

## Welcome

Welcome to our first Careers Newsletter for the School Newsletter for 2026. We hope everyone had a relaxing break and is refreshed for 2026. Please see below the latest in University and TAFE news.

## Year 12 News

Year 12 students can book an interview on the Koonung Careers Website for first term. We would like to see all Year 12 students. To book go onto the Koonung Careers Website and click on the Booking button. You will be able to select a time during your free periods.

## Year 11 News

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## Year 10 News

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

Work experience plays an important part of our career education program at Koonung Secondary College. They help students to explore potential jobs, develop employability skills, understand workplace expectations and make informed education and career choices.

We are excited to be introducing digital forms for work experience placements. They replace the paper forms we've used previously and simplify the process for everyone. You and your child can fill out and sign these forms online at your convenience, from a mobile phone or computer, saving you time.

We are always on the lookout for quality work experience and structured workplace learning opportunities for our students. If you think you can provide a placement for one or more of our students, please contact email/phone.

If you do not wish to use the new digital forms or have any questions, I encourage you to contact email/phone.





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

- Information Sessions
- Scholarships
- Job Spotlight

## **Information Sessions**

Victoria Police: Bachelor of Criminology and Policing with Monash University – Online Webinar

**Organisation:** Victoria Police

**Location:** Online

**Date:** February 17, 2026

Join Victoria Police & Monash University for an exclusive online info session designed for current and future Monash students interested in the Bachelor of Criminology & Policing degree. This is your chance to explore an exciting pathway into policing while you study!

What you'll learn:

- Career opportunities with Victoria Police
- The recruitment process (starting in your 2nd year!)
- Bachelor of Criminology & Policing course structure
- Police Academy training – what to expect
- Insights from Criminology & Policing alumni (current police members who joined through this pathway!)

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Drama & Theatre Arts Online Information Session

**Organisation:** Melbourne Polytechnic

**Location:** Online

**Date:** February 17, 2026

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](#)





Melbourne Polytechnic Hospitality Courses Information Session, Preston

**Organisation:** Melbourne Polytechnic

**Location:** Melbourne Polytechnic, Preston Campus

**Date:** February 17, 2026

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery - Non-apprenticeship
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Patisserie
- Certificate IV in Hospitality
- Certificate IV in Kitchen Management
- Diploma of Hospitality Management

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Civil Engineering Online Information Session

**Organisation:** Melbourne Polytechnic

**Location:** Online

**Date:** February 17, 2026

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Diploma of Engineering Technology - Civil Engineering

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Horticulture Online Information Session

**Organisation:** Melbourne Polytechnic

**Location:** Online

**Date:** February 18, 2026

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate IV in Horticulture

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Music & Sound Online Information Session

**Organisation:** Melbourne Polytechnic

**Location:** Online

**Date:** February 19, 2026

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate IV in Music - Sound Production
- Diploma of Music
- Advanced Diploma of Music – Performance



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- Advanced Diploma of Music - Sound Production

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Screen & Media Online Information Session

**Organisation:** Melbourne Polytechnic

**Location:** Online

**Date:** February 19, 2026

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate IV in Screen and Media
- Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Visual Arts Online Information Session

**Organisation:** Melbourne Polytechnic

**Location:** Online

**Date:** February 19, 2026

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Advanced Diploma of Creative Product Development

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

**Organisation:** Careers with STEM

**Location:** Online

**Date:** February 25, 2026

The world is changing so fast, but science skills are only gaining importance. There's huge demand from emerging science fields including quantum computing and genetic engineering. And existing science fields like ag science and astrophysics are transforming fast too. The question isn't 'why science', it's 'which science'?

Join Careers with STEM for a free STEM + X career webinar, supported by QUT, to hear from science aces blazing a trail from horse hoof disease to lithium ion battery tech, to growing crops in space!

[Find out more](#)

UniMelb Hansen Scholarship Program Information Session, Online

**Organisation:** University of Melbourne

**Location:** Online

**Date:** February 26, 2026

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In this one-hour session, we'll cover:

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- Eligibility and selection criteria
- Timelines and the application process
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Victoria Police: Inside the Recruitment Process – Online Webinar

**Organisation:** Victoria Police

**Location:** Online

**Date:** February 26, 2026

Victoria Police are hosting an online information session for members of the community who are:

- thinking of starting an application to join Victoria Police
- currently going through the recruitment process and need more information
- currently in the process of completing an application

This session has been created to guide you through the steps of completing a strong application, with helpful tips and tricks that apply to each stage of the recruitment process.

