

WEEKLY CAREERS NEWS

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FOCUS ON WHERE YOU CAN STUDY AFTER SCHOOL

After school you can study at **University, TAFE, an Adult Community Education Centre** or a **Private Provider**, or at a combination of institutions (i.e., TAFE and Uni at the same time through an integrated program). You can also often choose between studying on campus, via distance or through a mixture of both. This is called **flexible learning!**

What type of institute you choose to study at will depend on your **career aspirations**.

Technical and Further Education (TAFE) and Adult Community Education (ACE):

Compared to Uni, TAFE and ACE study is generally more hands on, classes are smaller, courses are cheaper and they prepare students for **vocational careers** across a wide range of industries. TAFE and ACE help prepare students for University by offering pathways into degrees and also in many cases credit, which can enable you to start at second year level at Uni for many courses. For more information about Victorian TAFE courses call 13 1823 or see www.tafe.vic.gov.au.

University provides students with **professional qualifications**. There are some careers you cannot work in without a Uni level qualification like a Doctor, Veterinarian Surgeon, Dentist or Physiotherapist. Compared to TAFE, there is usually more of an academic focus on **theory, concepts** and **research**. Many students study at TAFE either before or after undertaking Uni courses to give them practical and industry specific vocational skills.

Private Colleges usually **specialise** in certain areas and their qualifications are the same as you would receive from TAFE and University. Course fees are often higher and you can't use HECS to defer your payment meaning you usually have to pay your fees upfront or as you study (many offer FEE-HELP). Private providers are often more flexible with start and finish times of courses, have small class sizes and often you don't need an ENTER score for Diploma and Degree level qualifications. There are three private Universities and over 700 private providers.

Overseas: Yes! That's right- you can head overseas to undertake your desired course. You can either apply for an overseas course straight away or you can start studying in Australia and complete some of your course overseas with the help of your Australian institution. Go to www.studyabroad.com and www.studyoverseas.com for more information.

Distance Education: Many Institutions offer courses via 'distance education'. This means that for the majority or the whole of the course, you don't need to attend classes on campus. Course materials are often posted to you and you receive support via the Institutes website where you can be linked with your lecturers and other students studying your course. **Open Learning Australia** provides distance education courses from over 15 Universities. You don't need an ENTER for these courses.

WHICH QUALIFICATION LEVEL WILL I NEED?

The qualification level you will need to achieve will depend on your career aspirations. The table below shows you what qualification levels there are at TAFE, ACE providers, Universities and Private Providers.

Vocational Education & Training (i.e., TAFE)	Higher Education (i.e., University)
	Doctoral Degree
	Masters Degree
	Graduate Diploma

	Graduate Certificate
	Bachelor Degree
Advanced Diploma	Associate Degree
Diploma	
Cert IV	
Cert III	
Cert II	
Cert I	

To find out which level you should study at to achieve your career goals, go to www.aqf.edu.au/aqfqual.htm and click on the links

UPCOMING STATE EVENTS

March Events

- **Various Dates- Meet Melbourne University Seminars:** contact Charisma Fe De Castro for more information on 03 8344 0272 or cfdc@unimelb.edu.au
- **31st – ‘At Monash’, Science:** contact Valerie Foster on 03 9903 4758 valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au
- **31st – Alternative Careers Expo,** Croydon, Contact: Hayley Wallace on Hayley.wallace@eiep.org

April Events

- **Various dates- Werribee Open Range Zoo Career Days:** 03 9731 9635, www.zoo.org.au/learning
- **Various dates- Healesville Sanctuary Vet 4 a Day and Keeper 4 a Day programs:** http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Programs/Student_Conferences/Careers
- **1st – ‘At Monash’, Arts & Humanities:** contact Valerie Foster on 03 9903 4758 valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au
- **6th - Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine Career Information Session:** 03 9684 4342, jobs@vifm.org
- **7th- La Trobe University ‘Talk and Tour’, Bundoora Campus:** www.latrobe.edu.au/study
- **7th – Swinburne Uni Creative Arts & Media Program:** 03 9214 8298, spyeoh@swinburne.edu.au
- **16th – 17th – Pivot Point 2 day Introductory Course in Hair Design,** info@pivot-point.edu.au 03 9670 1200
- **17th – Digital Media & Graphic Design Workshop,** Wodonga Institute of TAFE, 02 6055 6600, bcsi@wodongatafe.edu.au
- **17th - Access All Areas, Uni of Melbourne:** www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/
- **24th – 26th - The Age VCE and Careers Expo,** Caulfield, www.education.theage.com.au
- **27th – Engineers Australia Careers Expo,** Melbourne, Noel Dos Santos, 03 9321 1726

