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Welcome to this edition of the Careers Newsletter. You will find lots of great information on upcoming events and opportunities for students to explore various careers and pathways. It's worth taking a look and registering for some of these events.

 I am available all week and am more than happy to assist students and parents. I can be contacted via email on helen.madden@pvcc.vic.edu.au to make an appointment.

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

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Dates to Diarise in Term 1

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

Victorian Careers & Employment Expo 2026

Victorian Careers & Employment Expo will showcase over 130 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages.

This *free* event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new training and career options.

The Expo is packed with Free advice, and attendees can -

- Talk with over 130 Training Organisations & Employers
- Gain Free Career Advice
- Discover Jobs of the Future
- Talk with Leading Organisations about Training & Apprenticeships
- Experience the Free Career Seminars
- Enjoy the Try'a Skill Zones

Dates: Thursday 19 March, 9am to 3pm
Friday 20 March, 9am – 3pm
Saturday 21 March, 9am to 4pm
Venue: Melbourne Showgrounds in Ascot Vale

Discover ACU – April Holidays

Students from Years 10 – 12 can explore our campuses, engage in hands-on workshops, and meet other students who have similar course and career aspirations. They can also chat with current ACU students and staff to get a sense of university life.

Discover ACU Ballarat: Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy
Monday 13 April 10.00am – 12.30pm
Register now

Discover ACU Ballarat: Teaching and Education

Monday 13 April 1.30 – 4.00pm
Register now

Discover ACU Ballarat: Nursing and Paramedicine
Friday 17 April 10.00am – 4.00pm
Register now

Day in the Life of a Swinburne Student

Keen to experience a regular day on campus? Curious to know exactly what your dream course involves? Not sure which study path is right for you? Come along to our Hawthorn campus for a sneak peek at what comes after high school.

Students in Years 9 – 12 are invited to experience a day at Swinburne. Whether students are interested in fashion design or biomedical science, each day covers different study areas so students can get a firsthand glimpse of what your Uni experience might be like – based on what they are interested in studying.

Health, Sport & Psychology
Allied Health, Biomedical Science, Exercise and Sport Science, Forensic and Clinical Nursing, Nutrition, Psychology, Sports Management

Tuesday 14 April 9.00am – 3.00pm
Register now

Science, Engineering & IT
Artificial Intelligence, Astronomy and Astrophysics, Aviation, Architectural Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, Cyber Security, Product Design Engineering, Software Engineering

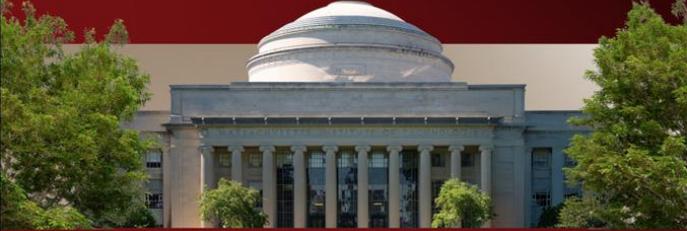Wednesday 15 April 9.00am – 3.00pm
Register now

Design, Media & Social Impact
Arts and Politics, Business, Education, Fashion Design, Games and Animation, Industrial Design, Law, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Social Media, Visual Arts

Thursday 16 April 9.00am – 3.00pm
Register now

Mentoring Women Program

The *Mentoring Women Program* provides an opportunity for women and gender diverse university and Year 11 and 12 high-school students interested in or studying *economics and policy* to connect with passionate mentors at the Department of Treasury and Finance (DTF) over a six-month period. DTF employs economists to design and implement policies that improve the lives of Victorians.

Students will participate in small group sessions with mentors from DTF. In the program, secondary school and university students are paired with mentors from DTF and have one-on-one mentoring sessions throughout the second half of 2026. Students also have an opportunity to network with other program participants at learning and development sessions on topical economic issues.

Previous topics have included using economics in public policy, Truth and Treaty in Victoria, youth housing, as well as advice on job applications.

Mentoring sessions are tailored to suit the needs and goals of individual students. This allows mentees to gain relevant career and educational guidance, and an insight into the diverse pathways to economics and possible careers available to them.

Application for the program are open now and will close on Sunday 22 March 2026.

Students keen on finding out more might like to browse [Mentoring Women | DFT](#) and also watch the video provided.

RMIT Trades Experience

Join us at RMIT's Trades Experience to take the first step towards a career in trades.

