

Weekly Careers News for Victoria

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This Week's Events

The Gordon TAFE Info Night, Geelong City

Organisation: The Gordon

Location: The Gordon, Geelong City Campus

Date: May 4 to May 5, 2026

Info Nights are the perfect opportunity to explore life at The Gordon. You'll get to tour our campuses, meet our teachers, and find out more about the courses and career pathways that interest you. With presentations, classroom sessions in your chosen study areas, and the chance to ask questions, Info Nights help you make informed decisions about your future. Plus, if you're ready to take the next step, our friendly team can help you apply on the spot!

[Find out more](#)

Collarts Course Info Nights, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Collarts Melbourne Campuses

Date: May 5 to May 6, 2026

Collarts' Course Info Night is your chance to explore courses and experience student life at Collarts.

Whether you're looking to start your study journey for the first time, returning to study after some time off, or curious about moving to Collarts from another uni, you won't want to miss this event.

- Receive on-the-spot assistance [submitting your application](#)
- Meet [program leaders and lecturers](#)
- Tour our [campuses](#), including studios and facilities
- Chat to student ambassadors and [course advisors](#)
- Participate in live demonstrations
- See student work and career journeys on display
- Learn about exclusive opportunities through our [industry partnerships](#)
- Enjoy live performances from our students and alumni

[Find out more](#)

Applying to Medicine Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: MedEntry

Location: Online

Date: May 5, 2026

This comprehensive conference, hosted by Dr. Ray Boyapati, is designed to provide you with invaluable insights into every facet of the medical school application process. Whether you're gearing up for the UCAT, honing your interview skills or gaining relevant work experience, our webinar has you covered.

Webinar Highlights:

- **UCAT Mastery:** Dr. Ray Boyapati, a seasoned expert in medical admissions, will share strategies and tips to help you master the UCAT, ensuring you approach this critical exam with confidence.
- **Interview Success:** Learn the art of presenting your best self during medical school interviews. Gain insights into common interview questions, communication skills, and effective ways to showcase your passion for medicine.

- **Work Experience Strategies:** Dr. Boyapati will offer guidance on acquiring meaningful and relevant work experience in the medical field. Understand how to make the most of your experiences to strengthen your application.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Aspire Early Offer Program Webinar

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: Online

Date: May 5, 2026

With La Trobe, there's more than one way into uni. The Aspire Early Offer program is designed to help take the stress out of Year 12 with an early conditional offer to La Trobe.

Register for our Aspire Early Offer Program Webinar to learn more.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Biomedical Science and Nutrition Science at Monash

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: May 5, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Biomedical Science or Nutrition Science at Monash.

Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure, hands-on opportunities and career outcomes.

[Find out more](#)

The Gordon TAFE Info Night, East Geelong

Organisation: The Gordon

Location: The Gordon, East Geelong Campus

Date: May 6, 2026

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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](#)

Provocations: Is It Too Late to Save the Internet? – RMIT Talks and Ideas Series

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: The Capitol, Melbourne

Date: May 6, 2026

Hear from journalists, academics, experts and comedians as they shine a light on the online corners of creativity and community, the legal and technical protections that can keep us safe, and the technological advances – from AI to encryption – that can improve our lives, if only we can harness them.

Expect a speed round of sharp insights and practical ideas from each speaker, followed by a wide ranging and candid panel discussion.

Reboot, reclaim and perhaps even restore your faith in the internet.

This event is part of Provocations - RMIT University's Talks and Ideas series.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Joint Medical Program Online Information Session

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (The JMP®) is an innovative five-year degree jointly delivered by the University of Newcastle and University of New England and supported by Hunter New England Local Health District and Central Coast Local Health District. Our students' graduate work-ready, with a key role shaping and improving future health care for individuals and communities.

We offer a range of pathway options to help you apply to study within The JMP®. Join us for the Joint Medical Program Info Session Webinar to find out more about these pathways, including Rural and Remote Admissions Scheme (RRAS), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Miroma Bunbilla Program and Excellence through Equity Pathway to Medicine (ETE), as well as an overview of the program, admission criteria, study locations and best of all, first-hand experience from current students and academics who teach into the program.

[Find out more](#)

SWTAFE Course Info Sessions

Organisation: South West TAFE

Location: South West TAFE, Warrnambool Campus

Date: May 6, 2026

Get info. Get help. Get enrolled. Attend an information session for your chosen course area and find out about study at South West TAFE.

[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.

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](#)

Your Pathway to Study Medicine at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

Join us for an informative and engaging overview of the University of Sydney's double degree medicine program with Program Director Dr. Rosa Howard.

In this session, you'll gain a clear understanding of the program structure, entry pathways, key eligibility requirements, and how the integrated undergraduate degree leads into the Doctor of Medicine.

You'll also have the opportunity to submit questions live and hear insights directly from the program's academic lead.

[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](#)

The Gordon TAFE Info Night, Werribee

Organisation: The Gordon

Location: The Gordon, Werribee Campus

Date: May 7, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

CSU Online Parent Information Session

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: May 7, 2026

As your teen starts thinking about their future, this online session is here to help you support them through one of the biggest decisions they'll make – choosing a university.

Hear from experts as we guide you through key topics and processes, share tips for navigating Year 12 and highlight the unique opportunities available at Charles Sturt.

Whether you're looking for general information about university or specific advice to assist your teen, this is your chance to ask questions and get the answers you need.

[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!

Step into a realm of unmatched creativity and immerse yourself in the forefront of fashion innovation. Our pioneering courses, dynamic internship opportunities, and exclusive access to the buzz of Australian, New York, and London Fashion Weeks will propel you into the heart of the global fashion scene. Get ready to be inspired, challenged, and transformed - we can't wait to welcome you!

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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[Find out more](#)

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](#)

Next Week's Events

ACAP Online Information Session – Social Work

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: Online

Date: May 11, 2026

Can you imagine yourself making a difference in a not-for-profit organisation, or working in the criminal justice system, or the government? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Social Work.

In this real-time online information session Professor Annie Venville will share insights into studying Social Work at ACAP and provide details of courses you could take to help others develop better self-awareness for a more positive path in life.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Counselling

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: Online

Date: May 11, 2026

Can you imagine yourself in child protection or helping people through grief or addictive behaviour? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Counselling. In this real-time online information session Dr Trevor Simper will share insights into studying Counselling at ACAP and highlight what courses you could take to help others develop better self-awareness for a more positive path in life.

[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.

Learn about our curating degree, the mediums you can focus on as an artist, the flexibility of the design specialisations or simply how to become an architect. You can choose to undertake an internship or to consider travel opportunities to learn in a different context all while studying. This will give you all the essential aspects of our bachelor courses to help you plan for your creative future with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Criminology

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: Online

Date: May 12, 2026

Can you imagine yourself working in investigations, intelligence, or even corporate crime?

These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Criminology.

In this real-time online information session Matthew Thurgood will share insights into studying Criminology at ACAP and ultimately provide insights into what courses you could take to gain

skills, influence positive change and develop practical responses that can have a positive impact on criminal justice issues.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Psychology

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: Online

Date: May 12, 2026

Can you imagine yourself in a fascinating research role, contributing to mental health services or as a specialist in private practice? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Psychology.

In this real-time online information session Professor John Reece will share insights into studying Psychology at ACAP and ultimately provide you with information on courses you could study, and delve into the scientific research of individuals, society and culture.

