

Careers Newsletter

Student Exchange Programs

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The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will
(Vincent T. Lombardi)



[AFX Student Exchange](#)

AFX Student Exchange offers a range of programs including high school or GAP year programs to France. Visit [AFX Student Exchange](#)

[Au Pair, Volunteer, Exchange Programs](#)

AIFS and its family of companies organises cultural exchange programs throughout the world! Whether students are looking for *cultural exchange program, an Au Pair placement, to volunteer or a stint with Camp America*, AIFS has a range of opportunities and programs to offer! Visit [AIFS Exchange](#)

[Antipodeans Abroad](#)

Are you unsure what to do once you finish Year 12? Perhaps you are unsure what you want to study at university or TAFE? Antipodeans Abroad invites students to join their *GapBreak* program, a 3-6 month volunteer placement in a developing country. Visit [Antipodeans Abroad GapBreak](#)

[Gap Medics](#)

Gap Medics are offering an exciting project for students that are looking to apply for university courses in medicine, nursing, dentistry or midwifery. *Gap Medics* is a provider of *short-term healthcare work experience placements* abroad. Although based in the UK, its programs are open to students from all around the world. This organisation is dedicated to arranging hospital work experience placements for students who are applying to medical or nursing school in particular. Visit [Gap Medics](#)

[Latitude Global Volunteering](#)

Latitude Global Volunteering (formerly Gap Activity Projects) has been offering international volunteering and gap year projects for 17-25 year olds, for over 35 years. A diverse range of projects are on offer in Asia/Pacific, or further afield in Europe, the Americas and Africa. Visit [Latitude Global Volunteering](#)

[Projects Abroad](#)

Volunteering overseas with *Projects Abroad* gives you the opportunity to become more than a tourist; to become part of a community in a developing country, to live and work beside local people, understand their world and make friends for life. Visit [Projects Abroad](#)

[Southern Cross Cultural Exchange](#)

Explore another culture, learn another language, be a family member and an active student in a different country. Experience your world. Call 1800 500 501 or visit [Southern Cross Cultural Exchange](#)

[Student Exchange Australia](#)

LOTE students often express an interest in finding out more about short-term exchange programs to countries like Japan, France, Germany, Canada, Spain and many more! Call 1300 135 331 or visit [Student Exchange](#)

[Volunteer Abroad with WEP](#)

Programs include volunteer and conservation projects, work & travel and internships, teaching English overseas, international language study and language & volunteer packages. Call 1300 884 733 or visit [Volunteer Abroad](#)

UMAT 2016

The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at a number of universities in Australia and New Zealand. **For more information, and/or to apply visit [UMAT2016](#)**

Charles Darwin University	Clinical Sciences
Flinders University	Clinical Sciences/Medicine
	Vision Sciences
La Trobe University	Health Sciences (Dentistry) (non-Y12)
	Oral Health Science (non-Y12)
Monash University	Medicine
University of Adelaide	Dental Surgery
	Medicine
University of Auckland (NZ)	Medicine
University of Newcastle / University New England	Joint Medical Program
University of New South Wales	Medicine
	Optometry
University of Otago (NZ)	Dental Surgery
	Medical Laboratory Science
	Medicine
University of Queensland	Dental Science
	Medicine (provisional entry)
University of Tasmania	Medicine
University of Western Australia	Dental Medicine (assured entry)
	Medicine (assured entry)
University of Western Sydney	Medicine

Tax File Numbers

Any student will need a tax file number if he/she starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they will be requested to provide their Tax File Number (TFN) on enrolment to TAFE or university next year, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students must now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit [Apply for a TFN](#)



Avoid a Work Experience Wreckage...



