# CAREER NEWS

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1. **Open Days & Info Sessions**

   **JCU Open Day**  
   Townsville - 19 August; Cairns – 26 August  
   Find out more - [https://www.jcu.edu.au/open-day](https://www.jcu.edu.au/open-day)

   **QUT – Info Evening for Parents and Students**  
   May 15 | Gardens Point Campus. Parents/guardians of high school students, as well as their child, are encouraged to attend our [Parent Information Seminar](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/parent-information-seminar) on 15 May to find out about making course and career decisions.  
   Find out more - [https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/parent-information-seminar](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/parent-information-seminar)

   **Endeavour College of Natural Health – Open Day**  
   June 16 Brisbane and Gold Coast. Natural Health Open Day is an opportunity to be immersed in the Endeavour College experience. Speak with lecturers and students, find out all about our [Bachelor degree courses](https://www.endeavour.edu.au/open-day), explore our campuses, learn about educational pathways and study options, and find out if a career in natural health is for you.  
   Find out more - [https://www.endeavour.edu.au/open-day](https://www.endeavour.edu.au/open-day)

   **Australian Catholic University Open Day**  
   July 28 - [Brisbane](http://www.acu.edu.au/student_experience/student_life/experience_uni_before_you_start/open_day). Come to Open Day and find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU. Tour the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry opportunities, and talk to experts about your study options and career goals.  

   **Institute of Engineers Australia - Discover Engineering Day**  
   June 21 – [Ballina](https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/portal/event/discover-engineering-day-ansto). Discover Engineering Day will include activities aimed at giving high school students a taste of skills required for the engineering profession as well as guest speakers from university students and engineers.  

   **TAFE QLD – Nursing Info Nights**  
   Caboolture campus - Tuesday, 29 May  
   South Bank campus - Wednesday, 30 May  
   Loganlea campus - Thursday, 31 May  
   If you’re dreaming of a fulfilling career in nursing, register to attend one of info nights at your local TAFE campus. Meet the teaching team to get all the information you need to study a Diploma of Nursing. Registration details coming soon.  
TAFE QLD – Future Design Info Night
South Bank campus - Wednesday, 6 June. Register now to attend our Future of Design info night to find out what you want to know about studying engineering, architecture or interior design with TAFE Queensland.  http://tafebrisbane.edu.au/about-us/events/

TAFE QLD - Individual Support and Health Services Info Nights
Caboolture campus - Tuesday, 29 May
South Bank campus - Wednesday, 30 May
Meet our individual support and health services teaching teams to get all the information you need to study a Certificate III in Individual Support and a Certificate III in Health Services. Find out more - http://tafebrisbane.edu.au/about-us/events/

TAFE QLD – Dental Prosthetics Info Night
South Bank Campus - May 24; South Bank Campus - August 30
Register now to find out more about the dental prosthetics industry and where a Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics can take your career. Take the opportunity to meet the lecturers at one of our Dental Prosthetics Info Nights to answer your questions about this exciting degree. Find out more - http://tafebrisbane.edu.au/about-us/events/

TAFE QLD – Applied Science Info Night
South Bank campus - Wednesday 17 October
Register now to attend our Applied Sciences Info Night to meet the teaching teams and to find out where a course in applied sciences can take your career and everything you need to study with TAFE Queensland.  http://tafebrisbane.edu.au/about-us/events/

2. Workshops & Courses

Two Week International Study Program
Be part of an International Study Program this coming July where for two weeks you will live and study at Cambridge and Durham Universities in England! This opportunity is too good to pass up. Find out more here: https://learn.crimsoneducation.org/GSI

Get Ready for NDIS Webinar
31 May. It’s designed especially for young people aged between 12 – 25. All you need is a computer or mobile device with a high speed internet connection! There will be Auslan interpreters and live captioning. We’ll cover three different topics and answer any questions you might have. https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/livestreamed-ndis-readiness-workshops-for-youth-tickets-43151326780
JCU Year 12 University Experience (Douglas Campus)
17 - 18 July | Residential Program (non-local schools)
18 - 20 July | Local Schools
Find out more - https://www.jcu.edu.au/events/2018/july/year-12-university-experience

