# Weekly Career News

## Term 1

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#### WEEKLY CAREER NEWS - WELCOME

You have just come back to school and if you are reading this, chances are that you are thinking about exploring your career and pathway options. It's never too early to start thinking about career ideas, researching your options, developing a career action plan, or simply having a discussion with your Career Adviser.

If you are in Year 12, it is essential that you discuss your options with the key people in your life as soon as possible. Have no idea what you would like to do when you leave school? No stress! Don't delay seeing your Career Adviser- now is the perfect time. Not sure what to say? Don't worry- it's their job to guide you and open up possibilities you may not have considered before.

As a starting point, if you are interested in studying at **university or TAFE** in the future, please find to the right links to Facebook and YouTube accounts of several Victorian institutions.

It is important to know that Swinburne University, RMIT, Victoria University, and Federation University have both university and TAFE divisions and that many TAFE institutes offer university degrees!

If you are interested in pursuing a **traineeship or apprenticeship** pathway, it is important that you gain as much industry experience as possible. You can undertake work experience once you turn 15 years old.

Seeing your Career Adviser early in the year is important to ensure you can get organised early and to be able to start making links with local employers

It is important to read the Weekly Career News each week to ensure that you keep up to date with upcoming career events.



#### **HIGHER EDUCATION - INSTITUTION LINKS**

University of Melbourne http://bit.ly/2BVWjCj http://bit.ly/1La8cD6

> Monash University http://bit.ly/2s9vWt8 http://bit.ly/1NZfuti

Deakin University http://bit.ly/1SDtLUU https://bit.ly/1Q4Ad6F

La Trobe University http://bit.ly/2khr2o3 http://bit.ly/1T7SMan

Victoria University http://bit.ly/1Q4A1V3 http://bit.ly/1PvLya7

Charles Sturt University http://bit.ly/23Sg73z http://bit.ly/1Q4ArL9

RMIT University http://bit.ly/2kceVpM http://bit.ly/1NPXWFj

Federation University http://bit.ly/1NZf6ec http://bit.ly/20E8kHA

Box Hill Institute http://bit.ly/2lebZsN http://bit.ly/20QtKOb

Swinburne University http://bit.ly/2GINpvD http://bit.ly/1SDuoxD

Australia Catholic University http://bit.ly/2BU8Y8W www.youtube.com/viewacu

#### **APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP NEWS**

Planning on securing an apprenticeship or traineeship at the end of the year? Even though you have just started the schooling year, your planning should start now. Australian Apprenticeship Pathways have developed an excellent four-step guide to assist you to start planning - http://bit.ly/2E2R7T2

Read through Step One and take the work type explorer quiz, download the AusAppPathways app to your phone, and complete practice aptitude quizzes to ascertain the level of literacy and numeracy skills you will need for different occupations.

You can also do the following during the year to prepare for an apprenticeship:

- Meet with your Career Adviser to start planning your professional trade career
- Undertake work experience in several fields or with several employers in the same field. See your Career Adviser for information on how to organise work experience.
- Contact industry leaders and associations in your fields of interest to ask questions.
- Contact local apprenticeship centres and/or group training organisations to ask their advice on what makes a competitive apprenticeship applicant. Use the following website to locate organisations in your local area http://bit.ly/2rdQlci
- Work hard in your English and Mathematics classes and VET/technology/science subjects if relevant. With advances in technology occurring across all apprenticeship fields, it will be crucial that you can read and interpret complex information and instructions, and adapt to changes in technology during your apprenticeship and once qualified.
- Sign up to social media pages for industries you are interested in to keep up to date with changes to industry technology, skills shortages, and events. For example:
  - Bricklaying, http://bit.ly/2DYCwbA
  - Plumbing, http://bit.ly/2FK6wnP
  - Construction, http://bit.ly/2fMwyLl
  - o Agriculture, www.ruralcareers.net.au/
  - Defence Force, http://bit.ly/2DhkxMm

#### **COMPETITION - FILM**

**Calling all High School film makers:** As part of their annual Martini Film Festival & Awards, JMC Academy hosts the High School Mocktail Film Awards. To enter, you will need to submit a short film (e.g., film, documentary, animation, television commercial, film clip) by Sunday 3 March. To find out more and to submit your film, go to www.jmcacademy.edu.au

#### **DEFENCE FORCE – CAREER NEWS**

Work Experience at the Australian Defence Force: The Defence Force provides work experience opportunities across Australia. To search for upcoming work experience placements and to bookmark the page, go to http://bit.ly/1MGymwl You can learn about jobs in the Army, Navy and Air Force via the Defence Jobs YouTube Channel, http://bit.ly/1QoBraH