[Find out more](#)

Year 12 & Beyond with ADHD – Webinar for Students & Parents

**Organisation:** Claire Pech Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** February 26, 2026

Targeted to parents of students with ADHD in Year 12, this webinar will share insights and practical solutions for managing this critical year and beyond and making meaningful career decisions.

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](#)

eWC Open Day February 2026

**Organisation:** endota Wellness College

**Location:** endota Wellness College, Docklands Campus

**Date:** February 28, 2026

eWC invites you to come to Open Day February 2026. Learn how we get our students job-ready within Australia's largest spa network. Discover where the beauty and wellness industry can take you, chat with the team, enjoy an interactive masterclass, have your questions answered and follow your calling in Beauty Therapy.

[Find out more](#)





Victoria Police: Careers Information Session – Victoria Police Centre

**Organisation:** Victoria Police

**Location:** Victoria Police Centre

**Date:** March 3, 2026

We're inviting you to an exclusive Victoria Police Careers Information Session – a rare chance to get an inside look into the fast-paced, challenging, and rewarding world of policing.

What to expect:

- Unlock the secrets to our recruitment process
- Discover the intensive, hands-on training at the Victoria Police Academy
- Explore career pathways beyond general duties policing
- Learn about specialist units tackling everything from major crime to community engagement
- Hear firsthand stories from those who serve and protect every day

This is your exclusive invitation to gain behind-the-scenes access to the Victoria Police Centre – a location typically closed to the public. Don't miss your chance to experience the energy and excitement of policing like never before!

[Find out more](#)

AIE Information Evening for Future Students, Melbourne

**Organisation:** Academy of Interactive Entertainment

**Location:** Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Melbourne Campus

**Date:** March 12, 2026

The evening will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. We will be showing off AIE student work and our staff and teachers will be available to chat with you about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career.

[Find out more](#)

AIE Information Evening for Future Students, Online

**Organisation:** Academy of Interactive Entertainment

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Holmesglen Institute Open Day, March 2026

