



Websites: Vocational & Trades

Australian Apprenticeship Pathways: You will be able to undertake apprenticeship aptitude tests, find local apprenticeship and group training centres, and learn about different trade occupations, www.aapathways.com.au/

Defence Jobs: explore technical trades in the Navy, Air Force and Army, www.defencejobs.gov.au/



Do you need a White Card? If you would like to undertake work experience or work in the construction industry, you will need to complete occupational health and safety induction training. To prepare for this, you can undertake the 'White Card Game'.

Through an online first-person perspective, the goal of the game is to identify, control and report workplace hazards on a construction site without getting injured or causing the death of workmates. Go to www.whitecardgame.com.au/

The Good Careers Guide: You can search over 400 different occupations narrowed down by the field or type of work you would like to do in the future (e.g., helping/advising), <http://bit.ly/2a7Qr0Z>

Plumbing Careers: learn about careers in plumbing and specialisations such as water, sanitary, gasfitting, roofing, drainage, and mechanical services, <http://bit.ly/2asQfck>



My Skills: You can search for and explore vocational courses across Australia, learn about in demand jobs and watch videos of young people who have completed vocational training, <http://bit.ly/1D8uek7>

SkillsOne: you can watch videos about different trades, www.skillsone.com.au/

Rail Careers: careers in the rail industry, <http://railcareers.net.au/>

Become a Bricklayer, <http://bit.ly/1XUkPcJ>

Rural Careers Australia: careers in agriculture, horticulture, animal care and land management, www.ruralcareers.net.au/

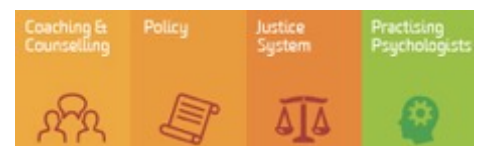
Care Careers: learn about careers in community services such as disability and aged care, <http://bit.ly/2g6QYT2>



Interested in studying human behaviour?

Would you like to become a psychologist? You will need to start your education by studying a Bachelor degree with an Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) approved major in psychology. Not all psychology majors are approved by APAC, so you will need to contact the institution you would like to study at to double check. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2xqsTeQ>

Careers in Psychology: Deakin University has developed an excellent website showcasing different careers in Psychology. Go to <http://bit.ly/2wLNAof>



CSU is searching for their 2020 engineering students

Charles Sturt University (CSU) offers an engineering program that is unique in Australia. Students undertake a Bachelor of Design Technology/Master of Engineering over 5.5 years.

They complete the first 18 months at the Bathurst campus (NSW), then complete the rest of their studies as a paid student engineer over four year-long placements. They will accept only 30 students and are looking for entrepreneurial young people who want to change the world, <https://bit.ly/2PbyIPs>

Finding the right path for you!

Did you know?

- Between 20 – 30% of first year students drop out of or change their university course.
- About 50% of trainees drop out of their apprenticeship/traineeship.

Don't become a statistic- make sure you don't just fall into a course or job. You still have plenty of time to make the right decisions and put in the groundwork.

You will be making the wrong career choice if you base your decision-making solely on any of the following:

It looks cool on TV (e.g., Boston Legal, Suits, CSI, Criminal Minds). This is NOT reality. People don't walk around crime scenes wearing the latest fashions, or work in labs with their hair out. Nor do they receive crime scene test results overnight. If you want to watch a good program, watch an Australian reality series like:

- Border Security Australia, Seven Network
- The Recruit, Victoria Police
- Testing Teachers, SBS

Or read autobiographies of people working in the industry you are interested in.



Your parents expect you to do it. This is a tricky one. You want to study history, but your parents expect you to study law, medicine or dentistry.

Following your parents' guidance will make them happy, but considering you will probably work until you're 70 years old and will be an independent adult, it's important that you are happy and fulfilled in your life.

The job pays a lot of money. We know occupations like Dentistry, Law and Mathematics pay well. But would you want to sit through four years of Law if your heart wasn't in it, and you didn't enjoy things like researching, debating, reading and analysing?

