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Read to find 5 reasons why you should visit open days!!Look out for amazing opportunities that are provided by ACU for some online events.

Please read on to see where your future can take you.....

"Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe you can achieve."—Mary Kay Ash



The Careers Centre, in the Monash Building, is a resource centre for our students with current institutional handbooks and brochures at their disposal. Students are invited to visit, browse and question. An open-door policy exists to ensure students make informed decisions about future pathways.

Initial Year 12 interviews have begun to assist students with the momentous decisions facing them this year. Please make sure you attend Homeroom so that you can sign up. Parents/guardians are welcome to take advantage of the services provided. **Appointments** can be made to discuss the future pathways of their children.

CAREER TOOLS: ONLINE RESOURCE... Wyndham Central College (wcccareers.com)

Monday (April 8, 2024)

AIM - Audition Weeks at AIM Melbourne

On campus auditions are back at AIM!

If you're applying to study at the Australian Institute of Music, you'll need to audition or submit a portfolio to be assessed for admission. Live auditions are now held on campus every week. They're a great way to get instant feedback and check out our incredible facilities.

Auditions open 1 February 2024 - 31 January 2025

Time: See link below

Location: 120 King Street, Melbourne VIC, Australia

Details and Registration:

https://aim.edu.au/whats-on/audition-weeks-at-aim-melbourne/



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Tuesday (April 9, 2024)

RMIT - Bundoora: Campus tour for high school students in Australia

Are you a high school student studying in Australia who wants to find out more about RMIT? We have upcoming tours on our Bundoora campus!

Are you a high school student that wants to find out more about studying at RMIT? Come along to our tours during the school holidays and take a look around our City, Brunswick or Bundoora campuses.

RMIT's Bundoora campus is located 18km north-east of the CBD. At this campus, there's a focus on health and medical science as well as teaching. If you have an interest in these fields, then book in a tour for Bundoora!

Time: See link below

Location: Bundoora Campus

Details and Registration:

https://www.rmit.edu.au/events/2024/april/high-school-campus-tour-city-bundoora

ACU - Talk with Innovative Teachers

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on the future of education.

Time: 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Location: Online

Details and Registration:

https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2024/april/talk-with-innovative-teachers

Wednesday (April 10, 2024)

Defence Careers Australia - Geelong: Defence Careers Information Session

The Australian Defence Force is one of the world's leading military organisations. We fulfil key defensive roles as well as providing a range of peacetime services.

Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you?

It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Geelong Transvaal Square



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Details and Registration:

https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/nt6bvys

ACU - Talk with Lawyers and Human Rights Advocates

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on working in law and human rights.

Time: 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Location: Online

Details and Registration:

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Victoria University - Trades Application Support Sessions

VU Polytechnic is offering application support sessions at the **Sunshine Campus every Wednesday** from 10am.

Our Sunshine Campus is home to:

bricklaying
building design
building surveying
building construction
cabinet making
carpentry
electrotechnology
engineering
and plumbing courses.

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Location: 438-460 Ballarat Rd, Sunshine North, VIC 3020, AU

Details and Registration:

https://www.vu.edu.au/about-vu/news-events/events/trades-application-support-sessions



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Thursday (April 11, 2024)

Monash University - Clayton Campus Tour

Join us for a campus tour to see and experience all Monash has on offer! Led by our enthusiastic student ambassadors, come along to ask them questions and get a taste of life at Monash. With a tour duration of approximately 75 minutes, you will tour the outside of our buildings and explore our world-class campuses.

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Location: Monash MPavilion, Clayton campus

Details and Registration:

https://www.monash.edu/news/events/clayton-campus-tour3

AIE - Industry Experience Day

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, film, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Information Evening. The evening will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. We will be showing off AIE student work and our staff and teachers will be available to chat with you about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career.

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: See link below

Details and Registration:

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/industry-experience-day/

AIM - Melbourne Info Night

Your career in music starts at AIM. Join us on campus for our Melbourne Info Night to explore your potential with Australia's leading music school.

