

Weekly Careers News for Victoria

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This Week's Events

Melbourne Polytechnic Information Technology & Security Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: July 27, 2026

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone.

Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options. Find out more about the following course(s) at Melbourne Polytechnic:

- Certificate III in Information Technology

[Find out more](#)

Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session

Organisation: Australian Federal Police

Location: Online

Date: July 28, 2026

Gain insights into the role of a protective service officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

[Find out more](#)

Music Careers Expo 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: The Push

Location: The Corner Hotel

Date: July 28, 2026

The Music Careers Expo is for young people aged 15–25 who are curious about working in music — whether that's performing, producing, working behind the scenes or exploring other roles across the industry.

You'll hear from people working across the industry (artists, managers, producers, engineers) and have the chance to sit down one-on-one with professionals and educators for advice on your next steps.

If you love Australian music and want to work in it, this is where you start!

Parents, teachers and friends are also welcome to attend.

[Find out more](#)

Meet Melbourne Albury

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Atura Albury

Date: July 29, 2026

Our Future Students team are visiting Albury to meet with prospective undergraduate students like you to discuss your study options and the exciting campus life that awaits you at Melbourne.

- Discover your study path and career options through the Melbourne curriculum
- Hear from current students who made the move to Melbourne
- Learn about your special entry and scholarship eligibility through Access Melbourne

- Find out about accommodation options and the vibrant community opportunities
- Ask us any questions you may have.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Undergraduate Info Session

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: July 29, 2026

Whether you are looking to upskill, change careers, or take your first steps into higher education, the Future Students Support team are here to help you navigate your journey. Everyone's path to university is unique. This event offers personalised, one-on-one support tailored to your background and goals. Each session is a short 20-minute consultation conducted via video or phone call, making it easy to get the answers you need from the comfort of home.

Select the category that best matches your needs, choose your preferred time and contact method, and let's get you started!

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Screen & Media Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone.

Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options. Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate IV in Screen and Media
- Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Music & Sound Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone.

Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options. Find out more about the following course(s):

- Advanced Diploma of Music - Performance
- Certificate IV in Music - Sound Production
- Diploma of Music

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Business Management & Accounting Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone.

Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options. Find out more about a Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping.

[Find out more](#)

ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained with ADHD – Webinar for Year 12 Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions with ADHD, which can impact these processes.

We'll cover:

- The ATAR - explained
- What the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) is and who qualifies
- How to apply for EAS and what you will need
- Other bonus points (adjustment factors) on offer
- Important dates and deadlines
- University preference strategies that work
- Early entry options and their benefits

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

Geelong Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Geelong Region Local Learning and Employment Network

Location: Nyaal Banyul - Geelong Convention and Event Centre

Date: July 30, 2026

A major regional careers and pathways event bringing together students, schools, industry, training providers and community to explore the opportunities shaping Geelong's future workforce.

Presented by the Geelong Region Local Learning and Employment Network (GRLEN).

Supporting young people across Geelong, Surf Coast, Queenscliffe and Golden Plains.

The Geelong Careers Expo was created to:

- Bring a comprehensive range of providers together in one accessible location
- Give students meaningful hands-on experiences
- Expand awareness of local and external career pathways
- Strengthen collaboration between education and industry
- Support young people in moving confidently from school to work

It is a new event for a new generation — designed to grow with the region and become a lasting annual pillar.

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Auslan Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

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Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options.

Find out more about the following course(s) at Melbourne Polytechnic:

- Diploma of Auslan
- Certificate II in Auslan
- Certificate III in Auslan
- Certificate IV in Auslan

[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Caulfield

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Caulfield Campus

Date: August 1, 2026

If you're considering studying at uni, coming to our Open Day is one of the best decisions you can make. You'll be able to discover key course information, explore our campuses, meet current students and staff, and get a taste of Monash life, firsthand.

Whether you want to get a feel for what you'll be studying, make sure you're on the right track, or simply picture yourself in one of our learning spaces, you should join us at Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Peninsula

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Peninsula Campus

Date: August 1, 2026

If you're considering studying at uni, coming to our Open Day is one of the best decisions you can make. You'll be able to discover key course information, explore our campuses, meet current students and staff, and get a taste of Monash life, firsthand.

Whether you want to get a feel for what you'll be studying, make sure you're on the right track, or simply picture yourself in one of our learning spaces, you should join us at Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Warrnambool

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Warrnambool Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

Come to Open Day to find out how studying at Deakin lets you gain practical experience, make industry connections and build career confidence – everything you need to land the job you want.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Clayton

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Clayton Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

If you're considering studying at uni, coming to our Open Day is one of the best decisions you can make. You'll be able to discover key course information, explore our campuses, meet current students and staff, and get a taste of Monash life, firsthand.

Whether you want to get a feel for what you'll be studying, make sure you're on the right track, or simply picture yourself in one of our learning spaces, you should join us at Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

RMIT Open Day 2026, Bundoora

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Bundoora Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

Find your future at RMIT Open Day.

Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

There is something for everyone at RMIT Open Day:

- High school students and mature aged students can explore campus, discover study options, and get a taste of university life at RMIT.
- Family and friends are welcome to join too – there will be live music, food, and fun activities to enjoy on the day.
- Parents and guardians can see firsthand how we get students ready for what's next.

[Find out more](#)

Next Week's Events

JCU Exploring the World of Veterinary Science Webinar

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: Online

Date: August 4, 2026

Thinking about a future in Veterinary Science? Discover how you can transform your love for animals into a rewarding and impactful career.

This free webinar, hosted by JCU's College of Science and Engineering, is essential viewing for anyone considering the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours).

What you'll learn:

- How the course is structured and what makes studying Veterinary Science at JCU unique
- Placement opportunities and the specialist skills you'll gain in tropical and rural veterinary practice
- Real-world learning at JCU's Veterinary and Emergency Centre and Hospital, and Fletcherview Research Station
- Hear directly from academics and current Veterinary Science student about their experiences and advice
- Career pathways in veterinary clinics and hospitals, biosecurity and quarantine, research, pharmaceuticals, and wildlife conservation
- The application process, key dates, and expert tips to help you submit a strong application

[Find out more](#)

Applying to the University of Melbourne through VTAC – Online Session for Future Students

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Planning on applying to the University of Melbourne, but a little unsure of the steps involved through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)? Join us to discover everything you need to know about VTAC and answer all your application questions.

You'll be guided through the process by our Future Students team and a VTAC representative, so you can apply for your preferred Melbourne undergraduate course in 2026 with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Mission Control at Parliament House for Year 7-12 Students

Organisation: Australian Space Agency

Location: Parliament House, Parliament of Victoria

Date: August 5, 2026

The space sector is set to triple in size by the year 2028 and will have a role in many diverse industries including agriculture, meteorology, precision mapping and health. What industries would it take to make Mars our home?

In this program, students will think critically about the skills and knowledge needed for a successful mission to Mars. After debating and voting on industries to send on the mission, in a way that mirrors Victoria's parliamentary process, they will work collaboratively to complete a hands-on design challenge as they consider how to sustainably power operations, feed the population, and communicate across the far reaches of space.

This program is a collaboration between Science Gallery Melbourne, Australian Space Agency and Parliament of Victoria.

[Find out more](#)

STEM + X: Careers in Agriculture – Webinar for Students, Teachers & Parents

Organisation: Careers with STEM

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Careers in agriculture go far beyond the farm, spanning areas like biotechnology, environmental management, data science, policy, agribusiness, and global development. People with skills in

these fields are now in high demand to help grow sustainable, nutritious and resilient food systems that improve the health of communities and the environment.

Join us for a free STEM + X career webinar, supported by The University of Queensland to hear from agriculture science students, graduates and lecturers who making an impact.

[Find out more](#)

National Fashion College Open Day, Melbourne

Organisation: National Fashion College

Location: National Fashion College, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 6, 2026

Unlock a world of limitless possibilities at National Fashion College, where your fashion journey begins at our iconic Melbourne Campus!

Step into a realm of unmatched creativity and immerse yourself in the forefront of fashion innovation. Our pioneering courses, dynamic internship opportunities, and exclusive access to the buzz of Australian, New York, and London Fashion Weeks will propel you into the heart of the global fashion scene. Get ready to be inspired, challenged, and transformed - we can't wait to welcome you!

If these times don't suit you, you can always [book in for a private appointment or tour instead](#).

[Find out more](#)

RMIT Open Day 2026, Brunswick

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Brunswick Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Find your future at RMIT Open Day.

Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

There is something for everyone at RMIT Open Day:

- High school students and mature aged students can explore campus, discover study options, and get a taste of university life at RMIT.
- Family and friends are welcome to join too – there will be live music, food, and fun activities to enjoy on the day.
- Parents and guardians can see firsthand how we get students ready for what's next.

[Find out more](#)

MIT Open Day 2026

Organisation: Melbourne Institute of Technology

Location: MIT Melbourne Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Join us on campus to explore your study options, learn about our courses and discover what it's like to study at MIT.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Shepparton

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Shepparton Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

RMIT Open Day 2026, Melbourne City

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Melbourne City Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Find your future at RMIT Open Day.

Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

There is something for everyone at RMIT Open Day:

- High school students and mature aged students can explore campus, discover study options, and get a taste of university life at RMIT.
- Family and friends are welcome to join too – there will be live music, food, and fun activities to enjoy on the day.
- Parents and guardians can see firsthand how we get students ready for what's next.

[Find out more](#)

Federation Open Day 2026, Gippsland

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Gippsland Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Experience Open Day at Federation University. From campus tours to live music and hands-on experiences, there's something for everyone.

Why come to Open Day?

- Tour the campus with current students
- Meet our academics, students and industry partners
- Enjoy food stalls, live music, games and giveaways
- Attend info sessions with expert course advice

[Find out more](#)

Future Events

The Gordon TAFE Info Night, Geelong City

Organisation: The Gordon

Location: The Gordon, Geelong City Campus

Date: August 10, 2026

Info Nights are the perfect opportunity to explore life at The Gordon. You'll get to tour our campuses, meet our teachers, and find out more about the courses and career pathways that interest you. With presentations, classroom sessions in your chosen study areas, and the chance to ask questions, Info Nights help you make informed decisions about your future. Plus, if you're ready to take the next step, our friendly team can help you apply on the spot!

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Hospitality Courses Information Session, Preston

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Melbourne Polytechnic, Preston Campus

Date: August 10, 2026

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone.

Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options.

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery - Non-apprenticeship
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Patisserie
- Certificate IV in Hospitality
- Certificate IV in Kitchen Management
- Diploma of Hospitality Management

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Mildura

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Mildura Campus

Date: August 12, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

The Gordon TAFE Info Night, East Geelong

Organisation: The Gordon

Location: The Gordon, East Geelong Campus

Date: August 12, 2026

Info Nights are the perfect opportunity to explore life at The Gordon. You'll get to tour our campuses, meet our teachers, and find out more about the courses and career pathways that interest you. With presentations, classroom sessions in your chosen study areas, and the chance to ask questions, Info Nights help you make informed decisions about your future. Plus, if you're ready to take the next step, our friendly team can help you apply on the spot!

[Find out more](#)

Chisholm Institute Info Day for Future Students, Frankston

Organisation: Chisholm Institute

Location: Chisholm Institute, Frankston Campus

Date: August 12, 2026

Whether you want to start a new career, upskill in your current one or are still exploring your options, Info Day is your chance to experience Chisholm up close. Chat with our teachers, tour our campuses, and find out how we can support your study journey – for the better.

[Find out more](#)

Bendigo TAFE Open Night, Bendigo City Campus

Organisation: Bendigo TAFE

Location: Bendigo TAFE, Bendigo City Campus

Date: August 13, 2026

Bendigo TAFE is hosting an Open Night at our Bendigo City campus, giving you the chance to explore our courses, meet passionate teachers and tour our state-of-the-art facilities.

Whether you're considering a career in health, automotive, animal studies, trades or beauty – you're welcome to attend as many sessions as you like.

[Find out more](#)

Bendigo TAFE Open Night, Charleston Road Campus

Organisation: Bendigo TAFE

Location: Bendigo TAFE, Charleston Road Campus

Date: August 13, 2026

Bendigo TAFE is hosting an Open Night at our Charleston Road campus, giving you the chance to explore our courses, meet passionate teachers and tour our state-of-the-art facilities.

Whether you're considering a career in health, automotive, animal studies, trades or beauty – you're welcome to attend as many sessions as you like.

[Find out more](#)

The Gordon TAFE Info Night, Werribee

Organisation: The Gordon

Location: The Gordon, Werribee Campus

Date: August 13, 2026

Info Nights are the perfect opportunity to explore life at The Gordon. You'll get to tour our campuses, meet our teachers, and find out more about the courses and career pathways that interest you. With presentations, classroom sessions in your chosen study areas, and the chance to ask questions, Info Nights help you make informed decisions about your future. Plus, if you're ready to take the next step, our friendly team can help you apply on the spot!

[Find out more](#)

Eastern College Open Night

Organisation: Eastern College Australia

Location: Eastern College Wantirna

Date: August 13, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Conservation Science Careers Webinar

Organisation: Bush Heritage Australia

Location: Online

Date: August 14, 2026

All interested secondary school students and university undergraduates are invited to join Bush Heritage Australia's online event on the eve of National Science Week 2026 - Conservation Science Careers.

This virtual event offers the opportunity for students to connect with, learn from and be inspired by field professionals in conservation science.

Individual students are welcome to register, along with course managers or subject teachers who would like to bring a class or group together to join the event.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP University College, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Ready to turn your passion into a purpose-driven career? ACAP Open Day is your opportunity to discover how our practical, people-focused courses can help you make a real difference – in your community and your life.

Join us on campus this August and experience what makes ACAP different. Whether you're considering counselling, psychology, social work, criminology, law or business, you'll get a firsthand look at the learning, support, and outcomes that set our students up for success.

From expert-led masterclasses and career panels to course advice and campus tours, Open Day is designed to give you the insight and inspiration to take the next step.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Whether you're still exploring your study options or you're ready to apply, SAE Open Day is the perfect place to get inspired, get informed, and get hands-on with your creative future.

Join us on campus this August to tour our studios, meet your future mentors, and experience what it's like to study at SAE – the University College built for creators and tech innovators.

Explore your study and career pathways across animation, audio, design, film, games, music, VFX and more. Connect with current students, industry-experienced lecturers, and alumni who've turned their ideas into careers.

[Find out more](#)

ADFA Open Day 2026

Organisation: Australian Defence Force Academy

Location: ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

Date: August 15, 2026

ADFA Open Day is run each year in August. Join us online or in person to:

- Explore world-class UNSW degrees, with information sessions about Business, Arts, Science, Engineering, Computing and Cyber Security.
- Learn about military training, studying and life on campus from current ADFA Trainee Officers.
- Watch a variety of exciting displays, take a virtual tour, and much more

[Find out more](#)

VU Open Day 2026, Footscray Park

Organisation: Victoria University

Location: Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Open Day is your chance to explore everything unis like VU have to offer – in person. You can tour our campuses, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, chat with students and teachers, get course advice, attend hands-on workshops and demos, and experience what student life could look like for you! It's a really valuable experience to getting the inside scoop on campus and life at uni or TAFE in general before you even finish school.

It also gives you a great opportunity to apply on the spot for our Early Entry program, or even apply for a course right there and then!

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Geelong Waterfront

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waterfront Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

Come to Open Day to find out how studying at Deakin lets you gain practical experience, make industry connections and build career confidence – everything you need to land the job you want.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
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[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Parkville

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Parkville Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

If you're considering studying at uni, coming to our Open Day is one of the best decisions you can make. You'll be able to discover key course information, explore our campuses, meet current students and staff, and get a taste of Monash life, firsthand.

Whether you want to get a feel for what you'll be studying, make sure you're on the right track, or simply picture yourself in one of our learning spaces, you should join us at Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

Federation Open Day 2026, Berwick

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Berwick Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Experience Open Day at Federation University. From campus tours to live music and hands-on experiences, there's something for everyone.

Why come to Open Day?

- Tour the campus with current students
- Meet our academics, students and industry partners
- Enjoy food stalls, live music, games and giveaways
- Attend info sessions with expert course advice

[Find out more](#)

University of Melbourne Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

From robots and renewables to Renaissance art, Open Day is a chance to experience what it's really like to study, live and thrive at Melbourne.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our campuses.

What's on at Open Day:

- Chat to our academics, Future Student teams and current students to learn more about your study options and the exciting careers they could lead to
- Get a feel for campus life by exploring the spaces you'll be learning in, including our labs, libraries, galleries and other specialist facilities

- Learn how our curriculum works, including how you can combine your passions and strengths to set yourself apart for whichever career you choose
- Explore our range of student accommodation facilities and the social activities and study support on offer

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Geelong Waurin Ponds

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

Come to Open Day to find out how studying at Deakin lets you gain practical experience, make industry connections and build career confidence – everything you need to land the job you want.