JCU Townsville – JCU Winter School for Australian Aboriginal and TSI Students
July 2-6 2018.
The JCU Winter School for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students offers students in Year 10, 11 and 12 the chance to experience university life during the school holidays. https://www.jcu.edu.au/events/2018/july/winter-school

Australian Catholic University – University Experience
July 5 – Brisbane. University Experience is a free program that gives you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice. Get a taste of life at ACU by meeting academic staff and current students and trying out the course you’re interested in. http://www.acu.edu.au/student_experience/student_life/experience_uni_before_you_start/university_experience

Griffith University Business Ambassadors Program
Workshop 3 October 26 – Nathan Campus
The Griffith Business Ambassadors Program offers students their first real look at university life, whilst providing them with a greater understanding of social innovation and social enterprise through working with academic staff from Griffith University. These full day workshops are free to attend and lunch is provided by Griffith Business School. Each student will receive a Certificate of Participation and will officially become a Griffith Business School Ambassador. https://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-business-school/high-school-and-community-programs/ambassadors-program

3. TAFE, VET & Apprenticeships

Australian Apprenticeships Pathways Updated Pathway Flowchart
The flowchart is a great resource for job hunters and students, demonstrating the steps involved to get an apprenticeship or traineeship. https://www.aapathways.com.au/industry-insider-information-and-resources/news/updated-flowchart-for-job-hunters-and-students

Thiess 2018 Mid-Year Apprentice Intake
Working with experienced colleagues at various Thiess projects, our four-year structured Apprenticeship Program will offer you the chance to participate in training towards a nationally recognised trade qualification. You will need to be self-motivated, conscientious and committed to developing a career for yourself in the resources industry. A mature attitude is essential and you must be willing to learn new skills and accept direction.
Thiess Apprentices have all of their college fees and associated costs covered by Thiess and are supplied with full PPE and a uniform.
Locations Queensland (Bowen Basin)
- Curragh North Mine (Blackwater)
- Lake Vermont (Dysart)
- Dawson
- Caval Ridge (Moranbah)
• Peak Downs (Moranbah)

Apply now

BMA Apprenticeships – Central Queensland
BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) will start recruitment of the next cohort of locals for its 2019 apprenticeship program in May. It is recommended candidates create a profile through the BHP Careers Page https://bhpcareers.bhp.com/careers/Login and register for an apprentice job alert to be notified when positions become available.

Good Universities Guide to Apprenticeships and Traineeships

4. Competitions & Scholarships

Study Abroad Scholarship
Apply for Crimson Education's first Study Abroad Scholarship! The student with the most outstanding application will win an extensive mentoring package connecting you to a team of 5-8 mentors from the world's top universities and $500 cash to get you closer than ever to your dream university. Applications close June 1
https://community.crimsoneducation.org/study-abroad-scholarship-2018/

Griffith University Uni-Start Equity Scholarships
The Uni-Start Equity scholarships are for students who have experienced financial hardship, and/or education disadvantage that has impacted on their full potential.

Premier’s Creating Queensland’s Future coding competition
Create some wicked coding to help your friends stand up to cyberbullies. It could be a game, animation, an app or something else. Students can enter as individuals or in teams of up to four people. To enter, students upload their code or a prototype of what they developed, and a presentation that highlights how their entry can be implemented, to the coding competition submission page by 5pm Tuesday 19 June 2018

Science Hall of Fame
Closes July 31 | Australia
Choose a scientist or science discovery you think is worthy of hanging in a Science Hall of Fame, then write a rhyming verse poem on your chosen subject.
Find out more - https://www.scienceweek.net.au/science-hall-of-fame

