



Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

16: Discover where engineering at Deakin can take you, Deakin University, online webinar, 5pm, <https://bit.ly/335o8Gu>

16, 22: Course Information Sessions, Deakin University, Architecture & Construction Management (16), STEM courses (22), <https://bit.ly/2maZaW0>

17, 21: Deakin Accelerate Information Evening, Deakin University, Geelong Waurn Ponds (17), and Warnambool (21), <https://bit.ly/2p0912o>

19: Endota Wellness Centre, Beauty and Wellness Open Day, Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/32cPZEB>

20: Werribee Open Day, University of Melbourne, Werribee campus. For students interested in studying Veterinary Science, <https://bit.ly/2KUUsu0>

22: Australian Defence Force Information Sessions: Defence Careers, Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/2Vovhip>

23: Spark Night, Monash University, Clayton campus. Electrical and Computer Systems Engineering (ECSE) industry event, www.ecsespark.com

NOVEMBER

12: Deakin Accelerate Information Webinar, Deakin University, online, <https://bit.ly/2p0912o>

Updates from Victoria University (VU)

VU Guaranteed: Year 11 students from eligible schools are encouraged to apply for the VU Year 11 Guaranteed program and secure an early entry university place to start in 2021. Applications close 13 December, <https://bit.ly/2pmjzJc>

Speech pathology: VU has just launched a new block-model dual-qualification in speech pathology – Bachelor of Speech and Language Science/Master of Speech Pathology. They have written an interesting article titled 'now is a great time to be a speech pathologist, where's why', <https://bit.ly/32jcgAu>

Interested in studying Veterinary Science?

Come along to the University of Melbourne Werribee Open Day on Sunday 20 October at The University of Melbourne Werribee campus.

You will be able to learn about courses and careers in the Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture, and Food Science, tour the campus, speak to course advisers, see behind the scenes of the Veterinary Hospital, and speak to current students.

You will also be able to speak to organisations such as – Wildlife Victoria, Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria, Box Hill TAFE, Melbourne Polytechnic, Edgar's Mission, Werribee Dog Obedience, Cavy Council of Victoria, plus more.

For information on the event, go to <https://bit.ly/2KUUsu0>

New Property Valuation Degree!

TAFE NSW will be running their popular and highly successful Bachelor of Property Valuation at the Albury campus starting in Semester 1, 2020.

- Selection criteria: completion of the VCE/HSC, 500-word essay and interview (no ATAR requirement).
- Accredited with the Australian Property Institute
- Taught in block mode (1-week per month intensive mode)
- Heavy focus on industry experience and experiential learning during the 3-year degree, including field trips.
- 75% of students at the Sydney campus are employed by second year in valuation firms.
- Only specialist property valuation degree in Australia
- One of the most highly specialised property valuation degrees in the world.
- Full support of the Australian Property Institute, Albury Wodonga. Students will be encouraged to join the group and will have many opportunities to network.

Graduates could work as a valuer in areas such as residential, commercial, industrial, rural, tourism, aged care, development, leasing, native title, water rights, etc.

For information and to apply for the course, go to <https://bit.ly/2pm6BLH>

Or contact Course Coordinator Jon Frost Jonathan.frost1@tafensw.edu.au

Focus on VET Pathways

Vocational education and training (VET) includes **traineeships, apprenticeships** and **TAFE** study.



4 out of 5 parents report that they would prefer their child to go to university than study VET, <http://bit.ly/2vPBkPF> but it is crucial that both parents and students take the time to understand the VET sector, and that a preference for just university study may in some cases limit a young persons potential.

Between 20 – 30% of young people in Australia drop out of or change their university course within the first year. Many young people don't even consider studying VET due to incorrect perceptions or through lack of understanding of the sector.

It's no secret that employers love job applicants who have TAFE qualifications, including those who graduate from a university degree with a VET qualification.

VET graduates are considered to have 'job ready' skills and in the future labour market in Australia with 1 in every 2 young people expected to complete a Bachelor degree, it is more important than ever to have diverse skills, industry experience and more than one qualification (e.g., a Bachelor of Engineering with a TAFE Diploma in Project Management).



