

# Scotch College

## Future Pathways

### News

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## Course & Campus Information:



### Focus on Melbourne Information Sessions

Over the months of May and June, the University of Melbourne will be hosting a series of **Information Sessions** focusing on undergraduate study and pathways information. Students will have the opportunity to deep dive into their study interests and learn more about how they can create a degree based on their passions and strengths, and also learn about the many career possibilities that lie ahead. **Registrations are essential, and students can book one or more of these sessions at [Focus on Melbourne](#).**

<b>Focus On Music</b>	Tuesday 21 May	6:00 – 8:00pm
<b>Focus On Agriculture</b>	Wednesday 22 May	6:00 – 8:00pm
<b>Focus On Biomedicine</b>	Tuesday 28 May	6:00 – 8:00pm
<b>Focus On Commerce</b>	Wednesday 29 May	6:00 – 8:00pm
<b>Focus On Information Technology</b>	Wednesday 29 May	6:00 – 8:00pm
<b>Focus On Arts</b>	Thursday 30 May	6:00 – 8:00pm
<b>Focus On Law</b>	Monday 3 June	6:00 – 8:00pm
<b>Focus On Engineering</b>	Tuesday 4 June	6:00 – 8:00pm
<b>Focus On Design</b>	Wednesday 5 June	6:00 – 8:00pm
<b>Focus On Education</b>	Wednesday 5 June	6:00 – 8:00pm
<b>Focus On Fine Arts</b>	Thursday 6 June	6:30 – 8:30pm
<b>Focus On Science</b>	Thursday 6 June	6:00 – 8:00pm



## **Medicine Information Evening - Webinar**

Explore medicine at UQ. This is an invaluable chance for students to delve into UQ's renowned [Doctor of Medicine](#) program. Participants will hear from the Faculty of Medicine staff, UQ alumni and current students on the changing medical climate, how to apply for medicine at UQ, and tips for success.

**Date:** Tuesday 30 April 2024

**Time:** 6.00pm—7.30pm AEST

Registration for this virtual event is essential – visit [Medicine Information Evening](#).



## **Access Monash Online Seminars**

These Online Seminars are led by experienced Access Monash mentors, giving students valuable first-hand insight into the university. Mentors provide handy tips and tricks and insider knowledge to assist students in their decision-making for the future.

The following seminars will take place on Wednesday evenings in May and are open to Year 11 and 12 students. **Registration is essential – register [here](#).**

<b>Medicine and Biomedical Science Panel</b>	Wednesday 1 May 2024 at 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
<b>Nursing, Midwifery and Health Sciences Panel</b>	Wednesday 8 May 2024 at 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
<b>Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Panel</b>	Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
<b>Science Student Panel</b>	Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm



## **Studying Sports Media at Holmesglen Institute**

Holmesglen Institute offers the [Bachelor of Sports Media](#) at its Chadstone Campus. This course has been designed to nurture students that aspire to work in the *sports media industry*.

The course has four streams: sport, media, journalism, and communications. Graduates are

equipped to work in a variety of roles with sports leagues and clubs, sports media organisations, media organisations and sports agencies.

The course offers significant applied learning opportunities where students function as consultants to sporting organisations developing the skills required by industry. The experienced academic staff have extensive industry experience in journalism, marketing, communications, public relations, broadcasting, business, and sponsorship. The facilities used for the course include access to a television studio, radio booth and video equipment.



### **Career in Nuclear Medicine Technology**

According to the [Your Career](#) website, **Nuclear Medicine Technologists** perform or assist in performing diagnostic examinations using radionuclides and radiopharmaceuticals, and administer radionuclides and radiopharmaceuticals for therapeutic purposes under the direction of Specialist Medical Practitioners. In other words, **Nuclear Medicine Technologists** are highly skilled *medical imaging experts* that use radioactive materials to diagnose physiological and metabolic changes within the body and treat diseases - [Good Careers Guide](#).

This profession is best suited to people who -

- ✓ have an interest and aptitude in science.
- ✓ are able to work accurately.
- ✓ have a responsible and patient nature.
- ✓ have a sympathetic and understanding approach.
- ✓ are able to work independently or as part of a team.

Nuclear medicine technologists may perform the following tasks:

- Maintain and operate equipment such as gamma cameras and computing systems to acquire images and process and analyse patient data.
- Prepare and administer radiopharmaceuticals that demonstrate the function of organs in the body.
- Deliver findings of procedures to medical practitioners.
- Provide diagnosis and treatment for cancer patients.
- Perform laboratory procedures, including blood and specimen collection and quality control testing.
- Make sure that radioactive materials are handled, stored and disposed of in a safe manner.
- Perform routine quality control and testing procedures on instrumentation, radiopharmaceuticals, data, images and computing systems.
- Initiate and participate in research programmes and in the development of new techniques.

