If you are considering studying at TAFE or university after school, it is **crucial** that you attend Open Days.

Throughout the year, vocational and tertiary institutions open their doors to the public and showcase their courses, accommodation, scholarships, pathway courses, student services and their ‘point of difference’. At an Open Day, you will be able to:

- Get a feel for the culture of the campus
- Learn about courses and career options
- Undertake campus and accommodation tours led by current students
- Speak directly to students and lecturers about the courses or careers you are interested in
- Compare the course area you are interested in at different institutions
- Learn about student sports and societies you can join and be active in
- Get course counselling and guidance
- Attend information sessions and workshops
- Watch live demonstrations
- Listen to bands, eat lots of food, participate in activities and have fun!

Don’t just pick a course at an institution without visiting the campus – you potentially will be spending several years studying there and spending tens of thousands of dollars on your course and accommodation. It’s worth making the effort.

The following is a list of Victorian Open Day dates for several institutions. On the websites, you will be able to register to receive information about the Open Day/s, go into draws to win prizes, watch videos from the 2015 days and download the Open Day planner for 2016.

### July

### August
- **RMIT**: (14), [http://openday.rmit.edu.au/](http://openday.rmit.edu.au/)
- **Australian Catholic University**: Melbourne (14) & Ballarat (28), [http://bit.ly/1TNUiMW](http://bit.ly/1TNUiMW)
- **La Trobe University**: Shepparton (5), Melbourne (7), Bendigo (14), Albury-Wodonga (15), Mildura (17), [www.latrobe.edu.au/openday](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday)
- **University of Melbourne**, Parkville & Southbank (21), [https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/](https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/)
- **Deakin University**: Warrnambool (7), Geelong (21), Melbourne (28), [http://openday.deakin.edu.au/](http://openday.deakin.edu.au/)
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Changes to Medicine at Monash University: The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (MD) will replace the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (Honours) undergraduate entry course in 2017. The course is internationally recognised and students will graduate with a higher-level qualification. Entry will still be based on school results, the UMAT and interview. For information on the changes, go to http://bit.ly/1QWhDrk

Interested in studying law in the future? Monash University are hosting an event for prospective law students called ‘The Future of Lawyering: facing the big challenges in the 21st Century’ on Thursday 19 May. Students will be able to hear from a panel of experts who will explore some of the big legal practice challenges of today, including the topic of graduate employment prospects in an increasingly crowded market.

The panelists will also explore the global move towards ‘experiential’ and ‘work integrated learning’ and consider how this and other initiatives might help improve law students’ competitiveness. For information and to register, go to http://bit.ly/1UMdmgN

Go Girls, Go For IT! Vic ICT for Women is running a fantastic event for female students in Years 7 – 12 focusing on courses and careers in ICT. The Go Girls, Go For IT! event will be held at the Deakin University Melbourne campus on Tuesday 16 August. For information about the event, go to http://gogirl.org.au/

New elite sports precinct at Deakin University, Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus. The first stage of the new Precinct has opened. The $8.4 million precinct has been developed to provide state-of-the-art world-class facilities for exercise and sport science and physical education teaching students. The redevelopment includes an MCG-sized AFL oval, a FIFA-grade soccer pitch, an eight-lane 400-metre athletics track and an outdoor, trackside teaching facility. For information, go to http://bit.ly/1Ok3ft5

Interested in accounting or information technology? Swinburne University has the following specialist industry scholarship programs, which offers students a tax-free industry-funded scholarship worth approximately $40,000 and two 20-week periods working in industry.