[Find out more](#)

South East Career & Try a Trade Expo 2026

Organisation: South East Local Learning and Employment Network

Location: KCC Park

Date: May 12, 2026

Our mission is to connect secondary school students with a diverse range of TAFEs, higher education, industries and trades. We provide a dynamic platform where attendees can explore career opportunities, engage with industry professionals, and gain hands-on experience through interactive exhibits and workshops.

At our expo, you'll discover a wealth of information on various career paths, from traditional trades to emerging industries. Whether you're looking to start your career or simply explore your options, the South East Career and Try a Trade Expo is the perfect place to get inspired and take the next step towards your future.

Join us for a day of learning, networking, and discovery.

[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.

The event aims to support informed decision-making about future study and work choices through exhibits and VCE seminar presentations.

[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. On day one, students will learn essential sewing techniques and create a tote bag. On day two, they will continue developing their skills while constructing a pair of elasticated sleep shorts. This workshop is for aspiring designers as a starting point for those wishing to learn basic sewing skills.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Information Evening – Shepparton

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Parklake Hotel

Date: May 13, 2026

We know that choosing a university is a big decision. Monash Information Evenings are the perfect opportunity to have your questions answered on everything you wanted to know about undergraduate study at Monash.

You'll hear about:

- our ten diverse study and discipline areas
- undergraduate course types, such as our comprehensive and specialist courses, double degrees and pathway programs
- international opportunities including study abroad and overseas tours
- how to apply – everything need to know about VTAC, key dates and deadlines
- scholarships and fees
- SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
- accommodation options, both on and off campus.

[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Torrens University, Flinders Street Campus

Date: May 13, 2026

Come and meet our academics and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about early entry, scholarships, entry pathways and our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and see firsthand how exciting studying in Melbourne can be.

- Talk to our academics and Future Student Advisors about choosing courses, scholarships and the application process.
- Embark on a guided tour of our campus facilities and get a feel of our recreational spaces, teaching spaces and more.
- Meet our current students and find out what their experiences studying at Torrens University is like.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

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[Find out more](#)

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.

Explore an engaging curriculum that blends creativity, strategy, and technology, and learn about the strong industry connections and hands-on experiences that make Monash graduates stand out. In our state-of-the-art Monash Media Lab, you'll hear directly from passionate faculty, current students, and accomplished alumni about their journeys.

Find out how you can gain real-world experience through internships and industry projects, and see how this degree equips you to make a meaningful impact in digital media, journalism, public relations, and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

Victorian Careers Show 2026

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: Melbourne Showgrounds - Exhibition Pavilion

Date: May 13 to May 15, 2026

Explore study, work, and career pathways face to face.

Teacher-founded and teacher-led, the Victorian Careers Show is the sister event to the VCE & Careers Expo - connecting VCE students, teachers, jobseekers and parents with universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers and career experts.

[Find out more](#)

The Middle of Everywhere Jobs and Careers Fair, Sale

Organisation: Wellington Shire Council

Location: Sale Memorial Hall

Date: May 13, 2026

Not sure what job you want? Looking for work now, or soon? Thinking about training, study or a career change? The Middle of Everywhere Jobs & Careers Fair is a free community event that brings together local employers, training providers and support services in one easy-to-visit

place. It's a great chance to have a chat, ask questions and explore what's possible – no pressure, no interviews, just real conversations. And there'll be a BBQ and coffee van on site, so grab a bite to eat while you explore your options!

Who should attend?

- Students (including school students and school leavers)
- Job seekers and people looking for a change
- Parents and carers supporting someone with their next step
- Anyone who wants to learn more about jobs, training or career pathways. You don't need to know what you want to do yet — this is a place to start figuring it out.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Coaching

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: Online

Date: May 13, 2026

Can you imagine yourself as a private coach, consultant or professional facilitator? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Coaching.

In this real-time online information session Dr Mark Setch will share insights into studying Coaching at ACAP and how the qualification will give you the practical skills and know-how to inspire change, empower teams, and improve performance.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Information Evening – Echuca

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Mercure Port of Echuca

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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.

During our Open House you will have an opportunity to:

- explore and tour our Residential Colleges
- hear from current residential students
- meet our academic and pastoral care staff
- learn more about our generous scholarship programs and College application process
- discover the best of Residential College social, cultural, sporting and leadership opportunities.

Each College will be running tours continuously throughout the day on a regular basis from 12noon until 4pm. Please register and select which Colleges you intend to visit. You can also register for our Residential Colleges information sessions at 12noon or 3.30pm (repeat).

[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.

Explore our purpose-built performance spaces and studios, meet expert lecturers with deep industry experience, and connect with passionate students and alumni who are already making their mark across Melbourne and Australia's thriving arts scene.

Enjoy live performances, interactive sessions, and hands-on workshops designed to give you a true taste of life at AIM. You'll also get insider advice on courses, pathways, and how to break into the industry.

Whether you're a parent supporting a creative career or a student ready to chase your passion, AIM Melbourne Open Day is where your music journey begins.

[Find out more](#)

A Place for Everyone: A Beginner's Guide to Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 16, 2026

This session is an introduction to the screen industry and crew careers. Crew and Below The Line workers are the people who make the magic happen. Join us for a fun and informative session to learn more about upcoming roles within crew.

[Find out more](#)

Future Events

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](#)

Torrens University Virtual Open Day 2026

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: May 19 to May 20, 2026

Ready for the next step on your career journey? Join us online as our academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Information Evening – Traralgon

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash Rural Health (Latrobe Regional Hospital)

Date: May 19, 2026

We know that choosing a university is a big decision. Monash Information Evenings are the perfect opportunity to have your questions answered on everything you wanted to know about undergraduate study at Monash.

You'll hear about:

- our ten diverse study and discipline areas
- undergraduate course types, such as our comprehensive and specialist courses, double degrees and pathway programs
- international opportunities, including study abroad and overseas tours
- how to apply – everything you need to know about VTAC, key dates and deadlines
- scholarships and fees
- SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
- accommodation options, both on and off-campus.

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Drama & Theatre Arts Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: May 19, 2026

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone.

Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options. Find out more about the following course(s):

- Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services - Costume
- Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services - Live Production
- Diploma of Screen and Media - Specialist Make-Up Services
- Diploma of Theatre Arts

[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

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 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

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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.

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Tomorrow Bound Careers Expo 2026, Bendigo

Organisation: Bendigo TAFE

Location: Bendigo Showgrounds

Date: May 21, 2026

We're thrilled to invite you to the 2026 Tomorrow Bound Careers Expo – now in its 8th year and set to be our biggest and most dynamic event yet!

In 2025, over 2,000 students and community members explored hands-on exhibits from TAFE and university providers, RTOs, local employers, industry groups, and support services. The energy was electric – and in 2026, we're taking it to the next level.

Why attend?

- Connect your students with real-world career and training pathways.
- Spark inspiration through direct engagement with industry and education leaders.
- Showcase your school's commitment to future-focused learning.

[Find out more](#)

Year 10 HSC Subject Choices with ADHD – Webinar for Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 21, 2026

Subject selection in Year 10 is stressful for any family. For parents of ADHD teens, the stakes feel even higher — because you know that the wrong subjects don't just feel hard, they can genuinely derail your teen's motivation and confidence for two years.

Most advice about HSC subject selection wasn't designed with ADHD in mind. This webinar was.

