

CAREER NEWS

Friday 6 February



Dates to Diarise in Term 1

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



What the Careers Team can assist you with?

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Tax File Number (TFN)

Every student will require a tax file number when they start work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start too.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Support Place) course at university without a Tax File Number, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students must apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit [TFN Application](#).

MySCI Science Holiday Program

MYSci is a three-day science program specifically designed for students who are in Year 11 and 12 in 2026. Delivered at Monash University's Clayton Campus, the program offers participants a unique opportunity to engage deeply with science in a university research environment.

This program schedule will include:

- hands-on workshops
- access to state-of-the-art teaching facilities
- opportunity to meet research scientists and academic staff
- guided exploration of potential science and STEM career pathways
- activities with the Young Scientists of Australia
- structured social activities

Date: Wednesday 8 - Friday 10 April 2026

Location: Monash Science Precinct, Clayton Campus Monash University

Cost: \$125 per student

Places are limited so register soon at [MySCI Science 2026](#).



Bachelor of Circus Arts

The [Bachelor of Circus Arts](#) is designed to educate, develop and nurture highly skilled contemporary circus artists who can work as independent artists or as members of an ensemble and pursue careers in the national and global circus industry.

The Bachelor of Circus is taught at the *National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA)* - an internationally renowned Centre of Excellence based in Melbourne.

NICA is located in a custom-built, creative learning space in Prahran.

Find out more at [National Institute of Circus Arts \(NICA\)](#).

The Hansen Scholarship for 2027

Each year we recognise talented students from around Australia who have demonstrated resilience to adversity, and a commitment to supporting others.

The **Hansen Scholarship Program** was first introduced in 2020, and it offers talented students from around Australia a generous package of accommodation, financial support, mentoring and pastoral care. Valued at over \$100,000, the Hansen Scholarship Program aspires to nurture and significantly expand the horizons of Australian students who may otherwise struggle to access a high-quality university education. *Eligibility criteria includes: the applicant must experience financial circumstances that present a challenge to attending The University of Melbourne (applicant or family receive Centrelink benefits).*

Selection is based on:

- Track record of academic excellence and a commitment to academic success in university studies
- Demonstrated ability to achieve success in the face of adversity and overcome obstacles
- Demonstrated ability to apply skills and strengths towards activities which benefit others
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively in a team and lead those around you
- Likelihood of thriving as a Hansen Scholar and actively contributing to the Hansen Scholarship Program

Benefits of the scholarship include –

- A standard room for 52 weeks each year, at no charge, for the standard full-time, three-year undergraduate degree at Little Hall residence in Lincoln Square South
- A living allowance of \$4200 per year for the duration of the scholarship
- Full fee remission for asylum seekers who would otherwise have to pay international fees
- A one-time grant of up to \$4000 to support an approved activity for the Scholar's development such as an international exchange, an international subject, an internship or similar role
- Access to pastoral care and academic programs available to all students at Little Hall as well as a tailored program of enrichment activities, mentoring and support exclusively for Hansen Scholars
- Priority access to graduate accommodation at Little Hall should the Hansen Scholar wish to pursue graduate studies at Melbourne after completing their undergraduate degree
- Next Steps funding after completion of the scholar's undergraduate degree (competitive process to apply for up to \$25,000 for a career-related activity)

Applications open on **2 February 2026**, and close on **30 March 2026**.

Find out more, including answers to FAQs, at [**The Hansen Scholarship Program**](#).



Tuckwell Scholarship for 2027

*The Tuckwell Scholarship Program at the ANU is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia. A Tuckwell is not just about a students' intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. Up to 25 talented and motivated students from across the country are awarded a Tuckwell, giving them with the opportunity to realise their potential by providing them with *financial support, personal enrichment, and development opportunities*. All up one could say, **this is no ordinary scholarship!***

All eligible applicants are considered against four criteria:

1. Academic potential and achievements;
2. Other significant achievements of any type;
3. Demonstration of the Tuckwell Attributes; and
4. Connection and commitment to Australia.

Tuckwell Scholar students receive:

- \$27,600 per annum (2026 rate) (increasing annually) for the length of your undergraduate degree program (studying full-time), to cover on-campus residential costs, books and general living expenses.
- a one-off payment of \$1,500 relocation grant for first year Scholars.
- guaranteed access to ANU-approved student accommodation.
- travel allowances to assist with your move to Canberra and to support two annual return journeys (e.g. airfares) between your home and the University for each year of your degree.
- an allowance to help cover the transport costs for your parents to attend Commencement Weekend at the start of the program, and
- an ANU Sports Centre membership.

