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Welcome to this edition of the Careers Newsletter. You will find lots of great information on upcoming events and opportunities for students to explore various careers and pathways. It's worth taking a look and registering for some of these events.

I am available all week and am more than happy to assist students and parents. I can be contacted via email on helen.madden@pvcc.vic.edu.au to make an appointment.

Don't forget also to check out our PVCC Careers website for important information for students and parents. You can find our site at: <https://careers.pvcc.vic.edu.au>

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Dates to Diarise in Term 3

- Year 11 (2027) Parent Information Night – Thursday July 23
- VTAC Information Night – Tuesday 4 August
- Year 9/10 (2027) Parent Information Night – Thursday 6 August



What can I do with an Arts Degree?

There is often the debate about the value of an Arts Degree and what kind of role an Arts Graduate could find in industry. The list of roles is quite varied, and includes -

- Teaching & educational administration
- International aid and trade agencies
- Arts production and management
- Public service and social welfare agencies
- General management and administration (local and global)
- Communications industry, publishing, media and public relations
- Tourism and hospitality

One of the very important things for students to note, is that an Arts' student learns skills that are very transferrable in industry. These include **communication skills, critical thinking and reading skills, analytical skills, and research skills.**



LA TROBE
UNIVERSITY

Studying Psychology at La Trobe University

Gain an understanding of the human mind and how it influences behaviour. You'll develop analytical, research and communication skills while studying clinical and health psychology, developmental and social psychology, assessment, intervention and research.

La Trobe offers several degrees that allow students to study psychology. For example, the Bachelor of Arts offers a major in Psychological Sciences.

Students who are keen to enter a course with a greater focus on psychology, or to pursue a career as a psychologist might opt to enrol in one of two undergraduate degrees. Both the Bachelor of Psychological Science and Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) are accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).**

*** Professional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia will require an APAC-accredited fourth year and additional or ongoing requirements beyond the completion of the degree as well as an application to the professional body.*

1. [Bachelor of Psychological Science](#)

This is a 3-year degree that prepares students for a career as a professional psychologist, or in a psychology-related field across industries from clinical psychology to human services and marketing. Graduates of this course planning to continue on in further psychology-related studies will need to apply for an Honours year, such as the 1-year [Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours](#). A minimum WAM of 70 is required to be eligible for consideration.

2. [Bachelor of Psychology \(Honours\)](#)

This is a 4-year degree that prepares students to become a professional psychologist, build a career in a psychology-related field or pursue research. Automatic progression to fourth year in this course requires a minimum weighted average mark (WAM) of 70%.



Guaranteed ATARs for 2027 Entry

*The **Deakin Guaranteed ATAR** provides access for more students, so you can secure a place in the course you want.*

Deakin is providing lower upfront guaranteed ATARs for eligible students from under-represented cohorts at Deakin. So, this may mean students who:

- attend an under-represented school – see list [here](#) **OR**
- live or study in a regional or remote home or school location **OR**
- are of Indigenous Australian descent

This provides students with more certainty, reduces stress and gives them the best chance to get into the course they really want. Applications will be made through VTAC later in the year.

Find out more at [Deakin Guaranteed ATAR](#).

Studying Psychology at Monash University

To practice as a psychologist, you must meet the requirements of the [Psychology Board of Australia](#). This involves completing a minimum six-year sequence of study in psychology accredited by the [Australian Psychology Accreditation Council](#).

Students undertake an initial undergraduate degree with a major in psychology (or graduate pathway), then a fourth year (Honours) in psychology to gain provisional registration. In order to become eligible to be a registered psychologist students undertake fifth and sixth (plus) years of study, whereas those seeking to develop research skills complete research training via a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Students can still complete a standard Psychology major in other single and double degrees with Arts and Science → BUT they will need to be enrolled in one of the Monash UG degrees outlined below in order to complete the extended Psychology Major required by APAC.

PSYCHOLOGY PATHWAYS



*extended major



Exercise Science & Sport Degrees in Victoria in 2026

Many of the courses listed below provide an accredited pathway for graduates to be eligible to register and practise as an Accredited Exercise Scientist with [Exercise and Sports Science Australia \(ESSA\)](#).

These degrees are also often used as pathways to post-graduate study in courses such as the *Master of Physiotherapy*, *Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology*, *Master of High Performance Sport*, *Graduate Diploma or Master of Applied Sport Science*, *Graduate Certificate of Strength and Conditioning*, *Graduate Certificate of Sport Performance*, to name a few.

