



headspace Discovery College Course Guide

The Discovery College is about learning from each other, sharing experiences and ideas to explore who we are, what works for us, what we want and what we can do. Discovery learning values all different kinds of knowledge and experiences.

Course facilitators

The courses offered at headspace Discovery College have been developed by real people who have a range of different life experiences and want to share what has worked for them. Each course will have at least one facilitator who had had their own personal experience of mental health challenges and recovery and another facilitator who has professional experience or specialised subject knowledge. The aim is to bring together people who may represent different ideas and experiences into the one course. Some of our facilitators' backgrounds include youth advisory committee members, volunteers, mental health clinicians and learning and development consultants. Our facilitators work together to create courses to explore ideas about mental health and wellbeing together.

Students

The Discovery College welcomes enrolments from all kinds of people interested in exploring ideas around mental health and wellbeing. Future students may come from different backgrounds including young people, friends, families and mental health professionals all there to learn from the course facilitators and each other.

headspace Discovery College courses

There are currently the following courses available at headspace Discovery College.

- Self and identity
- Communication, assertiveness and relationships
- Mindfulness
- Understanding self-harm
- Taking charge of your own health
- High school, relationships and social media
- What is it about Medication?

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Self and Identity

This course is developed and delivered by people with valuable life and professional experience in this field, that enables and encourages you as an individual to learn about yourself and who you are as a person. Throughout the course you will explore who you are in your community, who you are to others, how your identity shapes your decision making and how you change over time. You will get the chance to participate in a variety of fun and interactive activities focusing on these topics. And of course, this wouldn't be complete without celebrating YOU!

Course length: Either 5 x 2 hours, 3 x 3 hours or 1 day (7 hours)

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Communication, Assertiveness and Relationships

This course gives you the chance to talk about communication in a fun, group-learning environment. The course will give you the opportunity to explore the different ways we communicate, what's important to you and how to make how to make your communication work for you. You will also get the chance to think about the ingredients for positive relationships and how to recognise and manage when things aren't going so well. The aim is for you to leave the course with the confidence and skills for all kinds of life situations.

Course length: 6 x 2 hours

Campus: headspace Frankston

Mindfulness

This course brings young people together in a group-learning environment where they will experience a range of skills, techniques and ideas about how to live mindfully. Mindfulness is about bringing our attention to the present moment with openness, receptiveness and interest. There are many ways this can be done and in this course students will connect with all five of their senses through interesting, fun and engaging activities and practices.

Course length: 8 x 2 hours

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Understanding self-harm

This course allows space for participants to openly discuss and unpack their own experiences around self-harm in a non-judgemental and safe environment. Together, through compassionate and open conversations, we will develop a deeper understanding of each individual's unique experience of self-harm, extending well beyond the common fears and misconceptions that can often prevent such discussions from happening.

Course duration: 1 day (7 hours)

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Taking charge of your own health

In this short course we will explore the roles and responsibilities we each have for our own health and well-being and that of those that we support and care for. By considering some of the support tools and the language we use, we will inspire one another to go on a journey of transformation, developing a sense of empowerment and control in our own lives or for others. Participants will all have an opportunity to develop their own well-being plan, unique to the things that keep them feeling well.

Course length: 1 day (7 hours)

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High school, relationships and social media

This course is aimed at young people between the ages of 11 and 16. The course finds some really engaging and interactive ways of supporting young people to explore some of the challenges we face, both in school and outside of school. During the workshops, we complete a number of exciting activities to help us to explore who we are and how we interact and connect with other people, the impacts and effects of bullying (physical and online) and the risks and benefits of using social media, such as Facebook and Snap chat. Join us to explore these topics in a way that we can share ideas and learn from one another."

Course length: 2 x 2 hours

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What is it about medication?

This course brings together people who are interested in having some open discussion about the role of medication in mental health. It provides an opportunity to look differently at how we take care of our own mental health and that of those we support in an engaging and interactive way.

Course length: 1 x 3 hours

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How to enrol

You can enrol by emailing your completed enrolment form to Discovery.College@alfred.org.au or drop it to headspace Bentleigh reception.

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