

Weekly Careers News for Victoria

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This Week's Events

UNSW Portfolio Entry Information Session, Online

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: July 15, 2026

At UNSW, we know you're more than just a number. That's why we've created the UNSW Portfolio Entry Early Conditional Offer Scheme—a pathway to university that recognises your unique talents and ambitions.

Hear directly from UNSW academics and students about crafting a compelling portfolio for degrees within the Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture and the Faculty of Engineering in 2026. We'll guide you through what to include, how to apply, and tips to help you succeed. Plus, you'll have the chance to ask questions and get clarity on anything you're unsure about.

Why choose this scheme?

- Early Conditional Offers: Get an offer with a reduced ATAR requirement—up to 10 points below the standard selection rank for your chosen degree.
- Showcase your talent: Stand out by highlighting your unique skills, potential, and passion.

[Find out more](#)

Procrastination & ADHD – Webinar for Year 10-12 Students and Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: July 16, 2026

This webinar is for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 with ADHD (and the parents trying to help). We'll cover why ADHD brains procrastinate, what actually helps, and the skills that often work even when nothing else does.

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Career Expo 2026

Organisation: Career Exhibitions Pty Ltd

Location: Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre

Date: July 17 to July 19, 2026

The Melbourne Career Expo is the most comprehensive and exciting careers event in Australia. This expo encompasses all career opportunities from employment to education and training in the trades, corporate and professional sectors along with major Universities, TAFEs and Training providers.

[Find out more](#)

Next Week's Events

Victoria Police: Careers Information Session – Victoria Police Centre

Organisation: Victoria Police

Location: Victoria Police Centre

Date: July 22, 2026

We're inviting you to an exclusive Victoria Police Careers Information Session – a rare chance to get an inside look into the fast-paced, challenging, and rewarding world of policing.

What to expect:

- Unlock the secrets to our recruitment process
- Discover the intensive, hands-on training at the Victoria Police Academy
- Explore career pathways beyond general duties policing
- Learn about specialist units tackling everything from major crime to community engagement
- Hear firsthand stories from those who serve and protect every day

This is your exclusive invitation to gain behind-the-scenes access to the Victoria Police Centre – a location typically closed to the public. Don't miss your chance to experience the energy and excitement of policing like never before!

[Find out more](#)

ACU Guarantee Early Offer and Pathways Webinar (VIC)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: July 23, 2026

Learn about ACU's entry and pathway options, including the ACU Guarantee early offer program, key dates and how to apply. Plus, hear from current students about their journeys. This webinar is for Victorian Year 12 students and their parents.

[Find out more](#)

A Dive into Dolphin Science Workshop for Secondary Students

Organisation: Cetacean Sisters

Location: Mount Martha House Community Centre

Date: July 25, 2026

Have you ever wondered how scientists tell dolphins apart or track them in the wild? Now's your chance to dive into the science behind dolphin research!

In this engaging, hands-on one-hour workshop designed for secondary students, you'll discover how scientists use fin identification to recognise individual dolphins and apply mark-recapture techniques to estimate populations and monitor these incredible marine mammals. Led by a local dolphin scientist, this session is ideal for secondary students who love science, marine biology, and cetaceans (whales and dolphins). It's also an excellent introduction to the Cetacean Sisters program, designed for secondary school girls who are interested in learning more about science through whales and dolphin research.

During the workshop, you'll:

- learn how scientists track and study dolphins,
- explore real research techniques, and
- Get inspired by a career in science or marine research

[Find out more](#)

Swinburne Open Day 2026

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn Campus

Date: July 26, 2026

Open Day is your chance to see what's possible at Swinburne and find where you fit in.

- Experience Swinburne up-close through hundreds of activations across campus
- Get the scoop on brand new courses that combine your passion with a purpose
- Explore projects from our Work Integrated Learning students and learn about our industry experience guarantee
- Catch talks from Swinburne researchers that will expand your knowledge – and horizons

[Find out more](#)

Future Events

Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session

Organisation: Australian Federal Police

Location: Online

Date: July 28, 2026

Gain insights into the role of a protective service officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

[Find out more](#)

Music Careers Expo 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: The Push

Location: The Corner Hotel

Date: July 28, 2026

The Music Careers Expo is for young people aged 15–25 who are curious about working in music — whether that's performing, producing, working behind the scenes or exploring other roles across the industry.

You'll hear from people working across the industry (artists, managers, producers, engineers) and have the chance to sit down one-on-one with professionals and educators for advice on your next steps.

If you love Australian music and want to work in it, this is where you start!

Parents, teachers and friends are also welcome to attend.

[Find out more](#)

Meet Melbourne Albury

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Atura Albury

Date: July 29, 2026

Our Future Students team are visiting Albury to meet with prospective undergraduate students like you to discuss your study options and the exciting campus life that awaits you at Melbourne.

- Discover your study path and career options through the Melbourne curriculum
- Hear from current students who made the move to Melbourne
- Learn about your special entry and scholarship eligibility through Access Melbourne
- Find out about accommodation options and the vibrant community opportunities
- Ask us any questions you may have.

[Find out more](#)

Geelong Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Geelong Region Local Learning and Employment Network

Location: Nyaal Banyul - Geelong Convention and Event Centre

Date: July 30, 2026

A major regional careers and pathways event bringing together students, schools, industry, training providers and community to explore the opportunities shaping Geelong's future workforce.

Presented by the Geelong Region Local Learning and Employment Network (GRLLEN). Supporting young people across Geelong, Surf Coast, Queenscliffe and Golden Plains.

The Geelong Careers Expo was created to:

- Bring a comprehensive range of providers together in one accessible location
- Give students meaningful hands-on experiences
- Expand awareness of local and external career pathways

- Strengthen collaboration between education and industry
- Support young people in moving confidently from school to work

It is a new event for a new generation — designed to grow with the region and become a lasting annual pillar.

[Find out more](#)

ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained with ADHD – Webinar for Year 12 Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions with ADHD, which can impact these processes.

We'll cover:

- The ATAR - explained
- What the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) is and who qualifies
- How to apply for EAS and what you will need
- Other bonus points (adjustment factors) on offer
- Important dates and deadlines
- University preference strategies that work
- Early entry options and their benefits

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Peninsula

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Peninsula Campus

Date: August 1, 2026

If you're considering studying at uni, coming to our Open Day is one of the best decisions you can make. You'll be able to discover key course information, explore our campuses, meet current students and staff, and get a taste of Monash life, firsthand.

Whether you want to get a feel for what you'll be studying, make sure you're on the right track, or simply picture yourself in one of our learning spaces, you should join us at Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Caulfield

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Caulfield Campus

Date: August 1, 2026

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Deakin Open Day 2026, Warrnambool

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Warrnambool Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

Come to Open Day to find out how studying at Deakin lets you gain practical experience, make industry connections and build career confidence – everything you need to land the job you want.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Clayton

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Clayton Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

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La Trobe Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

RMIT Open Day 2026, Bundoora

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Bundoora Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

Find your future at RMIT Open Day.

Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

There is something for everyone at RMIT Open Day:

- High school students and mature aged students can explore campus, discover study options, and get a taste of university life at RMIT.
- Family and friends are welcome to join too – there will be live music, food, and fun activities to enjoy on the day.
- Parents and guardians can see firsthand how we get students ready for what's next.

[Find out more](#)

Applying to the University of Melbourne through VTAC – Online Session for Future Students

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Planning on applying to the University of Melbourne, but a little unsure of the steps involved through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)? Join us to discover everything you need to know about VTAC and answer all your application questions.

You'll be guided through the process by our Future Students team and a VTAC representative, so you can apply for your preferred Melbourne undergraduate course in 2026 with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Mission Control at Parliament House for Year 7-12 Students

Organisation: Australian Space Agency

Location: Parliament House, Parliament of Victoria

Date: August 5, 2026

The space sector is set to triple in size by the year 2028 and will have a role in many diverse industries including agriculture, meteorology, precision mapping and health. What industries would it take to make Mars our home?

In this program, students will think critically about the skills and knowledge needed for a successful mission to Mars. After debating and voting on industries to send on the mission, in a way that mirrors Victoria's parliamentary process, they will work collaboratively to complete a hands-on design challenge as they consider how to sustainably power operations, feed the population, and communicate across the far reaches of space.

This program is a collaboration between Science Gallery Melbourne, Australian Space Agency and Parliament of Victoria.

[Find out more](#)

STEM + X: Careers in Agriculture – Webinar for Students, Teachers & Parents

Organisation: Careers with STEM

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Careers in agriculture go far beyond the farm, spanning areas like biotechnology, environmental management, data science, policy, agribusiness, and global development.

People with skills in these fields are now in high demand to help grow sustainable, nutritious and resilient food systems that improve the health of communities and the environment.

Join us for a free STEM + X career webinar, supported by The University of Queensland to hear from agriculture science students, graduates and lecturers who making an impact.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Shepparton

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Shepparton Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

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RMIT Open Day 2026, Brunswick

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Brunswick Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Find your future at RMIT Open Day.

Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

There is something for everyone at RMIT Open Day:

- High school students and mature aged students can explore campus, discover study options, and get a taste of university life at RMIT.
- Family and friends are welcome to join too – there will be live music, food, and fun activities to enjoy on the day.
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[Find out more](#)

RMIT Open Day 2026, Melbourne City

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Melbourne City Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Find your future at RMIT Open Day.

Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

There is something for everyone at RMIT Open Day:

- High school students and mature aged students can explore campus, discover study options, and get a taste of university life at RMIT.
- Family and friends are welcome to join too – there will be live music, food, and fun activities to enjoy on the day.
- Parents and guardians can see firsthand how we get students ready for what's next.

[Find out more](#)

Federation Open Day 2026, Gippsland

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Gippsland Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Experience Open Day at Federation University. From campus tours to live music and hands-on experiences, there's something for everyone.

Why come to Open Day?

- Tour the campus with current students
- Meet our academics, students and industry partners
- Enjoy food stalls, live music, games and giveaways
- Attend info sessions with expert course advice

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Mildura

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Mildura Campus

Date: August 12, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
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[Find out more](#)

Chisholm Institute Info Day for Future Students, Frankston

Organisation: Chisholm Institute

Location: Chisholm Institute, Frankston Campus

Date: August 12, 2026

Whether you want to start a new career, upskill in your current one or are still exploring your options, Info Day is your chance to experience Chisholm up close. Chat with our teachers, tour our campuses, and find out how we can support your study journey – for the better.

[Find out more](#)

Bendigo TAFE Open Night, Bendigo City Campus

Organisation: Bendigo TAFE

Location: Bendigo TAFE, Bendigo City Campus

Date: August 13, 2026

Bendigo TAFE is hosting an Open Night at our Bendigo City campus, giving you the chance to explore our courses, meet passionate teachers and tour our state-of-the-art facilities.

Whether you're considering a career in health, automotive, animal studies, trades or beauty – you're welcome to attend as many sessions as you like.

[Find out more](#)

Bendigo TAFE Open Night, Charleston Road Campus

Organisation: Bendigo TAFE

Location: Bendigo TAFE, Charleston Road Campus

Date: August 13, 2026

Bendigo TAFE is hosting an Open Night at our Charleston Road campus, giving you the chance to explore our courses, meet passionate teachers and tour our state-of-the-art facilities.

Whether you're considering a career in health, automotive, animal studies, trades or beauty – you're welcome to attend as many sessions as you like.

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ACAP Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP University College, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Ready to turn your passion into a purpose-driven career? ACAP Open Day is your opportunity to discover how our practical, people-focused courses can help you make a real difference – in your community and your life.

Join us on campus this August and experience what makes ACAP different. Whether you're considering counselling, psychology, social work, criminology, law or business, you'll get a firsthand look at the learning, support, and outcomes that set our students up for success. From expert-led masterclasses and career panels to course advice and campus tours, Open Day is designed to give you the insight and inspiration to take the next step.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Whether you're still exploring your study options or you're ready to apply, SAE Open Day is the perfect place to get inspired, get informed, and get hands-on with your creative future.

Join us on campus this August to tour our studios, meet your future mentors, and experience what it's like to study at SAE – the University College built for creators and tech innovators.

Explore your study and career pathways across animation, audio, design, film, games, music, VFX and more. Connect with current students, industry-experienced lecturers, and alumni who've turned their ideas into careers.

[Find out more](#)

ADFA Open Day 2026

Organisation: Australian Defence Force Academy

Location: ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

Date: August 15, 2026

ADFA Open Day is run each year in August. Join us online or in person to:

- Explore world-class UNSW degrees, with information sessions about Business, Arts, Science, Engineering, Computing and Cyber Security.
- Learn about military training, studying and life on campus from current ADFA Trainee Officers.
- Watch a variety of exciting displays, take a virtual tour, and much more

[Find out more](#)

VU Open Day 2026, Footscray Park

Organisation: Victoria University

Location: Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Open Day is your chance to explore everything unis like VU have to offer – in person.

You can tour our campuses, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, chat with students and teachers, get course advice, attend hands-on workshops and demos, and experience what student life could look like for you! It's a really valuable experience to getting the inside scoop on campus and life at uni or TAFE in general before you even finish school.

It also gives you a great opportunity to apply on the spot for our Early Entry program, or even apply for a course right there and then!

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Geelong Waterfront

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waterfront Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

Come to Open Day to find out how studying at Deakin lets you gain practical experience, make industry connections and build career confidence – everything you need to land the job you want.

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CSU Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Parkville

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Parkville Campus

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La Trobe Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
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Federation Open Day 2026, Berwick

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Berwick Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Experience Open Day at Federation University. From campus tours to live music and hands-on experiences, there's something for everyone.

Why come to Open Day?

- Tour the campus with current students
- Meet our academics, students and industry partners
- Enjoy food stalls, live music, games and giveaways
- Attend info sessions with expert course advice

[Find out more](#)

University of Melbourne Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

From robots and renewables to Renaissance art, Open Day is a chance to experience what it's really like to study, live and thrive at Melbourne.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our campuses.

