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**General Career Guidance**

**myfuture** ... Australia’s career information and exploration service. [http://www.myfuture.edu.au/](http://www.myfuture.edu.au/)

It has three areas to search:

**My Guide:** Discover, explore and plan your career today.

**The Facts:** Find occupation profiles, courses, job seeking tips, articles, videos and more.

**Assist Others:** for career advisors, teachers and parents to access extensive resources and information to help in assisting others.

**MyCareerMatch:** [www.mycareermatch.com.au](http://www.mycareermatch.com.au) is a website where students can go on and investigate what careers are suited to them based on their interests and skills. There is a cost for each report: Standard costs $4.90 per report inc. GST or PLUS report which includes resume guide and online resume builder costs $5.90 per report inc. GST.

**Job Guide:** Books and the CD are available at the College. You can subscribe to the online program.


**Skillsone Video:** [http://www.skillsone.com.au/](http://www.skillsone.com.au/) This is a fantastic free website with over 1,500 short 3-6 minute videos offering insight into a huge range of trades and industries. It offers our students a great opportunity to receive information through filmed interviews of those working in the career areas. There are dozens in each category and are genuine natural interviews, not staged. **Well worth using and can be accessed by anyone!** Their target audiences are students, parents, teachers, careers advisers, etc. So if you have a child unsure of what to look at and of the career options available, this could be a great place to start to get a taste of fields to explore.


**NEW LISTING**

**NGraduate Careers Australia:** [http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/](http://www.graduatecareers.com.au/) Career information booklets and graduate starting salaries. This has some really great information about career options after graduating. If you’re wondering what career you can undertake depending what you study, have a look here. **NEW LISTING**

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VCE / Tertiary Information


**YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENTS:** VTAC CourseLink: VTAC has developed this program to enable you to keep a file of courses you’re interested in and possible VCE programs. You can search for tertiary course option, review potential VCE programs and the impact of changing a subject on your course preferences, and check whether your proposed VCE program meets the course requirements you are interested in.

**YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS:** You can register on VTAC using your VCAA student ID (VASS ID). This allows you to do course searches as a registered student based on region, institute, field of interest existing or prospective Unit 3/4 studies and existing or possible ATAR scores and save those details.

**YEAR 12 STUDENTS:** All students applying for tertiary study **MUST** use their VTAC User Account in order to apply for courses, SEAS and scholarships through VTAC.

*(Year 12 student please note: each Australian state has their own version of this site and interstate courses have to be applied for through those sites eg. UAC for NSW & ACT.)*

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS:** This site can be used for research in the CourseSearch tool. You don’t have to be registered. It provides a search engine with results detailing the courses, institution, campus and where to apply through (eg. VTAC). It then links to more course details and in turn to the institution.

**Hobson’s Course Finder (formally the Good University Guide):**
[http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/](http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/)  A comprehensive and independent information source about tertiary education pathways. Can search a range of institutions (universities, TAFEs and private education providers), explore links between courses and careers, search for scholarships across Australia and access helpful information about tertiary study, from getting in to graduation and beyond. **It is fast and very easy to use.**

**What Degree? Which University?:**  [www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com](http://www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com)  This is a website with info direct from uni students and recent graduates, straight to you. Compare degrees and universities, to help you make decisions that will create your future.

**MyUniversity:**  [http://myuniversity.gov.au/](http://myuniversity.gov.au/)  MyUniversity provides students with a broad range of information about Australian universities and other higher education providers. It’s possible to search based on the ATAR score as well as other criteria and to compare particular courses.

**UniOptions:**  [http://www.unioptions.com.au/](http://www.unioptions.com.au/)  This is an information website rather than a search website and provides easy to understand information about the wide range of university pathways that are available to Victorian students. UniOptions helps students enter the university course of their choice and, unlike other sources of information on getting into university, the UniOptions website shows you all the uni options – not just the obvious ones.


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**University of Melbourne Extension Program** – Opportunities for Year 12 students – **applications made in Yr 11**. Information Evening at Melb Uni held in October.

The program provides an opportunity for ‘academically able’ students to undertake first-year university study while still in Yr 12. Successful completion of a full year of study can earn an increment to the aggregate ATAR score of between 4 & 5 points depending on the level of results achieved. Talk to Kaylee for info. Melb Uni website: [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/umep](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/umep)

**Foundation Studies at Victoria University** [http://www.vu.edu.au/foundationstudies](http://www.vu.edu.au/foundationstudies). If you don't get into uni this one year course is a bridge to science, health and engineering. There are bridging courses at other university so search around the uni websites.

