

UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

Participating in career events provides an excellent opportunity to develop your career interests, build your aspirations, motivate you with your studies, and to develop goals.

It's never too early to participate in events. You don't have to attend to make decisions, a benefit of attending is to explore your interests and to see 'what's out there'.

Attending events early will help you in Year 12 when you do have to make more decisions around university courses, apprenticeship pathways and TAFE courses. You will no doubt be super busy during Year 12, so if you can participate in events before then, this will lessen the number of events you'll need to attend in Year 12.

Oh, and did I mention they are heaps of fun?
Please find following some cool events happening soon ©

A DAY AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY (YEAR 9 AND 10 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS)

Are you keen to start exploring your university options? The University of Melbourne is running an exciting day for current Year 9 and 10 students and their parents at the Parkville campus during the term break.

This day will be fantastic for students interested in university study. You will participate in workshops, tour the campus, and have an opportunity to speak to course advisers and current students.

Date: Thursday 4 April, Parkville Campus
Registration: applications will open soon. Please bookmark this [link](#) and check the page regularly.

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS TOURS

The following are examples of universities running tours of their campuses during the term break. Students and their families can attend these. You can speak to the course advisers and student ambassadors during the tours and ask questions.

The tours are relaxed and generally last for around 45 minutes.

Deakin University

Dates: 3 – 11 April
Campuses: Melbourne, Geelong, Warrnambool
Register: via this [link](#).

Monash University

Dates: 11 & 12 April
Campuses: Clayton, Caulfield, Peninsula
Register: via this [link](#).

Monash University – Science

Students and parents from regional areas can book a one-hour personalised tour of the Monash Science Precinct.

Dates: multiple
Campus: Rainforest Walk, Clayton campus
Register: via this [link](#).

RMIT University

Dates: multiple during the term break.
Campuses: Bundoora, Brunswick, City
Register: via this [link](#).

Australian Catholic University

Dates: Book a personalised tour.
Campuses: Melbourne, Ballarat, Canberra, Sydney
Register: via this [link](#).

La Trobe University

Dates: Book a personalised tour.
Campuses: Albury-Wodonga
Email: Jess - J.Chalmers@latrobe.edu.au



DISCOVER MONASH UNIVERSITY

Monash is running the following online and on-campus information sessions about their courses:

March

21	Medicine (online)
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April

12	Business (Caulfield campus)
18	Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences (online)
24	Information Technology (Clayton)

May

8	Nursing & Midwifery (online)
8	Monash Science Experience (Clayton)
9	Biomedical Science & Nutrition Science (online)
21	Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Paramedicine (online)
23	Health Science, Public Health and Psychology (online)
28	Radiation Sciences, Medical Imaging and Radiography (online)
28	Engineering (Clayton)

These events will provide an overview of courses in these areas and are suitable for students looking to study at any university.

For information and to register your place, click [here](#).



MYSci, MONASH UNIVERSITY (YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS)

MYSci is a three-day science program specifically designed for students who are in Years 11 and 12. Program activities will include:

- hands-on workshops
- access to brilliant teaching facilities
- opportunity to meet Monash Research Scientists
- exposure to potential career pathways
- activities with the Young Scientists of Australia
- social activities

Date and time: Wednesday 3 – Friday 5 April

Location: Clayton campus.

Cost: \$115

Register: via this [link](#).



The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is hosting a Nursing and Health Expo on Saturday 20 April at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. You will be able to explore career pathways, research courses, and speak directly to nurses working in a variety of practice areas.

Date and time: Saturday 20 April

Location: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Register: via this [link](#).

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU)

ACU is running the following exciting events for prospective students. They are suited to students interested in studying at any university in the future.

‘Talk with Industry Series’

In these online webinars, you will hear from ACU graduates who are working in industry. These sessions will give you insight into the types of jobs you can get after studying a degree.