[Find out more](#)

Meet an Enviro Scientist Panel at La Trobe – for Year 7-12 Students

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus

Date: August 18, 2026

Students will hear from La Trobe University environmental scientists and industry professionals from a diverse range of areas including ecology, freshwater and wetland management, restoration climate change adaptation, resource management, and conservation genetics. They will share their expertise, research and pathway to their STEM career.

Panelists for this event will be:

- Nadia Zerman: Soil microbiologist
- Hayley Sime: Botanist
- Dr Kerry Fanson: Conservation endocrinologist
- Aidan Fitt: Entomologist

After an interactive Q&A panel discussion, participants will have the option to network with our panelists to build valuable connections with both student researchers and established academics.

This event is part of the [Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series](#), providing free extension opportunities for high-ability students in Victorian Government Schools. Funded by the Department of Education's Student Excellence Program.

[Find out more](#)

Swinburne Engineering Info Session

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: AMDC301 Swinburne University Hawthorn campus

Date: August 20, 2026

Join us on campus to find out with a deep dive on our Bachelor of Engineering. You'll get a breakdown of our different majors, hear about scholarships, and visit some of the labs used by engineering students. We'll also have current students sharing their experiences – including why they chose Swinburne for engineering.

This info session will include:

- a 60-minute presentation on the Bachelor of Engineering, including a Q&A
- networking with Swinburne staff, students and industry partners
- a look at our Smart Structures and Digital Construction labs

- complimentary light refreshments.

[Find out more](#)

AIM August Open Day, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 22, 2026

Join us at the Australian Institute of Music's Melbourne August Open Day and get a real feel for what it's like to study in one of the world's most exciting music cities.

Wander through our recording studios and performance spaces, chat with inspiring mentors and industry pros, and meet students and alumni who are already making waves in the industry, both at home and abroad.

You'll also have the opportunity to immerse yourself in hands-on workshops and interactive sessions that showcase the energy and creativity that connects our campus community. Plus, get insider tips on courses, career options, and how to start carving your path in the industry. Whether you're exploring what's next or ready to turn your passion into your profession, our Melbourne Open Day is here to help you uncover your creative path.

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Melbourne Burwood Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

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CSU Open Day 2026, Bathurst

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
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[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Ballarat

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Ballarat Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more. Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Bendigo

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Bendigo Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

Federation Open Day 2026, Ballarat

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Mt Helen, SMB & Camp Street Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

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Why come to Open Day?

- Tour the campus with current students
- Meet our academics, students and industry partners
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- Attend info sessions with expert course advice

[Find out more](#)

ACU Year 12 VCE Revision Webinars

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: August 24 to August 27, 2026

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone.

Join our free online webinars from 24 - 27 August 2026. They are live, expert-led sessions designed to help you walk into your exams feeling prepared.

Can't attend live? Register anyway – recordings are available to registered attendees for one week after each webinar.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Education Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: August 24, 2026

With [courses](#) available across early childhood, primary and secondary teaching, our friendly education academics will explain what it's really like to study at CQU. You'll learn about our strong local networks, the [support services](#) that help you succeed, and how CQU prepares you for a rewarding career in the classroom.

[Find out more](#)

Deakin A Day in the Life of an Optometry Student – Year 11 & 12, Geelong

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus

Date: August 25, 2026

'A day in the life of an optometry student' is a hands-on experience for Year 11 and 12 students from the South West and Grampians/Wimmera regions who are interested in studying [optometry](#).

Spend a day at Deakin University and discover what it's really like to study optometry. You'll take part in practical activities, explore pathways and entry requirements, and learn about future career options in the field.

Deakin academics and current optometry students will be on hand to answer your questions and share their experiences.

Deakin will provide shuttle buses from select locations in the South West and Grampians regions.

Expressions of interest close Friday 31 July 2026.

[Find out more](#)

GOTAFE Careers & Futures Expo

Organisation: GOTAFE

Location: GOTAFE, Fryers Street Campus

Date: August 25, 2026

Thinking about the future? Whatever stage of the journey you're at, the Careers & Futures Expo can provide you with important information to help guide you on your path.

- **Meet with teachers:** Explore your future study options and experience what it's really like to be a TAFE student.
- **Connect with industry:** Discover real job outcomes and career pathways through industry experts and employers.
- **Chat with students:** Hear their stories and learn how TAFE can take you all the way to university and beyond.
- **Explore our facilities:** Join tours and interactive activities for a taster of the hands-on training we deliver, and what awaits beyond.

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Expression of interest close Friday 31 July 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Study medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 26, 2026

Join us ahead of Open Day to discover what it's like to study medicine at the University of Sydney and learn how we prepare future doctors to make a meaningful impact in Australia and around the world. Through a live Q&A with our specialist staff you'll have your questions answered ahead of Open Day, so you can arrive informed, have meaningful conversations with our team, and make the most of your time exploring our learning facilities.

[Find out more](#)

Admissions to Medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 26, 2026

Join us ahead of Open Day to explore pathways to medicine at the University of Sydney. Learn about admission requirements, application dates and timelines, and the assessment process. We'll share details of the options available, whether you're applying to commence your studies after high-school, or after completing a bachelor's degree.

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[Find out more](#)

Wodonga TAFE Careers & Futures Expo

Organisation: Wodonga TAFE

Location: Wodonga TAFE

Date: August 27, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

Swinburne Health Info Session

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: AMDC301 Hawthorn campus, Swinburne University

Date: August 27, 2026

Join us on campus for all the need-to-know details on studying health at Swinburne.

Get a breakdown of our different courses and majors, including health science, exercise and sports science, nutrition, and biomedical science. You'll also learn about entry requirements and even hear expert career tips.

This info session will cover the following health courses:

- Bachelor of Health Science
- Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science
- Bachelor of Nutrition
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science

What to expect

This info session will include:

- a 60-minute presentation on Swinburne's health courses, including a Q&A
- networking with Swinburne staff, students
- complimentary light refreshments.

[Find out more](#)

Collarts Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Collarts, Melbourne Campuses

Date: August 29, 2026

At Collarts, our Open Day is all about making this process simple and hands-on. Information sessions, workshops and the chance to chat with students, teachers and leaders are an important part of learning more about what sets us apart from the rest.

We invite you to come and experience life at Collarts: from our passion for creativity, close community, industry-level facilities, expert faculty, and more.

From guided tours to live demonstrations, here are some of the activities you can catch at the next Collarts Open Day:

- **Guided tours:** Experience our campuses firsthand with guided tours led by our enthusiastic Student Ambassadors.
- **Info hubs:** Our info hubs provide convenient drop-in spaces where you can have direct conversations with Program Leaders, Academics, and students about your desired course.
- **Demonstrations:** Demonstrations are your chance to see our course content come to life. They allow you to be actively involved in projects and see our cutting-edge equipment in action, so you can get a firsthand preview of what studying at Collarts is really like.
- **Displays:** Our campus displays are positioned throughout different areas of our campuses, offering a showcase of our community's achievements and journeys.

If you have specific accessibility needs or require additional assistance, please contact Collarts in advance, and they will do their best to assist you.

[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Torrens University, Flinders Street Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Come and meet our academics and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about early entry, scholarships, entry pathways and our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and see firsthand how exciting studying in Melbourne can be.

- Talk to our academics and Future Student Advisors about choosing courses, scholarships and the application process.
- Embark on a guided tour of our campus facilities and get a feel of our recreational spaces, teaching spaces and more.
- Meet our current students and find out what their experiences studying at Torrens University is like.

[Find out more](#)

LCI Melbourne Open Day 2026

Organisation: LCI Melbourne

Location: LCI Melbourne

Date: August 29, 2026

We're excited to welcome you to LCI Melbourne's 2026 Open Day!

Join us at our Collingwood campus for a day of creativity, connection, and discovery. Whether you're set on a career in the creative industries or still exploring your options, this is your chance to experience life at LCI Melbourne.

Experience Every Discipline

Step inside our studios, chat with mentors, meet current students, and get hands-on in activities across:

- Fashion & Costume Design
- Graphic & Digital Design
- Interior Design
- Visual Arts
- Business & Innovation

Register now to be the first to receive our Open Day itinerary and hear about our on the day prizes and activations.