And would you want to commit years of study to becoming a Dentist or Surgeon through taking subject after subject in sciences when your real passion is humanities?

If you want to follow the path that will lead you to a satisfying career, there are a few things to think about.

You don't know what you don't know: There is a world of opportunity out there with an enormous range of career options. There are jobs that will suit you that haven't even been invented yet!

How would you know that you would like to study biomedical engineering if you have only studied physics and mathematical methods at school? How would you know that you would love anthropology if you have only studied sociology at school?

Network: Do work experience. Worried about missing school? Go for one or two days- you don't have to go for a whole week. You won't be able to build up a realistic picture of what an occupation is like by just reading a brochure.

Be flexible and ready for change: You will probably change your career direction several times throughout your lifetime and you will work for different companies. You may also change your course or apprenticeship, drop out of study, work for a while, go back to study, drop out again, travel, pick up some TAFE study, work in different jobs....you don't know what lies ahead in your future but be prepared to be flexible and resourceful.

Participate in experience days, open days, career events organised by your school etc. One small thing may spark a new interest, or affirm current career interests.

Use YouTube: Sounds simple, but YouTube is a fantastic tool for researching courses and occupations. Just search 'careers in Australia' and you will be able to listen to people working in the occupation you are interested in.

Career Adviser: make a time to see your Career Adviser. They will be able to provide expert guidance.



Access your allies: For many people of your generation, it's completely normal to not have post school career goals. Most importantly, speak to the people who know you best. They will be able to advise you well and support you throughout your journey.

Great career websites

- Myfuture, <https://myfuture.edu.au/>
- Deakin Explore, <https://bit.ly/2Zx4vJ4>
- Job Outlook, <https://bit.ly/2MYDTbs>
- Skills Road, <https://bit.ly/2P2YazQ>
- Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Pathways, <https://bit.ly/2Gif3PD>
- The Footnotes, <https://bit.ly/2Zsz96q>

Are you creative? Do you love working on computers? Do you enjoy media?

You may be suited to studying digital media. IT, coding, design and multi media skills are currently in demand and will continue to be desired workplace skills in the future. The following are examples of digital media courses you can study at Victorian institutes:

Bachelor of Design (Digital Media), RMIT: <http://bit.ly/2bQKzrJ>

Bachelor of Design (majoring in Digital Media Design), Swinburne University, <http://bit.ly/2bApAc1>

Bachelor of Digital Media, Macleay College, Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/2liqzj1>

Bachelor of Communication (Digital Media), Deakin University, <https://bit.ly/2FVfe7p>

Bachelor of Design (Digital Technologies), Deakin University, <https://bit.ly/2vwisVs>



Passionate about Information Technology?

The following three universities offer Bachelor of Information Technology Industry Scholarship programs:

University of Technology Sydney: The scholarships are worth \$49 500 each and recipients have had a 100% employment success rate post graduation. Round 1 applications close on 8 September, <https://bit.ly/2ENoz75>

Swinburne University: recipients receive 40-weeks of industry experience and a \$40 000 industry funded scholarship, <http://bit.ly/2bG8LuW>

Victoria University: students who receive entry into the Bachelor of Information Technology (Professional) have the opportunity to receive a 12-month paid industry internship, <https://bit.ly/2zpUL4I>

Key ICT Career websites

- Digital Careers:** careers in information and communication technologies, <https://bit.ly/2PekU1m>
- Careers With STEM:** careers in computer science and gaming, <https://bit.ly/2W2Yz5k>
- Careers Foundation:** explore the interactive ICT Career Wheel, <http://bit.ly/2flU5a3>

Upcoming Open Days

Victoria

Collarts Melbourne (31 Aug)	https://bit.ly/2Z8ozgJ
Eastern College Australia Wantirna (10 Sep)	https://bit.ly/2Xh6TPX

Canberra

Australia National University Canberra (31 Aug)	https://bit.ly/2Mptatg
University of Canberra Canberra (31 Aug)	https://bit.ly/2z6dP7U
Australian Catholic University Canberra (31 Aug)	https://bit.ly/2P3hvy0