April

9	Innovative Teachers
10	Lawyers & Human Rights Advocates
17	Cyber Experts
18	Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists

May

7	Physiotherapists, Exercise Scientists, High Performance Sport Professionals
8	Artists and Creatives
14	Psychologists, Youth Workers and Social Workers
15	Specialist Nurses

The sessions will be held between 6 – 6.45pm and are open to prospective students and their families. Register [here](#).

Discover ACU Ballarat Campus

ACU is running hands-on sessions for prospective students and their parents at the Ballarat campus during the term break. You will be able to opt into workshops in the following courses/study areas:

Education and Arts (humanities)
Nursing and Paramedicine
Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy

Date and time: Friday 12 April, 10am – 12pm

Location: Ballarat campus

Register: via this [link](#).



Discover ACU Melbourne Campus

ACU is running hands-on sessions for prospective students and their parents at the Melbourne campus during the mid-year break. Register now before the sessions fill. You will be able to opt into workshops in the following courses/study areas during July:

2	Biomedical Science
2	Allied Health (Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy etc.)
2	Exercise and Sports Science
4	Law, Business & Criminology
10	Midwifery, Nursing & Paramedicine

Location: Melbourne campus

Register: via this [link](#).

OPEN DAYS

The following institutes are running open days for prospective students and families:

Australian National University (ANU)

ANU is a top rated university. The open day will provide students and their families with the opportunity to attend information sessions, tour the campus and accommodation, and speak to course advisers and current students.

Date and time: Saturday 16 March

Location: ANU, Canberra

Register: via this [link](#).

Browse their courses: [here](#).

Collarts

Collarts is located in Melbourne and offers courses in creative media. At their open day, you will be able to participate in workshops, attend information sessions, tour the campus and speak to course advisers.

Date: Saturday 11 May

Location: all campuses

Register: via this [link](#).

Browse their courses: [here](#).



ACADEMY OF INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT (AIE)

AIE is located in Melbourne. The Academy offers courses in gaming, film, 3D animation, and visual effects. The following event is being run for prospective students:

Industry Experience Day

At this exciting event, students will participate in workshops run by industry professionals who have worked on blockbuster games and films. Students will also learn about careers in game development, 3D animation and visual effects.

Date: Thursday 11 April

Location: Melbourne campus.

Register: via this [link](#).

DEFENCE FORCE CAREER EVENTS

The Australian Defence Force runs numerous career information sessions throughout the year. Bookmark this [page](#) and check each week for up to date sessions you'd like to attend. The following are examples of events running soon.

March

19	ADFA Careers (Melbourne)
20	ADFA Careers (Melbourne)
26	Engineering Careers (online)

April

10	Defence Careers (Albury)
11	Health Careers (online)
26	Air Force Careers (online)



MAJOR CAREER EXPOS

At the following expos, students and their families will be able to:

- Talk with a large number of training organisations & employers
- Gain free career advice
- Discover jobs of the future
- Talk with leading organisations about training & apprenticeships
- Experience free career seminars.
- Learn about international and exchange programs.

Victorian Careers & Employment Expo

Dates: 14 – 16 March 2024

Location: Melbourne Showgrounds

Register: via this [link](#).

VCE and Careers Expo 2024

Dates: 2 – 4 May 2024

Location: Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Register: via this [link](#).

Victorian Careers Show 2024

Dates: 16 – 18 May 2024

Location: Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Register: via this [link](#).



AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

AIM is located in Melbourne. The Institute offers courses in music, audio, and arts and entertainment management. They are running the following school holiday workshops and information sessions for prospective students during the term break (April):

8 & 9: Music Theatre workshops

11 & 12: Performance & Songwriting workshops

11: Course Information Evening

The events are for Year 9 – 12 students. Register via this [link](#).

VICTORIA POLICE

Victoria Police run numerous career information sessions throughout the year. Bookmark this [page](#) and check each week for sessions you'd like to attend.

