

CAREER NEWSLETTER

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FOCUS ON CAREER PLANNING

Our fortnightly Career Newsletter (along with the [Careers Facebook](#)) is a great place to interact with news, information and events aimed at encouraging students and their parents to have meaningful career conversations and make positive steps in career planning. The Career Newsletter regularly contains information about:

- Tertiary (e.g., university) and vocational (e.g., TAFE) courses and institutions
- Apprenticeships and traineeships
- Focus articles on courses and occupations,
- Upcoming career events.

You are also encouraged to focus on your career development this year. This will assist you to develop post school plans in terms of courses you may like study or occupations you may like to pursue. Career development activities may include:

- Attending tertiary and vocational institution open days
- Undertaking work experience
- Volunteering for a leadership position at school or in the community
- Undertaking community service
- Playing sport or engaging in hobbies
- Reading through university and TAFE course guides, and exploring [key websites](#)
- Completing a vocational assessment
- Speaking to past students who are studying, training or working in an area you are interested in (e.g., building, law).
- Meeting with me for a career chat.

These are only a small number of examples. Career development will also result from exposure to the media, conversations with adults, and through chance encounters. Having a career mindset will help you recognise and open the door to new opportunities.

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VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Work Experience in Game Development, Animation and Visual Effects

The AIE Work Experience Program is a great way for secondary school students in years 10 to 12 to learn about the interactive entertainment and digital industries. The week will open the door to the range of career possibilities in the industry and allow students to get hands-on with the tools of the trade. To register head to www.aie.edu.au/workexperience

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Applying for Medicine or Health Science Courses?

If are thinking applying for these courses in 2018, you may need to sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT).

This is a three-part test that you sit in July 2017 and selected universities use your UMAT score as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and in some cases an interview.

You will be tested on the following- logical reasoning and problem solving, understanding people and non-verbal reasoning.

You will only have one chance to sit the UMAT this year- the test will be held **Wednesday 26 July**. You must be in Year 12 and you must register online to sit the test by **5pm 2 June**.

You have the choice to start preparing for the test early. There are several private companies who offer commercial preparation programs – www.nie.edu.au/ and www.medentry.edu.au/ are examples.

It is important to note that the universities who use the UMAT **do not endorse any of these companies** and you will receive free preparation materials once you register for the test (registration is now open).

Please go to <http://umat.acer.edu.au/> for more information about the UMAT and to see if you have to sit the test. You can also join the [ACER UMAT Facebook](#) page to keep up to date with key information.

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Interested in Engineering?

Engineers Australia has a fantastic Facebook site that students can join. You will be able to keep up to date with developments in Australian and global engineering, conferences and information sessions, and gain ideas about different occupations in engineering, www.facebook.com/EngineersAustralia.

What type of engineering would you be suited to? RMIT has developed a quiz to assist you to discover what type of engineering you would be suited to study (e.g., civil, mechanical, chemical). You can take the test here - www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/engineering/about/are-you-a-true-engineer

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Victoria Police Internship

Law students at Victoria University have access to a 10-week internship with the Legal Services Department and Prosecutions Division of Victoria Police. A small number of students will be selected each year to undertake placements in a variety of police specialist areas including:

- Melbourne Prosecutions Unit
- Research and Training Unit
- Civil Advocacy Unit

- Commissions and Inquiries Division, and
- Police Coronial Support Unit

High achieving Year 12 students who receive a place in a law course at the University may be eligible for the Chancellor's Scholarship, which is valued at \$20 000 over four years. For more information on the Law program at VU, go to www.vu.edu.au/about-vu/academic-colleges/law-justice

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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://monash.edu/science-stories>

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Army, Navy and Air Force Gap Year

The Australian Defence Force Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year in the Army, Navy or Air Force.

You will earn more than \$45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage. There are a variety of roles available to apply for. Applications will open in March for current Year 12 students and you can register your interest now. For more information and to apply, go to www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gap-year/

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Careers in the Defence Force

There are many occupations in the Defence Force that you may be suited to. Your ability to apply for the occupation of your choice will be effected by your level of education, the subjects you have studied at school, your age, and your gender.