RMIT is hosting a *Trades Experience* for students keen on finding out more about a trade. At the [Trades Innovation Centre](#), students will experience four interactive stations where
they will rotate through four hands-on stations led by RMIT teachers and students.

The stations will cover the following trades:

- **Carpentry:** Learn how to safely use a nail gun and practice basic construction techniques to make a mini stool.

- **Plumbing:** Join a pipe connection challenge and pull apart a tap to see how they work from the inside out.

- **Electrical and Refrigeration:** Practice using wire strippers, learn the basics of circuitry and wiring, and experiment with using thermal cameras.

- **Surveying:** Use specialised equipment to measure distance and see how the experts use laser scanners to capture accurate measurements.

Date: Thursday 26 March
Time: 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Location: Trades Innovation Centre, building 262, Bundoora campus

Free onsite parking is available.

Registration is essential. Book a spot at [RMIT Trades Experience](#).

2026 National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Are you curious about STEM and what comes next?

The 2026 National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Melbourne STEM Hub is a 4-day immersive experience, taking place from **Tuesday 7 – Friday 10 April 2026**, connecting Years 10–12 students with real study options and STEM careers.

It's also an opportunity for students in Years 10 and 11 to get a first-hand glimpse of what is available in the NYSF flagship Year 12 Program, which consists of two 9-day residential programs run in early January each year. Applications for the Year 12 Program will open to current Year 11 students in April.

The NYSF Melbourne STEM Hub will include visits to leading institutions and organisations including The Australian Synchrotron and a full day at Monash University Clayton Campus, and more!

Registrations are open for the first STEM Hub of the year, and students keen on joining should register soon as places are filling fast!

Find out more and register here!

Fashion, Textiles, & Visual Merchandising Courses in Victoria in 2026

Entry into many of these courses requires a **folio presentation**. Some of these courses are listed below, but for a comprehensive list of courses at all institutions including Private Providers - such as *Collarts*, *LCI Melbourne*, *The Masters Institute of Creative Education*, *Whitehouse Institute of Design*, and *Torrens University* - and their specific entry requirements, please visit VTAC.

INSTITUTION	COURSE	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2026
Box Hill Institute	Bachelor of Design (Fashion Design)	3D design and virtual prototyping, advanced digital product design, complex patternmaking, digital CAD principles, digital marketing, exploratory design, fabrics and fibres, fashion product development, fashion range development, fashion supply chains, garment construction, production processes, special event management, sustainable design practice, tailoring, understanding the consumer, visual merchandising.
	Bachelor of Design (Fashion Enterprise)	Creative design process, advanced digital product design, branding fundamentals, content creation, digital CAD principles, digital commerce, digital marketing strategy, fashion analytics, fashion buying, fashion product development, fashion range development, fashion styling, production processes, retail finance, special event management, supply chain networks, sustainable design practice, understanding the consumer, visual merchandising, web design.
Holmesglen Institute	Bachelor of Fashion Design	Contemporary Communication Practices, Design Innovation, Industry Techniques, Pattern Engineering, Sustainability and Ethical Practice.
	Certificate IV in Apparel and Fashion	Colour Theory, Computer Aided Design Tools, Design Studio Concepts, Garment Construction, Networking with Industry, Pattern Development, Product Sourcing.
Kangan Institute	Certificate III in Apparel, Fashion and Textiles	Computer-aided design (CAD), Fabric and fibre technology, Fabric technology, Fashion, Fashion (design concepts), Fashion (design), Fashion (illustration), Fashion (pattern grading), Garment construction techniques, Marketing research, Marketing strategy, Networking, Pattern-making, Pattern-making (computer), Quality assurance, Quality control.
Melbourne Polytechnic	Diploma of Live Production & Technical Services Costume	Accessory Construction, Theatrical Millinery, Costume construction, Costume design, Costume making and co-ordination for stage and screen, Costume research, Making Character and Period costumes, Pattern Making and Draping, Underwear and Corsetry.
	Bachelor of Fashion (Design)	Design, Fashion, Sustainability, Textiles.

RMIT University	Bachelor of Fashion (Enterprise)	Fashion, Marketing, Merchandising, Product Management, Retail Management, Sustainability.
	Bachelor of Fashion Sustainability	Circular design, Digital communication, Digital fashion, Fashion, Innovation, Materials, Sustainability, Technology, Textiles.
	Associate Degree in Fashion	Business and Retail Options, Design and Technology Options, Fashion Business, Fashion IT and Design, Fashion Pattern and Production, Fashion Specifications, Fashion Textiles, Global Impacts of Fashion Industry, Production Planning and Supply Chain.
	Diploma of Fashion Styling	Business practices for fashion stylists, Catalogue styling, Editorial styling, Event management and styling, Fashion trend analysis, Personal styling, Project Management, Styling for still and moving images.
	Diploma of Apparel, Fashion and Textiles	Developing and constructing products, Dyes for textiles, Experimental textiles, Fibres and fabrics, Knitting, Screen printing, Social media, Studio class, Sustainability, Textile design concepts, Textile design process, Weaving
Swinburne University	Bachelor of Design (Fashion)	Emerging technologies in fashion and textile design, Fashion branding and management, Fashion design capstone, Global fashion cultures, Professional fashion practice, Sustainable fashion design, Wearable technology design studio.

Snapshot - Blue Mountains Hotel Management School in 2026

- Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School (BMIHMS) was founded in 1991 and is a college of Torrens University Australia .
- Ranked #3 in Australia in the QS World University rankings by subject 2025 (Hospitality and Leisure Management).
- There are two campuses in NSW: Leura Campus – situated in the Blue Mountains, and the Sydney Campus, which is in the heart of the CBD. There is also the Melbourne Campus in Victoria for students hoping to study the Master of International Hotel Management.
- The BMIHMS offers three courses, including the popular Bachelor of Business (International Hotel Management).
- The Master of International Hotel Management is offered to students in Sydney and Melbourne.

Find out more at **Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School.**

MONASH University

Discover Monash Events

Monash University will be hosting several Discover Monash events or activities over the coming weeks. Unless specified online******, these will be face-to-face events.

Participating in one or more of these events will assist students in making informed choices about their study options after Year 12.

The following events will take place from March until May and students are encouraged to register early. **For a complete list, and to register, visit** **Events Calendar - Discover Monash**.

Information Evening**	Tuesday 3 March, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Discover Bachelor of Information Technology**	Monday 16 March, 6.00pm - 6.50pm
Discover the Bachelor of Computer Science**	Wednesday 18 March, 6.00pm-6.50pm
Discover Criminology and Criminology/Policing	Wednesday 18 March, 6.30pm-8.00pm
Discover the Bachelor of Arts	Thursday 19 March, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Discover Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science**	Thursday 26 March, 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Clayton Campus Tour	Thursday 9 April, 10.00am - 11.30am
Discover Business study options & employability	Thursday 9 April, 11.15am - 11.45am
Peninsula Campus Tour	Thursday 9 April, 2.00pm - 3.15pm
Caulfield Campus Tour	Friday 10 April, 10.00am - 11.15am
Discover Business study options & employability	Friday 10 April, 11.30am - 12.00pm
Clayton Campus Tour	Friday 10 April, 2.00pm - 3.30pm
Discover Medicine**	Tuesday 14 April, 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Discover the Bachelor of Digital Business**	Tuesday 21 April, 6.00pm - 6.45pm
Discover Biomedical Science and Nutrition Science**	Tuesday 5 May, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Discover Nursing and Midwifery**	Wednesday 6 May, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Discover Science: The Monash Science Experience	Wednesday 7 May, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Discover Fine Art, Curating, Design & Architecture**	Tuesday 12 May, 7.00pm - 7.45pm
Discover the Bachelor of Media Communication	Wednesday 13 May, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Discover Health Sciences, Public Health and Psychology**	Wednesday 13 May, 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Discover Engineering: Engineer your future	Monday 18 May, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Discover Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Paramedicine**	Wednesday 20 May, 5.30pm - 6.45pm
Discover Radiography and Medical Imaging**	Thursday 21 May, 5.30pm - 6.00pm

Discover Teaching and Learning Design - Peninsula	Thursday 21 May, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Discover Speech Pathology**	Tuesday 26 May, 5.30pm - 6.00pm
Discover the Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology**	Tuesday 26 May, 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Discover Degrees in Global Relations, Politics & Economics	Thursday 28 May, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Discover Teaching and Learning Design - Clayton	Thursday 28 May, 6.30pm- 7.30pm

News from ANU in 2026

➢ Applications for 2027 Entry

Current domestic Year 12 students who intend applying directly to ANU for an *Early Offer* for undergraduate study in 2027 are advised that direct applications open on **Wednesday 11 March 2026**, and close on **Friday 8 May 2026**.
Early offers are released in September each year.

Students can start their applications at any time and log back in, as needed, to complete the process. They will

The Early Offer application to ANU will prompt applicants to provide specific documentation, and students are encouraged to be prepared and gather the following documentation:

- Year 11 result and Year 12 subject enrolment.
- Documents supporting their eligibility for adjustment factors
- Additional documentation may be required depending on their circumstance, and students will be notified if anything else is required during your application.

Students are advised to read through the Application Information before applying at Applying to ANU.

➢ Reminder: ANU Open Day 2026

Get ready to explore a world of possibilities. ANU Open Day is your chance to discover new passions and world-class teaching and research. Immerse yourself in our supportive community and learn how we'll prepare you for exciting careers.

Date: Saturday 28 March 2026
Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Exciting opportunity: Register to attend ANU Open Day on Saturday 28 March 2026 and go into the draw to win a trip for two to Canberra, including flights/transport, two nights' accommodation and a free campus lunch.

Register and find out more here.

Projects Abroad

Join Projects Abroad for a meaningful, practical, and purposeful adventure overseas.
Projects Abroad has been running volunteering programs for over 20 years.

Some of these include –

- Community Work and Early Years Development
- Conservation Work
- Human Rights and Social Justice

The programs run in the mid-year break as well as summer in destinations such as **Fiji, Cambodia**, **Sri Lanka**, **Tanzania** and **Peru**.

Projects Abroad will be running a free webinar for students who may wish to find out more.

Date: Monday 16 March 2026
Time: 6.30pm (AEST)
Register at this link.

Bachelor of Medical Science/MD
Vertical Dual Pathway

- Duration: 6 years full time
- Location: Greater Brisbane (including St Lucia)
- Application to MD begins in Year 12
- Subject prerequisites: English and Mathematical Methods
- Required ATAR: 95+
- Additional requirements: University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) and Multiple Mini Interview (MMI)

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New Pathway to Medicine

From 2027, the UQ Medical School will be offering a *new* 6-year pathway to becoming a doctor. The Bachelor of Medical Science / Doctor of Medicine program will allow students to enter the medical workforce as doctors at least 1 year earlier than other study pathways at UQ.

This vertical dual program is ideal for high school students who want to progress quickly into the UQ Doctor of Medicine. It offers excellent preparation for the UQ Doctor of Medicine, helping students develop the knowledge, skills and values expected of modern healthcare professionals.

The entry requirements are:
- an adjusted ATAR 95.00 (or equivalent) or higher
- Year 12 English (or equivalent)
- Mathematical Methods (Units 3 & 4, C) (or equivalent)
- UCAT
- MMI

The UCAT ANZ must be completed the same year students apply and will be used to rank applicants for invitations to a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI).
Entry is competitive and will be based on ATAR, UCAT ANZ and MMI scores.

To progress to the MD component, students will need to complete the pre-medicine component within 2 years, achieving a pass in all courses.

To learn more about UQ's 6-year pathway to medicine, please join UQ at the upcoming Medicine Information Evening on 18 March 2026 commencing at 6.00pm (AEST).

Register here for UQ's Medicine Info Evening.

Data Science and Information Systems Degrees in Victoria in 2026

Data science combines multiple fields, including statistics, scientific methods, artificial intelligence (AI), and data analysis, to extract value from data. <u>Note</u>: *Data Science* is often offered as a *major* in Science or Computer Science degrees. This is the case for the University of Melbourne - Bachelor of Science.

Information Systems, an integrated set of components for collecting, storing, and processing data and for providing information and digital products. <u>Note</u>: *Information Systems* is also often offered as a *major* in Science or Computer Science degrees, as well as some Business degrees.

Visit VTAC for a comprehensive list including all double degrees on offer.

INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME	VCE PREREQs	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2026
Deakin University	Bachelor of Data Science <u>Note</u>: the Bachelor of Data Science (Honours) is also offered	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Cloud technologies (minor only), Cyber security (minor only), Data science (AI, Data mining, Machine learning, Data management, Discrete mathematics, Programming, Data analytics, Natural language processing), Education (minor only), Embedded systems (minor only), Finance (minor only), Full stack development (minor only), Health analytics (minor only), Human resource management (minor only), Marketing (minor only), Psychology (minor only), Retail management (minor only), Security management (minor only), Sports analytics (minor only), Sustainability and environmental science (minor only), Virtual and augmented reality (minor only).
Federation University	Bachelor of Information Technology (AI and Data Science)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any English.	Artificial Intelligence and Data Science.
Monash University	Bachelor of Applied Data Science <u>Note</u>: the Bachelor of Applied Data Science Advanced (Honours) is also offered	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English as an Additional Language (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	Anatomy and developmental biology, Applied and statistical mathematics, Astronomy, Biochemical science, Biological science and genetics, Biomedical science, Business analytics, Business information systems, Chemical sciences, Computer Science, Computer systems engineering, Crime and society, Cybersecurity, Data challenges, Data science, Digital media, Discrete mathematics, Drugs and society, Earth and atmospheric sciences, Economics, Geography and the environment, Language and society, Marketing science, Mathematics, Microbiology, Mobile apps development, Modelling with differential equations, Molecular and cell biology, Pharmacology, Physics, Physiology, Social research, Software development, Statistical modelling.
RMIT University	Bachelor of Data Science <u>Note</u>: the Bachelor of Data Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 27 in EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or	Advanced data science, Analytics, Artificial intelligence and machine learning, Big Data, Cyber Security, Data analysis, Data mining, Data science, Data warehousing, Data wrangling, Database, Enterprise systems development, Ethics, Forecasting, Information retrieval, Legal issues, Machine learning, Privacy, Programming, Statistical computing, Statistics.

	(Professional) is also offered	Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	
Swinburne University	Bachelor of Data Science	Units 1 to 4: satisfactory completion in two units (any study combination) of any Mathematics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English as an Additional Language (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Big data architecture and application, Cloud computing architecture, Computer systems, Data science principles, Data visualisation, Introduction to programming, Networks and switching, Object oriented programming, Software architectures and design, Software deployment and evolution.
Victoria University *****General Maths, Maths Methods, or Specialist Maths.	Bachelor of Data Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any Mathematics *****	Advanced Data Science, Big Data, Data Analytics for Cyber Security, Fundamentals of Data Science, ICT Business Analytics and Data Visualisation, Introduction to Database Systems, Machine Learning and Data Mining, Online Business System Development, Predictive Analysis.

Snapshot of Box Hill Institute (BHI) in 2026

- Box Hill Institute, formally known as Box Hill TAFE, began operating in 1984.
- Box Hill Institute (BHI) offers qualifications range from certificates I to IV, diplomas and advanced diplomas, even associate, bachelor, and master's degrees - Over 200 TAFE Courses & Degrees at BHI.
- BHI's offers 150+ vocational and higher education qualifications that are nationally accredited and internationally recognised.
- BHI offers apprenticeships, traineeships, and pre-apprenticeship courses across a range of trade and industry areas - Apprenticeships and Traineeships.
- BHI has a number of Melbourne campuses – three in Box Hill, one in the city, and the Lilydale Lakeside Campus is the newest campus.
- Through its partnerships with international educational institutions and other organisations, Box Hill Institute has ten international global educational partners delivering Australian qualifications to residents throughout the Asia-Pacific region and in the Middle East.
- BHI has a number of excellent facilities including its new, one-of-a-kind, Integrated Technology Hub located at the Elgar Campus, which provides collaborative and innovative learning spaces for the air conditioning, refrigeration, mechanical, plumbing and electrical technologies industries. There are excellent Workplace Training Facilities where students get access to real and simulated work environments in order to gain lots of practical hands-on experience. The environments are real, the tools and equipment are the latest,

and the customers are paying members of the public.
Some of the workplace training facilities include:

- ✓ [Barbershop](#)
- ✓ [Hair and Beauty Salon](#), providing spa treatments and services
- ✓ [Pets on Elgar](#), a veterinary clinic and dog-grooming centre
- ✓ [Fountains Restaurant](#), Box Hill Institute's premier training restaurant

- BHI offers its students [Study Abroad](#) opportunities.
- BHI has a range of [Student Support Services](#), including study support, and personal and career counselling.
- BHI offers courses through the [Free TAFE For Priority Courses](#).
- BHI offers offer a number of [scholarships](#) that:
  - ✓ recognise the academic achievement of students
  - ✓ help students who need financial assistance