2018 Education Perfect Science Championships
August 13 – 20 | Australia. The Education Perfect Science Championships 2018 is an exciting global online competition where students compete to earn points and prizes by learning engaging and thought-provoking Science content!
https://www.scienceweek.net.au/2018
Cathy Freeman Foundation Scholarships – Palm Island
The Scholarships Program is unique because unlike other scholarships that require academic or sporting excellence, any Indigenous student from Palm Island with the desire and family support can apply to receive a scholarship as long as they are eligible to receive ABSTUDY and the family is in financial need.
https://www.cathyfreemanfoundation.org.au/scholarships

5. HSC & University Information

UQ Launches Regional Training Hub in Central Queensland
The first of three University of Queensland Regional Training Hubs supporting junior doctors to undertake specialist training in regional Queensland was launched on Thursday 19 April.
The University’s Central Queensland Regional Training Hub (CQRTH) will help provide doctors with postgraduate training opportunities closer to home.
Learn about UQ’s Rural Clinical Schools - https://medicine-program.uq.edu.au/rural-clinical-school

Australian Public Service GradAccess Scheme
GradAccess is a centralised recruitment stream for people with disability into Australian Public Service graduate programs, post-university study. GradAccess gives you the opportunity to gain a graduate role in a number of Australian Government agencies.

Using Your ATAR Overseas – Crimson Education
Did you know that US and UK universities accept ALL Australian curriculums? That’s right! You can apply to Harvard or Oxford with your ATAR score and they’ll know what it’s all about. And don’t panic that the cut-off date for applications happens before ATAR scores are released. You can apply with a predicted ATAR based on your current grades.
Find out more - https://www.crimsoneducation.org/?locale=en-AU

Advice for Choosing HSC Courses from NSW Education Standards Authority
Your aim is to attain the best HSC result you can. So, you should choose courses that you are good at, interested in and may use in the future. When considering which courses to study, explore the content of a course. For example, what are the course outcomes? Will you be required to submit a major work, or perform, as part of your exams? Talk with your teachers about your strengths and weaknesses, as well as individual course requirements, before making your selections. Read the advice -

ACU Passion 4 Business Program is now open
ACU’s Passion for Business (P4B) program offers students an early competitive edge. We know there’s more to you than your exam results and your passion and commitment counts. P4B is a guaranteed early entry program designed to nurture your learning potential and give you a step up in your future business career.
ACU Passion for Law Program is now open
If you’re currently in Year 12 and passionate about studying law, ACU’s Passion for Law (P4L) program offers you an early competitive edge. P4L is an early entry program designed to nurture your learning potential and give you a step up in your future law career. We know there’s more to you than your exam results and your passion and commitment counts.


6. Resources, Guides & Other News

Career Explorer Tool (from USQ)
Take 5 minutes to simply answer a few short questions to find career options based on your interests, talents and preferences. We'll also email you a copy of your results, so you can start exploring your career options.
Take the test - https://usqstudy.custhelp.com/ci/documents/detail/2/career_explorer_tool

Australia’s Booming Industries
SEEK has revealed the Australian industries that boomed in the last 12 months. We look to the data and speak to industry experts about the trends that will shape the year ahead.
They’ve also got a resource that shows how hard it is for employers to fill jobs across lots of different industries - https://insightsresources.seek.com.au/page/hard-to-fill-industries

Seek Free Resume Template
A winning resume is achievement-focused, beautifully formatted, keyword optimised, grammatically correct and... we could go on. Instead, we thought it would be more helpful to simply provide you with our first-ever, professionally-designed resume template.

Optimising STEM Industry-School Partnerships – From Australia’s Chief Scientist
Australia’s Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel AO, has prepared a report on the role of STEM in schools, focusing on how STEM is and should be taught, and how it will relate to the jobs of the future.
“Employers with the vision to invest in the future have the insight to look for T-shaped individuals, those who have deep specialty skills (the vertical pole of the T) and broad enterprise skills (the horizontal bar of the T). Take away the horizontal bar and you are left with an ‘I’ – lots of discipline knowledge but lacking the collaborative skills to contribute that knowledge effectively. Take away the vertical pole and you are left with a dash – possibly smart but always rushing off for the answers instead of being able to contribute to the discussion.” Read the report here.

