



"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I cannot accept not trying." - Michael Jordan

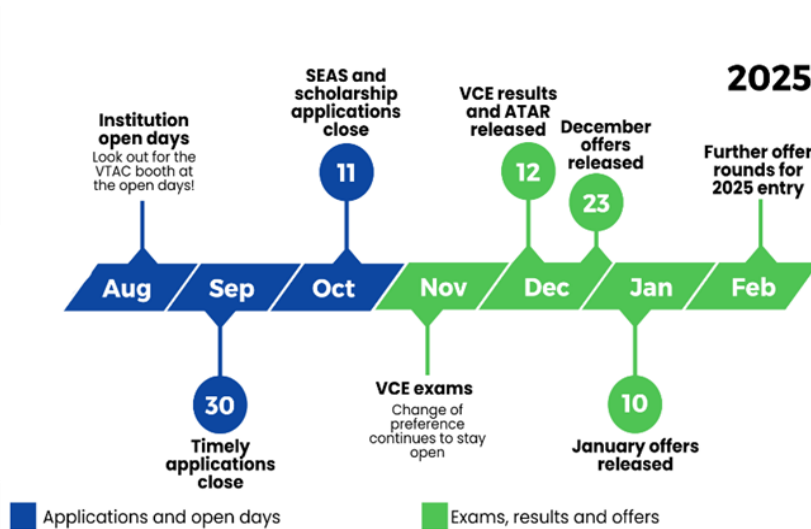
The Careers Centre, in the Monash Building, is a resource Centre for our students with current institutional handbooks and brochures at their disposal. Students are invited to visit, browse, and question. An open-door policy exists to ensure students make informed decisions about future pathways. Appointments can be made to discuss future pathways.



Click on the QR code to connect to our website

IMPORTANT DATES	
17 th September 11.00am – 7.00 pm	Parent Student Teacher Conferences
20 th September by 5pm	Finalise SEAS entry and uploaded documentation - Melbourne time to guarantee a VTAC review of documents you upload. Last day term 3
7 th October	Term 4 begins
7th – 11th October:	Year 12 Internal Exams
11 th October	SEAS Applications Close

VTAC IMPORTANT DATES





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Casper Test Preparation – Webinar

September 7, 2024

If you will be applying to Curtin University (Medicine) this year, apart from the UCAT, you will also need to register and complete the [Casper Test](#).

[Rebekah Ramsey](#) will be conducting a 4-hour interactive and informative webinar designed to provide students with the guidance and support they need to prepare.

During the workshop, Rebekah will discuss the expectations of the test, and how Curtin might use the results, and unpack the questions and outline possible criteria for assessment. You will also work on the “on camera” techniques to be able to showcase your true self while answering the questions. Finally, you will look at the timing of the applicant responses and how to get the most out of the time that you must answer each question.

[Find out more](#)

Pathways into Medicine and Dentistry Live Webinar

September 7, 2024

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](#)



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CGA Open Evening, Geelong

September 9, 2024

Are you seeking a dynamic alternative to traditional schooling or intrigued by the possibilities of online education?

Join us at this exclusive in-person event to explore why Crimson Global Academy could be an excellent choice for your child.

Discover first-hand CGA's personalised learning approach which empowers students to excel—whether they're aspiring athletes, academically driven, or thrive in inclusive environments.

- Learn how an online learning environment benefits athletic, ambitious, and neurodiverse students
- Connect directly with CGA's expert educators and get your questions answered
- Gain insight into life at CGA: online classes, flexible timetables, international curricula, and our incredible global community.

[Find out more](#)

VU | Supporting Success – Parent Information Session

September 10, 2024

Victoria University is inviting parents to take part in our Supporting Success – Information for Parents of High School Students webinar.

In this webinar, parents will be able to learn about navigating the application process, how VU can help to support the transition to further study and how our VU Block Model leads to proven student success.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to ask our Future Students team anything else they'd like to know.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie: Life After School

September 11, 2024

Macquarie Group is inviting careers advisors to nominate high performing students in years 10 and 11 for an evening event focussed on demystifying the financial services industry. We are interested in meeting motivated students who want to learn about the diversity of careers at Macquarie.

“Life After School: Broaden your horizons with Macquarie” aims to teach high schools students what it is really like working at a large corporation like Macquarie and provide career advice to them as they think



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about their future career choices. We hope to raise awareness of the diverse nature of careers within the banking and financial services industry.

Our aim is to identify future junior talent, particularly women, and encourage them to consider Macquarie as a future employer. We will also highlight the varied university degrees we hire from and align them to the possible career paths and a successful future with Macquarie.

