

Weekly Career News

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It's never too early to start thinking about career ideas, researching your options, developing a career action plan, or simply having a discussion with your Career Adviser.

If you are in Year 12, it is essential that you discuss your options with the key people in your life as soon as possible.

Have no idea what you would like to do when you leave school? No stress! Don't delay seeing your Career Adviser- now is the perfect time. Not sure what to say? Don't worry- it's their job to guide you and open up possibilities you may not have considered before.

As a starting point, if you are interested in studying at university or TAFE in the future, it's important you attend open days and plan out your course interests early.

If you are interested in pursuing a traineeship or apprenticeship pathway, it is important that you gain as much industry experience as possible. You can undertake work experience once you turn 15 years old.

Seeing the Career Coordinator early in the year is important to ensure you can get organised early and to be able to start making links with local employers.

Casual employment

You can sign up for employment opportunities at the following websites:

Coles	https://bit.ly/383OETN
IGA Supermarkets	https://bit.ly/382p4yw
KFC	https://bit.ly/33N7mM1
Woolworths	https://bit.ly/2RptgTp
Hungry Jacks	https://bit.ly/2qkwIU8
Kmart	https://bit.ly/2Y8U2Rd
Target	https://bit.ly/2qZ76MZ
McDonalds	https://bit.ly/38oUvtb
Bunnings	https://bit.ly/2LfB2Ls
Donut King	https://bit.ly/2YbqYly
Boost Juice	https://bit.ly/2P36v4l
Red Rooster	https://bit.ly/2Lf35Le
Myer	https://bit.ly/2sHiEov
Cotton On	https://bit.ly/2LjebPj
Sportsgirl	https://bit.ly/2RfT2cC
Officeworks	https://bit.ly/361GkCp
Apco	https://bit.ly/33F09xz

About 80% of all job vacancies aren't advertised, so it is crucial that you market yourself to businesses with an excellent resume and cover letter.

Make sure you tell as many people as possible that you are looking for work as often employers rely on 'word of mouth' to recruit for their positions.

Job seeking resources: For excellent job seeking tips, and resume/cover letter templates, check out the resources at the following two websites:

Skillsroad - www.skillsroad.com.au

Youth Central - www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

Rights and responsibilities – know your rights and responsibilities when starting a new job - www.fairwork.gov.au

Tax File Number (TFN): If you don't have a TFN, you will need to apply for one via the Australian Tax Office - www.ato.gov.au

Job options: also, check out job options at the 'Explore Careers' website - <https://explorecareers.com.au>

ADF Careers

Australian Defence Force (ADF)

Work experience: students who are keen to explore Defence Force careers may be able to apply for work experience. To keep up to date with work experience opportunities bookmark the following link - www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/

Cadets: students may also be able to apply for the Army, Navy or Air Force Cadets program. To explore Cadet Units in your local area, visit www.cadetnet.gov.au

Parents/Carers – School to Work Resources

Supporting your child in preparing for the world of work after school can be a challenge. Casualisation and globalisation of the work force, and automation and rapid advances in technology will all have an impact in your child's navigation of the world of work.

The Australian Government has developed resources to support parents through the Future Ready Career Education Portal. To access the resources, go to <https://schooltowork.dese.gov.au/>

Interested in pursuing an apprenticeship or traineeship?

Even though you have just started the schooling year, your planning should start now. Australian Apprenticeship Pathways have developed an excellent four-step guide to assist you to start planning - www.aapathways.com.au

Read through Step One and take the work type explorer quiz, download the AusAppPathways app to your phone, and complete practice aptitude quizzes to ascertain the level of literacy and numeracy skills you will need for different occupations.

You can also do the following during the year to prepare for an apprenticeship:

Meet with your Career Adviser to start planning your professional trade career

Undertake work experience in several fields or with several employers in the same field. See your Career Adviser for information on how to organise work experience.

Contact industry leaders and associations in your fields of interest to ask questions.

Contact local apprenticeship centres and/or group training organisations to ask their advice on what makes a competitive apprenticeship applicant. Use the following website to locate organisations in your local area www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

Work hard in your English and Mathematics classes and VET/technology/science subjects if relevant. With advances in technology occurring across all apprenticeship fields, it will be crucial that you can read and interpret complex information and instructions and adapt to changes in technology during your apprenticeship and once qualified.

