



KSC Career News - February 2025

Welcome

Welcome to the first Careers Newsletter for 2025. We hope everyone had a relaxing break. Please see below the latest in University and TAFE news.

Year 12 News

Year 12 students can book an interview on the Koonung Careers Website for first term. We would like to see all Year 12 students. To book go onto the Koonung Careers Website and click on the Booking button. You will be able to select a time during your free periods.

Year 11 News

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Included in this newsletter:

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SCCE Information Session Webinar


Organisation: Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Location: Online

Date: February 12, 2025

Preparing for your exchange program is an important part of the process and is vital to continued program success. At these online meetings, an experienced member of our team will share an overview of the high school exchange programs with Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.





You'll learn more about living with a host family and how studying overseas can help you develop confidence and independence... and gain a lifetime of memories.

[Find out more and register](#)

Future Events

Year 12 & Beyond – With ADHD

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

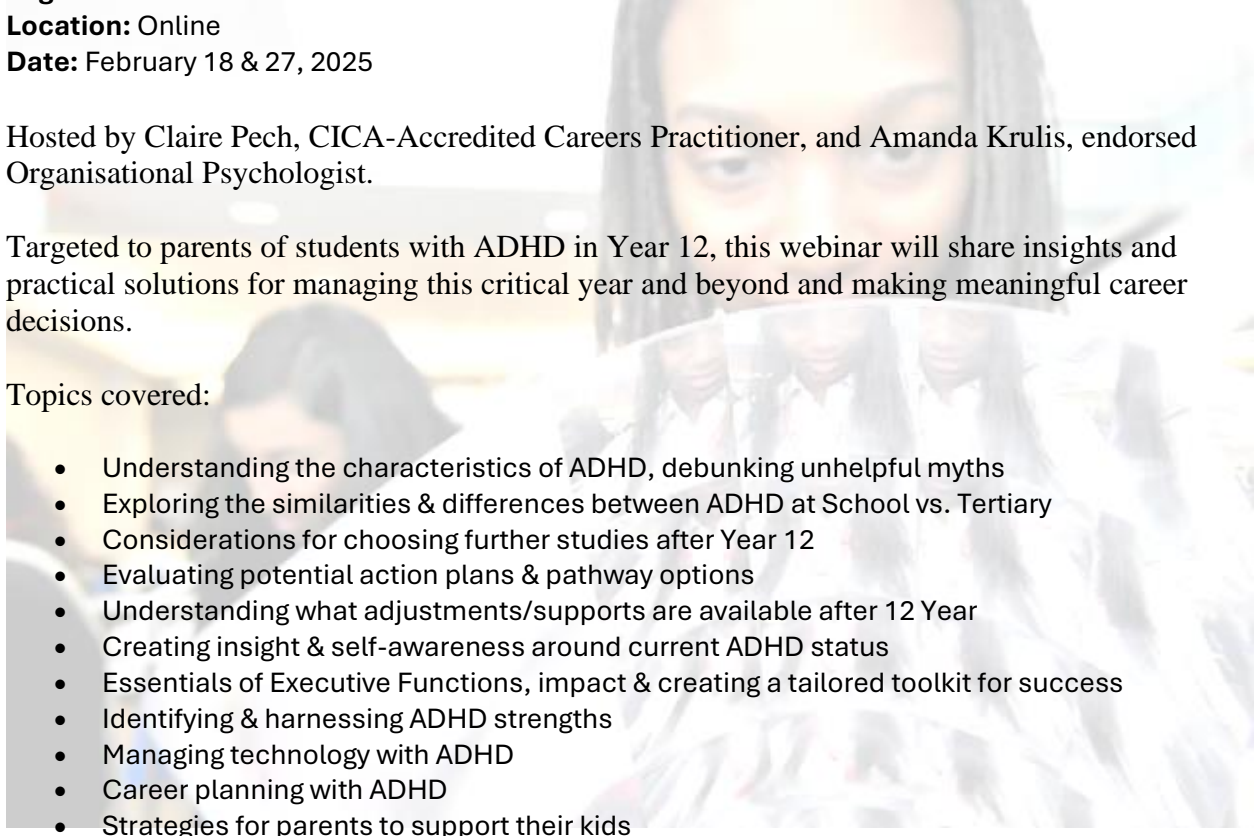
Location: Online

Date: February 18 & 27, 2025

Hosted by Claire Pech, CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and Amanda Krulis, endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

Targeted to parents of students with ADHD in Year 12, this webinar will share insights and practical solutions for managing this critical year and beyond and making meaningful career decisions.

