



# CAREERS

Student

Work Experience  
Resource  
Book



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## WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a list of places that offer students work experience. Please note this list is not exhaustive and some require applications months in advance. Some of these may have already closed but you may wish to also consider them for next year. It is never too late to do work experience.

Students interested in finding Work Experience might like to start with the link provided below and discover what fabulous opportunities are on offer. Students can search for Work Experience opportunities, as well as find useful tips about applying for Work Experience, etc.

Details: <http://www.workexperiencedirectory.com.au>

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENT DIRECTORIES

Details: <https://au.indeed.com/Work-Experience-Placement-jobs-in-Victoria>

## MEDICAL PLACEMENTS

### Royal Women's Hospital

Year 10 Secondary School Work Experience places will only be available to students who can participate in the program on the available dates offered by the Women's Hospital. Students participating in the program are given the opportunity to spend one week working within available departments to observe and participate in the daily activities of those departments. The Women's strongly promotes involvement in the program and encourages students from all areas of Victoria to apply. Areas of the hospital offering general work experience placements may include: Nursing, Midwifery, Pathology, IT and Administration/Clerical.

**For published dates visit:** <https://www.thewomens.org.au/careers/work-experience/>

### St Vincents

St Vincent's Work Experience placements provide secondary school students in Years 10 and 11 with the opportunity to explore possible career options within the healthcare industry. The program offered is geared towards students who are interested in Nursing and Midwifery careers. Students are encouraged to make a note to check regularly for updates and/or to apply.

**For details or published dates visit:** <http://svphm.org.au/home/contact>

### Monash Health (Opens November)

The Monash Health Work Experience Program provides secondary students with the opportunity to gain insight into Monash Health as an organisation and gain experience in the healthcare industry. The program is open to year 10 to 12 students who, as a part of their school curriculum, are required to undertake work experience for a period of one week (five consecutive working days). Students are placed within departments to observe and learn.

**For details or published dates visit:**

<https://monashhealth.org/careers/work-experience/>

### Cabrini Health (Opens December)

Cabrini has a limited number of work experience placements for Year 10 students from December each year. Work experience gives Year 10 students time at Cabrini to learn about an occupation or industry by observing others or completing tasks

under supervision.

**For details or published dates visit:** <http://www.cabrini.com.au/careers/work-experience-at-cabrini/>

#### **Alfred Health**

**For details or published dates visit:**

Alfred: <https://www.alfredhealth.org.au/careers/work-experience/work-experience-opportunities-at-the-alfred>

Caulfield: <https://www.alfredhealth.org.au/careers/work-experience/caulfield-hospital-secondary-school-work-experience-program>

Sandringham: <https://www.alfredhealth.org.au/careers/work-experience/sandringham-hospital-secondary-student-work-experience-program>

#### **Epworth**

**For details or published dates visit:** <http://www.epworth.org.au/About-Us/Careers/Pages/homepage.aspx>

**Note: For other hospitals not listed above visit their public website for contact details to make an enquiry.**

## **JOURNALISM**

### **Herald Sun, Weekly Times and Leader Newspapers (Opens November – Closes January of the year required)**

Please be aware that work experience places at the Herald Sun are highly sought after and extremely limited. They receive hundreds of applications for just 24 openings and selection is based on the questionnaire included in the application. Unfortunately, just lodging an application will not guarantee a place. Note: Applications open each December and close in January of the following year. To enquire about work experience opportunities email:

[workexperiencevic@news.com.au](mailto:workexperiencevic@news.com.au)

**For details or published dates visit:** <https://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/special-features/news-in-education/work-experience-program-at-the-herald-and-weekly-times-how-to-apply/news-story/04e33dfe7931a63a188dab90caf82df6>

#### **Newscorp**

**For details or published dates visit:** <https://www.newscorpaustralia.com/about-news/careers/>

## **FASHION, DESIGN & ARTS**

### **Melbourne Fashion Festival**

**Details:** <https://vamff.com.au/>

### **Melbourne Fashion Week**

**Details:** <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/arts-and-culture/events-partnerships/melbourne-fashion-week/Pages/melbourne-fashion-week.aspx>

### **The Big Design Market**

**Details:** <http://melbourne.thebigdesignmarket.com/>

### **Melbourne Fringe Festival**

**Details:** <https://www.melbournefringe.com.au/about/jobs-and-volunteers/>

**Note: For other Fashion & Design opportunities not listed above you can visit their public website for contact details to make an enquiry.**

### **THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA** (Open May to October)

The National Gallery of Victoria offers a limited number of one week work experience placements for secondary school students. The placements range from our Education Department to Front of House, NGV Members and NGV design stores. Work experience in any one facet of the NGV cannot be guaranteed. Placements are limited and they cannot guarantee a placement for all applicants. For this reason they strongly recommend students having other work experience placement options.

