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Welcome to the first edition of the Careers Newsletter. I look forward to another great year of supporting the students in their journey of career development and exploration and assisting them in making important decisions regarding post-secondary options. I am available all week and am more than happy to assist students and parents. I can be contacted via email on helen.madden@pvcc.vic.edu.au to make an appointment.

Don't forget also to check out our PVCC Careers website for important information for students and parents. You can find our site at: <https://careers.pvcc.vic.edu.au>

Items in the *Career News* include –

- Dates to Diarise in Term 1
- What the Career Centre can assist you with?
- Applying for a Tax File Number (TFN)
- ADF Work Experience opportunities
- World University rankings
- Overseas Medical Work Experience opportunities
- 2027 UK Gap year opportunities



Dates to Diarise in Term 1

- Year 10 Work Experience – Placements to be finalised by the end of Term 1.



What the Career Centre can assist you with?

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Tax File Number (TFN)

Every student will require a tax file number when they start work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start too.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university without a Tax File Number, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students must apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit [TFN Application](#).



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Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026

The *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2026 include 2,191 universities across 115 countries and territories.

Below are the **top 15 universities in Australia**, with two leading universities in Victoria.

Australia Rank 2026	World University Rank 2026	University	State/territory
1	37	University of Melbourne	Victoria
2	=53	University of Sydney	New South Wales
3	=58	Monash University	Victoria
4	=73	Australian National University	Australian Capital Territory
5	79	UNSW Sydney	New South Wales
6	=80	The University of Queensland	Queensland
7	133	Adelaide University	South Australia
8	=145	University of Technology Sydney	New South Wales
9	153	The University of Western Australia	Western Australia
10	=166	Macquarie University	New South Wales
11	201-250	Deakin University	Victoria
12	201-250	Queensland University of Technology	Queensland
13	201-250	University of Wollongong	New South Wales
14	251-300	Curtin University	Western Australia
15	251-300	Griffith University	New South Wales

To find out more about the Times Higher Education World Universities Rankings, visit [Best Universities in Australia](#) and [World Ranking of Australian Universities](#).



Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

The **Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)** website assists students in making informed choices about their higher education options by bringing together survey data from all Australian universities, allowing students to compare student experience and job outcomes.

Data is collected from over 400,000 students, graduates, and employers QILT surveys every year. Covering all study levels and both domestic and international students, QILT is regarded as the only comprehensive system of higher education surveys in Australia.

All Australian universities and around 90 non-university higher education providers take part in the QILT surveys.

So, students can compare the student experience, whether domestic or international, between universities, and learn more about employment outcomes of the different institutions.

Visit [ComparED](#) and explore and compare institutions and study areas based on real life student experiences provided through the QILT surveys.



UK Gap Year Program in 2027

Applications for our UK Gap Year Program in 2027 are now open! This is an opportunity to live, work, and explore abroad — creating unforgettable memories while gaining real-world experience.

Students go into paid roles in leading UK Boarding Schools or Activity Centres, accommodation included, and participants get to earn while they travel and explore UK & Europe during term breaks. All participants receive full program support — from the Letz Live team in AU, NZ & UK.

Find out more at [Letz Live Gap Years Abroad](#).



Medical Work Experience Overseas for High School Students

Projects Abroad has spent over 30 years helping our participants fulfill their potential and make the world a better place.

Projects Abroad offers a range of [Medical Work Experience](#) programs for high school students, and a number of the destinations are overseas. These overseas medical programs might be of interest to students keen to pursue studies and careers in medicine and healthcare.

These programs are designed for students in Years 10, 11, and 12 and run in the mid-year break and over the summer holiday. They are ideal for individuals or groups of friends.

Projects Abroad has been running these programs for over 15 years. They are very popular with students from across Australia, New Zealand, Europe, and North America.

