

## CAREER NEWSLETTER

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### VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

#### Year 12 Tertiary Application Information Events 2020

The following events have been arranged by the School to provide information and assist students (and parents) make choices and plan post-schooling options.

- Wednesday 22 July, during Tutor Group and period 1 – Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Session at School (Year 12 students only).
- Thursday 23 July, 7:00pm – Moama Anglican Grammar Online VTAC Information Evening (Year 12 students and parents).

These will replace the scheduled face-to-face events which have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The TIS Session is a compulsory incursion for Year 12, who will hear a presentation on post-school options, educational and career pathways and the tertiary application procedure.

Students will also be given time to:

- research their tertiary study options
- connect with tertiary support services online
- access course information

The School will also run an Online VTAC Information Session to provide students and parents with all the necessary information for making tertiary applications. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification. The information session will start at 7:00pm with the presentation of relevant information, this will be followed by a question and answer time.

All Year 12 students and parents are encouraged to participate in this event using personal devices at home. We will use the Microsoft Teams platform. **Students will need to login to their School Teams account and Join the Meeting in their Calendar.** This event is not a repeat of the TIS Session, rather a complementary addition for Year 12 students and parents. A recording of this event will be made available.

Following the Trial HSC Exams, in August, students will have time allocated in Pastoral Care sessions to work through the tertiary application process. All students will also be required to book a career chat with Mr Martin to discuss post-school plans.

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### Post school qualifications

Why is completing a vocational or higher education qualification after school so important? According to the My Career Match website:

- Of the 13 million jobs in Australia in 2020, 11 million (85%) will require a Certificate III or higher. Four million (30%) will require a Bachelor degree or higher.
- Many of the careers and jobs that are around today will disappear by the time students get their first job and many new careers will be created.

To read more about the future automation, globalisation and collaboration of the future workforce, read the following report by the Australian Foundation for Young Australians - <http://bit.ly/29ARTcf>

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### Employability Toolkits

University of Sunshine Coast has developed these fantastic employability toolkits for students:

- Toolkit 1 - [professional branding](#)
- Toolkit 2 - [maintaining a professional LinkedIn profile](#)
- Toolkit 3 - [develop your digital portfolio](#)
- Toolkit 4 - [support your personal brand in a job application process](#)

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### Preparing the digital workforce of tomorrow

ING have released a Future Focus Report that explores the rapid acceleration of digital technologies in the workplace brought on by the impact of COVID. It looks at the impact this is having on the jobs and skills needed for the future workforce. Students may find the research interesting.

You can download the report at <https://bit.ly/3h8iL0n>

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### Updates from Australian Catholic University

#### • **New early entry program – ACU Guarantee**

Launching this year is the ACU Guarantee program, which will allow Year 12 students to gain entry to ACU based on their Year 11 results.

Opening in August for 2021 applications, the ACU Guarantee program will see offers made as early as September – although students must still complete their Year 12 exams to qualify.

Students can also apply for additional adjustment factors by submitting up to three statements outlining personal circumstances and their motivation for university study.

Applications open 3 August 2020 and close 25 September 2020, <https://bit.ly/32fo8GD>

Note: Students can also still apply for the Community Achievers Program, and the Passion for Law and Passion for Business early entry programs, <https://bit.ly/39y07e6>

#### • **Year 12 Revision Webinars**

To help students tackle their final exams, ACU will be running Year 12 Revision Webinars. These free 90-minute virtual sessions will be led by experienced Year 12 teachers and exam markers so that students can get personal help in a wide range of subjects, <https://bit.ly/2ZtKMJL>

#### • **Support for Year 12 students**

Please check out the new support page for Year 12 students, <https://bit.ly/306o6y5>

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### New La Trobe University pathways

The following is information from La Trobe about two new pathway options for the 2021 intake:

ATAR is just one way to get into university and our research has shown it's not the only predictor of success. We recognise many Year 12s have had their year impacted so we've created two new free

pathways that offer current Year 12s the option to study online at a university level in tandem with their VCE, HSC or VCAL.

