



KSC Career News May 2023

## Welcome

We hope everyone is keeping well with the cooler weather here. Please see below the latest in University and TAFE news.

## Yr 12 News

If you would like to book a Year 12 Careers Interview please go to the Koonung Careers Website there is a button to click to book a Careers Interview.

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.

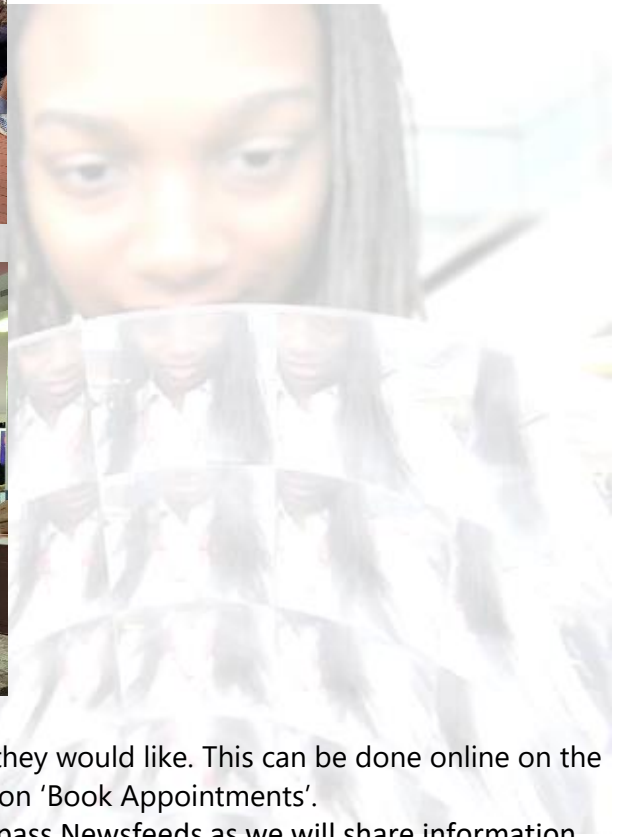
## Yr 11 News

Year 11 students attended the **VCE Careers Expo** on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at Caulfield Racecourse. Universities and TAFEs held stalls with very interesting information attending and seminars were also held on interesting topics such as Pathways to University, VCE subjects such as Maths Methods, Biology and Legal Studies.

Dakota Ho wrote the following article:

On Thursday the 4th of May, the Year 11 cohort went to the Caulfield Racecourse to go to the 2023 Careers Expo. On this day, there were many other students, all from a variety of schools and some of us had small interactions with them. At this expo, we were able to go around to different stalls and ask the workers about our job preferences and our ambitions for the future. At the expo, I went around to all the stalls with my friends and we were able to receive valuable advice and even get some free items like hats and badges. Overall, this day was a very valuable experience and we were able to have our questions about our future answered.





Year 11 students can book a Careers Interview if they would like. 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

Year 10 students need to have their Work Experience Forms in at the Careers Office. Students will come out of their classes and be assisted to contact employers to secure their Work Experience.





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

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### **Open Days & Info Sessions**

#### **[JMC Academy | May Open Day, Melbourne](#)**

May 27, 2023

Register for our Free Open Day! This is your chance to see our multi-million dollar world-class facilities.

[Find out more](#)

#### **[Deakin | Forensic Detective Program](#)**

June 5 to June 9, 2023

Year 9 and 10 students participate in an interactive 3-hour workshop in our science laboratories, giving students the chance to work in a real-life setting.

[Find out more](#)

#### **[La Trobe | Futures Day 2023](#)**

June 5, 2023

Futures Day is a fun and interactive way to explore your post Year 12 study options.


[Find out more](#)

#### **[La Trobe | Aspire Early Entry Program Webinar](#)**

May 23, 2023

Step into the future with an early conditional offer to La Trobe.





In this webinar, we'll tell you exactly what goes into writing a successful Aspire application and you'll get the opportunity to ask questions to get the help you need.

[Find out more](#)

### [Monash | Business and Economics Student Panel](#)

May 23, 2023

Business and economics students will share their experiences and insight into the different directions a business or economics degree takes you in.

[Find out more](#)

### [UniMelb | Focus on Agriculture](#)

May 23, 2023

Are you passionate about addressing food sustainability challenges, protecting the health of animals and securing our future? In the Bachelor of Agriculture, you'll gain knowledge and experience across science, technology and business to build a career with lasting impact.

[Find out more](#)

### [ACU | Entry and Pathways for Year 12 Students Webinar](#)

May 23, 2023

In this webinar, our Future Students team will explain our various options and the eligibility criteria for each one, and you'll hear from current students about their journeys.

[Find out more](#)

### [UniMelb | Focus on Music](#)

May 23, 2023

Book your place at this information evening to hear from current students as they share their experiences, and discover our six areas of specialisation:

- Composition
- Musicology and Ethnomusicology
- Music Studies
- Interactive Composition
- Jazz and Improvisation
- Performance





[Find out more](#)

### [\*\*Monash | Science Student Panel\*\*](#)

May 24, 2023

Monash students will speak on the science student experience, including choosing majors and minors, research pathways and how their studies will influence the world of tomorrow.