UNIVERSITY	COURSES	VCE PREREQUISITE SUBJECTS IN 2026	ATAR 2026
ACU M – Melbourne	Exercise & Sport Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	59.50 (M)
DEAKIN G – Warrn Ponds M – Melbourne # Sports Science School ranked 1 st in the world <i>Note: New in 2026 - Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science/Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)</i>	Business (Sport Management)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	80.15 (M)
	Exercise & Sport Science #	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	62.55 (G) 70.05 (M)
	Exercise & Sport Science (Adv) #		75.40 (G)
	Sport Development	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	60.25 (M)
FEDERATION B – Ballarat Be – Berwick Gi – Gippsland	Exercise & Sport Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any English; Units 1 and 2: satisfactory completion in two units (any study combination) of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics or Units 3 and 4: any Mathematics.	50.15 (B) 51.85 (Be) 52.00 (Gi)
	Sport, Physical and Outdoor Education		N/P (B) 50.05 (Be) N/P (Gi)
LA TROBE B – Bendigo M – Melbourne	Sport and Exercise Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Health and Human Development, any Mathematics or Physical Education, Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology.	61.80 (B) 65.45 (M)
	Sport and Recreation Management	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	55.00 (M)
SWINBURNE H – Hawthorn <i>Note: New in 2026 - Exercise and Sport Science/Physiotherapy*</i>	Exercise and Sport Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics	61.30 (H) 80.20 (H) *
VIC UNI F – Footscray S.A. – St. Albans	Biomedical & Exercise Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in two of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics or Physical Education.	57.30 (F) L/N (S.A.)
	Exercise and Sport Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	N/P (F)
	Outdoor Leadership		N/P (F)
	Physical Education and Sport Science		N/P (F)
	Sport Management		N/P (C)
	Sport Science		N/P (F)

Snapshot of Monash University in 2026

- Named after engineer, military leader and public administrator Sir John Monash, Monash University was established in 1958.
- Monash University became a founding member of the Group of Eight universities in 1999.
- Monash ranks in the top 1% of world university rankings and ranks #36 globally in the 2026 QS World Rankings - [Rankings. Notably](#), Pharmacy at Monash is ranked #4 in the [QS World Subject Rankings](#) in 2025.
- Monash has over 80,000 students, with an international presence in [Malaysia](#), [Indonesia](#), [China](#), [India \(a research partnership\)](#), and [Prato in Italy](#), besides its campuses in Australia - [locations](#).
- Monash University is the only Victorian university to offer a Direct Entry medical program for students completing Year 12 as well as a Graduate Entry program leading to the same degree – [Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine \(MD\)](#).
- There are ten [Monash Faculties](#) offering hundreds of [courses](#), be they single or double undergraduate degrees, or graduate qualifications up to a PhD.
- Monash has a number of student-run clubs and associations - a great way to get involved and meet people - [Monash Clubs and Associations](#).
- [Career Connect](#) is the Career Centre available to all Monash students. Students can access the many services offered – be it for volunteering, part-time jobs, assistance with applying for work on graduation, etc.
- The Monash [Study Abroad](#) program assists students in studying overseas as part of their course. Monash has exchange/partnership agreements with more than [100 universities across 30 countries](#).
- Monash offers more than 200 different scholarships for new and current students, from course fee subsidies to travel allowances, and payments for accommodation costs - [Scholarships](#).
- [The Monash Guarantee](#) is an alternative entry scheme for students to get into a Monash course even they do not reach the course's clearly-in ATAR. Students may be eligible for the Monash Guarantee if they:
 - ✓ have experienced financial disadvantage
 - ✓ live in a low socio-economic area
 - ✓ live or attend school in a regional or remote area
 - ✓ are an Indigenous Australian
 - ✓ attend a Monash under-represented school
- [Monash University Accommodation](#) assists students in finding accommodation on campus, and off campus.



Snapshot of Monash University – Peninsula in 2026

- Monash University’s Peninsula Campus specialises in *nursing, physiotherapy, paramedicine, occupational therapy, education, and business administration* courses.
- There are approximately 4,000 students studying at the Peninsula Campus.
- The Peninsula campus has a very [vibrant campus life](#) and is connected to the Clayton Campus through shuttle buses that run between the campuses every day.
- There are three faculties offering courses at the Peninsula Campus: the *Business Faculty, Education Faculty, and the Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences Faculty*.
- Courses offered at the Peninsula Campus include -

Business and Economics

[Bachelor of Business Administration](#)

Education

[Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) in Early Childhood and Primary Education](#)

[Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) in Primary Education](#)

[Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) in Primary and Secondary Health and Physical Education](#)

[Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) in Secondary Health and Physical Education](#)

Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

[Bachelor of Nursing](#) *

[Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery \(Honours\)](#)

[Bachelor of Occupational Therapy \(Honours\)](#)

[Bachelor of Paramedicine](#)

[Bachelor of Physiotherapy \(Honours\)](#)

[Bachelor of Speech Pathology](#)



* Also offered at the Clayton Campus

Monash University offers an excellent [Diploma of Tertiary Studies](#) (DoTS) pathway program into a few of its undergraduate degrees. The pathway programs offered at the Peninsula Campus are:

Diploma of Tertiary Studies – Business: Upon successful completion of the DoTS - Business stream students can apply to enter into the second year of the Bachelor of Business Administration (Peninsula) OR the Bachelor of Business (Caulfield) depending upon their mathematics preparation, and their average marks in the DoTS program.

Diploma of Tertiary Studies – Education: Upon successful completion of the DoTS - Education stream students can apply to enter into the second year of the Bachelor of Education (Honours) in several specialisations.

Diploma of Tertiary Studies – Nursing: Upon successful completion of the DoTS - Nursing stream students can apply to enter into the second year of the Bachelor of Nursing at the Peninsula Campus.

Browse and learn more about studying at the [Monash University Peninsula Campus](#)



Health Services Assistance (Operating Theatre

Technician)

Learn the skills and knowledge to work in the fast-paced role of an operating theatre technician in our health services assistance course.

Theatre technicians are a vital part of the perioperative team who look after patients before, during and after an operation. Theatre technicians work closely with the doctors and nurses in the operating theatre. They are responsible for the patient's safety and comfort while they are in the operating room, as well as setting up and monitoring the technology needed to support the surgeon.

