



## KSC Career News May 2024

### Welcome

We are now getting into the cooler weather and there are some very interesting information sessions this term. Please see below the latest in University and TAFE news.

### Year 12 News

The Careers Team would like any Year 12 students that haven't had a Year 12 Careers Interview to book in to make a Careers appointment. Please go to favourites in compass and click on Koonung Careers. There is a button with Booking on it. Click on this and select a time that is suitable. It must be in one of your free periods.

Please remember to look at Compass Newsfeed as we will continue to share information from the Universities and TAFEs about upcoming events or course information.

### Year 11 News

Year 11s attended the **VCE Career Expo** at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2024. There were representatives from various University, TAFEs, private colleges, Defence Force, Police and various other career providers manning stalls throughout the day. Year 11's were able to ask questions and take away brochures with relevant information. There were seminars to attend also.

Students found the VCE Career Expo very useful to career exploration. Here are some photos from the day.





We are encouraging Year 11 students to book a Careers Interview. This can be done online on the Koonung Careers Website by clicking on the button 'Book Appointments'. Year 11 students should continue to look at Compass Newsfeeds as we will share information from the Universities and TAFEs about upcoming events or course information.

## Year 10 News

Year 10 students **need to secure Work Experience placements for June 24th to June 28th, 2024**. Students will be exploring Work Experience options during their weekly Pathways class. Students that cannot find a placement must come to the **Careers Office**. Lunchtime sessions are being run to assist students to ring employers to find a Work Experience placement.

### ***Included in this newsletter:***

Open Days & Info Sessions

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## Open Days & Info Sessions

### JMC Academy | May 2024 Open Day, Melbourne

May 11, 2024

Come and see why JMC Academy is Australia's leading tertiary Creative Industries provider.

Things to do at Open Day:

- Tour our world-class facilities and tech
- Explore your creative future in our hands-on workshops

[Find out more](#)







## **Collarts | Open Day 2024**

May 11, 2024

At our Collarts On-Campus Open Day, we invite you to come and experience all things Collarts life: from our passion for creativity, close community, state-of-the-art facilities, expert faculty, and more.

- Up-skill in a creative workshop
- Learn more about the industry in a live panel

[Find out more](#)

## **UniMelb | Residential Colleges Open House 2024**

May 11, 2024

Register to tour our ten Residential Colleges and visit the University during Open House on Saturday 11 May 2024. Each College has its own unique community spirit to explore and offers a supportive environment that will help you to make lifelong friends, build lasting connections, further your academic pursuits and experience unique opportunities.

Each College will be running tours continuously throughout the afternoon on a regular basis.

Please register and select which Colleges you intend to visit. You can also register for our general information session at 12noon or 3.30pm.

[Find out more](#)

## **The Hotel School | Industry Insights, Melbourne**

May 11, 2024

Join us for an exclusive behind the scenes look at life working in the hotel and event industry.

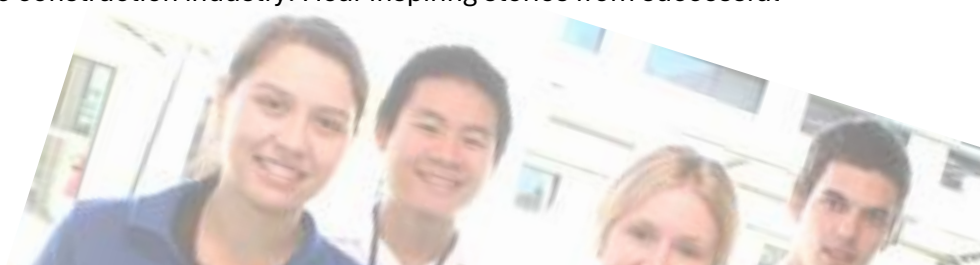
Gain insights of W Melbourne through the eyes of a hospitality and events professional. Find out what it is like to work in this dynamic environment by immersing yourself in the behind the scenes operations of a luxury hotel.

