The VDEI Learning Centre features:

- A stunning architecturally designed Learning Centre
- Conveniently located within Melbourne’s iconic St Kilda Road business precinct and minutes from the CBD.
- Surrounded by public transport options, secure and street parking
- Minutes’ walk from Albert Park Lake sports and recreational facilities
- Flexible open plan spaces with a variety of seating layouts
- Venue capacity of up to 100 people
- State of the art, high definition video conferencing equipment
- Eight interactive smart boards with internet, multimedia and the latest office software
- Wifi for iPads, laptops and other mobile devices
- Sophisticated audio system with ceiling mics, lectern, boom and handheld options
- Excellent onsite catering by hospitality students from the Victorian College for the Deaf
- Outdoor area for breaks
Reasons to choose VDEI for your next business event…

State of the art facilities

VDEI Learning Centre is a technology orientated facility with lecture room space, interactive multi-media and video conferencing facilities. VDEI regularly services an extensive network of corporate and government stakeholders, who make excellent use of the state-of-the-art video conferencing equipment and it has become a well-used venue for professional learning, knowledge sharing and networking.

Whether you require the venue for a small or a large group, VDEI has the capability to achieve your vision and make your next event a resounding success. The facilities are ideal for strategic planning sessions, annual general meetings, business seminars, conferences, board meetings, product/service launches and general events that require professional presentation and style.

Onsite technical support services

VDEI is supported by an in-house team of personnel who are very experienced in the audio visual equipment and the conferencing facilities. VDEI staff will assist with setting you up and can remain in the room throughout your session to ensure that everything runs smoothly. We can customize digital displays, technology and lighting for your event. VDEI are able to support your bookings with professionalism, technical knowledge and quality that you just don’t get at many other venues.
**Convenient location**

VDEI is set within the beautiful gardens of the historic site at 597 St Kilda Road which houses the impressive Bluestone building and Victorian College for the Deaf which represents 150 years of deaf education in Victoria. Conveniently located within the St Kilda Road business precinct, it is close to Melbourne’s CBD, St Kilda, Toorak and South Yarra, close to public transport and parking.

**Onsite gourmet catering**

In line with your priorities for corporate social responsibility, all your catering needs will be taken care of by the Trade Block Café at the Victorian College for the Deaf. The café’s aim is to improve the independence and employability of the deaf students who work in the café and to break down barriers surrounding deafness.

At any event the catering experience leaves a lasting impression and we understand how important this is for you. Platters are made fresh in house and with highest quality seasonable produce. Our talented students can cater to special dietary requirements and our front of house staff ensure a smooth and professional service. Tea and coffee will be automatically included in your package.

**Excellent rates**

Please speak with one of the VDEI team to discuss your specific requirements and we will tailor a package that will suit your budget and exceed your expectations. We have very competitive rates, ethical and healthy options.

**What others have said about their VDEI event experience**

*Voula Dorkos, Clinical Leader-Adult Specialist, Australian Hearing*

I would like to thank you all for all of your hard work and time in ensuring my day yesterday ran smoothly. Your willingness to assist me was highly regarded as well as appreciated. The food got a mention on every evaluation so thanks! Everything was great and I will certainly be using your venue again.

*Brent Philips, Manager, Community Relations, VicDeaf.*

Just a short note to thank you both for your fantastic cooperation and assistance at our Planning Day last Friday at VDEI. We were very impressed with the facilities and room set up. Needless to say we are very keen to use your facilities for future meetings/sessions.

*Genine Spicer, eSmart administration, The Alannah and Madeline Foundation*
Choose your seating layout…

Choosing a seating layout for your training day is a very important part of your conference planning.

**Workshop/Cabaret**

This is the most popular seating layout where 5 or 7 participants are seated at large square tables. It is a relatively informal way of seating and allows participants to work in groups, interact and partake in activities.

**Boardroom**

This is perfect for small conferences or an interview processes where delegate numbers are around 12-15. As with U shape, if there is an increase in participants beyond the recommended number then the boardroom table becomes too big and participants end up having to shout at each other across the table.

**Classroom**

This is a good alternative to cabaret style as it requires less space. It is great for courses where participants are required to write notes on their iPads, PCs or in their notebooks. Classroom style can be in rows or in a ‘U’shape.

**Theatre**

Theatre style seating is probably the most formal seating layout and is ideal for a presentation style event or question and answer session. Please note that it affords less interaction among participants.