

Weekly Career News

Term 2

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EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS – NOW OPEN

Community Achievers Program at Australian Catholic University (ACU): This is an early entry program that takes into account factors other than just your ATAR for admission into courses. Factors include evidence of community service, leadership, and school participation etc. If you are accepted into the program, you will be guaranteed entry into the degree of your choice with a minimum ATAR, providing you meet prerequisites. The following are the minimum ATARs for the 2019 intake:

- 70: Law and dual Law degrees
- 70: Physiotherapy
- 65: Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology
- 58.5: all other degrees.

Applications close Tuesday 31 July,
<http://bit.ly/2kPLY2t>

Passion for Business, Australian Catholic University: Students can receive an early guaranteed offer for one of seven eligible single or combined Bachelor degrees in areas such as business, IT, and commerce. You must be studying a business related subject at school, <http://bit.ly/2beXyl2>

Passion for Law, Australian Catholic University: Students can receive an early guaranteed offer for the Bachelor of Law combined with one of eight Bachelor degrees such as Global Studies, Commerce, Arts, Psychological Science and Biomedical Science. You must receive an ATAR of at least 78 and submit an essay, <http://bit.ly/2bp4UUM>

Direct Early Entry program at University of New England: Applications are now open for this early entry program. Selection is based on a recommendation from the applicant's school, not their final ATAR. The program is free, fully online, and students can start their university application now. For a list of eligible courses and application information, go to <http://bit.ly/2aqFGGu>

DEFENCE FORCE GAP YEAR – NOW OPEN

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 following roles still have spaces for applicants:

Army

- Air Defence Operator
- Warehouse Assistant
- Administration Assistant
- Artillery Operator
- Driver
- Infantry Soldier
- Combat Engineer
- Officer

Air Force

- Airbase Protection & Security
- Warehouse Storeperson
- Administration Assistant
- Aviation Support Technician

Navy

- Gap Year in the Navy.

For more information and to start your application, go to <http://bit.ly/1dVvxxV>



TUITION FREE VICTORIAN TAFE COURSES

Free courses at Victorian TAFE institutes from 2019: The Daniel Andrew's Government has just announced that from 2019, approximately 30 non-apprenticeship courses and 18 courses that lead directly to apprenticeships will be fully funded for young people who either live or work in Victoria. Examples of courses covered are:

- Nursing
- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Automotive (Body Repair, Air Conditioning Technology, Servicing Technology, Automotive Vocational Preparation)
- Electrotechnology
- Allied Health Assistance
- Dental Assisting
- Ageing Support
- Building and Construction, Construction Pathways
- Civil Construction
- Community Services
- Concreting
- Education Support
- Engineering
- Horticulture
- Hospitality
- Mental Health
- Plumbing
- Disability
- Glass and Glazing
- Signage and Graphics
- Salon Assistant
- Retail Baking
- Printing & Graphic Arts
- Meat Processing
- Horticulture
- Furniture Making
- Construction – Water Proofing
- Individual Support

Students are encouraged to explore TAFE courses as part of their post school study options. Students who have deferred a university place should also consider gaining a TAFE qualification during their gap year to boost their chances of gaining graduate employment and to have a portable and industry focussed qualification. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2rcyxzz>

To search for TAFE courses, go to the Victorian Skills Gateway website, <https://bit.ly/2HExeDX>

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Interested in journalism? The YMCA Press Gallery program is an opportunity for young people (aged between 16-25) currently studying, or who have an interest in political journalism, photography and/or filming/editing to gain valuable experience serving as the Press Gallery for the Youth Parliament of Victoria. To apply for this program by Sunday 6 May, email pressgallery@ymca.org.au for an application form. For more information, go to <https://bit.ly/2rdSEwi>

Interested in studying business? Did you know that some universities offer a year of industry experience as part of their undergraduate business degrees? The following are three examples:

- **Victoria University** – at least 40 weeks of paid industry experience through the Cooperative Education program (competitive entry), <http://bit.ly/2oWTNp7>
- **Swinburne University:** a guaranteed year of paid industry experience through the Bachelor of Business (Professional) degree, <http://bit.ly/2pwwEM0>
- **RMIT:** a guaranteed year of industry experience through the Applied program for Marketing, Economics and Finance, Information Systems, International Business, and Logistics and Supply Chain Management, <http://bit.ly/2aHKMgR>

Changes to entry requirements for Victorian undergraduate education degrees: For the 2019 intake, the following selection criteria may be required for undergraduate education courses:

- **Achieve a minimum ATAR of 70:** Some universities will require a higher ATAR.
- **Complete the CASPer test:** this is an online video-based situational judgment test. The test is designed to measure ethics, empathy and communication (selected universities will require this), <http://bit.ly/2qjjaGt>
- **Achieve prerequisites:** meet the requirements for prerequisite subjects.

Please contact the universities you will be applying to for specific information.

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Have you considered studying at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)? The following information has been copied from a Defence Force Recruiting Newsletter. ADFA is situated in Canberra and is a university like no other, offering combined military and leadership training, with a world-class degree from the University of New South Wales (UNSW). It has the best university student-to-teacher ratio in the country, amazing sports and recreational facilities and is one of Australia's most respected universities.

Why ADFA?

- The education and experiences of ADFA will equip you to deal with the professional and personal challenges of your chosen career
- Be trained in the art of leadership by experienced military professionals
- Access exceptional sporting and recreational facilities and be a part of a wide variety of sports and special-interest clubs
- Earn your degree from UNSW
- Choose from a range of degrees - Arts, Business, Engineering, Information Technology, Science and Technology
- Enjoy free medical and dental, subsidised food and accommodation
- Receive a starting salary of over \$40,000 plus super while studying and no Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) fees.

For more information on ADFA call 13 19 01 or visit <http://bit.ly/1d0fil6>

The Good Careers Guide 2018: This is a fantastic book you can order through the Good Education Bookshop. The guide provides advice on career planning, explores education options and includes descriptions for more than 400 jobs and occupations. Each comprehensive job description features skill and training requirements, related jobs, industry contacts, and more. If you would like to pre-order a copy, please use this link <https://bit.ly/2I5Tequ>

If you prefer to research career options online, the following three websites are excellent:

- Good Careers Guide online - <http://bit.ly/1Wcdrfb>
- Myfuture - <http://bit.ly/2IZ6HTx>
- Skills Road - <http://bit.ly/2qjMFIb>

UPCOMING EVENTS

UNSW Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing: For students in Years 7 – 10. To enter the competition, in 800 words or less, describe the impacts of a particular technology on society. You can look at a technology of the past (even ancient past), describe a technology in use today, a new technology that is being developed, or outline your predictions for the technology of the future. Entries close on 28 August. For information and to apply, go to <https://bit.ly/1efclWA>

Find your future Maths career: Take this simple quiz to discover maths careers you may be suited to - <https://bit.ly/2HZzrci>

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- **1 - 9: Meet Melbourne**, Melbourne University regional tour, <http://bit.ly/2IzP67x>
- **2: Discovery Day**, The Hotel School Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/2IXGKhu>
- **3 – 6: VCE and Careers Expo**, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/1osfRrt>
- **5: Open Day**, JMC Academy, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2nRkDB4>
- **8 – 24: Inside Monash Seminars**, Monash University, <http://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>
- **10: Information Evening**, SAE Institute, Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/2arYzpb>
- **11: Open Day**, University of New England, Armidale, <https://bit.ly/2qQVF6E>
- **12: Open Day**, Collarts, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2oyTR03>
- **15, 16, 23: Monash Information Evening**, Bendigo (15), Shepparton (16), Warragul (23) <https://bit.ly/2pt8nsT>
- **19: Open Day**, Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/1hsNG8q>

JUNE

- **1: Experience Clever Day**, La Trobe University, Albury Wodonga, <https://bit.ly/2JrjI8f>