

CAREER NEWSLETTER

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VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

The Hotel School

The Hotel School has campuses at Melbourne and Sydney and offers courses in Hotel Management and International Hotel Management.

To find out about courses, early entry programs, scholarships, and how to apply for courses, go to <https://bit.ly/3gnrnPD>

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Interested in engineering?

Charles Sturt University (CSU) offers an innovative civil and structural engineering program like no other in Australia or the world. Forget studying semester-long subjects, taking exams, or listening to long lectures. Through the CSU 'Topic Tree' model, students study bite-sized content, and skills and knowledge on demand.

Secondary school students are able to complete some of these units online for free.

Just go to <https://bit.ly/34xyfb0> and choose from the topics available in areas such as:

- Introductory Engineering
- Water Engineering
- Materials Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering

The engineering program is offered at the Bathurst campus and students complete four-years of paid work placement and graduate with a Bachelor and Master level qualification.

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Students applying for nursing/midwifery courses

Year 12 students applying for nursing or midwifery should be mindful of the following entry requirements:

- VTAC - Applicants applying for nursing or midwifery courses via the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) will need to complete the 'Nursing and Midwifery Declaration Form' within their VTAC account.
- UAC - Applicants applying for nursing or midwifery courses via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will need to complete an 'English Proficiency Declaration' within their UAC account.
- Victoria University - Bachelor of Nursing applicants will also need to register for and sit the CASPer test, <https://takecasper.com/>

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Missed the ADFA Open Day?

Students who missed the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) virtual open day can watch the recorded QnA and a virtual campus tour via Facebook Watch, <https://bit.ly/2FOEfBO>

At ADFA, students will:

- Undertake officer training
- Study a fully funded degree from UNSW such as Engineering, Arts, Business, Science, or Aviation
- Train in a role such as pilot, intelligence officer, or maritime warfare officer
- Earn a salary of \$40,910 per year plus super
- Live on campus

For information, visit <https://bit.ly/31tkfNH>

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Interested in studying human behaviour?

Would you like to become a psychologist? You will need to start your education by studying a Bachelor degree with an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) approved major in psychology. Not all psychology majors are approved by APAC, so you will need to contact the institution you would like to study at to double check. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2xgsTeQ>

Careers in Psychology: Deakin University has developed an excellent website showcasing different careers in Psychology. Go to <http://bit.ly/2wLNAof>

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Apprenticeships

- Viva Energy - Viva Energy are advertising Electrical Instrumentation and Fitter apprenticeships. For information, visit <https://bit.ly/3jargc6>
- Transdev Apprenticeship Program - Applications for heavy vehicle mechanic apprenticeships will open on the 1 September, www.transdev.com.au
Students can register for an information webinar running on Monday 31 August, <https://bit.ly/30LSy2j>

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Updates from Collarts

Collarts is an institute in Melbourne that offers courses in:

- Animation, VFX
- Audio Engineering
- Comedy
- Content Creation
- Entertainment - Journalism
- Interior Design
- Fashion Marketing
- Music Production
- Entertainment - Management
- Music Performance

Selections based on interview - At Collarts, you are selected on an interview, not your ATAR. Once you submit a VTAC application, Collarts will contact you with information about the interview.

New early entry program - Students can now apply for Collarts courses via a new early entry program called Launchpad. Students will still need to apply for courses via VTAC, but through Launchpad can get an early advisory letter, <https://bit.ly/3h7ZL27>

Kickstarter scholarships - Year 12 students can apply for scholarships for the 2021 intake via <https://bit.ly/2E8IZBE>

Virtual Open Day - Saturday 29 August, <https://bit.ly/2Ee4UqQ>

Passionate about cooking?

The Nestlé Golden Chef's Hat Award is Australia's longest running apprentice Chef culinary competition. Each year talented young chefs compete alongside the country's top emerging culinary talent to win the highly sought-after Golden Chef's Hat. The prize includes a once in a lifetime culinary trip to an exciting overseas destination plus hands-on work experience in the kitchen of a celebrated chef's restaurant. To learn more about the Nestlé Golden Chef's Hat Award check out the amazing video entries of this year's Golden Chef finalists, <https://bit.ly/3iMRpgU> and follow their journey on Facebook and Instagram.

