

A great way to scrub up on career ideas...

Job Info

Year 9

With so many different careers now available, it can seem like an impossible task deciding on which one you think you'd really enjoy. You do have a few years to decide, however thinking about your career options regularly will **definitely** help you when you get to your senior years.

Keep in mind that careers aren't just about the **work you do**. A satisfying and fulfilling career is more about **learning and experiences**. These can come not just from being paid (full or part time work), but also from things like **volunteering** (umpiring, coaching, canteen, SRC), **community involvement**, (youth groups, theatre groups, committee involvement) **education** (those extra certificates like Food Handling and First Aid) and even **sport**.

When you turn 15 you will be able to participate in work experience. This is a fabulous way to not only **try** different jobs, but build up **skills** and a **resume** worth reading. You will need to track down the Work Experience coordinator at your school and see if you can organize a placement.

With an ageing population your working life may be longer than your parents, and throughout your career development you'll be presented with plenty of chances to change jobs, learn new skills and gain new experiences.

You don't have to go to university to carve out a satisfying career. TAFE courses, apprenticeships, traineeships, even starting your own business can provide you with the foundations to your dream job.

Look out for a **poster** at your school called "A guide to your career" it has some great career tips and clues on it.

Tertiary Trinkets

Nailing your exams

Nailing exams may be your top priority at the moment.

This article may very well be too late for current Year 12s, but Year 11s—you need to sit up and pay attention!

I often hear people say that exams are much harder for young people today, compared to those who slaved over their papers 10 or more years ago. The physical act of rolling a ballpoint on paper is no longer second nature for 17/18-year-olds. The tools of learning are now swiping, scrolling, clicking, tapping and sometimes swearing when technology misbehaves.

It is a fascinating quandary in which we find ourselves: while technology has swept us along in it's alluring clutches, senior students are still expected to behave like a dinosaur in exams. Huh! Weird!

Technology has seen the demise of taking lengthy notes for revision with a Bic and paper. This

practice in the classroom was unconsciously preparing students' carpal, metacarpal and phalanges for exams. Even the muscles (flexors and extensors) benefit from this workout.

Exams are hours on end of (technology free) time, doing an activity that is almost foreign, or at the very least semi-un-natural. It would be akin to going to spin class but not knowing how to ride a bike. (I exaggerate but you get my drift!)

Now, as it is NOT healthy to wallow in self-pity, it is far better to work WITH-the-system rather than AGAINST-the-system. So how can you flex your writing muscles and 'sitting stationary for 3 hours' power?

In a nutshell, take notes in class AND replicate exam processes (spend chunks of time writing).

Use practice exams to help you prepare for the real thing.

A great many practice exams are waiting for you on the [VCAA website](http://vcaa.vic.edu.au).

Career Focus

Business

In the words of Bill Gates "It is a fabulous time to be entering the **Business** world, because business is going to change more in the next 10 years than it has in the last 50".

I stole the above quote from a fabulous infographic about the world of **Business**. You can find this info-graphic here at the [LEAP website](http://leap.vic.edu.au)

How do you know if you would like a career in **Business**? Well, let us examine the following words and see how they rate on your 'like-o-meter'. Give each word a score from 1 to 10 (1 is Yuk, 10 is Yup!)




1. Organise
2. Plan
3. Innovate
4. Communicate
5. Create
6. Negotiate
7. Advise
8. Travel
9. Forecast
10. Consult
11. Analyse
12. Promote
13. Develop
14. Manage

Add your scores and if they total above 100 (or thereabouts) then a **Business** career is something that **might** suit you! (Not exactly an exact science here, but worth a try!)

Check the [LEAP info-graphic](http://leap.vic.edu.au) for more info, and pop along to your careers advisor to discuss work experience ideas and other business-type opportunities.

If you are from a LEAP school, then try the [LEAP ideas](http://leap.vic.edu.au).

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10:00am	OPEN DAY - Monash - Peninsula				
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Sunday, August 2					
10:00am	OPEN DAY - Monash - Caulfield Clayton				
10:00am	OPEN DAY Swinburne				
10:00am	OPEN DAY - Deakin - Warrnambool				
Friday, August 7					
OPEN DAY - La Trobe - Shepparton					
Saturday, August 8					
10:00am	OPEN DAY - Design - Billy Blue				
Sunday, August 9					
OPEN DAY - La Trobe - Melbourne					
9:00am	OPEN DAY - Deakin - Geelong				
10:00am	Open Day - Australian College of Sports Therapy (ACST)				
10:00am	OPEN DAY - RMIT - City, Brunswick & Bundoora Campuses				
Wednesday, August 12					
4:00pm	OPEN DAY - Australian College of Sports Therapy (ACST)				

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