[Find out more](#)

### [\*\*Monash | Discover Information Technology\*\*](#)

May 24, 2023

Discover what it's like to study information technology at Monash.

[Find out more](#)

### [\*\*Monash | Discover Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Paramedicine\*\*](#)

May 25, 2023

Discover what it's like to study occupational therapy, physiotherapy and paramedicine at Monash.

Join us to hear first-hand from our teaching staff and current students about their experiences.

[Find out more](#)

### [\*\*Monash | Discover Media Communications\*\*](#)

May 25, 2023

Choose to specialise in one of four areas – journalism, media, public relations or screen, and build your industry portfolio through hands-on experience. Stay to the end and join us on a tour of our multi-million dollar, industry-standard, Monash Media Lab.

[Find out more](#)

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## [AIE | Online Campus Day](#)

May 27, 2023

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day on Sat 27 May 2023. 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](#)

## [RMIT | Tech & Trades Experience Day 2023](#)

June 29, 2023

Students will have the chance to choose two workshops from fields such as Building Design, Carpentry, Cyber Security, Electrical, Engineering, Refrigeration, Information Technology, Plumbing, and Surveying. These fields offer strong industry growth and promising future career prospects.

[Find out more](#)

## **Scholarships**

### [What are Co-op Scholarships?](#)

Co-op scholarships are a prestigious type of scholarship that offer students the opportunity to gain valuable experience in their field of study while they are still at university. In addition to gaining real-world experience, co-op students might also receive a large sum of money, which can help offset the cost of tuition and other expenses.

### **Benefits of Co-op Scholarships**

There are several benefits of receiving a co-op scholarship. First and foremost, they can help you save money on the cost of tuition and other expenses. They are generally worth quite a generous amount, and you can use that money to pay for study-related expenses or to reduce your HECS debt.

In addition to the financial benefits, co-op scholarships can also help you build valuable work experience and develop important skills. By participating in a co-op program, students can gain hands-on experience in their chosen field and learn about the day-to-day realities of working in





that industry. This experience can be invaluable when it comes time to search for a job after graduation.

### **Learn More**

If you want to learn more about the benefits of co-op scholarships, we will be releasing our updated [Co-op Scholarships Guide](#) very soon. It's packed with tips and info on how and why you should apply, and lists over 40 opportunities available across the country.

### **[Scholarships for Underrepresented Students in Australia](#)**

We believe that education is a journey that should be accessible to all. Recognising the importance of diversity and inclusivity, lots of organisations and universities have established scholarship opportunities to support students from underrepresented backgrounds. These scholarships aim to empower students from diverse backgrounds, ensuring that their potential is realised and their dreams are within reach. In this article, we'll explore some of the scholarship opportunities available for different underrepresented groups.

### **Indigenous Scholarships**

Australia's rich indigenous heritage is celebrated through various scholarships designed to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. These scholarships aim to create pathways for Indigenous students to excel academically and pursue their aspirations. Some examples include:


- [The Charlie Perkins Scholarship](#) supports outstanding Indigenous students in pursuing postgraduate studies at leading UK universities.
- [The Australian Indigenous Education Foundation](#) (AIEF) offers scholarships to Indigenous high school and university students, providing financial assistance, mentoring, and personal support throughout their educational journey.

### **Women in STEM Scholarships**

Encouraging gender diversity in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) is crucial for a thriving future. Several scholarships are specifically targeted towards young women with a passion for STEM. Here are some you might like to apply for:

- The [Elevate: Boosting women in STEM Scholarship](#) provides funding and mentorship to inspire and empower young women pursuing STEM disciplines.



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- The [Defence Women in STEM Undergraduate Scholarships](#) are aimed at encouraging high-performing women to continue their university study in STEM fields and improve the representation of women in the STEM workforce.

### **Scholarships for Students with Disabilities**

Recognising the talents and potential of students with disabilities, scholarships have been established to remove barriers and create equal opportunities. These scholarships provide financial support and resources to help students overcome challenges. For instance:

- The [Maple Scholarship Program](#) supports students with disabilities and those working in the disability sector, providing funding for education-related expenses.
- [Vision Australia's Further Education Bursaries](#) provide adaptive technology to help students who are blind or have low vision to fully participate and succeed in their chosen studies.

### **Scholarships for Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds**

Many scholarships are dedicated to supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds, ensuring they have the opportunity to pursue their educational goals. These scholarships provide financial aid, mentorship, and guidance. Examples include:

- [The Smith Family Learning for Life Program](#) assists disadvantaged students with financial support, mentoring, and access to extra-curricular opportunities.
- [The Pinnacle Foundation](#) provide educational scholarships, mentoring and opportunities for young LGBTIQ+ Australians to realise their full potential and overcome challenges arising from their identity.

You can find more scholarships on our database [here](#).

## **Workplace Spotlight**

### **What is it Like to Work in a Hotel?**

Hotels are places where people on trips and holidays can stay for short or extended periods of time. There are hotels across the world to suit different budgets and needs, and they need a large suite of staff to ensure they run effectively and provide a great service.