[Find out more](#)

VU Open Day 2026, City Tower

Organisation: Victoria University

Location: Victoria University, City Tower Campus

Date: August 30, 2026

Open Day is your chance to explore everything unis like VU have to offer – in person.

You can tour our campuses, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, chat with students and teachers, get course advice, attend hands-on workshops and demos, and experience what student life could look like for you! It's a really valuable experience to getting the inside scoop on campus and life at uni or TAFE in general before you even finish school.

It also gives you a great opportunity to apply on the spot for our Early Entry program, or even apply for a course right there and then!

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Information Technology & Security Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: August 31, 2026

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone.

Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options.

Find out more about the following course(s) at Melbourne Polytechnic:

- Certificate III in Information Technology

[Find out more](#)

Monash Information Evening – Webinar

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: September 1, 2026

Choosing a university is a big decision.

Join our Monash webinar to have your questions answered and get the key details you need to plan your next step.

You'll discover what it's like to study at Monash, and hear about our courses, accommodation, scholarships, support services and campus life. You'll also gain insights about moving to Monash and settling in.

This session is ideal if you're:

- Considering moving from interstate, or
- From regional or rural Victoria, or
- Live in Melbourne and are keen to know more about Monash.

Register now to secure your place.

[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Virtual Open Day 2026

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 1 to September 2, 2026

Ready for the next step on your career journey? Join us online as our academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

- Business, Education, Health, Hospitality, Technology and Higher Degrees by Research: Tuesday 1 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)
- Design: Wednesday 2 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)

[Find out more](#)

Study medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Join us to discover what it's like to study medicine at the University of Sydney and learn how we prepare future doctors to make a meaningful impact in Australia and around the world.

Through a live Q&A with our specialist team, you'll gain valuable insights into your study options and ask any questions you may have as you consider your future in medicine.

[Find out more](#)

Admissions to Medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Join us to learn about admission requirements, application dates and timelines, and the assessment process. We'll share details of the options available, whether you're applying to commence your studies after high-school, or after completing a bachelor's degree. Through a live Q&A with our admission specialists, you'll gain valuable insights into the application process, better understand the options available to you, and ask your questions to help you plan your next steps with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Chisholm Institute Info Day for Future Students, Dandenong

Organisation: Chisholm Institute

Location: Chisholm Institute, Dandenong Campus

Date: September 9, 2026

Whether you want to start a new career, upskill in your current one or are still exploring your options, Info Day is your chance to experience Chisholm up close. Chat with our teachers, tour our campuses, and find out how we can support your study journey – for the better.

[Find out more](#)

Federation Nursing & Individual Support Information Session, Horsham

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Wimmera Campus

Date: September 15, 2026

The session will cover both Certificate III in Individual Support and Diploma of Nursing. The Teachers will talk about the Programs, how many day per week and how long the course goes for, they will show a PowerPoint presentation and run through information on the courses, talk about Placement, Fee's and Charges, Uniforms, Scholarships, how to apply, entry requirements, applications, LLN, Interviews etc.

[Find out more](#)

Mission Control at Parliament House for Year 7-12 Students

Organisation: Australian Space Agency

Location: Parliament House, Parliament of Victoria

Date: September 16, 2026

The space sector is set to triple in size by the year 2028 and will have a role in many diverse industries including agriculture, meteorology, precision mapping and health. What industries would it take to make Mars our home?

In this program, students will think critically about the skills and knowledge needed for a successful mission to Mars. After debating and voting on industries to send on the mission, in a way that mirrors Victoria's parliamentary process, they will work collaboratively to complete a hands-on design challenge as they consider how to sustainably power operations, feed the population, and communicate across the far reaches of space.

This program is a collaboration between Science Gallery Melbourne, Australian Space Agency and Parliament of Victoria.

[Find out more](#)

Whitehouse Institute of Design Fashion Illustration Workshop – Melbourne

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design

Location: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 19, 2026

In this 1-day workshop, you will gain an understanding of how to complete Fashion Illustrations. At the end of this workshop, you will have covered illustration content ready for an application to study a creative degree and receive a certificate of completion.

The workshop focuses on the following areas of skill development:

- Fashion illustration techniques and methods
- Application of pencils, professional markers, and felt-tip pens for professional rendering
- Fabric texture and surface rendering
- Exploring an individual design aesthetic.

This workshop is for aspiring designers as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills.

[Find out more](#)

Whitehouse Institute of Design Studio Lighting and Fashion Photography Workshop – Melbourne

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design

Location: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 21, 2026

This is a hands-on 1-day workshop designed for aspiring photographers eager to learn the fundamentals of camera settings, studio lighting, and fashion photography.

Whether you're just starting out or looking to strengthen your technical foundation, this workshop will guide you through the essentials—from mastering manual mode to setting up professional lighting and capturing dynamic fashion portraits.

Perfect for beginners looking to expand into the world of studio and fashion photography.

[Find out more](#)

Camp SEEK 2026 for Year 9-10 Girls & Non-binary Students

Organisation: SEEK

Location: SEEK HQ Melbourne

Date: September 21 to September 24, 2026

Camp SEEK is a four-day immersive daily learning program for Year 9 and 10 girls and non-binary students. Spend four action-packed days at SEEK HQ in Melbourne learning about careers in technology, developing coding, design and product practical skills, exploring real-world problem solving and pitching with your fellow Camp SEEKers.

The technology industry is not as diverse as it could be. There is a shortage of women and non-binary talent in STEM school subjects, at the tertiary level and in the workforce. As a leading technology company, we champion diversity within our industry and our own talent pipeline, and Camp SEEK is one of our favourite, and most fun, programs. It is designed to increase the number of girls and non-binary students who choose to pursue a career in technology.

Participants must be currently enrolled as a high school student in Year 9 or 10 in Australia and have not completed the Camp SEEK program previously.

[Find out more](#)

AIM Music Theatre Audition Workshop, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 29 to September 30, 2026

If musical theatre is your passion, this is where your industry journey begins.

AIM's Music Theatre Holiday Workshop is an immersive two-day experience designed for high school students who are serious about pursuing a career in musical theatre.

Working directly with the industry professionals who teach our Bachelor of Music Theatre, you'll build the skills, refine your repertoire, and receive the kind of hands-on feedback that prepares you to walk into your Bachelor of Music Theatre audition with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

RMIT University Student for a Day Experience for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT City Campus

Date: September 30, 2026

Want a taste of life after high school? Register your interest in being a Student for a Day at RMIT this September school holidays.

Aimed at high school students in Years 10, 11 and 12, this event will let you experience student life at RMIT and discover more about our courses.

[Find out more](#)

Swinburne Innovation in Action for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn Campus

Date: September 30, 2026

The Swinburne Innovation in Action school holiday program is a 1-day program based at our Hawthorn campus where Year 10 - 12 students are given the knowledge and tools they need to come up with brilliant new ideas to solve real-world problems.

In this free program, you will:

- Identify and analyse a real-world problem
- Design possible solutions to your chosen problem
- Create a rapid prototype for your solution
- Pitch and evaluate your prototype with your peers

[Find out more](#)

Create for a Day at SAE Melbourne

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Melbourne Campus

Date: October 3, 2026

This October school holidays, SAE University College Melbourne is opening its doors for Create for a Day: a one-day, hands-on experience where you'll step into the studio, lab or production space and start creating.

Choose from:

- Animation
- Audio
- Computer Science
- Film
- Games
- Songwriting & Electronic Music Production
- VFX

Create for a Day lets you skip the textbooks and jump straight into building, recording, designing, coding or filming, all guided by lecturers who work in the industry.

By the end of the day, you'll walk away with your own finished project and a certificate of participation, plus a clearer idea of what studying at SAE is really like and where your skills could take you in the future.

Open to students in Years 10-12 and young creatives up to age 21.

[Find out more](#)

It Takes a Spark STEM Conference for Year 4-10 Students and Teachers, Melbourne

Organisation: Intuyu Consulting Pty Ltd

Location: The Knox School

Date: October 22, 2026

Most conferences currently being offered on STEM, STEAM and Entrepreneurship tend to be targeted towards teachers and involve a series of speakers and the occasional mini-workshops. This conference is designed to be different. This conference is designed by students and teachers for students and teachers.

The intent of the It Takes a Spark STEM Conference is to bring together Students (Year 4 to 10) and Teachers to connect with inspiring industry role models, share their current school based activities and projects using an authentic sharing and experiential model, create networks of teachers and student teams, and solve social justice design challenges.