Applications will open on 2 March 2026, and close on 13 April 2026. Until applications open, interested students are encouraged to read the Tuckwell 2027 Application Guide, to familiarise themselves with the application process, and discuss their interest, suitability and eligibility for the Scholarship with a teacher or the Careers Practitioner.

➤ ANU Open Day 2026

Get ready to explore a world of possibilities. ANU Open Day is your chance to discover new passions and world-class teaching and research. Immerse yourself in our supportive community and learn how we'll prepare you for exciting careers.

Date: Saturday 28 March 2026

Time: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Exciting opportunity: Register to attend ANU Open Day on Saturday 28 March 2026 and go into the draw to win a trip for two to Canberra, including flights/transport, two nights' accommodation and a free campus lunch.

Register and find out more [here](#).



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Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026

The *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2026 include 2,191 universities across 115 countries and territories.

Below are the **top 15 universities in Australia**, with two leading universities in Victoria.

Australia Rank 2026	World University Rank 2026	University	State/territory
1	37	University of Melbourne	Victoria
2	=53	University of Sydney	New South Wales
3	=58	Monash University	Victoria
4	=73	Australian National University	Australian Capital Territory
5	79	UNSW Sydney	New South Wales
6	=80	The University of Queensland	Queensland
7	133	Adelaide University	South Australia
8	=145	University of Technology Sydney	New South Wales
9	153	The University of Western Australia	Western Australia
10	=166	Macquarie University	New South Wales
11	201-250	Deakin University	Victoria
12	201-250	Queensland University of Technology	Queensland
13	201-250	University of Wollongong	New South Wales
14	251-300	Curtin University	Western Australia
15	251-300	Griffith University	New South Wales

To find out more about the Times Higher Education World Universities Rankings, visit [Best Universities in Australia](#) and [World Ranking of Australian Universities](#).



Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

The **Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)** website assists students in making informed choices about their higher education options by bringing together survey data from all Australian universities, allowing students to compare student experience and job outcomes. Data is collected from over 400,000 students, graduates, and employers QILT surveys every year. Covering all study levels and both domestic and international students, QILT is regarded as the only comprehensive system of higher education surveys in Australia.

All Australian universities and around 90 non-university higher education providers take part in the QILT surveys.

So, students can compare the student experience, whether domestic or international, between universities, and learn more about employment outcomes of the different institutions.

Visit [ComparED](#) and explore and compare institutions and study areas based on real life student experiences provided through the QILT surveys.



UK Gap Year Program in 2027

Applications for our UK Gap Year Program in 2027 are now open! This is an opportunity to live, work, and explore abroad — creating unforgettable memories while gaining real-world experience.

Students go into paid roles in leading UK Boarding Schools or Activity Centres, accommodation included, and participants get to earn while they travel and explore UK & Europe during term breaks. All participants receive full program support — from the Letz Live team in AU, NZ & UK.

Find out more at [Letz Live Gap Years Abroad](#).



Medical Work Experience Overseas for High School Students

Projects Abroad has spent over 30 years helping our participants fulfill their potential and make the world a better place.

Projects Abroad offers a range of [Medical Work Experience](#) programs for high school students, and a number of the destinations are overseas. These overseas medical programs might be of interest to students keen to pursue studies and careers in medicine and healthcare.

These programs are designed for students in Years 10, 11, and 12 and run in the mid-year break and over the summer holiday. They are ideal for individuals or groups of friends.

Projects Abroad has been running these programs for over 15 years. They are very popular with students from across Australia, New Zealand, Europe, and North America.



Melbourne Defence Careers Information Session

With so many opportunities in the Navy, Army and Air Force, there's a career for you.

Are you interested to learn about the wide range of roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force?

Join an upcoming Information Session and speak with current serving members about their own experiences. Attendees will have the chance to ask any questions they have about Australian Defence Force careers and opportunities.

It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

Date: Tuesday 24 February 2026

Time: 6.00pm- 8.00pm

Location: Melbourne ADF Careers Centre, Level 15, 180 Lonsdale St. in Melbourne

Book a spot at [Melbourne Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Cetacean Sisters - Inspiring Future Female Scientists through Cetacean Science

We would like to share with you a unique science workshop series designed especially for female secondary school students to further their understanding of science and knowledge of cetaceans (whales and dolphins).