Interior Design Industry Insights
Nina Starkey our commercial and residential interior design lecturer at our Brisbane campus gives us some insight into what’s really exciting about the interior design industry at the moment and some other great tips.
ChooseMaths – Videos on Maths Careers
Be more than a number - ChooseMaths Ambassadors read their stories.
See the videos - http://choosemaths.org.au/careersvideos/

Australian Academy of Fashion Design – Your Future Career
Find out about a career in fashion.

7. Job Spotlight
Working in Aged Care

Aged Care - As Australia’s population ages, the demand for employees in the aged care sector is on the rise.

Working in Aged Care – A Guide

More jobs are being created across the board, with demand for a whole host of roles far beyond just nursing. The sector needs hospitality workers to clean group homes and prepare nutritious food for the elderly, pharmacy workers to fill the increasing number of medical scripts, transport workers and drivers to ferry older people around, and of course carers and nurses to ensure the older generation retains a better quality of life for as long as possible.

Let’s face it, a lot of the money in Australia is tied up in the wealthy older generation, many of whom will require support and care as they age. And they’ve got the money to demand quality services and support, which is in-turn driving demand for qualified and unqualified workers across the industry. Choosing to enter a sector with growing demand is always a good way to increase your chances of getting a job, so let’s look at the types of careers you can do as an aged care worker.

Working with the elderly can also be very rewarding – these people have built up a lifetime’s worth of experience, and caring for them requires respect and patience. You’re dealing with people and their families at a vulnerable time, and caring for them is a privilege.

Salary Range: Entry-level aged care workers currently earn around $43,000 per year, but that figure doesn’t tend to go up much even when you’ve been in the industry for 5 or more years. If you’re looking for more, there are lots of other opportunities within the field, including management and senior administration roles, entrepreneurial opportunities for those in technology, hospitality or business, and your skills will be recognised in many countries overseas if travel is on your mind.

Future Growth: Job Outlook rate the growth as ‘very strong’, and unemployment is already below average.
Qualifications and skills required:
A Cert II or III (or 1 year of relevant experience) is usually required, however if you’d like to get started there are often assistant positions available that you could combine with study.

What does the work look like?
Aged carers provide support and assistance to elderly people to help them with their self-care and wellbeing. The care provided is usually physical and emotional, and you might work in an aged care facility, hospital, clinic, or in private homes. Your main role is to improve their quality of life wherever possible, so this doesn’t mean simply doing things for them – you’ll assist them to maintain their normal activities such as dressing, washing, socialising and eating in a way that gives them as much control as possible over their lives.

Should I work in aged care?
Aged care can be demanding, and the best people are equipped with bucket-loads of compassion and patience. You’ll be dealing with lots of different people from different cultures, and you’ll often see people when they’re not at their best. Being active will help you with the physical demands of the job, and you’ll gain a strong sense of satisfaction from helping others.

How do I get started?
Your pathway will depend on your goal – there are lots of Aged Care Cert III courses available across Australia, but if you dream of becoming a nurse then you’ll need to go to uni to study nursing.

There’s lots of financial support for people to get into aged care and upskill – check out the Federal Government’s website for lots of resources. There are also lots of nursing scholarships available here.

There are thousands of courses, certificates and degrees available, and finding the right one is up to you. Here are some places to look:

- Your local TAFE – just about every TAFE Campus across Australia offers Aged Care courses.
- Private training providers offer courses in classrooms and online, just search for them on google – “aged care [my location] courses” but remember that unlike TAFE, many of these organisations are designed to make money, not just train students. Private providers often offer more flexible learning and a higher level of student support.
- Complete a nursing degree – just about every university offers nursing so search for degrees in your preferred location.

Resources –
Seek Learning
Student Edge
Blog – 7 things no one told you about working in aged care
Work in Corrections

Corrections and Custodial Officers work in correctional facilities, courts, and the community to ensure the various state Departments of Justice are able to secure offenders and assist in their rehabilitation.

Working on The Inside

Working within the prison system can be complex, challenging and rewarding. If you’re someone with maturity and the ability to deal with lots of different types of people, your work will help offenders rehabilitate and reintegrate into society.