In Victoria students can study the [Bachelor of Applied Science \(Medical Radiations\)](#) at RMIT University, and Nuclear Medicine is one of the streams students can choose to specialise in.

## **Diploma Pathways to Business, IT & Engineering**

Federation University offers three *Higher Education Diplomas* that build a strong foundation for further studies. Successful completion ensures students can enter second year of their associated Federation degree, keeping them on the same timeline as their peers.

1. Successful completion of the [Diploma of Business \(Higher Education\)](#) guarantees entry into the second year of the [Bachelor of Business](#).
2. Successful completion of the [Diploma of Information Technology \(Higher Education\)](#) guarantees entry into the second year of the [Bachelor of Information Technology](#).
3. Successful completion of the [Diploma of Engineering \(Higher Education\)](#) guarantees entry into the second year of any of the four Bachelor of Engineering degrees offered at Federation University:

[Bachelor of Engineering \(Civil\) \(Honours\)](#)

[Bachelor of Engineering \(Electrical and Information Engineering\) \(Honours\)](#)

[Bachelor of Engineering \(Mechanical\) \(Honours\)](#)

[Bachelor of Engineering \(Mining\) \(Honours\)](#)



## Arts Degrees in Victoria in 2024

Most universities in Victoria offer an Arts degree, and many of these are listed below. Students should note that the prerequisite VCE subject for most Arts degrees is only an English or EAL. For a comprehensive list of courses (including the many double-degree options) on offer at universities, visit [VTAC](https://www.vtac.edu.au).

INSTITUTION	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2024	ATAR 2024
<b><a href="#">ACU</a></b> M – Melbourne Campus	Business studies, Criminology, Drama, Economics, English, History, Mathematics, Media, Music, Philosophy, Politics and International Relations, Psychology, Sociology, Study of Religions/Theological Studies, Visual arts.	58.80 (M)
<b><a href="#">DEAKIN</a></b> G – Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus M – Melbourne Campus	Animation (minor only), Anthropology, Arabic, Chinese, Criminology, Design thinking (minor only), Education, English - children's literature, English - creative writing, English - literature, Film and television studies, Gender and sexuality studies, History, Indigenous studies, Indonesian, International relations, Media and communication, Media studies, Performing arts, Philosophy, Politics and policy studies, Public relations studies, Religious studies, Social media, Sociology, Spanish, Sport and society (minor only), Sport journalism, Strategic advertising, Visual arts and photography, Visual communication design, Web design (minor only).	62.60 (G) 60.00 (M)
<b><a href="#">FEDERATION UNI</a></b> B – Berwick Campus G – Gippsland Campus MH – Mount Helen Campus	Behavioural studies, Community Work, Criminal Justice, Education, Entrepreneurship, History, Indigenous Studies, Literature, Marketing, Media and Screen Studies, Sociology, Visual Arts, Web Project Development, Writing.	50.35 (B) 56.65 (G) 50.45 (MH)
<b><a href="#">LA TROBE</a></b> M – Melbourne Campus	Aboriginal studies, Anthropology, Archaeological and heritage studies, Asian studies, Chinese studies, Classics and ancient history, Creative and professional writing, Crime, justice and legal studies, Digital media, English, Environmental humanities, Ethics and social justice, French studies, Gender, sexuality and diversity studies, Greek studies, Hindi studies, History, Human geography, International studies, Italian studies, Japanese studies, Linguistics (Melbourne and Online), Philosophy (Melbourne and Online), Politics, Psychological science, Sociology, Spanish studies, Sustainability and development, Visual cultures.	60.65 (M)
<b><a href="#">MONASH</a></b> Ca – Caulfield Campus CL – Clayton Campus	Anthropology, Archaeology and ancient history, Arts, Behavioural studies (minor), Bioethics (minor), Chinese studies, Communications and media studies, Criminology, Critical performance studies (minor), Economics, European languages (French, German, Italian, or Spanish and Latin American), Film and screen studies, Gender studies, Global Asia, Health humanities, History, Holocaust and genocide studies (minor), Human geography, Human rights, Humanities, Indigenous cultures and histories, Indonesian studies, International relations, International studies, Japanese studies, Jewish studies (minor), Journalism, Korean studies, Languages, Linguistics and English language, Literary studies, Music, Philosophy, Politics, Psychology, Social science, Sociology.	72.00 (Ca) 75.05 (Cl)
<b><a href="#">SWINBURNE</a></b> H – Hawthorn Campus  ** <a href="#">Professional Degree</a>	Climate and social justice, Criminology, Ethics and technology, Indigenous studies, Literature and creative writing, Perspectives on globalisation, Politics power and technology, Screen studies and popular culture.	57.70 (H) n/p (H)**
<b><a href="#">UNI MELBOURNE</a></b> P – Parkville Campus	Ancient world studies, Anthropology, Arabic studies, Art history, Asian studies, Chinese societies (minor), Chinese studies, Classics, Creative writing, Criminology, Development studies (minor), Digital studies (minor), Economics, English and theatre studies, English language studies (minor), Environmental studies (minor), European studies (minor), French studies, Gender studies, Geography, German studies, Hebrew and Jewish studies, History, History and philosophy of science, Indigenous studies, Indonesian studies, Islamic studies, Italian studies, Japanese societies (minor), Japanese studies, Knowledge and learning (minor), Korean studies (minor), Law and justice (minor), Linguistics and applied linguistics, Media and communications, Medieval and early modern studies (minor), Philosophy, Politics and international studies, Psychology, Russian studies, Screen and cultural studies, Sociology, South Asian studies (minor), Spanish and Latin American studies.	87.00 (P)
<b><a href="#">VICTORIA UNI</a></b> FP – Footscray Park Campus	Communication Studies, Digital Media, History, Literary Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Visual Art, Writing.	n/p (FP)