[Find out more](#)

VTAC | Applying for courses in 2024

September 11, 2024

Finishing year 12 this year? You'll apply for courses at Victorian universities, TAFE institutes, and independent tertiary colleges via VTAC, the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre. Join our webinar to find out more about what you need to do.

Join the VTAC team for a live webinar which will cover all aspects of the VTAC application process - from finding course information and making sure you're eligible, all the way through to actually receiving an offer.

You'll have the opportunity to ask questions throughout, so join us to find out everything you need to know about getting to uni, TAFE, or college next year!

[Find out more](#)

Important Future Events

Astrophotography Workshop

September 14, 2024

The astrophotography workshop introduces concepts that will assist both the beginner amateur and professional photographer to take stunning photographs of the night sky. Night sky photography is very different to that done in daylight. The afternoon has an array of talks given by experienced and award-winning astrophotographers, with (weather permitting) practical hands-on sessions during the evening at our registered Observatory.

Topics include an introduction to smartphone photography, timelapses, capturing the Aurora Australis, nightscape imaging, deep sky photography and much more.

[Find out more](#)



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Youth Aviation Careers Expo

September 14, 2024

Considering a career in aviation or aerospace? Come and talk to professionals from the industry and discover your future career.

Set among the incredible collection of aircraft at the Moorabbin Air Museum, this is a unique opportunity to learn about all aspects of aviation and pathways to achieve your career goals, from pilots to engineers, crew, and more. Also meet the amazing youth and theatre groups that operate from the Museum on the day.

Free entry - bookings essential.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Online Open Night

September 19, 2024

Domestic students living in regional or interstate areas are invited to the University of Sydney's online Open Night.

Find out about the new Regional and Remote Entry Scheme, the single scholarship application process, and other University of Sydney highlights.

You'll then have the chance to join dedicated breakout rooms and chat with staff from our faculties, admissions, scholarships, and accommodation, and have all your questions answered about life in Sydney.

[Find out more](#)

Monash | VCE Revision Lectures

September 23 to September 26, 2024

Completing VCE? Monash Science is excited to support students currently studying VCE through a series of on-campus revision lectures. These sessions are designed to reinforce key concepts in the curriculum and will be delivered by a qualified VCE teacher with extensive experience in their subject.

Time: 9.30 am -4.30 pm

Maths Methods: Monday 23 September

Biology: Tuesday 24 September

Physics: Wednesday 25 September

Chemistry: Thursday 26 September



[Find out more](#)

NIDA September Spring Holiday Courses 2024 – VIC

September 23 to October 6, 2024

NIDA's Holiday Program offers fun and engaging skills-based training for all ages and aspirations. From 3-week Residency programs to 1-day short courses for adults, children and young people, we have something to offer everyone.

[Find out more](#)

NIE | Future Doctors Australia, Melbourne

September 27 to September 30, 2024

Gaining medical work experience is essential for young people considering a career in medicine. It provides insight into the field, helps develop skills and attributes, and provides networking opportunities. However, obtaining medical work experience can be challenging due to various restrictions such as limited opportunities, safety concerns, and confidentiality issues.

That's why NIE has developed the "Future Doctors Australia" program. It is an engaging and high-impact 4-day program that provides young people with a unique opportunity to gain medical work experience in a safe and structured environment. Participants will have the opportunity to spend time with current junior and senior medical students. They will also have the rare opportunity to spend time with more senior clinicians and various medical specialists. You will get to learn about clinical specialist's relevant fields of work, ask them questions, and learn some hands-on skills from them.

- Over 15 hours of face-to-face interaction with leading specialists and clinicians
- Meet current medical students
- Develop advanced communication and team working skills
- Create new friendships with like-minded, highly driven young individuals
- Learn about the admission process into various medical universities in Australia
- Morning tea and lunch included

[Find out more](#)

Free Money

Scholarships

Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship

Value: \$12,700 AUD



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Open date: October 2, 2024

Closing date: December 2, 2024

The Westpac Asian Exchange Scholarship is a remarkable opportunity offered to passionate and curious individuals looking to expand their worldview, embrace new perspectives and help build stronger ties between Australia and Asia.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

2025 Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge

Value: See perks

Each year the Australian Culinary Federation (ACF) conducts a cooking competition for Secondary School Students in each Australian state. This competition is a great opportunity for students with an interest in becoming a chef to gain invaluable contacts within the hospitality industry.

[Find out more](#)

The Respect Competition

Open date: August 1, 2024

Closing date: September 15, 2024

Being respectful to classmates, friends and to the people around us is important. But what does respect mean to you?

We want students across Australia in years 4–9 to show us what respect looks like in your world.

Download the storyboard template and use drawings and words to create your story—don't forget to include the word 'respect'.

