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Welcome to this edition of the Careers Newsletter. You will find lots of information in this edition including:

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You can also check out our PVCC Careers website for important information for students and parents at: <https://careers.pvcc.vic.edu.au>



- **Year 12 VTAC late applications – 29 September to 4 November**



C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships are one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to \$60,000 over three years. The scholarships are available to all Australian students, and the majority are usually awarded to students entering their first year of university studies. Selection is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. Undergraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions, so this scholarship is not restricted to one university.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier and pastoralist Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected political leaders.

The 2023 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships will open on Monday 5 December 2022 and close on Friday 6 January 2023.

Current Year 12 students are encouraged to browse [Hawker Scholarship](#) for more information about the scholarship, and to download an application form.



[Young Endeavour.](#)



This is not just another automotive apprenticeship, NextTech is at the forefront of automotive technician development and where traditional methods meet the future of technological industry advancement.

Applications for the 2023 intake are now open! NextTech is an industry-leading, 3 year fast-tracked light vehicle apprenticeship

NextTech offers the opportunity to also work towards:

1. Becoming a BMW Master Technician
2. Receiving a qualification in automotive electrical
3. Local and International Apprentice Scholarships

NextTech includes dedicated trade school classes with BMW qualified trainers. The Trade school is held at Kangan Automotive Centre of Excellence in Victoria (may require interstate travel). All PPE, BMW Uniform, travel, and accommodation costs are covered where applicable.

For further information and to apply visit [BMW Automotive Apprenticeships](#).



➤ **Pathways to Education Courses at Monash**

There's more than one way to become a student at Monash. If you're interested in becoming a teacher, but do not meet the entry requirements for [the Bachelor of Education \(Honours\)](#), we offer a range of pathway programs to help you achieve your goal.

There are options including –

• **Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS)**

Students who have completed Year 12 but did not quite meet the entry requirements for their dream course, DoTS might be the pathway to consider. On successful completion of the DoTS - Education stream, students can transfer into the second year of the:

- 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

This diploma is equivalent to the first year of a university undergraduate degree.

In addition to the Education courses listed above, on successful completion of DoTS, students can get up to one year of credit towards a range of degrees in *business, business administration and nursing*.

For more information visit the [Diploma of Tertiary Studies](#) information page.

• **Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE)**

The Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE) might suit students who have completed Year 12 but did not quite meet the entry requirements for their dream course, if they are returning to study, or would benefit from additional learning support.

On successful completion of the DoHE - Education stream, students can transfer into second year of the:

- Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Primary and Secondary Education

In addition, students can receive up to one year of credit into the following Education courses:

- Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Primary and Secondary Inclusive Education
- Bachelor of Education (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts *Primary or Secondary Education*
- Bachelor of Education (Honours) and Bachelor of Business *Primary or Secondary Education*
- Bachelor of Education (Honours) and Bachelor of Science *Primary or Secondary Education*

The Diploma of Higher Education can also provide you with entry into second year of the single degree Bachelor of Science.

For more information, visit the [Diploma of Higher Education](#) information page.

- **Monash College Diploma**

Students who have narrowly missed the entry requirements for direct entry into an education double degree, might consider a Monash College Diploma.

As part of the *arts, business, and science* diploma program, students can choose an education studies specialisation which includes two education studies units and 10 days of professional experience.

On successful completion of the diploma, students will be eligible for direct entry into the second year of the following double degrees:

- Bachelor of Education (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts *Primary or Secondary Education*
- Bachelor of Education (Honours) and Bachelor of Business *Primary or Secondary Education*
- Bachelor of Education (Honours) and Bachelor of Science *Primary or Secondary Education*

For more information visit the [Monash College Education Studies](#) page.

- **Non-teaching degree followed by Master of Teaching**

If a student attains an ATAR score that does not meet the requirements for direct entry into the Bachelor of Education (Honours), including double degrees, students can consider enrolling in [another course](#) - e.g. Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science, followed by the [Master of Teaching](#) to qualify as a teacher.

Find out more about all the alternative pathways to Education degrees at [Alternative pathways into the Bachelor of Education \(Honours\)](#).

- **Subject Adjustments towards the Bachelor of Science**

Our VTAC Subject Adjustment rewards students studying more than one Year 12 science subject – this could improve your selection rank by providing additional points (up to 8) towards your ATAR aggregate.

Note: Subject adjustments do not apply to International Fee-paying applicants (IFP).