Due to the limited number of placements per year, they may also not be able to accommodate your nominated dates. If this is the case, please ensure that you approach your school prior to submitting your application to see if there is any flexibility available.

**Details:** <https://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/about/people-and-careers/join-the-team/work-experience/>

### **AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION:**

As the national public broadcaster, the ABC has historically provided high quality training for the television, radio, new media and digital services industries. Industry and work experience has been an important component of this training.

**Details:**

<http://www.abc.net.au/careers/cadetshipsandworkexperience/workexperience.htm>

### **THE ACADEMY OF INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT:**

(Opens November)

The AIE Work Experience Program is a great way for secondary school students in years 10 to 12 to learn about the interactive entertainment and digital industries. The week will open the door to the range of career possibilities in the industry and allow students to get hands-on with the tools of the trade. The Work Experience Program encompasses a range of activities including 3D animation, programming, QA testing and much more. It is offered in April, May, June and July. Places fill fast.

**Contact:** [melbourne@ae.edu.au](mailto:melbourne@ae.edu.au)

**Details:** <https://ae.edu.au/student-information/work-experience-melbourne/>

### **MELBOURNE THEATRE COMPANY:**

MTC offers a limited number of work experience placements each year. Students in Year 11 or 12 are assigned to an MTC production for one week to observe rehearsals and assist with small stage management tasks as required. The dates of work experience are determined in advance and students must select their preferences at the time of application.

We strongly encourage students who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and those with disabilities to apply. As we receive a large number of applications each year, we are unfortunately unable to offer a place to every student who applies. Students must be

16 to apply, and preference will be given to students in Year 11.

For enquiries email [education@mtc.com.au](mailto:education@mtc.com.au)

**Details:** <http://www.mtc.com.au/education/students/work-experience/>

## LOCAL COUNCILS:

Our work experience placements provide students with the opportunity to explore possible career options within Local Government, in order to assist them with their career path. Whilst on work experience students will be given the opportunity to apply and enhance their knowledge and technical skills through exposure of a broad range of activities and gain practical, hands-on experience in the day-to-day operations of one of our departments.

**Work experience placements are available in a variety of work areas including:**

- Municipal Laws
- Administration and Finance
- Engineering
- Media and Communications
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Health and Fitness
- Parks and Gardens

**Details:**

- <https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/About-us/Careers/Work-experience-and-tertiary-placement-form>
- <http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Employment.html>
- <https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/about-council/jobs-and-careers/apply-work-experience>
- [https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/Your\\_Council/Jobs/Career-pathways](https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/Your_Council/Jobs/Career-pathways)
- <http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Council/Jobs-and-tenders/Work-at-Council/Work-Experience>
- <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/careers/Pages/work-experience.aspx>

## SCIENCE RESEARCH

### CSIRO

We offer high school science students the chance to gain first-hand experience of our core research in a scientific environment. Our work experience program aims to give students the opportunity to:

- Gain insight and experience into CSIRO's everyday work, which involves solving the big questions facing our country and planet
- Enquire about the type of work being undertaken at CSIRO
- Find out the types jobs that are available in the science industry
- Gain relevant work experience and/or skills
- Explore their interests
- Align school studies with career aspirations.

**Details:** <https://www.csiro.au/en/Careers/Work-experience>

### MONASH - Biomedical Sciences and the Biomedicine Discovery Institute

Monash offers a one-week work experience placements to secondary school students that have an interest in pursuing a career in science. These placements

encourage students to gain an insight into careers in biomedical research by allowing them to observe and participate (subject to safety considerations) in the activities of a research laboratory.

**Dates & applications:**

<http://www.med.monash.edu.au/sobs/teaching/secondary/work-ex.html>

If you have any questions or issues, please contact Laura Reid at [laura.reid@monash.edu](mailto:laura.reid@monash.edu)

**PETER MAC**

Students interested in work experience are required to send an email expressing their interest in the program, providing information about the dates they are available for the work experience program. Students must be at least 16 Years of age at the time of the placement.