The participation of the students is as important as teachers as our intent is to ignite, empower and nurture both to be leaders of STEM and Entrepreneurship within their schools. This is a conference designed and led by students and teachers for students and teachers.

Teachers will have both formal and informal opportunities to speak to other teachers who have enacted programs and activities in their schools and get their questions answered.

The Problem Solver design challenges are all hands-on so students and teachers will experience first-hand what it is like to be part of great STEM and entrepreneurial learning. This will spark new ideas about curriculum and pedagogy.

[Find out more](#)

VU TAFE Open Night 2026, Sunshine Campus

Organisation: Victoria University

Location: Victoria University, Sunshine Campus

Date: October 22, 2026

Future TAFE student? We've got an event just for you.

Join us at Sunshine for an action-packed evening to explore TAFE options in trades, health, English language and cyber security.

Meet students and teachers, explore campus and facilities, and discover courses designed to get you job-ready from day one.

[Find out more](#)

Deakin A Day in the Life of a Medical Imaging Student – Year 11 & 12, Geelong

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus

Date: October 28, 2026

Step into the world of medical imaging and experience university life before you even finish school.

This immersive day gives Year 11 and 12 students who live in the South West and Grampians/Wimmera regions the chance to see what it's really like to study [medical imaging](#) at Deakin – from hands-on practical activities to exploring the technology that helps diagnose and treat patients every day.

You'll connect with Deakin academics and current students, discover entry pathways to your ultimate course and start imagining where a career in medical imaging could take you.

Deakin will provide shuttle buses from select locations in the South West and Grampians regions.

Expressions of interest close Friday 2 October 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship for young women in public schools

Organisation: Harding Miller Education Foundation

Location: Australia

Value: Valued at \$20,000 AUD

Open Date: July 24, 2026

Close Date: August 24, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Chevron Nature in Focus Photography Competition

Organisation: Chevron Global

Location: Australia

Value: \$500 AUD

Close Date: September 7, 2026

[Find out more](#)

2026 Venie Holmgren Environmental Poetry Prize

Organisation: Holmgren Design

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$1,000 AUD

Close Date: August 3, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Prime Minister's Spelling Bee Years 3-8 in Australia

Organisation: News Pty Ltd

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: August 21, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Stories Of Life

Organisation: Stories of Life

Location: Australia

Value: \$50 AUD for under 17 category

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

International Dark Poets Prize V

Location: All

Value: £1,000 GBP

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Pathways, Subject Selection

Accelerated learning in Year 10 and 11

Senior high school and subject selection are an exciting time when you get to specialise a bit more by narrowing down the subjects you're studying again. Accelerated learning is another area that might also be worth exploring. It's when you get the chance to study a subject units ahead of the year level they're generally designed to be studied in; allowing you to complete some senior subjects before Year 12.

In this blog, we'll explain what subject acceleration actually means, help you work out if it might suit you, and show you where to find the details for your state or territory.

What is subject acceleration?

Subject acceleration means studying course content earlier than most students your age. For example, a year 10 student might start a senior subject that's usually taught in year 11. It's different to just doing harder work in your normal class, which is called extension. Acceleration means moving ahead in the timeline, not just doing more difficult tasks at your current level. Every state and territory in Australia has its own rules about how acceleration works, and schools usually need to approve it first. It's never something you can just sign up for on your own. A teacher, year coordinator, or careers advisor will usually be involved in the decision, along with your parents or carers, so they should be your first port of call to find out more and start discussions.

Who tends to benefit from acceleration?

Acceleration could suit you if you have already mastered most of the year level content and are asking for more. If you're regularly finishing work early, feeling bored in class, or seeking out extra challenges outside school, it might be worth exploring. Or, if you're considering studying the maximum number of subjects in senior high school and would like to spread the work load. Students who are strong, independent learners and who manage their time well often cope best with the faster pace.

It's also worth thinking about your motivation. Are you keen to accelerate because you genuinely love the subject and want to go deeper? Or is it because you feel you should, or because a friend is doing it? Acceleration works best when it's driven by curiosity and confidence, not by comparison or pressure.

When it's better to hold back

Not every capable student wants or needs to accelerate, and that's completely fine. You might learn best by exploring a subject in more depth at your own year level, rather than rushing ahead. In which case asking for extension work or just dedicating extra study time to those subjects might suit you better. Even if you are very strong academically and ready for the Year 11 and 12 units, if you're not always comfortable being in different environments or being out of your comfort zone, then accelerating subjects (especially if you have to go into other year levels to complete the learning) could be worth exploring further before committing.

There's no prize for getting there first. If accelerating would mean giving up subjects or extra curricular activities you enjoy, missing out on friendships in your year group, or would cause you

lots of stress, it might not be worth it. Doing well and feeling good about your learning matters just as much as moving quickly through it.

This is exactly why it helps to talk to the adults around you before making a decision. Your teachers and careers advisors know the acceleration process at your school, and they can help you weigh up whether it fits your goals, your workload, and your wellbeing. They've seen many students go through this process before, so their advice is worth listening to.

How acceleration affects subject selection

If you're considering acceleration, it's worth thinking about how it fits into your overall subject selection, not just for this year, but right through to your senior years. Ask yourself:

- Does this subject lead somewhere you actually want to go, such as a particular course or career?
- Will accelerating this subject affect your other subject choices or timetable?
- Do you have support at home and school to manage the extra workload?
- What happens if you decide partway through that it isn't working out?

Getting clear answers to these questions before you commit could save a lot of stress later on.

How acceleration affects your ATAR

One of the biggest questions parents and students ask is whether a subject completed early still counts towards the ATAR later on. The good news is that in most of Australia, it does. Each state and territory has its own tertiary admissions body, and most of them allow results from an accelerated subject to count fully, in the same way as a subject completed in year 12.

- **New South Wales:** Your ATAR is based on an aggregate of scaled marks gathered over a rolling five-year period, so a course completed early counts the same as one finished in year 12. Details are available from the [Universities Admissions Centre \(UAC\)](#).
- **Victoria:** VCE study scores are scaled in the year they're completed, and scores from earlier years contribute to the ATAR the same way as scores from your final year. See the [VTAC ATAR and Scaling Guide](#), the example of Valerie below:
- **Queensland:** The Queensland system specifically allows for accelerated students, saving scaled results from subjects completed before year 12 and carrying them forward within a five-year period. More detail is available from [QTAC](#).
- **Western Australia:** Scaled scores can be also used from up to a five-year period, meaning an ATAR course completed early still counts. See [TISC's guide to the ATAR](#).
- **South Australia and the Northern Territory:** SATAC calculates ATARs in both, any Stage 2 level subjects completed early will contribute to your final aggregate, as long as they fall within the relevant currency period. Details are on the [SATAC website](#) and [SATAC's Tertiary Entrance Booklet 2027-2029](#) states "90 credits of TAS (Tertiary Admissions Subjects) must be completed in a maximum of three attempts which can be in non-consecutive years".
- **Australian Capital Territory:** Both year 11 and year 12 results count towards the ATAR, not just your final year, so results from an accelerated subject aren't discounted for being completed early. Beginning and Continuing Languages, Mathematical Applications, and Mathematical Methods subjects aren't eligible for Early Access. See the [BSSS guide to scaling and the ATAR](#).
- **Tasmania:** Up until 2025 (and things can change so check with your school or TASC directly) any Year 10 results **do not count towards your ATAR**. [TASC calculates your Tertiary Entrance](#) score from your best results across two years of senior secondary study only, even if a course is completed early through acceleration. This means accelerating into a year 11 or 12 course while you're still officially in an earlier year level may still count, but studying senior content while officially in year 10 will not contribute to

your final ATAR. If you're in Tasmania and considering acceleration, it's worth checking directly with [TASC](#) or your school about how your specific pathway will be treated. Because rules are often reviewed and can change, it's always worth confirming the current details with your school and your state's admissions body before making any decisions final.

What if your school doesn't offer the subject?

Occasionally, if a subject you want to accelerate into isn't available at your school at all, particularly in smaller or regional schools, or there's a timetabling conflict; this doesn't necessarily mean you're out of options. [Distance education schools and virtual schools](#) may be an option worth exploring, they might be able to help you access subjects your own school can't offer. Letting you stay enrolled at your regular school while studying one or two extra subjects online. If this sounds like something that could work for you, ask your careers advisor or year coordinator whether your school has a partnership with one of these programs, or approach them directly for more information.