Bookmark websites for industries you are interested in to keep up to date with changes to industry technology, skills shortages, and events. For example:

Bricklaying	http://bit.ly/2DYCwbA
Plumbing	http://bit.ly/2FK6wnP
ICT	https://bit.ly/2SaxPj2
Agriculture	https://bit.ly/36WWgdq
Community Services	https://bit.ly/2OoUQgS

Rail Careers
Climate control

<https://bit.ly/36Ruo65>
<https://bit.ly/3b8mBoo>

University scholarships for Year 12 high achievers

The University of Melbourne – The Hansen Scholarship

If you are planning to study at The University of Melbourne in 2022, you should consider applying for the prestigious Hansen Scholarship. Stage 1 applications are now open and close on the 11th of March. You must be able to prove financial disadvantage to be eligible.

<https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/hansen>

Australia National University (ANU) – Tuckwell Scholarship

If you are planning to study at ANU in 2022, you should consider applying for the prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship. Applications will open on the 3rd of March.

<https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>

Other scholarships

The Country Education Foundation has developed a resource to assist Year 12 students to find and apply for university scholarships. The majority of scholarships for the 2022 intake won't open until later in the year, but students can use the website as a guide to what may be available.

<https://cef.org.au/scholarships-guide/>

University course search tools

Course Seeker

The Course Seeker website contains a national course comparison tool which allows students to search, select and compare higher education courses and filter search results by ATAR, study area and location, www.courseseeker.edu.au

View course ATARs

Year 12 students can view the ATAR profiles for university courses by using the course search functions on state based Tertiary Admission Centres.

Course ATARs can be used as a guide when planning for post school studies. It's important to note that as ATARs are based on the demand for a course, they may rise or fall for the 2022 intake.

Students will be able to view the lowest ATAR and lowest Selection Rank (ATAR inclusive of equity and academic bonus points) to receive an offer.

Use the following websites to access the information

Victoria	www.vtac.edu.au
NSW & ACT	www.uac.edu.au
QLD	www.qtac.edu.au
SA & NT	www.satac.edu.au
WA	www.tisc.edu.au
Tasmania	www.utas.edu.au

Get savvy about your finances

Year13 has teamed up with Westpac and built FinLit, a financial literacy program that will equip you with the knowledge you'll need to navigate the world of money. If you've ever wondered how to save for a car or how to go about buying a house, or what superannuation is - you've come to the right place! Topics include:

Landing your first job

- Types of work
- Getting paid the right wage
- Choosing a bank and guide to bank fees
- Using your bank account

Taxes and super

- What is superannuation?
- Getting paid the right super
- The deal with taxes

Saving & spending your cash

- Saving your money
- Understanding interest
- Savings accounts

Program - <https://year13.com.au/>

Free online career planning and job seeker program

The team at My Career Match have developed a free program for high school students that is broken into five key categories:

- Career planning
- Promoting yourself
- Getting a job
- Personal development
- Wellness

Students can choose which categories and lessons they would like to work through.

www.blastoff.mycareermatch.com.au

Science at Monash University

What is studying science at Monash University like? Monash has developed a series of videos to enable prospective students to hear from academics and learn about their stories and passions. To access the clips, go to <http://bit.ly/1QBMmdw>

University Newsletters

Stay up to date with future student news by subscribing to newsletters or bookmarking pages to browse future student information. The following are examples:

University of Wollongong, <https://bit.ly/2MS8xmU>

Victoria University <http://bit.ly/2ftWnzY>

La Trobe University, <http://bit.ly/2f81p6N>

Overseas Student Exchange

If you are interested in participating in an overseas exchange program or would like to find out more about becoming a host family, World Education Program (WEP) is running several online information seminars for prospective students. For information on the WEP and to RSVP for an information session, visit <https://wep.org.au/>

Hair and Beauty courses

The Masters Institute of Creative Education

The Institute offers students the opportunity to begin their careers in the dynamic and creative world of Hair, Beauty, Fashion, Fashion Design and Make-up with intensive hands-on practical training. For information on courses and to book a campus tour, go to <https://tmice.edu.au/>

Career Events

One of the best ways to develop ideas for occupations and courses is to participate in career events.