As the Victorian Corrections Website states – ‘It's Important Work’.

There are lots of roles that cover work in prisons and in the community. Community corrections officers tend to focus on rehabilitation and supervision which helps break the cycle of reoffending, while prison officers work within correctional facilities to secure and rehabilitate offenders. You could also choose to work in youth justice or as an Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

Why work in corrections?
Because it’s not your average day job. You’ll earn a competitive salary and usually have work flexibility, plus there are lots of opportunities for promotion and advancement. You’ll get to work with a close-knit team, and it will be rewarding to see prisoners improve and rehabilitate throughout their time in custody. Lastly, you’ll be contributing to a safer and more just society.

Salary range: According to Payscale, the average wage is around $65k-$70k per year.

Job Prospects: Job growth has been strong and is predicted to remain very strong. It’s worth noting that all jobs are public service jobs, and therefore very secure.

Qualifications Required: Each state has its own individual training procedures, but in general you can expect to undertake a short induction course (around 10-12 weeks) as soon as you join, then you will complete the Cert III Correctional Practice before becoming a permanent officer. Check details with your state before applying.

Indeed Department of Corrections Factsheet

What does the selection process look like?
While each state has its own selection process, you can expect to do the following:

- Fill in a lengthy application, including sending copies of identity documents like your Driver’s Licence, and proof you’ve completed things like First Aid
- Take a few tests, including a psychological assessment
- Undergo a selection interview
- Undergo character suitability checks
- Have a pre-employment medical exam and fitness test
- And have your work references checked
Here’s how to get started
Check out the corrections department for your state or territory and learn about their roles and application process.

Life experience is a must for many corrections roles, so if you need to build life experience before you can apply then take part in community events and complete activities with a range of different groups of people.

When the time comes to apply, simply apply directly to the service you wish to work with.

- Careers in Justice NSW
- Corrections Jobs Victoria
- Custodial Operations Queensland
- Corrections Careers Northern Territory
- Corrections South Australia
- Corrective Services Western Australia
- Tasmanian Prison Service
8. Certificate II in Aircraft Line Maintenance

MEA20515 CERTIFICATE II IN AIRCRAFT LINE MAINTENANCE
SCHOOL TO WORK PATHWAY

Click here to find out more
9. Defence Careers Information Session

Submariner Focus

DEFENCE CAREERS INFORMATION SESSION
SUBMARINER FOCUS

Considering a career with the Navy, Army or Air Force? Come along to an Information Session to learn more about the roles available in the Australian Defence Force. The Navy, Army and Air Force are now recruiting for a wide range of positions such as Electronics Technician Submariner in the Navy, Communication Systems Operator in the Army and Air Combat Officer in the Air Force. In these jobs you will be able to work with some of the country’s most advanced and highly technical equipment and hardware. You will also receive many great benefits such as free healthcare and subsidised accommodation.

**Date:** Wednesday, 16th May, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
**Where:** The Caloundra RSL, 19 West Terrace, Caloundra  
**RSVP:** Email defencejobsmaroochydore@dfir.com.au Or register online at [http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/ZC61x3/](http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/ZC61x3/)

CALL 13 19 01 OR VISIT DEFENCEJOBS.GOV.AU

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10. University Direct

**Applying to Uni’s in UK & Europe**

University Direct, helps students to choose the right course and submit a winning application to universities in the UK and Europe.

Every student is different and we pride ourselves on a personal tailored approach.

Our website [www.university-direct.com](http://www.university-direct.com) gives details of the program and our services. Information brochures are available to help prospective university applicants to the UK understand the application process and key deadlines.

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The UQ Academic Board have approved changes to the selection process for UQ's Doctor of Medicine (MD) program that will impact current high school students.

These changes will be progressively introduced over the coming years, allowing students ample time to prepare.

