



# Career News 2018 #3

## CareerNews Key Dates & Reminders

### Key Dates for the diary:

#### **For VCE Students –**

#### VTAC Key 2018-2019 application dates

Applications open: Mon 6 Aug

Close of timely applications: Thurs 27 Sep

Close of SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) applications: Fri 12 Oct

Close of Scholarship applications: Fri 12 Oct

#### **Reminders:**

#### **For everyone –**

#### South East Careers Expo

When: Tuesday 24th April, 2018

Where: Cranbourne Racecourse

For more information visit:

[expo@sellen.org.au](mailto:expo@sellen.org.au)

#### **For all VCE Students –**

#### VCE & Careers Expo

When: Thurs 3rd and Friday 4th May 9am-3pm, Sat 5th and Sunday 6th May 10am-4pm. For more information visit

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

#### Melbourne Career Expo

When: Fri 20th July - 10.00am - 3.00pm

Sat 21st July - 10.00am - 4.00pm

Sun 22nd July - 10.00am - 4.00pm

For further details, visit:

<http://www.careerexpo.com.au/attend/event-details>

#### **Medicine & Health Science Students –**

UMAT Registrations close Friday 1 June at 5pm. The UMAT2018 is Wed 25 July 2018. For further information visit

<http://umat.acer.edu.au>

#### **Don't forget your Tax File Number!**

If you are looking to work part time while studying or you're planning to apply for tertiary education in the future, you will require a tax file number (TFN).

You can apply for your TFN in various ways, depending on your circumstances:

- Australia Post outlet
- Department of Human Services
- By mail

You can visit the below website to follow your preferred option.

<https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/tax-file-number/apply-for-a-tfn/australian-residents---tfn-application/>

## News & Updates

### Latrobe University

Latrobe University has a program called 'Experience Clever' running across all campuses. Led by teachers, they are offering fun and dynamic workshops for students to see and experience uni life at Latrobe. The dates at each campus are as follows:

Melbourne Campus (Autumn) – Fri 6<sup>th</sup> April  
Registrations are now open.

Albury-Wodonga – Friday 1 June  
Register your interest.

Bendigo – Thursday 5 July  
Register your interest.

Melbourne (Winter): Friday 6 July  
Register your interest.

For more information, visit:

[www.latrobe.edu.au/study/life/events/experience-clever](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/life/events/experience-clever)

## University of Melbourne

University of Melbourne has a new Bachelor of Science course planner which is commencing this year. This will help students plan their studies in their preferred science area.

With 40 majors available (more than any other science degree in Australia), it can make considering options overwhelming or a bit complicated. The course planner allows students to type in either a career, major or subject and, depending upon the search, it provides a career pathway or course information map to follow. For example, if 'veterinary medicine' is entered in the search field, the planner will advise which major and subjects to take as well as the career outcomes.

The planner is available in the app and android stores for free:

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/my-science/id106858652?mt=8>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.edu.unimelb.science.my&hl=en&pcampaignid=MKT-Other-global-all-co-prtnr-py-PartBadge-Mar2515-1%0A%20%20>

## Zoos Victoria

### Become a keeper for a day!

Zoos Victoria is a place full of passionate conservationists committed to providing a safe place for species in the future. With over 120 zoo keepers employed, they provide world-class welfare and care to our native Australian and endangered animals.

These school holidays students can discover what it is like to work at Werribee Open Range Zoo and become a Keeper for a Day.

Heading behind-the-scenes, students will get a hands-on experience of what it's like to work as a zoo keeper as they take part in the many duties keepers undertake on a daily basis, including animal enrichment and exhibit maintenance.

Students will get to see animals up close, speak with keepers about their jobs and experience and head on a special safari tour across the savannah.

'Keeper for a Day' is designed for secondary school students (years 7 to 12) who are interested in caring for wildlife and working at the zoo.

### Event Information:

Dates: 3rd, 5th, 9th and 11th of April

Times: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Location: Werribee Open Range Zoo

Cost: \$115.00 per participant

\$103.50 for Zoo members

Covered shoes must be worn. All participants must agree to follow Zoo educator instructions. Students will need to bring their own morning tea, lunch, water bottle and digital device to capture the moments! Spaces are limited and bookings are essential. To book, please call 1300 966 784.

# Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Apprenticeships and Traineeships are a great career option for students looking to combine practical work with structured training. Australian Apprenticeships (often referred to as apprenticeships or traineeships) are available to anyone of working age and you do not need a secondary school certificate or other qualification to begin your apprenticeship. You can even commence while you're still at school finishing Years 11 and 12. There are many opportunities to train, study and earn an income in most occupations and traditional trades which offer a variety of qualification levels. Upon completion you will obtain a nationally recognised qualification and receive the experience you need to get the job you are looking for.