What's on at Open Day:

- Chat to our academics, Future Student teams and current students to learn more about your study options and the exciting careers they could lead to
- Get a feel for campus life by exploring the spaces you'll be learning in, including our labs, libraries, galleries and other specialist facilities
- Learn how our curriculum works, including how you can combine your passions and strengths to set yourself apart for whichever career you choose
- Explore our range of student accommodation facilities and the social activities and study support on offer

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Geelong Waurin Ponds

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

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Meet an Enviro Scientist Panel at La Trobe – for Year 7-12 Students

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus

Date: August 18, 2026

Students will hear from La Trobe University environmental scientists and industry professionals from a diverse range of areas including ecology, freshwater and wetland management, restoration climate change adaptation, resource management, and conservation genetics. They will share their expertise, research and pathway to their STEM career.

Panellists for this event will be:

- Nadia Zerman: Soil microbiologist
- Hayley Sime: Botanist
- Dr Kerry Fanson: Conservation endocrinologist
- Aidan Fitt: Entomologist

After an interactive Q&A panel discussion, participants will have the option to network with our panelists to build valuable connections with both student researchers and established academics.

This event is part of the [Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series](#), providing free extension opportunities for high-ability students in Victorian Government Schools. Funded by the Department of Education's Student Excellence Program.

[Find out more](#)

AIM August Open Day, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 22, 2026

Join us at the Australian Institute of Music's Melbourne August Open Day and get a real feel for what it's like to study in one of the world's most exciting music cities.

Wander through our recording studios and performance spaces, chat with inspiring mentors and industry pros, and meet students and alumni who are already making waves in the industry, both at home and abroad.

You'll also have the opportunity to immerse yourself in hands-on workshops and interactive sessions that showcase the energy and creativity that connects our campus community.

Plus, get insider tips on courses, career options, and how to start carving your path in the industry.

Whether you're exploring what's next or ready to turn your passion into your profession, our Melbourne Open Day is here to help you uncover your creative path.

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Melbourne Burwood Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

Come to Open Day to find out how studying at Deakin lets you gain practical experience, make industry connections and build career confidence – everything you need to land the job you want.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Bathurst

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Ballarat

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Ballarat Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Bendigo

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Bendigo Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

Federation Open Day 2026, Ballarat

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Mt Helen, SMB & Camp Street Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

Experience Open Day at Federation University. From campus tours to live music and hands-on experiences, there's something for everyone.

Why come to Open Day?

- Tour the campus with current students
- Meet our academics, students and industry partners
- Enjoy food stalls, live music, games and giveaways
- Attend info sessions with expert course advice

[Find out more](#)

ACU Year 12 VCE Revision Webinars

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: August 24 to August 27, 2026

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone.

Join our free online webinars from 24 - 27 August 2026. They are live, expert-led sessions designed to help you walk into your exams feeling prepared.

Can't attend live? Register anyway – recordings are available to registered attendees for one week after each webinar.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Education Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: August 24, 2026

With [courses](#) available across early childhood, primary and secondary teaching, our friendly education academics will explain what it's really like to study at CQU. You'll learn about our strong local networks, the [support services](#) that help you succeed, and how CQU prepares you for a rewarding career in the classroom.

[Find out more](#)

Deakin A Day in the Life of an Optometry Student – Year 11 & 12, Geelong

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus

Date: August 25, 2026

'A day in the life of an optometry student' is a hands-on experience for Year 11 and 12 students from the South West and Grampians/Wimmera regions who are interested in studying [optometry](#).

Spend a day at Deakin University and discover what it's really like to study optometry. You'll take part in practical activities, explore pathways and entry requirements, and learn about future career options in the field.

Deakin academics and current optometry students will be on hand to answer your questions and share their experiences.

Deakin will provide shuttle buses from select locations in the South West and Grampians regions.

Expressions of interest close Friday 31 July 2026.

[Find out more](#)

GOTAFE Careers & Futures Expo

Organisation: GOTAFE

Location: GOTAFE, Fryers Street Campus

Date: August 25, 2026

Thinking about the future? Whatever stage of the journey you're at, the Careers & Futures Expo can provide you with important information to help guide you on your path.

- **Meet with teachers:** Explore your future study options and experience what it's really like to be a TAFE student.
- **Connect with industry:** Discover real job outcomes and career pathways through industry experts and employers.
- **Chat with students:** Hear their stories and learn how TAFE can take you all the way to university and beyond.
- **Explore our facilities:** Join tours and interactive activities for a taster of the hands-on training we deliver, and what awaits beyond.

[Find out more](#)

Wodonga TAFE Careers & Futures Expo

Organisation: Wodonga TAFE

Location: Wodonga TAFE

Date: August 27, 2026

Thinking about the future? Whatever stage of the journey you're at, the Careers & Futures Expo can provide you with important information to help guide you on your path.

- **Meet with teachers:** Explore your future study options and experience what it's really like to be a TAFE student.
- **Connect with industry:** Discover real job outcomes and career pathways through industry experts and employers.
- **Chat with students:** Hear their stories and learn how TAFE can take you all the way to university and beyond.

- **Explore our facilities:** Join tours and interactive activities for a taster of the hands-on training we deliver, and what awaits beyond.

[Find out more](#)

Collarts Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Collarts, Melbourne Campuses

Date: August 29, 2026

At Collarts, our Open Day is all about making this process simple and hands-on. Information sessions, workshops and the chance to chat with students, teachers and leaders are an important part of learning more about what sets us apart from the rest.

We invite you to come and experience life at Collarts: from our passion for creativity, close community, industry-level facilities, expert faculty, and more.

From guided tours to live demonstrations, here are some of the activities you can catch at the next Collarts Open Day:

- **Guided tours:** Experience our campuses firsthand with guided tours led by our enthusiastic Student Ambassadors.
- **Info hubs:** Our info hubs provide convenient drop-in spaces where you can have direct conversations with Program Leaders, Academics, and students about your desired course.
- **Demonstrations:** Demonstrations are your chance to see our course content come to life. They allow you to be actively involved in projects and see our cutting-edge equipment in action, so you can get a firsthand preview of what studying at Collarts is really like.
- **Displays:** Our campus displays are positioned throughout different areas of our campuses, offering a showcase of our community's achievements and journeys.

If you have specific accessibility needs or require additional assistance, please contact Collarts in advance, and they will do their best to assist you.

[Find out more](#)

VU Open Day 2026, City Tower

Organisation: Victoria University

Location: Victoria University, City Tower Campus

Date: August 30, 2026

Open Day is your chance to explore everything unis like VU have to offer – in person.

You can tour our campuses, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, chat with students and teachers, get course advice, attend hands-on workshops and demos, and experience what student life could look like for you! It's a really valuable experience to getting the inside scoop on campus and life at uni or TAFE in general before you even finish school.

It also gives you a great opportunity to apply on the spot for our Early Entry program, or even apply for a course right there and then!

