

A great way to scrub up on career ideas...

Job Info

Gap Year Picks

First-what-is-a-GAP-Year?

This is the time (hello-normally-a-year-but some-people-take-six!) between Secondary School and University or TAFE where you hit the pause button from study.

You may choose to dabble in a gap year for many reasons, perhaps to

- Save money (*with part or full time work*),
- Take a breath (*oh-so-tired-of-studying*),
- Travel (*watch-out-top-deck-here-I-come*)
- Volunteer (*how-good-does-that-make-you-feel?*)
- Figure out what the be-gosh you REALLY want to do.
- Experience something total's different

There are loads of different companies, offering loads of different **Gap Year** opportunities.... and school holidays (wootz!) is the perfect opportunity to drool over the ideas provided at my very-popular [Gap Year Scoopit page](#) (a mini magazine style webpage)

Don't just dream about it, DO it!

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Tertiary Trinkets

Early-Birditude

Imagine how pleasing it would be to secure a spot at Uni whilst all your mates are sweating over the official ATAR-results-slash-release dates!? Gloat? Tot's possible! Many universities understand the obstacles and disadvantages confronting rural and regional students. To address this issue a number of them offer 'early entry' schemes. Students with an **early-birditude** can discover all at....

→ [Early Entry Schemes](#)

Practice Exams?

[Try this link](#) to find practice exams for VCE Unit 3 & 4 subjects. A great way to spend your holidays... well, maybe a 'more productive' way to spend them... :)

Open Day Click It

School holidays are an opportune time to plan your Open Day itinerary for August.

My [Open Day Scoop-it](#) (a magazine style mini webpage) houses direct links to the Open Day pages of most of the major and minor tertiary pundits. Find instructions on how best to navigate the [Scoop-it here](#).

Bachelor of Arts

A Bachelor of Arts (or BA) is a safe choice if you enjoy **humanities** or **english** at school but you are **oh-so-uncertain** about which degree to study at Uni. You can select a wide range of subjects from across a spectrum of disciplines and tailor your degree to your interests. Careful subject selection is essential [Read more...](#)

Career Focus

Careers Advisor

For many careers advisors in schools, their role (sometimes unwantedly) is thrust upon them. Fortunately, because the role is such a great one, they soon fall in love with it.

Being a Careers Advisor at a school is only the tip of the career-in-careers ice-berg. It is a massive industry. Notwithstanding Human Resources in larger organisations who handle their recruitment, I counted 16 employment agencies in Shepparton alone! It is a virtual web of career-o-topia!

Getting back to the good old Careers Advisor at your school, who is normally your first serious contact with the career world - they must have a qualification to be able to tell you where to go. (Well technically, they have to let YOU decide where to go.) A teaching degree is simply not enough; they have to study something similar to a Cert IV in Career Development or a Graduate Certificate (or Grad Diploma) in Career Development. So your Careers Advisor is severely weighted in career know-how!

You don't **have** to be a teacher to be a Careers Advisor; many schools employ non-teaching staff (with Career qualifications) to deliver their career program. Many advisors start in the role first, then undertake the training (which is mandatory) as they go.

If you like to help people and enjoy making a difference to them, then perhaps a Careers Advising role (in some form) is a good choice for you?

[Pathways aren't clearly defined but try this...](#)

Career Dates

Today	 	Wednesday, June 24	 Print
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Expo - Environmental and Marine Careers			
6:30pm	Focus on Melbourne - Music		
Thursday, June 25			
6:30pm	Focus on Melbourne - Fine Arts		
Friday, June 26			
End Term 2			
Saturday, June 27			
JMC Academy - Workshops			
Monday, June 29			
ACU - Experience Day			
9:00am	RMIT Experience BUSINESS Day		
9:00am	RMIT Experience ENGINEERING Day		
11:00am	Science in the City - with RMIT		
Tuesday, June 30			
ACU - Experience Day			
9:00am	RMIT Experience HEALTH/MEDICAL SCIENCES Day		
10:00am	Discover Deakin - Melbourne		
Wednesday, July 1			
9:00am	RMIT Experience MUSIC/SOUND/LIVE PRODUCTION Day		
9:00am	RMIT Experience SCIENCE Day		
10:00am	Discover Deakin - Geelong Waterfront		

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Career Veneer (online) is FREE to subscribe to—go to <http://careerjunk.edublogs.org> and follow the instructions