Topics covered:

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- Understanding the characteristics of ADHD, debunking unhelpful myths
 - Exploring the similarities & differences between ADHD at School vs. Tertiary
 - Considerations for choosing further studies after Year 12
 - Evaluating potential action plans & pathway options
 - Understanding what adjustments/supports are available after 12 Year
 - Creating insight & self-awareness around current ADHD status
 - Essentials of Executive Functions, impact & creating a tailored toolkit for success
 - Identifying & harnessing ADHD strengths
 - Managing technology with ADHD
 - Career planning with ADHD
 - Strategies for parents to support their kids
 - Q&A

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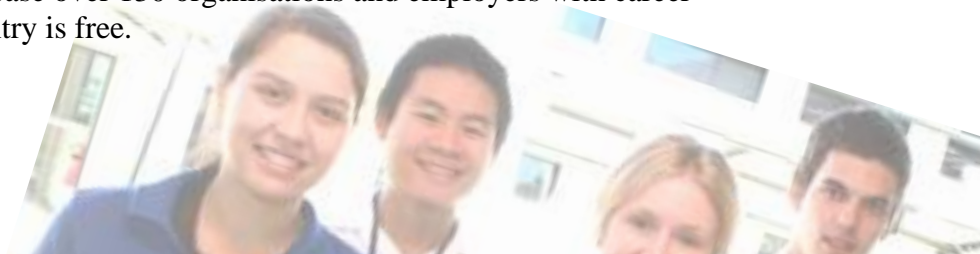
Victorian Careers & Employment Expo 2025

Organisation: Kym Jones Exhibitions

Location: Melbourne Showgrounds

Date: March 20 to March 22, 2025

Victorian Careers & Employment Expo is open from March 20 to 22, 2025 at the Melbourne Showgrounds. The Expo will showcase over 130 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Visitor entry is free.





The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new training and career options.

[Find out more and register](#)

VCE and Careers Expo 2025

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Date: May 1 to May 3, 2025

The VCE and Careers Expo 2025 features over 120 exhibitors, seminars on VCE subjects, career, employment and study advice.

On Thursday and Friday, students can attend seminars on subjects including English, Maths, Biology, Business Management, Psychology, Health and Human Development, plus presentations on subject selection for Year 10 students, information on applying through VTAC and the ATAR. Seating at the seminars is on a first come, first served basis.

[Find out more and register](#)

2025 Swinburne Career Practitioners' Seminar

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: Swinburne Hawthorn Campus

Date: February 14, 2025

Get ready to discover how Swinburne can support careers advisory for your students at our 2025 Career Practitioners' Seminar. Here's what you can expect:

- hear a keynote from Vice Chancellor Pascale Quester presenting her vision for Swinburne's new strategic plan launching in 2025
- take a campus tour and get an inside look at our facilities, including Health Science, Film and Television, Aviation, and more
- experience Swinburne's practical approach to learning with interactive workshops across different study areas
- learn more about our courses, including our three new degrees in fashion, biomedical science, and nutrition
- network over a free lunch and dessert.

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2025 Career Practitioners' Seminar