Defence Work Experience Programs

Introduction to Navy Program: HMAS Cerberus (April)

Crib Point VIC / Tuesday 28 – Thursday 30 April

- This work experience program will run over 3 days at the Navy's premier training establishment, HMAS Cerberus.
- Lunch is provided each day however students must make their own way to and from the Navy base each day.
- Metropolitan Melbourne students are strongly encouraged to apply for this program, as regional student applications will be prioritised for the Navy July program below.
- **Online applications close 15-Mar-2026**
- For more information and to apply, follow the link [Defence Careers - Introduction to Navy Program: HMAS Cerberus \(April\)](#)

Army Familiarisation Program: Puckapunyal Military Area

Puckapunyal VIC / Monday – Thursday June TBC

- This program is anticipated to be in June and will be advertised on the website soon.
- This work experience program will run over 4 days and will introduce students to career opportunities with various Army Units including Artillery, Armour and Transport.
- This is an overnight program with meals and on base accommodation provided at no cost to successful applicants.

STEM To The Rescue: Wantirna (June)

Wantirna South VIC / Monday 22 – Friday 26 June

- This 5 day program offers an immersive experience to tackle real-world STEM challenges. Students will have the opportunity to visit a range of Defence and industry facilities focused on STEM innovation.
- Lunch is provided each day however students must make their own way to and from Wantirna South each day.
- **Online applications close 26 Apr 2026.**
- For more information and to apply, follow the link [Defence Careers - STEM To The Rescue: Wantirna \(June\)](#)

Introduction to Navy Overnight Program: HMAS Cerberus (July)

Crib Point VIC / Monday 20 – Friday 24 July

- This Navy work experience program is open to Victorian, Tasmanian and New South Wales students. Students will arrive at HMAS Cerberus on Monday, 20 July (afternoon) and depart on Friday, 24 July (morning).
- This is an overnight program where meals and on base accommodation will be provided at no cost to successful applicants.
- **Online applications close 17 May 2026.**
- For more information and to apply, follow the link [Defence Careers - Introduction to Navy Overnight Program: HMAS Cerberus \(July\)](#)

STEM Immersion: Fishermans Bend**Melbourne CBD / Monday – Thursday June TBC**

- This program is anticipated to be in June and will be advertised on the website soon.
- This work experience program has been developed to showcase a variety of STEM careers available in Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) and with Industry Partners.
- Lunch is provided each day however students must make their own way to and from Melbourne CBD each day.

Army Familiarisation: Puckapunyal Military Area**Puckapunyal VIC / Monday – Thursday October TBC**

- This program is anticipated to be in October and will be advertised on the website soon.
- This work experience program will run over 4 days and will introduce students to career opportunities with various Army Units including Artillery, Armour and Transport.
- This is an overnight program where meals and on base accommodation will be provided at no cost to successful applicants.

STEM Immersion: Fishermans Bend**Melbourne CBD / Monday – Thursday November TBC**

- This program is anticipated to be in November and will be advertised on the website soon.
- This work experience program has been developed to showcase a variety of STEM careers available in Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) and with Industry Partners.
- Lunch is provided each day however students must make their own way to and from Melbourne CBD each day.

Careers Expos

Simpson Barracks Army Expo: Simpson Barracks**Yallambie VIC / Saturday, Saturday 14 March**

- One day careers expo at Simpson Barracks, showcasing various military displays and career opportunities within the Army.
- ADF Careers and the Defence Work Experience team will both be in attendance to answer any questions you may have.

- Tickets are free, but registration is required. Please see poster below for the QR registration link.



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FREE EVENT

ARMY 125th BIRTHDAY
Simpson Barracks Army Expo
14 March 2026
1000-1600h

• Vehicle Displays • Robot Display • Flight Simulator • Weapons Displays • ADF Careers Information •

• Engineer Search Demonstration • Army Combative Program Demonstration • Defence Veterans Association •

• Defence Force School of Signals Display • Australian Army Band - Melbourne • Simpson Barracks Community Centre •



• TICKET REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED VIA QR CODE •