This is your opportunity to go behind the scenes at AIM. You'll get to experience our state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, get one-on-one advice from teachers, listen in on course info sessions, watch live performances, learn about careers in music, and meet our talented students and alumni.

With undergraduate and postgraduate courses in music performance, composition, audio, music theatre, musicology and arts and entertainment management, we offer specialisations to match a variety of passions.

Time: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Australian Institute of Music, King Street, Melbourne VIC, Australia



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Details and Registration:

https://aim.edu.au/whats-on/melb-campus-info-night-2024/

Defence Careers Australia - Health Careers Information Session

Looking after the health and wellbeing of Australian Defence Force personnel is a high priority.

Optimise your potential in a challenging and rewarding Health role and experience job variety and satisfaction while contributing to humanitarian, combat and disaster-relief operations.

Join us for an information session to find out more about Health career options in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

Time: 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Location: Online and Melbourne ADF Careers Centre

Details and Registration:

https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/6ni5kw4

Friday (April 12, 2024)

ACU - Discover Education and Arts at ACU Ballarat

Take part in hands-on workshops, tour our facilities and hear from current students about a rewarding career in teaching or the arts.

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM **Location**: Ballarat campus

Details and Registration:

https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2024/april/discover-education-and-arts-at-acu-ballarat

ACU - Discover Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy at ACU Ballarat

Take part in hands-on workshops, tour our facilities and hear from current students about a rewarding career as a health professional.

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Location: Ballarat campus

Details and Registration:



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https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2024/april/discover-occupational-therapy-and-physiotherapy-at-acu-ballarat

ACU - Discover Nursing and Paramedicine at ACU Ballarat

Take part in hands-on workshops, tour our facilities and hear from current students about a rewarding career as a nurse or paramedic.

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Location: Ballarat campus Details and Registration:

https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2024/april/discover-nursing-and-paramedicine-at-acu-

<u>ballarat</u>

Saturday (April 13, 2024)

Defence Careers Australia - Geelong: Defence Careers Information Session

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Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Location: Geelong RSL

Details and Registration:

https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/3ooupg1

Monday (April 15, 2024)

AIM - Audition Weeks at AIM Melbourne

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Location: 120 King Street, Melbourne VIC, Australia

Details and Registration:

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Wednesday (April 17, 2024)

AIE - Industry Experience Day

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Time: 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM Location: See link below

Details and Registration:

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/industry-experience-day

Details and Registration:

https://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/mja6f5l

ACU - Talk with Cyber Experts

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on working in cybersecurity and software development.

Time: 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Location: Online

Details and Registration:

https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2024/april/talk-with-cyber-experts



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ACU - Talk with Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on working in occupational therapy and speech pathology.

Time: 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Location: Online

Details and Registration:

https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2024/april/talk-with-occupational-therapists-and-speech-pathologists

5 Reasons to Attend Open Days

If you're in Years 10 - 12, now's the time to start

investigating VET and/or Higher Education institutions by visiting open days and attending other events, and these are 5 reasons why:

- **1.** Starting research in Year 10 helps you choose senior subjects so you have the prerequisites for courses you'd like to apply for.
- 2. Having plenty of time to thoroughly check places out or visit them multiple times is important if you change your mind about what or where to study.
- **3.** You could feel more focused throughout Year 12 because you have a clearer idea about what and where you want to go next.
- **4.** Attending multiple institutions' events lets you compare their campuses, cultures, and courses, which builds your confidence and decision-making skills and empowers you to make well-informed choices.
- 5. Knowing you've done your research means you can feel positive and confident when it's time to apply for courses and accept offers.

Look for VET and Higher Education events on the careers website calendar, and find university open days and virtual tours under the Post School Options tab of the website.





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Know Your Expo

Attending expos and open days an important ingredient in your career exploration - but what's the difference? And should you go in person or online?

Expos

Career expos bring together multiple organisations, industries, and educational institutions so you can explore a wide range of careers, interact with industry professionals, attend workshops, and gather information about pathways.