During this 9-month health course offered by Box Hill Institute, students will learn skills to:

- transfer patients to a theatre.
- move them safely onto the operating table.
- attach various pieces of essential equipment.
- interact with the surgical team to ensure the patient's journey is smooth, safe and comfortable.

Theatre technician roles are physical and fast paced. Due to the context of the role, most technicians in Victorian hospitals work 10 hour shifts across a 4 day week.

Find out more at [Certificate III in Health Services Assistance \(specialising in Operating Theatre Technician\)](#).



The VU Block Model

At Victoria University (VU) we have revolutionised tertiary education in Australia with our multi-award-winning VU Block Model. Feel confident and engaged in your studies with our unique VU Block Model®.

Study one subject at a time, learn in interactive, workshop-style classes, and be supported to reach your full potential.

Unlike the standard university model where students juggle multiple subjects at once over a semester, at VU students get to focus on one unit at a time over four-week or eight-week 'blocks', depending on the course. Students complete all assessments for each unit (subject) within each four-week block and receive their results soon after the block finishes.

The top 3 reasons VU's Block Model is the "New Way To Do Uni" are listed below:

1) Achieve more

Not only has Block Model seen pass rates increase, but more students are also becoming high achievers with Distinctions and High Distinctions grades increasing.

2) Stand out

Block class sizes are small, students get to know their classmates and teacher, and become a working team, not just a face in a lecture theatre.

3) Build confidence

Learning in small, collaborative working groups, students are empowered to share ideas, debate concepts, and explore learning opportunities from their first class.

Students might like to watch a YouTube clip on the [VU Block Model](#), as well as browse the link [Why Choose the VU Block Model](#).



News from Monash University

➤ **Monash Fine Art, Design and Architecture Experience Days**

Gain a better understanding of different art mediums, design thinking approaches, and architecture studios through our hands-on experience days at the [Monash Caulfield campus](#). Students will find out what it's like to be a student for a day, meet the university staff and explore the workshop spaces Monash students get to work in.

Fine Art Folio-building	Tuesday 30 June, 10.00am - 3.00pm
Design Workshop - Designing for Good	Wednesday 1 July, 9.30am – 11.30pm
Architecture Making Workshop	Wednesday 1 July, 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Find out more and register at [Experience day workshops - Art, Design and Architecture](#).

➤ **Science Precinct Tours**

If students would like to take a closer look and see where they could be studying after Year 12, this is a great chance to visit the brilliant science facilities and student spaces. Get a feel for campus life and have a chat with some of our science students and staff.

Dates: Tuesday 7 July 10.00am – 12.00pm OR Thursday 9 July 10.00am – 12.00pm

Where: Monash Science Precinct, Clayton Campus

Find out more or book a spot at [Monash Science Precinct Tours 2026](#)

➤ **The Monash Design Prize**

Calling all budding designers in Years 10 to 12! Submit your entry to the Monash Design Prize for your chance to win a \$1,000 VISA voucher and a two-week paid internship with one of our design research labs.

Monash invites budding designers of the future to show how one might apply design to respond to some of our most urgent challenges in the world. Participants can choose any format; a poster campaign, product design, interior or public space, wearable device, digital platform...and address a particular challenge. Students can address any issue from sustainability and climate action to social equity and healthy communities.

Submissions must be made by Friday 11 September 2026.

Find out more at [The Monash Design Prize - Art, Design and Architecture](#).

➤ **Make Music with Us**

Monash' annual '**Make Music with Us**' days are open to students, teachers and music enthusiasts of all ages. Participants will learn from the teaching staff and industry experts, and experience all that Monash Music has to offer. Events are held across both semesters and includes 'Day of Brass', 'Day of Classical Voice', 'Day of Percussion', 'Day of Piano', and others.

Visit [Make Music With Us](#) to find out more.



News from Deakin University

➤ **Difference between Financial Planning, Finance, and Accounting**

Financial planning, finance and accounting are all offered as majors in the [Bachelor of Commerce](#) at Deakin. When choosing between these options, it is important to fully understand where each course leads.

What is financial planning?

Financial Planning is a pathway to becoming an accredited financial planner. Financial planners help people devise a plan to achieve financial security and meet financial goals.

As well as developing strategies and recommendations, financial planners act as life coaches, educators, and mentors.

It's a profession that combines an interest in finance and investing together, with a love of working with people and while a level of numeracy skill is required, interpersonal skills are the primary focus. Graduates work in small and large financial planning organisations or set up their own practice.

What is finance?

Finance specialists have an in-depth understanding of the structure and operations of financial markets in Australia. They typically work within large organisations at the corporate level in roles such as treasury, project funding, investment banking, financial analysis utilising their strong numeracy and analytical skills. Careers in finance allow graduates to work across industries and provide specialised advice to aid complex business decision-making.

What is accounting?

Accounting is a pathway to becoming an accredited accountant. Businesses and individuals rely on accountants to assess their financial situation and advise on financial dealings. Graduates work with organisations compiling, analysing, verifying and preparing financial records. Strong numeracy and analytical skills are required for this role and, depending on the size and type of organisation, accountants may work with clients or solely with internal stakeholders within a business.

