Have you considered studying at TAFE? Did you know you can study a huge range of vocational and university courses at TAFE? TAFE provides students with the opportunity to:

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

If you are in Year 12 and have decided to apply for university courses, but have no idea what you would like to study, TAFE provides an excellent alternative.

TAFE courses:

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

Examples:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Patrick enjoys legal studies and business, and has excellent research and written/verbal communication skills. He explores the following courses:

- Justice
- Legal Practice
- Accounting
- Business Administration
- Marketing
- Banking Services
- Real Estate
- Human Resources
- Financial Planning
To search for TAFE courses, use the Victorian Skills Gateway website - http://bit.ly/2cPZDUF

You will be able to search via TAFE provider, occupation or course. It’s important to note that many courses have optional or compulsory information sessions that run between now and the end of the year. You will need to ensure that you attend these sessions and also fulfil any portfolio or selection task requirements.

Interested in IT and advertising? Swinburne University has launched a world first partnership with global marketing software giant Adobe to provide students with valuable training for high-demand jobs. Students will be able to undertake a major or minor in Digital Advertising Technology as part of a Bachelor of Business, Arts or Media and Communications. To find out about this exciting new initiative, go to http://bit.ly/2cSNdOI

Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF) Scholarships: If you are a student living in a rural or remote area and will struggle to meet the financial costs associated with tertiary education, you should consider applying for a CEF scholarship. Any student who receives a CEF scholarship and enrols at Swinburne University will get an additional scholarship from the institution. For more information, click on the following links:
- Country Education Foundation: http://bit.ly/2cCVLaA

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine Careers Information Session: This will be held on Monday 26 September for students in Years 10 – 12 who are interested in careers in forensic science. Numbers will fill quickly, so RSVP as soon as possible - http://bit.ly/2clxfuw

Missed open days? Don’t worry – the following three universities have additional information to assist you with your post school options.

- **Victoria University** - recorded the Open Day course information sessions. You can listen to the sessions at this link: http://bit.ly/2c4fHFp
- **University of Melbourne**: recorded several Open Day course information sessions. You can listen to the sessions at this link http://bit.ly/1OpoGvC
- **Federation University**: is running information sessions for families who missed Open Day on Tuesday 20 September and Thursday 29 September at the Camp Street, Ballarat and Gippsland campuses, http://bit.ly/2cSwAmu

New science majors at the University of Melbourne: from 2017, the University will be offering the following two new science majors:
- Data Science
- Environmental Engineering Systems

This brings the number of majors available to 41. Several other majors include:

- Climate and Weather
- Computational Biology
- Food Science
- Neuroscience
- Spatial Systems
- Informatics
- Immunology
- Biotechnology

To explore all majors available within the Bachelor of Science, go to http://bit.ly/2cQc9n4

Changes to Commerce at the University of Melbourne: from 2017, all students commencing in the Bachelor of Commerce will be required to undertake two additional compulsory units – Accounting Reports and Analysis and Principles of Finance. For information about the change, go to http://bit.ly/1bRNoBx
Are you an international student? You are invited to book a 20-minute consultation with a University of Melbourne staff member to learn about their course options, application procedures, and international support services. Appointments are available at the Parkville campus on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 2pm – 5pm from 20 September – 30 November. To register, go to http://bit.ly/2c9pwju

Passionate about animals and would like to work as a qualified veterinary technologist? Charles Sturt University offers the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology. You can specialise in practice management, large animal technology, or clinical technology and you can study the course on campus at Wagga Wagga, NSW or via distance. You will also complete the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing through Goulburn Ovens TAFE via distance. Graduates will expect to find work in the following areas:

- Private veterinary clinics
- Specialist clinics
- Stud farms
- Intensive animal industries
- Pharmaceutical companies

For more information, go to http://bit.ly/1BCc1w4

Passionate about maths, IT and science? Deakin University has just announced from 2017 they will be offering Australia’s first four-year Software Engineering course in Robotics and Smart Systems. Robots are the future and it won’t be long until robots are a normal part of our day-to-day lives. But have you ever thought about how these smart robots will be created?

Using the skills acquired throughout the course, graduates could be developing the next smart car, the next smart watch or a new form of artificial intelligence. The course has been designed in response to industry demand for innovative software engineers capable of designing and developing complex software systems for the modern world. For information, go to http://bit.ly/2cpCKJL

UPCOMING EVENTS - SEPTEMBER


20 + other dates: Zoo Keeper for a Day Werribee Open Range Zoo, http://bit.ly/1vornA4


# KEY RESOURCES

**Myfuture**: students will be able to explore courses, occupations, take a mini career quiz and an entrepreneurship quiz, and develop job-seeking skills, https://myfuture.edu.au/

**The Good Careers Guide**: You can search over 400 different occupations narrowed down by the field or type of work you would like to do in the future (e.g., helping/advising), http://bit.ly/2a7Qr0Z

**Good Universities Guide**: You will be able to find courses, compare university ratings, search for scholarships and explore careers, http://bit.ly/1N6a3Pk

**Australian Apprenticeship Pathways**: You will be able to undertake apprenticeship aptitude tests, find local apprenticeship and group training centres, and learn about different trade occupations, www.aapathways.com.au/


**Careers With Code**: careers in computer science and gaming, http://bit.ly/1UgX7Vf

**I Choose Technology**: careers in information and communication technologies, http://bit.ly/2adStKy


**Careers in Horse Racing**: http://bit.ly/1Pfx4xW

**Rail Careers**: http://railcareers.net.au/

**A Life Without Limits**: careers in surveying, http://bit.ly/1l8GVkL

**Bullseye posters**: You can explore occupations related to your favourite school subjects, http://bit.ly/1svwa98

**Careers in Primary Industries/Agriculture**: http://bit.ly/1Hm0jfk

**Career Harvest**: Careers in Agriculture, Food and Fiber, http://bit.ly/1f0m8jW

**Rural Careers Australia**: You can explore careers in agriculture, horticulture, animal care and land management, www.ruralcareers.net.au/

**Maths Adds**: view career profiles of people working in interesting maths careers, and also find out about how maths is used in careers such as hairdressing, building and nursing, http://bit.ly/2anSARy

**Maths: make your career count**: explore careers in mathematics such as electrician and meteorologist, http://bit.ly/1WWajoe

**My Skills**: You can search for and explore vocational courses across Australia, learn about in demand jobs and watch videos of young people who have completed vocational training, http://bit.ly/1D8uek7

**SkillsOne**: you can watch videos about different trades, www.skillsone.com.au/

**QILT**: You can compare independent student ratings about different universities and courses, www.qilt.edu.au


**Student Edge**: videos and profiles of people working in various occupations, http://bit.ly/2aCpXSy