



WEEKLY CAREER NEWS

EVENTS, NEWS, UPDATES
AND RESOURCES

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Year 11 students

Hansen Scholarship

Year 11 students planning to study at The University of Melbourne in 2023 may be interested in exploring the prestigious Hansen Scholarship via <https://bit.ly/3ix3ENW>

Applications for the scholarship will open early in 2022. A virtual information session is being held for interested Year 11 students and their families.

Date: Thursday 28 October, 6 – 7pm
RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3Da32Y>

Get course advice

The following are examples of universities that offer one-to-one course advice consultations:

Charles Sturt University

Book a video chat or a campus tour via www.csu.edu.au/contacts

Australian Catholic University

One-to-one video consultations for Victorian courses are being offered between 19 – 20 October, <https://bit.ly/3FloBID>

La Trobe University

Book a video chat via <https://bit.ly/3mE8ywl>

Swinburne University

Book a video chat via <https://bit.ly/3v1WkC9>

Federation University

Book a video chat or a VIP campus tour, <https://bit.ly/3iTixxi>

Would you like to help people with eye disorders?

You may like to study Orthoptics



These allied health professionals play a crucial role in the early detection and treatment of eye diseases in children and adults. They can specialise in areas such as the following:

- Children's vision/paediatrics
- Eye movement disorders
- Low vision care/rehabilitation
- Cataract care and retinal disorders
- Neurological vision disorders
- Laser eye surgery and corneal conditions
- Driver vision and sports vision

You can study orthoptics at La Trobe University, Melbourne. For key information about this occupation, visit the Orthoptics Australia website, www.orthoptics.org.au/

You may also like to consider Optometry

Often the optometrist is first point of contact for people and they can make referrals to orthoptists.

They are health care professionals who can diagnose eye diseases, detect changes in the visual system and prescribe corrective lenses. In Victoria you can study optometry at Deakin University and The University of Melbourne.

For key information about this occupation, visit the Optometry Australia website <https://bit.ly/3iOYSeV>

University and TAFE applicants

Have you applied for university or TAFE courses through a Tertiary Admission Centre?

Additional application requirements

To ensure you don't miss submitting compulsory documents, forms, or folios etc., or booking an interview or additional tests such as CASPer, check the course entry requirements on the institute's website or on the Tertiary Admission Centre website.

Scholarships

If you are planning to study in 2022, you should explore the scholarships available at each institute you have applied for. Simply Google the name of the institute plus the word scholarships.

External scholarships can be searched for via the Good Universities Guide website and via Internet searches, <https://bit.ly/3blJm0y>

Applications

If you missed the timely application dates for state-based Tertiary Admission Centres, you can still apply for university and TAFE courses, you will just have to pay a higher application fee.

Application fees

Remember to pay the Tertiary Admission Centre application fees by the closing dates.

For example – Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre is the 20th of December for the January round.



Focus on VET Pathways

Vocational education and training (VET) includes traineeships, apprenticeships and TAFE study.



4 out of 5 parents report that they would prefer their child to go to university than study VET, <http://bit.ly/2vPBkPF> but it is crucial that both parents and students take the time to understand the VET sector, and that a preference for just university study may in some cases limit a young persons potential.

Between 20 – 30% of young people in Australia drop out of or change their university course within the first year. Many young people don't even consider studying VET due to incorrect perceptions or through lack of understanding of the sector.

It's no secret that employers love job applicants who have TAFE qualifications, including those who graduate from a university degree with a VET qualification.

VET graduates are considered to have 'job ready' skills and in the future labour market in Australia with 1 in every 2 young people expected to complete a Bachelor degree, it is more important than ever to have diverse skills, industry experience and more than one qualification (e.g., a Bachelor of Engineering with a TAFE Diploma in Project Management).



Did you know that several occupations predicted to have the most jobs growth by 2025 are in vocational training areas and in the industries with the most growth (e.g., health and community services, construction, and accommodation and food services)? Source: <http://bit.ly/1mab7j7>

Specific occupations with the biggest growth prediction include waiters, aged and disabled carers, general clerks, chefs, ICT support technicians, electricians, education aides, child carers, enrolled nurses, cleaners etc.

Current skills shortages are in occupations such as automotive trades, food trades, construction trades, and building professionals.



A report, titled: 'Perceptions Are Not Reality: myths, realities & the critical role of vocational education & training in Australia', was released by Skilling Australia Foundation.

It revealed the following:

- VET graduates earn wages comparable to, if not exceeding, that of university graduates.
- VET graduates have a higher employment rate than university undergraduates. More than 78% of VET graduates are employed after training.
- VET courses have adapted more readily to changing workforce needs.



There are some occupations that require a university degree (e.g., medicine, social work, law).

It is advisable that students consider undertaking VET study during their gap year (e.g., gap year traineeship or TAFE course) and concurrently with their university studies (if time permits).

Other benefits of TAFE courses include:

- Higher level courses (e.g., Diploma) can provide a direct pathway into university courses with credit.
- Can give you the opportunity to trial an industry or career area before you commit to university study.
- Can give you a qualification you can use to gain part time work whilst undertaking university study.