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RMIT University - updates

- **New Pathways Guaranteed program**
This new program will secure you a place in a Bachelor degree, as soon as you complete the relevant vocational course. You'll get to study the field of your choice, and graduate with two RMIT qualifications.
There are 85 pathway package options and you apply for the pathway packages via VTAC. This is an excellent option for students who are concerned they may not achieve the required ATAR for their desired Bachelor courses.
Research the available pathway packages via VTAC course search, www.vtac.edu.au
- **RMIT Yearbook Competition High School class of 2020**
Year 11 and 12 students are invited to enter this competition. You will record a short video about what 2020 has been like and what you are planning to do in the future. Applications close 11 September, <https://bit.ly/323sBdH>
- **Scavenger Hunt Competition**
Year 11 and 12 students are invited to participate in a scavenger hunt on Wednesday 23 September. After you register to take part, you'll be given instructions with a list defining specific items to design and activities to complete.
An 'RMIT Logo' will need to be included in your uploaded items. You will have the chance to win prizes, <https://bit.ly/3haQ5E4>

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Employment resources

- **Do you need a Tax File Number (TFN)?**
If you are planning to get a job or if you would like to study at university or TAFE next year, you will need a TFN. To start the application process, go to <http://bit.ly/2aLCSjJ>
- **Find out about your rights at work**
Learn about your rights, responsibilities, how to resolve issues in the workplace and rules about unpaid work, <https://bit.ly/1Svl7DP>
- **Learn about safety in the workplace**
Your rights and responsibilities - <https://bit.ly/2K2AYPK> and how to stay safe - <https://bit.ly/2VA24j5>
- **Important tips about your first or current job**
The team at Careers with STEM asked the following questions: how will the experience of your first job prepare you for your next job, and how do you make the most of your first or current job to prepare you for the future? To read their answers and suggested industries to work in (e.g., pharmacy assistant), go to <http://bit.ly/2x8imoh>

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The University of Melbourne - 2021 admissions update

Students from Moama Anglican Grammar qualify for the Access Melbourne program by completing a Special Consideration (SEAS) application via VTAC, <https://bit.ly/3h91ZhZ>. If they meet the course prerequisites and preference their courses appropriately via VTAC, applicants who attain the guaranteed

ATAR for their preferred course will achieve a place at the University when they receive their ATAR on 18 December 2020. Formal offers will be provided through the VTAC on 14 January 2021.

Bachelor of Arts	78
Bachelor of Biomedicine	90
Bachelor of Commerce	86
Bachelor of Design	78
Bachelor of Science	78

Information - <https://bit.ly/3h91ZhZ>

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TAFE NSW Virtual Open Day 2020 – 9 to 10 September

Join us for a whole new open day experience, where you can create the timetable that best suits you. Explore live or pre-recorded video presentations, participate in group or one-to-one Q&A sessions. Get the info you need to find the right career for you.

[Register today.](#)

A NSW TAFE 2021 Career Guide is also available to download from [this link](#).

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Virtual open day dates

The following are upcoming dates for several Victorian based institutes.

- Victoria University - Saturday 29 August, <http://bit.ly/2l4uehl>
- Collarts - Saturday 29 August, <https://bit.ly/2Ee4UgQ>
- Monash University - 29 – 31 August, <http://bit.ly/386QjH8>
- SAE Qantm - Sunday 30 August, <https://bit.ly/3h5oKDv>
- RMIT University - The recordings from the recent open day are available on demand until the 31 August, <https://bit.ly/2CCP4Wp>

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Upcoming virtual events

- Macleay College - Macleay College is located at Melbourne and Sydney and offers a variety of courses. Students interested in studying advertising or business at Macleay College in the future can undertake live demo classes.
 - Study Digital Media and Advertising
When: Wednesday 2 September, 2.30pm
Register: <https://bit.ly/32p29LL>
 - Study Business Demo Class
When: Thursday 3 September, 2.30pm
Register: <https://bit.ly/3jasuUK>
- RMIT - Discover What's Next Series. RMIT University is running 17 online webinars for students exploring a variety of topics such as:
 - transitioning to university and TAFE pathways
 - selection tasks for courses such as architecture, landscape architecture, photography, textiles, gaming

For information and to register for sessions, visit <https://bit.ly/3h8pS9k>

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University applications open

You are now able to apply for university and TAFE courses across Australia. For most courses, you apply via state-based Tertiary Admission Centres. Below are the weblinks for each state:

- Victoria: Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre - www.vtac.edu.au
- NSW/ACT: Universities Admissions Centre - www.uac.edu.au
- SA/NT: South Australia Tertiary Admissions Centre - www.satac.edu.au

- Queensland: Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre - www.qtac.edu.au
- Western Australia: Tertiary Institutions Service Centre - www.tisc.edu.au
- Tasmania: apply directly to the University of Tasmania - www.utas.edu.au

You will need access to a computer or smart phone, your student ID number, and a PayPal account or credit/debit card. You will be able to apply for special consideration, some access and equity scholarships and some early entry/guaranteed programs via the Tertiary Admission Centres.

