

CAREER NEWS

Friday 13 February



Dates to Diarise in Term 1

- Victorian Careers and Employment Expo – 19 to 21 March 2026



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Group of Eight Universities

The **Group of Eight (Go8)** is an association of leading Australian universities - comprehensive in general and professional education and distinguished by depth and breadth in research. The **Go8** universities continually aim to -

- enhance the contribution of its member universities to the nation's social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being and prosperity,
- extend the contribution of its member universities to the generation and preservation of the world's stock of knowledge,
- strengthen Australia's capacity to engage in and benefit from global developments, respond to global and local challenges,
- expand opportunities for Australian students, regardless of background, to participate in higher education of world class.

To find out more about the *Group of Eight Universities*, visit [Group of Eight Universities](#).



Academic Excellence Scheme

The University of Sydney offers the **Academic Excellence Scheme** which is an admission pathway that recognises high performance in English and mathematics by applying adjustment factors to boosts a student's selection rank.

A student's ATAR will not change; however, their selection rank can increase for particular courses based on these subject-related adjustment factors.

Students considering studying at the University of Sydney in 2027 or beyond, are recommended to find out more at [Academic Excellence Scheme](#).

University Clinical Aptitude Test

The **University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)** is an admissions test used by the UCAT ANZ Consortium of universities in Australia and New Zealand for their **medical, dental, and clinical science** degree programs. Universities requiring the UCAT are listed at this link - [Universities requiring the UCAT](#) but also listed below.

Students intending to apply for courses requiring the UCAT at any of these universities are reminded that they will need to **book a test**.

Students who are preparing for entry into any of these courses are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the **format of the test** at [UCAT Test Format](#) and the **practice tests and preparation material** provided at [UCAT Preparation](#) when available.

Bookings will open on **3 March 2026** and close **15 May 2026**. The testing dates will be from **1 July 2026 to 5 August 2026**.

Find out more at [UCAT](#).

Institutions that will require the UCAT are:

Adelaide University	Medicine, Dental Surgery, Oral Health
Central Queensland University	Medical Science (Regional Medical Pathway provisional entry to UQ)
Charles Sturt University	Dental Science, Medicine (Joint Program in Medicine)
Curtin University	Medicine
Flinders University	Clinical Sciences / Medicine
Griffith University	Dental Health Science (compulsory), Medical Science (optional)
Monash University	Medicine
University of Newcastle / University of New England	Joint Medical Program
The University of New South Wales	Medicine
University of Notre Dame	Medicine Pathway
The University of Queensland	Medicine (provisional entry pathway), Dental Science
University of Southern Queensland	Medicine Pathway (provisional entry to UQ MD, Darling Downs-South West Medical Pathway)
University of the Sunshine Coast	Medicine Science (optional) (provisional entry pathway to MD program at Griffith University)
University of Tasmania	Medicine
The University of Western Australia	Doctor of Medicine via Bachelor of Biomedicine (Specialised) Doctor of Dental Medicine via Bachelor of Biomedicine (Specialised)
Western Sydney University	Medicine (Joint Program in Medicine)
The University of Auckland (NZ)	Medicine
University of Otago NZ	Medicine

ADF GAP YEAR

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The **ADF Gap Year** program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year. The life skills and job training that students acquire during their Gap Year experience will be valuable regardless of what career they ultimately undertake.

Gap Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army, and Air Force. This is a useful link to browse - [What is an ADF Gap Year?](#)



2026 Marine Discovery Competition

*The University of Tasmania is once again proud to present Year 11 and 12 students with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience a week as a marine biologist. This is the **Maria Island Marine Biology Experience**, and will take place from 20 – 26 April 2026.*

This predominately field-based unit consists of 5 days on picturesque Maria Island on the Tasmanian East Coast. The unit is open to 24 students and is designed to engage, challenge, excite and inspire you through a hands-on marine science program. It will encourage you to explore issues threatening biodiversity as well as the productivity of the marine system. Climate change, invasive species, pollution, debris and their associated social and economic impacts will be covered.

The field trip contribution fee of \$525 covers the following:

- Hobart airport transfers**
- Your accommodation in Hobart on the first and last night***
- Your transport from IMAS in Hobart to Maria Island and return
- Accommodation on Maria Island
- Hire of all required diving and survey gear
- All your meals

* The information and fee are based on the 2025 course. Please note that the fee and details may change for the 2026 course.

** For interstate students only.

*** Accommodation on the first and last night is included only for students living 30 minutes or more by car from Hobart.

To find out more, and to register your interest, visit [Maria Island Marine Biology Experience](#).



Study in the UK / at UCL Information Evening

Monday 2 March 2026, 6pm

Speaker: Jo Turner, Liaison & Recruitment Manager, UCL

Whatever degree you are interested in studying, the UK has something for everyone. Come along to this session to learn about the advantages of a UK education, the application process and what universities (especially the good ones) are looking for.