**Catholic College Wodonga:** [http://year12ccwcareers.edublogs.org](http://year12ccwcareers.edublogs.org)

CCW have set up edublog sites which contain useful overview documents and are happy for other schools to use their resources. These include:

- **Choosing Courses in 6 Steps** – how to choose a course of study after Yr 12 based on what you want to achieve long term together with a couple of examples
- **Alternative pathways into your desired degree** – understanding pathway options available and developing a plan to get there. The document has a page for each uni listing the alternative pathways available to get into them together with links to the sites.
- **Applying for scholarships - in 4 Easy Steps** – this gives an overview of the different types of scholarships available – put this together with the list I have previously distributed and you have an extremely comprehensive guide to scholarship applications.
- **Suggested subject pathways** – a matrix showing what careers a chosen subject may lead to – please note: there are many more subjects listed than are offered at Bright

There are also useful links to a range of areas including ‘Just for Parents’. Well worth a look.

**TAFE**

**My skills:** [www.myskills.gov.au](http://www.myskills.gov.au)

My Skills is an Australian Government initiative which is being undertaken in conjunction with states and territories to increase transparency in the vocational education and training (VET) sector and will empower students, job seekers and workers to choose the training options and pathways that best meets their needs and circumstances.

You can search for a training organisation or a qualification; find out about the training experiences of others; view statistics on national student outcomes; view statistics on training organisations and access other useful training information.


A new website for information about vocational training. This provides a comprehensive listing of vocational fields, descriptions of the jobs and courses available up to Diploma level.

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Apprenticeship Information

**Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website:** [http://www.aapathways.com.au/Home](http://www.aapathways.com.au/Home). This website has links to a huge range of resources and information about apprenticeships. They have a fantastic pathways tool allowing you to see what a particular job or course will lead to as a pathway in the future. It covers from Certificate II level right through to degrees. [Great website.](http://www.aapathways.com.au/Career-Resources/Practice-Aptitude-Quizzes)

They also have aptitude tests for a wide range of careers a student may be considering with useful information about the career being considered: [http://www.aapathways.com.au/Career-Resources/Practice-Aptitude-Quizzes](http://www.aapathways.com.au/Career-Resources/Practice-Aptitude-Quizzes).


**MAAP My Future:** [www.maapmyfuture.com.au](http://www.maapmyfuture.com.au); the automotive industry has set up an automotive apprenticeship mentoring/advisory program for apprentices training in the automotive industry. This is a very valuable website to view if you are considering a pre-apprenticeship, school-based apprenticeship or full apprenticeship after leaving school, or if you are wondering if this is a career pathway for you.

**ApprenticeNET - Answering your apprenticeship questions.**

The Australian Industry Group Apprenticeship Adviser Program has launched its ApprenticeNET Facebook page as a tool to interact with students and others seeking information on apprenticeships. This will enable your students to ask a question at any of the day or night and have it responded to by one of our advisers usually within the same day or next day where an overnight posting is made. The page has many great tips for finding apprenticeships, handling interviews, and keeping motivated and healthy on the job as well as employer vacancies and information on trade shows and expos. You can find us at [www.facebook.com/ApprenticeNet](http://www.facebook.com/ApprenticeNet)

**Useful trade website:**

Starting work

**Young Worker Toolkit:** [www.youngworkertoolkit.youth.gov.au](http://www.youngworkertoolkit.youth.gov.au) a DEEWR website to assist your people entering the workforce. Info on employment process including changing jobs. Contains up-to-date info about current fair work laws and employment agreements which all employees come under. [This is a great website for those getting started at work!](http://www.youngworkertoolkit.youth.gov.au)
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**Work Experience**

**Work Experience Website:** [http://www.workexperiencedirectory.com.au/](http://www.workexperiencedirectory.com.au/). This is a website with lots of advice for students on such things as what to do to find a placement, what to do when you have one, the benefits of work experience, etc. The Work Experience Search can be done by state and lists whole range of work experiences opportunities for school students. **Well worth a look for specific jobs and for ideas of what to do.**

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