[Find out more](#)

## **Girls Who Build – Let's talk tools of the trade with ADCO's Apprentice Carpenters & Site Supervisors**

May 13, 2024

This session aims to empower young women to hear about the exciting Carpentry Apprenticeships and Site roles from our Women of ADCO. Learn about these roles and discover the vast array of career paths available in the dynamic construction industry. Hear inspiring stories from successful





women in construction Learn about carpentry apprenticeships and site supervisor roles, explore educational pathways, and connect with professionals and peers who share your interests and aspirations.

[Find out more](#)

### **STEAM Careers Online Forum - Biotech**

May 13, 2024

This is a careers forum with purpose. Each semester, Science Gallery Melbourne will introduce your students to inspiring people who work to solve some of our most pressing global and local challenges that we as a community face.

Students will hear not only about career journeys and industry connections, but how these professionals work across science, technology, engineering, arts and maths and use a range of transferable skills in the ways they work to make a difference in the world.

[Find out more](#)

### **RMIT | New Career Ahead: Explore the Possibilities Series 2/3**

May 14, 2024

*Are my skills and experiences the only things that matter when job searching?*

In this second workshop we will be exploring how your values relate to a particular role or organisation and how that can influence your decision making. Does all your experience matter? Here we will talk about how to identify skills related to your job applications. Do you have any achievements? Everyone has achievements and here we will look at how to identify those accomplishments.

In this workshop we will cover the following topics:

- Exploring your “Value Proposition”.
- Identifying the relevant skills for a new job or career change.
- Uncovering achievements that will impress a potential employer.

[Find out more](#)

### **ACU | Talk with Specialist Nurses**

May 15, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider’s perspective on specialist nursing.

[Find out more](#)





## **Girls Who Build – Let’s talk tools of the trade with ADCO’s Project Engineers**

May 15, 2024

This session aims to empower young women to hear about the exciting Project Engineering roles from our Women of ADCO. Learn about these roles and discover the vast array of career paths available in the dynamic construction industry. Hear inspiring stories from successful women in construction. Learn about carpentry apprenticeships and site supervisor roles, explore educational pathways, and connect with professionals and peers who share your interests and aspirations.

[Find out more](#)

## **Girls Who Build – Let’s talk tools of the trade with ADCO’s Graduates & Cadets**

May 16, 2024

This session aims to empower young women to hear about the exciting Graduate and Cadet programs from our Women of ADCO. Learn about these roles and discover the vast array of career paths available in the dynamic construction industry. Hear inspiring stories from successful women in construction. Learn about carpentry apprenticeships and site supervisor roles, explore educational pathways, and connect with professionals and peers who share your interests and aspirations.

[Find out more](#)

## **William Angliss Institute | Industry Insights: Event Management & Career Pathways Q&A**

May 16, 2024

Want to know about the creative, fast-paced events industry?

Join us as we interview former Event Manager and now Industry Trainer and Author, Effie Steriopoulos, as she shares insights into the occupation and event roles in this space, her own experiences, career pathways, skills needed and more to thrive in the event management industry.

[Find out more](#)

## **William Angliss Institute | Industry Insights: Tourism & Career Pathways Q&A**

May 16, 2024

Ever wondered about working as a Tour Guide or in the tourism industry?

Join us as we speak to Tour Guide, Industry Trainer and William Angliss Institute alumni, John O’Donnell, learning about his journey in the industry, the sorts of career opportunities available in the tourism space, the types of places you could work at, skills needed and more.

[Find out more](#)







## **William Angliss Institute | Industry Insights: Aviation & Career Pathways Q&A**

May 17, 2024

Join us as we interview former Cabin Crew member and now Industry Trainer Michelle Hemsley to learn more about the role and her journey with Emirates Airlines, Virgin Australia and more. Explore different career options and hear about the pathway of becoming a Cabin Crew member, which skills you'll need and the experiences that count towards this exciting profession.