The following document has been prepared to guide you through the process - [Tertiary Application Process 2020](#)

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JOB SPOTLIGHT

Professional Dancer from [StudyWorkGrow](#)

If you're physically fit and you have a passion for and background in dance, then life as a professional dancer, or role within the dance industry, could be for you.

Career outcomes:

Career outcomes within dance can be split into 3 areas including performing, teaching, and roles within the arts and associated organisations.

1. Performers

You could work hard and become an elite performer working with national and state companies.

There's also work on stage and in TV, within smaller companies, with individuals (e.g. supporting musicians).

You might be lucky enough to be employed on a permanent basis, or you'll be signed up with an agent who'll find openings that you can audition for.

Freelance dancers must network, search for and attend upcoming auditions, and join professional associations who might put out announcements when positions become available.

Performance roles are highly competitive, so it's possible that additional skills and experience in acting, film or TV production, could improve employment options.

The salary for performers varies hugely depending on the level and the amount of work. Job outlook states that dancers (full-time) is \$71,000 per year. Glassdoor states the monthly salary at the Australian Ballet is \$4,732. Indeed lists the average salary as \$79 per hour and Payscale lists it as \$33.35 per hour.

2. Teaching

Talented dancers could gain the relevant training and experience and turn to teaching, there's a few options to consider:

- Dance Teacher

With the right qualifications you some dancers choose to work in schools (primary or secondary) or within other training organisations. There's also an option of opening up your own dance studio or school run as a small business.

Salary varies once again according to where you work and how much work you do, Job Outlook lists the average salary for private dance teachers as \$58,344 per year. The average starting salary for school teachers in Australia is \$65,000 per year.

- Choreographer

Choreographers create original dance routines, develop new moves, and put together entire programmes for performances and shows. They'll pick out the music, audition dancers and teach performers the routine. They also use their creative talents to help performers and producers reinvent established dances and routines, or provide new interpretations.

Job outlook lists the average salary of a choreographer as \$71,000 per year.

- Dance Therapist

Using their dance skills to create programmes to benefit the elderly, children and adults with special needs or some physical disabilities.

3. Other

If performing and teaching don't hit the spot, there are lots of careers related to the dance industry, where knowledge and experience of dancing may be required, they might include: administration, production, theatre management, public relations, backstage and other technical positions, costume design and making.

Note: In Australia there are also opportunities for those specifically trained in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island traditional dance styles to find work in each of the areas listed above.

Pathways

It's to make it big in the world of professional dance without any formal qualifications. Dedication and natural ability are critical but learning and practising the techniques and disciplines is often desirable for lots of roles.

- **VET qualifications** in Dance including Certificate I, II, III, or IV, and Diplomas and a background in dance lessons could get you a long way. [My Skills](#) list all the current qualifications on offer and will let you know all the registered training providers who offer the courses.
- **Dance academies** offer VET qualifications and other intensive programs, providing opportunities for budding dancers to hone their skills and techniques. Entry to most requires applicants to pass an audition.
- A **Bachelor's degree** or post graduate degree could qualify you for teaching positions and some careers within industry listed in section 3 of the careers section above.

Examples of dance degrees in Australia include:

[Bachelor of Fine Arts \(Dance\) at The University of Melbourne](#)

[Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Dance and Performance at Macquarie](#)

[Bachelor of Arts \(Dance\) at Edith Curtin University](#)

[Bachelor of Fine Arts \(Dance\) at QUT](#)

[Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Dance\) at Deakin](#)

[Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Dance\) at Flinders](#)

[Bachelor of Dance Education at ACPE](#)

You could study other degrees with a major in Dance, if performing and teaching isn't your dream, or you'd like to give yourself more career options, this could be a great idea.

For those intending to start up their own dance businesses, tertiary qualifications in business or marketing for example could be really valuable.

Further reading

There are lots of useful Associations and Societies that specialise in Dance or performing arts, they'll have lots of useful advice and information. Here's a few:

[The Australasian Dance Association \(ADA\)](#)

[Australian Teachers of Dancing \(ATOD\)](#)

[Australian National Dance Association \(ANDA\)](#)

[Acrobatic Dance Association](#)

You could also have a read of our blog "[Pursuing a career in dance](#)" for some useful information and tips.

Job growth in dance is **strong** (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

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