Several universities have programs for high achieving students that feature scholarship and enrichment activities. The following are four examples:

**Hallmark Program, La Trobe University:** This program is open to students who achieve an ATAR of at least 85 and who receive an offer to an eligible course.

Students will receive:

- Opportunities to work in cross-disciplinary teams on some of the world’s most pressing issues with access to and mentoring by leading researchers.
- A scholarship to undertake a variety of enrichment activities beyond the classroom including an International Study Tour, a 2-day residential program, and cross-disciplinary projects.
- Guaranteed access to an Honours year.

For information, go to [www.latrobe.edu.au/school/hallmark-program](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school/hallmark-program)

**Outstanding Scholars Program, University of Canberra:** This program is for students who achieve an ATAR of 95+ and who receive an offer for a course at the University. Students will receive:

- A scholarship valued at $5000 per annum
- A specialised orientation session
- Mentoring by a research active academic
- Access to short courses and seminars only available to research students studying graduate degrees.

For information, go to [http://goo.gl/QDtwjY](http://goo.gl/QDtwjY)

**Chancellor’s Scholarship, Victoria University:** All Year 12 students who gain an ATAR of 90+ and who receive an offer for a course at Victoria University will gain a place in the Chancellor’s Scholarship program. Students will receive:

- $5000 per year (for up to four years) towards their studies
- Mentoring by community leaders from a variety of industries
- An internship
- Access to leadership programs
- Access to university sponsored events.

For information, go to [http://goo.gl/1jCBtH](http://goo.gl/1jCBtH)

**Global Science & Technology Program, Deakin University:** This program is for students who achieve an ATAR of 80+ and who enroll in a course within the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment. Students will receive:

- A scholarship
- Undertake personal, academic, and career development programs
- Complete the Deakin University’s Global Citizenship Program

Students will be encouraged to study part of their course through an overseas exchange arrangement or via an international study tour or undertake a second language. For information about the program, go to [www.deakin.edu.au/sebe/study-areas/global](http://www.deakin.edu.au/sebe/study-areas/global)
Interested in trades? Pre-apprenticeship training is a pathway to an apprenticeship. The Victoria University Trades College runs a tour of their facilities every Wednesday at their Sunshine Campus. They have experts from their trade programs available to discuss how to secure a trade career. Register your interest - www.vu.edu.au/trades-tour

Have you considered a career in construction (not just carpentry!!): There are many occupations within the construction industry. Everything from drain laying to floor finishing to cartography (mapping) to surveying. Look outside the square from electrical, plumbing and carpentry to ensure you are assessing all of your options. To explore occupations, undertake aptitude quizzes and view pathway maps, go to www.constructmycareer.com.au/career-planning

Tuckwell Scholarship at ANU: Australia National University is again offering the ‘Tuckwell Scholarship’ for community minded students who are high achievers. 25 successful recipients will be entitled to just under $22 000 per year for the length of their degree. Applications for 2015 study are now open and close Friday 20 March. For information on eligibility and the application process, go to http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/

Higher education degrees at TAFE institutes: Many TAFE institutes such as Box Hill, Holmesglen, and Chisholm offer higher education degrees as well as vocational courses. The point of difference when considering whether to undertake a degree at a TAFE institute or at a university, is that the TAFE institute often has more of a focus on ensuring their graduates will be job ready, as opposed to focusing mainly on preparing graduates for further research.

Often the TAFE can offer flexible learning programs, more contact hours, and individual study programs can be negotiated. A downside is that Bachelor degrees at TAFE institutes are often full fee paying and will cost much more than the same course at a government funded university.

Teaching placements at Monash University: Professional experience placements are an essential part of the Faculty of Education’s suite of teaching degrees. In addition to opportunities in metropolitan, regional, and remote locations in Australia, Monash also offers the chance to experience teaching in the Cook Islands, Italy, Malaysia, South Africa, China, Hong Kong and India. The Faculty of Education has a dedicated Professional Experience Office that liaises with a range of education providers and organises professional experience for students. For further information, go to http://monash.edu/education

Gap Year in the Army, Navy and Air Force: The Australian Defence Force Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year in the Army, Navy or Air Force. You will earn more than $45,000, have subsidised accommodation and full medical and dental coverage.