In-person

In-person events are vibrant, interactive experiences where you gain a real sense of an industry or institution. You get to collect brochures, participate in hands-on activities, and have face-to-face conversations.

Open Days

Open days are organised by specific educational institutions. They provide an opportunity to tour campuses, attend presentations, speak with staff and students, and gain insights into the programs and courses they offer.

Virtual

Live online events mean you can explore careers and courses from wherever you are and engage with presenters in Q & A sessions or by using the chat. On-demand options allow you to access and revisit content at your convenience.

What Should I Ask?

Speaking to the right people and asking the right questions helps you get the most out of expos and open days. If you're not sure where to start, pick from some these questions that cover all bases:

Career Expo questions:

- What do you love about your job?
- What skills or interests are essential?
- What entry-level opportunities are there?
- What advice do you have for someone starting out?
- What opportunities are there to progress?

Institution Questions

- What student facilities are there? Sporting/gym, shops, cafes, libraries, etc.
- What social and extracurricular opportunities exist?
- What student support services are offered?



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Course Questions

- What's the difference between these courses?
- What pathway options exist?
- Can I defer or take time out?
- What is the assumed knowledge for first year?
- What electives can I choose from?
- · How many contact hours are there?
- How much learning is face to face vs. online?
- How much independent study is required?
- Can I transfer and will I get credit?
- What jobs are graduates employed in?
- Does the course offer workplace learning?

Event Checklist

Before

- Research the institution.
- Organise to go with a friend or family member so you have someone to talk to about it.
- Check the schedule, familiarise yourself with the venue map, and plan your visit.
- Know how long it takes to get there having plenty of time is more enjoyable than rushing.
- Make a list of questions to ask staff and current students.

During

- Attend the sessions and visit areas you're interested in.
- Note the answers to your questions so so you don't forget them.
- Explore the campus and its student facilities to get a feel for the environment.

After

Ask yourself:

- What was it like to get there from where you live? Can you see yourself making the commute?
- Did you like the campus vibe? Can you imagine yourself studying there?
- How did it compare to other institutions' you've visited?

Write down your impressions, so when it comes time to apply, you can remember exactly how you felt about each institution to help order your preferences.

Visit VTAC

Visit VTAC at upcoming events where staff will be available to discuss the application cycle and answer your questions. Visit the <u>VTAC events page</u> for new events as they are added.



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VCE & Careers Expo Thurs 2 May - Sat 4 May 2024

Melbourne, VIC

Regional events and events in South Australia, The Northern Territory, and Tasmania run from March to July for registered schools. Previous webinar recordings and uploaded to the VTAC <u>YouTube Channel</u>. Please visit the <u>VTAC events page</u> for further details of upcoming events and webinars.

Holmesglen Open Day - meet industry experts

Holmesglen Open Days are perfect for exploring pathways, course options and learning more about vocational careers. You'll get a tour of the facilities, learn about campus life, and chat in person with industry expert teachers. All attendees receive a show bag to take home and enjoy a free BBQ.

Date: Thursday, April 18.Time: 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

For more information and to register, visit the **website**.

Get Involved

Harmony Day Competitions

The 2024 theme is 'What can we do?' Enter the <u>Poster</u>, <u>Songwriting</u> or <u>Short Film</u> competition or even enter all 3!

- Open to: All Australian Primary and Secondary students.
- Dates: entries close 12 April 2024.

Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize

Communicate a scientific concept in a way that is accessible and entertaining so the public can 'learn something without even noticing'. The 2024 theme is 'Energy'.

- Open to: Primary & Secondary students
- Dates: now 12 April 2024

Owlypia Online

Ignite your intellectual curiosity with this thrilling international knowledge competition! Compete in your favourite subjects through a multiple-choice exam.



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• Open to: 9-18 year-olds

Dates: Register for 27th April 2024

The Rubbish Film Festival Competition

Harness the potential of your mobile device to create a film of up to 60 seconds, with a dedicated focus on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Open to: Year 10 -12 students

• Dates: now - 19 April 2024