➤ **Construction Management at Burwood Campus**

From the start of 2016, the Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours) is now also offered at Deakin's Melbourne Burwood Campus.

Students graduate with market-ready skills for careers in *construction management, quantity surveying and property development*. Students will also gain valuable hands-on experience through an industry placement elective, helping them kickstart their professional journey. Collaboration with Deakin's architecture students ensures a sound understanding of both disciplines, preparing students for the real world with a well-rounded, adaptable skill set that employers look for.

This course is professionally accredited by the Australian Institute of Building (AIB), the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS), the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), meaning the degree is recognised in more than 50 countries – providing a global passport for work in Australia and beyond.

Find out more at [Bachelor of Construction Management \(Honours\)](#).

➤ **Bachelor of Engineering (Industry) at Deakin**

Design and innovation are at the heart of engineering at Deakin. Our future-focused courses go beyond theory to provide you with the skills and experience you need to create innovative engineering solutions to the challenges of tomorrow.

The [Bachelor of Engineering \(Industry\) \(Honours\)](#) extends this to equip students with technical expertise in an engineering field of their choice whilst also supporting them to complete a 12-month paid industry placement in their fourth year.

Students undertake core engineering units in their first year before selecting to major in *either civil, electrical and renewable energy, environmental and sustainability, mechanical or*

mechatronics engineering.

The VCE prerequisites for this course are: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English EAL (English as an Additional Language) or at least 20 in English other than EAL. Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics or Maths: General Mathematics.

The ATAR for 2026 entry was 79.80.

With an international skills shortage and approximately 100,000 more engineers required in Australia by 2030,* Deakin graduates are in demand. Environmental engineers and renewable energy engineers are also among the 15 fastest-growing jobs worldwide,^ offering exciting opportunities to make a global impact.

Depending on which field of engineering a student chooses during their degree, they could work in government, the private sector, consulting, or even education and research.

* Australian Council of Engineering Deans: *Shortages of Engineers and Supply Projections*, Dec 2021.

^ World Economic Forum's 'The Future of Jobs Report 2025'.



Career as a Podiatrist

The **Good Universities Guide*** states that *Podiatrists look after the health of people's feet by diagnosing, treating and preventing foot abnormalities, and educating the public about good foot health. Podiatrists may develop a special interest in dealing with particular client groups, such as children, the aged or sportspeople. They may also work in a particular area, such as occupational health, or with general medical conditions that result in foot and leg problems.*

Of particular interest is that podiatrists, like doctors and dentists, are approved to prescribe medications and do some surgery.

[*Good Universities Guide - Podiatry](#)

In Victoria, only one university offers a bachelor course in podiatry, and that is La Trobe University. La Trobe offers the ***Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours)*** which is a 4-year degree, and students are taught by experts – experienced podiatrists, researchers and teachers in sport medicine, biomechanics, hospital-based podiatry, paediatrics and foot surgery.

Students get plenty of opportunities to practise the skills they gain in the course by treating real patients in La Trobe's on-campus podiatry clinic.

Find out more about studying [Podiatry](#) at La Trobe University. Monash University offers a 2-year [Master of Podiatric Medicine](#) at its Peninsula Campus. The entry requirements for this course is *any bachelor's degree with a minimum 70% distinction average and completed studies in human anatomy AND pharmacology.*

Have a career in mind, but not quite sure how to get there? RMIT's career guides have all the information you need to achieve your dream career.

RMIT has a range of very useful **career guides** – including *architecture, art, aviation, biomedical science, building & construction, business & property, media & communication, engineering, fashion, law, and science.*

Students are encouraged to browse [Career guides - RMIT University](#) to find out more.



Environmental Science Degrees in Victoria in 2026

Environmental scientists measure and record features of the environment and study, assess and develop methods of controlling or minimising the harmful effects of human activity on the environment.

Environmental science is often offered as a major in science degrees.

This is the case at [Monash University - Science](#) and [Uni Melbourne - Science](#).

INSTITUTION	COURSE	VCE PREREQUISITES	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2026
CHARLES STURT AW – Albury-Wodonga	Environmental Science and Management ATAR: L/N (AW)	n/a but a successful completion of Year 12 is required, <u>and</u> an ATAR is also used for selection.	Applied Earth Science, Aquatic Ecosystems, Climate and Sustainability, Ecology and Conservation, Parks, Recreation and Heritage.
DEAKIN M – Melbourne	Environmental Science and Sustainability ATAR: 60.55 (M)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Applied data analytics (minor only), Environmental science (Sustainability science, Ecology, Social science, Research methods, Mapping, Policy, Planning and impact assessment), Global engagement (minor only), Indigenous studies (Online, minor only), Sustainability (Environmental management, Water, Waste, Climate, Nature conservation, Parks, Bushfire, Catchments, Coasts, Sustainable communities).
FEDERATION B – Ballarat Be – Berwick Gi – Gippsland	Environmental Science ATAR: L/N (B) L/N (Be) 53.15 (Gi)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any English; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of any Mathematics or any Science.	Climate change, Conservation, Ecology, Environmental restoration
RMIT C – City	Environmental Science ATAR: 70.95 (C)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 27 in EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	Conservation, Ecology, Environmental analysis, Environmental biology, Environmental chemistry, Environmental monitoring, Environmental policy and management.
	Sustainability and Environment	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 27 in EAL.	Applied environmental research, Climate change, Conservation, Ecology, Economics, Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental economics,

	ATAR: 60.80 (C)		Environmental policy, Environmental studies, Environmental systems, Geography, Indigenous Peoples and land management, Natural resource management, Politics, Sustainability, Urban and regional planning, Urbanisation.
VICTORIA F – Footscray Park *Not Foundation Maths	Science (Ecology and Environmental Management) ATAR: N/P (F)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any Mathematics *.	Biotechnology, Ecology and Environmental Management.