We'll use their subject mark or average mark to calculate a La Trobe ATAR equivalent score, and if they also receive an ATAR in 2020 we'll use whichever result is higher to assess their application. You can research the pathway options below:

- Achieve at La Trobe, <https://bit.ly/3epIH6H>
- Prepare for La Trobe, <https://bit.ly/3evcSs6>

Note: Students can also still apply for the Aspire Program, <http://bit.ly/2v9WOLN>

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## STEM Careers

The following articles are from Careers With STEM, <http://careerswithstem.com.au>

- **Thinking about studying IT or computer science?**

There'll be 3.5 million new jobs in cyber security by 2021, which makes it an awesome and in-demand area to specialise in. Check out the brand-new Careers With STEM cyber security careers hub – you will find out what to study, which employers to hit up and what's involved in the job,

<https://bit.ly/304ovkE>

- **Quiz: what should you study after school at university?**

Stumped on what to study after high school? These five study quizzes are designed to help you find a University degree that fits, <https://bit.ly/2OiUo3s>

- **What can you do with a degree in physics?**

Sold on a Bachelor of Science, but not sure which subjects to major in? These are four cool and unexpected jobs a Bachelor of Science (Physics) could lead to, <https://bit.ly/3fsvfzp>

- **How a maths degree could lead you to working at ASIO**

A maths degree could lead to a career with the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), a government body that exists to protect Australians from serious threats to security,

<https://bit.ly/38RMGXH>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Australian Institute of Music (AIM)

AIM is located in Melbourne and offers courses in:

- Audio, Classical, Contemporary
- Composition & Music Production
- Music Theatre
- Arts Management & Entertainment Management
- Dramatic Arts

The Institute is running a virtual open day for prospective students and their families.

Date: Saturday 25 July, 2pm – 6pm

Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/32rvreH>

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### Discover Deakin Seminars

Deakin University is running the following online information sessions for prospective students:

July

- |    |                                  |
|----|----------------------------------|
| 20 | Occupational Therapy             |
| 21 | Public Health & Health Promotion |
| 22 | Optometry                        |
| 23 | Nursing and Midwifery            |
| 27 | Exercise and Sport Science       |
| 28 | Nutrition Sciences               |

- 29 Psychology
- 30 Health Sciences

Information and RSVP - <https://bit.ly/2YIZXi5>

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### **Monash University – Online Information Seminars**

Monash is running the following online information sessions for prospective students:

- **Inside Monash Seminars - July**
  - 22 Education and teaching
  - 23 Nursing and Midwifery
  - 28 Advanced Science degrees
  - 29 Careers in the health sector
  - 30 Occupational Therapy and Paramedicine
- **Inside Monash Seminars - recorded webinars**

You can watch the following webinars at any time:

  - Fine Art and Art History and Curating
  - Architecture
  - Business
  - Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science
  - Design
  - International Business

For all Inside Monash Seminars, visit <https://bit.ly/2LaE3fA>

- **Information evenings**

Monash is hosting online information evenings for prospective students and their families on the following dates in August: 11, 12, 25.

Register via <https://bit.ly/39GmmOQ>

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### **Australian Catholic University – Talk with Industry series**

You can watch recorded webinars at any time focussed on the following course areas:

- Exercise Science and Physiotherapy
- Business and IT
- Law
- Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine
- Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology

Visit - <https://bit.ly/2XwbkYr>

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### **The Hotel School Melbourne**

The Hotel School offers courses in hotel management and international hotel management. The School is running a virtual event where you can meet and talk to current students about the course they are studying and also speak to a course adviser via Live Chat.

Date: Thursday 23 July, 2020

Information & RSVP, <https://bit.ly/2Ox1NfT>

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### **The University of Melbourne - Meet Melbourne Live**

You can watch recorded webinars at any time focussed on the following course areas:

- Agriculture & Food Science
- Health
- Law
- Architecture, Building, Planning & Design

- Science
- Engineering
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Music
- Education
- Veterinary Medicine
- Commerce
- IT & Computer Science

You can watch the webinars by visiting <http://bit.ly/2TJWmxa>

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### **Federation University – Your Fed Future**

Federation University is running the following online webinars for prospective students:

July

- |    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
| 21 | Psychology                   |
| 22 | Biomedical Science           |
| 30 | Food and Nutritional Science |

Information and RSVP - <https://bit.ly/2WfWfLo>

You can watch recorded webinars at any time focussed on the following course areas:

- Engineering
- Social Work
- Business
- Criminal Justice and Criminology
- Teaching
- Sport, Physical and Outdoor Education
- International Sport Management
- Science
- Community & Human Services
- Arts / Social Sciences
- Communication Design
- Visual and Fine Arts
- Nursing
- IT
- Early Childhood Education
- Professional writing and editing
- Electrical and Mechanical Engineering
- Scholarships
- Virtual campus tours
- Pathways

Visit <https://bit.ly/3fp9Ygh>

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### **JOB SPOTLIGHT**

**Landscaping** from [StudyWorkGrow](#)

Landscaping encompasses everything from design and construction to maintenance and management of outdoor environments and all their features – from trees, plants, lawns, water features and irrigation to walls, drives and other constructions.