Rules vary across Australia

Because education is managed differently in each state and territory, the process for accelerating a subject depends on where you go to school. Here are the relevant education authorities to check for more detail:

- **New South Wales:** [NSW Department of Education – Students accelerating into a course\(s\)](#)
- **Victoria:** [Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority \(VCAA\)](#)
- **Queensland:** [Queensland Department of Education – Early commencement](#)
- **Western Australia:** [School Curriculum and Standards Authority – Gifted and talented education](#)
- **South Australia:** [SACE Board of South Australia](#)
- **Tasmania:** [Department for Education, Children and Young People – Support for gifted students](#) and [BSSS Guidelines for identifying and selecting students for Early Access 2025](#)
- **Australian Capital Territory:** [ACT Education Directorate – Gifted and talented students policy](#)
- **Northern Territory:** [NTCET requirements](#)

Your school will also have its own internal process, so these links are a good starting point before you have that conversation with your careers advisor or year coordinator.

A note for students in New Zealand

Acceleration is also available in New Zealand schools, and the decision usually sits with your school in consultation with your family. If a subject or learning opportunity isn't available at your school, you may be able to enrol in extra courses through [Te Kura](#), New Zealand's distance learning school, alongside your regular enrolment. This is known as dual tuition. You can find out more through the [Ministry of Education's guidance on learning opportunities for gifted children and young people](#) and [NZQA's subject resources](#).

Extending your learning in other ways

Some universities run accelerated/extension, or university at school programs that let capable senior secondary students study a first-year university subject alongside their normal school timetable. These are usually aimed at students in the final year or two of school, and results can sometimes count towards your final results or give you a head start if you go on to study at that university.

If you complete some subjects early due to accelerated learning, you could also be eligible to do more university at school courses and gain credits towards your university entry or first year studies. These programs are different to accelerated subjects through your state/territory's education body, so always make sure to read all of the conditions and speak with your school before applying for these in addition to, or instead of, accelerated subjects.

Ready to explore your subject options?

Subject acceleration can be a great opportunity for the right student, but it's just one of many pathways worth exploring as you plan your studies. Before you make any decisions, have a chat with your school's careers advisor about what's genuinely right for you, not just what's available. If you'd like to learn more about the different study pathways open to you, take a look at the [study pathways](#) and [study tips](#) pages of our website for more guidance.

Banking, Tax

Do you need to file a tax return as a young worker?

The information in this article relates to the 2025–26 financial year (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026) and reflects current [Australian Taxation Office \(ATO\)](#) guidelines. The lodgement window is open now, with a deadline of 31 October 2026. Tax rules can change, so it's always worth checking the ATO's website directly if you're unsure about your specific situation.

What is a tax return?

A tax return is a form you lodge with the [ATO](#) that summarises how much you earned during the financial year and how much tax was taken out of your pay. The ATO uses that information to work out whether you've paid the right amount of tax over the course of the year.

The financial year runs from 1 July to 30 June, so the 2025–26 return covers everything you earned between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026. The return is how the ATO reconciles what was collected throughout the year with what you actually owed, and in many cases for young workers, that reconciliation results in a refund.

You might actually be owed money

When you start a job, your employer withholds tax from each pay and sends it to the ATO on your behalf through a system called PAYG withholding. The amount withheld is calculated based on an estimate of what you'll earn over a full year. But if you only worked part of the year, picked up shifts casually, or earned less than expected, you may have had more tax withheld than you actually owed.

Lodging a return is how you claim that money back. The ATO calculates the difference between what was withheld and what you actually owed, and if you overpaid, you get a refund. This applies even if your total income for the year was below the tax-free threshold of [\\$18,200](#), because tax can still be withheld from your pay regardless of what you ended up earning over the full year.

If you worked a part-time job for most of the year but your hours dropped significantly toward the end, there's a good chance your employer was withholding tax based on a higher projected income than you actually ended up with. For a lot of casual and part-time workers, getting that difference back is one of the more practical reasons to lodge even when it feels optional.

Do you need to lodge one?

Whether you need to lodge depends on your individual circumstances. The general rule is that if your taxable income exceeded \$18,200 for the year, you're required to lodge. But the more common trigger for young workers in part-time or casual roles is simpler: if any tax was withheld

from your pay during the year, you'll likely need to lodge so the ATO can work out whether a refund is owed or your obligations are settled.

If you're under 18

There's a provision worth knowing about if you were under 18 on 30 June 2026. If your income came from a regular job as salary or wages, the standard \$18,200 threshold applies. But if any of your income during 2025–26 came from sources other than salary or wages, such as interest on savings, dividends, or payments not classified as employment income, the lodgement threshold drops to just \$416. This can catch young people off guard, particularly those who have money in savings accounts earning interest or who've received payments outside of a standard employment arrangement. You can check [Reason 4 of the ATO's 2026 lodgement guide](#) to see exactly how it applies to your situation.

Rather than trying to work all of this out on your own, the ATO has a [free online tool](#) that walks you through a series of questions and gives you a clear answer based on your circumstances. It now covers the 2025–26 year and is the most reliable way to check, since it accounts for the various combinations of income type, age, and residency that affect the result.

If you work out that you don't need to lodge, you still need to let the ATO know by submitting a [non-lodgement advice](#). This tells the ATO you've checked and confirmed a return isn't required. Skipping this step can result in the ATO assuming you simply missed your return and following up accordingly.

What about work through apps?

If you earn money doing deliveries, rideshare driving, odd jobs through apps like Airtasker, or any kind of freelance work, the tax rules are different to a standard job. There's no employer automatically taking tax out of your payments, so the full amount lands in your account and the responsibility for sorting out what you owe sits with you.

Whatever you earn this way needs to be reported as income in your tax return. That applies regardless of how often you did it or how much you made, and it includes income earned alongside a regular job. If you did a few months of delivery shifts on the side of your part-time work, both sources of income need to appear in your return.

It's also worth knowing that many major apps now report what their workers earn directly to the ATO. That means if you've been doing shifts through one of the bigger platforms, the ATO may already have some visibility of that income. Leaving it out of your return is more likely to create a problem than avoid one. If your situation involves several different income sources and you're not sure how to handle it, a registered tax agent can help sort it out.

How to lodge

The most accessible option for most young people is [myTax](#), the ATO's free online lodgement tool accessed through a myGov account. The myTax 2026 return is open now. Before you start, it helps to have a few things on hand: your tax file number, your income statement from your employer (available through myGov once your employer has finalised their reporting), and details of any other income received during the year. For most straightforward situations involving a single employer and simple income, the process is guided and relatively quick, with most returns processed within two weeks.

The ATO pre-fills a lot of information for you once it's been reported, including salary and wages data, bank interest, and government payments. Waiting a few weeks before lodging can mean more of that information is already filled in, which reduces the chance of needing to make corrections later.

The deadline for lodging your own return is **31 October 2026**. If you're expecting a refund, there's no reason to wait. If your situation is more complex or you'd prefer help, a registered tax agent can lodge on your behalf, though they do charge a fee. To access their extended

lodgement program, which allows additional time beyond October, you'll need to engage one before the deadline.

What happens if you don't?

If you're required to lodge and don't, the ATO can issue a [failure to lodge penalty](#). It accumulates at a rate of one penalty unit for every 28 days the return is overdue, up to a maximum of five penalty units. The ATO generally issues a warning before applying a formal penalty, so you'd typically receive a notice to lodge first. But waiting for that notice isn't a useful approach. The longer a return stays outstanding, the more complicated things tend to get. Missing the deadline on a prior year return can also push forward your deadline for the current year, so falling behind has a way of compounding. If you've missed a return from a previous year, lodging it as soon as possible is the right move. The ATO does take into account whether you acted promptly when deciding whether to apply or reduce a penalty, so getting on top of it quickly matters.

Tax is manageable once you know where you stand

The main thing that makes tax feel overwhelming for young workers is not knowing what applies to them. Once you understand your obligations, the process is straightforward for most people in simple employment situations, and for many casual or part-time workers, it means money back.

If you want to learn more about tax and managing your money as a young person, [we have plenty of other resources to help](#).

Jobs & Careers

3 Fulfilling Careers Working with Guide Dogs

A guide dog spends around ten months with a volunteer puppy raiser before starting the structured training that prepares them for real work. Turning that puppy into a working guide, and then matching them with the right person, involves several distinct careers, each combining hands-on dog work with directly supporting the client on the other end of the lead. Here's a look at three worth exploring.

