

CAREER NEWSLETTER

Week 2 - Term 1, 2021.

WELCOME BACK

You have just come back to school and if you are reading this, chances are that you are thinking about exploring your career and pathway options. It is 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.

As a starting point, 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 your Career Adviser early in the year is important to ensure you get organised early and to be able to start making links with local employers.

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/job-hunting/steps

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 arrange 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 - [Find My Apprenticeship Network Provider](#).
- 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.
- Sign up to social media pages for industries you are interested in to keep up to date with changes to industry technology, skills shortages, and events. For example:
 - [Bricklaying](#)
 - [Plumbing](#)
 - [Construction](#)
 - [Agriculture](#)
 - [Community Services](#)
 - [Rail Careers](#)
 - [Climate control](#)
 - [ICT](#)
 - [International Trade, Freight and Logistics](#)
 - [Defence Force](#)

If you are interested in studying at **university or TAFE** in the future, please find below links to Facebook and YouTube accounts of several Victorian institutions. It is important to know that Swinburne University, RMIT,

Victoria University, and Federation University have both university and TAFE divisions and that many TAFE institutes offer university degrees.

HIGHER EDUCATION – INSTITUTE LINKS

- **University of Melbourne** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Monash University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Deakin University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **La Trobe University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Victoria University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Charles Sturt University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **RMIT University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Federation University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Box Hill Institute** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Swinburne University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Australia Catholic University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)

It is important to read the Career Newsletter each fortnight and follow the [Careers Facebook](#) to ensure that you keep up to date with upcoming career events. Find helpful links and resources on the [Careers page](#) of the School website.

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VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Local Career Video Showcase

If you did not get an opportunity to view the video showcase last year, please take some time to explore a range of local careers. To view the list of 56 local career videos click the link and enter the password.

This is a combined project of the Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation and the Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning and Employment Network (CCLLEN).

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/7560051>

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Interested in studying at university in the future?

The Good Universities Guide has released ratings and rankings of Australian university undergraduate courses. You can compare ratings from the following categories:

- Learner engagement
- Learning resources
- Overall quality
- Skills development
- Student support
- Teaching quality

- Graduate salary
- Getting a job.

To access the ratings and compare results between universities, visit www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/university-ratings-rankings

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School to Work Resources for parents

Supporting your child in preparing for the world of work after school can be a challenge. Casualisation and globalisation of work force, 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 their new Future Ready Career Education Portal. To access the resources, go to <https://schooltowork.dese.gov.au/parents-and-carers>

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Australian Defence Force Gap Year and Work Experience opportunities

Applications for the Gap Year program will open on the 1 March. Any student considering applying for a position in the Army, Air Force or Navy should book their YOU Session as soon as possible. The YOU Session is an aptitude day and is the first step in the recruitment process for all roles in the Defence Force. You can book a session by phoning 131 901. For more information use the following links:

- [Recruitment process](#)
- [Gap Year Program](#)
- [Defence Jobs](#)

To keep up to date with **work experience** opportunities, bookmark the following link www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/

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Early Entry information for students in Year 11

Did you know that if you want to apply for early entry to several universities in NSW and Canberra, selection will be based on your Year 11 results, not Year 12?

Students with a successful early entry application may receive an 'unconditional offer', meaning they will receive a guaranteed offer before they receive their HSC results. For information, visit the Schools Recommendation Scheme website- <https://bit.ly/2KBVRQZ>

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Competitions

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

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Job Spotlight

Professional Tennis Player from [StudyWorkGrow](#)

What do they do?

Professional tennis players follow an international circuit competing in tennis matches. Entering tournaments, playing in exhibition games, and making business deals including sponsorships and other endorsements.

If you're highly competitive, have a passion for tennis, and are willing to commit to long hours of training, you might have what it takes to become the next world number one.

Skills required:

- Natural ability, dedication and persistence
- High level of fitness including speed, stamina, and strength
- Have great reactions, exceptional coordination and be quick thinking
- Possess great focus, self-control, and motivation
- Be competitive and confident with a positive, winning, mentality
- Committed to an intensive training program and competition circuit

How to become a professional tennis player in Australia

While there are no academic qualifications that'll ensure you become a tennis player on the professional circuit, you can give yourself the best chance by:

- Starting young and [training hard](#)
- Sign up for tennis lessons to learn the basics e.g. [ANZ Tennis Hotshots](#)
- [Find a qualified coach](#) to work with and develop your skills
- Progress your abilities and [learn how to compete](#) by taking part in as many events as possible
- Volunteer at tennis events, sign up as a [ballkid](#), take as many opportunities as possible to get experience in all areas of the industry