**What are the changes?**

There are two main changes to the selection process for the MD Program at UQ:

- The introduction of a [Mini Multiple Interview](#) as part of the selection process (only impacting current Year 10 students, or younger)
- The introduction of prerequisite courses to ensure students are well prepared for the first two years of the program (impacting all students)

**Why the change?**

Our revised admission process is designed to ensure the highly sought-after places in the MD program are offered to applicants who demonstrate the attributes and abilities most suited to the profession of medicine, and most likely to succeed in the MD program.

We aim to select applicants who are representative of the populations we serve and whose goals align with our vision:

- **Critical scientific thinkers**: Our graduates are research literate and curious. A significant proportion pursue clinical academic careers, expanding the boundaries of knowledge in their field.
- **Socially accountable**: They are champions for integrating patient care and committed to improving health disparities in their communities. As patient-centred professionals, our graduates practice values-based medicine.
- **Global leaders in health care**: Our graduates are actively engaged in improving the quality of patient care and public health globally. They are effective team players, bringing skills in leadership and innovation to improve health care in their communities.

**Questions?**

Contact UQ Admissions on [admissions@uq.edu.au](mailto:admissions@uq.edu.au)
12. Indigenous High School Students Camp at UQ

**InspireU**

InspireU brings Indigenous High School kids onto campus at UQ over the school holidays with the aim to inspire the University pathway. Students are given a holistic experience of University life and are led by current Indigenous University students through the area of study the student is interested. Further information is available at https://atsis.uq.edu.au/future-students/inspireu-programs

Camp dates:

**July 1-6 – Business & Health Sciences**

**July 8-13 – Education**

The University of Queensland is currently home to 380 Indigenous students. InspireU aims to give Indigenous High School students an opportunity to explore the opportunity of studying at one of Australia’s finest Universities. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit (ATSISU) creates a ‘community’ away from home where students can feed off each other’s success. InspireU attendees are connected to the ATSISU and current students to learn how to navigate University and gain an understanding of how to enter University.

**ATSISU will cover all reasonable costs for the camp including flights, accommodation and meals.**

Did you know – UQ offers an alternative entry program for Indigenous students? https://atsis.uq.edu.au/future-students/alternative-entry

Applications close May 18.

13. Tertiary Studies EXPO 2018

The 37th annual 2018 Tertiary Studies Expo and Queensland Work & Skills Expo are fast approaching, next month at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

These events are held over two days to offer students that are planning their pathway from education to employment the latest information on tertiary studies, further training, courses, career options and job opportunities from a wide range of exhibitors based throughout Australia and also overseas.

For more information go to: [http://www.careersevent.com/tsxpo/](http://www.careersevent.com/tsxpo/)
14. WANTED: Social Savvy Students

The 37th annual Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) and QLD Work & Skills Expo are once again looking for students to represent their respected schools as digital media volunteers during the event in July.

The volunteer who builds the most hype across social media for the event will win a $100 Coles Myer gift card plus four runners-up will receive a $50 EVENT CINEMA VOUCHER!

This may be of interest to senior students interested in a career in marketing, events, media, PR, advertising or communications to liaise with Australia’s leading universities, employers, training colleges, government departments and VET providers.

Specific to senior school students planning to attend the event in Brisbane over the weekend of 21 & 22 July. Go to our website CareersEvent.com/TSXPO to complete the competition application.

Each of the students involved will receive a certificate for their time spent assisting us. We have been told in the past that this is an invaluable reference to add to resumes and applications as students move from education to employment.

To download the competition poster for distribution and further event details, please click the link below.

Please note the key points below:

- The competition is open to students in Year 10, 11 and 12 only.
- As students will be posting about the event on their own, personal, social media accounts it is recommended privacy is set to public for the week to reach a greater audience and increase the buzz the posts could attract.
- The selected students will be sent a schedule of six posts with suggestions as a minimum guide for Friday evening and the two weekend event days.
- The student must attend the expo for two hours minimum and share their experience on their digital platforms.
In 2017, over 26,100 people attended TSXPO over the two days, making this an incredible opportunity for students to get involved.

To enter, students must fill out the enquiry form to register their details and explain why they’d make a great ambassador for the event. The terms and conditions are linked below the form on our website.