## **Universities in Western Australia**

There are *five* universities in Western Australia, one of which – the University of Western Australia – is a member of the [Group of Eight](#) universities.

### **1. Curtin University**

**Curtin University** is a large multi-cultural university. It has a strong commitment to international engagement with Australia's third largest international student population. It maintains campuses in Malaysia and Singapore while also conducting face-to-face teaching in a number of countries. This cultural diversity adds a rich and valuable dimension to its campus atmosphere and also prepares the graduates to live and work in an increasingly global environment.

Curtin is also fundamentally committed to providing regional education within Western Australia through a number of campuses and education centres spread across the state, but also has a campus in Sydney where it offers a range of business courses. Curtin University recently introduced undergraduate medicine.

Visit [Curtin University](#) to find out more.

### **2. Edith Cowan University (ECU)**

Established in 1991, **Edith Cowan University (ECU)** is a large multi-campus institution serving communities in Western Australia and a significant cohort of international students. ECU is considered a pioneer in the development of alternative entry pathways to higher education, helping Western Australians reach their potential.

Visit [Edith Cowan University \(ECU\)](#) to find out more.

### **3. Murdoch University**

**Murdoch University** has more than 18,000 students and 1,400 staff with a desire to discover, use their imaginations and ultimately make a difference. There are over 200 undergraduate degrees and postgraduate courses offered across a range of disciplines, including *Veterinary Science, Law, Education, Psychology, Business, Security Terrorism and Counterterrorism* and *Nursing*. The university is recognised for excellent teaching, ground-breaking research and high student satisfaction rating.

Find out more at [Murdoch University](#).

### **4. University of Western Australia (UWA)**

The **University of Western Australia (UWA)** has very high-quality undergraduates and this is underpinned by the fact that the proportion of UWA graduates accepted into full-time employment within five months of completing their course is the highest of all Western Australian universities and among the highest in Australia. UWA offers graduate Medicine.

Visit [University of Western Australia \(UWA\)](#) to find out more.

### **5. University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA)**

The **University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA)** was founded through an Act of the Parliament of Western Australia in December 1989, and now has over 7000 students enrolled on its three campuses in Fremantle, Sydney, and Broome. UNDA offers graduate medicine, and it is offered at both the Fremantle and Sydney campuses.

Visit [University of Notre Dame Australia \(UNDA\)](#) to find out more.

## **Monash | Discover Information Technology**

April 24, 2024

Discover what it's like to study Information Technology at Monash. Hear from our course directors, current students and alumni about their experiences studying with the Faculty of Information Technology. Discover how you can tailor your studies to suit your interests and have your questions answered by our staff to find the IT degree that's right for you and your future!

[Find out more](#)

## **ANU | Early Entry Application Q&A**

May 7, 2024

An opportunity to get your last minute questions about our direct entry application answered by staff from admissions and accommodation before applications close on 13 May 2024.

They will answer commonly asked questions, and there will be time for you to ask your own – come prepared with any questions you might have!

[Find out more](#)

## **Torrens University | Virtual Open Day**

May 7 to May 9, 2024

Ready for the next step on your career journey? Join us online as our academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, internships and what sets us apart from other universities.

- Design and Creative Technology: Tuesday 7 May – 6 – 7pm (AEST)
- Health and Education: Wednesday 8 May – 6 – 7pm (AEST)
- Business and Hospitality: Thursday 9 May – 6 – 7pm (AEST)

[Find out more](#)

## **JMC Academy | May 2024 Open Day**

May 11, 2024

Come and see why JMC Academy is Australia's leading tertiary Creative Industries provider.

