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’s never too early to start thinking about career ideas, researching your options, developing career action plans, or simply having a discussion with your Careers 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 to 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 have both university and TAFE divisions and that many TAFE institutes 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 work experience 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 Weekly Career News each week to ensure that you keep up to date with upcoming career events.

Happy reading!

University of Melbourne
www.facebook.com/melbuni
http://bit.ly/1La8cD6

Monash University
http://on.fb.me/1K7k5yL
http://bit.ly/1NZfuti

Deakin University
http://on.fb.me/1SDILUU
http://bit.ly/1Q4Ad6F

La Trobe University
www.facebook.com/latrobe
http://bit.ly/1T7SMAn

Victoria University
http://on.fb.me/1Q4A1V3

Charles Sturt University
http://on.fb.me/23Sg73z
http://bit.ly/1Q4ArL9

RMIT
http://on.fb.me/1KApgHm
http://bit.ly/1NPXWFj

Federation University
http://on.fb.me/1NZf6ec

Box Hill Institute
www.facebook.com/boxhilltafe
http://bit.ly/20QtKOb

Swinburne University
http://on.fb.me/1ojTOmW
http://bit.ly/1SDuoxD

Australia Catholic University
http://on.fb.me/1Q2JENB
www.youtube.com/viewacu

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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 contains independent 5-star ratings and comparisons of courses and providers, http://bit.ly/1N6a3Pk

Quality Indicators of Learning and Teaching (QILT): similar to the Good Universities Guide but has comparison graphs and statistics comparing courses between universities, www.qilt.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, http://bit.ly/1sqvhu8

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

Myfuture: is a comprehensive site that gives students and parents information on occupations, industries, scholarships, courses, and 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: This is an excellent website for anyone considering a career in the Army, Navy or Air Force, www.defencejobs.gov.au/

Course Camel: Lists courses at Victorian institutions. You can search for courses based on interests, prerequisites, location, qualification type etc., www.coursecamel.com/

Which degree should you choose? How do you choose a university degree you will be passionate about? There are hundreds of different courses in Australia and you can combine degrees together at some universities. Australia National University has developed a fantastic video to help you consider how to choose a degree, http://bit.ly/20QuXFl

Interested in design? Several private institutes in Melbourne offer design courses. They are specialist education providers in that they offer only design-based courses. They have higher fees than government funded institutions and students can access FEE-HELP to assist with course costs.

- Tractor: offer courses in graphic design, website development, digital media and photoimaging, www.tractor.edu.au/
- Billy Blue: offer courses in branded fashion, communication design, interior design (commercial & residential), 3D design & animation, interaction design, and motion design, www.billyblue.edu.au/
- Academy of Design Australia: offer courses in interior design, communication design, fashion & costume design, filmmaking & photography, graphic & digital design, and visual arts, www.academyofdesign.edu.au/
Careers in the automotive industry: Know you want to work in the auto industry, but not sure which occupation would suit you best? The Auto Skills Australia website has information about various automotive occupations. Go to http://bit.ly/1UXnW1V

Work in Spain for a year! Thinking of taking a gap 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 don’t have to speak Spanish. For more information, go to www.hometohome.es/

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 “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 www.defencejobs.gov.au/

Passionate about fashion design? Australian retailer Forever New has partnered with RMIT to mentor design students through a 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://bit.ly/1SDynKF

Bachelor of Arts at Australia National University (ANU): Did you know that you can choose from 50 majors and 80 minors in the ANU Bachelor of Arts? To read about the Bachelor of Arts and the top four reasons why you should consider this program, go to http://bit.ly/1SDyBl3

What is philosophy? ANU is the number 1 university in Australia for philosophy. Watch a video that explains what philosophy is and why you would study it, http://bit.ly/20Eedo6

Top 10 highest earning university degrees in 2015:

1. Healthcare (e.g., anesthesiologists, dermatologists, gynecologists, pathologists)
2. Engineering (e.g., mining, electronic, airplane maintenance, aviation manufacturing)
3. Law
4. Geology
5. Finance (e.g., accountants, finance professionals)
6. Education (e.g., university lecturer/tutor)
7. Dentistry
8. Business
9. Computer Science/IT (e.g., data analysts, systems analysts)
10. Earth/Environmental Science

For detailed information, go to the following link: www.businessreviewaustralia.com/top10/

Science news: Be inspired by the latest stories featured on RiAUS – Australia’s Science Channel. Some of the topics covered this week include:

- The X-Files – our recap
- On the road with Paul – exploring geology in Australia
- Are we in true love with true crime?
- Fringe Festival: Collision free art exhibition

Access the stories at this link - http://bit.ly/1LafK90
**JMC Academy Information Session**: JMC offer courses in 3D animation, game design, film & television production, audio engineering, sound production, entertainment business management, contemporary music & performance. An information session will be held at the Melbourne campus on 13 February. For information and to register, go to [http://bit.ly/1PvWdBT](http://bit.ly/1PvWdBT)

**Australia National University (ANU) – Scholarships Roadshow**: If you are considering studying at ANU in the future, you should consider attending the scholarship roadshow program featuring the generous Tuckwell Scholarship. Dates are as follows:

- Melbourne – Tuesday 1 March
- Geelong – Thursday 3 March
- Online - Thursday 3 March

For information and to register, go to [http://bit.ly/1Labu9x](http://bit.ly/1Labu9x)

**Charles Sturt University (CSU)- ‘MyDay’**: Each year, CSU showcase their courses via a series of hands-on events. A MyDay will be held Friday 26 February at the Wagga Wagga campus showcasing courses in:

- Nursing
- Biomedical Sciences, and
- Medical Radiation Sciences (Medical Imaging, Radiation Therapy, and Nuclear Medicine)

For information and to register, go to [www.csu.edu.au/go/myday](http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday)

**Blue Mountains Hotel School (BMHS) Open Day**: BMHS offer university level courses in hospitality, international hotel and resort management, international event management and global business management. The next open day will be held Saturday 27 February at the Leura, NSW campus. For information and to book your place, go to [http://bit.ly/20Qwj2Y](http://bit.ly/20Qwj2Y)

**Flight attendant careers session**: Aviation Australia is running a Cabin Crew Career Session on Wednesday 2 March at Qantas Flight Training Centre, Airport West, Victoria. For information and to register, go to [http://bit.ly/1WWwQ0M](http://bit.ly/1WWwQ0M)

**Considering a gap year? Global Volunteers International (GVI) offer a range of overseas volunteering programs to school leavers. There is a huge range of options such as wildlife conservation, marine conservation, teaching, caring for children, teaching English to monks, sports, and women empowerment. The next information session will be held at Moonee Ponds on Saturday 27 February. For information and to register, go to [http://bit.ly/1PvWYyu](http://bit.ly/1PvWYyu)

**AFS Student Exchange**: If you are interested in participating in an overseas exchange program or would like to find out more about becoming a host family, AFS runs over 100 online and face to face information seminars each year. For a list of upcoming events, go to [www.afs.org.au/](http://www.afs.org.au/)

**UNSW Built Environment events**: Students in Years 10 – 12 are invited to register for the following one-day workshops at UNSW, Sydney.

- Industrial Design, 14 March
- Computational Design, 15 March
- Interior Architecture, 17 March

For information and to register, go to [http://bit.ly/1QPXsOO](http://bit.ly/1QPXsOO)

**UNSW Information Evenings**: Students and parents are invited to attend the following information evenings: