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Tuesday 1 September 2021

Skills Road

Soft Skills Super Star series!

The following information has been taken from the amazing Skills Road website.

Did you know that soft skill-intensive occupations will account for two-thirds of all jobs by 2030?

When it comes to planning or starting your career, it’s normal to think “where do I even begin and what really matters?” There’s a lot to learn and wrap your head around.

In light of National Skills Week, we’re bringing you all the tips about soft skills you need to pay attention to, gearing you to become a pro! Soft skills will help you thrive in any industry, at any point in your career.  
  
Check out our Soft Skills Super Star series to build those skills and succeed in any workplace!

Soft skills videos

What are soft skills and why are they important?

Top 5 soft skills for the workplace

How to improve your soft skills

Soft skills you will need in the future

Soft skills blogs

There is heaps of information to unpack and lots of amazing advice!

Website - <https://bit.ly/3gO2rnE>

University – Regional Access Schemes  
  
Some universities offer access schemes for regional students for specific courses. The following are two examples:

Deakin University

Regional and Remote Entry Scheme

Regional students can choose to apply for the Regional and Remote Entry Scheme for the following courses:

Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science (including selected combined degrees)

Bachelor of Medical Imaging

Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry

Students are to list the course in their VTAC preferences with the regional entry tag.

<https://bit.ly/3cWnKzu>

La Trobe University

Regional Specific VTAC courses: regional students can choose to apply for the Regional Entry scheme for the following courses:

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)

Bachelor of Oral Health

Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery

Bachelor of Dental Science

Students are to list the course in their VTAC preferences with the regional entry tag.

Start your own business!

Project Z have released a new e-book for young people called Launchpad. It’s for young entrepreneurs who would like to start their own business now or in the future. For information visit <https://bit.ly/2YUlZxy>

Early admission programs

Upcoming September closing dates include:

RMIT University

Early Offer Program

Applications close 5 September

<https://bit.ly/3etwSy3>

Swinburne University

Early Entry Program

Applications close 6 September

<https://bit.ly/3rhRdf0>

Southern Cross University

STAR Early Offer

Applications close 10 September

[www.scu.edu.au/star-early-offer](http://www.scu.edu.au/star-early-offer)

University of Technology Sydney

Early Entry program

Applications close 12 September

<https://bit.ly/3k3VHmj>

La Trobe University

Aspire Early Admissions Program

Applications close 17 September

[www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire)

Schools Recommendation Schemes

Covers 12 institutes in NSW and Canberra

Applications close 19 September

<https://bit.ly/34XIdkl>

Australian Catholic University

ACU Guarantee

Applications close 24 September <https://bit.ly/38PiLiA>

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The following are examples:

La Trobe University

[www.latrobe.edu.au/openday](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday)

Monash University

[www.monash.edu/open-day](http://www.monash.edu/open-day)

Deakin University

<https://openday.deakin.edu.au/>

Federation University

<https://event.federation.edu.au/live>

Charles Sturt University

<https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events/open-day>

The University of Melbourne

<https://bit.ly/2WDm3Dy>

Victoria University

<https://openday.vu.edu.au/>

RMIT University

[www.rmit.edu.au/openday](http://www.rmit.edu.au/openday)

Australian Catholic University

<https://openday.acu.edu.au/>

Torrens University

<https://bit.ly/3k30Dbc>

Upcoming events

Federation University

Folio workshop

Federation University Arts Academy and the Art Gallery of Ballarat invite students to a full day folio development workshop in Ballarat.

Date: Wednesday 22 September

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/38wII7a>

Medicine and Dentistry

Free information webinar

National Institute of Education is running a webinar for students interested in applying for medicine and/or dentistry in the future. The webinar will cover a large range of topics and is suited to Year 10 – 12 students and families.

