



Weekly Careers Newsletter

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Are you considering studying at a university after school?

Did you know that many universities have programs in place to ensure that students feel connected during their first year? It can be a daunting experience to start at a large institution where everything from timetables to classes to lecturers is so different from school. The following are examples of programs that universities are using to ensure that students find the transition from school to university easy:

- Student Connect, University of Melbourne:**
Every first year student will meet with a specialist Student Connect adviser who will assist the student to develop an action plan that incorporates goals that are tracked through the year. The adviser can also assist with choosing subjects, assisting with accommodation and developing a study plan and career goals. <http://bit.ly/2mjvl4e>
- Federation University:**
First year students can access a student mentor to support them in their first year of study. They can also join FedReady to assist them with the transition to university learning. Students can also join a study group through the PASS Program, <http://bit.ly/2lY8VF9>
- Connect Volunteer, La Trobe University:**
First year students can elect to join the Connect Volunteer program during orientation week. They will meet with a Connect Volunteer mentor, which is a later years student, several times over a period of 6 weeks in the first semester, <http://bit.ly/2lTsTRf>



- Victorian Skills Gateway:**
This site is for students and their parents who are interested in apprenticeships, traineeships and vocational study in Victoria. For information, go to <http://bit.ly/2mrQki7>

Pre apprenticeships:
If you are interested in pursuing an apprenticeship pathway and are unsure about continuing on at school this year, you may want to enrol in a pre apprenticeship. Contact your local TAFE institution to ask about the programs they have available. You can undertake pre apprenticeships in areas such as bricklaying, building, plumbing, electrical, automotive, community services, beauty etc.

Interested in business?
You can take a Virtual tour of the Australia National University College of Business and Economics building at this link - <http://bit.ly/2lZZu86>



Cultural Care Au Pair week:
If you are interested in working as an Au Pair, you may consider attending a Cultural Care Au Pair information session. The company assists students to find placements in America. Dates are – Geelong - 1 April and Melbourne – 8 April. For information and to RSVP, go to <http://culturalcare.com.au/>

Science news:

Be inspired by the latest stories featured on RiAUS – Australia’s Science Channel. Some of the topics covered this week include:

- Winners of the Space Poop Challenge announced
- Backstage with US science historian Naomi Oreskes
- From RMIT to SpaceX – learn about the VicHyper project
- Weasel versus science

Access the stories at this link - <http://bit.ly/2IY9G0T>

Exciting news! Refraction Media has just released the new the double edition Careers with Science & Health magazine. Careers with Science & Health not only shows you how to get a job you'll enjoy, but also one that allows you move quickly from one field of expertise to the next, helping to solve some of society's major challenges along the way.

We call it STEM + X – where 'X' is your passion, hobby, another field of interest or even a world-changing goal.

Your 'X' could be anything. For example, health + music could lead to a new therapy that lowers patients' stress levels. Or astronomy + film could lead you to create amazing planetarium shows. Computer science + maths could lead to new ways of visualising research, using 3D immersive data display or virtual reality tools. Careers with Science & Health includes over 65 real-life reads and 150 STEM + X degrees in science and health fields, plus job and salary data. To read the magazine, go to <http://bit.ly/2IL1DCI>



Science in the City, RMIT:

You and your parents will be able to learn about the science programs on offer at RMIT, which include biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental science, food science, nanotechnology and physics. You will also be able to undertake a laboratory tour at the City Campus and speak to lecturers about how you can broaden your career options and give yourself a competitive edge. The event will run Thursday 30 March. There are limited spaces, so register now - <http://bit.ly/2mjulrn>

MARCH

1: Animation & Game Gallery, JMC Academy, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2IfTFCE>

3: Sketch Runway, Academy of Design Australia, <http://bit.ly/2iCkWQJ>

7 – 28: Inside Monash Seminars, Monash University, Arts (7), Business (8), Science (9), Pharmacy (28), <http://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>

11: Blue Mountains Hotel School Open Day: Leura, NSW campus, <http://bit.ly/1MFVHTf>

14, 22: Meet Melbourne, Melbourne University Parkville campus, Bendigo (14), Geelong (22), <http://bit.ly/2lec1Sd>

30: Science in the City, RMIT, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2mjulrn>

APRIL

3: Forensic Science Careers Information Day, Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, <http://bit.ly/2me1XIR>

6: UMAT Exam Preparation Day, St Vincent’s Hospital, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2kPN0LN>

7: A Day at Melbourne University, Parkville campus, <http://bit.ly/2kDFjgs>

7: Experience La Trobe University, Melbourne campus, <http://bit.ly/1Rilhxz>

7: MyDay, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga campus, <http://bit.ly/2kVYa5R>

10, 11: MyDay, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga campus – Agriculture, <http://bit.ly/2kVYa5R>

26: Early Achievers Program, Australian Catholic University – applications open for Year 12 students, <http://bit.ly/2kPLY2t>

29: Nursing and Health Expo, Australian College of Nursing, The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, <http://bit.ly/2me1NRF>