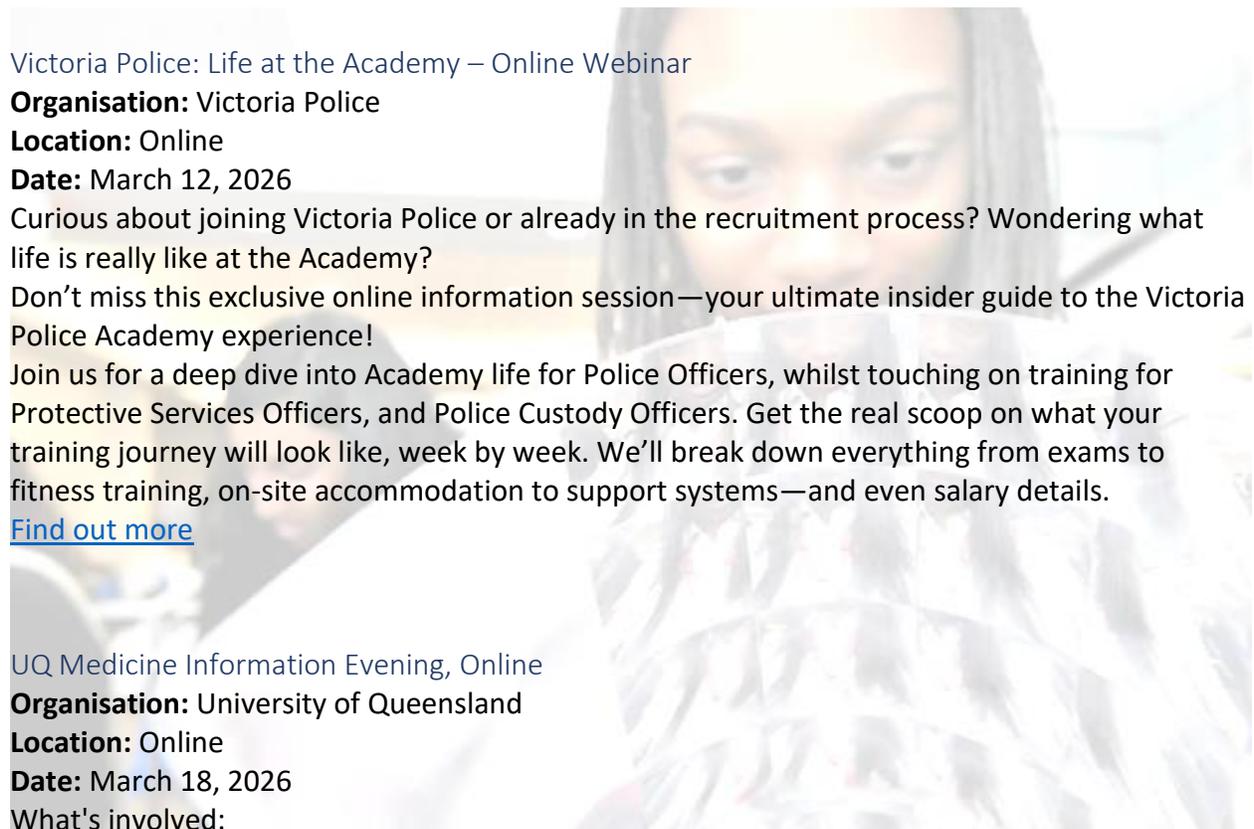
**Organisation:** Holmesglen Institute

**Location:** Holmesglen Campuses

**Date:** March 12, 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](#)



Victoria Police: Life at the Academy – Online Webinar

**Organisation:** Victoria Police

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 12, 2026

Curious about joining Victoria Police or already in the recruitment process? Wondering what life is really like at the Academy?

Don't miss this exclusive online information session—your ultimate insider guide to the Victoria Police Academy experience!

Join us for a deep dive into Academy life for Police Officers, whilst touching on training for Protective Services Officers, and Police Custody Officers. Get the real scoop on what your training journey will look like, week by week. We'll break down everything from exams to fitness training, on-site accommodation to support systems—and even salary details.

[Find out more](#)

UQ Medicine Information Evening, Online

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 18, 2026

What's involved:

- Learn about admission requirements and how to apply for the Doctor of Medicine (MD).
- Gain insight into UQ's MD program structure, clinical placements, learning experiences and student support.
- Explore entry pathways, including partnerships with CQUniversity and UniSQ.
- Hear from UQ Medical School academics about UQ's new medical pathway.
- Hear insights from recent graduates and current students.
- Participate in an interactive Q&A with alumni and current students.

[Find out more](#)





Victorian Careers & Employment Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Kym Jones Exhibitions

**Location:** Melbourne Showgrounds

**Date:** March 19 to March 21, 2026

Victorian Careers & Employment Expo is open from March 19 to 21, 2026 at the Melbourne Showgrounds. The Expo will showcase over 130 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

The Expo is packed with free advice, where you can:

- Talk with over 130 training organisations and employers
- Gain free career advice
- Discover jobs of the future
- Talk with leading organisations about training and apprenticeships
- Experience the free career seminars
- Enjoy the "Try a Skill" Zones

If you're looking for a job, career change, or course, or you're a school student looking for a career path, you can't afford to miss the Expo.

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William Angliss Institute Discovery Day 2026, Melbourne

**Organisation:** William Angliss Institute

**Location:** William Angliss Institute, Melbourne Campus

**Date:** March 26, 2026

- Access detailed course information
- Engage directly with Angliss staff and students and have your questions answered
- Experience our vibrant inner-city campus and facilities
- Explore career and education pathways from short course, certificates, diplomas, degrees and post graduate courses across Foods, Tourism, Hospitality, and Events

[Find out more](#)

Victoria Police: Become a Police Custody Officer – Online Webinar

**Organisation:** Victoria Police

**Location:** Online

**Date:** March 30, 2026

Victoria Police is hosting an online information session for members of the community who are interested in a career as a Police Custody Officer.

Hear from us about the recruitment process and training at the Police Academy. It's also your opportunity to ask questions you have about a PCO career pathway.

[Find out more](#)

Provocations: What Will We Eat in the Future? – RMIT Talks and Ideas Series

**Organisation:** RMIT University

**Location:** RMIT Storey Hall

**Date:** April 1, 2026

As climate change, population growth, and ecological collapse reshape how we produce and consume food, we need to think outside the (lunch) box to find solutions.

Join Bruce Pascoe and our panel of food systems, waste, packaging experts and inventive cooks explore what we'll be eating in the future, and how food security, food sovereignty, nutrition and wellbeing are interconnected and dependent.

Learn what's simmering in food science, what's sizzling in food and packaging innovation, and rethink the main course on dinner plates of the future.

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

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Info Night, Melbourne

**Organisation:** ACAP University College

**Location:** ACAP University College, Melbourne Campus

**Date:** April 23, 2026





ACAP's degrees of difference have been shaping futures for over four decades. As a global leader in the vast field of applied psychology, our professionally accredited qualifications contribute to societal well-being, embodying values of integrity, equity, and social justice. Join our on-campus info night and discover our industry-driven programs, meet our industry experts and see how ACAP can help you achieve a career that'll make a real degree of difference.