Snapshot of The University of Melbourne (UoM) in 2026

- Established in 1853, the University of Melbourne makes distinctive contributions to society in research, learning and teaching and engagement.
- UoM is consistently ranked among the leading universities in the world, with international rankings of world universities placing it as #1 in Australia and #19 in the world in the QS World Rankings 2026 - [rankings](#).
- The University of Melbourne has one primary campus – Parkville – north of the Melbourne CBD and associated campuses including Southbank, and rural campuses - [Campuses and Facilities](#).
- UoM offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees - [Courses at UoM](#).
- [UoM offers a range of Graduate Degree Packages whereby students can](#) bundle an undergraduate degree offer with an offer for a place in one of the specialised, professionally accredited graduate school programs.
- [The Bachelor of Design offers 14 majors, including](#) *Architecture, Civil Engineering Systems, Computing and Software Systems, Construction, Digital Infrastructure Engineering Systems, Games Design, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Mechanical Engineering Systems, Performance Design, Property, Spatial Systems, Urban Planning, and User Experience Design*.
- The University has over 200 clubs and societies, which play an integral part of many students’ university experience - [Student Clubs and Societies](#).
- The University encourages students to make practical learning a part of their Melbourne experience, and these include internships and cadetships, leadership opportunities, and volunteering.
- Overseas study programs are offered to students, and they are encouraged to study part of their degree in an international setting - [Study Overseas](#).
- The University of Melbourne offers numerous and generous undergraduate [scholarships](#) to high-achieving students, as well as numerous equity scholarships too. A recently introduced flagship scholarship is the [Hansen Scholarship](#).
- UoM also has the Access Melbourne program aimed at students who have found high school a challenge, and their circumstances have prevented them from achieving their best - [Access Melbourne](#).

- Students have access to a wide range of Student Services, which include - [Student Services](#) and a [Careers Centre](#).
- UoM offers a Guaranteed Entry to Graduate pathways - [Guaranteed Entry to Graduate pathways](#).
- UoM has numerous residential colleges for its undergraduate students - [Student Accommodation](#).



Eye Specialists

Students often ask what the differences are between **Optometrists, Orthoptists** and **Ophthalmologists**.

Below is a summary of the three as posted on the [Vision Australia](#) website.

➤ **Optometrists**

Optometrists are eye care professionals who examine the eyes and visual systems to detect vision changes and diagnose eye diseases.

On an average day, an optometrist will examine eyes to diagnose eye conditions and prescribe corrective lenses.

Often, the optometrist will be a person's first point of contact before they are referred to Ophthalmologists and Orthoptists.

In Victoria, students can study optometry at -

Deakin University - [Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry](#)
University of Melbourne - [Doctor of Optometry](#)

➤ **Orthoptists**

Orthoptists are eye care professionals who work with patients to manage a broad range of eye diseases.

Orthoptists are involved in the management of eye diseases like cataracts, glaucoma, lazy eye, and macular degeneration.

Often, Orthoptists will work in clinics alongside Ophthalmologists working on assessing and managing people's eye conditions.

In Victoria, students can study orthoptics at -

La Trobe University - [Bachelor of Orthoptics \(Honours\)](#)

➤ **Ophthalmologists**

Ophthalmologists are medical doctors who have further specialised in medical and surgical eye disease.

Most commonly, ophthalmologists are involved in the assessment, diagnosis and medical treatment of eye disease.

Many eye conditions can be treated with medication, surgery, or other medical interventions, and ophthalmologists manage this.

Ophthalmologists are also highly specialised, which means individuals with complex care needs may see multiple ophthalmologists to ensure all aspects of their condition are managed appropriately.



Studying Occupational Therapy at La Trobe

Help people maximise their quality of life and reach their full potential with La Trobe's [Bachelor of Occupational Therapy \(Honours\)](#).

Discover the science behind human activity and get the know-how to conduct evidence-based occupational therapy assessments and interventions for people of all ages and backgrounds.

This 4-year course ensures students learn with a combination of face-to-face tutorials and workshops, online learning and hands-on experience, including 1,000 hours of professional placements.

By studying La Trobe's Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours), students will:

- gain essential knowledge in occupational science, anatomy, physiology and psychology
- uncover the best treatment options for people with special needs and chronic conditions
- understand cultural identity and responsiveness in relation to health and wellbeing, including First Nations' perspectives
- apply their learning with individuals and families and collaborate with employers, policymakers and other health professionals
- build skills in both qualitative and quantitative research design, then pursue an applied research project or industry-based thesis in their embedded Honours year
- graduate eligible to apply for registration with the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia (OTBA).

The VCE entry requirements are Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL. The ATAR for 2026 entry was 85.60 (Bundoora

Campus) and 75.90 (Bendigo Campus).