**Gap Year in the Army, Navy and Air Force**: 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, Navy or Air Force. You will earn more than \$45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage. Applications will open in March. For information and to register to receive updates on the program via email, go to http://bit.ly/1dVvxxV

#### **VOCATIONAL & UNIVERSITY NEWS**

**University Newsletters for Secondary Students:** Stay up to date with future student news by subscribing to newsletters or bookmarking pages to browse future student information:

- University of Wollongong, https://bit.ly/2MS8xmU
- Victoria University http://bit.ly/2ftWnzY
- La Trobe University, http://bit.ly/2f81p6N

Australia National University (ANU) – Tuckwell

**Scholarship:** If you are considering studying at ANU in the future, you should consider applying for the prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship. During February and March the University will run online information sessions about the Scholarship and potentially a roadshow, http://bit.ly/2GGHK9n

#### **VOCATIONAL & UNIVERSITY NEWS**

Learn about careers through Virtual Reality (VR): Learn about careers in hospitality, manufacturing, construction, and creative industries through viewing 360° VR workplaces developed by SkillsRoad. You will able to jump inside the world of work and experience a day in the life of workers within the above industries, https://bit.ly/2Bk0WZu

#### **VICTORIA POLICE FORCE - CAREERS**

**Careers with the Victoria Police:** Victoria Police provides policing services to the state's community 24 hours a day, seven days a week, working to keep over six million people safe. They are currently in the midst of their biggest recruitment drive ever, looking to recruit over 3,000 new Police Officers, as well as additional Protective Services Officers and Police Custody Officers by 2021.

In addition to policing roles, Victorian Public Servants work across more than 500 locations in Victoria, playing supporting roles in specialist professions such as IT, law, communications, recruitment, forensic science and many more.

Year 12 students may be interested in starting their application at the end of the year. As a Victoria Police Officer, employees will have access to great benefits, including generous leave entitlements and ongoing training throughout their career.

- Victoria Police Careers: https://bit.ly/1LfnfeQ
- Recruits TV Series: http://bit.ly/2EdpKpF

The following weblink provides information on:

- Experience and attributes recruitment are looking for in applicants (e.g., part time employment, global travel, volunteering, participating in sport)
- Entrance exam preparation materials
- Information on the benefits of a career in policing
- Link to the Police fitness app

#### Go to https://bit.ly/2Gm3aLl

A Police Careers Information Session will be run at Clayton on Wednesday 20 February, 6pm – 8pm and Melbourne on Thursday 21 February, 5.30pm – 7.30pm. For information and to register your place, go to https://bit.ly/2WDPb9g

#### **CASUAL & PART TIME EMPLOYMENT**

### **Casual employment:** You can sign up for employment at the following websites:

- Coles, www.colescareers.com.au/
- KFC, http://bit.ly/1kOrqrJ
- Hungry Jacks, www.hungryjacks.com.au/
- Sportsgirl, www.sportsgirl.com.au/get-a-job
- Woolworths, www.wowcareers.com.au/
- Muffin Break, http://bit.ly/1Q63Sq7
- Kmart, www.kmart.com.au/jobs
- Target, www.target.com.au/company/careers
- Myer, www.myer.com.au/careers/
- Red Rooster, www.redrooster.com.au/careers
- Sussan, www.sussan.com.au/
- McDonald's, http://bit.ly/1Bmfpeo
- Bunnings, www.bunnings.com.au/join-our-team
- Donut King, http://www.donutking.com.au/
- Boost, www.boostjuice.com.au/boost-jobs

About 80% of all job vacancies aren't advertised, so it is crucial that you market yourself to businesses with an excellent resume and cover letter. Make sure you tell as many people as possible that you are looking for work as often employers rely on 'word of mouth' to recruit for their positions.

For excellent job seeking tips, check out the resources at Youth Central- https://bit.ly/2RGiViP and SkillsRoad - https://www.skillsroad.com.au/

Also, check out job options at 'Explore Careers' website - http://bit.ly/2iDtTqe

#### VOLUNTEERING OVERSEAS

Lattitude Global Volunteering is a company that provides overseas placements for Year 12 graduates during their gap year. You can volunteer in countries such as Argentina, Poland, Spain, China, Vietnam, Canada, Japan, UK, Fiji, Ghana, New Zealand etc., in positions such as teacher's assistant, sports coach, outdoor activities instructor, medical assistant, teacher, or community worker. Applications for priority positions close 8<sup>th</sup> of March to start in 2020. For information and to apply, go to https://lattitudeaustralia.org/