

Careers News

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Dear Parent/Guardian

This week's newsletter includes information on the following topics:

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Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

20: Werribee Open Day, University of Melbourne, Werribee campus. For students interested in studying Veterinary Science, <https://bit.ly/2KUusu0>

22: Australian Defence Force Information Sessions: Defence Careers, Melbourne (22), <https://bit.ly/2Vovhip>

22: Course Information Sessions, Deakin University, STEM courses (22), <https://bit.ly/2maZaW0>

23: Spark Night, Monash University, Clayton campus. Electrical and Computer Systems Engineering (ECSE) industry event, www.ecsespark.com

NOVEMBER

12: Deakin Accelerate Information Webinar, Deakin University, online, <https://bit.ly/2p0912o>

Victorian Police Force Careers

'Explore Careers' interviewed Lauren from the Critical Incident Response Team at Victoria Police. In the video, Lauren talks about her career and what she does on a day-to-day basis in her role. You can watch the video here - <http://bit.ly/2xvozOQ> You can

explore other careers in the Force and learn about the recruitment process at this link - <http://bit.ly/1LfnfeQ>

Train to become a flight attendant

The following are examples of two institutions that offer flight attendant training in the Melbourne area:

Aviation Australia: training runs in blocks with numerous starting dates throughout the year. You can explore start dates, location and fees at this link - <https://bit.ly/35kRGlw>
William Angliss offers the Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew). To find out about the course, go to <http://bit.ly/1U6C1uv>

Study Food Systems and Gastronomy

The Master of Food Systems and Gastronomy at William Angliss is unique to Australia and explores the challenging problems facing contemporary food systems and cultures. The program focusses on areas of food production, distribution and consumption, policy, food security and sovereignty and community health and wellbeing, <http://bit.ly/2dmbXP0>

Has your daughter considered studying orthoptics?

Have you considered Orthoptics? These allied health professionals play a crucial role in the early detection and treatment of eye diseases in children and adults. They can specialise in areas such as the following:

- Children's vision/paediatrics
- Eye movement disorders
- Low vision care/rehabilitation
- Cataract care and retinal disorders
- Neurological vision disorders
- Laser eye surgery and corneal conditions
- Driver vision and sports vision

There are about 500 Orthoptists in Australia and their population is ageing, which means there will be plenty of jobs in the future both in Australia and overseas. You can study to become an Orthoptist at La Trobe University, Melbourne - <http://bit.ly/1PeR4Na> and the University of Technology Sydney, <http://bit.ly/2d8dntl>

For key information about this occupation, visit the Orthoptics Australia website, www.orthoptics.org.au/

Where can a social work degree take you?

One area you can work in is rehabilitation of people who have committed crimes. Rather than seeking to punish criminals, Dr. Sophie Goldingay believes play could be key to rehabilitating them.

Working in Deakin's School of Health and Social Development, Dr. Goldingay helped develop an innovative 'play therapy' program to reshape mindsets. Discover her creative

approach to rehabilitation, <http://bit.ly/2cM6fGM>

The following are examples of six universities you can study social work at:

- Deakin University, <http://bit.ly/2dDHI3H>
- La Trobe University, <http://bit.ly/23Y328R>
- Monash University, <http://bit.ly/1omFO8U>
- RMIT, <http://bit.ly/2dkHp2k>
- University of Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2dkH5AX>
- Victoria University, <http://bit.ly/2dBr3wW>

Interested in engineering?

Spark Night at Monash University is the Electrical and Computer Systems Engineering (ECSE) department's annual industry event and exhibition, celebrating the achievements of final year students and showcasing over 130 projects.

Interested secondary school students and parents are invited to come along and see the fantastic work the students have produced. The event will be held Wednesday 23 October 2019 at the Clayton campus, www.ecsespark.com

FlickerUp Film Competition

Passionate about filmmaking? Flickerfest, Australia's largest and only Academy® Award accredited and BAFTA- recognised international short film festival, is now accepting entries from around Australia for the FlickerUp competition.

FlickerUp is Flickerfest's national youth short film competition. Short film entries are invited from primary and secondary school students or filmmakers under 18 years of age across Australia. For information about the initiative and to apply by Saturday 9 November, go to <http://flickerfest.com.au/>

Is your daughter interested in design?

