FOCUS ON RESEARCHING CAREER OPTIONS
START PLANNING EARLY

You have just come back to school and if you are reading this, chances are that you are thinking about exploring your career and pathway options. It is never too early to start thinking about career ideas, researching your options, developing pathway action plans, or simply having a discussion with your Career Adviser.

If you are in Year 12, it is essential that you discuss your options with the key people in your life as soon as possible. Have no idea what you would like to do when you leave school? No stress!! Don't delay seeing your Career Adviser - now is the perfect time. Not sure what to say? Don’t worry- it is their job to guide you and open up possibilities you may not have considered before.

As a starting point, if you are interested in studying at university or TAFE in the future, please find the right links to Facebook and YouTube accounts of several Victorian institutions.

It is important to know that Swinburne University, RMIT, Victoria University, and Federation University all have both university and TAFE divisions and that many TAFE institutes now offer university degrees!

If you are interested in pursuing a traineeship or apprenticeship pathway, it is important that you gain as much industry experience as possible. You can undertake up to 15 days of work experience or work placement per year once you turn 15 years old.

Seeing the Work Experience Coordinator and Career Adviser early in the year is important to ensure you can get organised early and to be able to start making links with local employers.

It is important to read the Career News each week to ensure that you keep up to date with upcoming career events, and to make an interview with your Career Adviser as soon as possible.

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CONNECT WITH INSTITUTIONS

University of Melbourne-
www.facebook.com/melbuni
www.youtube.com/user/unimelb

Monash University-
www.facebook.com/Monash.University
www.youtube.com/user/monashunivideo

Deakin University-
www.facebook.com/DeakinUniversity
www.youtube.com/user/deakinuniversity

La Trobe University-
www.facebook.com/latrobe
http://www.youtube.com/user/LatrobeUniAustralia

Victoria University-
www.facebook.com/victoria.university
www.youtube.com/user/VictoriaUniversity

Charles Sturt University-
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RMIT- www.facebook.com/RMITuniversity
www.youtube.com/user/rmitmedia

Federation University-
https://www.facebook.com/FedUniAustralia
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Box Hill Institute-
www.facebook.com/boxhilltafe
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Swinburne University-
www.facebook.com/swinburneuniversityoftechnology
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Australia Catholic University-
www.youtube.com/viewacu

Wodonga Institute of TAFE-
www.facebook.com/wodongatafe
**BOOKS**

**The Good Universities Guide:** assists young people to make informed decisions about university study in Australia. The guide contains information about what a degree is, what you can study and where, and it contains independent 5-star ratings and comparisons of courses and providers. To order a copy, contact Hobsons at 1800 682 133, info@hobsons.com.au

**So You Want to be a Doctor?** This book by Kerry Breen has been written specifically for young Australian students wishing to study medicine at an Australian University. The book is very comprehensive and will give you all the information you need in helping you choose the right course, to the application process, to starting and getting through your degree. To order the book, go to http://shop.acer.edu.au

**The Job Guide:** provides comprehensive information on hundreds of occupations. For each occupation, you can find out what you do on a day to day basis, what school subjects you need, where you can study courses related to the occupation and state specific information. It is an excellent guide for young people and their parents. To order a copy, contact Hobsons at 1800 682 133, info@hobsons.com.au

**WEBSITES**

**Australian Apprenticeship Pathways:** This is a fantastic website for anyone who is interested in pursuing an apprenticeship, traineeship or school based apprenticeship. http://www.aapathways.com.au/Home

**Myfuture:** is a comprehensive site that gives students and their parents information on occupations, industries, scholarships, courses, careers etc. There are videos, quizzes and a mini career explorer to help you narrow down your options. To explore the site, go to www.myfuture.edu.au

**Australian Defence Force Careers:** http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/

**VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS**

**New retail fashion design scholarship:** Australian retailer Forever New is partnering with RMIT to mentor design students through a new scholarship program. The scholarship includes $20,000 towards tuition fees and design collection expenses, plus a 12-month employment offer in the design team at Forever New upon graduation. http://www.forevernew.com.au/rmit-scholarship