UCL is consistently ranked among the top 10 universities in the world. We're renowned for our world-class research, global influence, and impact across a broad range of subjects. Our community sits at the heart of London, one of the world's most dynamic cities, and offers unrivalled personal, social and academic benefits, which will enhance any CV.

Do join us on 2 March to find out more about why UCL is a great place to be a student!

Students and parents welcome!



Venue: Centre for Learning and Leadership, Seminar Room One, Melbourne Grammar School, 40 Domain Road, South Yarra



Animation & Gaming Degrees in Victoria in 2026

Animation and games design courses offer students a range of opportunities to be exposed to, and develop their skills in, subjects such as *computer coding, computer programming, broad IT skills, simulation and modelling, computer-based 2D and 3D, interactive information design, and virtual environments*, to name but a few.

Below is a list of some undergraduate degrees offered at Victorian Universities and a few Private Institutions.

For a comprehensive list of courses (including the many double-degree options) on offer at Victorian universities, TAFEs, and Private Providers, visit [VTAC](#).

INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME	VCE PREREQ'S	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2026
DEAKIN	Film, Television and Animation	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Animation (major only), Animation and motion graphic (minor only), Film studies (minor only), Screen content production (minor only), Screen development, Screen production (major only), Scriptwriting (minor only), Visual effects and virtual production (minor only).
JMC ACADEMY	Creative Arts (Animation)	Satisfactory completion of a Year 12.	Animation, Animation (2D), Animation (3D), Character Design, Compositing, Concept Art, Concept Development, Creative Process, Digital Art, Digital Sculpture, Modelling (3D), Motion Capture, Motion Design, Production Art, Professional + Industry Development, Rendering, Screen Literacy, Studio Skills, Traditional Animation (2D), Visual Narrative, Visual Storytelling.
MONASH	Design	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English as an Additional Language or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Animation , Automotive design, Collaborative design, Communication design, Computer-aided design (CAD), Design, Design theory, Digital media, Furniture design, Graphic design, Illustration, Industrial design, Interactive design, Materials technology, Product design and development, Spatial design, Transportation design, Visual communication, Web design.
RMIT	Animation and Interactive Media	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 27 in EAL.	2D, 3D, Animation, Computer animation, Concept art, Design, Digital arts, Illustration, Imaging and sound, Motion design, Visual effects.
	Design (Games)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 27 in EAL.	3D, Animation , Design, Digital art, Game development and programming, Games, Graphic design.
SAE	Animation	Satisfactory completion of a Year 12.	2D and 3D Character Animation, 3D Modelling, Animation, Business and Leadership Skills, Computer-Generated Visual Effects, Drawing and Composition, Employability Skills in Screen Industry Contexts, Histories and Theories, Media and Cultural Studies, Production for Screen and Games, Project Management, Realtime and Offline Rendering, Screen Industry Best Practices, Texturing and Shaders.
SWINBURNE	Animation	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 30 in EAL.	2D and 3D production techniques for animation, Acting for animation, Action analysis and locomotion, Advanced character design for animation, Character and environment design, Genre and the moving image, History of animation, Producing and production management, Sound design and acquisition, Writing and directing for animation.
	Games and Interactivity/Animation	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 30 in EAL.	2D and 3D production techniques for animation, 3D modelling for objects and environments, Acting for animation, Action analysis and locomotion, Behaviour and motivation in games, Character and environment design, Character design for animation, Development and pre-production, Digital game prototyping, Genre and the moving image, History of animation, Pervasive game design, Principles of game design, Producing and production management for animation, Production and post-production, Screen writing, Sound design and acquisition, User-centred design and evaluation, Writing for interactive narratives.
	Games and Interactivity	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in English other than EAL or at least 25 in EAL.	3D modelling for objects and environments, Behaviour and motivation in games, Digital game prototyping lab, Introduction to game studies, Introduction to games production, Pervasive game design lab, Principles of game design, Sound design and acquisition, User-centred design and evaluation, Writing for interactive narratives.
UNI MELBOURNE	Fine Arts (Animation)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	Animation.

- [Adelaide University](#) launches officially in 2026 and replaces the University of South Australia and the University of Adelaide.
- Adelaide is amongst the world's top 100 universities (#82 worldwide in the 2026 QS World Rankings) and the top university in South Australia –[World Rankings](#).
- Adelaide University is a member of the [Group of Eight](#), a coalition of Australia's leading universities.
- The University has seven [campuses](#), with a range of [accommodation](#) options including student accommodation, private rentals, share accommodation and homestays.
- The university has a number of [Global Partnerships](#) and these enable knowledge sharing and engagement to collectively tackle the most pressing global needs and achieve greater positive impact for all.
- The university has six [colleges](#) made up of several schools and disciplines.
- Within the College of Health, there is the [School of Dentistry](#) and also the [School of Medicine](#). These two schools offer both undergraduate and graduate courses.
- Within the College of Science, there is the [School of Animal and Veterinary Sciences](#), which offers courses including Veterinary Science and Veterinary Technology.
- The university has a vibrant and diverse [volunteer](#) community, with volunteering and community service regarded by the university as an important enrichment activity.
- The University of Adelaide offers a wide range of [scholarships](#) ranging in value.
- The [Global Learning](#) programs on offer give students the opportunity to complete part of their degree overseas. By taking part in a semester exchange or short-term program, participants can see the world and enrich their life on a personal, academic, and professional level.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