Here are some common things you can expect to find at hotels:







1. Lots of flexibility – hotels are open 24/7, so you can expect to work a variety of shifts, and flexibility with your work schedule is a must.
2. Customer service is important – making sure guests have a pleasant and enjoyable stay is one of the key considerations of any worker at a hotel.
3. They're always busy – hotels are busy places and there is always a lot going on at once, so being adaptable and organised is key.

### **Key Outcome**

#### **Provide a place for people to stay**

The key outcome for a hotel is to provide guests with a positive and memorable experience during their stay, encouraging them to return in the future and recommend the hotel to others. This involves providing excellent customer service, comfortable accommodations, quality amenities, and a safe and secure environment.

#### **Key Tasks**

- Check guests in and out
- Clean and maintain rooms
- Keep premises safe and secure
- Provide leisure facilities and services
- Manage budgets and staffing
- Handle guest inquiries and complaints

#### **Industry**

##### **You can find hotels in the accommodation and food services industry**

Hotels are generally found in the accommodation and food services industry. There are lots of different types of hotels for all kinds of travellers, including luxury hotels, resorts, boutique hotels, budget hotels, and extended-stay hotels.

#### **Work Environment**

##### **You can expect shift work and on-site work**

*Shift work | Work on-site | Jobs in metro, regional, and rural areas | Strong job growth*

Hotels need to operate 24/7 and always need staff on-hand. Because of this, shift work is common, and some workers might find themselves working overnight. They also operate over all holidays, so you will be expected to work then too. Work can also fluctuate during different seasons and during holidays, with certain times of the year being much busier than others.





A lot of the work in hotels needs to be done in-person, so opportunities to work from home are limited. But some roles (particularly in management and administration) may be able to be done remotely.

You'll find hotels in almost any location around the world, particularly in destinations popular with tourists, so there's generally always work to go around.

### **The Career Clusters you'll find in a hotel**

People from all Clusters are needed for a hotel to run effectively, but the most common Clusters you'll find are Linkers, Makers, and Coordinators. As in any role, you might find yourself performing tasks across multiple Clusters.

#### ***What do Makers do in a hotel?***

The Makers are responsible for keeping hotel rooms clean and tidy, both doing minor cleaning while people are staying in a room and deep cleaning before the next person comes to stay. They will also clean and provide linen (bedsheets, towels, etc.). Hotels also need people to ensure fittings in rooms are working properly and maintain the property and gardens. Some hotels might have a restaurant attached or offer room service and need people to make the food.

- Cleaners/Housekeepers
- Maintenance Workers
- Chefs/Cooks

#### ***The role of a Linker in a hotel***

Linkers in hotels are responsible for taking bookings and answering questions from guests. They will also assist guests with checking in and out of the hotel at the beginning and end of their stay, and provide guests with information on the local area and tours. Other Linkers will help promote the hotel via television, radio, or social media. Some hotels have people to help organise and run events happening at the hotel (such as weddings and conferences).


- Receptionists/Concierges
- Event Planners
- Marketing Managers

#### ***Where you'll find Coordinators in a hotel***

Coordinators are responsible for a lot of the behind the scenes work at a hotel. This can include things like managing budgets and finances, supervising other workers and day-to-day operations, managing bookings and reservations, and ensuring the hotel meets any required standards or regulations.

- Hotel Managers



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- Operations Managers
  - Finance Managers

### ***How do Informers work in a hotel?***

Informers in hotels are responsible for training hotel staff on various topics, such as guest services, safety protocols, and housekeeping procedures. Some Informers may even come from external agencies to provide expert advice to hotel management, such as providing recommendations for improving guest satisfaction, developing new service offerings, or improving operational efficiency.

- Staff Trainers
- Consultants

### ***What types of Innovators work in a hotel?***

Most Innovators don't work in the hotel itself but are contracted from external companies. Some Innovators might work on the construction, design and layout of the building and facilities. Other Innovators will pick out appropriate furnishings and fittings for individual rooms or create logos and branding elements for the hotel.

- Engineers/Architects
- Interior Designers
- Graphic Designer

### ***How do we expect working in a hotel to change in the future?***

A major trend that is already emerging in the hotel industry is the increased use of technology. With advancements in AI and automation, hotels are looking to streamline their operations and reduce their reliance on human labour. We can expect to see more hotels using self-check-in kiosks, robot concierges, and other automated systems to improve efficiency and reduce costs. Another trend is the focus on sustainability and environmental responsibility. Hotels are becoming more aware of their impact on the environment and are taking steps to reduce their carbon footprint. This might involve implementing green initiatives such as using renewable energy, reducing water usage, and incorporating sustainable materials in hotel design and construction.

As travel continues to become more accessible and affordable, hotels will need to adapt to the changing needs of their guests. This might involve offering more personalised experiences, catering to specific demographics, or providing more facilities and services to differentiate themselves from competitors.





Overall, the hotel industry is likely to continue evolving as new technologies and trends emerge. However, one thing that will remain constant is the need for excellent customer service and hospitality, which will always be at the heart of the hotel experience.

