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## Change of Preference

### Year 12 students

Change of Preference (CoP) gives you the chance to add, delete and reorder your university and/or TAFE preferences.

If you receive an offer, you will be offered the course highest on your preference list you are eligible for (you have met the ATAR and selection criteria requirements).

It is also the last chance you have to make sure your preference list reflects what you would like to study in the future.

Good Universities Guide is running online Change of Preference Expos in each state to assist students through this process.

The Expos will be online, enabling students to connect directly with university and TAFE staff, regardless of whether you are celebrating your results at the beach, relaxing in between movies or sorting out your Christmas shopping.

For information on dates and how to register, visit:

<https://events.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/>



## Students in Year 10

### Schools Recommendation Schemes

Did you know that if you want to apply for early entry to several universities in NSW and Canberra, selection will be based on your Year 11 results, not Year 12?

Students with a successful early entry application may receive an 'unconditional offer', meaning they will receive a guaranteed offer before they receive their VCE/HSC results.

For information, visit the Schools Recommendation Schemes website.

<https://bit.ly/34Xldkl>

## Free and low-cost TAFE courses

### Year 12 students

Not sure what to do next year? TAFE courses are an excellent way to get industry experience, a job ready qualification, connect with industry experts, develop career ideas, and - depending on the course - entry into university study.

The NSW and Victorian state Governments have funded free and low-cost TAFE courses for eligible Year 12 graduates. Explore your options below:

Victorian residents: Victorian Government Free TAFE initiative, [www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe](http://www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe)

NSW residents: Summer Skills program, <https://bit.ly/3kHHaLf>

## Career websites

### Course Seeker

The Course Seeker website contains a national course comparison tool which allows students to search, select and compare higher education courses and filter search results by ATAR, study area and location.

[www.courseseeker.edu.au](http://www.courseseeker.edu.au)



### Australian Public Service (APS)

The APS offers a huge range of careers. As one of the biggest employers in Australia it offers careers to suit just about anyone. You can search for graduate opportunities and general entry jobs via the website.

[www.apsjobs.gov.au/s/](http://www.apsjobs.gov.au/s/)

### MyGain

Check out this YouTube channel to watch videos about apprenticeships, traineeships, profiles of people working in different industries, employers, and apprenticeship and group training companies.

<http://bit.ly/1NC2fUS>

## Interesting articles from 'The Footnotes'

### Fashion

- Junior buyer at an online shop
- How to make money from Instagram: a career as an influencer
- Question: I want to be in fashion, but not in a design role – what are my options?
- Day in the life of a fashion designer: meet Jill Boustred
- What interning at Sass and Bide was like
- Day in the life of a fashion editor

<https://thefootnotes.com.au/careers/fashion/>

### Psychology

- If you are considering studying psychology, stop and read this.
- QnA with a clinical psychologist working with eating disorder and anxiety patients.
- What do you actually learn studying psychology?
- Mental health interests me: addiction counsellor versus clinical psychologist versus psychiatric technician.
- What is studying psychology really like?

<https://thefootnotes.com.au/careers/psychology/>



## The University of Melbourne - Fine Arts and Music

Stay up to date with the latest happenings at The University of Melbourne Faculty of Fine Arts and Music and learn about the work of researchers, artists, performers and production specialists.

<https://finearts-music.unimelb.edu.au/about-us/news>

## Looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship?

MAS Experience are running an online information session for students interested in securing an apprenticeship or traineeship. Students and their families are welcome to attend.

MAS is an apprenticeship company,

<https://masexperience.com.au/>

**Date:** Wednesday 18 November, 7.30pm

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/38OCelz>

## Passionate about sport?

Enjoy playing sport and would like to combine your sports career with study in 2021? The following are three programs you may like to explore:

### Richmond Institute of Sport Leadership

This is a partnership program between Richmond Football Club and Swinburne University. As part of the 12-month program, students will study a dual Diploma in Sports Development and Leadership and Management. Campuses are at Richmond, Mildura and Albury-Wodonga.

[www.richmondinstitute.com.au](http://www.richmondinstitute.com.au)

### Carlton College of Sport

This is a partnership program between Carlton Football Club and La Trobe University. As part of the 12-month program, students will study a University Diploma in either Sports Coaching and Development or Elite Sports Business. Classes will be held at Ikon Park, Carlton Football Club grounds and La Trobe University, Bundoora.

<https://carltoncollegeofsport.com.au/>

### St Kilda Football Club/Holmesglen Institute

Students will study a dual Diploma of Sports Development and Diploma of Events Management through Holmesglen Institute, Moorabbin, and study at both Holmesglen and St Kilda Football Club.

<https://bit.ly/2O14Bfq>

## Increasing the chance of gaining graduate employment after university

Interested in going to university? It's important you are aware that around 28% of university graduates are without full-time employment within four months of graduation and that around a fifth report they are 'underemployed'.

Underemployed refers to graduates who are employed in casual or part time employment and would like to be in full time employment.

### The Good Universities Guide

This Guide should be consulted when researching undergraduate degrees. It contains rankings and ratings for individual courses and universities.

This year, the top 5 universities for highest full-time employment rate post-graduation were: Charles Sturt University (87%), Charles Darwin University (83%), James Cook University (80%), Central Queensland University (80%) and University of Sydney (79%).

It's also important for students to research graduate employment data for specific occupations, bust through myths about what degrees 'get jobs', and then work out what they can do now and during university to improve their chances of gaining post graduate employment in their desired field.