Workshop Series Details:

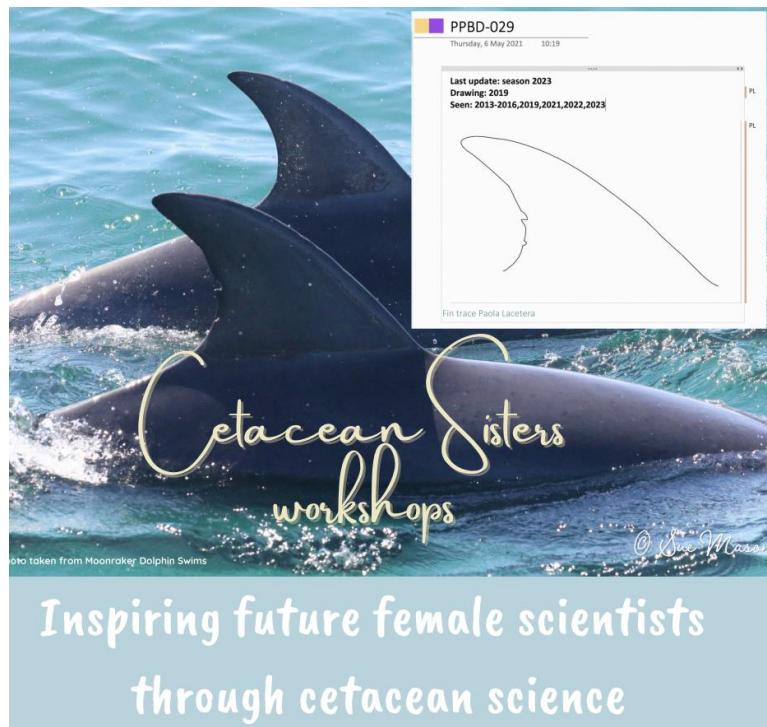
This series comprises five, [two-hour workshops](#) held either in the picturesque Cowes on Phillip Island or in scenic Mount Martha on the Mornington Peninsula. These sessions provide an opportunity for girls interested in science and marine biology to connect with like-minded peers in a positive and collaborative setting.

What to Expect:

Limited to only 20 students, each workshop offers interactive and practical experiences that will deepen students' understanding of the cetaceans found in our local waters. Led by Dr. Sue Mason, a passionate local cetacean scientist and experienced educator, these sessions provide valuable insights into marine science careers, shedding light on the opportunities and realities of working with marine wildlife.

The next series of workshops are scheduled for May, August, and October.

Details, including specific dates and the cost, as well as bookings can be made **online** via the [Cetacean Sisters page](#).





Aviation Courses in Victoria in 2026

The aviation industry is not only about pilots and flight attendants, but also includes aircraft manufacturing, ground crew, management, customer service, cargo and logistics...the list goes on. Below are a number of courses offered in Victoria.

For a comprehensive list of all courses, their majors, and double degrees on offer, visit [VTAC](#).

INSTITUTION	COURSE	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2026
RMIT	Associate Degree in Aviation (Professional Pilots)	Aircraft general knowledge, Aviation, Aviation (commercial pilot licence), Aviation (flight rules and air law), Aviation (general navigation), Aviation (instructor rating), Aviation (instrument rating), Aviation (instrumentation and control), Aviation (law), Aviation industry environment, Aviation quality systems, Flight training.
	Bachelor of Aviation (Pilot Training)	Aviation safety, Piloting.
	Bachelor of Applied Science (Aviation)	This course has two specialised streams: a) Aviation operations and management stream b) Piloting. Aviation, Aviation management, Aviation operations.
	Bachelor of Applied Science (Aviation)/Bachelor of Business	Aviation, Aviation Operations, Aviation management, Business & Technology, Business Information Systems, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Global Business, Innovation & Enterprise, Logistics & Supply Chain, Management, Marketing, People & Organisation, Social Impact.
SWINBURNE	Bachelor of Aviation	Airline business strategy, Airline operations management, Aviation capstone 1: project planning, Aviation capstone 2: project implementation, Aviation legal and regulatory framework, Aviation project: blue sky ideas, Aviation project: managing implementation, Aviation safety and risk management, Essential aviation analytical skills, The global aviation system.
	Bachelor of Aviation and Piloting	Airline business strategy, Airline operations management, Aviation capstone 1: project planning, Aviation capstone 2: project implementation, Aviation legal and regulatory framework, Aviation project: blue sky ideas, Aviation project: managing implementation, Aviation safety and risk management, Commercial pilot licence practicum, Essential aviation analytical skills, Private pilot licence practicum, The global aviation system.
	Bachelor of Aviation Management	Aviation operations, Uncrewed aircraft systems
	OR	
	Bachelor of Aviation Management/Bachelor of Applied Innovation **	** All the above majors + Applied Innovation
	Bachelor of Aviation/Bachelor of Business	Accounting, Airline business strategy, Airline operations management, Aviation capstone 1: project planning, Aviation capstone 2: project implementation, Aviation legal and regulatory framework, Aviation project: blue sky ideas, Aviation project: managing implementation, Aviation safety and risk management, Business administration, Business analytics and analysis, Entrepreneurship, Essential aviation analytical skills, Finance , Human resource management, Logistics and supply chain management, Management , Marketing, The global aviation system.
WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE	Bachelor of Aviation Management/Bachelor of Business	Accounting, Aviation operations, Business administration, Business analytics and analysis, Entrepreneurship, Finance, Human resource management, Logistics and supply chain management, Marketing, Uncrewed aircraft operations.
	Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew)	Customer Service on an Aircraft, First Aid, Inflight food and beverage service, Pre-and Post flight Cabin and Security checks, Pre-flight customer service, Responding to Emergency situations, Responsible Service of Alcohol, Safety and security.