Visit [VTAC Subject Adjustment](#) and gauge what your *new* estimated ATAR might be for entry into the [Bachelor of Science](#).

Useful links to Victorian Universities Student Support Services

Australian Catholic University	https://www.acu.edu.au/student-life/student-services
Deakin University	https://www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services
Federation University	https://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-federation/student-support
La Trobe University	https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/life/support
Monash University	https://www.monash.edu/get-started
RMIT University	https://www.rmit.edu.au/life-at-rmit/support-for-students
Swinburne University	https://www.swinburne.edu.au/life-at-swinburne/student-support-services/
University of Melbourne	https://services.unimelb.edu.au/finder
Victoria University	https://www.vu.edu.au/current-students/campus-life/advice-support

Links to Victorian University Clubs & Societies

Australian Catholic University	https://www.acu.edu.au/student-life/clubs-activities-and-student-associations/clubs-and-societies
Deakin University	https://www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/student-facilities/clubs-and-societies
Federation University	https://federation.edu.au/current-students/life-on-campus/getting-involved/clubs-and-societies
La Trobe University	https://www.latrobe.edu.au/students/getting-started/campus-life/facilities/student-organisations
Monash University	https://www.monash.edu/study/why-choose-monash/student-life/clubs-and-societies
RMIT University	https://www.rmit.edu.au/life-at-rmit/student-life
Swinburne University	https://www.swinburne.edu.au/life-at-swinburne/clubs-societies-student-organisations/
University of Melbourne	https://sustainablecampus.unimelb.edu.au/student-groups-and-clubs
Victoria University	https://www.vu.edu.au/current-students/campus-life/clubs-student-groups/join-a-club-or-college-society/sport-social-clubs



- Melbourne Polytechnic has been delivering vocational training since 1912 and today offers a diverse range of innovative, hands-on TAFE (VET) and Higher Education (Degree) programs
- In October 2014, the Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE (NMIT) changed its name to Melbourne Polytechnic
- There are over 150 [courses](#) to pick and choose from at Melbourne Polytechnic including pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships and traineeships, and short courses too
- Melbourne Polytechnic offers students a range of [services](#), facilities and learning resources across its campuses. There are six libraries, as well as learning services, conference facilities, restaurants and much more
- Melbourne Polytechnic has seven [campuses](#), two training centres, and a [Skills and Job Centre](#)
- Melbourne Polytechnic also participates in the [Free TAFE and Job Trainer](#) course options
- A number of [scholarships](#) are available to a range of students, and they differ from semester to semester and year to year so students are encouraged to keep an eye on what may be available to them.





Federation has embarked on a journey to become the first Australian university to embed the globally recognised cooperative education model in all our programs.

The **Federation Co-op Model** will link students to workplaces and industry as a core part of their studies and take learning from the university campuses to the workplace. The Co-op model is not just traditional work experience, but a coherent, deliberate set of learning experiences that bridge campus-based learning with workplace learning, so when Federation University students graduate, they already have work experience, as well as the skills to succeed.

Students at Federation will have opportunity to work with employers and build their work experience and resume, so they can go straight from their studies into their first job or their new career.

Every Federation co-op degree will:

- Include transferable skills as well as the technical skills to prepare for a career
- Include at least 150 hours of workplace learning that contributes to the student's course credits
- Provide a range of workplace learning opportunities including:
 - paid cadetships
 - extended internships
 - shorter learning in the workplace opportunities
 - a team-based project for an industry partner
 - connect you with local and international opportunities, with access to major national and global employers opening up opportunities for travel.

The first co-op degrees will be launched in 2023 and include -

- [Bachelor of Information Technology](#)
- [Bachelor of Information Technology \(Professional Practice\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Visual Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of Business](#)



- A school-aged female looking to get a Head Start in the area of business and innovation?

- Passionate about all things STEM?
- Ready to be part of one of the largest infrastructure projects in Victoria's history?

Date: Thursday 10 November 2022
Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm (with an optional tunnelling tour)
Venue: Holmesglen Drummond Street Campus, 41 Drummond Street in Chadstone

Register at [NextGen STEM Information Evening](#).



The School of Communication and Creative Arts is offering four *new* courses in 2023. Deakin is ranked in the top 1% of universities worldwide for media and communication (QS World University Rankings by Subject 2022), and the following courses will allow students to develop real expertise in their areas of interest.

Bachelor of Communication – with majors in *Advertising, Digital and Social Media, Journalism* and *Public Relations*.

