

## CAREER NEWS

Friday 29 October



### Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Year 12 VTAC late applications – October and early November



### Reminder: VTAC 2022 Upcoming Key Dates

VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 3 December 2021
ATARs Released	Thursday 16 December 2021
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Monday 20 December 2021
December Round International Offers	Tuesday 21 December 2021
January Round International Offers	Friday 7 January 2022
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 14 January 2022
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 1 February 2022 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

The VTAC website is [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

### Useful links to Victorian Universities Support Services

Australian Catholic University	<a href="#">Support Services</a>
Deakin University	<a href="#">Student Life &amp; Services</a>
Federation University	<a href="#">Student Support</a>
La Trobe University	<a href="#">Student Support</a>
Monash University	<a href="#">Get Started</a>
RMIT University	<a href="#">Student Support</a>
Swinburne University	<a href="#">Student Support Services</a>
University of Melbourne	<a href="#">Student Services Directory</a>
Victoria University	<a href="#">Student Advice and Support</a>



## **C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship**

C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships are one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to \$60,000 over three years. The scholarships are available to all Australian students, and the majority are usually awarded to students entering their first year of university studies.

Selection is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. Undergraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions, so this scholarship is not restricted to one university.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier and pastoralist Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected statesmen.

The 2022 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships will open on Monday 6 December and close on Friday 7 January 2022.

**Current Year 12 students are encouraged to browse [Hawker Scholarship](#) for more information about the scholarship, and to download an application form.**



## **New Camp Assistant Programme**

*Letz Live has a brand new programme that could see Year 12 graduates getting overseas for 2022. With the world opening up, now is the time to plan the adventure of a lifetime.*

Applications are now open for the *new* **Camp Activities Assistant** in the **UK**. This 6-8 month placement will involve working in a leading outdoor educational centre. The role will see assistants supervising various outdoor activities, which may include *paddle boarding, high ropes, quad biking, sports* and more.

Participants will receive on-site accommodation, all meals, and a monthly salary. They will also take part in an orientation in London where they meet a network of other participants, before heading to their training and placement.

**Students keen on finding out more are recommended to browse [Letz Live Working Holiday in the UK – Activity Camps](#)**



MONASH University

## **Monash - MYSci**

The three-day science program is specifically designed for students who will be in Year 11 and 12 in 2022. The program schedule will include hands-on workshops, access to our brilliant teaching facilities, opportunity to meet some of our research scientists, exposure to potential career pathways, activities with the Young Scientists of Australia, and social activities.

**DATE:** 18-20 January

**LOCATION:** Clayton campus

**COST:** \$110 per student

**[FIND OUT MORE](#)**



An important tip for school leavers for getting a job is to create yourself a **LinkedIn** profile. LinkedIn is like a professional Facebook account where you can blog, comment on professional discussions, and build a professional portfolio that aligns with your resume. This needs to be developed over a period of years before graduating from university, so start soon, and continue to work on it during university.

[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)

### *Top Tips shared by the head of LinkedIn, Cliff Rosenberg*

#### **PICK A PROFESSIONAL SHOT**

Including a profile picture in your profile is a must. Putting a face to your name makes it 21 times more likely to be viewed, but first impressions last, so make sure your profile picture is professional.

#### **INCLUDE A SUMMARY**

Clearly outline your professional story; what your aspirations are and what qualifications you have to offer that others do not. This is your opportunity to demonstrate how your unique qualities make you perfect for your dream role. This is your elevator pitch.

#### **BUZZWORDS ARE BUZZKILL**

Are you motivated, creative, passionate? Great. So is everyone else on LinkedIn. Do yourself a favour — delete every single one of these buzzwords from your profile and replace them with keywords.

#### **HIGHLIGHT YOUR EXPERIENCE**

Illustrate your unique professional story and achievements by adding pictures, compelling videos and innovative presentations to your experience section. If you are just graduating, include your school history.

#### **SHOWCASE YOUR SKILLS**

Maintaining a relevant list of at least five skills on your profile will help others understand your strengths and match you with the right opportunities. Also add other certifications that highlight important skills.

#### **STAY ACTIVE**

Share content that excites you, such as a gripping video, a well-written news story or a particularly impressive presentation through status updates.



## Optometry Courses on Offer in 2021

The [Good Universities Guide - Optometrist](#) states that *Optometrists perform eye examinations to determine the presence of vision problems and other eye conditions and disease. They treat or manage these problems by prescribing glasses, contact lenses, optical aids, vision therapy, medication (in the form of eye drops) or referral to an eye surgeon when required.*

*Optometrists need to have a patient and caring manner; be able to carry out accurate and precise work, have good communication skills, and enjoy helping people.*

To become an optometrist a student usually has to study optometry at university. Alternatively, they can complete a degree in vision science or a relevant area at university, followed by a postgraduate qualification in optometry. Prerequisite subjects, or assumed knowledge, in one or more of English, mathematics, chemistry, biology and physics are normally required. Entry to postgraduate courses usually requires completion of an appropriate bachelor degree. A number of universities in Australia offer these degrees. Universities have different prerequisites, and some have flexible entry requirements.