− The Bachelor of Information Technology, http://bit.ly/1Vwl3Y1
− The Bachelor of Accounting and Information Systems, http://bit.ly/1VQgM3l

New Innovation Precinct at Swinburne University: Swinburne’s recently announced Innovation Precinct will operate in collaboration with entrepreneurs, and senior leaders across industry and business. In bringing industry practitioners to the campus, students will have greater exposure to real-life projects. For information, go to http://bit.ly/1T0vCyu

Are you interested in the science of everything small? The University of Sydney’s newest research facility, the Sydney Nanoscience Hub, will enable scientists to undertake ground-breaking research in the specialist facilities worth $150 million. Nanoscience is about miniscule subject matter and this means that the smallest of disturbances to the research environment can have a huge impact on the result. For information, go to http://sydney.edu.au/nano/
Commerce versus economics: Which would you be more suited to? The Australian School of Business, UNSW, has developed a video to help you decide. They have also developed a video focused on careers in economics. To download both, go to:

• http://tinyurl.com/qb2zswp
• http://tinyurl.com/njlehwg

Studying sport at Deakin University: Sport is a growing industry and with the increased focus on health and active lifestyles, the need for experts in this field has never been greater. Deakin courses in sport are comprehensive and diverse, enabling students to study exercise and sport science, the business of sport, sport development and health and physical education (teaching).

Exercise and sport science offers a broad range of career opportunities for Deakin graduates in areas such as sport, health, fitness, rehabilitation, sport business and research and tertiary training. If you are considering a career in these areas, go to the following website- http://tinyurl.com/ky9zjdu where you can view lists of job titles/roles, employers and professional associations in each of these areas.

To view the sport courses at Deakin and watch videos about exercise and sport science and clinical exercise science, go to http://tinyurl.com/pm5byfv

UNSW Co-op Scholarships: The UNSW Co-op Program offers industry linked scholarships to high achieving students in the fields of Business, Science, Engineering and the Built Environment. Scholarships are worth over $18,000 per year tax-free and there are many other benefits such as leadership programs, industry work experience and academic mentoring. Applications close 30 September. To find out more, go to www.coop.unsw.edu.au/

Pathway courses into Monash University degrees: If you would like to study at Monash but are concerned you may not achieve the ATAR requirement, there are three options you can consider:

– Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTs): This one-year program is for students who would like to gain access to Nursing, Business or Education degrees. Completion of the program will allow you to go straight into the second year of the eligible course.

– Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE): This one-year program is for students who would like to gain access to the Bachelor of Science. Completion of the program will allow you to go straight into the second year of the course.

– Monash College Diploma: The Diploma can provide entry into the first or second year of a course in Arts, Architecture, Engineering, Art, Design, Business or Information Technology.

For information on entry requirements and eligible courses for each program, go to http://tinyurl.com/pcpjoar

Accounting Scholarship at UTS: If you are considering applying for the Bachelor of Accounting at University of Technology Sydney, you can apply for the scholarship program which is worth over $46,500. Applications will open in August, http://bit.ly/1No5ctu

Marcus Oldham College: offer courses in Horse Business Management, Agribusiness and Farm Business Management. The institute is located at Geelong, Victoria and is a private college. They have just released the list of scholarships available for the 2017 intake. For a list of the scholarships, closing dates and interview times, please go to www.marcusoldham.vic.edu.au
### MAY

- **14:** Open Day, JMC Academy, [http://bit.ly/1S72W8S](http://bit.ly/1S72W8S)
- **18:** Open Night, Academy of Design Australia, Collingwood, [http://bit.ly/1T6C9Nj](http://bit.ly/1T6C9Nj)
- **21:** Open Day, Academy of Interactive Entertainment, [www.aie.edu.au/](http://www.aie.edu.au/)

### JUNE

- **27:** Science in the City, RMIT, Melbourne, [http://bit.ly/1TFccBv](http://bit.ly/1TFccBv)
- **28:** Experience Australian Catholic University, Ballarat campus, [http://bit.ly/1LKqIHY](http://bit.ly/1LKqIHY)
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### AUGUST

- **16:** Go Girl Go For It, Deakin University, Melbourne, [http://gogirl.org.au/](http://gogirl.org.au/)
- **16, 18:** Monash Information Evenings, Peninsula (16) and Albury (18), Bairnsdale (30), [http://bit.ly/20wTBdB](http://bit.ly/20wTBdB)