Organisation: Deakin University

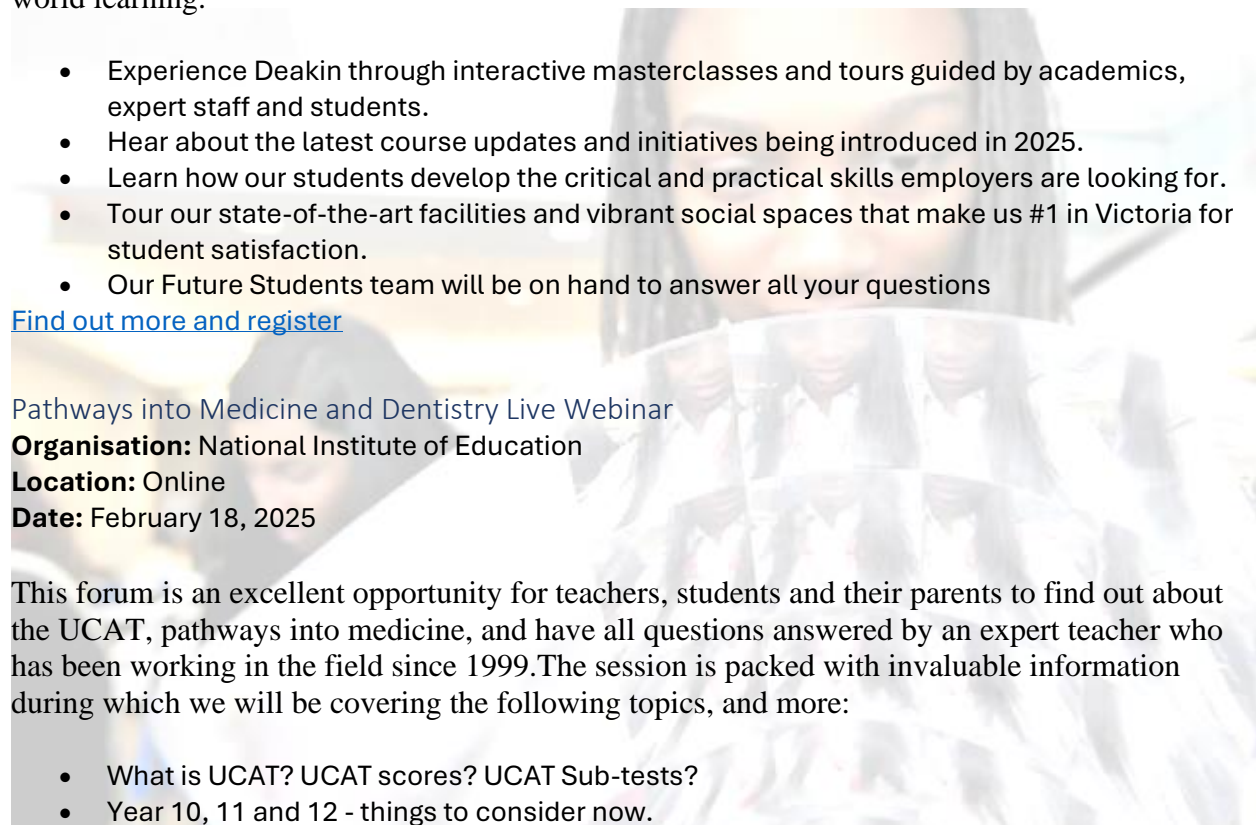
Location: Deakin Melbourne Burwood Campus

Date: February 17, 2025

Join us at Deakin's 2025 Career Practitioners' Seminar at our [Melbourne Burwood Campus](#) to discover how Deakin prepares students for the careers of tomorrow through progressive, real-world learning.

- Experience Deakin through interactive masterclasses and tours guided by academics, expert staff and students.
- Hear about the latest course updates and initiatives being introduced in 2025.
- Learn how our students develop the critical and practical skills employers are looking for.
- Tour our state-of-the-art facilities and vibrant social spaces that make us #1 in Victoria for student satisfaction.
- Our Future Students team will be on hand to answer all your questions

[Find out more and register](#)



Pathways into Medicine and Dentistry Live Webinar

Organisation: National Institute of Education


Location: Online

Date: February 18, 2025

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students and their parents to find out about the UCAT, pathways into medicine, and have all questions answered by an expert teacher who has been working in the field since 1999. The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics, and more:

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- Year 10, 11 and 12 - things to consider now.
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- GAMSAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate interview process
- What, how and why about Gap Year?
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Work experience advice
- Q & A

[Find out more and register](#)





2025 Career Practitioners' Conference

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe Melbourne Bundoora Campus

Date: February 20, 2025

Join us for the Career Practitioners' Conference on Thursday 20 February 2025.

Network with other practitioners, hear from leading academics and receive valuable updates with this exclusive opportunity from La Trobe.

This day is designed around you and everything you need to know about La Trobe. You'll also have the chance to engage in activities that will help you better serve your students in preparing for university.

[Find out more and register](#)



Monash Information Evening – Caulfield

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash Caulfield Campus

Date: March 4, 2025

We know that choosing a university is a big decision. Monash Information Evenings are the perfect opportunity to have your questions answered on everything you wanted to know about undergraduate study at Monash.

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Monash Information Evening – Peninsula

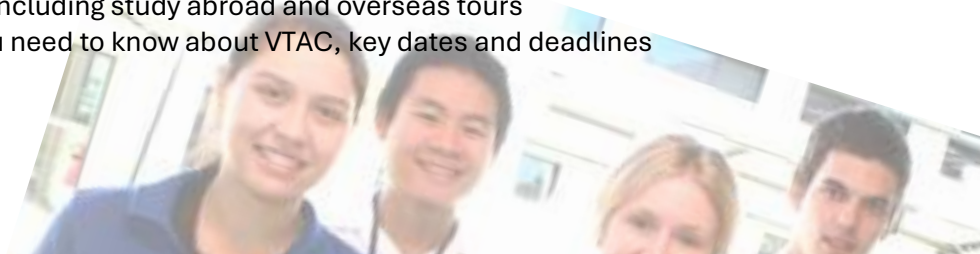
Organisation: Monash University


Location: Monash Peninsula Campus

Date: March 25, 2025

We know that choosing a university is a big decision. Monash Information Evenings are the perfect opportunity to have your questions answered on everything you wanted to know about undergraduate study at Monash.

