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# Careers Newsletter

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*"Yesterday I dared to struggle.  
Today I dare to win"*

*(Bernadette Devlin)*



## JobTrainer

*If you are leaving school or looking for work, JobTrainer could be your opportunity to study free or low-fee courses. You can study for an accredited diploma, certificate, or short course. Learn skills for a range of jobs in demand.*

*Through JobTrainer the Government is offering training to people aged 17-24 or out of work and providing support for businesses to retain their apprentices and trainees.*

Students aged 17-24 or out of work, JobTrainer could be an excellent opportunity to study a free or low-fee course.

Applicants can choose from a range of accredited diplomas, certificates, or short courses.

Browse [JobTrainer](#)





## VCE Results and ATAR Service

VCE study scores, ATAR and VTAC Scaled Study Scores will be available to students via the Results and ATAR website and the Results and ATAR app on Wednesday 30 December 2020 at 7.00am. Students will receive a statement of VCE study scores from the VCAA, and those who applied for courses through VTAC this year and have paid their VTAC processing fees, will be sent an ATAR statement in the mail.

Students who wish to receive their results online, will need to register at <https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/applicants.htm> before results are released.

Registrations are already open, and students are encouraged to register soon.

**Note:** To register, students need their VCAA student number and will be requested to choose a secure password on registering.

Students who may have queries *after* they have received their results can contact the **Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS)**

**To speak to an expert -**  
Check the PRAS Blog  
<http://resultsandatar.wordpress.com>

**Telephone:**  
(03) 9032 1717 or toll free 1800 653 080

**E-mail:** [pras@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:pras@edumail.vic.gov.au)

The PRAS will operate on the following days and times:

Wednesday 30 December:	7.00am – 5.00pm
Thursday 31 December:	9.00am – 5.00pm
Friday 1 January 2021:	CLOSED (New Year's Day)
Saturday 2 January:	10.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday 3 January:	10.00am – 4.00pm (end of service)

## Year 12 ATARs, Change of Preference, and Offers

DECEMBER 2020	
1 - 31	VTAC Change of Preference period open
30	Release of VCE results and VTAC ATAR. Students can access results and ATAR online at <a href="https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au">resultsandatar.vic.edu.au</a> from 7.00am
30 - 31	Change of Preference after results released
JANUARY 2021	
1 - 4	Change of Preference after results released
4	<b>Change of Preference closes at 12.00pm for all students wanting a January Round Offer</b>
4 →	VCE Results and ATAR in the mail
7	Offers to <b>International students</b> available on-line on the VTAC website at 2.00pm and <b>emailed</b> to the email address provided to VTAC
14	January (and main) Offers for <b>local students</b> available on-line on the VTAC website at 2.00pm and <b>emailed</b> to the email address provided to VTAC
14 →	Enrolment dates for <b>local students</b> (your specific date will be in your Letter of Offer. <b>If you do not enrol now your place may be given to someone else in the February Offer Rounds</b> )
14 - 21	Change of Preference is open for February Round 1 Offers
21	Change of Preference closes for February Round 1 Offers at 12.00pm
FEBRUARY 2021	
1	February Round 1 Offers at 2.00pm on the VTAC website. In the unlikely event of you getting a February Round Offer, which you prefer, you accept this offer and then reject the January Offer
8 →	Supplementary Offers – only to applicants who have given permission and have not received an offer in a previous round may be eligible to receive a supplementary offer
22 →	Orientation Week at many universities ( <b>specific date will be in your Letter of Offer</b> )
<p>Stay updated by visiting <a href="http://www.vtac.edu.au">www.vtac.edu.au</a></p>	



**Freelancer  
UBER Driver  
Work from home**

**Part-time employment**

**Remember, employers are looking for:**

- ✓ **Skills broader than your discipline**
  - ✓ **Skills more than content**
  - ✓ **Transferability of skills**
  - ✓ **Longevity of skills**
  - ✓ **Analytical skills**
- **So, while at university, set yourself up be the kind of graduate employers are looking for**
  - **Don't assume that a certain qualification only leads to employment with certain companies**
    - **Don't second-guess where the jobs are**

**HOW? VALUE-ADD by doing Work Experience, Industry-based Learning, Overseas Exchange, taking 'breadth' subjects**



## *Low Income Healthcare Card for Australian Students*

*Once you have finished school you are no longer a student and you may be eligible for a **Low Income Health Care Card**. This card gives access to a range of concessions, not only on some health care items but also on a range of other goods and services if you are on a low income.*

*In particular, some TAFE and other short courses offer discounts for cardholders.*

You may also be eligible for public transport concessions (note that if you are studying interstate you are not eligible for public transport concessions in Victoria).