There are 5 simple steps to follow to help you find an Australian apprenticeship:

1. **Establish your chosen career pathway.** Visit websites, do the research and undertake the necessary quizzes to match occupations with your interests. (Visit <https://www.aapathways.com.au/careers-for-australian-apprenticeships-traineesh/interest-explorer-page> and <https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/australian-school-based-apprenticeships>)
2. **Discuss these options with your career advisers and teachers,** they also have access to the most up-to-date information.
3. **Write your resume.** If you're not sure where to start, your career adviser can assist you with a template or basic format. You will need to include your contact details, school studies, achievements, work experience, interests, skills and career goals.
4. **Find an employer who is looking for an apprentice.** This can take a little bit of time but being patient can be worth your while. Subscribe to the various websites online such as <https://jobsearch.gov.au/jobseekerapp>. Job Active has a 'Job Seeker' app which allows you to establish a job plan, browse and apply for jobs and track your applications.
5. **Formalise all the paperwork.** Ask your employer to call their local Australian Apprenticeships Centre. This center will provide everything needed including the signing of the National Training Contract.





## What's App?

If you haven't already, it is worthwhile downloading the VTAC smartphone app. It lets you discover over 1,700 courses listed with VTAC offered at 57 universities, TAFE institutes and independent tertiary colleges in Victoria. Its helpful functions include;

- Searching for courses by keyword or course code, filtering your results by institution, campus, area of interest, qualification type and application method.
- Entering your Year 12 study program into the prerequisite and course explorer, establishing a shortlist of courses.
- Enables you to create a VTAC account to check your ATAR and tertiary offer status.

Course content on this application is always updated so it is important to have internet connection to receive amended information. So make sure you visit your app store!



## Industry Focus – Health (Paramedic/Ambulance Officer)

According to the Australian Department of Jobs and Small Business\*, 'Health and Welfare Support Workers' are looking at a 19.2% increase in employment over the next five years and the occupation as a Paramedic/Ambulance Officer is projected to have a 24.5% increase specifically. It is worth considering this career if medicine and science is your chosen pathway.

Paramedics provide pre-hospital emergency health care and transport for injured, sick, infirm and aged persons to medical facilities and may perform the following tasks:

- Driving ambulances to sites of medical emergencies and accidents that may require the administration of advanced life support.
- Assessing and treating patients at the site and on the way to hospital.
- Administering pain-relieving drugs and replacing fluids, often by inserting cannulas via veins.
- Preparing patient care records and other written reports including a summary on injury/illness and the treatment provided.
- Lifting patients onto stretchers, loading stretchers into ambulances and transporting to hospital.
- Providing routine transport for patients requiring further or specialized treatment.
- Other duties such as; checking equipment and supplies daily.

Paramedics work in a range of weather conditions and are required to assist at a range of incidents, so they work in teams and shifts. They may be called to motor vehicle accidents and medical emergencies inside or outside of domestic premises, building sites and public areas. Specifically, this could include confined spaces i.e. under vehicles and buildings and hazardous accidents such as fires, chemical spills etc. They also work closely with other emergency workers such as firefighters, police and SES (State Emergency Service).

Specialisations in this field include:

- Intensive Care Paramedic – Attends life-threatening emergencies and gives intensive treatment to patients before arrival at hospital. (This requires additional training in the areas of anatomy/physiology, pathophysiology and pharmacology to be able to make medical decisions without consultation.
- Paramedic Clinical Instructor – Provides training and support to paramedic interns.

Depending on your chosen specialist area, you can refer to the table below for bachelor degree options, which normally are a minimum of 3 years of full time study or equivalent. Upon completion, graduates are then eligible to apply to Ambulance Victoria as a graduate paramedic and complete a one-year practical training programme. However as courses do change, you will need to contact the universities you are interested in for further information.

University	Course
ACU	Bachelor of Nursing/Paramedicine (ATAR 72.25)
Monash University	Bachelor of Paramedicine (ATAR 75.15)
Victoria University	Bachelor of Paramedicine (ATAR 70)
Victoria University (Chancellor's Scholarship)	Bachelor of Health and Biomedicine/Paramedicine (90.00)

\* This list covers undergraduate study only. The ATAR scores listed are an approximate only. For more detailed course information and requirements, please make contact with the relevant learning institution.

(Sources: Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business (Labour Market Information Portal) Employment 2017 Projections Report, myfuture.edu.au, VTAC, Good Universities Guide,