REGISTRATION

15. East Coast Apprenticeships

Current Vacancies

For more information about specific vacancies please contact your local branch and speak to one of our Employment Consultants.

For current updates of vacancies, programs, etc. visit our website

www.ecapprenticeships.com.au

www.ecapprenticeships.com.au
Strathpine (Head Office) 07 3881 3166
Brisbane South 07 3219 3244
Burpengary 07 3888 1000
Sunshine Coast 07 5479 4711
Bundaberg 07 4152 7333

How to Apply To apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship, complete the Online Application Form on our website.

Applying for a current vacancy? Quote the "Vacancy Reference #" in your initial Application Form or if you’ve already applied, in the Specific Job Application Form.

Applying online is mobile friendly but you will need to submit a resume. If you don’t have access to your resume on your mobile please send your resume to applications@ecapprenticeships.com.au
16. STUDY AT MELBOURNE
Webinars
Students may prepare for uni by registering for our course specific live webinars. This is their chance to find out first-hand what it’s like to study at Melbourne! They can also connect with staff and students from across the uni during the webinar to ask questions.

Check out the webinars available below, and register for those that interest them.

We encourage those unable to watch the webinar live to register anyway, as we will send out a follow up email with links to the recording to watch when it suits them.

Register Now

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Please note: All webinars are promoted in Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).
17. TRADE vs UNIVERSITY

You have probably heard the stories. Some of you may even remember it. Years ago when flared pants were the rage, petrol priced in cents per gallon and we listened to vinyl through headphones – high school students were streamed. Yes, streamed! Towards the middle years, some were syphoned off into trade school or an apprenticeship; some stayed a little longer to get into a bank job, and fewer still, remained to complete their secondary studies and compete for a place at university.

But that was when life seemed simpler, and jobs more bountiful.

In more recent years a shift in manufacturing and government policies saw trade schools close their doors and universities throw theirs open. Public perception shifted from 'Get a trade' to 'Get a Degree', and more people did just that in the belief it would secure them a better career.

But is the tide of perception turning once again?

Today it seems that apprenticeships are like gold and degrees a dime a dozen. These perceptions are not necessarily fair or accurate; but both streams are now competing for talent and because students must now stay longer in secondary school, that talent is from the same pool.

So the debate is on. Trade versus University?

This is a great debate to explore with your students and in their article from 25th January 2017, Trade versus University: a breakdown of employability, costs and earning potential, Lauren Ahwan and Melanie Burgess of News Corp Australia do just that. The statistics might just surprise you and would be a great starting point for class discussion.

Employability – (Statistics from 2014)
University graduates employed - 68.8% (full time within four months)
Apprentice and trainee graduates employed - 84.1% (full time on completion)

Student Debt and Earnings
University fees (depending on degree and institution) - $6000 to $10 000 a year.
Apprenticeships – paid for by the employer.
Apprentices on award rates earn from $12.78 an hour (first-year) to $20.07 an hour (fourth-year)

Graduate Salaries (2015)
Median starting salary for a bachelor degree graduate (full-time) - $56 000
Median starting income of a VET graduate (full-time) - $56 000 to $59 000

However...

Employability is important, very important. But what is often lost in the debate is that it’s not always about earnings and graduate salaries. Working at what we enjoy often outweighs the monetary gain, and some of our students just won’t be cut out for either the physical demands of a trade or the intellectual demands of a degree. Many just won’t be interested in either. As career educators we need to be alert to the needs of all of our students.

Work-Ready Suggestions for your students

• Look out for our Case Profiles to be uploaded onto the Work-Ready website in the very near future, where young adults talk about their studies, training and career experiences.
• The student activities ‘Consider Your Job Fit’ and ‘What influences your career pathway decisions’ in the UNDERSTANDING WORK module will give students some idea of the type of work they might be cut out for. (Under what conditions would they be happiest and work best?)

• Adapt the Research Assignment in Career Pathways to interview a person who has completed a trade, and one who has completed a degree.

You can read the full article from Lauren Ahwan and Melanie Burgess here:


18. Dates For Your Diary

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