

## Welcome

Welcome to our May Careers Newsletter for the School Newsletter. We are now enjoying the lovely Autumn weather. Please see below the latest in University and TAFE news.

## Yr 12 News

Year 12 students can book an interview on the Koonung Careers Website. If you are unsure about what you want to do in 2027 or unsure about your VTAC preferences please book in for a Careers Interview. If you would like to apply for SEAS (Equity Scheme) please book in for a Careers Interview and we can discuss what you need to start looking into for a SEAS Application in your VTAC Application. To book go onto the Koonung Careers Website and click on the Booking button. You will be able to select a time during your free periods.

## Yr 11 News

Year 11 Students attended the VCE Careers Expo at the Melbourne Convention Centre on Thursday 30 April, 2026. All the Universities, TAFES, Defence force, Police and private providers had stalls and students could ask questions and take brochures on career pathways.

Here are a couple of photos on the day.





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## Yr 10 News

Year 10 students will be doing Compulsory Work Experience. We are Introducing digital work experience forms.

Work Experience will run from 22<sup>nd</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2026.

The Careers Team will be running Lunch Time Support Sessions on a Monday and Wednesday in Room 50 to assist students finding Work Experience Placements.

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

- Information Sessions
- Scholarships
- Job Spotlight





## Information Sessions

Discover Nursing and Midwifery at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 6, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Nursing and Midwifery at Monash.

Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure, placement opportunities and course outcomes. Our students and graduates will be online to provide insights into their own experiences as well.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 6, 2026

Curious about where your study could take you? Join our Talk with Industry Series - a range of online Q&A sessions connecting you directly with ACU students and graduates across diverse fields.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Science at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Clayton Campus

**Date:** May 7, 2026

Hear first-hand from our staff and current students about their experiences. Our courses offer choice, flexibility and depth across a huge range of science disciplines, which means you will graduate with a degree unique to you, tailored to your individual expertise, interests and career aspirations.

[Find out more](#)

National Fashion College Open Day, Melbourne


**Organisation:** National Fashion College

**Location:** National Fashion College, Melbourne Campus

**Date:** May 7, 2026

Unlock a world of limitless possibilities at National Fashion College, where your fashion journey begins at our iconic Melbourne Campus!





If these times don't suit you, you can always [book in for a private appointment or tour instead](#).  
[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Teachers and Educators

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

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Holmesglen Institute Open Day, May 2026

**Organisation:** Holmesglen Institute

**Location:** Holmesglen Campuses

**Date:** May 7, 2026

Open Day is a great opportunity for you to meet with teachers, explore our campuses and study facilities, and get a feel for Holmesglen life. Our sessions include presentations, tours and Q&As – perfect for helping you map out your future study and career plans. Plus, our friendly team is also available to help you apply on the day.

[Find out more](#)

BiG Day In, Melbourne

**Organisation:** ACS Foundation

**Location:** The Capitol, RMIT University

**Date:** May 7, 2026

Join us for the 2026 BiG Day In Melbourne @ RMIT The Capitol on Thursday 7 May to learn where a STEM career can take you. Hear from presenters from Westpac, Wisetech Global, Canstar, ADF Careers, TCS, and more to come.

[Find out more](#)

Women in policing and protection


**Organisation:** Australian Federal Police

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 12, 2026

Attend our free online session on women in policing and protection. Hear from female officer





across national policing, ACT policing and protective service, as well as our recruitment team. Be inspired and get excited about a job with the AFP.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Fine Art, Curating, Design and Architecture at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 12, 2026

Join us online to discover what makes our bachelor courses in Fine Art, Curating, Design and Architecture distinct.

[Find out more](#)

Victorian Careers Show 2026

**Organisation:** Resources for Courses

**Location:** Exhibition Pavilion, Melbourne Showgrounds

**Date:** May 13 to May 15, 2026

The Victorian Careers Show 2026 is teacher-founded and teacher-led, connecting VCE students, teachers, jobseekers and parents with Victoria's top universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers and career experts. It is designed to help high school students, parents, teachers, and jobseekers explore study and employment pathways. It brings together universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers, and career advisers in one location to provide practical information about courses, apprenticeships, and career options.

[Find out more](#)

Whitehouse Institute of Design Foundational Sewing Workshop – Melbourne

**Organisation:** Whitehouse Institute of Design

**Location:** Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

**Date:** May 13 to May 14, 2026

This two-day workshop introduces students to the fundamentals of sewing in a supportive, hands-on environment. Students will learn how to use a sewing machine, explore different seam types, and develop confidence working with fabric.

Across the two days, students will complete guided projects designed to build practical skills.

[Find out more](#)


ACU Talk with Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 13, 2026





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Discover Health Sciences, Public Health and Psychology at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 13, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Health Sciences, Public Health or Psychology at Monash. Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure, hands-on opportunities and career outcomes.