Deakin's School of Architecture and Built Environment's annual PaperSpace student exhibition showcases outstanding work from undergraduate and master degree students studying architecture, construction management, landscape and planning. Dates are listed below. For information and venue locations, go to <https://bit.ly/2Mq6BSy>

- Melbourne, Federation Square: 4 – 8 November.
- Geelong, Deakin Waterfront campus: 12 – 22 November.

To keep up to date with the Deakin Faculty of Architecture and Built Environment events, research and course information, join the A+B Blog at <https://bit.ly/2znXzO2>

RMIT Engineering Exhibition

EnGenius Engineering Exhibition, RMIT: EnGenius is an annual industry sponsored exhibition that showcases third and fourth year projects from students in the School of Engineering and is open to the public.

Working either in a small group or as an individual, students design and develop technology and solutions to solve real world problems.

Using the technical knowledge and skills gained throughout their degree, EnGenius provides RMIT engineering students with the opportunity to showcase their abilities and gives them the opportunity to network with industry representatives. Come along and chat to our students and discover new technologies. 23 October, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. Register online at <https://bit.ly/33crZl1>

Updates from Victoria University (VU)

VU Guaranteed: Year 11 students from eligible schools are encouraged to apply for the VU Year 11 Guaranteed program and secure an early entry university place to start in 2021. Applications close 13 December, <https://bit.ly/2pmjzJc>

Speech pathology: VU has just launched a new block-model dual-qualification in speech pathology – Bachelor of Speech and Language Science/Master of Speech Pathology. They have written an interesting article titled 'now is a great time to be a speech pathologist, where's why', <https://bit.ly/32jcgAu>

Focus on VET Pathways

Vocational education and training (VET) includes **traineeships, apprenticeships** and **TAFE** study.

4 out of 5 parents report that they would prefer their child to go to university than study VET, <http://bit.ly/2vPBkPF> but it is crucial that both parents and students take the time to understand the VET sector, and that a preference for just university study may in some cases limit a young persons potential.

Between 20 – 30% of young people in Australia drop out of or change their university course within the first year. Many young people don't even consider studying VET due to incorrect perceptions or through lack of understanding of the sector.

It's no secret that employers love job applicants who have TAFE qualifications, including those who graduate from a university degree with a VET qualification.

VET graduates are considered to have 'job ready' skills and in the future labour market in Australia with 1 in every 2 young people expected to complete a Bachelor degree, it is more important than ever to have diverse skills, industry experience and more than one qualification (e.g., a Bachelor of Engineering with a TAFE Diploma in Project Management).

Did you know that 9/10 occupations predicted to have the most jobs growth by 2023 are in vocational training areas and in the industries with the most growth (e.g., health and community services, construction, and accommodation and food services)? Source: <http://bit.ly/1mab7j7>

Specific occupations with the biggest growth prediction include sales assistants, aged care workers, disability workers, enrolled nurses, electricians, chefs, and early childhood education workers etc.

Current skills shortages are in occupations such as automotive trades, food trades, construction trades, and building professionals.

A report, titled: 'Perceptions Are Not Reality: myths, realities & the critical role of vocational education & training in Australia', was released by Skilling Australia Foundation last year,

It revealed the following:

- VET graduates earn wages comparable to, if not exceeding, that of university graduates.
- VET graduates have a higher employment rate than university undergraduates. More than 78% of VET graduates are employed after training.
- VET courses have adapted more readily to changing workforce needs.

There are some occupations that require a university degree (e.g., medicine, social work, law).

It is advisable that students consider undertaking VET study during their gap year (e.g., gap year traineeship or TAFE course) and concurrently with their university studies (if time permits).

Other benefits of TAFE courses include:

- Higher level courses (e.g., Diploma) can provide a direct pathway into university courses with credit
- Can give you the opportunity to trial an industry or career area before you commit to university study
- Can give you a qualification you can use to gain part time work whilst undertaking university study.

Do you know you can study a huge range of vocational courses at TAFE? TAFE provides students with the opportunity to:

- Undertake applied learning
- Gain 'industry ready' experience
- Learn about industries and careers
- Obtain a qualification in a relatively short time frame.