Things to do at Open Day:

- Tour our world-class facilities and tech
- Explore your creative future in our hands-on workshops
- Meet our current students and industry expert lecturers
- Check out live student performances
- See creativity come to life with course demonstrations
- Build your creative network
- Speak to student admissions

[Find out more](#)

## **The Hotel School | Industry Insights, Melbourne**

May 11, 2024

Join us for an exclusive behind the scenes look at life working in the hotel and event industry. Gain insights of W Melbourne through the eyes of a hospitality and events professional. Find out what it is like to work in this dynamic environment by immersing yourself in the behind the scenes operations of a luxury hotel.

You are invited to this unique, fully interactive experience where you will meet professionals of key hotel departments and have an opportunity to understand their roles. This event is perfect for those wanting a better understanding of the complexities and depth of hospitality careers.

[Find out more](#)

## **AIE | Open Day**

May 25, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on **Sat 25 May 2024**. This event will be held at AIE Campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Adelaide from 10am to 3pm.

AIE's Open Day is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff and students. The day will cover everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer – from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

AIE's Open Day will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

[Find out more](#)

## **The Hotel School | Melbourne Open Campus 2024**

June 22, 2024

Join us for a day filled with excitement and exploration at our University Open Campus, where you'll get to experience life as a student at The Hotel School. Here's what awaits you:

- Experience studying at THS firsthand by participating in a special Masterclass
- Meet The Hotel School team and explore our diverse range of courses and application process
- Discuss career opportunities with the Work Integrated Learning team
- Connect with our current students and fellow attendees
- Enjoy light refreshments

[Find out more](#)



## **Discover Health and Medicine at ACU Melbourne**

July 2, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Take part in hands-on workshops in these course areas:

- Biomedical Science
- Exercise and Sports Science
- Allied Health

[Find out more](#)

## **Enter the World of Le Cordon Bleu Careers Residential, Melbourne**

July 3 to July 5, 2024

We're opening our doors to high school students in Years 11 & 12, to experience a 'day in the life' at one of the world's leading culinary and hospitality institutions to provide a taste of what a future career in global hospitality will be like.

Meet lecturers and Le Cordon Bleu professionals, hear from industry experts, discover what Le Cordon Bleu hospitality management degree programmes involve and experience hands-on culinary arts with our chefs.

[Find out more](#)

## **Discover Law, Business and Criminology at ACU Melbourne**

July 4, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

All rise, interactive workshops are now in session. Learn about our law, business and criminology courses, and associated double degrees. Discover what it takes to become a respected and ethical corporate professional for the modern world.

[Find out more](#)

## **Discover Nursing at ACU Melbourne**

July 10, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Learn how nurses work at the forefront of patient care, and experience how they save lives by taking part in an interactive experience and explore our state-of-the-art simulation labs.

[Find out more](#)

## **Discover Paramedicine at ACU Melbourne**

July 10, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

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

[Find out more](#)

## AIT | Open Day

July 13, 2024

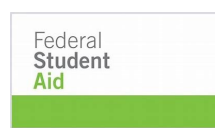
AIT's Open Day is perfect for those wanting to explore the endless opportunities available in the growing creative industries. This fun and interactive day is a great way to get further information on our curriculum, course requirements and study pathways. Our friendly staff & students will also be there to talk to and get advice from.

On the day you can expect to:

- Learn about our degrees in film, 2D and 3D animation, game design, and IT.
- Hear more about careers and study paths.
- Take a tour of our campus.
- Lunch included on the day.

[Find out more](#)

## Study:



### **Financial Aid and Scholarships to Study in the USA**

*Scholarships are gifts. They don't need to be repaid. There are thousands of them, offered by schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, communities, religious groups, and professional and social organizations.*

Students often ask about scholarships to study in the USA, so browsing the following link might be of use - [Finding and Applying for Scholarships | Federal Student Aid](#).

### **Resources to help with Year 10 subject selection**

Are you heading into senior school and needing to select the subjects you'll be taking in those crucial final years? We know it can all seem a bit daunting – that's why we've put together some useful resources to help with your Year 10 subject selection options. Take a look.

#### **Before you do anything else...**

First of all, we recommend you ask your teachers what information your school provides. They've been doing this for a long time and have probably heard any question you could possibly ask, so they'll more than likely have heaps of ways they can help.

You might also like to read former Australian Chief Scientist [Alan Finkel's advice to Julie in Year 10](#). It could put you in the right mindset and help you prioritise better.

#### **Resources to help with Year 10 subject selection**

There are lots of experts out there with information and tools that could help you with subject selection. If think you need more guidance, check these resources out.