Email any enquiries to the [Research Education team](#), including information about the dates you are required to undertake work experience.

**Contact: Dr Caroline Owen** (Research Education Manager) Phone: (03) 8559 5948  
Email: [research.educationadmin@petermac.org](mailto:research.educationadmin@petermac.org)

**DEFENCE:**

Defence is committed to providing a national work experience program designed to:

- Demonstrate the wide variety of interesting careers available within Defence;
- Ease the transition of students into the workplace; and
- Contribute to the development of the skills of young people.

**Please Note:** The Defence Work Experience Program offers unpaid work experience for students residing in Australia. See the exciting work experience placements that are on offer. If you have any queries or feedback in relation to the Defence Work Experience Program please send them to the following address:

**Email:** [Defence.WorkExperienceProgram@defence.gov.au](mailto:Defence.WorkExperienceProgram@defence.gov.au)

**Details:** <http://www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/>

Including Aviation roles, Army Technical, Navy Musician (4 places)  
E.G Participants for the Navy Musician will have the opportunity to observe the diverse roles of a Naval Musician and to experience a range of music related activities under the close supervision of highly professional Naval personnel. Experience of concert band, ceremonial parade band, big band and chamber, rock & jazz ensemble rehearsals & performances are offered.

**RESOURCES FOR EARLY PRACTITIONERS IN FILM**

Film Victoria works closely with [Open Channel](#), Victoria's independent screen industry skills centre, which provides events, development and networking opportunities for emerging and early career filmmakers.

Many great organisations in Victoria provide learning opportunities for working in the film, television and games industries, and offer specialist courses for practitioners to further develop industry skills.

Open Channel regularly runs short courses, seminars and specialist courses for all experience levels. They also run a young filmmakers school designed specifically for teenagers during school holidays.

**Details:** <https://www.film.vic.gov.au/funding/early-career/resources-for-practitioners>

## PARKS VICTORIA

Parks Victoria at times provides work experience opportunities for secondary school students. Such opportunities offer benefits both to Parks Victoria and students. We welcome the opportunity to educate students on the work we do and to assist school students in making decisions about a career path. Work experience is an arrangement that exists between schools and Parks Victoria and we ensure that we comply with all relevant legislation when implementing such arrangements

### How to apply?

To submit a work experience enquiry, please complete this form.(MSWord) Application deadlines. All requests for work experience placements must be made by the following dates:

- For placements April to August the application must be in by 2 February.
- For placements September to November the application must be in 2 July.

Late applications cannot be accepted. Allow approximately 4 weeks for a response to your query.

**Please note:** Parks Victoria can not guarantee placements and recommends that students submit work experience applications with other organisations

**Details:** <http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/learn/work-experience>

## VICTORIA POLICE

The Victoria Police Work Experience Program provides a fantastic opportunity for high school students considering a career within Victoria Police. Students are placed at participating police stations and department units where they will have the opportunity to observe and learn from our Police Officers, Protective Services Officers, Protective Custody Officers and VPS personnel.

Victoria Police offers placements to students who are enrolled at Victorian Secondary schools. Students must be a minimum of 15 years of age at the time of placement and completing Year 10 or above. Placements are only offered to those students studying Year 10, 11 or 12. The program runs from March until November each year, placements outside these dates will not be arranged. Please note, placements take place for one week only (five (5) consecutive business days).

Nominations are to be submitted through Careers teachers only. Each school can nominate one student per year (unless stated otherwise). Schools with multiple campuses across various suburbs may nominate one student per campus. Applications are not to be submitted directly to any police station or department unit; no placements will be arranged outside the program. Please be advised that a nomination of a student does not automatically guarantee a placement.

Applications will only be considered if all required forms are completed



correctly and signed accordingly.

**Details:** <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/work-experience-traineeships-and-employment-schemes#victoria-police-work-experience-program-secondary-students>

## THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA

The Supreme Court of Victoria is committed to providing a range of educational opportunities throughout the community, and being actively involved with community groups to enhance its status as an employer. The Court aims to provide an enriching environment that supports secondary school students in obtaining practical and worthwhile experiences in potential field of study or interest.