What we'll cover:

- Why subject choice matters for students with ADHD
- How the ATAR and subject selection system actually works
- Common myths around subject selection
- Matching HSC Subjects to strengths, interests, workload, readiness, rigour
- Settling on your subject list - its OK to not feel OK
- Live Q&A

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

Be Deadly Jobs Expo

Organisation: Opendoor

Location: Aborigines Advancement League

Date: May 22, 2026

Meet 50+ employers and explore real jobs, career pathways and training.

Open to First Nations people, community members and jobseekers from all backgrounds – don't miss it!

[Find out more](#)

AIE May Open Day, Melbourne

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Melbourne Campus

Date: May 23, 2026

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day.

AIE's Open Day is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff and students. The day will cover everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

AIE's Open Day will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

[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](#)

CSU Careers in Agriculture and Environment Online Information Night

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: May 26, 2026

Love the planet? Want to solve real-world challenges? So do we. Explore limitless agriculture careers that shape the future of food and fibre production, farming systems and environmental management.

From food security and climate resilience to data and robotics. Protect and manage natural environments. And power a more sustainable future with the #1 uni for agriculture and environmental science grads who get jobs.

We have been cultivating the next crop of ag innovators for over 120 years. When you study with us, you'll gain hands-on skills and industry knowledge for the future of diverse and rewarding careers in agriculture and the environment.

- Unpack ag and enviro careers and courses, plus dive into our early offer program.
- Hear from industry experts, students and graduates.
- See what hands-on learning is all about and check out our virtual facilities tour.
- Have your questions answered live!

[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](#)

CSU Careers in Animal, Equine and Veterinary Sciences Online Information Night

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: May 27, 2026

Passionate about animals? Curious about a career in the animal health sector? Our info night is the perfect place to start. Uncover caring careers that help creatures big and small. From livestock industries, clinical settings, government and biosecurity, animal welfare or the wildlife sector. Discover careers that help change the way we look after animals.

Companion animal health, veterinary hospitals and clinics, livestock production, equine nutrition, herd health, zoos and cutting-edge research. Think big when it comes to where your animal career can take you. Discover how you'll build real-world skills and learn to support animal health, welfare and care through hands-on experience.

- Discover where animal, equine and vet careers can take you.
- Hear from industry experts, students and graduates.
- Explore our hands-on courses and facilities.
- Have your questions answered live!

[Find out more](#)

Discover Global Relations, Politics and Economics at Monash

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Clayton Campus

Date: May 28, 2026

Find out about the unique aspects of each degree and how they can shape your future:

- Bachelor of International Relations
- Bachelor of Global Studies
- Bachelor of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Discover how each degree offers a global perspective, designed to be both challenging and enriching. Hear from alumni, students and scholars who are addressing the major issues of today and tomorrow, who are making a positive impact worldwide.

[Find out more](#)

Year 12 & Early Entry with ADHD – Webinar for Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 28, 2026

Early Entry can feel like the answer to a lot of anxiety. Lock something in early, take the pressure off the ATAR, give your teen something to aim for. But for families with an ADHD teen, the decision is rarely that straightforward — and the process itself can create as many problems as it solves.

This webinar is for Year 12 parents who want an honest, practical guide to Early Entry — not just how it works, but whether it's actually the right move for your family, and how to navigate it well if it is.

What we'll cover:

- What Early Entry is, how it works, and why universities offer it
- Is it actually worth it for your family — an honest framework for deciding
- How can you plan a Plan A, Plan B and even Plan C
- Can I get any supports for my ADHD at this early phase
- Best approaches to effective parental support
- Q&A

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[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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[Find out more](#)

The Hotel School Tourism Insights – Year 12 Student Experience, Melbourne

Organisation: The Hotel School Australia

Location: CentrePiece at Melbourne Park

Date: May 30, 2026

An exclusive opportunity for Year 12 students to experience CentrePiece at Melbourne Park, one of Melbourne's most innovative conference and events venue, and explore exciting career pathways within the tourism and hospitality industry.

Key takeaways include:

- Hear from industry experts and leaders in tourism and hospitality
- Participate in an interactive tourism workshop and receive a completion certificate
- Experience an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of CentrePiece Melbourne
- Get all your questions answered by the THS team
- Network with industry leaders and current THS students
- Morning tea and lunch provided

[Find out more](#)

Trade and Tech Fit Career Expo 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: Victorian Government

Location: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Date: June 2 to June 3, 2026

Take the first step in helping your school's female and gender diverse students consider a whole new range of potential skills, pathways and careers with Trade and Tech Fit.

The expo creates a safe, inclusive and equitable space where female and gender diverse people are able to interact directly with tradespeople, apprentices and industry professionals.

The expo includes around 100 exhibitors from a huge range of traditionally male-dominated industries, including:

- Building, construction, manufacturing & engineering
- Refrigeration, electrical & plumbing
- Automotive, marine, aviation & aerospace
- Solar & wind clean energy
- Foundry and mining
- Transport and logistics
- Agriculture & horticulture
- Gaming, cloud & robotics
- Civil assets management & infrastructure
- Defence, essential services & fire protection

[Find out more](#)

AIE Online Campus Day

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Online

Date: June 6, 2026

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. 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.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

[Find out more](#)

UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship Information Webinar

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: Online

Date: June 12, 2026

The UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship provides up to 30 full-time enrolled students approximately \$20,000 per year for the first 3 years of the Western Civilisation program.

Students from an Australian state or territory other than Queensland, or from a non-metropolitan region of Queensland may be eligible to receive an additional \$12,000 per year for 3 years.

Learn about the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship's benefits and eligibility requirements.

Join UQ for a webinar to:

- learn more about the scholarship requirements and application dates
- explore UQ's programs in Western Civilisation.

[Find out more](#)

CDW Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: CDW Studios

Location: CDW Studios, South Bank Campus

Date: June 13, 2026

This is your chance to come down and explore our creative space, meet staff and students, and learn more about our programs!

Whether you're an aspiring entertainment design artist or just curious about the world of games, movies and animation, this is the perfect opportunity to kickstart your career at CDW Studios.

[Find out more](#)

Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session

Organisation: Australian Federal Police

Location: Online

Date: June 16, 2026

Gain insights into the role of a protective service officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

[Find out more](#)

You Can Get In: How to Job Hunt for Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: June 20, 2026

The screen industry recruits through friends and recommendations. The good news about this is that everyone, initially, doesn't know anyone. We'll cover how to create a screen ready CV, the role of crew agencies, credits and how to find work.

[Find out more](#)

Whitehouse Institute of Design Studio Lighting and Fashion Photography Workshop – Melbourne

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design

Location: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

Date: June 29, 2026

This is a hands-on 1-day workshop designed for aspiring photographers eager to learn the fundamentals of camera settings, studio lighting, and fashion photography.

Whether you're just starting out or looking to strengthen your technical foundation, this workshop will guide you through the essentials—from mastering manual mode to setting up professional lighting and capturing dynamic fashion portraits.

Perfect for beginners looking to expand into the world of studio and fashion photography.

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU Melbourne: Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: June 30, 2026

Join us for our free Discover ACU Melbourne: Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine event, designed especially for Year 10–12 students.

Step into our ambulance simulator, nursing wards and maternity labs and work with our expert academics in an interactive workshop.

Guests are welcome to stay back at the end of the event for an optional campus tour.