The following are examples of events running soon:

March

25	Victoria Police careers information session (online)
27	Life at the Police Academy (online)

April

13	Victoria Police Careers Expo, Melbourne
18	Victoria Police careers information session (online)

Register via this [link](#).





FOCUS ON MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

The University of Melbourne is running the following information sessions about their courses at their Parkville campus:

May

21	Music
22	Agriculture
27	Arts (humanities)
28	Biomedicine
29	Information Technology
29	Commerce

June

3	Law
4	Engineering
5	Education
5	Design
6	Fine Arts
6	Science

Location: Parkville campus

Register: via this [link](#).

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Year 10 - 12 students are invited to participate in the Charles Sturt University Explore Day at the Wagga Wagga campus. Students can choose two of the following workshops to explore:

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Social Work
Business and Accounting
Engineering
Medical Laboratory Science (Pathology)
Oral Health
Science
Agriculture (Global Digital Farm Tour)
Teaching & Education

Date and time: Tuesday 19 March,
9am – 2.15pm.

Location: Wagga Wagga campus

Register: via this [link](#).



SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY

A Day in the Life of a Swinburne Student

Swinburne University of Technology offers TAFE and university courses. Campuses are located at Hawthorn and Wantirna. The University is running the following ‘Day in the Life’ programs in six study areas during the term break (April):

9: STEM and Aviation
10: Creative and Design
11: Criminology and Business.

You will participate in hands-on workshops, have the opportunity to speak to course advisers, and get a taste of what it’s like to be a university student for a day.

Sessions are filling fast!

Location: Hawthorn campus

Register: via this [link](#).

STUDENTS INTERESTED IN STUDYING MEDICINE

Year 10 – 12 students interested in studying medicine in the future can explore their course options at several upcoming information sessions running during March:

20: Charles Sturt University, Medicine Information Night, Orange campus (online). Register [here](#).

21: Monash University, Discover Medicine, Clayton campus (online). Register [here](#).

26: UNSW, Albury Campus. This event will be held at the UNSW Rural School of Clinical Medicine between 5pm – 7pm. Email Anj Comb to reserve your seats, a.comb@unsw.edu.au

WORK EXPERIENCE

MEDICAL RESEARCH (15+)

Applications are now open for the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) work experience program. Successful students will spend a week at the Institute exploring biomedical science and medical research. Students will need to organise their own transport and accommodation and a bursary may be available from the Institute to assist with costs.

Program intake weeks will run between:

17 – 21 June 2024
16 – 20 September 2024.

Applications close 15 March 2024. Please submit your application via this [link](#).

Read more about the work experience program via this [link](#).

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE (ADF) WORK EXPERIENCE

The ADF offers work experience to Year 10 – 12 students. The following are examples of work experience placements available:

Canberra

6 May: Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Showcase, Canberra
ASD Cyber Security and Robotics (opening soon).

Victoria

28 – 30 May: Introduction to the Navy: HMAS Cerberus.
22 May: Army Trades: Engineering, Electrical and Health, Bandiana (near Albury).
17 – 21 June: STEM to the Rescue, Melbourne
24 – 28 June: STEM Immersion Week, Port Melbourne.

For information and to apply, click [here](#).



LA TROBE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary at La Trobe University offers engaging Work Experience placements for students currently in Year 9 and Year 10.

Successful applicants may assist in the following areas of the Sanctuary:

- land management
- plant production
- education
- biodiversity
- marketing, promotion & interpretation
- office & administration
- workshops & tours.

Note: students cannot undertake work experience with animals. There are 4 places left for the year.

Students will be responsible for organising their own transport and accommodation.

Please see Damien Morrison in the Mercy Centre office to start your application. Click [here](#) for information.

INTERESTING INFORMATION

CAREERS IN INSURANCE

Have you considered a career in insurance?

As one of the biggest, most diverse industries in the world, insurance has more roles than you'd imagine – including ones that are perfect for you. Love numbers? You're needed. Love people? Insurance has roles for you. Analytical? A big thinker? A problem solver?

Whatever you are, insurance has a job with your name on it. To learn about where a career in insurance can take you, check out the website 'Careers in Insurance' at this link - <http://careersininsurance.com.au/>



UNIVERSITY COURSE SEARCH TOOLS

Course Seeker

There are many university courses at various institutions across Australia. It can be a daunting task to research your options, but the Course Seeker website has been designed to make this an easy process for you.

It contains a national course comparison tool which enables students to search, select and compare higher education courses and filter search results by ATAR, study area and location, www.coursesseeker.edu.au

View course ATAR profiles

If you would like to view the ATAR profiles for university courses for each state, you can do this by using the course search functions on state based Tertiary Admission Centre websites.

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 for the 2024 intake.

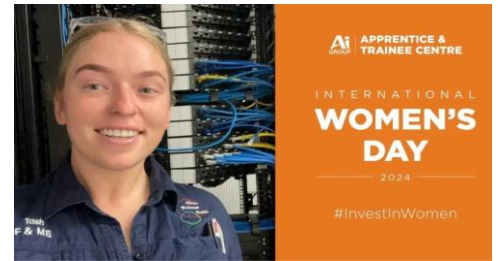
Course ATARs can be used as a guide when planning for post school studies. It's important to note that as selection ranks are based on the demand for a course, they may rise or fall for the 2025 intake.

Use the following websites to access up to date 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

ATAR profiles and selection ranks

It's important to understand how selection ranks are calculated by universities. Watch this fantastic [video](#) for information on ATAR profiles and selection ranks.



PAST STUDENT PROFILE

Meet Natasha Martin – Electrical Apprentice

Natasha graduated from Catholic College in 2016. In year 12, Natasha's post school plan was to study graphic design at TAFE or university. She loved hands-on learning, adventure, and being creative. After working in different industries after school, she decided to pursue an electrical apprenticeship. She gained employment with AiGroup and is currently hosted at Albury Wodonga Health. Read her story via this [link](#).

INTERESTED IN STUDYING LAW?

According to 'Explore Careers', one of the many myths about studying law is that 'you should only study law if you want to become a lawyer.' Fortunately, this is entirely false – a degree in law opens you up to many different and diverse career opportunities!

Read an excellent article by Explore Careers about why you should consider studying a law degree via this [link](#).

Download a guide on Victorian courses via this [link](#).

UNIQUE AT RMIT UNIVERSITY - MEDICAL RADIATIONS

You may have heard that the Victorian state government is investing \$44 million on PET scanners for hospitals around the state, but did you know that RMIT is the only university in Victoria to train the nuclear medicine technologists who can operate the scanners?

Nuclear Medicine suits students who love science, would enjoy diagnosing illness/disease and writing reports about their findings, work with high tech equipment, and work in a medical science role that has a good balance between interacting with people, and working behind the scenes. Explore the course at RMIT via this [link](#).



TRAIN TO BECOME A FLIGHT ATTENDANT

The following are examples of two institutions that offer flight attendant training:

William Angliss (Melbourne)

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

Aviation Australia (Brisbane)

Training runs in blocks with numerous starting dates throughout the year. Explore start dates and fees via <https://aviationaustralia.aero/>

INTERESTED IN BIOLOGY?

Have you considered pursuing a career in genetic counselling? This is a fascinating career area and would suit people who love science, research, and connecting with people. Danielle Lucas from Careers with STEM has written an article about Aasta Kelly – she has interesting jobs working in genetic counselling at Virtus Diagnostics and the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research, Perth. Read the article via this [link](#).

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

UniMelb on-demand: video resources for students

Explore our suite of videos for future students covering everything from our unique curriculum, course information and career pathways, to scholarships and accommodation. Click [here](#).