Guide Dog Trainer

When a puppy returns from their time with a volunteer raiser, a Guide Dog Trainer takes over for the most intensive stage of their development. The first one to two weeks are spent on a temperament assessment, checking how each dog reacts to distractions like other animals, food, or crowded spaces. From there, a Trainer runs an intensive program over several months, teaching skills such as walking a straight line to a kerb, keeping extra space on their right to protect a future handler from obstacles, and navigating around obstacles altogether. Everything is taught through positive reinforcement, with the pace adjusted to suit each dog's personality. It's a physically demanding job, with plenty of walking, bending, and time spent outdoors regardless of the weather. Most people enter through an 18-month to two-year cadetship rather than a university degree, and patience matters just as much as a solid read on canine body language.

Guide Dog Mobility Instructor

Once a dog is ready, someone still has to match them to the right person and teach the pair to actually work as a team, and that's where a Guide Dog Mobility Instructor comes in. Matching is based on a client's personality, mobility needs, and lifestyle, not just availability. Initial training with a client usually runs three to six weeks, followed by a few more days of support once

they're back in their own home and routine, since a dog that performs well at a training centre still needs to adjust to a person's actual daily life.

Qualifying takes three to four years and combines an animal handling qualification with postgraduate study in orientation and mobility, the discipline behind helping someone travel safely through their environment. Because training has to fit around a client's life rather than the other way around, evening, weekend, and holiday work is common.

Puppy Development Advisor

Before a puppy ever reaches a Guide Dog Trainer, they spend their first year or so living with a volunteer Puppy Raiser, and a Puppy Development Advisor is the person guiding that entire stage. Advisors recruit and screen volunteers, run home assessments to check a household is a good fit, and then support each Puppy Raiser through weekly and later fortnightly training sessions, teaching them how to build a puppy's confidence, house manners, and social skills from the ground up. It's hands-on with dogs too, since Advisors track each puppy's temperament and development over time and flag anything that might affect their progress later on.

The role tends to draw on many of the same skills as a Guide Dog Trainer, including a solid grasp of positive reinforcement and the ability to read early signs of behavioural change, alongside the communication skills needed to guide volunteers who often have no prior dog training experience. It's a good fit for someone who enjoys teaching people as much as working with animals.

What you'd need to get started

None of these roles usually require a specific university degree to enter as a trainee. Cadetship and instructor programs are typically structured as paid, on-the-job training, which means you're learning the practical side of the work from day one rather than completing years of study beforehand.

That said, a background in animal science, nursing, psychology, or occupational therapy can work in your favour when you apply, since each builds skills that overlap with the work in different ways. Animal science gives you a head start on reading behaviour, while nursing, psychology, and occupational therapy all build the kind of people skills that matter once you're working directly with clients or families.

Beyond your background, there's a set of baseline requirements you'll need to meet regardless of which of these roles you're aiming for:

- Being 18 years of age or older
- Holding a valid driver's licence
- Having a good level of physical fitness
- Having good vision and hearing
- Having a high degree of empathy

The driver's licence and fitness requirements exist because the work itself demands them.

Trainers and Instructors travel between training centres, client homes, and public locations regularly, and a lot of the day-to-day work involves walking, bending, and being on your feet for extended periods. Empathy matters just as much, since even the dog-focused roles are ultimately working toward someone else's independence.

Background checks and clearances

Because this work involves vulnerable people as well as animals, the screening process is thorough, and it starts before you're even offered a position. Most guide dog organisations require a National Police Check as a standard part of recruitment, and if you've lived overseas for more than 12 months in the last 10 years, an International Police Check as well.

Once you're employed, the checks don't stop there. You'll usually need to hold a current Working With Children Check, given how often these roles bring you into contact with the public, including volunteers, families, and clients of all ages. Depending on the specific role and state that you live in, you may also need an additional check under the NDIS Worker Screening Checks or equivalent program.

These clearances aren't a one-off formality completed during recruitment and then forgotten. They're generally maintained for as long as you're employed in the role, which means renewing them periodically as part of the job rather than ticking a box once and moving on. If you're interested in exploring more careers, head to our [jobs and careers page](#) for more.

Study Tips

10 ways to study that aren't boring

Very few people would list studying as their favourite way to spend an afternoon. At some point, the hard yards still need to happen. The good news is that studying doesn't have to mean sitting at a desk with a textbook for hours on end.

There are plenty of ways to learn that are more engaging. Some get you out of the house, and a few barely feel like study at all once you're into them. Here are our top 10 ways to study that aren't boring.

Join homework clubs or study groups

Motivation doesn't show up on demand. Some days it's genuinely hard to sit down and study alone. Joining a homework club or study group solves part of that problem simply by putting you in a room with other people working toward the same goal, with a set time and place and a bit of friendly accountability that's harder to find on your own.

Study groups also work well because hearing how someone else has approached a topic, or where they got stuck, often highlights gaps in your own understanding. It's a different kind of learning to sitting with your own notes, and for a lot of people, it's more enjoyable too.

If your school doesn't already run one for your subject, ask a teacher whether they'd support setting one up, or put the idea to a few classmates who seem to be in the same boat. Even an informal weekly catch-up at a library or someone's kitchen table can work just as well as a structured program, as long as everyone shows up ready to work.

Watch documentaries

If a good documentary is already your idea of a night in, there's no reason that can't double as study time. Searching out documentaries related to your subjects builds real-world context around what you're learning, and it tends to stick better than a page of notes because you're watching events unfold rather than reading a summary of them.

Fictional films can work just as well:

- A novel you're studying in English Literature might have a film adaptation
- A historical event you're covering might have been dramatised on screen
- A concept in science or geography, like climate systems or space exploration, might be the subject of a well-made documentary

Each of these can bring the material to life in a way that's hard to get from a textbook alone. The one thing to watch for is being honest with yourself about what actually counts. Sitting through any random show and calling it study won't hold up, so stick to content that's relevant and reliable.

Deep dive online

According to eSafety Commissioner research, Australian teens spend an average of 14.4 hours online each week. That's a significant chunk of time, and at least some of it could be redirected toward something useful, including:

- Video explainers on topics you're studying
- Practice exam questions
- Subject-specific forums where other students have worked through similar problems
- Recorded lectures or walkthroughs from other schools or open courses

Any of these can make a concept click faster than working through it alone. The obvious catch is staying on track. Scrolling social media or messaging your mates might happen on the same device, but it's not the same thing as productive study time. Setting a specific goal before you open the laptop, like finding three practice questions on a topic, can help keep the session focused.

Do projects or presentations

Putting together a project or presentation teaches you more than just the content you're researching. Along the way, you're also building creativity, analytical thinking, problem-solving, and communication, plus teamwork if it's a group task. All of these carry well beyond the subject you're studying.

If these kinds of tasks motivate you more than straight revision, there's no reason to wait for a school assignment to do one. You could write a blog, film a short video, draft a letter to a local politician or council, or design an infographic. Competitions can add an extra layer of challenge too, giving you a concrete goal to work toward and sometimes a prize at the end of it.

Go places

Not all learning happens in a classroom. Museums, libraries, galleries, and theatres are all designed with learning in mind, and educational talks or career events can offer a different angle on a subject than a textbook ever could.

If politics interests you, a tour of a government building or Parliament House puts the theory into a real setting. If law is more your area, sitting in on a public court hearing shows you how it actually plays out in practice. Experiencing something first-hand tends to make it stick in a way that reading about it doesn't.

Sign up for things that interest you

Workshops, clubs, camps, short courses, microcredentials, and holiday programs are all worth looking into if a topic genuinely interests you. Some come with a cost, but plenty are free, and the return in terms of what you learn and who you meet can be well worth the time.

Finding them usually just takes a bit of digging:

- Council websites
- Social media
- Event platforms like Eventbrite or Humanitix
- Your teachers and parents
- The local paper or noticeboards at your nearest shopping centre

Our own events calendar is worth a look too, if you'd rather not search around for opportunities yourself.

Make it a game

Plenty of apps now exist purely to make learning feel more like a game, turning flashcards and quizzes into something closer to a challenge with levels and streaks than a study task. With so many free options available, there's little reason not to try a few and see what sticks.

If you'd rather step away from a screen altogether, board games and card games can do a similar job. Strategy games call on planning and logical thinking, while word and trivia games build recall and general knowledge without ever feeling like revision. Depending on what you choose, games can sharpen memory, focus, and reasoning, build confidence, and improve how quickly you process new information, all while giving you a legitimate reason to spend time with family or friends rather than studying alone.