May Events

- **‘At Monash’ Seminar Series:** 5th Education, Sport and Outdoor Recreation; 7th Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Health Science; 12th Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences; 13th Architecture; 18th Psychology; 19th Drama & Theatre Studies; 20th Business & Economics; 21st Engineering: contact Valerie Foster on 03 9903 4758 valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au
- **5th – AGIDEAS Futures:** www.agideas.net, 03 9416 2966
- **13th – 14th – Apprenticeship Expo, Uni of Ballarat,** www.ballarat.edu.au
- **14th – Parents Information Session (Apprenticeships), Uni of Ballarat,** www.ballarat.edu.au

NEW STATE EVENTS

Pivot Point 2 Day Introductory Course in Hair Design: Pivot Point are running the first of three 2 Day Programs on the 16th and 17th of April at their Melbourne Campus. You will learn about careers in hairdressing, hands on styling, drying and long hair techniques, introduction to cutting, introduction to colour and client relations and people skills. Cost is \$99. For more

information go to www.pivot-point.com.au or call 1800 333 259

Have a passion for Engineering: Then you should consider attending the **Engineers Australia Careers Expo**. You will be able to learn about the pathways and careers in the Engineering industry and you will be able to meet with more than 60 employers, academics and recruitment experts. The expo is being held on the 29th of April at the Melbourne Town Hall between 1pm – 7pm. Cost is free. Contact Noel Dos Santos on 03 9321 1726.

International Design Week: If you are interested in the world of design you should consider attending the **AGIDEAS Futures** expo. The Expo will highlight careers and pathways in areas such as graphics, industrial and productive design, interactive media and marketing, illustration, architecture, built environment, photography and motion graphics. You will be able to hear leading international and local industry speakers and talk to course lecturers. The expo runs on the 5th of May. Cost is \$30. Go to www.agideas.net for more information or call 03 9416 2966.

Apprenticeship Expo 2009: The University of Ballarat will be hosting the Apprenticeships Expo on the 13th and 14th of May and also a Parents Information Session on Apprenticeships on the 14th of May. During the Expo, you will be able to try different trades by undertaking hands on workshops in areas such as Building & Construction, Human Services, Engineering, Information technology, Primary Industries and Hospitality. Contact www.ballarat.edu.au for more information or phone 1800 811 711.

VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Studying Chemistry for your VCE? Victoria Uni are running free VCE Chemistry Pracs for yr 12 students covering Chromatography (GC & TLC) and Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometry at their Werribee Campus. Contact Santa Giordano on 03 9919 2103 or santa.giordano@vu.edu.au for more information.

New Uni Accommodation: Victoria Uni has new student accommodation at Victorian Place which is only a 5 minute walk to their Footscray Park campus and is less than 7km from the heart of Melbourne, close to public transport and Highpoint Shopping Centre. Contact victoria.place@vu.edu.au for more information.

'Discover Deakin': You have the opportunity to find out about Deakin University's programs, student services, facilities, scholarships and accommodation during your school holidays. You will be able to attend campus tours and talk to current students and lecturers. To find out more and to book, go to www.deakin.edu.au/discover or ring 03 9246 8055.

Hospitality Scholarships: The International College of Hotel Management (ICHM) is now calling for applicants for their three \$20 000 scholarships. If successful, you will receive \$5000 per year for the four years of your course where you study and Advanced Diploma and then a Bachelor Level final year. ICHM is now approved for VET FEE-HELP and VET-HELP, which means the Government can loan you your tuition fee costs. Contact your careers teacher for a scholarship application form. Go to www.ichm.edu.au or phone 1800 246 875 for more information.

GAP YEAR

Interested in a career in the Defence Force? Not sure if you want to make a long term commitment at this stage? You can apply to participate in the Defence Force Gap Year Program, either in the Navy, Airforce or Army. The program runs for less than 12 months and you can elect whether you wish to continue on with your employment once the program finishes. You must pass yr 12 and applications open May 1st. Applications are processed on a first come, first served basis so make sure you get yours in as soon as possible. For more information, go to www.defencejobs.com.au or call 13 19 01.

WEEKLY WEBSITE ALERT!

If you are interested in learning more about the wide variety of exciting careers in the Transport and Logistics Industry then you should check out the Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council site. It has information about pathways through TAFE and University study in the areas of Warehousing and Storage, Road Transport, Stevedoring, Rail Infrastructure and Operations, Logistics Operations, Maritime and Aviation. Go to www.tlisc.com.au to find out more.