## Tertiary Admission Centres (TACs)

As the people in charge of university admissions, TACs have lots of information that can help you choose the right subjects for your dream degree. Take a look at these resources:

- QTAC publishes the [My Path Guide for Year 10 Students](#) – scroll down to find the link to download the most recent version.
- UAC's [Steps to Uni Guide](#) provides a handy list of things to go through when considering your subjects. You can also check out [Subject Compass](#) tool, which can help match subjects with your interests and future study preferences.
- VTAC has a handy [Year 10 Guide](#) that goes through tertiary study options, ATARs, prerequisites, scaling, and more.
- SATAC provides information for [students in Years 10 and 11](#).
- TISC will be publishing their Guide to University Admission 2027 in May – keep an eye out for it [here](#) (look under the tab called “WACE Students”).
- UTAS have information on their website for [students in Year 10 and below](#), plus more handy info on their [ATAR admissions page](#).

## Universities

Lots of universities provide information about Year 10 subject selection and pathways to university. Here are a few that we've found:

- The University of Queensland's [Year 10 Subject Selection Guide](#)
- The University of Sydney's [Year 10 Guide 2025](#)
- Curtin's [Year 10 Guide](#)
- JCU's [Information for Year 10 Students Brochure](#)
- Deakin's [Guide to University for Year 10 Students](#)
- ACU's article [How to choose what to study in years 11 and 12](#)
- Notre Dame's [Year 10 Subject Guide](#)
- Monash's [Guide to Entry for Year 10 Students](#)
- Charles Sturt's [Year 10 student resources](#), including their guide and careers quiz

Keep in mind some of this information is only relevant for gaining entry to a course at the university that made the guide, so make sure you check prerequisites and advice available for any other specific courses and institutions you have in mind.

Calling the future students office at individual universities with any questions can also be a great way to help you decide on which subjects to take.

## Education Departments

All education departments provide resources for Year 10 subject selection, but you're best speaking directly with your school for more detailed information. Nonetheless, it could still be worth taking a peek at the information provided by other states too – they sometimes have resources you might find more appealing or informative.

- QCAA's [planning your pathway](#) page has loads of information about the Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan
- Learn about the [Exploring Identities and Futures](#) (EIF) subject you'll study as part of your SACE, or check out their [Subject Planner](#)
- NESA provides [advice for students choosing HSC courses](#), as well as information on the compulsory [HSC: All My Own Work program](#)
- Get a copy of WA's SCSA [Year 10 Information Handbook](#)

- Tasmania’s DECYP have produced a [Year 11 and 12 Student Guide](#) which might answer some of your questions

### **Still need more information?**

Each year at Study Work Grow, we put together a handy guide and workbook to walk you through the subject selection process and take away the pressure. You can purchase a copy from our [bookshop](#), or if your school has a membership, you can grab them from your Pathways Hub.

We also have lots of other blogs on study on our website [here](#).

### **What is an undergraduate certificate?**

If you’re researching your future study options, you may have come across a qualification called an undergraduate certificate. But what are they, and why might you like to take one? We’ll answer those questions and more in this blog.

### **So what exactly is an undergraduate certificate?**

An undergraduate certificate is a fairly new type of degree, first introduced in 2013. It’s an introductory qualification that takes 6 months to complete, and is typically used as a pathway into a further qualification or jobs that don’t require a “full” degree.

Undergraduate certificates can cover content between Levels 5 to 7 on the [Australian Qualifications Framework](#). This is the same level as anything from a Diploma to a Bachelor Degree.

### **But doesn’t “undergraduate” refer to Bachelor Degrees?**

You’ve probably already heard the term undergraduate before, particularly when discussing university degrees. And while Bachelor Degrees are often referred to as “undergraduate degrees”, this is because undergraduate is just an umbrella term for **any kind of qualification you can study straight out of school**. So even Certificates and Diplomas are technically undergraduate courses!

The opposite term, postgraduate, means you must already have a degree to qualify for entry.

### **Why would you study an undergraduate certificate?**

There are quite a few reasons you might like to study an undergraduate certificate – let’s see what they are.

#### **They have lower entry requirements**

If you have your heart set on a particular course but don’t meet the entry requirements, all is not lost. Undergraduate certificates usually have lower entry requirements than a Bachelor Degree, and are a great pathway into one.

#### **They’re short**

Another benefit of an undergraduate certificate is that they only take 6 months to complete. So if you’re using one as a pathway to further study, you don’t have to worry about falling behind – and if you’re keen to jump into your dream job, you can do it even quicker.