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Did you know that students at Victoria University study their subjects consecutively and not concurrently? This is called the VU Block Model – students study one subject at a time. To learn about this unique way of learning and teaching, click [here](#).



FREE CAREER TESTS

Career tests can be fun to do and can help us to identify our strengths and values. The following are four free online tests. It's important to note that the results you receive will only be reflective of the answers you give, and you may get different results as you get older.

Myfuture

This website will enable you to develop a detailed career profile. You will complete online activities in following 9 sections:

- Interests
- Skills
- Education and training
- Study
- Work conditions
- Values
- Career knowledge
- Entrepreneurship
- Dream job

Once you receive your results, you can discuss these with your family and career adviser. You will need to create an account via <https://myfuture.edu.au/>

16 Personalities

This free test is often used in university classes and workplaces. It won't take long to complete and you can explore strengths, weaknesses, friendship style, career paths, and workplace habits of the personality type you get in your results, www.16personalities.com

RMIT University – My Career Match

My Career Match will help you with career options that best fits your personality. Once you have answered a few questions, you will be sent a detailed report matching your top skills and interests with the RMIT study areas that best suit you. If you aren't sure what university you would like to study at, you can use the course suggestions to research your options at multiple institutions. Click [here](#).



DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR SCIENCE & THE OCEAN?

Have you considered studying one of the amazing programs at the Australian Maritime College located in Tasmania? They offer courses in:

Maritime engineering – majors are offered in marine & offshore engineering; ocean engineering; naval architecture.

Global logistics and maritime management – majors are available in logistics & supply chain management, maritime technology management, and maritime business management.

To learn about their programs, go to www.amc.edu.au/

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Indigenous pathway program: RISE

This pathway for Indigenous high school students is a culturally adept introduction to university. You'll gain access to a range of activities, workshops, and events, which include academic learning, cultural activities, and connections, mentoring, academic assistance and introductions to university life.

Then, once you've successfully completed the pathway program, you'll be given a conditional offer to study at La Trobe University. For information, click [here](#).

HAIR & 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/>



CAREERS CALENDAR: FEB - MAY

FEBRUARY

- 5 University of Melbourne, Hansen Scholarship. Applications [open](#).

MARCH

- 1 Australian National University. Early entry applications and Tuckwell Scholarship applications [open](#).
- 5 Charles Sturt University, Explore Day, Thurgoona campus (College excursion)
- 5 [UCAT](#) registrations open for medicine and dentistry applicants.
- 12 UNSW, Sydney, Medicine Information Night (online), Register [here](#)
- 19 Charles Sturt University, Explore Day, Wagga Wagga campus (no bus). Register [here](#).
- 20 Charles Sturt University – Medicine Information Session (online). Register [here](#).
- 21 Monash University. Medicine Information Session (online). Register [here](#).
- 26 UNSW Albury, Medicine Information Night, on campus, email Anj to reserve your seats - a.comb@unsw.edu.au

APRIL

- 3 Applications close for the University of Melbourne Hansen Scholarship.
- 3 – 11 Deakin University campus tours. Register [here](#).
- 11 & 12 Monash University campus tours. Register [here](#).
- 8 & 11 ANU – early entry applications close on the 8th. Tuckwell Scholarship applications close on the 11th.
- 12 - 18 Australian Catholic University – health courses discover days, Ballarat campus, register [here](#).
- 15 La Trobe University early entry applications [open](#).
- 23 Catholic College Wodonga Careers Expo

MAY

- 1 Charles Sturt University - early entry applications [open](#).
- 2 - 4 VCE and Careers Expo, Melbourne Exhibition Centre. Information and registration [here](#)
- 3 Health Careers Expo, Wodonga. Email Sandie
- 11 University of Melbourne: College accommodation tours day. Register [here](#).
- 17 Registrations for UCAT close for medicine and dentistry applicants.