[Find out more](#)

Whitehouse Institute of Design Fashion Illustration Workshop – Melbourne

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design

Location: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

Date: July 4, 2026

In this 1-day workshop, you will gain an understanding of how to complete Fashion Illustrations. At the end of this workshop, you will have covered illustration content ready for an application to study a creative degree and receive a certificate of completion.

The workshop focuses on the following areas of skill development:

- Fashion illustration techniques and methods
- Application of pencils, professional markers, and felt-tip pens for professional rendering
- Fabric texture and surface rendering
- Exploring an individual design aesthetic.

This workshop is for aspiring designers as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills.

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU Melbourne: Allied Health, Biomedical Science and Sports Science

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: July 7, 2026

Join us for our free Discover ACU Melbourne: Allied Health, Biomedical Science and Sports Science event, designed especially for Year 10 – 12 students.

Explore life as an ACU Melbourne student and participate in hands-on workshops led by our academic staff. Guests are welcome to stay back at the end of the event for an optional campus tour.

[Find out more](#)

RMIT Tech and Trades Experience Day 2026

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Melbourne City Campus

Date: July 8, 2026

Get hands on with the tech and tools of the future at RMIT's Tech and Trades Experience Day in July.

Join us for a hands on day where you'll explore what life at uni student could look like and discover which path is right for you.

Experience RMIT first-hand with practical tasters from our tech and trades courses. On the day, you'll enjoy:

- In-person workshops led by RMIT teachers, using the same tools and facilities our students train with
- Opportunities to chat with teachers and current students and ask questions about studying at RMIT
- Catered lunch, with options to suit all dietary requirements
- Fun prizes and giveaways along the way

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU Melbourne: Teaching and Education

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: July 8, 2026

Join us for our free Discover ACU Melbourne: Teaching and Education event, designed especially for Year 10–12 students.

Take part in hands-on workshops, meet our education experts, talk to current students about their experience and find out how you can step into the classroom and make a difference in the lives of others.

Guests are welcome to stay back at the end of the event for an optional campus tour.

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU Melbourne: Law, Criminology and Business

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: July 8, 2026

Join us for our free Discover ACU Melbourne: Law, Criminology and Business event, designed especially for Year 10 – 12 students.

Dive into hands-on workshops, explore our campus, experience our facilities, and hear from current students about how they're studying to become ethical lawyers, strategic business leaders, and change-makers in criminal justice.

Guests are also welcome to stay back at the end of the event for an optional campus tour.

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Career Expo 2026

Organisation: Career Exhibitions Pty Ltd

Location: Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre

Date: July 17 to July 19, 2026

The Melbourne Career Expo is the most comprehensive and exciting careers event in Australia.

This expo encompasses all career opportunities from employment to education and training in the trades, corporate and professional sectors along with major Universities, TAFEs and Training providers.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Guarantee Early Offer and Pathways Webinar (VIC)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: July 23, 2026

Learn about ACU's entry and pathway options, including the ACU Guarantee early offer program, key dates and how to apply. Plus, hear from current students about their journeys.

This webinar is for Victorian Year 12 students and their parents.

[Find out more](#)

Swinburne Open Day 2026

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn Campus

Date: July 26, 2026

Open Day is your chance to see what's possible at Swinburne and find where you fit in.

- Experience Swinburne up-close through hundreds of activations across campus
- Get the scoop on brand new courses that combine your passion with a purpose

- Explore projects from our Work Integrated Learning students and learn about our industry experience guarantee
- Catch talks from Swinburne researchers that will expand your knowledge – and horizons

[Find out more](#)

Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session

Organisation: Australian Federal Police

Location: Online

Date: July 28, 2026

Gain insights into the role of a protective service officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

[Find out more](#)

Deakin A Day in the Life of a Medical Student – Year 11, Ballarat

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin Medical School, Ballarat - Grampians

Date: July 29, 2026

'A day in the life of a medical student' is an opportunity for Year 11 students who live in the Grampians/Wimmera regions who are interested in [medicine](#) to experience what it is like to study at Deakin.

The day includes hands-on practical activities as well as the chance to learn more about pathways, entry requirements and career options.

Clinical school academics and current students will be available to answer all your questions.

This event will take place at Deakin Medical School in Ballarat.

Expressions of interest close Friday 3 July 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Deakin A Day in the Life of a Medical Student – Year 11 & 12, Ararat

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin Rural Medical School, Ararat

Date: July 30, 2026

'A day in the life of a medical student' is an opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students who live in the Grampians/Wimmera regions who are interested in [medicine](#) to experience what it is like to study at Deakin.

The day includes hands-on practical activities as well as the chance to learn more about pathways, entry requirements and career options.

Clinical school academics and current students will be available to answer all your questions.

This event will take place at Deakin Rural Medical School in Ararat.

Expressions of interest close Friday 3 July 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Geelong Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Geelong Region Local Learning and Employment Network

Location: Nyaal Banyul - Geelong Convention and Event Centre

Date: July 30, 2026

A major regional careers and pathways event bringing together students, schools, industry, training providers and community to explore the opportunities shaping Geelong's future workforce.

Presented by the Geelong Region Local Learning and Employment Network (GRLEN). Supporting young people across Geelong, Surf Coast, Queenscliff and Golden Plains. The Geelong Careers Expo was created to:

- Bring a comprehensive range of providers together in one accessible location
- Give students meaningful hands-on experiences
- Expand awareness of local and external career pathways
- Strengthen collaboration between education and industry
- Support young people in moving confidently from school to work

It is a new event for a new generation — designed to grow with the region and become a lasting annual pillar.

[Find out more](#)

ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained with ADHD – Webinar for Year 12 Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions with ADHD, which can impact these processes.

We'll cover:

- The ATAR - explained
- What the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) is and who qualifies
- How to apply for EAS and what you will need
- Other bonus points (adjustment factors) on offer
- Important dates and deadlines
- University preference strategies that work
- Early entry options and their benefits

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

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[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Peninsula

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Peninsula Campus

Date: August 1, 2026

If you're considering studying at uni, coming to our Open Day is one of the best decisions you can make. You'll be able to discover key course information, explore our campuses, meet current students and staff, and get a taste of Monash life, firsthand.

Whether you want to get a feel for what you'll be studying, make sure you're on the right track, or simply picture yourself in one of our learning spaces, you should join us at Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Caulfield

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Caulfield Campus

Date: August 1, 2026

If you're considering studying at uni, coming to our Open Day is one of the best decisions you can make. You'll be able to discover key course information, explore our campuses, meet current students and staff, and get a taste of Monash life, firsthand.

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[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Warrnambool

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Warrnambool Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

Come to Open Day to find out how studying at Deakin lets you gain practical experience, make industry connections and build career confidence – everything you need to land the job you want.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Clayton

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Clayton Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

If you're considering studying at uni, coming to our Open Day is one of the best decisions you can make. You'll be able to discover key course information, explore our campuses, meet current students and staff, and get a taste of Monash life, firsthand.

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[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

RMIT Open Day 2026, Bundoora

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Bundoora Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

Find your future at RMIT Open Day.

Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

There is something for everyone at RMIT Open Day:

- High school students and mature aged students can explore campus, discover study options, and get a taste of university life at RMIT.
- Family and friends are welcome to join too – there will be live music, food, and fun activities to enjoy on the day.
- Parents and guardians can see firsthand how we get students ready for what's next.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Shepparton

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Shepparton Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

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RMIT Open Day 2026, Brunswick

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Brunswick Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Find your future at RMIT Open Day.

Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

There is something for everyone at RMIT Open Day:

- High school students and mature aged students can explore campus, discover study options, and get a taste of university life at RMIT.
- Family and friends are welcome to join too – there will be live music, food, and fun activities to enjoy on the day.
- Parents and guardians can see firsthand how we get students ready for what's next.

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RMIT Open Day 2026, Melbourne City

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Melbourne City Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

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Federation Open Day 2026, Gippsland

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Gippsland Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Experience Open Day at Federation University. From campus tours to live music and hands-on experiences, there's something for everyone.

Why come to Open Day?

- Tour the campus with current students
- Meet our academics, students and industry partners
- Enjoy food stalls, live music, games and giveaways
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La Trobe Open Day 2026, Mildura

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Mildura Campus

Date: August 12, 2026

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Bendigo TAFE Open Night, Bendigo City Campus

Organisation: Bendigo TAFE

Location: Bendigo TAFE, Bendigo City Campus

Date: August 13, 2026

Bendigo TAFE is hosting an Open Night at our Bendigo City campus, giving you the chance to explore our courses, meet passionate teachers and tour our state-of-the-art facilities. Whether you're considering a career in health, automotive, animal studies, trades or beauty – you're welcome to attend as many sessions as you like.

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Bendigo TAFE Open Night, Charleston Road Campus

Organisation: Bendigo TAFE

Location: Bendigo TAFE, Charleston Road Campus

Date: August 13, 2026

Bendigo TAFE is hosting an Open Night at our Charleston Road campus, giving you the chance to explore our courses, meet passionate teachers and tour our state-of-the-art facilities.

Whether you're considering a career in health, automotive, animal studies, trades or beauty – you're welcome to attend as many sessions as you like.

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ACAP Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP University College, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Ready to turn your passion into a purpose-driven career? ACAP Open Day is your opportunity to discover how our practical, people-focused courses can help you make a real difference – in your community and your life.

Join us on campus this August and experience what makes ACAP different. Whether you're considering counselling, psychology, social work, criminology, law or business, you'll get a firsthand look at the learning, support, and outcomes that set our students up for success. From expert-led masterclasses and career panels to course advice and campus tours, Open Day is designed to give you the insight and inspiration to take the next step.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Whether you're still exploring your study options or you're ready to apply, SAE Open Day is the perfect place to get inspired, get informed, and get hands-on with your creative future.

Join us on campus this August to tour our studios, meet your future mentors, and experience what it's like to study at SAE – the University College built for creators and tech innovators. Explore your study and career pathways across animation, audio, design, film, games, music, VFX and more. Connect with current students, industry-experienced lecturers, and alumni who've turned their ideas into careers.

[Find out more](#)

VU Open Day 2026, Footscray Park

Organisation: Victoria University

Location: Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Open Day is your chance to explore everything unis like VU have to offer – in person.

You can tour our campuses, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, chat with students and teachers, get course advice, attend hands-on workshops and demos, and experience what

student life could look like for you! It's a really valuable experience to getting the inside scoop on campus and life at uni or TAFE in general before you even finish school.

It also gives you a great opportunity to apply on the spot for our Early Entry program, or even apply for a course right there and then!

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Geelong Waterfront

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waterfront Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

Come to Open Day to find out how studying at Deakin lets you gain practical experience, make industry connections and build career confidence – everything you need to land the job you want.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Parkville

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Parkville Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

If you're considering studying at uni, coming to our Open Day is one of the best decisions you can make. You'll be able to discover key course information, explore our campuses, meet current students and staff, and get a taste of Monash life, firsthand.

Whether you want to get a feel for what you'll be studying, make sure you're on the right track, or simply picture yourself in one of our learning spaces, you should join us at Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

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Federation Open Day 2026, Berwick

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Berwick Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

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University of Melbourne Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

From robots and renewables to Renaissance art, Open Day is a chance to experience what it's really like to study, live and thrive at Melbourne.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our campuses.

What's on at Open Day:

- Chat to our academics, Future Student teams and current students to learn more about your study options and the exciting careers they could lead to
- Get a feel for campus life by exploring the spaces you'll be learning in, including our labs, libraries, galleries and other specialist facilities
- Learn how our curriculum works, including how you can combine your passions and strengths to set yourself apart for whichever career you choose
- Explore our range of student accommodation facilities and the social activities and study support on offer

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Geelong Waurin Ponds

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus

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RMIT Open Day 2026, Point Cook

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT Aviation Academy, Point Cook

Date: August 16, 2026

Undertake practical flight training in world-class facilities consisting of a modern, purpose-built, pilot training complex and develop the necessary skills to gain a Commercial Pilots Licence.

Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

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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](#)

Competitions

Enterprising Girls Challenges for Young Women Aged 10-18

Organisation: Academy for Enterprising Girls

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: June 30, 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](#)

Experiences

EnterFinance free course for 16-25 year olds living in Australia

Organisation: EnterFinance

Location: Australia

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

Human Skills

How to get better at taking feedback and criticism

Getting feedback at work can feel uncomfortable, even when it's delivered well. For a lot of people, especially early in their working life, hearing that something didn't go to plan or that there's room to improve can feel personal, like a reflection of who you are rather than just how a task went. That's a pretty natural reaction, but it's also one worth learning to work through, because feedback is one of the most useful tools you have for actually getting better at your job. The good news is that responding to feedback well is a skill, and like any skill, it can be developed with a bit of practice and the right approach.

Receiving critical feedback

Critical feedback is the kind most people find hardest to sit with. It's worth knowing that the discomfort you feel in the moment doesn't mean the feedback is wrong or unfair, it usually just means you care about doing a good job, which is actually a positive thing.

The most important thing you can do when receiving critical feedback is to listen without interrupting. It sounds simple, but the instinct when you feel put on the spot is to start explaining yourself before the other person has finished speaking. Letting them get through what they're saying first, even if it's uncomfortable, means you'll actually hear the full picture rather than just the part that stung.

Once they've finished, it's fine to take a moment before you respond. Acknowledging what's been said without immediately defending yourself goes a long way. Something like "Thanks for letting me know, I'll think about that" is enough to close the conversation professionally while you process what was actually said. You don't have to agree with everything on the spot, and you don't need to have a plan for fixing it within the next thirty seconds.

What matters more is what happens after the conversation. Take a bit of time to sit with the feedback and consider whether it's something you can act on. If you're unsure what was meant or how to actually improve, going back to ask for clarification is completely reasonable. Most managers will respect that more than silence followed by the same issue coming up again.

Acting on critical feedback

Hearing feedback is one thing, doing something with it is another. The gap between the two is where a lot of people get stuck, either because they're not sure what to change or because the discomfort of the original conversation makes them want to avoid thinking about it.

A practical way to approach it is to identify one specific thing you can do differently next time. Feedback doesn't always come with a clear solution attached, so breaking it down into something concrete and actionable makes it much easier to follow through on. If your manager mentioned that your communication with customers needs work, for example, think about one specific moment in your next shift where you can apply that.

It's also worth checking in after you've made an effort to act on feedback. You don't need to make a big thing of it, but letting your manager know that you took their comments on board and have been working on it shows a level of awareness that tends to get noticed.

Receiving positive feedback

Positive feedback is easier to receive but easier to dismiss, and a lot of people do exactly that. Deflecting a compliment or brushing off recognition might feel like modesty, but it also means missing out on genuinely useful information about what you're doing well.