[Find out more](#)

Blue Ocean Student Entrepreneur Competition 2025

Value: Up to \$1,000 USD

Closing date: February 16, 2025

The Blue Ocean Student Entrepreneur Competition is a virtual competition that attracts the very best high school-aged entrepreneurs from all over the world.



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Every year, thousands of high school students pitch their innovative business concepts to experienced entrepreneurs and business people, receive feedback on their ideas, join a community of like-minded students, and compete for thousands in cash prizes.

[Find out more](#)

Makedo's 15th Birthday Design Competition

Value: \$1,500 USD

Open date: August 1, 2024

Closing date: September 30, 2024

Dust off your party hats, makers. It's our birthday! To celebrate 15 years of innovation, creativity, imagination and fun with Makedo, we're giving you the chance to win BIG. Form a team to design and build your future dream house with Makedo tools and cardboard. Document your creative process and submit your entry to be in the running for USD \$1,500 and other prizes. Happy making!

[Find out more](#)

Study

Vocational Education

[How technology is changing trades](#)

When you think of vocational education, what comes to mind? Mechanics working on cars, electricians wiring houses, or chefs preparing meals in bustling kitchens? While these traditional images still hold true, the world of vocational education is rapidly evolving. Technology is transforming these trades in exciting ways, opening up new opportunities and changing how we think about vocational careers.

Let's explore how technology is reshaping vocational education and what it means for your future career prospects.

The tech revolution in trades

Gone are the days when vocational careers were seen as low-tech options. Today, technology is an integral part of almost every trade. Here are some examples:

Construction and Engineering

3D printing is revolutionising construction. Imagine being able to 'print' entire houses! Building Information Modelling (BIM) software is also changing how buildings are designed and constructed. As a result, construction workers and engineers now need skills in computer-aided design and 3D modelling.



Automotive

Cars are essentially computers on wheels these days. Auto mechanics now need to be as comfortable with diagnostic software as they are with a wrench. Electric and hybrid vehicles are also creating new specialisations within the automotive trade.

Culinary Arts

Even cooking has gone high-tech. From sous-vide machines to 3D food printers, chefs are using advanced equipment to create culinary masterpieces. There's also a growing need for chefs who can cater to specialised diets and create plant-based alternatives, requiring knowledge of food science and nutrition.

Healthcare

Healthcare technicians are using increasingly sophisticated equipment. From operating MRI machines to managing electronic health records, technology skills are crucial in modern healthcare settings. They are also helping to bring vital healthcare to areas of the world that need them most.

What does this mean for you?

If you're considering a vocational pathway, these technological advancements offer exciting possibilities. Here's what you need to know:

New skills are in demand

Along with traditional trade skills, employers are now looking for tech-savvy workers. Skills like coding, data analysis, and proficiency with specialised software are becoming increasingly valuable in vocational fields.

Continuous learning is key

With technology evolving rapidly, the ability to learn and adapt is crucial. Vocational education is no longer just about mastering a specific set of skills – it's about developing the ability to continuously update your knowledge and adapt to new technologies.

Increased career opportunities

As trades become more tech-focused, new career paths are emerging. For example, you could become a drone operator for construction sites, a 3D printing specialist, or a smart home systems installer.

Higher earning potential

With increased skill requirements often comes higher pay. Many high-tech trade jobs offer competitive salaries, especially for those who can bridge the gap between traditional skills and new technologies.



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How can you prepare for this tech-driven future?

If you're interested in a vocational career, here are some steps you can take to prepare for technology-driven changes:

1. **Stay curious about technology:** Keep up with tech trends in your area of interest. Follow [industry news](#), watch relevant YouTube channels, or join online forums.
2. **Develop your digital skills:** Learn [basic coding](#), get comfortable with different software applications, and don't be afraid to experiment with new technologies.
3. **Consider 'hybrid' courses:** Look for vocational courses that combine traditional trade skills with relevant technology training.
4. **Seek hands-on experience:** Look for internships or part-time jobs that allow you to work with the latest technologies in your chosen field.
5. **Embrace lifelong learning:** Understand that your education won't stop when you finish your initial training. Be prepared to continue learning throughout your career.

The future is bright for tech-savvy tradespeople

The integration of technology into traditional trades is creating exciting opportunities for those willing to embrace change. By combining hands-on skills with technological know-how, you can position yourself for a rewarding and future-proof career in the trades.

Remember, the most successful tradespeople of the future will be those who can bridge the gap between traditional skills and new technologies. So if you're passionate about working with your hands but also love technology, a modern vocational pathway could be the perfect fit for you.

Want to know more?

If you're excited about the possibilities of tech-driven vocational careers, there's plenty more to explore. Check out our other blogs on vocational education and career pathways [here](#) or scan the QR code below. And don't forget to talk to your school's career advisor about vocational education options in your area.

