November 2020
Funding Agreement in Place	By Friday, 30 November 2020

CONTACT DETAILS

Please contact the Department's Reconnect Program team via
Reconnect.Program@education.vic.gov.au or speak to Stefanie Wale, Senior Project Officer, Program Management Unit on 03 7022 0606.