Students going on Work Experience might find the following tips very useful indeed! There are some pet peeves that students should know about, and some actions to help them avoid the ire of their employer. Below is a summary of things students should be aware of, adapted from a recently published article on the excellent *Career Junk* blog - [Career Junk](#):

1. Employers see **RED** when you use a MOBILE at work
2. Employers **TURN THEIR NOSE UP** at BAD PERSONAL HYGIENE (aka: body odour)
3. Employers are **SURPRISED** and **FRUSTRATED** by UNREADABLE HANDWRITING & POOR SPELLING / GRAMMAR...
4. Employers are **ASTONISHED** when you try to LISTEN TO IPODS in the workplace
5. Employers get **GRUMPY** when... your FRIENDS DROP IN for a chat
6. Employers **RIP THEIR HAIR OUT** when... YOU ARE LATE...
7. Employers would like to SLAP you for TEXTING... *#unwell*
8. HANDS IN POCKETS... employers **FROWN** on this...

Seriously though, employers do not really want to be peeved with their Work Experience students, they are just extremely busy people, and need students to be prepared to alter their habits to suit their workplace. After all, students are entering their world, and need to learn to shift some of their habits.

Find out more at [Avoid a Work Experience Wreckage](#)



Career in Event Planning



The Good Universities Guide website indicates that an **event planner** or **event coordinator** *plans and organises special events, including parties, wedding receptions, product launches, banquets, meetings, conferences and conventions.* Successful event planners –

- enjoy working with people
- good organisational and time management skills
- have very attention to detail
- good interpersonal and supervisory skills
- good communication skills
- neat personal appearance
- comfortable working with computers
- able to negotiate, delegate and work under pressure

Depending on the size of the establishment, events coordinators may work independently or as part of a team. They often work irregular hours, and on weekends and public holidays. **Learn more at [Good Universities Guide - Event Coordinator](#)**
There are a number of institutions in Victoria that offer courses in events, and some of these include –

Institution	Course	VCE Entry Requirements
Box Hill Institute	Diploma of Events	n/a
Chisholm Institute	Diploma of Events	n/a
Deakin University	Bachelor of Management	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
Holmesglen Institute	Diploma of Events/Certificate III in Live Production	n/a
	Certificate IV in Fitness/Community Recreation, followed by Diploma of Fitness/Events	n/a
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Business (Event Management)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
	Bachelor of Business (Event Management/Marketing)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
Melbourne Polytechnic	Advanced Diploma of Events	n/a
	Associate Degree in Hospitality Management	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any English.
Swinburne University	Advanced Diploma of Events	n/a
	Diploma of Events/Diploma of Marketing	n/a
Victoria University	Bachelor of Business (Event Management)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.
William Angliss Institute	Advanced Diploma of Events	n/a



Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

Towards the end of 2015, the federal government launched the **Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)** website. The aim of this website is to assist students in making informed choices about their higher education options by bringing together survey data from all Australian universities, allowing students to compare student experience and job outcomes. So, students are able to compare the student experience, whether domestic or international, between universities, and also learn more about employment outcomes of the different institutions.

Students surveyed were asked a range of questions, such as –

- are they satisfied with the teaching they have received in their course;
- were they engaged with their institution (i.e. through face to face discussions, did they have a sense of belonging at their institution);
- were they satisfied with the learning resources provided by their institution;
- were they satisfied with the support they received at their institution (e.g. easy access to the enrolment systems, learning advice and were health services available and helpful); and
- had they developed skills through their studies

Data was also collected to identify how many students gained full-time employment four months after completing their course, and what the median salary was for those graduates in full-time employment.

This website is really user-friendly and well worth browsing - [QILT](#)

Work Experience Opportunity with a Surveyor

Interested in Geography, Maths, IT and the outdoors?

If this sounds like you, why not try out Surveying with a work experience placement. Register your details here and we'll make enquiries on your behalf. You could also ring your local Surveying firm and ask if they have any placements available.

Students keen on finding out more about a career in **surveying** might like to take up the opportunity to apply for a Work Experience placement with a local Surveyor. Visit [Work Experience with a Surveyor](#) and register to receive information about available places. Applications for 2016 are now open!

Students who wish to find out what surveying is, what Surveyors do, where to study and what it takes might like to browse [Surveying - a Life without Limits](#)