Eligibility for a Low Income Health Care Card is based on YOUR income over the previous 8 weeks. As long as your income is less than \$4,568 over that period (or \$571 per week) you should qualify. You will maintain the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed \$5,710 (or \$713.75 per week) in any 8 week period.

It is highly recommended that all graduating Year 12 students consider applying for this card once the exams are over.

Visit [Low Income Healthcare Card](#) and find out more.



## *Victorian Tunnelling Centre*

*Holmesglen's Drummond Street campus is the site of the Victorian Tunnelling Centre, where local workers will be trained in underground construction and tunnelling.*

The new facility includes a replica mined tunnel and a replica rail/Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) tunnel similar to the Metro Tunnel, with a full-height entrance, two multi-purpose engineering workrooms and training facilities including tunnel shaft and concrete lining spray simulators, as well as virtual reality experiences.

The Australian-first tunnelling training centre will train thousands of workers as part of the Victorian Government's planned rail projects.

Find out more at [Victorian Tunnelling Centre](#)



## University Terminology



When students are looking into university study, they often come across words or terms they are unfamiliar with. So, here are a few of the more commonly used terms to help students understand what is being talked about.

**Associated Degree** – an associate degree is generally a two-year qualification that is made up of two-thirds of a bachelor degree and may be offered by both TAFEs and universities. Students often use this as a steppingstone to the full bachelor's degree

**Assumed knowledge** – refers to subjects the university recommends or prefers a student to have studied at school before starting the course

**ATAR** – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – the figure used by UAC and VTAC to calculate the entrance ranking for a university course

**Bachelor Degree** – the award/qualification a student gains when they have completed studies in an undergraduate course, which takes between 3 or 4 years of full-time study. This is the traditional starting point of a university qualification

**Bridging Course** – an introductory course to help students achieve the preferred entry level to a degree, e.g. a bridging maths course for students who do not have the preferred maths but need it to access a course

**Census Date** – the last day a student can withdraw from their university course and not owe fees

**Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)** – a student's enrolment in a university degree for which the Commonwealth government makes a contribution towards the cost of that student's education (formerly known as a HECS place)

**Credit** – if a student has previously studied – perhaps at TAFE – and has Recognised Prior Learning (RPL), the student may be able to receive credit for a subject or subjects in their course. Also often referred to as *Advanced Standing*

**Double degree** – a student can choose to complete a double degree – this integrates studies in two degrees resulting in an award of two degrees, usually after a minimum of 4 years of study. Often also referred to as *Combined Degrees*

**Defer** – a student may choose to delay starting their course. Deferring an offer of a place might mean delaying for 6, 12, 18 or 24 months. Deferment ensures the student is guaranteed their place in their selected course

**Elective** – a subject that is not core to the degree and is often from another faculty, e.g. a commerce student might choose psychology (from the Arts Faculty) as an elective

**Faculty** – a department within a university devoted to a particular area of study – so, Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science

**FEE-HELP** – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student’s tuition fees for university courses but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% - 25% loan fee applies.

**HECS-HELP** – a loan scheme that assists domestic students with a CSP place to pay their contribution. Students may choose to pay their fees upfront, or choose to defer payment via the HECS-HELP loan scheme

**Honours** – many Bachelor degrees offer a fourth year – called an Honours year. The Honours year allows students to further focus on a particular an area of interest. The Honours year can either be integrated into a 4-year Bachelor degree or be offered as a separate year after completion of a 3-year Bachelor degree

**Lecture** – a period of teaching given by a lecturer to a large group of students in a lecture theatre; can often be as many as 300 students in a lecture

**Major study** – an area within a course that allows in-depth study in a particular field. More than one major may be allowed in some courses

**Minor study** – a grouping of subjects allowing a broader understanding of a few subjects, with less emphasis on in-depth study

**Prerequisite** – a set of conditions – usually a completion of a subject – that must be met before enrollment in a subject or course is allowed.