[Find out more](#)

SAE University College Info Night, Melbourne

**Organisation:** SAE University College

**Location:** SAE University College, Melbourne Campus

**Date:** April 23, 2026

[Find out more](#)

## Scholarships

The ARN Ali Drower Audio Scholarship for Aspiring Journalists

**Organisation:** The Walkley Foundation

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** AU\$10,000

**Close Date:** April 13, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Frank Hall-Bentick Education Fund

**Organisation:** Australian Communities Foundation

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** Up to AU\$2,500

**Open Date:** January 1, 2026

**Close Date:** June 6, 2026

[Find out more](#)

## Workplace Spotlight

How to become an Expedition Leader

Expedition Leaders guide groups safely through challenging environments, from polar ice fields and mountain ranges to dense jungles and remote desert regions. They manage logistics, lead teams, and handle emergencies in places far from conventional support systems. If you're a natural leader who thrives in wilderness settings and stays calm when things go wrong, this career offers genuine adventure with serious responsibility.





### **What skills do I need as an Expedition Leader?**

- Advanced wilderness navigation
- Strong leadership abilities
- Excellent risk assessment
- First aid and rescue trained
- Calm crisis management
- Outstanding group facilitation
- Physically fit and resilient
- Environmental awareness

### **What do Expedition Leaders do?**

Before any expedition begins, you spend weeks or months planning routes, assessing risks, arranging permits, and coordinating equipment and supplies. You'll research weather patterns, identify potential hazards, and develop contingency plans for emergencies. For commercial expeditions, you'll also brief participants on what to expect and assess their fitness and experience levels.

Once in the field, you're responsible for everything. Each day you'll navigate routes, monitor weather conditions, manage group dynamics, and make constant decisions about safety. You might be teaching participants how to use crampons on a glacier, coordinating with local guides and porters, or deciding whether conditions are safe enough to continue. When something goes wrong - and it will - you're the one who organises rescues, administers first aid, or calls for evacuation.

Between expeditions, you maintain and inventory equipment, write detailed trip reports, train junior guides, and develop new itineraries. Many Expedition Leaders also deliver presentations, write articles, or contribute to safety standards for their industry. You'll stay current with rescue techniques, update certifications, and continuously build knowledge about the regions where you operate.

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

Expedition Leaders work for adventure travel companies, research institutions, film and documentary crews, educational organisations, and government agencies conducting fieldwork. Some lead commercial trips for paying clients, whilst others support scientific research in remote locations or guide corporate leadership programs in wilderness settings.

Your schedule is intensely seasonal and project-based. Expeditions might last anywhere from a week to several months, depending on the destination and purpose. You could spend six weeks guiding in Antarctica, followed by a month at home, then lead back-to-back treks through mountain ranges. Between seasons, you'll have extended downtime - though much of this goes toward planning, training, and maintaining certifications.

The physical demands are significant. You'll carry heavy packs, work in extreme temperatures,





sleep in basic conditions, and maintain high energy levels for weeks at a time whilst also supporting your group. The work requires exceptional fitness and mental resilience. Salaries vary widely depending on the type of expedition and employer, with scientific and film support roles typically paying more than commercial guiding. Job growth is steady as adventure tourism expands and research pushes into more remote environments.

### How to become an Expedition Leader

**1. Build foundational outdoor skills** Gain qualifications in bushcraft, navigation, and wilderness first aid through outdoor education courses or vocational training programs. Many leaders start with certificates in outdoor recreation or adventure guiding.

**2. Develop environment-specific expertise** Specialise in particular environments by completing advanced training - mountaineering courses, sea kayaking qualifications, polar field training, or jungle survival programs. The more environments you can operate in, the more opportunities you'll have.

**3. Accumulate field experience** Work as an assistant guide, outdoor education instructor, or field assistant on research projects. Log significant time in challenging environments, building your skills and demonstrating reliability to potential employers.

**4. Gain leadership qualifications** Complete formal leadership certifications through mountaineering associations, guiding bodies, or expedition training organisations. Many employers also require advanced first aid qualifications and specific rescue certifications. From here, you could progress to lead larger or more complex expeditions, move into expedition management designing and coordinating programs, specialise in high-altitude or polar operations, train and assess other guides, transition into documentary or film expedition support, or establish your own guiding company.

### What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as an Expedition Leader, here are some practical steps:

- Join scouts, cadets, or bushwalking clubs to build navigation, camping, and leadership skills in a structured environment
- Complete a first aid course and volunteer with search and rescue organisations or outdoor event support crews
- Participate in school camps, Duke of Edinburgh programs, or outdoor education electives to gain experience in group expeditions and wilderness settings