EXCURSION – HEALTH CAREERS EXPO

FRIDAY 3 MAY, 9.30am – 3pm, La Trobe University, Wodonga campus

Applications for the annual Health Careers Expo are now open!! Catholic College can bring 39 students to the event and Year 12 students have priority places. Workshops are running in the following career areas:

Physiotherapy	Occupational Therapy	Exercise Physiotherapy
Nursing	Mental Health	Midwifery
Speech Pathology	Creative Therapy	Paramedicine
Dietitian	Medicine/GP	Radiography (Medical Imaging)
Social Work	Pathology	Pathways to Health
Osteopathy	Psychology	Pharmacy
Allied Health Assistance (TAFE)	Biomedical Science	Disability Care
Health Promotion	Podiatry	Prosthetics
Naturopath	Myotherapy	Chiropractor
Health Sciences	Clinical Specialist Nurse	Dentistry/Oral Health
Health Careers in Defence	Optometry	Nutrition

You will participate in 4 sessions from the above options.

Please email Sandie by Tuesday 5pm if you'd like to attend. I will then offer places to Year 11 students. **Sessions will fill very quickly, please email Sandie ASAP.**



MEDICINE & DENTISTRY APPLICANTS

If you are planning to apply for medicine or dentistry, you need to get super organised as there is a lot to do for your applications. If you are in Year 12 and plan to apply for medicine, dentistry and/or oral health to start in 2025, you may need to sit the UCAT ANZ (University Clinical Aptitude Test).



You will sit the test mid-year and selected universities use your UCAT ANZ results as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and Year 12 results, and in some cases an interview. You will only have one chance to sit the UCAT ANZ this year. It will cost you \$325 to sit the test, or \$199 concession, and you will be able to receive your results straight away.

Please go to www.ucat.edu.au for more information about the UCAT ANZ, to see if you have to sit the test, and to register for the test. Registrations are now open for concession and access arrangements and general applications open on Tuesday 5 March. Applications close 17 May.

Please make a time to meet with me to start mapping out application dates and back up options.

UCAT PREPARATION

You have the choice to start preparing for the test early. There are several private companies that offer commercial preparation programs such as:

[NIE](#)
[Med Entry](#)
[Medify](#)

It's important to note that private companies are not endorsed by the universities that use the UCAT.

COURSE GUIDES

Medicine

I have just finished a website on how to apply for medicine. You can view it via this link.

You can download:

Medicine course guides for Victoria, NSW/ACT, and SA.

Key application dates.

Dentistry

You can download a course guide on dentistry from this [link](#).

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Medicine

The following medicine information sessions are running soon (click on the university name to register):

[UNSW](#), Sydney Campus (online)
12 March.

[Charles Sturt University](#)
(online), 20 March.

[Monash University](#) (online)
21 March.

UNSW, Albury campus, on campus, 26 March. See next page.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH ACHIEVERS

Are you a high achiever who is keen to apply for courses at the University of Melbourne and/or Australian National University? Both universities offer an incredible scholarship for high achievers.

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Hansen Scholarship

The Hansen Scholarship is a flagship scholarship program at The University of Melbourne. Each year the Hansen Scholarship recognises students from around Australia who have demonstrated resilience to adversity, and a commitment to supporting others.

What are the benefits?

The scholarship is worth up to \$108,000 and approximately 20 students will be chosen.

Recipients will be awarded accommodation, an allowance, and financial and personal support.

How do I apply?

Applications are now open and close Wednesday 3 April. Students who complete their application by 3 March can elect to go into the running to receive a prize worth \$100. Apply via this [page](#).

Information

Read about the scholarship, the benefits, and the application process via this [link](#).

Note: you must be able to provide evidence of financial disadvantage to be eligible for this scholarship (e.g., a parent receives a Centrelink Benefit such as the Family Tax Benefit).

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Tuckwell Scholarship

Australian National University (ANU) claims that this is the 'most transformational undergraduate scholarship in Australia'. 25 scholars will be selected for the scholarship based on their intellect, character, leadership, and their commitment to Australia.