When a manager or colleague points out something you've handled well, it's worth taking a moment to actually register it rather than moving past it quickly. Understanding what went right is just as valuable as understanding what didn't, because it tells you what to keep doing. If your manager mentions that you handled a difficult customer really well, that's worth noting, not just as a nice moment but as a signal of a skill you can lean into.

Positive feedback is also a reasonable thing to build on. If someone highlights a strength, it's worth thinking about where else you could apply it, or whether it's something you want to develop further over time.

The bigger picture

Learning to take feedback well, both the critical and the positive kind, is one of those skills that quietly makes everything else easier. It helps you improve faster, builds trust with the people you work with, and makes difficult conversations feel a lot less daunting the more you have them. Nobody gets it perfectly right every time, but approaching feedback with a degree of openness rather than defensiveness puts you well ahead of where most people start.

For more advice on building skills in the workplace, head to our [Skills for Work](#) section.

First Jobs

How to respond to your boss

Most people starting their first job have never had to think much about how they talk to adults in a professional setting. School gives you some preparation, but a manager is a different dynamic from a teacher, and working out how to communicate with them, what tone to use, and how to handle a difficult moment is something a lot of people quietly find stressful without really admitting it. That's understandable, because nobody really teaches you this stuff directly.

There's no single script for it, and there doesn't need to be. Every workplace has its own culture and every manager is a bit different, but there are some principles that apply broadly enough to give you a solid starting point.

What professional communication actually looks like

The most common misconception is that communicating professionally means being formal or stiff. It doesn't. What it actually means is being clear, being respectful, and following through on what you say you'll do. That standard is well within reach for most people without needing to change who they are or adopt some kind of work persona.

In person, that looks like giving someone your full attention when they're talking to you and responding directly to what they've asked. If you don't understand something, saying so is always the better move. Asking someone to run through something again isn't a sign that you're struggling, and most managers will appreciate it far more than a guess that goes wrong later.

For phone calls, the same thinking applies. Speak clearly, listen carefully, and if you miss something, ask rather than assume.

Written messages

A lot of day-to-day workplace communication now happens over text, email, or some kind of messaging app, and the tone you use in writing carries more weight than it might seem. A message that reads completely fine when you're talking to a friend can come across as

dismissive or careless in a work context, not because you meant it that way, but because written messages strip out a lot of the warmth that comes naturally in face-to-face conversation. The standard to aim for sits somewhere between a text to a mate and a formal letter. Replying to a quick message from your manager doesn't need much, but a one-word reply or leaving something on read without a response can come across as unreliable, even if that wasn't the intention. Something like "Got it, thanks" or "I'll have that sorted by the end of my shift" is clear and easy to respond to without being stiff or overly formal. For emails, a greeting, a clear message, and a polite sign-off is really all you need. Re-reading before you send is worth getting into the habit of, less for spelling and more for checking that the tone lands the way you intended.

Feedback and mistakes

At some point your manager will give you feedback that isn't entirely positive, and how you respond in that moment tends to say a lot about you as an employee. The instinct for a lot of people is to get defensive, or to go the other way and over-apologise to the point where it becomes its own problem. Listening to what's being said, acknowledging it, and asking what you can do differently is a much more useful response, and it doesn't need to be a big production. Something like "Thanks for letting me know, I'll keep that in mind" is enough in most situations, and it's the kind of response that people in more senior roles tend to remember. Making mistakes is inevitable, especially when you're new to something, and the way you handle them matters more than the mistake itself. Flagging something early, letting your manager know what happened and what you're doing to fix it, is almost always better received than hoping nobody notices.

When you're unsure

There will be plenty of moments early on where you genuinely don't know what to do, and that's a completely normal part of starting out. The best time to ask a question is before you start a task rather than halfway through, and if you do get stuck, checking in is always better than pushing forward and guessing. Most managers would far rather answer a quick question upfront than deal with something that went sideways because nobody asked.

It gets easier

Like most things, professional communication gets more natural the more you do it. The goal isn't to sound like someone you're not, it's just to be someone your manager can rely on to be clear, responsive, and respectful, and that's something most people grow into pretty quickly once they're in the swing of a role.

For more advice on navigating your first job, head to our [First Jobs section](#).

Common job titles for young people and what they actually mean

When you're searching for your first job, it's easy to feel like the listings are written in another language. Titles don't always tell you what a role actually involves day to day, and two jobs with completely different names might turn out to be almost identical in practice. On top of that, the same job can go by several different titles depending on the employer, which makes it even harder to know what you're actually applying for.

Understanding what these titles mean, and what to expect from them, makes the whole process a lot less daunting. Here are some of the most common ones you're likely to come across.

Casual, part-time, and full-time: what's the difference?

Before getting into specific titles, it's worth knowing that most job listings will also tell you the type of employment on offer. You might see a role listed as "Casual Sales Assistant" or "Part-

Time Crew Member," for example. These aren't just descriptions of how much you'll work; they affect your pay rate, your entitlements, and how much flexibility you'll have.

In short, casual roles offer more flexibility but less job security, part-time roles give you set hours each week with more stability, and full-time roles are your standard working week. We have a [full article](#) on this that goes into much more detail.

Hospitality

Hospitality is one of the most common industries for young people entering the workforce. The hours are often flexible, the roles are usually entry-level, and the skills you build, such as communication, time management, and working under pressure, carry over into almost any other industry.

Crew Member

This is one of the most common titles you'll see if you're applying to fast food or quick service restaurants. A Crew Member handles a mix of tasks depending on where they're rostered on a given shift. That could mean taking orders at a counter or drive-through, preparing food, keeping the workspace clean, or helping customers with their orders. The role moves quickly, so being able to stay organised and work as part of a team matters a lot. The title varies between employers; some use Team Member, Service Crew, or simply Team Associate, but the role is largely the same.

Barista

A Barista prepares and serves espresso coffee and other hot and cold beverages, typically in a café, coffee shop, or restaurant setting. If you've ever been handed a perfectly made flat white, a Barista made it. The role usually also involves taking orders, handling payments, and keeping the café area clean and stocked. Some cafés will train you from scratch; others prefer applicants who already have some experience. If you're keen to get into this space, a short barista course can help you stand out.

Wait Staff / Waiter / Waitperson

These titles all refer to the same role: someone who takes food and drink orders from customers, delivers them to tables, and makes sure the dining experience runs smoothly. Wait Staff are the main point of contact between the kitchen and the customer, so being friendly and attentive is a big part of the job. The title changes depending on the venue, with some using Floor Staff or Service Staff instead.

Other common hospitality titles:

- **Kitchen Hand:** assists kitchen and service staff with food preparation and cooking, and keeps food prep and service areas clean.
- **Bar Attendant:** prepares and serves alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks to customers in licensed venues such as bars, pubs, and clubs.
- **Food and Beverage Attendant:** a broader title that covers serving food and drinks across different venue types, often used in hotels, sporting venues, and event spaces.

Retail

Retail is another industry where a huge number of young people find their first jobs. Like hospitality, it builds a strong set of transferable skills and tends to offer flexible hours that work around school or study.

Sales Assistant

This is probably the most common retail title you'll come across. A Sales Assistant helps

customers find what they're looking for, answers questions about products, processes payments, and keeps the shop floor tidy and well-stocked. The role sits at the front line of the customer experience, so being approachable and having good product knowledge matters. Some employers use Retail Assistant or Store Assistant instead, but the day-to-day is usually very similar.