#### **They give you a taste of what’s to come**

Maybe you’re still unsure whether or not you’ll *really* enjoy a specific course. Why not enrol in an undergraduate certificate first? You’ll cover the same kinds of content you would in a

full Bachelor Degree, so you can use the opportunity to see if it's something you like before committing to years of additional study (and fees).

### **They're flexible**

And not just because of their duration – most undergraduate certificates can be studied online, meaning you don't have to move towns to access higher education. Plus, this makes them easy to fit around other commitments you might already have, like part-time work.

### **They're perfect for upskilling**

If you're already working in a particular job or field and want to climb the ladder, undergraduate qualifications are a great way to boost your skills and knowledge. This can help you specialise in a niche area, take on extra responsibilities, or even start in a whole new role.

### **Find course options**

Curious to learn more about your options when it comes to undergraduate certificates? You can find information on heaps of available courses through [Course Seeker](#), including entry requirements, institutions, delivery mode, and more.

### **Learn more**

You can read heaps of other blogs on university study, qualifications, pathway options, and more on our website [here](#).

## **Jobs:**

### **So, you've got a Job Interview for a Part-Time Job?**

#### **Remember these five things:**

- 1. Don't try too hard** – be relaxed, be sincere, be yourself
- 2. Attitude and appearance** – behave and dress in a way that brings out the best in you at the interview
- 3. Be confident** – to impress, behave in a sure, confident manner
- 4. Be positive** – smile, be the best you can be, don't be negative
- 5. Do your research** – read up about the company you hope to get a job with and don't be afraid to drop into the conversation a little something you already know about them

## **How to become a Librarian**

Librarians develop and organise collections of information, such as books and electronic records, and also play an important role in helping people to find the information they are looking for. Librarians can work in a variety of settings, including public libraries, academic libraries, school libraries, archives, museums, and more.

If you are curious and inquisitive, have great organisational and communication skills, and want a career that is always changing and evolving, becoming a librarian could be perfect for you.

### **What skills do I need as a librarian?**

- Organised & efficient
- Great communicator
- Likes to work indoors
- Helpful & patient
- Quick thinking & adaptable
- Technologically literate
- Great time management skills
- Can work independently and as part of a team

### **What tasks can I expect to do?**

- Classify & catalogue library resources & materials
- Help people access library resources & find information
- Organise & maintain sources of information, such as books, electronic resources, photographs, & newspapers
- Manage library systems, such as loan & archival systems, both digital & analogue
- Source & acquire new additions for the library
- Supervise & train other library staff
- Manage library budgets & resources
- Plan & run library outreach activities & events

### **What industries do librarians typically work in?**

- Information Media & Telecommunications
- Education & Training
- Health Care & Social Assistance

### **What Career Cluster do librarians belong to?**

Because their job involves using their knowledge and skills to educate and advise others, most librarians are [Informers](#).

### **What kind of lifestyle can I expect?**

Most librarians work full-time, though there are some opportunities for part-time and casual work. You will also need to be prepared to work on weekends and occasionally irregular hours.

Most librarians earn an average wage throughout their career.

As a librarian, you will be doing almost all of your work indoors. You'll need to be on-site to do most of your work, so there are few opportunities to work remotely or from home.

### **How to become a librarian**

To become a librarian, you typically need an accredited bachelor or master's degree in library or information science, which includes coursework in information organisation, collection development, reference services, and library management.

Additionally, librarians often receive on-the-job training in specific library systems and technologies. If you want to work as a teacher librarian, you will need to hold formal teaching qualifications as well.

If you're in high school now and are thinking of a career as a librarian in the future, here are some steps you could take:

- Try to find work experience or volunteer in a library, such as at your local public library or university library. This is a great way to gain some basic skills and find out if it's a career you'd like to work in.
- Consider taking short courses and workshops to build on your skills and knowledge.
- Completing a vocational qualification will allow you to work as a library technician or assistant while you up-skill with a university degree.

Find out more here:

- [The Australian Library and Information Association](#)
- [Te Rau Herenga O Aotearoa | Library and Information Association of New Zealand](#)
- [Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals \(UK\)](#)
- [Cumann Leabharlann na hÉireann | Library Association of Ireland](#)
- [American Library Association](#)
- [Canadian Federation of Library Associations | Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques](#)

### **Similar careers to librarian**

- Teacher
- Lawyer
- Administrator
- Curator
- Anthropologist
- Historian
- Interpreter
- Systems Analyst

Find out more about alternative [careers](#).

### **The benefits of networking**

Networking is a term you'll probably hear a lot of through your life, and even more so as you begin working towards a career. But what does networking actually mean, and is it really that important? Let's find out what the benefits of networking are and why you should start as soon as possible.

### **Let's break it down – what is networking?**

Essentially, it's the building of *purposeful* relationships – that is, relationships that can add some form of value to your life (outside of socialising).