The Army has Gap Year job opportunities for Rifleman, Driver Transport, Administration Clerk, Supply Coordinator and Unit Quartermaster. The Air Force and Navy both have the one structured role. Applications are now open and close on Sunday 15 March. For more information and to apply, go to www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/gapyear/

RMIT Apprenticeships and Traineeships on Facebook: Keep up to date with industry news, trade careers, and pre apprenticeship courses at RMIT by joining their Facebook page- http://goo.gl/7szEQQ

Australian Apprenticeship Ambassadors: Join this Facebook page to read about the stories and achievements of young Australian’s who have found career success through their traineeship or apprenticeship- http://goo.gl/2hcuGS
I Wanna B: This website features videos about occupations, pathways, and training institutions. Young people interview people working in different industries in an engaging way. Some of the occupations covered are as follows:

- Aged Care
- Police Recruit
- Finance Broker
- Electrician
- Midwife
- Jockey
- Tour Guide
- Actor
- Geophysicist
- Defence Force
- Web Designer
- Carpenter
- Vet
- Apprentice Chef
- Children's Services
- Human Resources
- Hairdresser
- Nurse

To watch the videos, go to www.iwannab.com.au/

SkillsOne: This website features hundreds of videos about trades and occupations in the following industries:

- AgriFood Skills
- Electrotechnology Communications
- Property Services
- Healthcare
- Energy Utilities
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Manufacturing
- Mineral Resources
- Rural & Farming
- Building & Construction
- Community Services
- Automotive
- Government Skills
- Metals & Engineering
- Film & Business
- Information Tech.

There is also a channel dedicated to women in trades and WorldSkills Australia, www.skillsone.com.au/

My Health Career: This website has over 120 videos focusing on 10 allied health careers - Pharmacy, Dietetics, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Podiatry, Physiotherapy, Optometry, Medicine and Dentistry. It has been created by Australian health professional Amanda Griffiths, www.myhealthcareer.com.au

Upcoming Events: March

- 10 – 19: At Monash Seminar Series, Monash University. For a list of dates, seminars and venues, go to http://goo.gl/hvU8BT

Upcoming Events: April

- Zookeeper for a Day and Vet for a Day, Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo, www.zoo.org.au
- 9 & 10: Experience La Trobe University, Bundoor (9) and Bendigo (10) campuses, www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events
- 10: A Day at Melbourne University, Parkville Campus, http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/
- Charles Sturt University MyDay events - Nursing & Paramedics, Bathurst (23), Nursing, Albury-Wodonga (24), and Accounting, Business & IT, Albury-Wodonga (30), www.csu.edu.au/go/myday

Upcoming Events: May

Following is a list of law schools and courses in Victoria and Canberra

Victoria University, Melbourne
- [http://goo.gl/fOc2HR](http://goo.gl/fOc2HR)
- Can apply for a 12 week Internship with Victoria Police
- Can combine the Bachelor of Law with one of the following degrees- Arts, Business, or Commerce (Applied Finance).
- 2015 ATAR- 80+

Australian Catholic University, Melbourne
- Can combine the Bachelor of Laws with one of the following degrees - Global Studies, Arts, Business Administration or Commerce.
- 80 hours of pro-bono work per year with disadvantaged members of the community
- Focus on social justice and ethical practice.
- 2015 ATAR- 80+

Deakin University: Warrnambool, Geelong & Melbourne
- [http://goo.gl/ax0iSh](http://goo.gl/ax0iSh)
- Can combine the Bachelor of Law with one of the following degrees- Global Studies, Arts, Information Systems, International Studies, Science, and Property & Real Estate

Swinburne University, Hawthorn
- [www.swinburne.edu.au/study/areas/law/](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/areas/law/)
- Can combine the Bachelor of Laws with one of the following degrees- Science, Arts, Business, Engineering (Civil) (Honours), Engineering (Mechanical) (Honours), and Science (Chemistry).
- Commitment to applied learning, strong industry focus.
- 2015 ATAR – 90+

Monash University
- Can combine the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) with one of the following degrees- Aeronautical Engineering, Biomedicine, Arts, Science, Commerce, Music, or Engineering.
- ATAR – 98+

Australia National University
- Can combine the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) with a huge range of degrees through their flexible degree program.
- Focus on law reform and social justice.

La Trobe University, Bendigo and Melbourne
- Can combine the Bachelor of Law with one of the following degrees- Commerce, Arts, Business, International Relations, Media and Communication, Psychology, and Science

University of Canberra
- ATAR – 90+

RMIT
- [http://goo.gl/6Gc5WX](http://goo.gl/6Gc5WX)
- Only has graduate law. Can study Legal and Dispute Studies, Legal Practice (Paralegal), and Criminal Justice Administration.

University of Melbourne
- [http://goo.gl/3Y2lxJ](http://goo.gl/3Y2lxJ)
- Only has graduate law. Can undertake Law breadth tracks as part of an undergraduate degree at the University.