NSW

University of Technology Sydney Sydney (31 Aug)	https://bit.ly/1Dwieuu
University of Sydney Sydney (31 Aug)	https://bit.ly/2Mptatg
University of Newcastle Newcastle (31 Aug)	https://bit.ly/2DS113V
UNSW Kensington (7 Sep)	https://bit.ly/2KneFor
Australian Catholic University Strathfield (7 Sep)	https://bit.ly/2P3hvy0

University early entry programs - closing soon

University of Wollongong, Early Admission Program. Applications close 30 August 2019, <https://bit.ly/2NphUyk>

La Trobe University, Aspire Early Admissions Program. Applications close 31 August, 2019, <https://bit.ly/2KdjGN1>

Charles Sturt University, Charles Sturt Advantage. Applications close 31 August, 2019, <https://bit.ly/2Je0sZw>

Australian Catholic University, Community

Dates for your diary

AUGUST

- **28 – 29: Inside Monash Seminars:** Monash University, Engineering (28), IT and Computer Science (29), <https://bit.ly/2Ki2NYw>
- **30: Planning ahead, your US & UK application timeline**, Crimson Education, Hawthorn, <https://bit.ly/33f3GDx>

SEPTEMBER

- **Meet Melbourne University**, Ballarat (11), Warragul (24), Mildura (25), <https://bit.ly/2ZmoRAM>
- **17, 18: Advice Nights**, Swinburne University, Wantirna Campus (17), Hawthorn campus (18), Aviation (18), <https://bit.ly/2Kt0nAI>
- **18: Extension Program Information Evening**, The University of Melbourne, Parkville campus, <https://bit.ly/2Zozgfg>
- **22: Dookie Day**, University of Melbourne, Dookie campus. For students interested in studying agriculture, <https://bit.ly/2Ka80LX>
- **24 - 26: Fashion Camp**, Kangan Institute, Richmond, <https://bit.ly/2Oqv9iF>

OCTOBER

- **20: Werribee Open Day**, University of Melbourne, Werribee campus. For students interested in studying Veterinary Science, <https://bit.ly/2KUusu0>



Defence Force – Upcoming Career Events

August

- 27: Albury-Wodonga and Mildura, Defence Careers Information Session

September

- 2: Warrnambool, Defence Careers Information Session
- 3: Mildura, Careers for Indigenous Australians
- 11: Melbourne, Navy Careers Information Session
- 17: Benalla, Defence Careers Information Session
- 19: Melbourne, Air Force Careers Information Session
- 30: Melbourne, ADFA Information Session.

For information and to register your place, go to <https://bit.ly/2MpyMUj>

University applications – key dates

The following courses have VTAC applications and in some cases supplementary forms or audition applications due by the following dates:

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Due by Saturday 31 August, 5pm

- Fine Arts (Animation), Fine Arts (Dance), Fine Arts (Film and Television), Fine Arts (Screenwriting).

Due by Monday 30 September, 5pm

- Fine Arts (Acting), Fine Arts (Design and Production), Fine Arts (Music Theatre), Fine Arts (Theatre), Fine Arts (Visual Arts).
- Music (Music Performance, Composition, Musicology or Ethnomusicology), Music (Jazz and Improvisation), Music (Interactive Composition), Music (Chancellor's Scholars).

MONASH UNIVERSITY

Due by Monday 30 September

- Medicine (School Leaver Entry), Medicine (CSP Extended Rural Cohort School Leaver Entry), Medicine (CSP Bonded School Leaver Entry).



Interested in Marine Science?

The following are examples of universities that offer Marine Science and Marine Biology courses:

University of Tasmania, <https://bit.ly/2Lgd2r0>

Deakin University, Warrnambool and Geelong Waurn Ponds, <http://bit.ly/2bAvUQU>

University of Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2bHIBch>

Australia National University, Canberra, <http://bit.ly/1e0fHSY>

James Cook University, Townsville, QLD, <https://bit.ly/2wOF0FI>



University applications – VTAC

Year 12 students – have you started your VTAC application yet?

