

Welcome

The end of Term 4 is fast approaching the Holiday Season ahead. The Careers Team would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing break. Please see below the latest in University and TAFE news.

Yr 12 News

We would like to congratulate the Year 12's with their results and seeing students take up their pathways to go into their areas of interest. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

Yr 11 News

Year 11 Students have been doing their Year 11 into Year 12 Edge Program getting the students ready for Year 12 in 2025.

Included in this newsletter:

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Upcoming Events

Victoria Police: Policing During the Holiday Season

Organisation: Victoria Police

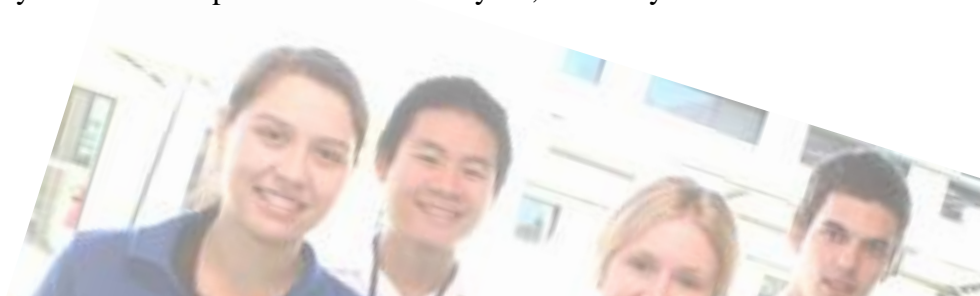
Location: Online

Date: December 17, 2024

Ever wondered what it's like for a police officer during the holiday season?

Join Victoria Police for an online information session to explore the roles, challenges, and rewards of policing during this busy time of year.

Hear directly from our officers as they share their experiences—what they do, how they handle





the challenges, and what you can expect if you were to join!

There will also be an opportunity for you to partake in a Q&A session with the current members.

[Find out more and register](#)

Chisholm | Sports Academy 2025 – Online Information Session

Organisation: Chisholm Institute

Location: Online

Date: December 17, 2024

Learn more about what it's like to be a student-athlete at the Chisholm Academy and train under the expert eye of Chisholm Sports Academy's coaches.

If you're an aspiring athlete passionate about sport and studying Year 11 or 12 in 2024, or you're currently completing your senior secondary program and looking to complete a Fitness industry qualification or Diploma of Sport (course code SIS50321), our Academy might just be for you!

During this session, you will discover more about:

- the Chisholm Sports Academy and what its like to be a student athlete
- how you reach your sporting potential and achieve your educational goals
- success stories from past students
- facilities and student support available
- eligibility criteria
- key dates and how to enrol

[Find out more and register](#)

2025 High School Summer Holiday Workshops

Organisation: Collarts

Location: Collarts Campuses

Date: January 22 to January 23, 2025

Collarts are opening their doors to Victorian High School students going into years 10, 11 and 12 in 2025, and those that finished year 12 in 2024, to participate in a series of practical, hands-on workshops.

Experience what it's like to live a day in the life of a Collarts student. With 13 workshops to choose from across 2 days, check out the Collarts website to see what's on.

[Find out more and register](#)





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:

- 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

[Find out more and register](#)

Scholarships

Commerce Achievement Scholarship

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Victoria

Value: Up to \$32,500 AUD

Open Date: July 29, 2024

Close Date: January 14, 2025

[Find out more](#)


2025 Davidson Fellows Scholarship

Organisation: The Davidson Institute

Location: United States

Value: Up to \$100,000 USD





Open Date: November 1, 2024

Close Date: February 12, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Workplace Spotlight

Job Spotlight

[How to become a Farmer](#)


Farmers are the people who run land and agricultural operations to produce crops, raise livestock, or create other agricultural products. They oversee all aspects of agricultural production, from planting and animal care to harvesting and sales, while adapting to weather conditions and market demands. Whether working on small holdings or large stations, they're often self-employed rather than working for others.

If you love working outdoors, enjoy physical work, and thrive on variety and challenges, becoming a farmer could be right for you.

What skills do I need as a farmer?

- Strong planning & problem-solving abilities
- Technical & mechanical expertise
- Physical fitness & stamina
- Agricultural knowledge & expertise
- Business management capabilities
- Adaptability & resilience
- Environmental awareness
- Animal handling skills (if applicable)

What does the job involve?

- Planning annual production requirements
 - Managing soil preparation & testing
 - Selecting & caring for crops or livestock
 - Monitoring weather conditions
 - Maintaining farm equipment & infrastructure
 - Managing water & nutrition systems
 - Coordinating harvest & sales
 - Overseeing farm operations & staff
 - Maintaining accurate financial records
 - Managing emergency responses (drought, floods, fire)
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What industries do farmers typically work in?

- Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing

What Career Cluster do farmers belong to?

Farmers typically belong to the [Maker Cluster](#) because they create and maintain agricultural products and systems, working hands-on to produce food and other agricultural goods.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

Farming involves long hours and significant responsibility, with work heavily influenced by weather conditions and market factors. The lifestyle is highly demanding but can be very rewarding for those who enjoy outdoor work and being their own boss.

Farmers typically work full-time, with only around a third working part-time. Full-time workers average 55 hours per week, above the standard work week. Salaries can vary significantly based on farm type, size, and success, but most farmers can expect to earn an average salary throughout their career.

How to become a farmer

Becoming a successful farmer requires a combination of practical experience, business knowledge, and technical skills. While formal qualifications aren't essential, education can help you understand modern farming practices and business management more quickly.

Starting with hands-on experience is often the best first step. Many aspiring farmers begin by working on established farms to learn the fundamentals and gain valuable skills.


If you're interested in formal education, you have several pathways to choose from. Vocational qualifications offer practical, skills-focused training that you can often complete while working. For those interested in university study, a Bachelor of Agriculture or Bachelor of Science with an agricultural focus can provide comprehensive theoretical knowledge alongside practical skills.

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

If you're in high school and interested in becoming a farmer, here are some steps you can take:

- Focus on subjects like English, Mathematics, Science, and Agriculture
- Gain hands-on experience through work experience on farms



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- Take short courses in specific areas of agriculture and develop practical mechanical and technical skills
 - Join agricultural youth programs or rural organisations

Where can I find more information?

- [National Farmers' Federation](#) (Aus)
- [Federated Farmers of New Zealand](#)
- [National Farmers Union](#) (UK)
- [Irish Farmers Association](#)
- [National Farmers Union](#) (US)
- [National Farmers Union](#) (Canada)

Similar careers to farmer

- Farm Manager
- Agricultural Scientist
- Stock and Station Agent
- Aquaculture Farmer
- Agricultural Sales Representative
- Viticulturalist
- Forestry Worker
- Agricultural Consultant
- Horticulturalist

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