The minors on offer are: Creative Advertising, Digital Media, Indigenous Studies, Integrated Communication, Journalism, Photojournalism, Public Relations, Social Media, and Strategic Advertising.

Bachelor of Creative Arts – with majors in *Dance, Drama, Photography, Publishing, Visual Arts* and *Writing*

The minors on offer are: 2D Practices, 3D Practices, Analogue Practices (Photography), Creative Writing, Dance, Digital Practices (Photography), Indigenous Studies, Professional Writing, Scriptwriting, Theatre, and Theatre Production.

Bachelor of Design – with majors in *Communication Design, Interactive* and *UX Design*

The minors on offer are: Brand Design, Design for Social Media, Indigenous Studies, Interactive Design, and Publication Design.

Bachelor of Film, Television and Animation – with majors in *Animation, Producing Screen Content*, and *Screen Production*

The minors on offer are: Animation and Motion Graphics, Film Studies, Producing Screen Content, Scriptwriting, and Visual Effects and Virtual Production.

The good news is that employment in the Arts and Media sector is growing. Job opportunities are projected to increase by 8.7% over a five-year period to 2026 (Australian Government 2021 National Skills Commission Projection). Communication and Creative Arts students undertake **Your Future Career** units as part of an **employability sequence** to help them achieve their creative arts dreams. Here, they connect their personal and professional

aspirations and expand on their entrepreneurial mindset. They also engage in networking opportunities with our industry partners to build their own lively creative community.

In 2023, Deakin will be home to Australia's [biggest university virtual production studio](#). In partnership with Dreamscreen Australia students have the opportunity to experience industry placements working on features, music videos, TV dramas, gaming, and commercials side-by-side with Dreamscreen industry professionals. It is a unique opportunity in Australia today.



Useful Tips for Successful Interviews



Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. *John Lees* shares his expert interview tips.

1 Don't waste the opening moments

Many candidates lose the job in the first minute of the interview by not thinking carefully about their initial impact. Interviewers make a quick initial decision about your personality from the moment you arrive, based on how you look and sound. Dress as if you already work there and you've just been promoted. Make those initial seconds relaxed and upbeat as you can, even if you're just talking about your journey.

2 Don't over-deliver

Most candidates say too much. Interviewers are not that interested, and will usually accept a short, positive answer and move on. Practise compressing your evidence into good short stories no more than 3 minutes long setting out what problem you were handling, what you did, how you did it, and what the result was.

3 Don't act like a stranger

Leave your coat, umbrella, and bag in reception. Just take in a slim folder into the interview room containing the documents you need, and you will look like an employee rather than a visitor.

4 Don't try to wing difficult questions

Don't duck predictable questions about your know-how and skill level – think carefully about good examples. Equally predictable questions cover things like strengths (talk about qualities that match the job) and weaknesses (talk about skills you are improving and make it clear that you're a fast learner).

*John Lees has written a wide range of careers books. His 2013 titles are *Just The Job!*, his first systematic guide to job searching, and *Knockout CV*, a comprehensive guide to writing a winning CV.*



➤ **Deakin University – Deakin Accelerate**

Deakin Accelerate is a distinctive VCE higher education program that allows students to study two first-year university subjects during Year 12. Studying one subject per trimester, this selective program gives students a head-start into university studies and also provides a potential boost to their all-important ATAR score.

Besides the challenge of taking on a university subject, this subject will also count as part of the VCE and contribute towards the ATAR as the fifth or sixth subject. There are no tuition fees for Deakin Accelerate.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Deakin Accelerate](#).

➤ **Federation University – Advance to University**

Advance to University is an opportunity for Year 12 students to study first year university units as part of their VCE. Successful completion of these units may contribute towards the ATAR, and students get credit towards their university degree. There are no fees for Advance to University.

Find out more, including subjects on offer, at [Advance to University](#).

➤ **La Trobe University – Achieve and Achieve Plus Programs**

Achieve is an opportunity for high achieving Year 12 VCE students to complete a university subject in either the first or second semester in their Year 12 and have them recognised as part of their VCE.

Achieve Plus is an opportunity for high achieving Year 12 VCE students to complete a pair of first-year university subjects – one in each semester – in their Year 12 and have them recognised as part of their VCE.

Both programs are offered at all La Trobe campuses and subjects are delivered online, face-to-face, or a combination of both. There are also no fees associated with these Programs.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer at [Achieve and Achieve Plus Programs](#).