If you are planning to study at a Victorian university or TAFE within the next two years, you may have to apply through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC).

You don't have to know what courses you would like to apply for at this stage, but you will need to start your application by the 30th of September to avoid a late fee.

The following are steps to follow to get started on your application.

Step 1: Create a VTAC Account

Video on how to create your account - <https://bit.ly/2XVBiHV>

1. Go to www.vtac.edu.au/
2. Click 'Sign Up'
3. Work through the steps. You will need your VCAA/NESA ID number and you can make up your own 4-digit pin.

Step 2: Apply for at least 1 course

Video on how to order preferences - <https://bit.ly/2M25EKL>

1. Go to www.vtac.edu.au/
2. Click on Login and enter your VTAC ID and Pin (this has been emailed to you).
3. Select the course application link
4. Work through the steps. You can apply for up to 8 courses. You can change for your preferences for most courses later.

Step 3: Pay processing fee

1. Login to your VTAC Account
2. Select the payment link
3. Click on the PayPal button and then pay via PayPal or Credit/Debit card
4. Pay the one-off \$39 processing fee by Monday 9 December.

Step 4: Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)

Work out your eligibility for any of the four categories by exploring the VTAC SEAS site- <https://bit.ly/1PG8z14>

1. Login to your VTAC Account
2. Click on the SEAS link and apply for any of the 4 categories that you are eligible for.
3. Organise supporting statements and any other required documentation and post them with the SEAS document cover letter to VTAC by 11 October or upload directly to the website.

Step 5: Access and Equity Scholarships

Read about the scholarship application process and required evidence here- <https://bit.ly/1Kxa6kh>

1. Login to your VTAC Account
2. Click on the scholarships link and work through the steps.
3. Organise supporting statements and any other required documentation and post them with the Scholarship document cover letter to VTAC by 11 October or upload directly to the website.

University applications - UAC

If you are planning to study at a NSW or Canberra university or TAFE within the next two years, you may have to apply through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

You don't have to know what courses you would like to apply for this stage, but you will need to start your application by the 30th of September to avoid a late fee.

The following are steps to follow to get started on your application.

Step 1: Create a UAC account and apply for courses

1. Go to www.uac.edu.au/
2. Under 'Apply or Login', click on 'Undergraduate Application'.
3. Click 'Start your application'
4. Fill out each section. For Victorian students, the four-digit pin is the first four digits of your birthdate and for NSW students, UAC has emailed your pin.
5. Apply for at least 1 course; you can enter up to 5 preferences. You can change your preferences later.
6. Download and print off the confirmation application package - this will list your UAC number.

Step 2: Pay processing fee

1. Once you complete your course application in Step 1, you will have the option of paying online.
2. If you would like to pay later, you can select BPay or Bill Pay and download an invoice with your confirmation application package.
3. You can pay the one-off \$70 processing fee at the post office or via BPay.

Step 3: Education Access Schemes (EAS)

1. Work out if you are eligible for any categories by exploring the EAS site- www.uac.edu.au/eas/
2. Download and print the 2020 EAS Booklet
3. Within your UAC account, click on the EAS tab
4. Apply for any categories you may be eligible for via the online portal and download the cover sheets.
5. Organise the evidence needed.
6. Upload or post evidence required with the cover sheets to UAC by Friday 29 November.

Step 4: Apply for Equity Scholarships (ES)

1. Read about the scholarship application process and required evidence here- www.uac.edu.au/equity/
2. Go to www.uac.edu.au/
3. Hover your mouse over the 'Apply or Login' button then click on 'Equity Scholarships – application and offers', then click 'Start your Application'.
4. Work through each step and click submit.
5. Download and print the document package, which will list any evidence you are required to provide and post to UAC or upload to the website.
6. Complete this by Sunday 15 December.

Applying for other states?

Use the following websites to apply for courses in other states.

NSW/ACT	www.uac.edu.au
SA/NT	www.satac.edu.au
WA	www.tisc.edu.au
QLD	www.qtac.edu.au
Tasmania	www.utas.edu.au