In doing so, the Supreme Court of Victoria offers secondary school students, in Year 10 or above and of the age of 15 years or over, the opportunity to participate in the Work Experience Program. During a Work Experience placement, students can expect to undertake a range of activities, these include:

- Spend time observing cases in a court room;
- Experience working in different areas of the Court;
- Learn about the operation of the Court; and
- Observe the inner workings of the Court

### **How to apply:**

Further enquires regarding the program may be sent to the Human Resources Services Unit at [hr@supremecourt.vic.gov.au](mailto:hr@supremecourt.vic.gov.au).

**Details:** <https://www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/about-the-court/careers/work-experience-and-volunteering>

## VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT & OTHER ORGANISATIONS

### **Riding Develops Abilities (RDA)**

Volunteering opportunities are endless: you could assist during lessons, care for and feed horses, assist with fundraising or even become an RDA coach! There are 34 centres across Victoria ready to connect with you—see if there's a Centre near you by checking the [Find a Centre](#) page.

**Details:** <https://www.rdav.asn.au/get-involved/volunteer/>

## VICTORIAN PUBLIC SECTOR

Each year VicRoads provides work experience opportunities for secondary Most departments, agencies and other Victorian public sector organisations are happy to arrange work experience placements for students. You can contact them directly for information and placements. For contact information, visit the [Victorian Government website](#).

**Details:** <https://careers.vic.gov.au/career-pathways/student-work-experience-1915>

## YMCA

If you're interested in a career in aquatics, health and fitness, camping and outdoor education, student accommodation, youth services, children's programs, community development, management, OHS, marketing or administration services, we can assist you to discover a career full of diversity.

Work experience and student placement opportunities vary between YMCA centres. Please contact your nearest YMCA to ask about work experience opportunities.

**Details:** <http://victoria.ymca.org.au/about/careers/work-experience.html>

## SPORT

**Cricket Victoria**

**General enquiry:** <http://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/contact>

**Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre**

**General enquiry:** <https://www.melbournesportshub.com.au/mshub-contact-us/>

**Note: For other Sports opportunities not listed above you can visit their public website for contact details or try your local clubs.**

## ANIMALS

**RSPCA**

RSPCA do not offer work experience or student placement opportunities however you can consider volunteering.

**Details:** <http://www.rspcavic.org/volunteering/>

## ZOOS VICTORIA

Secondary school work experience can be an extremely valuable experience for young people. Zoos Victoria has developed a secondary school work experience program to inspire the next generation of youth to be inspired to work with wildlife.

Each year, Zoos Victoria selects a limited number students as part of their work experience program to gain experience at one of Victoria's three zoos; Healesville Sanctuary, Melbourne Zoo or Werribee Open Range Zoo. Although the programs are slightly different at each property, we hope that all students finish the week with a deeper appreciation for wildlife and the environment we share with them.

The program is an all-weather, full day work program (start and finish times vary per property). Successful students will be required to perform physically demanding manual labour duties under supervision.

Zoos Victoria accepts applications one year in advance from interested secondary students.

### **Who is eligible?**

Victorian secondary students aged over 15 years are eligible for the program. School Careers Coordinators can only endorse one student per school.

**Details:** <https://www.zoo.org.au/education/student-hub/work-experience-and-tertiary-placements/>

## HOSPITALITY

For opportunities in hospitality please try your local cafes and restaurants or try visiting: <https://au.indeed.com/Work-Experience-Hospitality-jobs-in-Melbourne-VIC>

## **CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS AND BUSINESSES**

### **The Lord Mayors Charitable Foundation**

As a charitable community foundation, their role is to connect people, ideas and funding to create positive social change and address Melbourne's future needs, now. Since its establishment in 1923, Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation has become one of Australia's leading philanthropic organisations by proactively supporting Melbourne and its community: <https://www.lmcf.org.au>

### **Fareshare**

FareShare rescues surplus food and cooks free, nutritious meals for people doing it tough: <https://www.fareshare.net.au>

### **The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre**

The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) is both a place and a movement. We are an independent not-for-profit organisation, whose programs support and empower people seeking asylum. As a movement, we mobilise and unite communities to create lasting social and policy change: <https://www.asrc.org.au>

**Remember if something you are interested in is not listed above please don't be afraid to just research online and make a direct enquiry.  
You never know your luck!**

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