Networking at high school might seem a bit different than if you're an already established businessperson, for example. But at the end of the end of the day, it's pretty similar. Actively seeking out and improving relationships beyond your immediate circle counts as networking, no matter how old you are.

### **Build social and professional relationships**

When people hear “networking”, they typically think of a bunch of people in suits meeting in a conference room, shaking hands and swapping business cards. But there really isn't just one way to network – in fact, there are heaps of things that count as networking, even if they don't seem like it.

- Connecting with other students outside your friend zone for study groups, mentoring, sports, etc.? That's networking.
- Developing better relationships with others when you need help, would like to volunteer your time, or get experience? That's networking too.
- Working at MacDonald's for a few hours a week and engaging with other staff members and supervisors? You guessed it – networking.
- Volunteering in an organisation and making an effort to interact with other volunteers and staff, as well as clients or customers? You probably know where this is going...it's networking!

Whenever you make new contacts, share information or ideas, or have meaningful conversations about relevant topics, that's the basic definition of networking. You're probably already networking, you just might not realise it.

### **There are plenty of benefits to networking**

You might be asking yourself why you should bother networking. After all, it's an investment of your time and effort, so what do you get out of it?

Ultimately, there's the possibility that your networking connections could create new opportunities or support you later down the track. For example, one of your links may provide you with:

- a great reference
- a recommendation for a job
- the chance to join a team or project that you're interested in
- an opportunity to learn skills that add value to your resume
- the chance to become a more competitive candidate in courses or job applications thanks to the knowledge, ideas, or information you learn from them.

When you're looking for work, from internships to promotions, many positions are filled internally (that is, they don't even advertise the role to the public). Having strong connections could mean that you'll be the one to benefit in those situations.

Over the course of your career, if you stay focused and keep networking, you'll end up with a large circle of acquaintances. They'll be a great source of knowledge, provide you with up-to-date and relevant information, or might even send new clients and customers your way.

### **What skills can you learn from networking?**

If these benefits aren't enough, maybe knowing that networking can help you build some valuable skills will give you the push you need to start.



- **Communication:** Building relationships and sharing knowledge requires speaking. Learning to communicate with people from different walks of life is a very valuable tool.
- **Active listening:** This is important too – concentrating on what you’re being told, not interrupting, responding thoughtfully, and remembering what was said.
- **Non-verbal communication:** Recognising and understanding unspoken communication such as facial expressions, eye contact, and body language is useful in nearly any career.
- **Public speaking:** Mastering this early could put you at an advantage during interviews and other meetings where making a good and lasting impression is important.
- **Professionalism:** Particularly in a career context, looking the part is key to successful networking. So is being polite, friendly, and thoughtful.
- **Patience:** Just like making new friends, building connections can take time. Even if you’re not successful right away, the more effort you put in, the more you’ll get in return.

### **It’s never too early to start networking**

If you’re still at high school, don’t be shy. Here’s a few simple ideas on how you could start networking, or expanding your existing network, right away.

- **Join clubs:** Find those that reflect your areas of interest or subject choices, or consider signing up to ones that could teach you important skills. This includes anything from sporting clubs and study groups to focused project groups and community groups.
- **Chat with your parents’ friends and parents of your friends:** They are a gold mine of information, with lots of knowledge about careers and educational pathways, amongst other things. They’ll also have connections of their own, which could possibly help you find work experience, a paid job, and more.
- **Maximise opportunities:** Think things like work experience placements, unpaid and volunteer work, or internships. Be professional, interested, and enthusiastic, and take every opportunity to learn from and chat to others in the organisation. You never know where it could lead.
- **Put your social media to good use:** Consider joining [LinkedIn](#), an online platform made especially for networking. Think about connections you’d like to make and businesses you’d like to follow. Don’t be afraid to interact with people you admire or want to learn more about. Just make sure you keep an eye on what you post (or your post history).

By the time you leave high school or graduate from university, you might be surprised at how large your network is.

### **One thing to remember**

Networking is a two-way street – people won’t include you in their circle if you don’t contribute your own ideas and information. Volunteering your services, introducing people to others who might be helpful, or recommending connections and services are all ways you can add value to your relationships.

### **Find out more**

Feel like you're too shy or introverted to reap the benefits of networking? We have some tips to help you get out of your comfort zone and make new connections – check them out in our blog [here](#).

We also have lots of other articles on careers, work, and skills [here](#).

### **[Interested in sport? Consider these careers](#)**

If you eat, sleep, and breathe sports, then you might be considering a career in your favourite field. Right off the bat, most people think, “Great – I’m going to be a professional golfer or a football star.” And while those professions are undoubtedly exciting, they can be difficult to attain. Luckily, they aren’t the only options out there. In fact, careers in sport are just as diverse as the games themselves, with options that include administration, sports science, journalism, and more. So let’s explore some exciting sports-related career paths you might like to consider.