[Find out more](#)

## **Girls Who Build – Let's talk tools of the trade with ADCO's Estimators & Contract Administrators**

May 17, 2024

This session aims to empower young women to hear about the exciting Estimator and Contract Administrator roles from our Women of ADCO. Learn about these roles and discover the vast array of career paths available in the dynamic construction industry. Hear inspiring stories from successful women in construction. Learn about carpentry apprenticeships and site supervisor roles, explore educational pathways, and connect with professionals and peers who share your interests and aspirations.

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## **Important Future Events**

### **Victorian Careers Show 2024**

May 16 to May 18, 2024

The Victorian Careers Show, in its 4th year in 2024, follows on from the success of our flagship event, the VCE and Careers Expo.

[Find out more](#)

### **AIE | Open Day**

May 25, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on Sat 25 May 2024. This event will be held at AIE Campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Adelaide from 10am to 3pm.

AIE's Open Day will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

[Find out more](#)





## **BiG Day In, Melbourne**

May 30, 2024

Join us at The Capitol – RMIT University on Thursday 30 May for BiG Day In Melbourne. Bring your Year 9-12 students to learn where a STEM career can take you. Hear from organisations such as Wisetech Global, Adobe, Australian Signals Directorate & more to come.

[Find out more](#)

## **VU | Careers for Young Women in Sport Forum**

June 21, 2024

Keynote speaker Bianca Chatfield, alongside industry panel members including Susan Alberti AC and Kate Price, will help guide girls towards thriving sport careers. Be inspired by masterclasses covering Sport Performance & Rehabilitation, Sport Management & Business, and more.

This free event is designed for girls in Year 10 – 12 who aspire towards a career in sport.

[Find out more](#)

## **The Hotel School | Melbourne Open Campus 2024**

June 22, 2024

Join us for a day filled with excitement and exploration at our University Open Campus, where you'll get to experience life as a student at The Hotel School.

[Find out more](#)

## **Discover Exercise and Sports Science at ACU Melbourne**

July 2, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Experience the range of cutting-edge equipment for training and rehabilitation that you will have access to as part of a sport and exercise science degree with ACU.

[Find out more](#)

## **Discover Allied Health at ACU Melbourne**

July 2, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Experience being an ACU student with workshops available for speech pathology, occupational therapy and much more. Gain access to the latest technology in our clinical facilities.

[Find out more](#)





### **Discover Biomedical Science at ACU Melbourne**

July 2, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Take part in hands-on workshops, tour our facilities and hear from current students about a rewarding career in biomedical science.

[Find out more](#)

### **Enter the World of Le Cordon Bleu Careers Residential, Melbourne**

July 3 to July 5, 2024

We're opening our doors to high school students in Years 11 & 12, to experience a 'day in the life' at one of the world's leading culinary and hospitality institutions to provide a taste of what a future career in global hospitality will be like.

[Find out more](#)

### **Discover Law, Business and Criminology at ACU Melbourne**

July 4, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

[Find out more](#)

### **RMIT | Tech and Trades Experience Day 2024**

July 4, 2024

Come and discover RMIT – Register your interest for a spot at our free exclusive Hands-On Experience Day in your July school holidays!

You will have the opportunity to choose two interactive workshops from a Trades and Future technology areas in our Vocational Education programs.

### **Discover Nursing at ACU Melbourne**

July 10, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

[Find out more](#)

### **Discover Midwifery at ACU Melbourne**

July 10, 2024







Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

[Find out more](#)

## Discover Paramedicine at ACU Melbourne

July 10, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Take part in hands-on workshops, tour our facilities and hear from current students about a rewarding career as a paramedic.

[Find out more](#)

## AIT | Open Day

July 13, 2024

AIT's Open Day is perfect for those wanting to explore the endless opportunities available in the growing creative industries. This fun and interactive day is a great way to get further information on our curriculum, course requirements and study pathways. Our friendly staff & students will also be there to talk to and get advice from.

