



CAREERS NEWS #11

Dates for Your Diary

JULY

- **17 – 30: Meet Melbourne Uni**, Albury-Wodonga (17), Geelong (24), Shepparton (30), <https://bit.ly/2S7X2Zn>
- **23 - 30: Health Courses Information Sessions**, Deakin University, <https://bit.ly/2r0rbh5>

AUGUST

- **Inside Monash Seminars:** Monash University, Music (13), Engineering (28), IT and Computer Science (29), <https://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>
- **6: Melbourne JD and LSAT Information Session**, University of Melbourne, Carlton, <https://bit.ly/2Hqo5yk>
- **7: Nursing & Midwifery Course Information Session**, Deakin University, Warrnambool, <https://bit.ly/2r0rbh5>
- **16: Meet Melbourne Uni**, Bendigo, <https://bit.ly/2S7X2Zn>



Post school qualifications

Why is completing a vocational or higher education qualification after school so important? According to the My Career Match website:

- Of the 13 million jobs in Australia in 2020, 11 million (85%) will require a Certificate III or higher. Four million (30%) will require a Bachelor degree or higher.
- Many of the careers and jobs that are around today will disappear by the time students get their first job and many new careers will be created.

To read more about the future automation, globalisation and collaboration of the future workforce, read the following report by the Australian Foundation for Young Australians - <http://bit.ly/29ARTcf>

Gap Year in the Army

The Australian Defence Force Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have finished Year 12 to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year in the Army. You will earn more than \$45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage.

The following roles still have spaces for applicants: Air Defence Operator, Driver, and Warehouse Assistant.

For information and to apply, go to <https://bit.ly/32tiEG4>

Currently in Year 12 and considering Tertiary study?

Victorian courses: The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) processes course applications on behalf of participating higher education institutions. From Monday 5 August, you will be able to create a VTAC account and apply for vocational and higher education courses. VTAC has developed a series of resources to assist students with their applications. The following are three examples:

- **Website:** The website and social media channels contain information about the application process, Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS), and scholarships etc., www.vtac.edu.au/
- **Instructional videos:** these outline how to set up a VTAC account, how to search for courses and how the preference system works, <http://bit.ly/2a9lzwg>
- **VTAC CourseSearch app:** You can download the app from Google Play or the App Store.

Other states: Information and resources for other states can be accessed at the following websites:

NSW/Canberra	www.uac.edu.au
SA/NT	www.satac.edu.au/
Queensland	www.qtac.edu.au/
Western Australia	www.tisc.edu.au/
Tasmania	www.utas.edu.au/

Note: Victorian students can apply for NSW/ACT courses via UAC from the 1st of August.

Focus on Open Days

If you are considering studying at TAFE or university after school, it is **crucial** that you attend Open Days.

Throughout the year, vocational and tertiary institutions open their doors to the public and showcase their courses, accommodation, scholarships, pathway courses, student services and their 'point of difference'.

At an Open Day, you will be able to:

Get a feel for the culture of the campus

Learn about courses and career options

Undertake campus and accommodation tours led by current students

Speak directly to student ambassadors and lecturers about the courses or careers you are interested in

Compare the course area you are interested in at different institutions

Learn about sports and societies you can join and be active in

Get course counselling and guidance

Attend information sessions and workshops

Watch live demonstrations

Listen to bands, eat lots of food, participate in activities and have fun!

Don't just pick a course at an institution without visiting the campus – you potentially will be spending several years studying there and spending tens of thousands of dollars on your course and accommodation. It's worth making the effort.



My Career Match has developed a fantastic guide to assist you to get the most out of open days and Career Expos. You can access the article at this link - <https://bit.ly/2JgflLb>

In the next column is a list of questions you may like to ask at Open Days.

Victorian Open Day dates for several institutions are also listed. On the websites, you will be able to register to receive information about the Open Day/s, go into draws to win prizes, watch videos from the 2018 days and download the Open Day planner for 2019.

Some institutions haven't updated their Open Day websites yet, so stay tuned.

Suggested questions

By now you should have identified institutions you would like to visit, found out their open day dates and downloaded their open day programs.

Once you have the programs, make a list of the information sessions you would like to attend.

If you have time, try and attend information sessions on topics like pathways, scholarships, accommodation and overseas exchange programs.

If you are unsure what to ask on the day, Victoria University has developed some questions you can ask:



Are there any prerequisite subjects I need to study for this course?

What study scores/ATAR do I need to achieve to get into this course?

Do I need to attend an audition, have an interview or present a folio as part of the selection process?

Are there any other ways into this course other than through a VTAC application?

If I can't get into this course, is there a similar course at this institution I can apply for?

Can I study majors and/or minors in this course?

How many hours per week are spent in class and can I study part time?

Can I defer the course?

What kind of jobs do graduates of this course generally get?

Are there any scholarships available?

They have also developed a guide for parents. You can download the questions at this link - <https://bit.ly/2XTCC9y>



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Open Day Dates (Victoria)



July

- **Swinburne University-** Hawthorn (28), <http://bit.ly/1FRMN40>

August

- **Monash University:** Peninsula (3), Clayton & Caulfield (4), Parkville (18), <http://bit.ly/1pmUEzv>
- **William Angliss:** Melbourne (3), www.angliss.edu.au
- **RMIT:** Bundoora (4), City & Brunswick (11), <http://openday.rmit.edu.au/>
- **University of Tasmania:** Hobart Sandy Bay (4), Newnham Inveresk (10), Cradle Coast (11), <https://bit.ly/2WEJ0cM>
- **Australian Catholic University:** Melbourne (11) & Ballarat (25), www.openday.acu.edu.au
- **La Trobe University:** Shepparton (2), Melbourne (4), Mildura (14), Albury-Wodonga (18), Bendigo (25), www.latrobe.edu.au/openday
- **University of Melbourne:** Parkville & Southbank (18), <https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/>
- **Deakin University:** Warrnambool (4), Geelong (18), Melbourne (25), <http://openday.deakin.edu.au/>
- **Victoria University:** Footscray (18), www.vu.edu.au/open-day-2019/
- **Torrens University:** Melbourne (17), <https://bit.ly/2I7pY0s>
- **CQUUniversity:** Melbourne (18), <https://bit.ly/2WkBy2k>
- **Charles Sturt University:** Albury-Wodonga (18), <https://bit.ly/2GmQV1b>
- **Melbourne Polytechnic:** Preston (18), <https://bit.ly/2iBUy5I>
- **Federation University:** all campuses (25), <https://federation.edu.au/openday>
- **Box Hill Institute:** Box Hill (25), www.boxhill.edu.au