Students who do not meet the abovementioned prerequisite study scores or ATAR may wish to consider the [Bachelor of Health Sciences \(Allied health major\)](#) as a possible pathway option. Students with the highest Weighted Average Mark (WAM) will be eligible to apply to transfer into the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours). Students should note that this pathway is very competitive with only 5 – 10 students successful each year.



Studying Health Sciences at Deakin

Study health sciences and help improve people's health and wellbeing. With so many careers in health sciences you'll be in demand – right now there's huge government investment in the sector, which means there's a real opportunity to make a difference. Now is your chance to become a healthcare expert and change lives for the better.

The Health Sector is Australia's fastest growing sector, and the Bachelor of Health Sciences at Deakin prepares students for a career in -

- disability services
- health education
- international aid
- sport marketing
- nutrition

The Bachelor of Health Sciences offers students 13 specialised [majors](#), and students may opt to specialise in two. On completion, students may choose to go on to further postgraduate study in a number of fields, including -

- [Master of Public Health](#)
- [Master of Health Promotion](#)
- [Master of Health Economics](#)
- [Master of Health Management](#)
- [Master of Human Nutrition](#).

Learn more by browsing [Health Sciences at Deakin](#).



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Melbourne Career Expo 2026

The [Melbourne Career Expo](#) – taking place from Friday 17 July – Sunday 19 July, is *free* comprehensive and exciting careers event, encompassing all career opportunities from employment to education and training in the trades, corporate and professional sectors.



Zoos Victoria Careers Expo 2026

Join Zoos Victoria experts for the 2026 Careers Expo at Melbourne Zoo. This event is recommended for students in Years 9-12 who are interested in exploring different careers in the world of wildlife, conservation, environment, animal welfare, and more.

Hear from expert panel speakers, including a diverse range of zoo specialists, who will share advice and insights into their career pathways.

Date: Thursday 9 July & Friday 10 July 2026

Time: 9.00am – 2.30pm

In addition to a free entry to Melbourne Zoo and career experts, students will also receive:

- A welcome pack and itinerary on arrival
- 10% discount at the Zoo cafes
- 10% discount at the Zoo Shops

Find out more and book a spot at [Zoos Victoria Careers Expo 2026](#).



Criminology and Paralegal Degrees in Victoria in 2026

Below are a number of **paralegal** courses on offer in Victoria. The prerequisite VCE subject is usually only an English. **Note:** The University of Melbourne offers a *major in criminology* in its [Bachelor of Arts](#) degree - ATAR 85.00.

Note: Criminology is often taught as a *major* in Bachelor of Arts degrees.

COURSE	UNI	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2026	ATAR 2026
Criminology & Criminal Justice	ACU	Criminology.	61.15 (M)
Psychological Science/Criminology and Criminal Justice		Criminology, Psychology	61.80 (M)
Criminology	DEAKIN	Criminology (crime, crime prevention, policing, security, criminal justice, surveillance, victimology, crime and media).	61.00 (G) 61.10 (M)
Criminology/Psychological Science		Criminology (crime, crime prevention, policing, security, criminal justice, surveillance, victimology, crime and media), Psychology.	61.80 (G) 60.00 (M)
Forensic Science		Forensic biology, Forensic chemistry, Forensic science.	60.85 (G)
Forensic Science/Criminology		Criminology (crime, crime prevention, policing, security, criminal justice, surveillance, victimology, violence), Forensic biology, Forensic chemistry, Forensic science.	64.50 (G)
Criminology and Criminal Justice	FEDERATION	Behavioural studies, Community and human services, Criminology and criminal justice, IT security, Sociology.	51.75 (Ba) 51.55 (Be) 54.80 (Gi)
Criminology	LA TROBE	Criminology.	55.00 (B) 55.40 (M)
Criminology/Psychological Science		Criminology, Psychological science.	55.45 (B) 55.80 (M)
Criminology	MONASH	Crime, Crime and justice, Criminal justice system, Criminology.	75.20 (CI)
Criminology and Policing		Crime, Crime and justice, Criminal justice system, Criminology, Policing.	N/P (CI)
Criminology and Criminal Justice	RMIT	Crime, Criminal justice, Criminal law, Criminology, Legal Studies, Mediation.	60.50 (C)
Criminology & Psychology		Crime, Criminal Justice, Criminology, Forensic investigation, Justice, Law, Legal studies, Police studies, Psychological studies, Psychology, Youth justice.	60.35 (C)
Legal Practice (Paralegal) Associate Degree		Business and Corporate Law, Civil Procedure & Dispute Resolution, Contract Law, Criminal Law, Evidence Law, Family Law, Intellectual Property Law and Trade Practices, Land Law & Conveyancing, Legal Research, Paralegal, Probate and Administration, Tort Law, Wills.	42.05 (C)
Criminal Justice and Criminology	SWINBURNE	Criminal justice and criminology.	57.05 (H)
Psychological Sciences/Criminal Justice and Criminology		Analysis of variance and regression, Brain and behaviour, Cognition and human performance, Corrections systems and practice, Crime and punishment in the international context, Crime society and culture, Criminal law and process, Developmental psychology, Deviance difference and conformity, Foundations of statistics, Fundamentals of criminology, Fundamentals of psychology, Global crime, History and philosophy of psychology, Introduction to forensic psychology, Introduction to law, Introduction to research methods, Law and social science, Mental health diversity diagnosis and treatment, Policing systems and practice, Psychology of personality, Sentencing, Social psychology, Technological advances in dealing with crime, Youth justice and crime.	61.45 (H)
Criminology	VICTORIA	Criminology.	N/P (C)
Criminal Justice		Criminal justice.	N/P (F)
Criminal Justice and Psychological Studies		Criminal justice.	N/P (F)
Criminology/Bachelor of Psychological Studies		Criminology, Psychology	N/P (C)
Legal Services		Advanced legal services, Law profession.	N/P (C)
Youth Work and Criminal Justice		Criminal justice, Youth work.	L/N (F)



Dental Technology & Oral Health Courses in Victoria in 2026

Dental technicians construct and repair dentures (false teeth) and other dental appliances, including crowns, bridges and orthodontic appliances (*Good Careers Guide*).