[Find out more](#)

Chisholm Institute Info Day for Future Students, Dandenong

Organisation: Chisholm Institute

Location: Chisholm Institute, Dandenong Campus

Date: September 9, 2026

Whether you want to start a new career, upskill in your current one or are still exploring your options, Info Day is your chance to experience Chisholm up close. Chat with our teachers, tour our campuses, and find out how we can support your study journey – for the better.

[Find out more](#)

Federation Nursing & Individual Support Information Session, Horsham

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Wimmera Campus

Date: September 15, 2026

The session will cover both Certificate III in Individual Support and Diploma of Nursing. The Teachers will talk about the Programs, how many day per week and how long the course goes for, they will show a PowerPoint presentation and run through information on the courses, talk about Placement, Fee's and Charges, Uniforms, Scholarships, how to apply, entry requirements, applications, LLN, Interviews etc.

[Find out more](#)

Mission Control at Parliament House for Year 7-12 Students

Organisation: Australian Space Agency

Location: Parliament House, Parliament of Victoria

Date: September 16, 2026

The space sector is set to triple in size by the year 2028 and will have a role in many diverse industries including agriculture, meteorology, precision mapping and health. What industries would it take to make Mars our home?

In this program, students will think critically about the skills and knowledge needed for a successful mission to Mars. After debating and voting on industries to send on the mission, in a way that mirrors Victoria's parliamentary process, they will work collaboratively to complete a hands-on design challenge as they consider how to sustainably power operations, feed the population, and communicate across the far reaches of space.

This program is a collaboration between Science Gallery Melbourne, Australian Space Agency and Parliament of Victoria.

[Find out more](#)

Whitehouse Institute of Design Fashion Illustration Workshop – Melbourne

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design

Location: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 19, 2026

In this 1-day workshop, you will gain an understanding of how to complete Fashion Illustrations. At the end of this workshop, you will have covered illustration content ready for an application to study a creative degree and receive a certificate of completion.

The workshop focuses on the following areas of skill development:

- Fashion illustration techniques and methods
- Application of pencils, professional markers, and felt-tip pens for professional rendering
- Fabric texture and surface rendering
- Exploring an individual design aesthetic.

This workshop is for aspiring designers as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills.

[Find out more](#)

Whitehouse Institute of Design Studio Lighting and Fashion Photography Workshop – Melbourne

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design

Location: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 21, 2026

This is a hands-on 1-day workshop designed for aspiring photographers eager to learn the fundamentals of camera settings, studio lighting, and fashion photography.

Whether you're just starting out or looking to strengthen your technical foundation, this workshop will guide you through the essentials—from mastering manual mode to setting up professional lighting and capturing dynamic fashion portraits.

Perfect for beginners looking to expand into the world of studio and fashion photography.

[Find out more](#)

Camp SEEK 2026 for Year 9-10 Girls & Non-binary Students

Organisation: SEEK

Location: SEEK HQ Melbourne

Date: September 21 to September 24, 2026

Camp SEEK is a four-day immersive daily learning program for Year 9 and 10 girls and non-binary students. Spend four action-packed days at SEEK HQ in Melbourne learning about careers in technology, developing coding, design and product practical skills, exploring real-world problem solving and pitching with your fellow Camp SEEKers.

The technology industry is not as diverse as it could be. There is a shortage of women and non-binary talent in STEM school subjects, at the tertiary level and in the workforce. As a leading technology company, we champion diversity within our industry and our own talent pipeline, and Camp SEEK is one of our favourite, and most fun, programs. It is designed to increase the number of girls and non-binary students who choose to pursue a career in technology.

Participants must be currently enrolled as a high school student in Year 9 or 10 in Australia and have not completed the Camp SEEK program previously.

[Find out more](#)

AIM Music Theatre Audition Workshop, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 29 to September 30, 2026

If musical theatre is your passion, this is where your industry journey begins.

AIM's Music Theatre Holiday Workshop is an immersive two-day experience designed for high school students who are serious about pursuing a career in musical theatre.

Working directly with the industry professionals who teach our Bachelor of Music Theatre, you'll build the skills, refine your repertoire, and receive the kind of hands-on feedback that prepares you to walk into your Bachelor of Music Theatre audition with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Swinburne Innovation in Action for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn Campus

Date: September 30, 2026

The Swinburne Innovation in Action school holiday program is a 1-day program based at our Hawthorn campus where Year 10 - 12 students are given the knowledge and tools they need to come up with brilliant new ideas to solve real-world problems.

In this free program, you will:

- Identify and analyse a real-world problem
- Design possible solutions to your chosen problem
- Create a rapid prototype for your solution
- Pitch and evaluate your prototype with your peers

[Find out more](#)

Create for a Day at SAE Melbourne

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Melbourne Campus

Date: October 3, 2026

This October school holidays, SAE University College Melbourne is opening its doors for Create for a Day: a one-day, hands-on experience where you'll step into the studio, lab or production space and start creating.

Choose from:

- Animation
- Audio
- Computer Science
- Film
- Games
- Songwriting & Electronic Music Production
- VFX

Create for a Day lets you skip the textbooks and jump straight into building, recording, designing, coding or filming, all guided by lecturers who work in the industry.

By the end of the day, you'll walk away with your own finished project and a certificate of participation, plus a clearer idea of what studying at SAE is really like and where your skills could take you in the future.

Open to students in Years 10-12 and young creatives up to age 21.

[Find out more](#)

It Takes a Spark STEM Conference for Year 4-10 Students and Teachers, Melbourne

Organisation: Intuyu Consulting Pty Ltd

Location: The Knox School

Date: October 22, 2026

Most conferences currently being offered on STEM, STEAM and Entrepreneurship tend to be targeted towards teachers and involve a series of speakers and the occasional mini-workshops. This conference is designed to be different. This conference is designed by students and teachers for students and teachers.

The intent of the It Takes a Spark STEM Conference is to bring together Students (Year 4 to 10) and Teachers to connect with inspiring industry role models, share their current school based activities and projects using an authentic sharing and experiential model, create networks of teachers and student teams, and solve social justice design challenges.

The participation of the students is as important as teachers as our intent is to ignite, empower and nurture both to be leaders of STEM and Entrepreneurship within their schools. This is a conference designed and led by students and teachers for students and teachers.

Teachers will have both formal and informal opportunities to speak to other teachers who have enacted programs and activities in their schools and get their questions answered.

The Problem Solver design challenges are all hands-on so students and teachers will experience first-hand what it is like to be part of great STEM and entrepreneurial learning.

This will spark new ideas about curriculum and pedagogy.

[Find out more](#)

VU TAFE Open Night 2026, Sunshine Campus

Organisation: Victoria University

Location: Victoria University, Sunshine Campus

Date: October 22, 2026

Future TAFE student? We've got an event just for you.

Join us at Sunshine for an action-packed evening to explore TAFE options in trades, health, English language and cyber security.