Check the Weekly Career News for upcoming events and also join the social media for any higher education provider or training institute you are currently interested in to ensure you are up to date with events.

The following are events you may be interested in.

Victoria University (VU)

VU offers university and TAFE courses and has several campuses across the Melbourne area. The institute is running online information sessions for the following course areas during February, March and April:

- Business
- Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management
- Early Childhood Education
- Law, Criminology & Legal Services
- Creative Arts, Screen Media & Animation
- Building Design, Building Surveying, Construction Management, & Engineering
- Biomedical and Health Sciences
- Primary and Secondary Teaching
- Community Development, Social Work, Youth Work & Criminal Justice
- Information Technology
- Sport, Exercise Sciences & Outdoor Leadership
- Nutrition

For information and to RSVP for a session visit <https://study.vu.edu.au/ug-webinar-series>

Endeavour College of Natural Health

The College is located at Melbourne and offers higher education courses in:

- Naturopathy
- Acupuncture
- Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine
- Myotherapy
- Complimentary Medicine
- Remedial Massage (Diploma)

The institute is running several online course information sessions for prospective students. For information and to RSVP, visit www.endeavour.edu.au

Charles Sturt University

Year 10 - 12 students are invited to participate in the Charles Sturt University Explore Day at the campus of their choice. Students will be able to explore two study areas through one-hour workshops.

There are a huge range of workshops exploring courses such as veterinary science, equine science, agriculture, allied health, teaching, medical sciences, humanities, business etc. Parents are also able to attend.

Wagga Wagga, Tuesday 23 March
Albury-Wodonga, Tuesday 30 March
Information and RSVP:
<https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events/explore-day>

Space Careers

A job in the space sector may seem out of reach, or only available to a select few who want to be an astronaut. But the good news is, there are many space jobs that draw on STEM skills and areas like software development, industrial design, and metal fabrication.

The Australian Space Agency aims to triple the size of the Australian space sector and create 20,000 more space jobs in Australia in the next 10 years. Careers With STEM are running a webinar for students interested in working in the space industry.

Wednesday 24 February, 12pm – 1pm
Info & RSVP: <http://bit.ly/36XGPA9>

UCAT Preparation Sessions

Year 12 students planning to study medicine or dentistry in 2022 may need to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT ANZ) in July 2021, www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz

National Institute of Education is running an online UCAT information session on Monday 15 February between 6.30pm – 9pm, www.nie.edu.au

Medicine Information Session

Charles Sturt University offers undergraduate medicine at the Orange, NSW campus in partnership with Western Sydney University. An online information session for prospective students will be held on Tuesday 4 May. Book via <http://bit.ly/332b5rn>

Australian Defence Force

Work Experience

Secondary students can apply to undertake work experience in the Army, Navy or Air Force. The following are examples of work experience opportunities that can be applied for.

It's important to note that work experience must be organised in partnership with your school and that students and their families are responsible for any costs associated with the work experience such as accommodation and transport.

Air Force

Air Force Familiarisation Camp
East Sale, Victoria
There are 2-night work experience programs running in March and April.

Navy

Navy Aviation Overview

Nowra, NSW
29 – 31 March

For information and to apply for any of the above opportunities and to keep up to date with other future work experience options visit <https://defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/>

More Career Events...

You can find out more about careers in the ADF through participating in a free information session. For a list of upcoming events and to RSVP, visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/events

Recruitment

If you are considering applying for any role in the Defence Force to start in 2021 or 2022, you should book a YOU (Your Options Unlimited) session early. This is the first step in the recruitment process. For information and to book the aptitude day, visit <http://bit.ly/2Tyn8Yp>

ADF Gap Year Program

Year12 students will soon be able to apply for the ADF Gap Year program. Students will be able to spend an exciting 12-months in the Navy, Army or Air Force, and get paid for meaningful work while travelling around Australia, gaining skills for life, and making lifelong friends. For information, visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year

Interested in a career with the Victoria Police?

Victoria Police has four different roles available for students who might be interested in pursuing a career in policing.

- Police Officer
- Protective Services Officer
- Police Custody Officer
- Victorian Public Servant

For a brief overview of each role and to watch recruitment videos, visit - <https://bit.ly/2N5vhUu>

Experience and attributes the Force is looking for

Not every 18-year-old will be ready to apply but those who are gathering life experience whilst they are in high school will be more competitive throughout the recruitment process. For example:

Employment in a customer service role

Provides exposure to people of all works of life and develops communication, teamwork and conflict resolution skills. For example, working at McDonalds one day a week.

Volunteer experience

Develops a sense of community-mindedness and communication skills. For example, working at the local surf lifesaving club or community centre.

Sporting club experience

Develops teamwork, communication and leadership skills, not to mention the healthy level of fitness that is a requirement of the role.

Overseas travel

Provides exposure to other cultures, religions and languages and fosters a sense of independence and assertiveness.

For information on eligibility criteria and the recruitment process, visit the Victoria Police careers website, www.police.vic.gov.au/careers

To view upcoming recruitment information sessions, visit www.police.vic.gov.au/police-information-sessions

My Health Career

My Health Career is a fantastic website that has career resources such as information sheets and videos about careers in several health fields including physiotherapy, dentistry, optometry and occupational therapy etc., www.myhealthcareer.com.au

Who wants to be an engineer?

Do you prefer building bridges or creating engines? Who has more fun – a civil engineer or an aerospace engineer? Bring together skills and knowledge with a degree at RMIT. Play this game to find out what type of engineering you'd be best suited to, and about student life at RMIT, <https://trueengineer.rmit.edu.au/>

Train to become a flight attendant

The following are examples of two institutions that offer flight attendant training in the Melbourne area:

Aviation Australia

Training runs in blocks with numerous starting dates throughout the year. You can explore start dates, location and fees at this link - <https://aviationaustralia.aero/>

William Angliss

Offers the Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew). To find out about the course, visit www.angliss.edu.au

Free study skills subjects

Charles Sturt University offers free online subjects for students who would like to brush up on their skills, prepare for university study, extend their learning and challenge themselves. Examples of subjects include:

- Essay writing and academic writing
- Maths (intermediate and advanced)
- Preparation for teaching maths (for students interested in studying education)
- Introductory subjects in Chemistry, Physics, Bioscience and Anatomy

For information and to enrol into a free online subject, go to <https://bit.ly/2Psh7fe>

Upcoming Career Events

Year13 – Ask Me Anything

Year13 are inviting students to ask them anything about the following career areas:

Business and Entrepreneurship, <http://bit.ly/2YHHL77>

Accounting and Financial Services, <http://bit.ly/3riiqx9>

Just click on the above link, submit your questions and a member from Yr13 will get back to you.

Start the school year by setting goals

The HopeFull Institute has developed a set of free worksheets for students covering a range of topics such as:

- digital detox
- examining stress
- goals (general and athletic)
- gratitude

To download the worksheets, visit www.thehopefullinstitute.com/free-worksheets/

Careers in International Trade, Freight and Logistics

Learn about this exciting industry by visiting the 'Make Your Move' website. International Trade, Freight and Logistics is a large industry and staff ensure that goods and resources are distributed around the globe. Through the website you will be able to:

- Explore profiles of staff working in the industry
- Learn about job roles
- Search for jobs

Visit www.mymv.org

Competitions

Enter competitions to explore your passions and build your resume!

JMC Audio Competition

For students who are passionate about sound engineering. Winners will receive studio time with a JMC mentor and a RØDE NT1 Complete Studio Kit. Applications close Wednesday 10 February 2021. For information on the competition and to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/2NYzLwE>

Future Leaders Awards 2021

Future Leaders Awards are now open and there are four categories:

- Writing (Year 11 and 12)
- Social Justice (Year 12)
- Leadership (Year 12)
- Photography (Year 12)

For information and to apply, visit www.futureleaders.com.au

Young Archie Competition

This is the youth version of the Archibald Prize and is run by the Art Gallery of NSW. Young people who are passionate about portrait making are encouraged to enter. For information on the competition and to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/36Qhw3d>

Wool for School Design Competition

This competition is for young fashion designers. Students will create clothing items containing at least 70% wool. For information and to apply for the competition, visit www.wool4school.com