[Find out more](#)

Discover the Bachelor of Media Communication at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Caulfield Campus

**Date:** May 13, 2026

Dive into the dynamic world of media with Monash Arts' Bachelor of Media Communication! Join our information session to discover how this versatile degree prepares you for success in today's fast-changing media landscape.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Law, Criminology and Business Professionals

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 14, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

UniMelb Open House 2026

**Organisation:** University of Melbourne

**Location:** University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus

**Date:** May 16, 2026

Register to tour our ten Residential Colleges during Open House on Saturday 16 May 2026. Each College has its own unique community spirit to explore and offers a supportive environment that will help you to make lifelong friends, build lasting connections, further your academic pursuits and experience unique opportunities.

[Find out more](#)





AIM May Open Day, Melbourne

**Organisation:** Australian Institute of Music

**Location:** Australian Institute of Music, Melbourne Campus

**Date:** May 16, 2026


Join us at the Australian Institute of Music's Melbourne Open Day and experience what it's like to study in the heart of one of the world's most dynamic music cities.

Discover Engineering at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Clayton Campus

**Date:** May 18, 2026



Discover everything you need to know about studying Engineering at Monash. You'll have the opportunity to meet our inspiring academics, current students and alumni, hear about their experiences, and ask questions. Our engineering degrees offer an outstanding study experience, along with excellent opportunities to engage with industry and gain hands-on experience through our teams and clubs.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Paramedicine at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 20, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Paramedicine at Monash. Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure, placement opportunities and course outcomes.

[Find out more](#)

STEM + X: Data Science – Webinar for Students, Teachers & Parents

**Organisation:** Careers with STEM

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 20, 2026

Data science is an increasingly crucial tool for understanding the world. Datasets get bigger and messier with every year, and there's a growing need for skilled experts who can handle these floods of information. Data scientists need to be able to collect, process, clean and analyse all of this information – and they need to be able to do it ethically.

Join Careers with STEM for a free STEM + X career webinar, supported by QUT, to hear from data science students and graduates who are learning to navigate the world with numbers.

[Find out more](#)





ACU Talk with Arts Students and Graduates

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 20, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

Discover Radiography and Medical Imaging at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 21, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Radiography and Medical Imaging at Monash. Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure and career outcomes.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Teaching and Learning Design at Monash Peninsula

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Peninsula Campus

**Date:** May 21, 2026

Teachers play a critical role in helping children prepare for their future, equipping them with the skills they need to become successful members of society and the leaders of tomorrow.

Learn all you need to know about our Bachelor of Education (Honours), education double-degrees and pathways to the Number 1 Faculty of Education in Australia.

We'll also introduce you to the Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology, a course designed for those who want to create learning experiences beyond the classroom.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Biomedicine and Nutrition Experts

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 21, 2026

Curious about where your study could take you? Join our Talk with Industry Series - a range of online Q&A sessions connecting you directly with ACU students and graduates across diverse fields.

Hear authentic stories from those who've walked the path you're considering. Our alumni share real insights about their careers post-graduation, while current students offer a genuine look at





campus life and coursework. Whether you're certain about your direction or just starting to explore possibilities, these conversations will provide the clarity you need.

No matter where you are in your decision-making journey, you'll gain valuable perspectives on what studying and working in your chosen field truly involves.

[Find out more](#)

Discover the Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 26, 2026

Shape the future of learning with the Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology.

Designed with industry leaders to ensure graduates are at the forefront of learning design, this course provides highly transferable skills including project management, leadership, critical thinking and data-driven decision-making.

Combine your love of creativity, technology and psychology to create experiences beyond the classroom whilst navigating new challenges and technologies, from artificial intelligence and simulations to corporate training and career development.

Discover the incredible reach of the learning design industry, potential pathways, career opportunities and how you can adapt the course to suit your own interests.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Speech Pathology at Monash

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 26, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Speech Pathology at Monash.

Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure and career outcomes.

[Find out more](#)

UCAT, GAMSAT and Pathways into Medicine – Webinar for Students, Teachers & Parents

**Organisation:** National Institute of Education

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 27, 2026

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students and their parents to find out about the UCAT, pathways into medicine, and have all questions answered by an expert teacher who has been working in the field since 1999.





The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics, and more:

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- Year 10, 11 and 12 - things to consider now
- The undergraduate selection criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT?
- GAMSAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate interview process
- What, how and why about Gap Year?
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Work experience advice
- Q&A

[Find out more](#)

Discover Teaching and Learning Design at Monash Clayton

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Monash University, Clayton Campus

**Date:** May 28, 2026

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## Scholarships

Women in Aviation Australia 2026 Scholarship Program

**Organisation:** Women in Aviation Australian Chapter

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** From AU\$500 to AU\$8,825

**Open Date:** April 20, 2026

**Close Date:** May 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)





Embracing Our Differences International Art Exhibition

**Organisation:** Embracing Our Differences

**Location:** All

**Value:** US\$2,000

**Close Date:** July 1, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards for K-12 Students

**Organisation:** Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Society Inc.

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** Up to AU\$1,000

**Close Date:** June 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)




## Workplace Spotlight

How to become a Textile Designer

Textile designers create fabrics and materials for fashion, interiors, and industrial applications, selecting fibres, weaves, dyes, and finishes that meet both performance and aesthetic requirements. They work at the intersection of creativity and technical knowledge, developing textiles that need to look right, feel right, and increasingly, do less harm to the environment. Some people are drawn to this career for the artistry, others for the problem-solving. If you love colour and texture, enjoy working with your hands as much as your imagination, and want a career where creative and technical thinking go hand in hand, textile design could be the right direction for you.