Meet students and teachers, explore campus and facilities, and discover courses designed to get you job-ready from day one.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

Newcastle Ma & Morley Scholarship Program

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Australia

Value: Up to AU\$75,000
Open Date: July 1, 2026
Close Date: September 6, 2026
[Find out more](#)

Crimson Global Academy Scholarships

Organisation: Crimson Global Academy
Location: Australia, New Zealand
Value: Varies
Open Date: June 1, 2026
Close Date: July 31, 2026
[Find out more](#)

UNSW Engineering Rural Scholarships Program

Organisation: University of New South Wales
Location: Australia
Value: AU\$15,000 per year
Open Date: July 1, 2026
Close Date: September 30, 2026
[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Children's Week Poster Competition for Under 18s

Organisation: Children's Week Council of Australia
Location: Australia
Value: See details
Close Date: November 26, 2026
[Find out more](#)

SSA National Schools Poster Competition for Years 3-12

Organisation: Statistical Society of Australia
Location: Australia
Value: Up to \$200 AUD
Close Date: November 10, 2026
[Find out more](#)

ANU 2026 STEM Challenges

Organisation: Australian National University
Location: All
Value: See details
Close Date: No closing date
[Find out more](#)

Insight Creative Writing Competition 2026

Organisation: Insight Publications
Location: Australia
Value: AU\$3,000 in prizes
Close Date: September 1, 2026
[Find out more](#)

Write the World Monthly Fantasy Competition, July 2026

Organisation: Write the World

Location: All
Value: See details
Close Date: July 27, 2026
[Find out more](#)

International Chemistry & Art Competition for Ages 5-19

Organisation: Royal Australian Chemical Institute
Location: All
Value: AU\$500
Close Date: October 1, 2026
[Find out more](#)

The Fabric of Australia: Informed Competition for Years 7-10

Organisation: Rule of Law Education Centre
Location: Australia
Value: See details
Close Date: November 20, 2026
[Find out more](#)

Experiences

HEX High Accelerator Program, Term 3 2026

Organisation: HEX
Location: Online
Registrations close: July 14, 2026
Date: July 28, 2026
[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

Skills for Work

The difference between a CV and a resume (and when each one matters)

If you've ever gone to update your resume and found yourself reading advice about CVs instead, you're not alone. The two terms get used interchangeably enough that most people assume they're the same thing, just different words for the same document. They're not, and submitting the wrong one to the wrong place is exactly the kind of easily avoidable mistake that's worth knowing about before it happens.

What's a resume?

A resume is a short, focused document, usually one to two pages, that gives an employer a snapshot of your skills, work history, and education as they relate to a specific role. The key word there is specific. A resume isn't meant to cover everything you've ever done. It's meant to make a case for why you're a good fit for one particular job, which means what you include will shift slightly depending on what you're applying for.

This is the document most people are referring to when they talk about job applications.

Part-time work, casual roles, school-based traineeships, internships, entry-level positions: all of these call for a resume. Employers hiring for these kinds of roles are moving through a lot of applications, so a document that gets to the point quickly and shows relevant skills and experience is what works. Most of them are also used to reading resumes from people who are just starting out, so a short one isn't something to stress about.

What's a CV?

CV stands for curriculum vitae, which loosely translates from Latin as "course of life," and that name tells you a lot about what it actually is. Where a resume is selective, a CV is comprehensive. It's a full record of your academic and professional history, and unlike a resume, it's not trimmed or adjusted for a specific role. It just keeps growing as you do, which is why a CV can run to several pages without that being unusual. The detail and length that would feel excessive in a resume is exactly the point with a CV. The contexts where CVs are expected, scholarship applications, research roles, selective academic programs, certain postgraduate courses, are ones where the people reading your application want the full picture.

What goes in each one

Resume

- Contact details
- A brief personal summary (one to two sentences on who you are and what you're looking for)
- Work history (job title, employer, dates, and two to three points on what you did)
- Education (school name, year level or certificate completed, any relevant subjects)
- Key skills relevant to the role you're applying for

CV

- Contact details
- Full educational history, including every qualification, institution, and year of completion
- Academic achievements and awards
- Research experience and any publications
- Conferences, presentations, or speaking appearances
- Volunteering and extracurricular involvement
- Referees

Looking at those two lists side by side, the difference isn't just in what's included. It's in the logic behind each one. A resume asks you to make decisions about what's worth putting in. A CV asks you to leave nothing out.

When to use a resume

For most students, a resume is the document you'll reach for in almost every situation. If you're applying for part-time work, a casual role, a traineeship, or an internship, a resume is what's expected, and in most cases a job ad will assume that without saying so. If it doesn't specify, a resume is the safe default.

What makes a resume work in these contexts is its focus. There's no need to include every subject you've studied or every extracurricular activity you've ever been part of. The goal is to show, as clearly and quickly as possible, that you have what the role needs.

When to use a CV

A CV becomes relevant when the context shifts from employment to academia. Applying for a scholarship, a research assistant position, a selective university program, or certain postgraduate courses will often involve submitting a CV rather than a resume, because the people assessing those applications are looking for something different.

In an academic setting, breadth and depth of background matters. A selection panel or scholarship committee wants to see the full scope of what you've done, including things that might not seem directly relevant but reflect your capabilities, your commitments, and how you've developed over time. That's the kind of information a CV is built to communicate.

Which one do you need right now?

For most students between 15 and 18, a resume is where to focus. The roles you're most likely to apply for at this stage are all resume territory, and getting comfortable building and

updating one is a genuinely useful skill that'll carry across a lot of applications over the next few years.

If you're moving into university and starting to explore research or academic opportunities, a CV will become more relevant in time. The good news is it tends to develop naturally as your academic record grows.

First Jobs

How to transition from school to full-time work

Finishing school and stepping into full-time work is one of the bigger shifts you'll make. The days look different, the expectations are different, and the rhythm of your week changes almost overnight. Some people move straight from Year 12 into a full-time role; others spend time in casual or part-time work first before making the jump. Either way, there are a few things worth getting your head around before you start, and the earlier you sort them, the smoother the first few weeks tend to be.

Get your paperwork in order

Before your first day, make sure the basics are sorted. This is the kind of admin that feels like a small thing until it isn't, and having it done in advance means your first week can focus on actually learning the job.

The two most important things to have ready are a tax file number (TFN) and a superannuation fund. A TFN is a unique number the Australian Tax Office (ATO) uses to track your tax obligations. You'll need it to make sure you're taxed at the right rate, and without it, your employer is required to withhold a much higher amount from your pay. You can apply for one through the ATO website, and it doesn't take long.

Superannuation is the system through which a portion of your pay is set aside for retirement. Your employer is required by law to contribute a percentage of your earnings into a super fund on your behalf. When you start a new job, you'll be asked to nominate a fund. If you don't choose one, your employer will assign a default, but it's worth taking a few minutes to compare your options rather than leaving it to chance.

You'll also want a bank account set up for your pay, and it's worth having some form of photo ID on hand. Some employers request this as part of their onboarding process, and being prepared saves unnecessary back-and-forth on your first day.

Understand your employment conditions

Your employment contract sets out the terms of your role, and it's worth reading it properly before you sign. This includes your pay rate, how often you'll be paid, your ordinary hours of work, and what happens if you're asked to work overtime.