Customer Service Representative

This title can appear in retail but also in call centres, banks, and service-based businesses. A Customer Service Representative is focused specifically on helping customers, whether that's answering questions, processing transactions, handling complaints, or directing people to the right place. In a retail setting, this role sometimes sits separately from sales and is more about problem-solving than selling. In a call centre context, most of the work happens over the phone or via online chat.

Other common retail titles:

- **Visual Merchandiser:** arranges products and displays to make the store look appealing and encourage sales, often a more senior or specialised role.
- **Checkout Operator / Cashier:** processes customer purchases at a register or self-service terminal.
- **Stock Assistant / Storeperson:** manages inventory, unpacks deliveries, and keeps shelves stocked and organised.

Other industries

Young people aren't limited to hospitality and retail, and plenty of entry-level roles exist across other sectors too.

- **Administration Assistant:** provides general office support such as answering phones, managing emails, scheduling appointments, and handling paperwork.
- **Childcare Assistant:** supports qualified educators in looking after and engaging young children in a childcare or early learning setting.
- **Labourer:** carries out physical tasks on construction sites, in warehouses, or in outdoor settings, often as a support role to tradespeople or site supervisors.
- **Delivery Driver:** transports goods or food orders from one location to another, usually requiring a valid licence.

A note on job titles varying between employers

It's worth knowing that the same job can go by several different names depending on where you're applying. One supermarket might call the role Checkout Operator while another uses Customer Service Team Member. A café might advertise for a Barista while another lists the same position as a Coffee Specialist or Café Attendant.

When you're reading job listings, look past the title and focus on the responsibilities listed in the description. That's where you'll find out what the role actually involves day to day, and whether it's a good fit for you.

Where to from here?

Now that you've got a clearer picture of what these titles mean, you're in a better position to find roles that suit you and apply with confidence. Head to our [First Jobs](#) section for more advice on writing your resume, preparing for interviews, and everything else that comes with starting out in the workforce.

University

5 tips for open day success

Open days are one of the best ways to explore your future education options and get a first-hand experience of what each university has to offer. With so much happening in a single day, it's important to plan ahead to make sure you don't miss anything important.

Let's look at how you can make the most of upcoming open days with these 5 tips.

What are open days?

University open days are special events where institutions throw open their doors to prospective students and their families. It's your chance to explore the campus, meet the teaching staff, and get a real taste of what studying there might be like.

Most universities hold these events once or twice a year, and the best part is - apart from any food or drinks you buy - they're completely free!

Top tips for open day success

With so much packed into a single day, it's important to plan ahead to make sure you don't miss out. Here are our top tips to get the most out of your open day visits.

Plan ahead

A little bit of preparation can make a huge difference to what you get out of open days.

Since there are bound to be conflicting dates, we don't recommend trying to visit more than one university per day. Instead, spend some time researching the courses you're interested in to decide which open days are must-attend events.

Once you've made your choices:

- Register for the events you want to attend
- Add the dates and directions to your calendar
- Download or print the open day programs
- Research parking options or plan your public transport route
- Consider asking a friend or family member to come along for support

Make sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes - you'll be doing plenty of walking as you explore the campus.

It's also worth having a map app ready on your phone to help you navigate between different buildings and sessions.

Talk to everyone you can

There'll be loads of people available to help at open days, including lecturers, current students, and other staff members. They're there specifically to answer your questions and help you understand your options.

Try to find the lecturers and faculty staff you might be studying with and ask them about their courses. Here are some key questions to consider:

- What are the core units and available majors?
- How is the course taught and assessed?
- What are the job outcomes like for graduates?
- Are there internship or work experience opportunities?
- What support services are available if you need help?

Current students, on the other hand, can give you the inside scoop on what university life is really like. They can tell you everything from where to find the best coffee to tips for balancing study and part-time work.

Don't be shy about asking questions - everyone remembers what it was like to be new and uncertain and are more than happy to help.

Make time to explore

Open days are your chance to really get a feel for where you might be studying. Take time between scheduled sessions to explore the campus and its facilities.

Most universities will offer guided campus tours, which are a great way to see everything without worrying about getting lost.

Make sure to check out:

- The libraries and study spaces
- Lecture theatres and labs
- Student common areas
- Cafes and food outlets
- Sports facilities and gyms

It's also worth exploring the surrounding area to get a sense of where you might be living and studying. Look for accommodation options, public transport connections, and local shops and cafes.

Compare your options

Even if you're pretty certain about which university you want to attend, we recommend visiting at least two or three different open days. This helps you make a more informed decision and might open your eyes to possibilities you hadn't considered.

Think about creating a simple checklist of what's most important to you in a university. You could include things like:

- Course content and teaching style
- Campus atmosphere
- Location and transport options
- Available facilities
- Support services
- Social life and clubs

Remember, you'll be spending several years and a significant amount of money on your university education, so it's important to feel confident about your choice.

Enjoy the experience

Most importantly, open days are meant to be fun! Universities usually put on entertainment, provide free food and drinks, and run competitions with great prizes. Take the time to soak up the atmosphere and see if you can picture yourself as part of the university community.

We suggest you use the day to:

- Meet other potential students
- Try out any hands-on activities or workshops
- Collect information about clubs and societies
- Sample the campus food
- Get a real feel for university life

Open days are by far the best way to find out if a university is going to be a good match for you. Take advantage of everything on offer and don't be afraid to ask questions - everyone is there to help you make the right choice for your future.

How do I know if this uni is right for me?

Open days aren't just about collecting information, they're about working out whether a university feels like the right fit for you.

As you explore, try to pay attention to more than just the course details. Notice how the campus feels, how easy it is to get around, and whether the environment suits the way you like to study.

Think about practical factors too, like travel time, facilities, and where you'd spend most of your day.

It can also help to compare what you see with your expectations. Does the teaching style match what you're looking for? Do the spaces feel like somewhere you could realistically spend several years? Can you picture yourself there day to day?

You don't need to have everything decided on the spot, but open days are a chance to gather impressions as well as information. Sometimes your overall sense of a place can be just as important as the details you write down.

Ready to explore?

Whether you're just starting to think about university or you've already got your heart set on a particular course, open days are a great opportunity to help you make informed decisions about your future.

The more open days you attend, the better equipped you'll be to choose the right path for you - hopefully these tips can help you make the most of each event.

Want an easy way to find upcoming open days? [Take a look at our open day calendar here.](#)

Pathways

The difference between skills, qualifications, and experience

The terms "skills", "qualifications", and "experience" often appear frequently in job advertisements, school career advice, and workplace discussions. They're often grouped together, which can make them seem interchangeable, but in practice, each one refers to a different aspect of your readiness for work.

Being able to distinguish between them makes it easier to interpret job descriptions, identify suitable opportunities, and understand what may be required at different stages of your career.

What are skills?

Skills refer to the abilities you use to complete tasks. They can often be applied across different roles and situations. Examples include:

- Communicating clearly
- Solving problems
- Working as part of a team
- Managing time effectively
- Using specific tools or technology

Some skills are technical, meaning they serve a specific purpose, such as operating machinery or using software. Others are [transferable](#), meaning they're useful in many different jobs, like being able to think critically or make decisions under pressure.