The following are example courses you could consider:

Jane knows she loves working with people, has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is creative, loves thinking outside the box, is highly organised and enjoys solving problems. She explores the following TAFE courses:

- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Advertising
- Professional Writing and Editing
- Broadcast Journalism
- Liberal Arts
- Library and Information Services

Sheridan loves sciences and health and is considering working in rehabilitation, medical sciences or allied health in the future. She explores the following courses:

- Dental Technology
- Nursing
- Massage and Myotherapy
- Allied Health Assistance
- Laboratory Technology
- Pathology Collection

Paul knows he loves helping people and that he would like to work in counselling, case management, or human services in the future. He explores the following courses:

- Community Services
- Youth Work
- Disability Services
- Mental Health
- Alcohol and other Drugs
- Aged Care

Focus on VET Pathways

To search for TAFE courses, use the following websites:

Victorian Skills Gateway website - <http://bit.ly/2cPZDUF>

MySkills (Australia wide) - <http://bit.ly/2gWp25g>

Private Colleges Australia, <http://bit.ly/2fd3Moe>

It's important to note that many courses have optional or compulsory information sessions that run between now and the end of the year. You will need to ensure that you attend these sessions and also fulfil any portfolio or selection task requirements.

Key VET websites include:

VET - VCAA	https://bit.ly/2CKD9Va
'VET. It's right now'	https://bit.ly/2yhKLdT
Skills Road	https://bit.ly/2P2YazQ
SkillsOne	https://bit.ly/1zCKBUG
Myfuture	https://bit.ly/1t6Uj62

Australian <https://bit.ly/2Glf3PD>
Apprenticeship
Pathways

Free TAFE for priority courses in Victoria

If you live or work in Victoria, you may be eligible for a fully subsidised course at a Victorian TAFE Institute next year.

The following are examples of eligible courses:

Non-apprenticeship courses

Health & Community Services

- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Ageing Support
- Allied Health Assistance
- Child, Youth & Family Intervention
- Education Support
- Individual Support
- Justice
- Mental Health
- Nursing
- Youth Work
- Dental Assisting
- Disability
- Community Services

Agriculture/Horticulture

- Horticulture
- Agriculture
- Agriculture (Dairy Production)

Built environment

- Engineering
- Plumbing & Service
- Rail Infrastructure
- Civil Construction
- Civil Construction Supervision
- Concreting
- Construction Waterproofing
- Building & Construction (Building)
- Building Surveying

Hospitality, Tourism, Business

- Hospitality
- Tourism
- Commercial Cookery

Business, IT

- Accounting and Bookkeeping
- Accounting
- Cyber Security

Apprenticeship pathway courses

The following courses are all Certificate II level

- Automotive: Air Conditioning, Body Repair Technology, Servicing Technology, Vocational Preparation
- Baking
- Building & Construction
- Construction Pathways
- Electrotechnology
- Engineering: Pathways, Studies
- Furniture Making
- Glass and Glazing
- Horticulture
- Meat Processing (Food Services)
- Plumbing
- Printing and Graphic Arts
- Production Nursery
- Salon Assistant
- Signage and Graphics

To check your eligibility and to search for TAFE courses and providers, use the websites:

Victorian Skills Gateway, <https://bit.ly/2yG6vzc>

Victorian Government, <https://bit.ly/2nR7NGs>

Upcoming Open Days

Endota Wellness Centre is a private college located at Docklands, Melbourne. The institute offers courses in Beauty Therapy, Remedial Massage, and Salon Management. You are invited to their Open Day running on Saturday 19 October between 10am – 12pm. You will be able to speak to course advisers and tour the College. For information and to RSVP your place, go to <https://bit.ly/32cPZEB>

Soar Aviation: in partnership with Box Hill Institute, Soar Aviation offer a Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot License, Aeroplane). This course enables students to be a qualified commercial pilot within 2-years. They are running an open day on Saturday 19 October at Moorabbin Airport. For information and to RSVP, go to <https://bit.ly/2OVlvmV>

Flight Centre Academy is a private college located at Melbourne. The institute offers a Diploma of Travel and Tourism to students who would like to work in these exciting industries. They are running an Open Day on Thursday 24 October between 5pm – 6pm. You will be able to speak to course advisers and tour the College. For information and to RSVP, to go <https://bit.ly/2MFKcAQ>

The Pathways Team