Then consider

- Joining an enrichment program such as [Talent Tennis Australia's Athlete Development Pathway](#)
- Get yourself discovered by talent scouts in your state. You could contact them directly, or sign up for [competitions](#), plan to attend as many events and workshops as possible
- Signing up for the [International Tours Program](#) if you're aged 18 or under and meet the eligibility requirements.
- Attending one of the 7 [National Tennis Academies](#)
- Apply for Athletic Scholarships that could help you improve your skills, keep competing and obtain a degree at the same time e.g. [US College Athletics Scholarship program](#)

Average salary is impossible to calculate for this career, as earnings are dependent upon the number of tournaments won and endorsement deals made. However, if you make it to the top 90 world players – be rest assured you'll have the opportunity to earn lots of money.

It's also worth noting tennis players have to cover their expenses including travel, accommodation, coaching, and entering competitions (as well as taxes).

Other careers to consider

If you love tennis, there are plenty of other career options you could consider including:

- Coaching
- Umpiring
- Linesperson
- Broadcast
- Reporter / Journalist
- Sports administration

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Top Ten Job Spotlights

If Tennis is not your thing then the team at Study Work Grow have provided a Top Ten list of Job Spotlights

to consider:

1. [Auslan Interpreter](#) - Australian Sign language (Auslan) interpreters provide communication between hearing and deaf people by converting spoken language into sign language and vice versa. If you love helping people, are good with languages and have a great memory, this could be a rewarding career choice for you.
2. [Lawyer](#) - Lawyers inform clients about their legal rights and obligations. Steering individuals, businesses, and government agencies through legal issues and disputes, representing them in courts and legal communications. If you're passionate about the law and using your knowledge to help others, and are competitive and committed to working tirelessly for the benefit of your clients from all walks of life, this career could be an option to research further.
3. [Pharmacist](#) - As one of the most trusted professions, a Pharmacist's job is to prep and provide over-the-counter drugs and fill prescriptions, provide advice about the best medications and treatments for minor ailments, as well as how to safely take medicines. If you pay attention to details, have great communication skills and a caring personality this could be a career to consider.
4. [Writer](#) - Writers use their knowledge of language to craft original content based on either facts or fiction. They produce text in many formats from blogs, articles and reports, to manuscripts and poems. If you have a good grasp of English language and a creative streak, you're are persistent and love reading, then a career as a writer could be worth exploring.
5. [Teacher's Aide](#) - Teacher's Aides work in classrooms supporting teachers to deliver lessons by preparing resources, supervising, and looking after students wellbeing helping them work towards their learning goals, as well as carrying out a variety of other general tasks. If you enjoy working with children, are patient, organised and fun-loving, this career could be a great fit for you.
6. [Dietitian](#) - Dietitians are healthcare professionals who are qualified in dietetics. They understand how bodies and nutrition work together to provide maximum nourishment and benefit to our bodies. Licensed to assess and diagnose nutritional problems, then treat patients by adjusting their diets and eating habits. If you're great with people, have a healthy lifestyle and outlook, combined with a desire to help others, a career in dietetics could be perfect for you.
7. [Fashion Stylist](#) - Fashion stylists provide fashion advice. They may be responsible for choosing and co-ordinating clothes for models on photo shoots, or actors in tv and film productions. Or, as a Fashion stylist you might be hired by individuals to create a wardrobe that flatters them and suits their lifestyle and professional needs. You might also be tasked with picking out props and accessories that complete an overall look. If you are creative with an eye for detail, have fantastic listening and people skills, then a career as a fashion stylist could tick all your boxes.
8. [Pathology Collector](#) - Pathology Collectors (also known Phlebotomists – who generally only collect blood samples) collect samples of fluids and tissues from patients that could help diagnose illnesses and other issues. They're also responsible for storing and preparing the samples for transport to pathology labs for processing and analysis. If you're good at multi-tasking, have great people skills, are highly organised and great at following rules, becoming a Pathology Collector could be a career to explore.
9. [Photographer](#) - Photographers are skilled, technical artists who are trained in the use of various kinds of equipment and techniques to produce high quality images of people, landscapes, animals, products and other subjects. If you're creative with a great eye for composition, and prepared to put in long hours to obtain a single perfect image, this career could be picture perfect for you.

10. [Dog Groomer](#) - Dog Groomers care for dogs of all ages, shapes and sizes. Responsible for washing, clipping, grooming and styling their fur, as well as cleaning and clipping their claws helping them live comfortably and look fabulous.
If you're great with human and canine customers, have a steady hand and lots of patience, this career could be a match made in heaven.

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