



KSC Career News - November 2024

Welcome

We are moving through Term 4 and students are busy finishing off their work and students are getting ready for exams. Please see below the latest in University and TAFE news.

Yr 12 News

The Year 12's had their Breakfast and final Assembly Wednesday 23rd October. The Valedictory Dinner was a wonderful night. It was lovely to see all of the Year 12's dressed up for the evening. Year 12 Exams commence 29th October, 2024 the first exam being English. We wish them all Good Luck.

Timely applications have closed along with SEAS and Scholarships through VTAC. A late application may be made but it will cost an additional \$100.

The Year 12's receive their ATARs on Thursday 12th December, 2024. Change of Preference runs until Saturday Midday 14th December, 2024.

The Careers Team will ring students to see how they are going. We will be available Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December, 2024 to assist students.

Yr 11 News

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.

Yr 10 News

The Year 10's attended a Monash University Campus Tour on Wednesday 16th October from Period 1 to Period 3. The students learnt about the different degrees and pathways for students going to Monash University. The students were able to see various areas where they could study and the facilities Monash University has.





A Monash University student ambassador talking about the various areas of study on the Campus Tour.

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Open Days & Info Sessions

Upcoming Events

Defence Careers Information Sessions

Melbourne: November 6, 2024

Horsham: November 14, 2024

Consider a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force.

[Find out more](#)

STEM + X: Technology, brought to you by QUT

November 6, 2024

There is a skyrocketing demand for tech professionals. In Australia alone, we're anticipating a need for 1.2 million tech jobs by 2030. It all starts with exploring the exciting and diverse careers available and understanding how to get started.

[Find out more](#)

CGA Virtual Information Session

November 6, 2024

Come hear from our students about how online schooling fits their busy training schedules, supports academic advancement, and opens doors to top universities worldwide.

You will also have an opportunity to ask our team any questions you have.

[Find out more](#)

Victoria Police: Become a Police Custody Officer – Online Webinar

November 7, 2024

Victoria Police is hosting an online information session for members of the community who are interested in a career as a Police Custody Officer.

Hear from us about the recruitment process and training at the Police Academy. It's also your opportunity to ask questions you have about a PCO career pathway.

[Find out more](#)





Monash Clayton Campus Tours

November 8, 2024

November 11, 2024

Join us for a campus tour to see and experience all Monash has on offer! Led by our enthusiastic student ambassadors, come along to ask them questions and get a taste of life at Monash. With a tour duration of approximately 90 minutes, you will tour the outside of our buildings and explore our world-class campuses.

[Find out more](#)

Victoria Police: Careers Information Session – Bayside

November 12, 2024

Come along to Bayside Police Station and learn more about the recruitment process, tips for application success, training at the Police Academy, general duties policing, career pathways, specialty units and more.

We will have the following guest speakers and a chance for you to meet;

- Police Officers
- Protective Services Officers (PSO)
- Police Custody Officers (PCO)
- Victorian Public Servants (VPS)

This is a unique opportunity to observe the exciting world of policing within the walls of a police station. Members of the public are not usually granted access behind the scenes of a police station, so get excited about this chance and secure a ticket!

[Find out more](#)

Swinburne 2025 Study Expo

November 12, 2024

Join us on campus for an event designed for those looking at any Swinburne course – whether apprenticeship, certificate, diploma, bachelor degree, master degree, or something else. Browse all Swinburne study areas and levels, while exploring our campus and meeting our community.

[Find out more](#)





Melbourne Polytechnic Agriculture Online Session

November 13, 2024

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone.

Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options.

Find out more about the following course(s) at Melbourne Polytechnic:

- Diploma of Agriculture
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate IV in Agriculture

[Find out more](#)

Defence Air Force Careers Information Session – Melbourne

November 13, 2024

Would you like to learn about the wide variety of Air Force careers available? Join us for an info session and speak with current serving members about entry pathways and career opportunities.

AIE Open Day, Melbourne

November 16, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day.

AIE's Open Day is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff and students. The day will cover everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

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](#)





AIE Online Campus Day

November 30, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Change of Preference Fest

December 12, 2024

We know getting your ATAR results can be a big moment, so La Trobe is hosting the Change of Preference Fest to give you the support and advice you need, no matter what your results are. results or need a bit of guidance, we've got your back. This is your chance to get all the info you need to make the best decision for your future.