**Interested in design?** Grenadi is a private college in Melbourne that specializes in design. They offer courses in graphic design, interior design, business, and multimedia. They have a strong focus on providing industry experience for students and are heading in an exciting new direction this year. Check out their website at http://www.grenadi.edu.au/

**Interested in sound production or audio engineering?** Skilled technicians record, create, master, edit, produce and mix sound in areas such as studio recording, music events, games design, live productions and film. Aldo Sampio is a graduate from JMC Academy and is currently working as Audio Director for the video game company Ubisoft in Canada. Read about his amazing career journey here- http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/News/2013-12-03/Aldo-Sampaio-works-on-Assassins-Creed.cfm

**Careers in the Defence Force:** There are many occupations in the Defence Force that you may be suited to. Your ability to apply for the occupation of your choice will be effected by your level of education, the subjects you have studied at school, your age, and your gender.

To narrow down which occupations you can apply for, use the Defence Force “Personalised Job Finder”. You just enter your personal details and select your general career interest areas and a list of jobs will be generated. Go to http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/global/jobSelector/jobSelectWindow_Profile.aspx?isAjax=1
Careers in the automotive industry: Know you want to work in the auto industry, but not sure which occupation would suit you best? MAAP My Future has a fantastic quiz that matches your interests with automotive occupations. Go to http://maapmyfuture.com.au/ and click on ‘match me with a career in automotive’

Calling all athletes!! If you are interested in gaining a sports scholarship and studying in America, you can contact Catherine Odgers from Athletes Usa-Australia. She has studied in America on a Golf scholarship and is able to advise you on everything from the application process to what it is actually like to live and study in America. You can join her Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/athletesusaaustralia.catherineodgers

Work in Spain for a year! Through the Conversation Assistance Program run by Home to Home, you will be able to live in Spain for 9 months, working at a school assisting students and teachers to improve their English skills. You must be 18, have completed Year 12 and you don’t have to speak Spanish. For more information, go to www.hometohome.es/

United World Colleges (UWC) Scholarships: If you are in Years 11 or 12 and would like to complete your education at one of the 12 United World Colleges around the world, and would like to apply for a scholarship, please go to their website at www.uwc.org.au. An information session will be held on Sunday 16 February, 2-4 pm, City Library, CAE Building, 235 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.

‘Melbourne Now’ features the creative work of more than 120 RMIT alumni and staff at the National Gallery exhibition. ‘Melbourne Now’ is a celebration of the latest in art, design, architecture, fashion and dance produced in Melbourne with over 120 RMIT Alumni and staff featuring in the exhibition. The exhibition runs until 23 March, www.ngv.vic.gov.au/melbournenow/education

FEBRUARY EVENTS

• 16: United World Colleges, Scholarship Information Session, www.uwc.org.au

• 22 & 23: First Strike, Monash University, Caulfield Campus, https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/general/first-strike/overview.html

Charles Sturt University MyDay events

• 28: Oral Health & Radiography, Wagga Wagga
• 28: Exercise & Sports Sciences, Bathurst

For more information and to register, go to http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

MARCH EVENTS


• 26: Engineers Australia Careers Expo, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, www.engineeringexpo.org.au

At Monash Seminar Series: Dates for March are as follows

• 4: Business & Economics
• 6: Nursing, Midwifery & Emergency Health
• 12: Business & Economics
• 13: Science
• 18: Physiotherapy & Occupational Therapy
• 19: Information Technology
• 20: Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
• 25: Arts (Social Sciences and Humanities)
• 26: Design & Fine Art
• 27: Teaching, Sport & Outdoor Recreation

For more information and to register, go to www.monash.edu/seminars

Charles Sturt University MyDay events

• 14: Accounting, Business & IT, Albury-Wodonga
• 18: Nursing & Paramedics, Bathurst
• 21: Arts, Psychology & Social Work, Wagga Wagga

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