

## What is Larita Academy?

Larita Academy is an intensive 4-day training academy designed to help young people discover their potential. Through hands-on activities, coaching and real-world learning, you will build confidence, develop entrepreneurial skills and make lasting connections.

Watch the Class of 2026 video here: [Larita Academy Class of 2026](#)

### **What can I expect?**

Larita Academy is designed as an immersive experience combining hands-on activities, powerful exercises and practical face-to-face learning across various learning environments. You will engage with our coaches to build practical life and employment skills, and gain insight into what motivates you. Hands-on experiences such as cooking, art, beauty, digital and personal branding also offer once-in-a-lifetime opportunities to go behind the scenes across a wide range of businesses, sporting clubs and venues.

### **Who can apply?**

You need to be aged between 15 - 24 and supported by one of our Youth Partner organisations.



### **I am not connected to a Youth Partner organisation. Can I still apply?**

To qualify, you must be between the ages of 15 and 24 and be connected with one of our Youth Partner organisations above. You can reach out to a youth partner to see if you are eligible.

## Dates and commitment

### **When is Larita Academy?**

Stay tuned for 2027's date announcement!

### **Do I have to attend all 4 days?**

Yes, it's a 4-day academy. Being there every day helps you get the most from the experience and supports your growth.

**Do we stay overnight?**

No. The program takes place during the day in Melbourne, and you return home each afternoon or as organised with your youth organisation.

**How much does it cost?**

Nothing, participants will not be required to provide any monetary contribution to participate in the Larita Academy. Participation in the Larita Academy is funded through full scholarships provided by the LK Group. Your youth organisation will support travel and logistics.

**Applying****How do I apply?**

Details about how to apply will be communicated once the dates for 2027 are announced.

**Do I need work experience?**

No. We are looking for young people who are curious, motivated, and ready to give things a go. Your story and your goals matter more than past achievements.

**I find writing challenging. Can I apply another way?**

Yes. You can record a short video, audio message or other creative ways you may have instead of writing. Your youth organisation can help you submit your application.

**When do applications open and close?**

The application portal will open in 2027 – stay tuned for dates.

**Why is it important to commit to attending?**

Scholarships are very limited. If you accept a scholarship, we ask that you commit to attend and participate. This helps make sure every opportunity offered for young people is valued.

**What if something changes and I cannot attend?**

Speak with your youth partner as soon as you can so we can discuss next steps together. Getting there, getting ready:

**Where is Larita held and how do I get there?**

In central Melbourne. Specific venues will be shared once you accept your scholarship. Your youth partner will help you plan travel and logistics.

**What should I bring or wear?**

Comfortable clothing.

**Will meals be provided?**

Yes. Meals and snacks are included each day.

### **What if I have allergies, accessibility needs or require support?**

You can tell us about any medical, sensory or accessibility needs during the scholarship process. We will work with you and your youth partner to make sure you feel supported.

### **Can I use my phone during the program?**

You can use your phone during break times. We encourage you to be present and engaged during activities to make most of the Larita experience.

### **What if I am neurodivergent or experience sensory overload?**

You are welcome to bring anything that helps you feel comfortable and focused such as noise cancelling headphones, fidget tools or sensory supports. There will also be quiet spaces available if you need a break at any time. Just let us or your youth partner know what you might need so we can support you well.

## **During the Academy**

### **What will we do?**

You will take part in practical learning workshops, inspiring sessions, choose electives and immersive experiences that build your confidence, skills and opportunities.

### **What if I feel nervous or unsure?**

Many young people feel like that at first. The Larita team and your youth partner will support you every step of the way.

### **Who will be looking after us?**

You will be supported by qualified youth workers, the Larita support crew and trained coaches who are committed to creating a safe and positive experience.

## **After the Academy**

### **What happens after I graduate from Larita?**

You become part of the Larita Alumni Program. You can read more about the program on our website: [larita.com.au/alumni](http://larita.com.au/alumni). We encourage new friendships and networks built at the academy.