What can you do to increase your chances of graduate employment? It starts with you in high school. It is critical that you develop skills in how to a) manage your career journey and also b) develop skills and attributes that are desirable to employers.

The following are tips to consider

## WHAT YOU CAN DO IN HIGH SCHOOL

### Tip 1) Build your resume through participating in career development activities.

For example:

- Secure casual or part time employment
- Volunteer for community programs such as the Country Fire Authority, Young Lions, Scouts, Defence Force Cadets, St Johns Ambulance Cadets, State Emergency Service etc.
- Play sport
- Participate in leadership and community service activities at school
- Participate in community-based fundraising activities.
- Complete an overseas exchange program
- Participate in a leadership program such as The Young Endeavour



### Tip 2) meet with your Career Adviser regularly

The more you meet with your adviser, the better they will know you and the better advice they will be able to give. Start in the junior years and work together in partnership with your family through regular meetings until you exit school.

## Increasing the chance of gaining graduate employment after uni

### Tip 3: Plan your university program carefully.



Studying at university isn't cheap. Aside from the course costs, you will need to invest in textbooks, printing credit, transport, a computer, Internet data, and for students who have to move away to study, you will be investing roughly \$20 000 - \$30 000 per year on accommodation and living expenses.

For courses that have a lot of unpaid work placement requirements, it will be difficult to maintain consistent employment and thus, consistent income. Some courses will require you to be at university for 5 – 6 years, which will place a greater strain on you financially.

It's important that you plan out what you would like to study carefully to start with and then to find an undergraduate degree that is going to give you the best chance of graduate employment.

The first step is to identify what you would like to study. Remember, that in a time of rapid change with the world of work and technology, the occupations you can imagine yourself doing now may not exist in 5 – 6 years' time, or there may be new ones you would be suited to.

Your career adviser will be able to assist you to explore courses based on your interests. There are many courses available and ones that you may not have considered yet.

Once you have identified the type of course you would like to study, you will then need to find the right undergraduate degree at the right university. Look for courses that offer work experience, career development programs, overseas exchange opportunities, and (if relevant) are accredited.

#### Example 1

For example, if you want to study a degree like the Bachelor of Criminology, think carefully. There are many criminology degrees in Victoria, Canberra and NSW and this means there will be many graduates. How can you be competitive for graduate jobs?

Consider the following option:

Combine the degree with another field of study that has strong graduate employment outcomes such as cybersecurity or Asian languages. The following are courses to consider:

**Deakin University:** Bachelor of Cyber Security/Bachelor of Criminology, <http://bit.ly/2n1viHZ>

**Australia National University:** Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Asian Studies (majoring in an Asian language), <http://bit.ly/2h9laLj>

#### Example 2

You would like to study a course focussed on marketing. This is a very popular course for people to study, so what will make you stand out? Choose a course that will give you substantial industry experience.

You could consider the following options:

**Swinburne University:** Bachelor of Business (Professional) with a major in marketing. You will be guaranteed a year of paid industry experience, <http://bit.ly/2AjXF3T>

**RMIT University:** Bachelor of Business (Marketing) (Applied). You can undertake a year of industry experience, <http://bit.ly/2zhCyYB>

Develop a plan with your career adviser and attend university open days and experience days throughout the year.

#### Tip 4: consider taking a gap year

During this year you could undertake a 12-month traineeship in the industry you are interested in or complete a Certificate IV or Diploma level course.

This will give you 12-months to mature, save money, gain experience in the industry you are interested in, and give you time to consider if you are happy with the course you have deferred.

Employers also love VET qualifications and industry experience, so this year could boost your graduate employment chances.

**Example 1:** Amy would like to study a law degree. She is aware that more law graduates are being produced than ever before and that this may place pressure on the job market. She decides to complete a traineeship in legal administration in a law firm during her gap year.

**Example 2:** Steve would like to be a secondary teacher. He knows that supporting diverse learners in the classroom will be an important element of his future job. He also knows that based on the teaching speciality he goes into, he may find it difficult to gain graduate employment. He decides to complete a Certificate IV in Disability Studies or Education Support during his gap year at his local TAFE.

**Example 3:** Sarah would like to study a degree focussed on rehabilitation but isn't sure what course she would be suited to. She receives an offer for Occupational Therapy, but to give herself more time to be sure of her course choice, she decides to complete the Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance at TAFE. She knows that this course will provide her with a qualification, which will enable her to work as an allied health assistant whilst she is at university.

**Example 4:** Will would like to join the Police Force but is aware that he may not be competitive with a Year 12 qualification and little life experience. He decides to apply for the Airbase Security Gap Year program in the Air Force. During this year he will undertake combat training, weapons instruction, dog handling, and simulated terror attacks. This will give him more time to consider his future direction and may open up other career opportunities for him if he doesn't receive a place in the Police Force.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO AT UNI

You can increase your chances of gaining graduate employment through the following tips:

### Tip 1: Meet with the Career Adviser at uni

Did you know that only 30% of students meet with a Career Adviser at uni? It's advisable to set up regular meetings to discuss career development opportunities, ways to gain industry experience and to assist you with applying for graduate employment.



### Tip 2) Build your resume through participating in career development activities. For example:

- Secure casual or part time employment
- Volunteer for community programs
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- Participate in leadership and community service activities at university
- Participate in community-based fundraising activities.
- Complete an overseas exchange program
- Participate in leadership programs

What to do next: If you're still reading this – great! It means that you are at least thinking about your career pathways.

Make a time to meet with your career adviser and set some short- and long-term career development goals. Now is the perfect time heading into a new year level.