Most employees in Australia are covered by a modern award, which is a legal document that sets minimum pay rates and conditions for specific industries and job types. Awards cover things like penalty rates for weekend or public holiday work, break entitlements, and allowances. Your contract should tell you which award applies to your role, and you can look it up on the Fair Work Ombudsman website to understand exactly what you're entitled to.

It's also worth knowing your leave entitlements from the start. Full-time employees are generally entitled to four weeks of paid annual leave per year, as well as personal leave for illness or caring responsibilities. You won't need all of this on day one, but knowing it exists and how to access it means you're not scrambling to figure it out when you do.

If anything in your contract is unclear, ask before you sign rather than after.

Adjust to a new structure

School gives you a timetable. Full-time work gives you set hours, but everything around those hours is yours to manage. That sounds straightforward, but for most people it takes a few weeks to actually get right.

Start with the logistics. Know your route before your first day, including how long it actually takes at the time you'll be travelling, not the best-case estimate. Have a plan for lunch, whether that's bringing food from home or knowing where to go nearby. Think about what your mornings need to look like to get you there on time without rushing. These things sound minor but they compound quickly.

Beyond the logistics, there's the energy side of things. Full-time work is tiring in a different way to school. You're on for longer stretches, often with less downtime built into the day, and you're likely spending more time on your feet, in front of a screen, or interacting with people than you're used to. Most people find the first few weeks genuinely fatiguing before their body and mind adjust.

Protecting your sleep and building some recovery time into your evenings matters more than it did at school. It doesn't mean your social life stops, but it does mean being a bit more deliberate about how you spend your time outside of work, especially in the first month or two.

Learn how your workplace communicates

Every workplace has its own way of doing things, and picking up on that early makes the adjustment much smoother. Some teams communicate mostly through messaging apps; others rely heavily on email or in-person check-ins. Pay attention to how your colleagues interact, how formal or informal the tone is, and how quickly people tend to respond to things. These patterns tell you a lot about what's expected without anyone having to spell it out.

On the practical side, getting comfortable with professional communication early is worth the effort. Emails should be clear, reasonably brief, and have a point. If you're following up on something time-sensitive, say so. If you need something from someone, make the request specific rather than vague.

Your relationship with your manager matters more than most new starters realise. They're the person who can answer your questions, give you feedback, and advocate for you as you settle in. Make it easy for them by being reliable, flagging problems early rather than letting them blow out, and asking questions in a grouped and considered way rather than every time something comes up. Most managers are happy to help someone who's clearly making an effort.

It's also worth paying attention to the unwritten rules of your workplace: how people address each other, whether doors are open or closed, how meetings tend to run, and what's considered normal to ask for help with versus what you're expected to figure out yourself. None of this is usually explained directly, so observation goes a long way early on.

Manage your money differently

A regular income changes how you need to think about money, especially if you're coming from no income or irregular casual shifts. Knowing what's coming in each fortnight makes it much easier to plan ahead, cover your expenses, and start putting something aside.

If you're not sure where to start with budgeting, our [budgeting section](#) has practical guidance to help you get on top of it.

Give yourself time to settle

The first few months of full-time work are an adjustment for almost everyone, even when the job itself is going well. You're learning new systems, new people, and a new environment all at once, and unlike school, there's no clear syllabus telling you what you're supposed to know by when.

One thing that helps is shifting your measure of progress. In school, performance is usually visible and regular through marks, assessments, and feedback from teachers. In a workplace, feedback is often less frequent and less structured, which can make it hard to know how you're actually going. If you're showing up consistently, completing your tasks, and asking questions when you're unsure, you're most likely doing fine, even if nobody has said so explicitly.

It's also worth being patient with the social side. Fitting into an existing team takes time. People have their own routines and relationships, and it can feel like you're on the outside of something for a while. Most of the time this isn't intentional. Staying open, being easy to work with, and not putting pressure on yourself to have it all figured out in the first few weeks goes a long way.

The adjustment period is real, but it does pass. Most people look back on their first few months and realise they were harder than they needed to be, usually because they expected to feel settled before they'd had the time to actually get there.

If you want to keep exploring what work life looks like, head to our [jobs and careers page](#) for more.

Study Tips

How to build a study environment that actually helps you focus

Most people, when they're struggling to study, assume the problem is motivation or discipline. Sometimes that's true, but often the environment itself is making things harder than they need to be. Where you study, how the space is set up, and what's competing for your attention all have a real effect on how well you can concentrate, and on how long that concentration lasts.

Not everyone has the same options when it comes to study spaces. Some people have a dedicated desk in their own room; others are working from a kitchen table or a shared bedroom. The principles are the same either way, even if the execution looks different.

Find your spot

Before you think about setting anything up, it's worth being deliberate about where you're actually going to study. The best spot in your home is usually one that's away from high-traffic areas, has reasonable light, and isn't somewhere you associate strongly with relaxing. Studying on your bed, for example, tends to be less effective than it feels, partly because your brain connects that space with sleep and rest rather than focus.

If you don't have a dedicated room or desk, look for a corner of the house that's relatively quiet at the times you usually study. A spot at the kitchen table works fine if the house is quiet enough and you can claim it consistently. The goal is somewhere you can return to regularly, because familiarity with a space helps your brain shift into study mode more quickly over time.

Set it up for focus

Once you've chosen your spot, think about the physical setup. Good lighting matters more than most people realise. Natural light is ideal, but if that's not an option, a decent desk lamp positioned to avoid glare on your screen or page makes a noticeable difference to eye strain over a long session.

Seating is worth considering too. Studying slumped on a couch for two hours is going to catch up with you physically, and discomfort is a reliable distraction. If you're at a desk, your chair should let you sit upright without effort.

Keep the surface clear of things that aren't relevant to what you're working on. Visual clutter competes for your attention even when you're not consciously looking at it. You don't need a minimalist setup, but having only what you need for the current session in front of you helps keep your focus where it should be.

Control what you can hear

Noise is one of the most common focus killers, but the solution isn't always silence. Some people concentrate better with a degree of background sound, while others need quiet to think clearly. Neither is wrong, but it's worth figuring out which camp you're in rather than just defaulting to whatever's happening around you.

If your home is noisy and you can't control it, a pair of headphones is one of the most practical tools available. Noise-cancelling headphones block out background sound entirely; regular headphones with music or ambient sound can create enough of an audio barrier to reduce distraction. If you use music, instrumental tends to be less disruptive than music with lyrics, which can interfere with reading and writing tasks specifically.

If you genuinely study better in silence, it's worth having a direct conversation with the people you live with about keeping noise down during your study sessions. Most people are more accommodating than you'd expect if you ask clearly rather than just hoping for the best.

Get your digital environment right

Your phone is probably the single biggest source of distraction in your study space, and the easiest fix is also the most obvious: put it somewhere you can't see or reach it easily. Out of sight genuinely helps. Leaving it face-down on the desk still means every vibration pulls your attention.