What are the benefits?

The scholarship is worth around \$26,000 per year. This is to cover accommodation, books, and living expenses. Recipients will also receive a relocation bursary and travel allowance. There are many other benefits.

How do I apply?

Applications will open on the 1st of March and close 11 April. Apply via this [page](#).

Information

Read about the scholarship, the benefits, and the application process via this [link](#).

Note: must have completed at least one unit of Maths in Year 11 or 12 and be aiming for an ATAR of 95+.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

GAP YEAR PROGRAM

Year 12 students can now apply for the ADF Gap Year program. Students will 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.

To start the application process, book the YOU (Your Options Unlimited) session. This is the first step in the recruitment process. For information and to book, visit this [page](#).

For information, visit www.defencejobs.gov.au

Listed below are the roles on offer last year - they may change for the 2025 intake.

NAVY	ARMY	AIR FORCE
Maritime Warfare Officer	Army Logistics	Administration Assistant
Maritime Warfare Officer	Army Administration Assistant	Air Force Security
Submariner	Army Combat	Aviation Support Technician
Mechanical Engineer	Chef	Warehouse Store person
Mechanical Engineering	Military Police	
Submariner	Army Officer	
Helicopter Mission Commander		
Navy Sailor		
Electronics Engineer		
Electronics Engineer Submariner		

UNIVERSITY – EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

No doubt you've heard the term 'early entry' and you're keen to apply for programs. Early entry enables universities to look at factors other than just the ATAR when making course offers. It's important to know the following:

Early entry programs are different at each university. There are different application methods, and different application dates.

Each program takes different criteria into consideration. These could include:

- A soft skills statement
- Year 11 results
- A recommendation from your school
- A personal statement
- History of community service/leadership

Some early entry programs are designed to give applicants 'unconditional offers'. This usually means a course offer that is ATAR and study score free. Others have conditions such as meeting a guaranteed ATAR and/or meeting minimum study scores.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I apply for more than one early entry program?

Yes - you can apply for as many as you like. Last year the Year 12 students made a total of 230 applications across multiple universities.

Do all universities have early entry?

No, only selected universities do.

How will I know if the course I want to do is eligible for early entry?

Email or meet with Sandie to find out.

When do early entry programs open?

They open at different times of the year and many universities haven't released their applications dates yet.

Can I get help with my application/s?

Yes - I assist every student with their applications.

How do I apply?

Each early entry program is unique and some require forms to be completed. I will let you know what you need for each program.

Can I defer an early entry offer?

Yes - most course offers can be deferred.

Do I need to apply for the course via a Tertiary Admission Centre?

Yes - in Victoria you must apply for all courses via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). In NSW/ACT it depends on the university, as you can apply direct to some institutes.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

EXAMPLE

MEET SARAH

Sarah wants to apply for nursing courses at all universities in Victoria. She finds out the following universities have early entry for nursing:

La Trobe University
Australian Catholic University
Monash University
Federation University
Victoria University

She maps application dates onto a calendar for each program and lists in her diary what forms are needed for each university, and what she has to do to apply.

Example - La Trobe University

Applications for the [Aspire Year 11 Conditional Entry](#) Program open 15 April. Selection is based on Year 11 results, an online application, and a school endorsement. Sandie will help her with the Year 11 results forms and school endorsement. Outcome: if successful, ATAR won't be used for selection into the course. She will still need to meet course prerequisites and study scores.

Example - Monash University

Sarah is eligible for the Monash Guarantee as Catholic College Wodonga is on their 'underrepresented schools' list. Applications open on 29 July and she applies via the Special Entry Access Scheme (Category 1) in her VTAC account. Outcome: she will be able to access the guaranteed lower 'Monash Guarantee ATAR' of 70 for nursing. Sandie will help her do this.