Work smarter

Studying for hours in one sitting after a full day at school isn't appealing to most people, and it isn't always the most effective approach either. Spreading study out into smaller sessions can add up over a week without ever feeling like a big chunk of your day has disappeared. Time on the bus, a free period at school, or a few spare minutes while waiting for an appointment can all work.

Short, regular sessions spaced out over several days also tend to help information stick better than one long cram, since you're revisiting the material instead of only seeing it once. The upside isn't just efficiency either. Studying in shorter bursts usually leaves more of your day free for the things you'd rather be doing, whether that's sport, time with friends, or simply switching off.

Teach others

If you've got a solid handle on a subject, tutoring other students is a way to earn some pocket money while reinforcing everything you already know. Explaining a concept to someone else forces you to organise your thinking clearly, and it's often the fastest way to find out where your own understanding has gaps.

Formal tutoring isn't the only option either. Sitting a parent, sibling, or friend down and talking them through something you've learned works just as well, and it costs nothing to try.

Gain skills

If a test is close, your time is probably better spent revising for it directly. But if you've got a bit of room to move, even just 10 minutes a day, picking up a new skill on the side can be worthwhile:

- Touch typing pays off well beyond school, since almost every subject and job eventually involves typing something up
- Coding, a new language, or learning to cook are all reasonable places to start
- None of them require a big time commitment to begin seeing progress

Picking up something new outside your usual subjects can be a welcome change of pace from exam-focused study.

Looking for more ideas?

If none of these quite fit the way you like to study, we've got plenty more ideas on our [study tips page](#) to help you find something that works.

Work Experience

Work experience ideas for creative students

Finding work experience in the creative industries can be tricky. You probably won't find as many structured placements as you would in other fields, since a lot of creative work happens through small studios, freelancers, and informal networks rather than large organisations with set programs.

That doesn't mean there are no opportunities available, there are still plenty of ways to build real skills and get genuine experience under your belt, even if it takes a bit more initiative to find them. Here are a few work experience ideas for creative students.

Help out at your local gallery

Galleries and museums often need extra hands, especially when they're setting up new exhibitions or running events. Volunteering at a gallery could involve:

- Setting up and arranging new exhibitions
- Welcoming and chatting with visitors
- Helping promote events on social media
- Learning about different art styles and artists directly from curators and staff
- Seeing how a gallery actually operates behind the scenes, from logistics to programming

Smaller, local galleries are usually the easiest place to start, since they tend to run on a small team and are often glad to have an extra pair of hands. Larger institutions can be worth approaching too, but expect a more formal application process and less flexibility around when you can help out.

Share your writing with the world

If writing is where your interest lies, there are plenty of places to showcase your work beyond the classroom.

- Magazines and literary journals that accept student submissions
- Local community newspapers, which are often short on content and open to contributions
- Online writing platforms and blogs
- Writing competitions, which double as a way to get feedback on your work
- Starting your own blog or newsletter, where you set the direction entirely

Submitting work for publication also teaches you something a school assignment doesn't, since you're writing for an actual audience and often working to an editor's feedback or a publication's specific style.

Discover theatre behind the scenes

Theatre isn't only about acting. A huge number of roles go into bringing a show to life, and most community theatres rely on volunteers to fill them. These roles can include:

- Lighting and sound design
- Costume and makeup
- Set building and design
- Stage management, coordinating everything that happens before and during a show
- Front of house duties, like ushering and ticketing

Technical and backstage roles in particular are worth considering if performing itself isn't your focus, since they build hands-on skills in areas like design, coordination, and problem-solving under pressure, all of which apply well beyond theatre.

Build your photography portfolio

A good eye and a camera, even one on a phone, is often enough to start building a photography portfolio. From there, you could:

- Photograph school events like sports days or formals
- Take photos at local community events or markets
- Shadow a professional photographer for a day to see how a shoot is actually run
- Enter photography competitions to test your work against a wider field
- Create a themed photo series exploring a single idea or location in depth

If you're photographing people in public, always get their permission first, and be upfront about what the photos might be used for. Editing your shots afterwards is worth practising too, since most professional photography work involves as much time behind a screen as behind a lens.

What's next?

Keep examples of everything you create, whether it's paid work or not. A folder of your best pieces, built up over time, is worth more to a future employer than a list of places you've volunteered. It's also worth keeping a running note of the skills you pick up along the way, since these are easy to forget by the time you sit down to update your resume.

If you're ready to start exploring creative pathways further, you can find more [work experience ideas and opportunities on our website](#).

Job Spotlights

How to become a Construction Manager

Construction Managers oversee the delivery of building and infrastructure projects, coordinating trades, materials, timelines, and budgets from the first day on site through to handover. They are the central point of accountability on a project, responsible for making sure everything comes together safely, on time, and within budget.

If you're a natural organiser who thrives in fast-moving environments, enjoys working with a wide range of people, and wants to see real, tangible results from your work, this career could suit you well.

What skills do I need as a Construction Manager?

- Organisational & planning ability
- Leadership under pressure
- Clear communicator
- Budget & schedule management
- Problem-solver
- Safety awareness
- Decision-making confidence
- Collaborative & team-focused

What do Construction Managers do?

Before construction begins, you're already deep in the planning process. You'll review project plans and specifications, develop detailed schedules, allocate resources, and identify potential risks before they become problems on site. You'll work through contracts with subcontractors, coordinate with engineers and architects, and make sure everyone involved understands what's expected of them and when.

On site, you're responsible for keeping everything moving. You'll monitor progress against the schedule, manage day-to-day issues as they arise, enforce safety requirements, and liaise constantly with trades, clients, and project stakeholders. When problems occur, whether that's a delayed material delivery, a design change, or a subcontractor issue, you're the one who needs to find a solution quickly and keep the project on track.

Away from the immediate pressure of delivery, you'll manage the financial side of projects, tracking costs, approving variations, and reporting to clients on progress. As projects wind down, you'll coordinate inspections, manage defects, and prepare for handover. Some Construction Managers develop expertise in particular project types such as commercial, residential, or civil infrastructure, or move into specialist areas like heritage construction or sustainable building.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Construction Managers work for building and construction companies, civil contractors, government infrastructure agencies, and property developers. Some work for large national firms delivering major projects, while others work with smaller regional builders on a broader mix of work. The industry spans residential housing, commercial development, civil infrastructure, and public works, so the type of employer and project can vary considerably.

Hours are above average, particularly during active construction phases when deadlines are pressing and multiple trades need to be coordinated simultaneously. The work is site-based, which means early starts are common and the environment changes as projects move through different stages. Flexibility is limited compared to office-based roles, and travel between sites is a regular part of the job for managers overseeing multiple projects.

The physical demands are moderate — you'll spend time on your feet moving around sites, though the role is primarily one of coordination and oversight rather than manual labour.

Personal protective equipment is standard. Salaries are above average, and the sector has strong ongoing demand driven by infrastructure investment and continued residential and commercial development.

How to become a Construction Manager

- **Gain relevant qualifications:** Most Construction Managers enter the field through a degree in construction management, civil engineering, or a related discipline. Vocational qualifications in building and construction can also provide a pathway, particularly when combined with trade experience. Check what programs are available in your area, as entry requirements and pathways vary.
- **Start on site:** Practical experience is essential in this industry. Many people begin in site administration, trade, or labouring roles, building their understanding of how construction actually works before moving into coordination and management responsibilities. Cadet and graduate programs with construction firms are another common entry point.
- **Develop technical and commercial skills:** Construction management requires you to understand contracts, building codes, safety legislation, and project scheduling tools. Build this knowledge early, whether through your studies or on the job, as it underpins almost every decision you'll make in the role.
- **Build your site reputation:** The construction industry is relationship-driven. Reliability, clear communication, and the ability to keep a team working well under pressure are qualities that get noticed. Strong site managers tend to progress through demonstrated performance as much as formal qualifications.

From here, you could take on larger and more complex projects, move into senior or executive project management roles, specialise in a particular construction sector, transition into development or project advisory work, or establish your own contracting business.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as a Construction Manager, here are some practical steps:

- Look into school-based vocational programs in construction and the built environment, which can give you hands-on experience and a head start on industry qualifications before you finish school
- Visit construction sites with a parent or guardian to observe how projects are organised and ask about the range of roles involved, from trades to site management
- Develop your practical skills by taking on hands-on projects at home or school that involve planning, problem-solving, and working with materials

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