Oral health therapists diagnose dental decay and gum diseases, work together with dentists to provide routine oral health care for children and adults, and also help to promote oral health and preventive dental practices among school children and the broader community (*Good Careers Guide*).

INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME	VCE PREREQS	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2026
<p>Charles Sturt University (Holmesglen Institute Chadstone Campus)</p> <p>(Students will complete lectures and pre-clinical training in years one and two at Holmesglen's Chadstone campus, with some clinical training at Wagga Wagga, NSW. The majority of clinical training and placement will occur in year three when students are based in Wagga Wagga.)</p>	<p>Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene)</p> <p>2026 ATAR: 90.65</p>	n/a, but satisfactory completion of Year 12 <u>and</u> ATAR is used as part of selection	Oral Hygiene, Oral Therapy.
<p>Holmesglen Institute (Chadstone Campus)</p>	<p>Diploma of Dental Technology</p> <p><u>Note</u>: graduates can do further study in the Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics.</p>	n/a, but satisfactory completion of Year 12 useful. Language Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) Test, and Pre-Training Review.	Appliance Design Techniques, Computer Aided Design (CAD), Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM), Dental Material Science, Repair, manufacture and modify dentures, Structures of the Oral Cavity.
<p>La Trobe University (Bendigo Campus)</p>	<p>Bachelor of Oral Health Science</p> <p>2026 ATAR: 99.95</p>	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English as an Additional Language (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Oral health science.
<p>RMIT University (All training is based in the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne through a long standing partnership with Dental Health Services Victoria to ensure wide exposure to the industry.)</p>	<p>Diploma of Dental Technology</p> <p><u>Note</u>: graduates can do further study in the Advanced Diploma of Dental Prosthetics</p>	Satisfactory completion of Year 12 <u>and</u> ATAR may be used as part of selection.	Complete and Partial Dentures, Crown and Bridge, Mouthguards, Orthodontics.
<p>University of Melbourne (Parkville Campus)</p> <p>Useful YouTube clip</p>	<p>Bachelor of Oral Health</p> <p>2026 ATAR: 94.10</p>	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology or Chemistry.	Oral health sciences, Preventive and clinical dentistry, Social sciences and health promotion, Vocational clinical practice.



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- [Federation University Australia](#) was formed when the former University of Ballarat and the Gippsland Campus of Monash University were amalgamated.
- FedUni's history actually dates back to 1870.
- FedUni is regional Victoria's largest education institution, with [campuses](#) in Ballarat, Berwick, Gippsland, the Wimmera, providing easy access to study, and over 1200 staff committed to teaching excellence and student support.
- FedUni offers over 240 [courses](#) from apprenticeships to bachelor's degrees.
- FedUni offers a range of [scholarships, bursaries, and grants](#).
- FedUni students can access a wide range of [services and support](#) to assist them.
- Students who choose to live in residence gain the best start to their university experience - [accommodation](#).
- FedUni students also have the opportunity to study overseas at a range of institutions. Students can participate in a variety of programs that will provide them with a global experience. Students can choose between short-term programs and semester-long programs - [Study Abroad and Exchange](#).
- FedUni offers [Virtual Internships](#) – students can explore careers and prepare for the job with hundreds of free job simulations designed by the world's top employers.





JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Discover ACU – Melbourne Campus Events

Discover ACU is designed to give you an exciting first taste of specific disciplines, with an opportunity to speak with current ACU students to find out what life is like in your study area.

Explore the campus and its facilities, take part in various workshops, talk to current students, and experience life as an ACU student.

Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine	Tuesday 30 June, 9.45am - 12.00pm
Allied Health, Biomedical Science and Sports Science	Tuesday 7 July, 9.45am - 12.00pm
Law, Criminology and Business	Wednesday 8 July, 9.45am - 12.00pm
Teaching and Education	Wednesday 8 July, 9.45am - 12.00pm

Students should register soon at [Discover ACU](#).

ACU Webinar: ACU Guarantee Early Offer and Pathways Webinar

ACU will also host a **webinar** to provide students with more information on ACU's entry and pathway options, including the ACU Guarantee Early Offer program, key dates and how to apply.

Plus, students can hear from current students about their journeys.

Date: Wednesday 16 July 2026

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm.

Register [here](#).

JMC Academy – Experience Day (Melbourne)

Create. Explore. Get ahead. Join JMC for a high-energy day of workshops, student panels, and campus tours—plus expert guidance on turning your passion into a career. Register for not one, but two workshops, and experience a day in the life at JMC Academy.