VTAC PREFERENCE LIST BEFORE EARLY ENTRY

Sarah can apply for up to 8 courses through the VTAC system. The following is her current preferences for the Bachelor of Nursing. She doesn't know what selection ranks she will need to get into the courses as these aren't determined until January 2025.

Pref. order	University	Campus	Selection Rank
1	Monash University	Clayton	?
2	Deakin University	Geelong	?
3	Deakin University	Burwood	?
4	La Trobe University	Melbourne	?
5	Victoria University	Footscray	?
6	Australian Catholic Uni	Melbourne	?
7	Federation University	Ballarat	?
8	La Trobe University	Wodonga	?

VTAC PREFERENCE LIST AFTER EARLY ENTRY

She applies for early entry and is successful for each program. Outcomes:

- Monash and Federation University have set a minimum guaranteed ATAR for the 2025 intake.
- La Trobe (Melbourne) and ACU: the courses no longer require an ATAR for selection.
- Victoria University: she has received 5 adjustments to her VCE aggregate - this will increase her selection rank.

Pref. order	University	Campus	Selection Rank
1	Monash University	Peninsula	70
2	Deakin University	Geelong	?
3	Deakin University	Burwood	?
4	La Trobe University	Melbourne	No ATAR
5	Victoria University		?
6	Australian Catholic Uni		No ATAR
7	Federation University		70
8	La Trobe University	Wodonga	?

She now knows that if she doesn't receive an offer for any of her top 3 preferences, she will receive an offer for her fourth preference (providing she meets the course prerequisite which is a study score of at least 25 in English).

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS – OPENING SOON!



AUSTRALIA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY (ANU)

Research courses via this [link](#).

Direct entry program

What is the program?

Year 12 students can apply for ANU courses direct to the University. Selection is based on:

- Year 11 grades
- Meeting the service and co-curricular requirements for entry into ANU

When do applications open?

Friday 1 March (this week). Applications close on 13 May.

FAQs

When will I know if I'm successful?

Early offers will be released in September 2024.

Will my ATAR be taken into consideration?

No, a selection rank will be created using your Year 11 grades. Successful applicants will receive an ATAR free offer.

What if I'm not successful?

Unsuccessful applicants will have their course application considered based on their Year 12 results later in the year.

Info: click [here](#).



LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Research courses via this [link](#)

Early entry program 1: Aspire -Year 11 Conditional Entry

This [scheme](#) is for a select number of courses at La Trobe. Selection is based on:

- Year 11 grades
- Endorsement of your application by the College

Applications open Monday 15 April and close on 6 September. You will know if you're successful in October. Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer and will no longer require an ATAR for entry into the course (except for teaching degrees).

Only courses that typically have an ATAR of up to 65.00 are eligible for the scheme.

Early entry program 2: Aspire - Community Contribution

This [scheme](#) is for all courses at La Trobe. Selection is based on a statement about a community service or leadership initiative you've been involved in.

Applications open Monday 15 April and close on 6 September. You will know if you're successful in October.

Successful applicants will unlock an 'Aspire ATAR' for the course. This is a lowered guaranteed ATAR for the 2025 intake.



CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Campus locations – Albury-Wodonga, Port Macquarie, Dubbo, Bathurst, Orange, Wagga Wagga.

Research courses via this [link](#).

Charles Sturt Advantage

Year 12 students can apply for the [Charles Sturt Advantage](#) program on 1 May 2024. Selection is based on:

Year 11 grades
Soft skills statement
Teaching questionnaire for education courses.

FAQs

When will I know if I'm successful?

Offers will be released in September or October.

Will my ATAR be taken into consideration?

No, a selection rank will be created using your Year 11 grades. Successful applicants will receive an ATAR and study score free offer.

What if I'm not successful?

Students can apply for the course via the Universities Admissions Centre in August – selection will be based on Year 12 results.

Students can also apply for the course/s again via the Schools Recommendation Scheme in August. Selection will be based on Year 11 results.