The best part is you can usually build skills with no formal training. They can be developed through school, part-time work, extracurricular activities, and even everyday responsibilities - in fact, you've probably already built several skills without even realising.

What are qualifications?

Qualifications are formal recognitions of learning or training. They're usually awarded after completing a course, assessment, or certification process, and include things like:

- High school certificates
- Vocational qualifications
- University degrees
- [Microcredentials](#)
- Industry certifications or licences

Qualifications show that you've met a specific standard or completed structured learning. In some careers, they're required before you can begin work.

What's experience?

Experience refers to practical involvement in a task, role, or environment. It's based on what you've done rather than what you've studied, and often comes from applying your skills and qualifications in different situations. Examples include:

- Working in a part-time job
- Volunteering or doing unpaid work
- Completing work experience
- Participating in projects or competitions

Experience helps build familiarity with real world situations. It also shows employers how you can apply your skills in practice.

How they work together

While these three areas are connected, they're not interchangeable. While experience can sometimes be used as a way into a job instead of a qualification, that isn't always the case.

Remember:

- Skills describe what you can do
- Qualifications show what you've learned
- Experience shows how you can apply your skills and qualifications

For example, you might learn communication skills by studying English at school, head to university to gain a qualification in marketing, and build experience by working part-time in a retail role. Each element adds a different layer of capability, as well as being useful for different things.

Why employers consider all three

Employers often look for a combination of skills, qualifications, and experience because each provides different information.

- Skills indicate potential and capability
- Qualifications show a level of knowledge or training
- Experiences demonstrate practical application of your skills and qualifications

The balance between these will vary depending on the role. Entry-level jobs usually place more emphasis on skills and attitude, while specialised roles often require specific qualifications or prior experience.

What job requirements are really saying

When job advertisements list skills, qualifications, and experience, they're not simply presenting separate checkboxes. They're describing the level of readiness expected for the role and the type of contribution required.

In most cases, these requirements are used to signal three things:

What the role involves day to day

The skills listed often reflect the actual tasks involved in the job. For example, communication skills may indicate frequent interaction with customers, while teamwork suggests coordination with others during shared tasks or shifts.

What level of preparation is needed

Qualifications tend to indicate how much structured learning or formal training is expected before someone can perform safely or effectively in the role. Some positions require specific credentials, while others only require basic completion of schooling.

How quickly someone can adapt to the role

Experience is typically used to indicate familiarity with similar environments. When experience is listed as desirable or required, it usually reflects the need for someone who can adjust quickly with minimal training.

Taken together, these requirements are less about excluding applicants and more about describing the starting point for success in the role. They help set expectations for both the employer and the applicant about what's needed to perform well from the beginning.

Building each area over time

These areas develop at different stages. Skills can be built early through school and everyday activities; qualifications are gained through formal study; experience grows through exposure to real work environments.

Progress in one area often supports the others. For example, gaining experience can strengthen your skills, while completing a qualification can create new opportunities to apply them.

Where to focus first

When you're just starting out, you won't be expected to have all three areas fully developed from day one.

Focusing on building strong foundational skills and gaining basic experience is often the most practical starting point. The best part is you can start doing both while still at school, so by the time you're ready to enter the job market, you'll already have some skills and experience under your belt.

Qualifications can then be added based on career direction and interest. Often you'll end up studying because it's required for the job you want, or because it adds extra credibility to your job applications.

It's a lifelong effort

The most important thing to remember is that you can [always keep building](#) new skills, qualifications, and experiences - and they don't all need to be done at the same time.

Whether it's taking on a new role in your job, going back to study for a career change, or picking up a new hobby just for fun, there are plenty of opportunities out there to keep growing and learning.

If you want to explore more about skills and careers, [we have plenty of other blogs and resources for you to check out.](#)

Jobs & Careers

Careers that keep cities running

Cities rely on systems that operate continuously, often without being noticed. Transport, utilities, emergency response, and infrastructure all function through coordinated effort. Behind each of these systems are careers that make daily life possible.

Understanding these roles highlights career pathways that are practical, stable, and closely connected to how communities function. So let's take a look at some potential pathways and see if there's one that might suit you.

The systems behind your city

A city operates through several interconnected systems. Each one serves a specific purpose, but none of them work in isolation. They include things like:

- Transport networks that manage movement
- Utilities that supply essential services, like water and power
- Emergency services that respond to risk and disruption
- Infrastructure that supports buildings, roads, and public spaces

When one system fails, the impact is immediate, try to imagine what you would do if you no longer had running water in your house, or called for an ambulance but nobody showed up. Let's take a look at these systems in more detail.

Transport and logistics

Transport systems are responsible for moving people and goods efficiently across a city. Roles in this area include:

- Train and bus drivers
- Traffic controllers
- Logistics coordinators

These careers focus on timing, coordination, and flow. Delays or disruptions can affect large numbers of people, which means precision and consistency are important.

Utilities

Utilities provide the services that allow a city to function on a basic level. Careers in this area include:

- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Water treatment operators
- Waste management workers

Work in these roles involves maintaining systems, identifying faults, and ensuring services continue without interruption.

Healthcare and emergency services

Emergency and healthcare services deal with situations that require immediate action.

Examples include:

- Paramedics
- Nurses
- Firefighters
- Police officers

These roles are structured around clear procedures and rapid decision-making. They require the ability to act under pressure while maintaining accuracy.

Construction and infrastructure

Infrastructure shapes how a city develops and how it adapts over time. Relevant careers include:

- Builders and tradespeople
- Civil engineers
- Urban planners

These roles involve designing, constructing, and maintaining the physical environment. Decisions made in this area have long-term effects on how people live and move within a city.

What these careers have in common

Although these roles differ in function, they share several key characteristics:

- Work is structured and process-driven
- Responsibilities are clearly defined
- Tasks contribute directly to system performance
- Outcomes are often measurable and immediate

This makes them well suited to people who prefer practical, outcome-focused work.

Pathways into a career in your city

There is no single pathway into roles that support city systems. Entry points vary depending on the type of work, the level of responsibility, and the skills required.

Here are some common options you might like to consider.

Apprenticeships

Many trade-based roles, such as electricians and plumbers, are entered through apprenticeships. These combine paid work with structured training, allowing skills to be developed on the job while working towards a qualification.

Vocational education and training

TAFE and other training providers offer vocational courses for technical and operational roles. These pathways are often more practical in focus and can lead directly into employment in areas such as utilities, community services, or logistics.

University pathways

Some roles require formal qualifications at a university level. Careers such as civil engineering, urban planning, and certain healthcare professions involve academic study followed by professional training or registration.

Entry-level roles

In some areas, it is possible to begin in an entry-level position and develop skills over time. For example, many [local councils](#) offer internal training and advancement based on performance and experience.

Licences and certifications

Certain roles require specific licences or certifications, such as operating heavy vehicles, working in regulated environments, or meeting safety standards. These are often completed alongside other training pathways.

This range of options allows you to choose a pathway that aligns with how you prefer to learn, whether that's through hands-on experience, structured study, or a combination of both.

An interconnected city

Cities function through coordination rather than visibility. Many of these roles operate in the background, but if they no longer existed it would have a huge impact.

Careers that keep cities running offer a direct connection between work and real-world outcomes. They provide an opportunity to contribute to systems that people rely on every day, often without realising it.

If you want to explore more career and pathway options, [check out some of the other blogs and resources on our website](#).

Job Spotlights

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

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

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