Date: 8 September, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3mOQa6i>

Upcoming events

The Hotel School Melbourne

Virtual information sessions

The Hotel School offers courses in hotel management and tourism management. The School is running virtual information sessions for prospective students until late September. Register via <https://bit.ly/3gdWq39>

Industry insights day

Students will go behind the scenes of a luxury hotel in Melbourne and learn about hotel management careers, 12 September, <https://bit.ly/3iWtPBp>

Monash University

Get ready to apply expo

Students applying for courses in Victoria can participate in this virtual event to get assistance with their VTAC application. 1 September, 4 – 7pm, [www.monash.edu/open-day](http://www.monash.edu/open-day)

Monash Fine Art, Design & Architecture Experience Day

This on-campus event is for students interested in studying Fine Art, Curating, Design or Architecture. Students will participate in hands-on workshops and learn about Monash courses. 11 September, 10.30am – 12.30pm, <https://bit.ly/3z1BFzk>

Swinburne University Open Nights

Swinburne is running online information sessions on Wednesday 1 – Thursday 2 September for prospective students interested in the following courses such: nursing, psychology, health, aviation, business and law.

Information: [www.swinburne.edu.au/events](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/events)

Photography Studies College

Lights, Camera, Action! Workshop

Students are invited to participate in an on-campus photography workshop. Dates are:

Monday 20 September

Friday 1 October

Information: <https://bit.ly/3jv8peG>

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Open days

Open Days provide an amazing opportunity to research courses, hear from lecturers and experts, get inspired about the possibilities for your future and ask questions about pathways, student services, accommodation and scholarships.

If you have an occupation in mind such as accounting, social work or zoology, it can be difficult to understand exactly what a course in this area entails.

What will you study?

Which university offers the best course for me?

What subjects will I study?

What graduate jobs can I explore?

What related occupations could I consider?

What back up courses should I consider if I don’t achieve the required ATAR?

Will I complete industry experience?

If you don’t have any courses or occupations in mind, participating in webinars focussed on general interest areas you have (e.g., social justice, animals, mathematics, creative arts, IT) can assist you in identifying courses that may interest you.

For example, if you love mathematics, you may explore courses in engineering, surveying, data science, actuarial science, cyber security, or a general Bachelor degree with a major in mathematics.

Missed open days? No worries!

Most universities have either recorded the webinars from their open day events and have made them available ‘on demand’ or have uploaded information videos to their open day websites.

You can watch recorded webinars on courses, pathways, scholarships, accommodation, early entry programs, student services, and clubs and societies. You may need to register your details to access the videos on demand.

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Compare university courses and institutions

The Good Universities Guide ratings for 2022  
  
The Guide

These rankings explore university characteristics, student experience and graduate outcomes. Check them out on The Good Universities Guide website - filter by state, study level and subject area, [www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au](http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au)

The blogs  
  
Be sure to check out the blog for a round-up of the top universities for postgrad and undergrad study, <https://bit.ly/3kzjVoO>

Apprenticeships

4 steps to finding an apprenticeship or traineeship

Australian Apprenticeships Pathways has developed a fantastic 4-step process for students to follow when seeking an apprenticeship or traineeship, <http://bit.ly/39yUYmQ>

Australian Apprenticeships Pathways (AAP)

This website contains fantastic resources for young people interested in pursuing a professional trade or traineeship. Some of the resources include:

* Job and training descriptions
* Career interest explorer
* Job pathway charts
* Information on apprenticeships and school-based apprenticeships
* Literacy and numeracy quizzes for different industries such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and hairdressing.

To explore the website, go to <http://bit.ly/3aUtxnC>

Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service:

Join this Facebook page to read about the stories and achievements of young Australians who have found career success through their traineeship or apprenticeship- <https://bit.ly/2HfAmFB>

Year 12 Tertiary Dates: September – October

September

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| **30** | University applications  Timely Tertiary Admission Centre applications close for undergraduate courses.  Victoria, [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)  NSW and Canberra, [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)  Applicants can continue to change their preferences for most courses until December |
|  | Early Entry – applications close for the following programs |
| **5** | RMIT Early Offer Program |
| **6** | Swinburne University – Early Entry |
| **10** | Southern Cross University – STAR |
| **17** | La Trobe Aspire Early Admissions Program  University of New England – Early Entry |
| **19** | Schools Recommendation Scheme (multiple NSW & Canberra institutes) |
| **24** | Australian Catholic University - ACU Guarantee |
| **30** | Deakin University – Regional Access Scheme |

**October**

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| **8** | Early/guaranteed entry applications close for  Victoria University – VU Guaranteed  University of Melbourne – Access Melbourne  RMIT University - SNAP  Monash University – Monash Guarantee |
| **8** | VTAC  Applications close for Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) and Scholarships |