**What skills do I need as a Textile Designer?**

- Curious & creative
  - Strong colour & pattern sense
  - Technical drawing ability
  - Knowledge of fibres & materials
  - Trend research skills
  - Collaborative & communicative
  - Detail-oriented
  - Digitally & manually skilled
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### **What do Textile Designers do?**

Before a new fabric reaches production, you've already put significant work into understanding what it needs to achieve. You research trends in fashion, interiors, or industry to identify what materials are needed and what directions design is moving in. You'll look at colour forecasts, study emerging sustainable fibres, and gather references that inform the direction of a new collection or material range. This research phase shapes everything that comes after it.

Day to day, your work moves between hand and screen. You might be sketching pattern repeats, testing yarn combinations, or working in design software to develop digital prints and weave structures. You'll select and test fibres and yarns for specific qualities such as durability, drape, or dye uptake, and create sample swatches that bring your ideas into physical form.

Collaboration is central to the role. You'll work closely with fashion designers, product developers, and manufacturers to make sure your designs are not only beautiful but also technically viable and cost-effective to produce.

Periodically, you'll present design concepts to clients or internal teams, refine work based on feedback, and manage the handover of technical files and specifications to production. Some Textile Designers specialise in a particular area such as printed textiles, woven structures, sustainable or recycled materials, or performance fabrics for sport and industry. Building depth in one area can open up specialist roles in a growing range of industries.

### **What kind of lifestyle could I expect?**

Textile Designers work for fashion labels, homewares and interiors brands, fabric mills, design studios, and industrial manufacturers. Some work in-house as part of a design team, while others work freelance, taking on projects across multiple clients and industries. The role can also exist within larger retail businesses and product development companies that manage their own ranges. The field is global in nature, and designers often work with manufacturers and suppliers located overseas.

The role is generally studio-based, with average hours for those in salaried positions.

Freelancers may experience more variable schedules depending on project deadlines and client demands. Collection deadlines and production timelines can create pressure at certain points in the year, particularly in fashion, where seasonal cycles drive the pace of work. Outside of those peaks, the role tends to offer a good degree of flexibility.

The work is creative and largely sedentary, though sampling and prototyping involve hands-on activity. The field itself is small, which means competition for roles can be strong, particularly in fashion. Salaries are generally average, though freelance income can vary significantly. The field has moderate growth overall, with the strongest opportunities emerging in sustainable textiles, technical fabrics, and materials innovation, areas where demand for skilled designers is increasing.





## How to become a Textile Designer

- **Study textile or fashion design:** A degree or diploma in textile design, fashion design, or a related creative field is the typical starting point. Look for programs that include both studio practice and technical training, covering areas like weave structures, dye processes, pattern making, and design software. A strong portfolio developed during your studies will be essential for entering the field.
- **Build your technical skills:** Alongside your design eye, employers look for practical technical knowledge. Develop your proficiency in industry-standard design software, and spend time working with physical materials to understand how different fibres and constructions behave. The ability to move fluently between hand skills and digital tools makes you significantly more versatile.
- **Develop your portfolio:** Your portfolio is your primary tool for finding work. Build it throughout your studies with a range of projects that demonstrate both your creative range and your technical ability. Include design development work, not just finished pieces, so potential employers can see how you think and problem-solve.
- **Seek out industry experience:** Work experience with a design studio, fashion label, or fabric supplier gives you insight into how the industry actually operates and helps you build the professional connections that matter in a relatively small field. Many designers find their first roles through contacts made during study or work experience.

From here, you could progress to senior designer or design director roles, develop a freelance practice working across multiple clients, start your own label or studio, or specialise in a growing area such as sustainable textiles, technical performance fabrics, or biomaterials, a field that is attracting increasing interest and investment.

## What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as a Textile Designer, here are some practical steps:

- Start experimenting with fabric, thread, and dye at home or through school art and textiles classes to develop your hand skills and build an early understanding of how different materials behave
- Study colour, pattern, and design by visiting galleries, following textile designers and sustainable fashion labels online, and keeping a visual journal of references that interest you
- Look for local workshops, community arts organisations, or maker spaces that run sessions in weaving, printing, or surface design, as hands-on experience with real materials is one of the best ways to find out if this field suits you