You'll hear about:

- our ten diverse study and discipline areas
 - undergraduate course types, such as our comprehensive and specialist courses, double degrees and pathway programs
 - international opportunities, including study abroad and overseas tours
 - how to apply – everything you need to know about VTAC, key dates and deadlines
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- scholarships and fees
 - SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
 - accommodation options, both on and off-campus.

[Find out more and register](#)

Scholarships

The Hansen Scholarship Program

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$108,000 AUD

Open Date: February 3, 2025

Close Date: March 31, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Flinders University Student Access Scholarships

Organisation: Flinders University

Location: South Australia

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open Date: December 16, 2024

Close Date: March 19, 2025

[Find out more](#)

The Tuckwell Scholarship Program

Organisation: Australian National University

Location: Australia

Value: \$26,000 AUD per year

Close Date: April 10, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Griffith Adora Indigenous Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship

Organisation: Griffith University

Location: Queensland

Value: Up to \$15,000 AUD

Open Date: August 1, 2024

Close Date: March 10, 2025

[Find out more](#)





Workplace Spotlight

[How to become an Event Planner](#)

Event planners are responsible for planning, organising, and overseeing a variety of events. This can include functions, conferences, parties, meetings, weddings, and much more. They usually work with clients to tailor events exactly to their vision and requirements.

If you're outgoing and friendly, organised with excellent time management skills, and love to entertain and make people happy, a career as an event planner could be perfect for you.

What skills do I need as an event planner?

- Excellent communication and organisation abilities
- Strong attention to detail
- Creative problem-solving skills
- Budget management expertise
- Leadership and team coordination
- Time management and multitasking
- Design and aesthetic awareness
- Customer service focus

What does the job involve?

- Meeting with clients to discuss their vision and requirements
- Planning event details like dates, locations, and themes
- Coordinating with vendors for catering, decor, and entertainment
- Inspecting venues for suitability
- Managing budgets and creating cost estimates
- Preparing contracts and handling payments
- Overseeing event setup and execution
- Solving last-minute problems during events
- Maintaining relationships with suppliers and venues

What industries do event planners typically work in?

- Administrative and Support Services
- Arts and Recreation Services
- Accommodation and Food Services

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

Event planning often involves irregular hours, including evenings and weekends when most events take place. While some part-time opportunities exist, most event planners work full-time.





The work can be demanding with tight deadlines, but also very rewarding when events run smoothly.

Salaries vary depending on experience, location, and whether you work for yourself or an organisation, but most event planners can expect to earn an average salary throughout their career. Future growth looks strong as demand for both in-person and virtual events continues to increase.

How to become an event planner

While formal qualifications aren't always required, many event planners start with relevant education and build experience through internships or entry-level positions. Common pathways include:

- Completing high school with focus on business and communication subjects
- Pursuing relevant qualifications in event management, hospitality, or business
- Gaining experience through internships or assistant positions
- Building a portfolio of successfully managed events
- Developing industry connections and networking
- Considering specialised certifications in event planning
- Starting your own business once you have experience

What can I do right now to work towards this career?

If you're in high school and interested in becoming an event planner, here are some steps you can take:

- Volunteer to help organise community events or functions, whether you're working front-and-centre or behind the scenes.
- Look for work experience with event planning companies or venues, and start building important contacts for the future.
- Join school committees that plan events, or practice organising small events for family and friends.

Where can I find more information?

- [International Live Events Association](#)
- [International Association of Exhibitions and Events](#)
- [Meeting Professionals International](#)
- [Meetings & Events Australia](#)
- [New Zealand Events Association](#)
- [Association of Event Organisers \(UK\)](#)
- [National Association for Catering and Events \(US\)](#)
- [Canadian Society of Professional Event Planners](#)





Similar careers to event planner

- Public Relations Officer
- Chef
- Hotel Manager
- Tour Guide
- Financial Manager
- Curator
- Photographer
- Social Media Manager

Find out more about alternative careers on [our Job Spotlights page](#).