On your computer, close tabs and apps that aren't related to what you're working on. If you find yourself drifting to social media or other sites during study sessions, browser extensions that block specific sites for set periods are worth trying. They remove the need for willpower by making the distraction less accessible in the first place.

Notifications on both your phone and computer are worth turning off during study blocks. Even a notification you choose not to act on breaks your concentration, and getting back to the same level of focus after an interruption takes longer than most people expect.

Build a routine around the space

A well-set-up space works better when it's used consistently. Over time, returning to the same spot and going through the same small rituals before you start, whether that's making a drink, putting your headphones in, or clearing your desk, starts to act as a cue that tells your brain it's time to focus. This isn't about being rigid; it's about making the transition into study mode easier and faster each time.

It also helps to keep your study space associated with study rather than other activities. If you use the same spot for gaming, watching videos, or scrolling, the space loses some of its focus signal. Where possible, try to keep leisure and study in different physical locations, even if that just means moving to a different chair.

Knowing when you're going to stop is just as useful as knowing when you're going to start. Open-ended study sessions tend to drag and lose focus towards the end. Setting a clear finishing time, and sticking to it, makes it easier to stay sharp while you're working.

If home isn't working, find somewhere that does

Some home environments are genuinely difficult to study in, whether it's noise you can't control, not enough space, or just too many distractions pulling at you. If you've tried to set things up and it's still not working, it's worth looking for somewhere else rather than grinding through it.

Public libraries are the most obvious option and a good one. They're quiet, free, and specifically designed for focused work. Many have study areas, reliable wi-fi, and enough of an anonymous atmosphere that you're less likely to get distracted by the people around you. Cafes can work for some people, particularly for lighter tasks like reading or planning, though they're generally noisier and less reliable for deep focus work. Some schools also have study spaces available outside of class hours, so it's worth checking what's accessible to you.

The goal isn't to find a perfect environment. It's to find one where you can actually get the work done.

For more on study skills and making the most of your time, head to our [study tips section](#).

First Nations People

First Nations trailblazers with deadly careers

In 2026 NAIDOC Week is celebrating 50 Years of Deadly. It's the perfect time to recognise a couple of career pioneers among us, be inspired by their journeys to maybe think about carving your own path too.

Reshaping the legal system

A proud Kamilaroi woman, Justice Louise Taylor made history as the first Aboriginal person appointed as a judicial officer in the Australian Capital Territory back in 2018. In what was described as a landmark moment, she then went on to become the first Indigenous woman in Australia appointed to a Supreme Court, and more recently took on the role of Chief Magistrate of the ACT Magistrates Court. Justice Taylor has spoken about how proud she is to represent First Nations people, and particularly First Nations women, in a profession where they've long been under-represented. Referring to the Australian legal system, her message to you is "There is a place for you here".

On the cutting edge of medicine and technology

Professor Misty Jenkins is a Gunditjmara woman who grew up near Ballarat and an immunologist leading brain cancer research at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research (WEHI). She was the first Indigenous Australian to attend the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge as a postdoctoral research fellow, and later helped set up a national scholarship programme so more First Nations Australians could study at Oxford and Cambridge too. Creating opportunities that simply didn't exist for Indigenous students before 2010. In 2024, she became the first woman at WEHI elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

The one piece of advice she'd share with you, [is to stay in school](#).

Closer to home (or at least, closer to your phone), Tamina Pitt is a proud Wuthathi, North Queensland and Meriam Mir (Torres Strait Islander) woman working as a software engineer at Google, helping build the Directions Platform behind Google Maps. As an Indigenous woman working in tech and winner of the 2018 NAIDOC Youth of the Year award, Tamina is something of an equity, diversity and inclusion pioneer, she's spoken about wanting to bring her own perspective into tech so that products end up genuinely useful for a wider range of people. If you've ever used Google Maps to find the fastest way somewhere, there's a good chance her work has helped get you there.

Changing the face of media

In New Zealand, besides being a successful politician, journalist and translator and interpreter of Māori and English, Oriini Kaipara was the first broadcaster with a moko kauae (traditional chin tattoo) to present mainstream television news, and later the first to host a prime-time news programme on national television. Her moko kauae is a visible mark of her Māori identity, and by wearing it on camera, she showed audiences that culture and modern media don't need to be kept separate.

In her maiden speech, after which parliament had to be temporarily suspended when a haka broke out in the public gallery, she said:

Changing outcomes for others

Butchulla and Gawara saltwater man, Isaiah Dawe who grew up living in 17 different foster homes, and experienced the many disadvantages that came along with that. He went on to overcome lots of barriers to become founder of [ID Know Yourself](#), a mentoring and empowering program for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the New South Wales foster care system. Designed to "improve outcomes for Indigenous young people within foster care in five key areas. The key areas are identity/culture, education, life after care, health and yarn time". He says:

Solving problems and empowering others

Morgan Coleman proud Torres Strait Islander entrepreneur, isn't a vet himself, but a frustrating vet visit with his dog Milky gave him the idea for Vets On Call, a mobile service that brings vets to pets at home rather than the other way around. He built the business from scratch, including selling his house to fund it, and grew it into a national service before eventually stepping away from day-to-day running of it.

A firm believer that entrepreneurship can change lives, Morgan wants to empower more young people to pursue their own dreams, he's also a founding member of Blak Angels, a network of First Nations investors backing the next wave of Indigenous-owned start-ups. Morgan's story is a good reminder that you don't need to be the expert in the room to spot the gap others have missed – sometimes all it takes is a bad day at the vet and your own unique perspectives and thinking.

What their stories have in common

Notice a theme? None of these trailblazers set out purely to be "the first". They followed what interested them and worked hard within it. The "first" label came along afterwards, almost as a side effect of them simply refusing to let their background or circumstances be a reason to hold them back.

If you're wondering how you might follow in their footsteps, a few things can help:

- **Get curious about your own interests first.** The career comes from the passion, not the other way around.
- **Find your mentors and community.** Every person above has spoken about the people who backed them along the way.
- **Let your identity be part of your strength,** not something to leave at the door.

Your time to shine

You don't need to wait until you're an adult to start building toward a career that makes you proud. Whether you're drawn to the courtroom, the lab, a keyboard, or a camera, there's a whole community of people ready to support you on your way.

Head over to our [First Nations resources page](#) to find scholarships, mentoring programs and more information to help you take your next step, or be inspired by reading about other First Nations people with deadly careers.

Gap Years, Resumes & CVs

How to explain a gap in your resume

Gaps in a resume are more common than most job advertisements make them seem. Whether you took time off after school, dealt with something personal, or simply spent longer than expected looking for the right role, a gap doesn't disqualify you from a job. What matters is how you talk about it.

It's normal to feel uneasy about a gap on your resume, but most employers are less fazed by them than you might expect, particularly when you can speak to the time clearly and honestly.

Why employers ask about gaps

When an employer notices a gap, they're not necessarily looking for a reason to rule you out. They're trying to build a picture of who you are and how you've spent your time. What they want to know is whether you're reliable, self-aware, and able to account for your own history. A gap with a clear and honest explanation is rarely a problem. A gap that you seem evasive or unprepared about is more likely to raise concerns.