To narrow down which occupations you can apply for, use the Defence Force "Job Finder". You just enter your personal details and select your general career interest areas and a list of jobs will be generated. Go to www.defencejobs.gov.au/

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Careers in the automotive industry

Know you want to work in the auto industry, but not sure which occupation would suit you best? The Auto Skills Australia website has information about various automotive occupations. Go to <http://asacompanionvolumes.com.au/careers>

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Hair, Beauty, Fashion and Make-up

Headmasters: is a private College in Melbourne. The Institute offers students the opportunity to begin their careers in the dynamic and creative world of Hair, Beauty, Fashion and Make-up with intensive hands-on practical training. For information on courses and to book a campus tour, go to www.headmasters.com.au/

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Aviation Australia Cabin Crew Career Session, Qantas Centre of Service Excellence, Wed 22 March

Discover how you can travel for a living at an Aviation Australia Cabin Crew Career Session. Find out how to excel in a career as a flight attendant, speak to industry experts and learn about the world class training aids on offer. For more information, contact our Airline Training Consultant, Laura McQuilkin on 07 3860 0993 or visit www.aviationaustralia.aero/cabin-crew-career-sessions/

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Taronga Zoo Meet a Keeper Seminars

Meet a Keeper is a one-day program for students 14 years and over who have expressed a keen interest in a career at the Zoo. Students will learn about aspects of zoo-keeping, including: qualifications, career opportunities, core responsibilities, careers structures and wages. March 10th, March 22nd, April 5th and October 20th. <https://taronga.org.au/education/sydney/meet-keeper>

Interested in nursing?

The Australian College of Nursing is hosting a Nursing and Health Expo on Saturday 29 April at The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre between 8.30am – 1.30pm. You will be able to:

- Meet a range of nursing and health organisations
- Explore career pathways
- Find out about educational opportunities

For more information, go to www.acn.edu.au/expos

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Want to learn more about adolescent issues

The Australian Catholic University (ACU) School of Psychology is hosting four webinars that will benefit students interested in studying psychology in the future and parents. Time: 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm. Dates and topics:

- 15 May – Development issues
- 19 June – Cyberbullying
- 24 July – Body image and weight
- 13 September – Career planning panel

To be added to the email list to receive further details about the webinars, please email fhsrsp@acu.edu.au

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Tertiary Information Sessions

Attending information sessions will assist you in setting new career goals or firming up ideas you already have. Having a course or courses in mind can also assist you in feeling more motivated to work hard at school.

Information sessions are usually free and you may have to register. Start to map out session dates on a calendar and pick the ones you will be able to attend. Here are some tertiary information session dates to get you started:

Charles Sturt University- ‘MyDay’ seminars

MyDays showcase over 40 courses. April events include Medical Radiation Science, Teaching, Creative Arts, and Nursing. For more information and to register, www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

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Monash University- ‘Inside Monash’ seminars

These events showcase different faculties within the University. The seminars run over several months and students have to book in advance. The following seminars are running in March:

- 7: Arts
- 8: Business
- 9: Science
- 28: Pharmacy

For more information and to register, go to <https://www.monash.edu/inside-monash>

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Melbourne University – ‘Meet Melbourne’

Representatives from the University will be visiting several regional locations to advise students and parents about courses, career outcomes, housing options, scholarships and student services. They will also provide advice on unique opportunities to enrich a University of Melbourne degree such as studying a concurrent diploma and going on exchange. Events are being held at the following locations in March and April:

- Tuesday 14 March: Bendigo
- Wednesday 22 March: Geelong
- Wednesday 19 April: Ballarat
- Wednesday 26 April: Albury
- Thursday 27 April: Shepparton

For more information and to register, go to <https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events>

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La Trobe University - 'Experience La Trobe'

These events are designed especially for future students to get a taste of what it's like to be a La Trobe student for a day. You will be able to: chat with staff and students, participate in structured workshops focused on your desired career/course and talk to student ambassadors about studying at La Trobe. Parents are welcome. Upcoming dates are as follows:

- Melbourne – 7 April and 6 July
- Bendigo – 7 July
- Albury-Wodonga – 26 May
- Shepparton – 4 July
- Mildura – 7 July

For more information and to book your workshops, please go to

www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events

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A Day at Melbourne University

This event is being held on Friday 7 April. You will learn about:

- Undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways at Melbourne
- Admissions and entry requirements
- Access Melbourne and Melbourne Scholarships
- Accommodation options
- How parents can help with the transition to university.

You will also be able to participate in a session focusing on the course you are interested in. To register, [click here](#).

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