**SA-HELP** – SA-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay for all or part of their student services and amenities fees – so, non-academic fees

**Transcript** – this is the university academic record each student receives, like a school report

**Tutorial** – a period of teaching given to a small group of students – involving discussion and participation

**Undergraduate** – a student studying at university for a first level degree, e.g. a Bachelor degree

**VET Student Loans** – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student’s tuition fees for TAFE courses, but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% loan fee applies.

**Workplace learning** – practical training in a workplace, such as internships or practical work experience. This is a hands-on experience – some universities call it *Industry Based Learning* or *Work Integrated Learning*

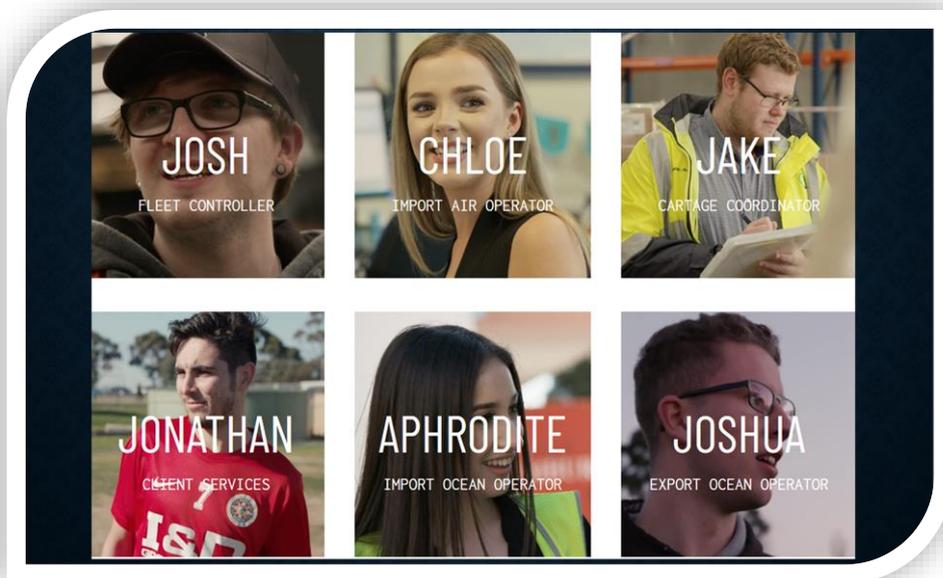


## ***Make Your Move – International Freight, Transport & Logistics***

The International Freight, Transport and Logistics industry in Australia has recently been defined by the Federal Government during the COVID-19 crisis as an "Essential Service".

*Why is this industry so important and essential now to the Australian economic recovery and the health of residents or tourists and how does this impact and highlight career options and pathways for students?*

Watch these micro videos of young trainees and their experience and thoughts about getting into the industry at [www.mymv.org](http://www.mymv.org)



## Change of Preferences Expo

The Good Universities Guide is excited to be hosting its first-ever [Change of Preferences Expo](#) for Year 12 students applying for uni in 2021.

The [Change of Preference Expo](#) will be online, enabling students to connect directly with university staff, regardless of whether you are celebrating your results at the beach, relaxing in between movies or sorting out Christmas shopping. On the day of your event you will have the opportunity to attend webinars or chat directly with institutions via a live chat system to get answers to your questions about university offers.

[Register now](#) so you can have access on the day and to start receiving updates about who will be presenting on the day.

**GOOD EDUCATION MEDIA**

### GOOD UNIVERSITIES GUIDE ONLINE CHANGE OF PREFERENCE EXPO

Join our Change of Preference Expo to discover your options

Ask your Questions directly to Institutions

No matter your ATAR, there are options for you!

**EVENT DETAILS**

**Time:**  
10am-3pm (local time)

**Dates:**  
NSW - 18 December 2020  
SA - 21 December 2020  
QLD - 22 December 2020  
VIC - 30 December 2020

**FREE EXPO FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

**REGISTER NOW!**

EVENTS.GOODUNIVERSITIESGUIDE.COM.AU

### ***DON'T MISS OUT***

Remember, to view all upcoming events visit your School Careers Website under “Important Information”.

You can even elect to have some or all calendar reminders emailed to you weekly.