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A national cancer screening register to be introduced

A NEW national cancer screening register aimed at saving more lives through increased detection, treatment and prevention of some of the country's biggest killers will be the focus of legislation introduced by the federal government.

Health Minister Sussan Ley will introduce the National Cancer Screening Register Bill 2016 to establish a new national register, which will replace eight separate state and territory cervical cancer registers and an outdated and fragmented bowel screening system.

Ms Ley said the new innovative measures would ensure Australia remained a world leader in the early detection of cancers.

Ms Ley said the legislation would benefit the health of Australians through more efficient cervical and bowel screening pathways through the establishment of a national register to monitor the effectiveness, quality and safety of screening and diagnoses associated with bowel cancer and cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer claims the lives of 250 women a year despite being one of the most preventable cancers.

Currently, 80 per cent of women with cervical cancer have not been screened or have not had regular screening.

Changes to the National Cervical Cancer Screening Program from May 1 next year will introduce a more effective cervical cancer test — the human papillomavirus (HPV) test — to replace the two-yearly pap test.

Bowel cancer is the second most common cause of cancer deaths in Australia, with about 4000 Australians dying each year.

The expanded National Bowel Cancer Screening Program will roll out a free, at home bowel cancer screening kit to Australians aged 50 to 74 years every two years by 2020.

Ms Ley said that protection of personal information in the register would be critical and it would be built in accordance with strict data security requirements and Commonwealth cybersecurity guidelines for new infrastructure.

Telstra Health will be the service provider and it will be required to comply with all legal and legislative requirements.



The History Council of Victoria's History Roadshow hit Catholic College Sale, where experts Dr Cheryl Glowery, Professor Joe Siracusa, and Nossal High School teacher and assessor Elizabeth Morgan spoke to students about career outcomes and how to do well in VCE exams.

History roadshow comes to school

STUDYING history can lead to uncovering all sorts of stories and travelling the world, according to the experts who spoke to VCE history students at a recent History Council of Victoria History Roadshow.

As well as providing some tips for exams, teachers and lecturers from the Nossal High School, RMIT, and Federation Uni explained how they turned a love of history into a career.

More than 130 students from seven schools attended, from as far away as Orbost, to participate in the event, one of several taking place in regional centres across the state.

The History Council of Victoria's executive officer, Margaret Birtley, said the extra help would be useful for the students.

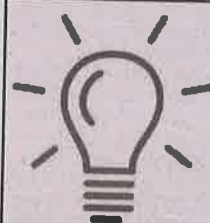
"There's just that extra thing from hearing it in someone else's words," she said.

"The top assignments are the one that carry that extra level of knowledge, depth, a richness of understanding, and that only comes from wider reading and hearing other voices

Catholic College Sale's learning area leader for humanities, Julie Bradley, said it was good to see programs like the history roadshow in regional areas.

"For the year 12s especially, there is a lot of exam revision, which is perfect — if they had to go to Melbourne it'd be a six hour trip," she said.

Students heard from history teacher and exam assessor Elizabeth Morgan; Professor Joe Siracusa, a lecturer who advocated for travelling the world and actively participating in history; and Dr Cheryl Glowery, whose work at Fed Uni has included several volumes on local history.



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History Council of Victoria executive officer Margaret Birtley outside the Catholic College Sale St Pat's campus.