➤ **RMIT University – VCE Extension**

RMIT's VCE Extension allows Year 12 students to undertake university subjects while completing their VCE. These courses are VCAA-accredited towards VCE results and students may be eligible for credit in a related RMIT program.

Students will get a taste of university life; they attend lectures and study on campus with full access to all the services and facilities enjoyed by RMIT students. **VCE Extension** subjects are taught at the City campus and are counted towards students VCE and provide a boost to their ATAR. RMIT charges no fees for RMIT Extension courses.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [VCE Extension](#).

➤ **University of Melbourne – Extension Program**

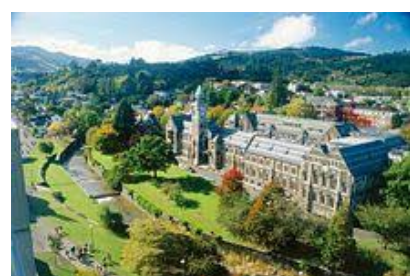
The **Extension Program** is an opportunity for high achieving Year 12 students to study a university subject whilst at school which counts towards their ATAR, as well as experience university life. The University of Melbourne does not charge any fees for participation in the Extension Program.

Find out more, including the subjects on offer, at [Extension Program](#).



- Founded in 1869, the University of Otago is the oldest university in New Zealand.
- Students join a diverse population of well over 20,000 students from around New Zealand and more than 100 nations around the world.
- The University of Otago is ranked in the top 1% of universities in the world and consistently has the high rating of 5 Stars Plus in the QS global university performance ratings.
- The University of Otago has campuses in 5 main centres throughout New Zealand, with its main campus situated in Dunedin. Dunedin is a coastal city situated in the southern part of the South Island - [Campuses](#).
- The University of Otago has four Academic Divisions and students have the option to study courses in any of these departments:
[Health Sciences](#)
[Humanities](#)
[Business](#)
[Sciences](#)
- The Health Sciences First Year (HSFY) is a foundation year for the five professional programmes: ***dentistry, medical laboratory science, medicine, pharmacy, and physiotherapy***. It is also an excellent way to begin a degree in biomedical science or any of the broad range of biological sciences at Otago - [Health Sciences First Year \(HSFY\)](#).
- The University has 14 well-appointed and friendly residential colleges - [Residential Colleges](#).
- Australian citizens and permanent residents pay the same fees as New Zealand citizens if they are studying in New Zealand. If they are studying distance learning papers from outside of New Zealand, they will need to pay international fees. They are also not eligible to apply for the New Zealand Student Loan or Allowance unless they have been living in New Zealand for at least three years and are normally living in New Zealand. For further information about the fees of various courses, visit [Australian Student Study Fees](#) and [New Zealand Study Loan](#) for more information about study loans.
- Minimum ATAR of 74 is required for consideration for [university entrance from an Australian school](#)

To find out more about studying at the University of Otago, visit [University of Otago](#).





We are looking for staff for full time, part time and casual roles.

The full time roles would be suited to students taking a GAP year or those students who have decided not to go to university and are looking for a role with a great career path.

Specsavers offers development programs including Certificate IV in Optical dispensing as well as many other leadership and development programs.

For those Team members who are interested we also have great career progression opportunities into Management, Store Ownership and Support Office roles.

The casual and part time roles would be well suited to students going to university next year. We tend to attract students who are studying in the Health/Science field or Business/Commerce but will consider anyone who is interested.

The store opens December 8th and training will commence on the 23rd of November.

Anyone interested can contact me directly via email laura.williams@specsavers.com or apply through SEEK.

A dark blue rectangular banner containing the Valanna Cabinet Makers logo on the left and contact details on the right. The logo features a stylized 'VA' in white and grey, followed by the text 'VALANNA CABINET MAKERS (VIC.) PTY. LTD.' in white. The contact details on the right include the address '69 Parkhurst Drive, Knoxfield Vic. 3180.', telephone '(03) 9801 2644', fax '(03) 9887 2221', email 'info@valannacabinetmakers.com.au', website 'www.valannacabinetmakers.com.au', ACN# '006261418', and ABN# '87 629 881 196'.

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- Safety awareness
- Ability to work as a team in a fast paced environment
- Ability to take instructions
- Attention to details
- Maintain & clean work areas including machinery & tools
- Fabricate custom made joinery

If you are enthusiastic & are committed to your career, please email your resume to valannacabinets@hotmail.com or alternatively please call Gino on 0416 044 277 to arrange an interview.