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Change of Preference Advice

December 13, 2024

Whether you need general uni information, pathway options or reassurance about your course choices, don't miss the opportunity to get personalised advice at our Change of Preference events.

- Get personalised one-on-one study, course and pathway advice
- Chat with expert Deakin staff and current students
- Discover course and pathway options at the course information expo
- Join a student-led campus and accommodation tour
- Explore our world-class facilities and learning spaces
- Learn about student support and life at Deakin

[Find out more](#)





Scholarships

Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholarship

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open date: December 1, 2024

Closing date: February 21, 2025

Through the Indigenous Health Scholarships, Australian Rotary Health is supporting the next generation of Indigenous health care providers to achieve an education that will help them assist their communities.

[Find out more](#)

Workplace Spotlight

Job Spotlight

[How to become an Esports Professional](#)

Esports professionals compete in organised video game competitions at a professional level. They train extensively, participate in tournaments, and often represent teams or organisations in various gaming leagues. While gaming for a living might sound like a dream, it requires incredible dedication, skill, and business knowledge to succeed.

If you have exceptional gaming abilities, thrive under pressure, and are willing to put in the countless hours required to compete at the highest level, a career as an esports professional could be worth exploring.

What skills do I need as an esports professional?

- Exceptional skills in your chosen game/s
- Quick reflexes and decision-making abilities
- Strong strategic thinking and problem-solving skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Mental resilience and emotional control
- Time management and self-discipline
- Ability to perform under pressure
- Great teamwork skills
- Personal branding knowledge





What does the job involve?

- Training extensively in your chosen game/s
- Competing in tournaments and leagues
- Analysing gameplay footage and strategies
- Participating in team practice sessions
- Maintaining physical and mental fitness
- Engaging with fans through social media and streams
- Attending gaming events and conventions
- Working with coaches and team managers
- Meeting sponsor obligations and creating content

What industries do esports professionals typically work in?

- Arts & Recreation Services
- Education & Training
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services

What Career Cluster do esports professionals belong to?

Esports professionals work with technology and need strong problem-solving skills, so they are usually Innovators. It's also an attractive career for Makers, who enjoy using specialised equipment and love hands-on work.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

The lifestyle of an esports professional can be demanding and intense. Training schedules are rigorous, often requiring 8-12 hours of practice daily, including on weekends and holidays. Travel is common for tournaments and events.

Income can vary significantly – while top players can earn substantial amounts through tournament winnings, sponsorships, and streaming, many players earn modest incomes, especially when starting out.

The pressure to perform consistently can be intense, and work-life balance can be challenging during competitive seasons. However, many professionals find the opportunity to compete at the highest level extremely rewarding.

How to become an esports professional

Breaking into professional esports requires a combination of skill, dedication, and strategic career building. Here are some of the things you can do to get there:

- Master your chosen game and achieve high rankings in competitive play





- Build a following through streaming or content creation
- Join amateur teams and participate in local tournaments
- Network within the gaming community
- Consider joining university or collegiate esports programs
- Gain experience in smaller competitions before moving to larger tournaments
- Develop a personal brand and social media presence
- Consider having a backup career plan or education

Many successful esports professionals also maintain robust physical and mental health routines to sustain peak performance.

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

If you're in high school and interested in pursuing esports professionally, here are some steps you can take:

- Focus on excelling in one specific game or genre rather than playing many casually
- Balance gaming with study – most university esports programs have minimum academic requirements
- Join your school's esports club or start one with the help of friends and teachers
- Enter amateur or local esports competitions to start building a name for yourself
- Study professional players' strategies and techniques and learn about the business side of esports

Where can I find more information?

You can learn more about professional esports through these organisations:

- [Esports Integrity Commission](#)
- [Global Esports Federation](#)
- [Australian Esports League](#)
- [New Zealand Esports Federation](#)
- [British Esports Association](#)
- [National Association of Collegiate Esports](#) (US)
- [Esport Canada](#)

Similar careers to esports professional

- Content Creator
- Esports Coach
- Game Tester
- Event Planner
- Sports Commentator





- Community Manager
- Game Developer
- Influencer

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