Date: Saturday 11 July 2026

Time: 9.00am – 3.30pm

Register at [JMC School Holiday Experience Day \(Melbourne\)](#)

[Experience La Trobe Melbourne](#)

Experience La Trobe is back these June-July school holidays! This is a chance to visit and explore the Bundoora Campus, get hands-on with their study areas and become familiar with Uni life.

Students will have the option to choose a workshop relevant to their area of interest. Details of these workshops can be found on the registration page.

Date: Tuesday 30 June 2026
Time: 9.00am – 2.00pm
Location: La Trobe University, Melbourne Campus, Bundoora

Register [here](#).

[Discover Monash Events](#)

The following in-person events will take place in the July holidays and students are encouraged to register early.

For a complete list, and to register, visit [Events Calendar - Discover Monash](#).

Discover Monash Arts School Holidays Workshop	Thursday 2 July, 10.00am - 2.45pm
Discover Behavioural Studies Workshop	Thursday 2 July, 10.00am - 11.00am
Discover Criminology Workshop	Thursday 2 July, 11.00am - 12.00pm
Discover Model UN: Negotiations Workshop	Thursday 2 July, 1.00pm - 1.45pm
Discover Model UN: Public Speaking Workshop	Thursday 2 July, 2.00pm - 2.45pm

[Monash Business Explorer](#)

Business Explorer gives you hands-on experience in the world of business. Through interactive games, quizzes and case studies, you get to discover the world of start-ups, brands, stock markets and more!

VCE students have the option to choose three taster sessions in accounting, banking and finance, economics, analytics, entrepreneurship, management, and marketing to experience on the day.

Date: Wednesday 1 July 2026
Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm
Location: Monash University Caulfield Campus

Registration is essential by Monday 15 June at 2pm – register [here](#).

[Monash Fine Art, Design and Architecture Experience Days](#)

Gain a better understanding of different art mediums, design thinking approaches, and architecture studios through our hands-on experience days at the [Monash Caulfield campus](#). Students will find out what it's like to be a student for a day, meet the university staff and explore the workshop spaces Monash students get to work in.

Fine Art Folio-building	Tuesday 30 June, 10.00am - 3.00pm
Design Workshop - Designing for Good	Wednesday 1 July, 9.30am – 11.30pm
Architecture Making Workshop	Wednesday 1 July, 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Find out more and register at [Experience day workshops - Art, Design and Architecture](#)

Monash Science Precinct Tours

If you would like to take a closer look and see where you could be studying after Year 12, this is a great chance to visit the brilliant science facilities and student spaces. Get a feel for campus life and have a chat with some of our science students and staff.

Dates: Tuesday 7 July 10.00am – 12.00pm **OR**

Thursday 9 July 10.00am – 12.00pm

Where: Monash Science Precinct, Clayton Campus

Find out more or book a spot at [Monash Science Precinct Tours 2026](#).

RMIT: Tech & Trades Day

Explore next-level workshops at RMIT's Tech and Trades Experience Day in the July school holidays. Walk in the shoes of a student for a day and experience what it's like to learn an IT, tech, or trade course.

Experience RMIT first-hand with practical tasters from its tech and trades courses. On the day, students will enjoy:

- In-person workshops led by RMIT teachers, using the same tools and facilities our students train with
- Opportunities to chat with teachers and current students and ask questions about studying at RMIT
- Catered lunch, with options to suit all dietary requirements
- Fun prizes and giveaways along the way

Date: Wednesday 8 July 2026

Time: 10.00am – 3.30pm

Location: RMIT City Campus

Registrations are essential and can be made at [Tech & Trades Experience Day 2026](#)

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[University of Melbourne – Jazz & Improvisation Winter Camp 2026](#)

The University of Melbourne is inviting high school aged instrumentalists and vocalists in Years 9-12 to spend a week on campus and explore the world of Jazz and Improvisation.

Participants will meet like-minded musicians and develop their playing, skill set and creativity when approaching Jazz music and exploring Improvisation. The week of tuition is supported by a range of staff from the Jazz and Improvisation department at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music.

Participants will engage in instrument/voice specific workshops, small ensemble playing, group singing, group rhythm/drumming, tools for improvisation, listening sessions.

The final afternoon will feature an informal concert of small ensemble performances to celebrate the week.

Dates: Monday 29 June - Friday 3 July 2026

Times: 10.00am -4.00pm

Venue: [St Kilda Road Music Building](#)

Find out more, including the costs, at [Jazz and Improvisation Winter Camp 2026](#).

[Whitehouse Institute of Design Workshops](#)

Whitehouse Institute of Design is running a couple of workshops over the holidays. Students interested in fashion – whether it is creating garments, or fashion photography – might be keen on signing up for one of the following:

STUDIO LIGHTING AND FASHION PHOTOGRAPHY

This is a hands-on 1-day workshop designed for aspiring photographers eager to learn the fundamentals of camera settings, studio lighting, and fashion photography.

Dates: Monday 29 June

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Venue: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Level 4/672 Bourke St, Melbourne

Book a spot [here](#) for the workshop.

FOUNDATIONAL SEWING WORKSHOP

This workshop is for aspiring designers and recommended as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills. At the end of this workshop, you will have the skills to produce a strong portfolio.

Dates: Saturday 4 July
Time: 10.00am – 3.00pm
Venue: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Level 4/672 Bourke St, Melbourne

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