NFC Open House: Immersive Fashion Workshop in Melbourne

Organisation: National Fashion College

Location: National Fashion College, Melbourne Campus

Date: February 14, 2026

This hands-on experience is perfect for anyone curious about how fashion really works behind the scenes. Whether you love creativity, photography, styling, or simply want to explore something new, this session gives you a taste of the fast-paced world of fashion - no background or knowledge needed. You'll work in small, supportive teams guided by industry professionals who will show you how creative campaigns are built from concept to launch. The day begins with a warm welcome and Q&A hosted by NFC's Founder & Director, offering insights into creative careers and what makes fashion such an exciting and collaborative industry.

Then, your challenge begins. Each team receives a mystery campaign brief revealing their brand and celebrity ambassador. From there, you'll rotate through three dynamic stations: Styling & Creative Direction, Photography & Art Direction and PR & Events. No one needs to model, dress up, or have fashion experience - just bring your ideas, curiosity, and creativity. Every attendee receives a detailed campaign notebook to capture their concepts and reflections throughout the session. The experience wraps up with a Q&A where you can ask questions, share insights, and connect directly with fashion experts.

To top it off, all participants will take home an exclusive NFC Gift Bag, filled with fashion and beauty goodies to remember the day.

Session times:

- Session 1: 9:00am - 11:30am
- Session 2: 12:00pm - 2:30pm
- Session 3: 3:00pm - 5:30pm

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Drama & Theatre Arts Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: February 17, 2026

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone. Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options.

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services - Costume
- Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services - Live Production
- Diploma of Screen and Media - Specialist Make-Up Services
- Diploma of Theatre Arts

[Find out more](#)

Victoria Police: Bachelor of Criminology and Policing with Monash University – Online Webinar

Organisation: Victoria Police

Location: Online

Date: February 17, 2026

Are you looking for more than just a job? Want to earn a degree while setting yourself up for a rewarding career in policing?

Join Victoria Police & Monash University for an exclusive online info session designed for current and future Monash students interested in the Bachelor of Criminology & Policing degree. This is your chance to explore an exciting pathway into policing while you study!

What you'll learn:

- Career opportunities with Victoria Police
- The recruitment process (starting in your 2nd year!)
- Bachelor of Criminology & Policing course structure
- Police Academy training – what to expect
- Insights from Criminology & Policing alumni (current police members who joined through this pathway!)

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Horticulture Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: February 18, 2026

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone. Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options.

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate IV in Horticulture

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Visual Arts Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: February 19, 2026

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone. Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options.

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Advanced Diploma of Creative Product Development

[Find out more](#)

Endeavour College Virtual Open Day

Organisation: Endeavour College of Natural Health

Location: Online

Date: February 19, 2026

Virtual open day is an opportunity to learn more about Endeavour courses and how you can start your career in Natural Health.

Discover Endeavour's natural health qualifications, explore your study options, and gain insight into career pathways in nutrition, naturopathy, acupuncture, and more.

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Music & Sound Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: February 19, 2026

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Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate IV in Music - Sound Production
- Diploma of Music
- Advanced Diploma of Music - Performance
- Advanced Diploma of Music - Sound Production

[Find out more](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic Screen & Media Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: February 19, 2026

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Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate IV in Screen and Media
- Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media

[Find out more](#)

UniMelb Hansen Scholarship Program Information Session, Online

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Online

Date: February 26, 2026

Talented year 12 students, parents, careers practitioners, and other support people are invited to join us for an information evening to learn more about the University's most generous undergraduate scholarship: the [Hansen Scholarship](#).

As a Hansen Scholar, you'll join a program that nurtures potential and provides a place where your ambition can grow, offering you access to a high-quality university education that might otherwise feel out of reach. Valued at up to \$108,000, this scholarship offers a fully funded place to call home at Little Hall for three years. Alongside the close-knit residential community, tailored mentoring, extracurricular activities and focused financial support will set you up for success.

In this one-hour session, we'll cover:

- Benefits of the program including the fully-funded offerings of Little Hall
- Eligibility and selection criteria
- Timelines and the application process
- Tips and advice on submitting a competitive application

You'll hear from a current Hansen Scholar who will share their experiences about the program and be available to answer your questions. A recording of the session will be made available for registrants who can not tune in on the night.

[Find out more](#)

Victoria Police: Inside the Recruitment Process – Online Webinar

Organisation: Victoria Police

Location: Online

Date: February 26, 2026

Victoria Police are hosting an online information session for members of the community who are:

- thinking of starting an application to join Victoria Police
- currently going through the recruitment process and need more information
- currently in the process of completing an application

This session has been created to guide you through the steps of completing a strong application, with helpful tips and tricks that apply to each stage of the recruitment process.

[Find out more](#)