[Find out more](#)

## Scholarships

### Bond University CoLab Industry Scholarship

**Opens:** May 1, 2024

**Closes:** August 29, 2024

The Bond University Transformation CoLab is a game-changer, where we've broken down the traditional stand-alone silos of business, law, arts and sciences.

[Find out more](#)

### John Bell Scholarship

**Opens:** April 29, 2024

**Closes:** October 30, 2024

Interested in a career as a performer and attend school in a regional area? Audition for the John Bell Scholarship. A life-changing opportunity for budding performers, three students will spend one incredible week training with Bell Shakespeare at our HQ in Sydney.

[Find out more](#)





## Workplace Spotlight

### How to become a Zookeeper

Zookeepers care for animals living in captivity and on display to the public for the purposes of conservation and education. They carry out the jobs associated with the animals' daily care, including feeding, training, and cleaning. They're also responsible for keeping animals stimulated, supporting breeding programs, providing information to visitors, and assisting with any necessary vet work.

If you'd like to be a zookeeper, just loving animals isn't really enough – you'll need to be dedicated to caring for their every need and prepared to be very hands-on. If you're practical, adaptable, and able to maintain high standards of safety and care, then a career as a zookeeper could be worth exploring.


#### **What skills do I need as a zookeeper?**

- Caring & dedicated
- Great team player
- Excellent communicator
- Hard worker
- Physically fit
- Adaptable & resilient
- Excellent problem-solver
- Level-headed & decisive

#### **What tasks can I expect to do?**

- Routinely check on animals & observe them
- Prepare diets to strict guidelines
- Clean & disinfect indoor & outdoor enclosures
- Ensure water & other essentials are supplied
- Provide training, enrichment & exercise
- Chat to zoo visitors & perform public talks
- Ensure animals are secure at all times
- Respond to & help with emergency situations

#### **What industries do zookeepers typically work in?**

- Arts and Recreation Services
  - Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
  - Other Services
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### **What Career Cluster do zookeepers belong to?**

Because their job involves lots of hands-on work and they need to be adaptable and reliable, most Zookeepers fit in the [Maker Cluster](#).

### **What kind of lifestyle can I expect?**

As a zookeeper you'll need to work outside typical business hours, including on weekends and holidays, as the animals need to be cared for every single day. It can be physically demanding work, which must be done on site and in all weather conditions.

Most zookeepers earn an average salary throughout their career.

Zookeepers are limited as to where they can work – you need to live near to a zoo and be prepared to compete for a job, as they are very highly sought after. Because of the hands-on nature of the job, remote work and working from home isn't possible.

### **How to become a zookeeper**

To become a zookeeper, you need to complete a relevant vocational training program – this can usually be done as part of an apprenticeship. Your training will involve learning about animal behaviour, nutrition, health, and welfare, as well as practical skills such as handling, grooming, and training.

Ongoing professional development and education throughout your career is also necessary to stay up-to-date with the latest techniques and best practices in animal care and training.

If you're in high school now and are thinking of a career as a zookeeper in the future, here are some steps you could take:

- Find work experience or volunteer at a vet clinic, wildlife park, animal welfare organisation, wildlife rescue agency, pet shop, or animal grooming business.
- Practise your public speaking – most zookeepers are expected to interact with visitors and do presentations and performances.
- Get fit! You'll need to be physically capable of doing the work and it is very hands-on.

Find out more here:

- [World Association of Zoos and Aquariums](#)
- [Australasian Society of Zookeeping](#)
- [Zoo and Aquarium Association Australasia](#)
- [Association of British and Irish Wild Animal Keepers](#)
- [American Association of Zoo Keepers](#)

### **Similar careers to zookeeper**

- Veterinarian
- Conservationist







- Wildlife Photographer
- Dog Groomer
- Animal Trainer
- Marine Biologist
- Park Ranger
- Field Researcher

Find out more about [alternative careers](#).