This is why how you frame a gap matters as much as what the gap actually was.

If you took a gap year or travelled

Travel and gap years are generally well understood by employers, especially for candidates coming straight out of school. The key is to frame the time in terms of what you did and what you took from it, rather than just listing the countries you visited.

If you worked or volunteered while travelling, include that. If you organised the trip yourself, that's worth mentioning as it demonstrates initiative and planning. Think about what the experience actually required of you: budgeting, navigating unfamiliar situations, adapting quickly, communicating across language barriers. These are all things worth drawing out when you're asked about the time.

If you were studying or doing short courses

Any formal or informal learning during a gap period is straightforward to include on a resume. List the course, the provider, and the dates, and treat it the same way you'd treat any other qualification.

Short courses, online certifications, and self-directed learning all count here, even if they weren't completed through a formal institution. If the study is relevant to the role you're applying for, make that connection explicit. If it isn't directly relevant, it still demonstrates that you were using the time productively.

If you were volunteering or doing unpaid work

Volunteering and unpaid work are legitimate experience and should be listed on your resume as such. Include the organisation, your role, and the dates, and describe what you actually did in the same way you would for paid work.

Caregiving, which includes looking after a family member or dependant, also falls into this category. It's often undervalued by the people who've done it, but it involves real responsibilities and demonstrates reliability, organisation, and the ability to manage competing demands.

If you were dealing with something personal

You're not obligated to share the details of a personal, medical, or family situation with a prospective employer. If a gap was caused by illness, mental health, or a difficult circumstance, a brief and honest explanation is enough. Something like "I took some time out to deal with a personal matter, which has since been resolved" covers it without oversharing.

What employers are really looking for here is that the situation is in the past and that you're ready to commit to a role. If you can speak to that calmly and directly, most interviewers will move on.

If you were job hunting

Spending time looking for work is a completely legitimate reason for a gap, and it's more relatable to employers than you might think. You don't need to dress it up. Being selective about the roles you applied for, taking time to develop your resume, or waiting for the right opportunity are all honest and reasonable things to say.

If you did anything productive during that period, such as freelance work, volunteering, or upskilling, mention it. But if you were simply job hunting, say so. Trying to fill the gap with something it wasn't is usually more obvious than candidates expect.

How to write it on your resume

There are a few ways to handle a gap depending on how long it was and what you were doing. For shorter gaps of a few months, you often don't need to address them at all on the resume itself. Employers generally only start to notice gaps that stretch beyond six months. For longer gaps, a brief line in your work history is usually enough. You don't need a full entry, just enough to show the time is accounted for. For example:

- *2024: Career break, travel and volunteer work in Southeast Asia*
- *2023-2024: Full-time caregiver for a family member*
- *2024: Personal leave*

If the gap is something you'd rather address in your own words before an interview, your resume is the right place to do it. A sentence or two that acknowledges the gap and frames it briefly gives you control over the narrative before anyone asks.

Whatever approach you take, keep it consistent. If your resume says one thing and you say another in an interview, that's where gaps become a genuine problem.

For more on resumes and applying for jobs, head to our [resumes and CVs section](#).

Job Spotlights

How to become a Radiographer

Radiographers use medical imaging technology to produce high-quality images of the inside of the body, helping doctors and other health professionals diagnose and treat a wide range of conditions. Working with equipment such as X-ray, MRI, and CT scanners, they play a central role in the diagnostic process across hospitals and medical imaging services.

If you're drawn to both healthcare and technology, enjoy working closely with people, and want a role where precision genuinely matters, this career is worth exploring.

What skills do I need as a Radiographer?

- Precise & detail-oriented
- Strong communicator
- Empathetic & patient
- Analytical thinker
- Safety conscious
- Calm under pressure
- Team player & independent worker
- Committed to continuous learning

What do Radiographers do?

Much of your day begins with receiving imaging requests from doctors and specialists. You'll review each request, prepare the imaging room and equipment, and make sure everything is calibrated correctly before a patient arrives. Keeping accurate records and maintaining a well-organised workflow is important, particularly in busy hospital settings where multiple patients move through throughout the day.

When a patient arrives, your role is as much about people as it is about technology. You'll explain the procedure clearly, answer any questions, and help the patient feel as comfortable as possible before and during the scan. Positioning matters enormously in medical imaging, and you'll guide patients carefully to capture the clearest possible image. Throughout the process, you'll monitor radiation levels and follow strict safety protocols to protect both the patient and yourself.

Once imaging is complete, you'll review the images for quality, document your findings, and forward results to the referring clinician. In some settings, particularly with more experience, Radiographers may also contribute to image interpretation or work alongside radiologists on complex cases. Some develop areas of focus over time, such as MRI, CT, or radiation therapy, building deeper technical expertise within the field.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Radiographers work primarily in hospitals and private medical imaging clinics, though some roles exist in specialist centres, research settings, and rural or remote health services.

Because diagnostic imaging is needed around the clock in hospital environments, shift work including evenings, weekends, and public holidays is common. Radiographers in private clinics tend to work more predictable hours.

The role is largely indoor and clinic-based, as the specialised equipment used cannot be relocated. You'll spend most of your time on your feet, moving between patients and

equipment, and the work can be physically and emotionally demanding at times, particularly in acute care settings.

Salaries for Radiographers are above average, and the profession offers strong job security given ongoing demand for diagnostic imaging services. The ageing population and continued advances in medical technology mean the outlook for this field remains positive, with opportunities available in metropolitan areas and increasing demand in regional and rural settings.

How to become a Radiographer

- **Complete the right subjects at school** A strong foundation in biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics is important preparation for university-level study in medical imaging. These subjects underpin both the scientific knowledge and the technical understanding you'll need in the role.
- **Earn an approved degree** You'll need to complete a bachelor's degree in medical imaging, radiation therapy, or a related field from an approved provider. These programs combine academic study with clinical placements, giving you hands-on experience in real healthcare settings before you graduate.
- **Register with the relevant board** Before you can practise as a Radiographer, you'll need to register with the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia. This process involves meeting qualification requirements and may include criminal history checks.
- **Maintain your registration through ongoing learning** Radiography is a continually evolving field, and staying registered requires ongoing professional development. This keeps your clinical knowledge and technical skills current as imaging technology advances.

From here, you could progress into senior or lead radiographer roles, move into medical imaging management, or develop expertise in a particular imaging modality. Some Radiographers also move into education, research, or policy work within the health sector.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as a Radiographer, here are some practical steps:

- Focus on science subjects, particularly biology, chemistry, and physics, as these are typically prerequisites for medical imaging degrees and will give you a genuine head start in your studies.
- Look for work experience or volunteering opportunities in healthcare settings such as hospitals, aged care facilities, or community health centres to get a feel for working in clinical environments and with patients.
- Research the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia and professional bodies such as the Australian Society of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (ASMIRT) to understand what registration involves and what the profession looks like in practice.

Find out more about alternative careers on [our Job Spotlights page](#).

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