You could specialise in domestic gardens, commercial or industrial landscapes. Within those areas you could specialise further into hardscaping (paving and landscape construction) or softscaping (plant establishment and maintenance). There are plenty of areas where landscaping work is required, such as

residential homes, schools, commercial enterprises (such as golf courses and hotels), local councils, roadsides and streetscapes, parklands, and many more.

### What type of person would this job suit?

- You'll need to enjoy being outdoors, appreciate the natural world and getting your hands dirty
- Have at least basic knowledge of plants and their maintenance, pests, soils and drainage
- The work can be physically demanding so you may need to be **fit** and strong (depending on your role)
- **Creative**, with an eye for design and strong attention to detail would be a bonus
- Be **practically minded**, with the **skills** to work with a variety of tools, and possibly small to heavy plant machinery
- Be good at **planning, prioritising** and multi-tasking
- Enjoy working on your own
- Work well in a team if you'd like to take on the design, planning and construction elements
- Have good **communication** skills to interpret what your customers need and want
- Business skills, if you would like to get promoted to management or decide to become self-employed
- **Resourceful** and able to problem solve

Industries where landscaping qualifications could be used:

- Arboriculture
- Landscape Services
- Gardening Services
- Turf and Sports Turf Management
- Retail Nursery and Nursery Production
- Horticulture

### Pathways

If you're passionate about growing plants and have a passion for enhancing outdoor environments, then a career in one of these industries may be for you.

You can choose to head to university and gain a degree, which could make you immediately able to apply for more specialist roles. There are also plenty of apprenticeships available which could provide a qualification, salary, plus work experience.

Study a [Bachelor of Design \(Landscape Architecture\) at QUT](#), you'll need an OP 11 or selection rank (ATAR) 77 to be eligible. Or the [Bachelor of Landscape Design at UC](#) where the required selection rank is just 60.

The [3 + 2 Landscape Architect from UWA](#) is a good example of a comprehensive course that could see you qualified with a Masters after 5 years. You'll need an ATAR of 80.0 to be eligible to apply.

Alternatively, you can start out at TAFE and gain a Cert II, III or IV, then complete an apprenticeship, or get some work experience, before deciding if you want to go to uni later to improve your skillset further.

The [Cert II in Landscaping](#) available from a number of [RTO's](#) including [North Metro TAFE](#) in WA, is a good example of an introductory course that could get you started.

### Levels

#### Landscape Gardener / Labourer

Certificate II in Landscaping may be desirable

You might be maintaining gardens for private homes, commercial and other large public settings. Planting, pruning and looking after trees, lawns, flowers and hedges. You might also get projects where you'll have to install irrigation, build pathways, retaining walls, water features and other outdoor structures.

The average salary is \$48,000 per year at this level. You could work for a company or set up your own business.

#### Landscape Tradesperson

##### [Certificate III in Landscape Construction](#)

Normally you'll have successfully completed an apprenticeship and have more skills to be involved in a wide range of landscaping activities. Typically, this could be supervising landscape maintenance, paving, construction of decks and other features, setting out landscape works, co-ordinating planting, and operating

heavy machinery and other equipment.  
The average salary is \$56,000 per year at this level.

### **Landscape Supervisor**

Certificate IV in Horticulture

Duties in this role could include supervising a team of workers, project managing a variety of landscape planting and construction works, preparing designs, purchasing materials, and operating a budget.

There are a number of ways to get work as a landscape supervisor, but most begin as landscape tradespersons.

The average salary is \$64,000 per year at this level.

### **Landscape Manager**

[Certificate IV in Landscape Design](#) or [Horticulture](#) + relevant work experience in Supervisory role or [Diploma of Landscape Design](#)

Landscape managers take on responsibility for managing business activities related to the landscaping industry.

You could be managing projects, overseeing the design of structures and features, preparing quotes and reports, or meeting, advising and liaising with clients.

The average salary is \$73,000 per year at this level.

### **Landscape Architect / Planner**

Degree in architectural design or landscape architecture

You'd be working with clients to plan and design landscapes for commercial, industrial, institutional, residential and recreational buildings and landscapes. The works would be carried out by teams of landscapers. You could be partially involved in the project management and handover.

The average salary at this level is \$87,000, but may be much more, especially if bonuses and perks are included.

Growth in this industry is **very strong** and expected to remain so.

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