Snapshot of Bond University in 2026

- **A High Rating University**

In the 2026 [Good Universities Guide](#), Bond University was awarded 5-star ratings in the Educational Experience category with 5 stars being the maximum rating awarded.

The QS star rankings were similar.

★★★★★ Student Support
 ★★★★★ Overall Experience
 ★★★★★ Learning Resources
 ★★★★★ Student Teacher Ratio

★★★★★ Teaching Quality
 ★★★★★ Learner Engagement
 ★★★★★ Skills Development

[Our rankings | Bond University](#)

- **[Accelerated degrees](#)**

Graduate up to 12 months ahead of the rest by studying three semesters per year and earn an income up to a year ahead of graduates from other universities. Students learn from world-renowned, highly qualified academics and high-level corporate and government consultants who take a hands-on role in guiding students' career paths.

- **[Core Curriculum](#)**

The Core Curriculum, embedded in each undergraduate program, establishes and begins the development of essential graduate attributes, supports students' capacity to acquire the knowledge and skills taught in their discipline-specific coursework, and prepares graduates to translate these capabilities into successful professional and personal lives.

- **[Leadership Development](#)**

Part of Bond University's unique approach is to help students develop a strong foundation of key leadership attributes that will prepare them for career success, regardless of which field of study they choose.

- **[Study facilities](#)**

Bond not only has state-of-the-art facilities, but it also offers unprecedented access to them. This means students can apply their profession as they learn it, in an environment far more akin to the real thing.

- **[Industry Experience Program](#)**

Bond is committed to producing graduates who are "ready to hit the ground running". The Industry Experience Program (IEP) provides a vital link between employers and students that can result in a mutually beneficial partnership.

- **[Beyond Bond](#)**

A practical, activity-based program that extends across the duration of all undergraduate degrees, as a mandatory degree requirement, ensuring all Bond students engage in various extra-curricular activities that complement their academic studies.

- **[Clubs and societies](#)**

Students have access to many sporting and social clubs, fitness centres, cafes, restaurants, and support services on offer, all available on campus.

- **[Bond alumni](#)**

Bond has a global network of 33,000 alumni, which is active in over 120 countries around the world, so students can be connected practically anywhere their ambition may take them.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Social Media Age Restrictions Explained – A Webinar for Parents and Carers from the eSafety Commissioner

Organisation: eSafety Commissioner

Location: Online

Date: February 10 or 24, 2026

From 10 December 2025, certain social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australian children under 16 create or keep an account. Join our information session to understand the changes.

This 30-minute webinar will help parents and carers understand the upcoming changes to social media access for children under 16.

Join our information session to:

- understand the purpose of the new age restrictions and how they aim to protect young Australians
- understand which platforms will require users to be 16+ and what platforms they can still access
- get tips and resources to support your child's online safety and wellbeing through the transition.

Parents and carers will gain:

- a clear understanding of the new rules and their implications
- confidence in guiding their child through these changes
- access to trusted resources to support safe and positive online engagement.

This webinar is offered more than once, so you can select the date and time that works best for you.

[Find out more](#)

Supporting Healthy Tech Use as Your Child Transitions into Secondary School – Webinar for Parents and Carers

Organisation: eSafety Commissioner

Location: Online

Date: February 11, 2026

As your child moves into high school the influence of peers intensifies and online social connections become increasingly complex, but there is plenty you can do to support them.

This 45-minute webinar explores the social pressures, peer influences, and technological challenges young people face as they transition into secondary school. It also offers practical strategies for navigating online friendships and connections to help minimise negative experiences.

You'll learn:

- what social pressures they may be experiencing online
- how they can build digital resilience and critical reasoning
- how to talk to your young person about what they see and do online
- practical strategies for promoting positive peer interactions and help seeking behaviours.

This session is suitable for parents and carers of children in upper primary school (ages 11 to 12) and Year 7.

[Find out more](#)

Year 12 & Beyond with ADHD – Webinar for Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: February 26, 2026

Targeted to parents of students with ADHD in Year 12, this webinar will share insights and practical solutions for managing this critical year and beyond and making meaningful career decisions.

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)