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**Welcome back!**

Wednesday 3 February 2021

It’s never too early to start thinking about career ideas, researching your options, developing a career action plan, or simply having a discussion with your Career Adviser.

If you are in Year 12, it is essential that you discuss your options with the key people in your life as soon as possible.

Have no idea what you would like to do when you leave school? No stress! Don’t delay seeing your Career Adviser- now is the perfect time. Not sure what to say? Don’t worry- it’s their job to guide you and open up possibilities you may not have considered before.

As a starting point, if you are interested in studying at university or TAFE in the future, it’s important you attend open days and plan out your course interests early.

If you are interested in pursuing a traineeship or apprenticeship pathway, it is important that you gain as much industry experience as possible. You can undertake work experience once you turn 15 years old.

Seeing your Career Adviser early in the year is important to ensure you can get organised early and to be able to start making links with local employers.

Please read the Weekly Career News each week to ensure you keep up to date with upcoming career events and key dates. Happy reading!

**Casual employment**

You can sign up for employment opportunities at the following websites:

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| Coles | <https://bit.ly/383OETN> |
| IGA Supermarkets | <https://bit.ly/382p4yw> |
| KFC | <https://bit.ly/33N7mM1> |
| Woolworths | <https://bit.ly/2RptgTp> |
| Hungry Jacks | <https://bit.ly/2qkwIU8> |
| Kmart | <https://bit.ly/2Y8U2Rd> |
| Target | <https://bit.ly/2qZ76MZ> |
| McDonalds | <https://bit.ly/380Uvtb> |
| Bunnings | <https://bit.ly/2LfB2Ls> |
| Donut King | <https://bit.ly/2YbqYIy> |
| Boost Juice | <https://bit.ly/2P36v4I> |
| Red Rooster | <https://bit.ly/2Lf35Le> |
| Myer | <https://bit.ly/2sHiEov> |
| Cotton On | <https://bit.ly/2LjebPj> |
| Sportsgirl | <https://bit.ly/2RfT2cC> |
| Officeworks | <https://bit.ly/361GkCp> |
| Apco | <https://bit.ly/33F09xz> |

About 80% of all job vacancies aren’t advertised, so it is crucial that you market yourself to businesses with an excellent resume and cover letter.

Make sure you tell as many people as possible that you are looking for work as often employers rely on ‘word of mouth’ to recruit for their positions.

Job seeking resources: For excellent job seeking tips, and resume/cover letter templates, check out the resources at the following two websites:

Skillsroad - [www.skillsroad.com.au](http://www.skillsroad.com.au)

Youth Central - [www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au](http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au)

Rights and responsibilities – know your rights and responsibilities when starting a new job - [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au)

Tax File Number (TFN): If you don’t have a TFN, you will need to apply for one via the Australian Tax Office - [www.ato.gov.au](http://www.ato.gov.au)

Job options: also, check out job options at the ‘Explore Careers’ website - <https://explorecareers.com.au/>

**ADF Careers**

Australian Defence Force (ADF)

Work experience: students who are keen to explore Defence Force careers may be able to apply for work experience. To keep up to date with work experience opportunities bookmark the following link - [www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/](http://www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/)

Cadets: students may also be able to apply for the Army, Navy or Air Force Cadets program. To explore Cadet Units in your local area, visit [www.cadetnet.gov.au](http://www.cadetnet.gov.au)

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**Careers in International Trade, Freight and Logistics**

Learn about this exciting industry by visiting the ‘Make Your Move’ website. International Trade, Freight and Logistics is a large industry and staff ensure that goods and resources are distributed around the globe. Through the website you will be able to:

* Explore profiles of staff working in the industry
* Learn about job roles
* Search for jobs

Visit [www.mymv.org](http://www.mymv.org)

**Competitions**

Enter competitions to explore your passions and build your resume!

JMC Audio Competition

For students who are passionate about sound engineering. Winners will receive studio time with a JMC mentor and a RØDE NT1 Complete Studio Kit. Applications close Wednesday 10 February 2021. For information on the competition and to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/2NYzLwE>

Future Leaders Awards 2021

Future Leaders Awards are now open and there are four categories:

* Writing (Year 11 and 12)
* Social Justice (Year 12)
* Leadership (Year 12
* Photography (Year 12)

For information and to apply, visit www.futureleaders.com.au

Young Archie Competition

This is the youth version of the Archibald Prize and is run by the Art Gallery of NSW. Young people who are passionate about portrait making are encouraged to enter. For information on the competition and to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/36Qhw3d>

Wool for School Design Competition

This competition is for young fashion designers. Students will create clothing items containing at least 70% wool. For information and to apply for the competition, visit [www.wool4school.com](http://www.wool4school.com)

**Parents – School to Work Resources**

Supporting your child in preparing for the world of work after school can be a challenge. Casualisation and globalisation of the work force, and automation and rapid advances in technology will all have an impact in your child’s navigation of the world of work.

The Australian Government has developed resources to support parents through the Future Ready Career Education Portal. To access the resources, go to <https://schooltowork.dese.gov.au/>

**Upcoming Career Events**

The Hotel School Melbourne

The Hotel School offers management courses in tourism, hotel management and global hotel management. The School is running an information session for prospective students and families.

Date: Tuesday 9 February, 10am – 2pm

Location: 399 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

RSVP: <https://hotelschool.scu.edu.au/>

Year13 – Ask Me Anything

Year13 are inviting students to ask them anything about the following career areas:

Business and Entrepreneurship, <http://bit.ly/2YHHL77>

Accounting and Financial Services, <http://bit.ly/3riiqx9>

Just click on the above link, submit your questions and a member from Yr13 will get back to you.

**Start the school year by setting goals**

The HopeFull Institute has developed a set of free worksheets for students covering a range of topics such as:

* digital detox
* examining stress
* goals (general and athletic)
* gratitude

To download the worksheets, visit [www.thehopefullinstitute.com/free-worksheets/](http://www.thehopefullinstitute.com/free-worksheets/)

**Interested in pursuing an apprenticeship or traineeship?**

Even though you have just started the schooling year, your planning should start now. Australian Apprenticeship Pathways have developed an excellent four-step guide to assist you to start planning - [www.aapathways.com.au](http://www.aapathways.com.au)

Read through Step One and take the work type explorer quiz, download the AusAppPathways app to your phone, and complete practice aptitude quizzes to ascertain the level of literacy and numeracy skills you will need for different occupations.

You can also do the following during the year to prepare for an apprenticeship:

Meet with your Career Adviser to start planning your professional trade career

Undertake work experience in several fields or with several employers in the same field. See your Career Adviser for information on how to organise work experience.

Contact industry leaders and associations in your fields of interest to ask questions.

Contact local apprenticeship centres and/or group training organisations to ask their advice on what makes a competitive apprenticeship applicant. Use the following website to locate organisations in your local area [www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au](http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au)

Work hard in your English and Mathematics classes and VET/technology/science subjects if relevant. With advances in technology occurring across all apprenticeship fields, it will be crucial that you can read and interpret complex information and instructions and adapt to changes in technology during your apprenticeship and once qualified.

Bookmark websites for industries you are interested in to keep up to date with changes to industry technology, skills shortages, and events. For example:

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| Bricklaying | <http://bit.ly/2DYCwbA> |
| Plumbing | <http://bit.ly/2FK6wnP> |
| ICT | <https://bit.ly/2SaxPj2> |
| Agriculture | <https://bit.ly/36WW9dq> |
| Community Services | <https://bit.ly/2OoUQgS> |
| Rail Careers | <https://bit.ly/36Ruo65> |
| Climate control | <https://bit.ly/3b8mBo0> |

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