# Welcome

Welcome to the August Careers Newsletter for 2025. We hope everyone is keeping warm this winter. Please see below the latest in University and TAFE news.

# Yr 12 News

Applications for University and some TAFE courses are now open. VTAC has open to create an account and put in course preferences. During Term 3, all Yr 12 students will have a one on one interview to discuss their course, SEAS and Scholarship applications as well as providing assistance to those students considering work, apprenticeships or GAP Years.

## Yr 11 News

Year 11 students have completed their Subject Selections and are welcome to book a Careers Interview to discuss, university entry requirements, pathways, and career options. Where possible, interviews should be scheduled outside of class time.

Click here to book an interview:

https://koonungcareers.com.au/for-students/appointment-booking

## Yr 10 News

During Pathways Year 10 had a visit form the Young Workers who presented on Worker's Rights. This was very useful as many Year 10s have part time/casual jobs.

# Included in this newsletter:

- Information Sessions
- Open Days
- Scholarships
- Job Spotlight Industrial Designer





# **Information Sessions**

Holmesglen Open Day, August 2025

Organisation: Holmesglen Institute of TAFE

**Location:** Holmesglen Campuses

**Date:** August 14, 2025 Find out more and register

# Understanding equity schemes and scholarships

**Organisation:** Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 14, 2025 Find out more and register

## Monash Clayton Campus Tour

Organisation: Monash University Location: Monash Clayton Campus

**Date:** August 15, 2025 Find out more and register

# ACAP Open Day 2025, Melbourne

Organisation: ACAP University College Location: ACAP Melbourne Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025 Find out more and register

### ADFA Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** Australian Defence Force Academy **Location:** ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

**Date:** August 16, 2025

### Find out more and register

Whitehouse Open House 2025, Melbourne

**Organisation:** Whitehouse Institute of Design **Location:** Whitehouse Melbourne Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025 Find out more and register

SAE Open Day 2025, Melbourne

**Organisation:** SAE University College **Location:** SAE Melbourne Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025 Find out more and register





## UniMelb Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** University of Melbourne **Location:** UniMelb Parkville Campus

**Date:** August 17, 2025 Find out more and register

# VU Open Day 2025, Footscray Park

**Organisation:** Victoria University **Location:** VU Footscray Park Campus

**Date:** August 17, 2025 Find out more and register

# Deakin Open Day 2025, Geelong

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin Geelong Waurn Ponds & Waterfront Campuses

**Date:** August 17, 2025 Find out more and register

# Monash Open Day 2025, Parkville

Organisation: Monash University
Location: Monash Parkville Campus

**Date:** August 17, 2025 Find out more and register

## Monash Information Evening – Webinar

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: August 19, 2025

Find out more and register

### ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 20, 2025 Find out more and register

# Access Monash – Parent/Caregivers Supporting University Students

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 20, 2025





<u>Access Monash</u> enhances opportunities for secondary students from low Socio-Economic Status (SES) backgrounds and regional or remote locations, helping them improve their educational outcomes and transform their lives.

## Find out more and register

National Fashion College Open Day 2025, Melbourne

**Organisation:** National Fashion College **Location:** NFC Melbourne Campus

**Date:** August 20, 2025 Find out more and register

## JMC Melbourne August 2025 Open Day

**Organisation:** JMC Academy

**Location:** JMC Melbourne Campus

**Date:** August 23, 2025 Find out more and register

## VU Open Day 2025, City Tower

**Organisation:** Victoria University **Location:** VU City Tower Campus

**Date:** August 24, 2025 Find out more and register

# Deakin Open Day 2025, Melbourne

Organisation: Deakin University

**Location:** Deakin Melbourne Burwood Campus

**Date:** August 24, 2025 Find out more and register

# **Scholarships**

#### Monash Relocation Grant

Organisation: Monash University

**Location:** Australia **Value:** \$6,000

Open Date: August 4, 2025 Close Date: October 10, 2025

Find out more





# **Workplace Spotlight**

### How to become an Animator

Animators create videos, movies, and short animations using 2D and 3D mediums, including traditional pencil and paper, stop-motion, motion graphics, rotoscoping, pixel art, and much more. They might create advertisements for television, work on cartoons and TV shows, or produce professional content for a business.

If you're curious and creative, have a passion for the arts, and want to bring stories to life, becoming an animator could be perfect for you.

#### What skills do I need as an animator?

- Creative and inquisitive
- Great problem solver
- Can work in teams and alone
- Excellent time management skills
- Great attention to detail
- Good tech skills
- Works well under pressure
- Fantastic communicator

#### What does the job involve?

- Consulting with clients to capture their vision
- Creating preliminary sketches and diagrams
- Planning storyboards and sequences
- Designing characters, backgrounds, and models
- Using software to create animations
- Working with other creative professionals, including writers, voice actors, and producers
- Keeping up to date with art trends and software developments

### What industries do animators typically work in?

- Arts and Recreation Services
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Information Media and Telecommunications

#### What Career Cluster do animators belong to?

Animators are creative problem-solvers who design and develop visual content, so they make excellent Innovators.





## What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

Most animators work indoors in studios or offices during regular business hours, though project deadlines may occasionally require longer hours. You might work in-house for a company or as a freelancer from your own workspace.

Animators can expect to earn an average salary throughout their careers, however this can vary depending on your skills and experience.

The job requires excellent attention to detail and the ability to work under pressure to meet tight deadlines. You'll also need to stay current with rapidly evolving technology and art trends.

#### How to become an animator

There are typically no mandatory educational requirements to become an animator, but formal qualifications can boost your skills and employability. You'll need to build up a strong portfolio of work that showcases your abilities across different mediums and techniques.

You can start by completing secondary school with a focus on English and Arts subjects. Many animators then pursue relevant qualifications such as vocational certificates in screen and media, or undergraduate degrees in arts, design, or animation.

The most important step is starting as soon as possible - experiment with different animation techniques, learn industry-standard software, and begin building a professional portfolio and online presence to showcase your abilities.

## What can I do right now to work towards this career?

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if a career as an animator is right for you, here are a few things you could do right now:

- Start flexing your creative muscles and choose a medium which interests you. Get out the
  pen and paper and draw, learn how to create 3D models, or discover the processes behind
  motion graphics.
- See if you can find work experience in an arts or animation-based setting. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
- Talk to an animator to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in animation.





## Where can I find more information?

- Australia Animation Network
- Australia New Zealand Screen Association
- Visual Effects Professionals Guild of New Zealand
- Animation UK
- The Animation Guild (US)
- Quickdraw Animation Society (Canada)
- Society for Animation Studies
- Women in Animation
- International Animated Film Association

#### Similar careers to animator

- Illustrator
- Graphic Designer
- Curator
- Web Designer
- Signwriter
- <u>Tattooist</u>
- Advertising Specialist
- <u>UX Designer</u>

Find out more about alternative careers on our Job Spotlights page.