### Optometry courses on offer in Australia include -

INSTITUTION	COURSE	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY	<a href="#">Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry</a>	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL <b>An ATAR of 95+</b>
	<a href="#">Master of Optometry</a>	Completion of a Bachelor of Vision Science, or equivalent, with an emphasis on an adequate coverage of vision sciences
FLINDERS UNIVERSITY	<a href="#">Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science), Master of Optometry</a>	Assumed knowledge of Maths Methods, Chemistry and Physics <b>An ATAR of 96+</b>
QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	<a href="#">Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry</a>	English/EAL, Maths Methods or Specialist Maths, Chemistry, Physics <b>An ATAR of 99+</b>
UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA	<a href="#">Master of Optometry</a>	Only open to students who have completed the <a href="#">Bachelor of Vision Science</a> at the University of Canberra
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE	<a href="#">Doctor of Optometry</a>	An undergraduate degree (or equivalent), and three subjects at second or third year level (or equivalent) in one or more relevant biological science disciplines plus the GAMSAT or MCAT
UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES	<a href="#">Bachelor of Vision Science with a Master of Clinical Optometry</a>	English/EAL, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics <b>An ATAR of 99+</b>

## Snapshot of Chisholm Institute in 2021

- Chisholm Institute is a government-owned TAFE with eight [locations](#) across Melbourne and the south-eastern suburbs, and each one has facilities dedicated to the particular learning area offered at that campus
- Chisholm Institute offers over 250 certificate, diploma, advanced diploma, bachelor and graduate certificate [courses](#)
- Chisholm boasts some excellent training [facilities](#) including –
  - ✓ [Trade Training Centres](#) which has general purpose classrooms as well as a multi-trade workshop equipped to deliver building and construction trades, including carpentry, bricklaying, plumbing, electro technology and engineering. There is also an engineering workshop which includes equipment such as 3d printers, laser cutters and CNC routers and milling machines
  - ✓ [Business Enterprise Centre](#) which offers small businesses access to practical advice, education and training, to assistance and support
  - ✓ [National Precision Growing Centre](#) is situated in Cranbourne and is the only facility of its kind in Australia. It is designed to deliver industry training in horticulture locally, nationally and globally
- As with other leading tertiary institutions, Chisholm Institute also offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) which include a counselling service, library, career and employment service, as well as international student support
- Chisholm Institute offers a suite of [Free TAFE](#) courses including areas such as *Accounting, Legal and Information Technology, Automotive, Building Trades and Construction, Community Services, Engineering and Electronics, and Hospitality and Tourism*
- Chisholm is offering over 50 courses through the recently launched [JobTrainer scheme](#)





## PwC Higher Apprenticeship Program

You can join us straight out of high school as part of our very own PwC Higher Apprenticeship program.

Join the Higher Apprenticeship program to earn while you learn. As an Apprentice with PwC, you'll have the opportunity to build new skills in a hands-on learning environment, receive paid employment, and take study leave to earn a professional qualification.

[Apply for the Higher Apprenticeship Program](#)



## Civil construction jobs available for Victorian school leavers

The Pathways to Employment special event was a chance for students and parents to connect with the many contractors partnered with Major Road Projects Victoria, and discuss real employment opportunities across the many projects that make up Victoria's Big Build.

The civil construction jobs on offer are across metropolitan and regional Victoria, and could be the first step in a career in civil construction for the right candidate! These are all paid roles with the potential for further training and advancement. [Check out the details here](#)



## AIE Upcoming Events

**Film Careers Day:** Discover the courses in Filmmaking and Virtual Production at the AIE - Film Careers Day on **Sat 6th November**.

[Find out more and register here.](#)



## Available Positions

School holidays are approaching quickly, and we are very excited to share the Explore Careers Jobs Board with you! Students, parents & career advisors can visit for various entry-level roles for secondary school students or school leavers.

Do you know someone looking for a summer job or a school leaver figuring out their next step?

Click [HERE](#) to see what our partners are on the lookout for!



## Job Club

**JOIN AT US AT THIS WEEK'S JOB CLUB!**

October 13, 2021 - December 30, 2021 | **Free**

Every Thursday via zoom for sessions on cover letters, resumes, interviews, etc as well as 1 on 1 coaching!

City of Stonnington, Online