#### **Sports Journalist**

If you have a passion for both sports and writing, sports journalism might be right up your alley. As a sports journalist, you could cover everything from local competitions to professional sports. Plus, you can choose from many different mediums, including print, television, radio, or digital platforms.

#### **Sports Agent**

If you’re a savvy negotiator and enjoy managing relationships, consider becoming a sports agent. An agent’s role is to represent the interests of athletes, assist with contract negotiations, and offer career advice.

#### **Sports Psychologist**

If you love understanding the human mind and how it affects performance, a career in sports psychology could be for you. In this field, you’ll work on improving athletes’ mental health and helping them hone their focus, dealing with performance anxiety, and even overseeing their recovery from injury.

#### **Coach**

Do you have a deep understanding of your sport and enjoy teaching others? Coaching is a fantastic route. As a coach, you could work with athletes of all ages. Your responsibilities would extend far beyond the playing field, to mentoring and guiding athletes toward their goals, both on and off the field.

#### **Fitness and Nutrition Advisor**

With an interest in sports, you’re likely familiar with the importance of proper diet and exercise for optimal performance. As a fitness and nutrition advisor, you’d have the opportunity to guide and instruct athletes on how to maintain a balanced diet and perform exercises that would cater to their specific sports.

### **Sports Physician or Physiotherapist**

Do you have an interest in medicine? Combining that with a love for sports could lead down a rewarding path. Sports physicians and physiotherapists work to treat and prevent injuries in athletes and assist them in their recovery process.

### **Sports Event Planner**

Behind every major sports event lies a team of experts ensuring the program runs smoothly. As a sports event planner, you would coordinate the logistics and manage event operations – a great choice for those with strong organisational skills and attention to detail.

### **Find out more**

Even if you don't make your career on the playing field, there are still so many ways to carry your passion for sports into your professional life. Using a blend of your passion for sports, your knowledge, and your skills, the possibilities are just about endless.

You can learn more about heaps of different careers and pathways on our website [here](#).

## **Health & Wellbeing:**

### **The importance of self-care for high school students**

As a high school student, it's normal to be overwhelmed by the demands of academic work, extracurricular activities, and social obligations. With so much going on, it can be easy to neglect your own needs and wellbeing. But self-care is essential for maintaining good physical, emotional, and mental health – so how can you prioritise it when life is already so full? Let's look at the importance of self-care and see three examples of self-care practices you can incorporate into your daily routine.

#### **What is self-care?**

Self-care involves taking intentional actions to nurture your physical, emotional, and mental health. It can take many forms, such as exercising, getting enough sleep, eating well, practising mindfulness, and seeking support from others.

#### **Why is self-care is important?**

Self-care is crucial for all of us, but particularly for high school students for several reasons:

#### **Reduce stress and anxiety**

High school can be a stressful time, with academic pressure, social challenges, and uncertainty about the future. Practising self-care can help reduce stress and anxiety levels, allowing you to feel more relaxed and focused.

#### **Boost academic performance**

When you feel good, you're better equipped to handle the demands of schoolwork. Regular exercise, healthy eating, and adequate sleep can all improve cognitive function and memory retention, leading to better academic performance.

#### **Improve overall wellbeing**

Self-care can help you feel happier, more confident, and more fulfilled. When you prioritise your own needs and take care of yourself, you'll be better equipped to handle life's challenges and pursue your goals.

### **Three examples of self-care for high school students**

Here are three examples of things you can do to practise self-care in your everyday life.

#### **Exercise**

Regular exercise is one of the most effective ways to improve both physical and mental health. You don't have to be an elite athlete or run a marathon – even simple activities like walking, jogging, or yoga can help you feel more energised, reduce stress levels, and improve your mood.

#### **Mindfulness**

Practising [mindfulness](#) involves being present in the moment and non-judgmentally observing your thoughts and feelings. This can be done through meditation, deep breathing, or simply taking a few minutes to tune out distractions and focus on the present. Mindfulness can help reduce stress, improve concentration, and increase overall wellbeing.

#### **Social support**

Maintaining social connections is essential for our wellbeing. Make time for friends and family, join a club or organisation that aligns with your interests, or seek support from a trusted adult or mental health professional when you need it. Having a strong support network can help you feel more confident and resilient in the face of challenges.

#### **Be kind to yourself**

Remember, there's no 'right' or 'wrong' way to practise self-care. Forcing yourself to do something you don't enjoy will only have the opposite effect – so try out different techniques until you find what works best for you.

You can find more wellbeing tips and advice on our website [here](#).