Do you know you can study a huge range of vocational courses at TAFE? TAFE provides students with the opportunity to:

- Undertake applied learning
- Gain 'industry ready' experience
- Learn about industries and careers
- Obtain a qualification in a relatively short time frame.

The following are example courses you could consider:

Jane knows she loves working with people, has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is creative, loves thinking outside the box, is highly organised and enjoys solving problems. She explores the following TAFE courses:

- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Advertising
- Professional Writing and Editing
- Broadcast Journalism
- Liberal Arts
- Library and Information Services



Sheridan loves sciences and health and is considering working in rehabilitation, medical sciences or allied health in the future. She explores the following courses:

- Dental Technology
- Nursing
- Massage and Myotherapy
- Allied Health Assistance
- Laboratory Technology
- Pathology Collection

Paul knows he loves helping people and that he would like to work in counselling, case management, or human services in the future. He explores the following courses:

- Community Services
- Youth Work
- Disability Services
- Mental Health
- Alcohol and other Drugs
- Aged Care



Focus on VET Pathways

To search for TAFE courses, use the following websites:

Victorian Skills Gateway website - www.skills.vic.gov.au/s/

TAFE NSW - <http://bit.ly/1mgtM05>

MySkills (Australia wide) - <http://bit.ly/2gWp25g>

It's important to note that many courses have optional or compulsory information sessions that run between now and the end of the year.

You will need to ensure that you attend these sessions and also fulfil any portfolio or selection task requirements.

Key VET websites include

VET – VCAA	https://bit.ly/2CKD9Va
VET. It's right now	https://bit.ly/2yhKLdT
Skills Road	https://bit.ly/2P2YazQ
SkillsOne	https://bit.ly/1zCKBUG
Myfuture	https://bit.ly/1t6Uj62

Free TAFE for priority courses

You may be eligible for free or low-cost courses at TAFE.

Victorian TAFEs: Free TAFE and JobTrainer initiatives, www.skills.vic.gov.au/s

NSW TAFEs: Smart & Skilled and JobTrainer initiatives, <https://smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au/>



Interesting STEM articles

The following has been taken from Careers with STEM

The A-Z of STEM careers: If you like science, wading through never-ending Google searches to find 'the one' can be daunting. Hit up the Careers With STEM list of every science-related job option they can think of. Some you would have heard of, but loads will surprise you!
<https://bit.ly/2SQi5Cl>

How to become a marine biologist: marine biology is a cool pathway for anyone who's keen on conservation and into nature! Here, we answer your FAQs like what to study and where to land a next-gen job, <https://bit.ly/3v1N68O>

Train to become a flight attendant



The following are examples of two institutions that offer flight attendant training in the Melbourne area:

Aviation Australia

Training runs in blocks with numerous starting dates throughout the year. You can explore start dates, location and fees at this link - <https://aviationaustralia.aero/>

William Angliss

Offers the Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew). To find out about the course, go to www.angliss.edu.au

Encouraging Students to Consider a Career in Technology

The following has been taken from My Career Match:

"MyCareerMatch has collaborated with CSIRO to launch Digital Careers to engage with young people and encourage them to consider a career in technology.

Using our propriety software we mapped student personalities to occupations in technology. We know people cluster in careers that match their personalities and this project was particularly interesting because to map digital careers we needed to understand what each one does and what qualities are required by the person doing the job.

As you know, technology jobs are being created and redefined all the time, so we used technology recruitment specialists whose job it is to recruit people into the tech industry to define careers we recommend.

The final report is impressive and matches personality types to careers. CSIRO Digital Careers is available free of charge."

View the report via <https://bit.ly/2YEKjeZ> and access the program via <https://digitalcareers.csiro.au/en/Careers>

Endeavour College of Natural Health

Open Day

Endeavour College is located at Melbourne and offers courses in:

Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Acupuncture, Myotherapy and Complimentary Medicine.

The College is running a virtual open day for prospective students on Wednesday 20 October. For information and to register, visit www.endeavour.edu.au/events/



Federation University

Online webinars

Federation University is running the following online webinars for prospective students in October:

12	Year 12 students & Parents information session: Uni in 2022
19	Occupational Therapy East Gippsland Cadetship info session
26	Psychology study and careers
28	Nursing & Midwifery study and careers

To access these webinars and watch recorded webinars covering a variety of topics and courses, visit: <https://bit.ly/3i7CdLo>

Australian Defence Force

Gap Year Program

It isn't too late to apply for the Gap Year Program. There are still roles open in the Navy, Army and Air Force. The Gap Year program offers students a fantastic opportunity to work for the ADF for 12-months, meet people from all over Australia, develop skills in team work, initiative and leadership, and earn a high wage. Apply via <https://bit.ly/3eKYXP8>

Events

Several career information sessions for prospective students are running during October and November. Explore dates and options via <https://bit.ly/2SiHqYJ>