Did you know that 9/10 occupations predicted to have the most jobs growth by 2023 are in vocational training areas and in the industries with the most growth (e.g., health and community services, construction, and accommodation and food services)? Source: <http://bit.ly/1mab7j7>

Specific occupations with the biggest growth prediction include sales assistants, aged care workers, disability workers, enrolled nurses, electricians, chefs, and early childhood education workers etc.

Current skills shortages are in occupations such as automotive trades, food trades, construction trades, and building professionals.



A report, titled: 'Perceptions Are Not Reality: myths, realities & the critical role of vocational education & training in Australia', was released by Skilling Australia Foundation last year,

It revealed the following:

- VET graduates earn wages comparable to, if not exceeding, that of university graduates.
- VET graduates have a higher employment rate than university undergraduates. More than 78% of VET graduates are employed after training.
- VET courses have adapted more readily to changing workforce needs.



There are some occupations that require a university degree (e.g., medicine, social work, law).

It is advisable that students consider undertaking VET study during their gap year (e.g., gap year traineeship or TAFE course) and concurrently with their university studies (if time permits).

Other benefits of TAFE courses include:

- Higher level courses (e.g., Diploma) can provide a direct pathway into university courses with credit
- Can give you the opportunity to trial an industry or career area before you commit to university study
- Can give you a qualification you can use to gain part time work whilst undertaking university study.



Do you know you can study a huge range of vocational courses at TAFE? TAFE provides students with the opportunity to:

- Undertake applied learning
- Gain 'industry ready' experience
- Learn about industries and careers
- Obtain a qualification in a relatively short time frame.

The following are example courses you could consider:

Jane knows she loves working with people, has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is creative, loves thinking outside the box, is highly organised and enjoys solving problems. She explores the following TAFE courses:

- Public Relations
- Marketing
- Advertising
- Professional Writing and Editing
- Broadcast Journalism
- Liberal Arts
- Library and Information Services



Sheridan loves sciences and health and is considering working in rehabilitation, medical sciences or allied health in the future. She explores the following courses:

- Dental Technology
- Nursing
- Massage and Myotherapy
- Allied Health Assistance
- Laboratory Technology
- Pathology Collection

Paul knows he loves helping people and that he would like to work in counselling, case management, or human services in the future. He explores the following courses:

- Community Services
- Youth Work
- Disability Services
- Mental Health
- Alcohol and other Drugs
- Aged Care



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To search for TAFE courses, use the following websites:

Victorian Skills Gateway website - <http://bit.ly/2cPZDUF>

TAFE NSW - <http://bit.ly/1mgtM05>

MySkills (Australia wide) - <http://bit.ly/2gWp25g>

Private Colleges Australia, <http://bit.ly/2fd3Moe>

It's important to note that many courses have optional or compulsory information sessions that run between now and the end of the year. You will need to ensure that you attend these sessions and also fulfil any portfolio or selection task requirements.

Key VET websites include:

VET - VCAA	https://bit.ly/2CKD9Va
'VET. It's right now'	https://bit.ly/2yhKLdT
Skills Road	https://bit.ly/2P2YazQ
SkillsOne	https://bit.ly/1zCKBUG
Myfuture	https://bit.ly/1t6Uj62
Australian Apprenticeship Pathways	https://bit.ly/2Glf3PD



Free TAFE for priority courses in Victoria

If you live or work in Victoria, you may be eligible for a fully subsidised course at a Victorian TAFE Institute next year.

The following are examples of eligible courses:

Non-apprenticeship courses

Health & Community Services

- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Ageing Support
- Allied Health Assistance
- Child, Youth & Family Intervention
- Education Support
- Individual Support
- Justice
- Mental Health
- Nursing
- Youth Work
- Dental Assisting
- Disability
- Community Services



Agriculture/Horticulture

- Horticulture
- Agriculture
- Agriculture (Dairy Production)

Built environment

- Engineering
- Plumbing & Service
- Rail Infrastructure
- Civil Construction
- Civil Construction Supervision
- Concreting
- Construction Waterproofing
- Building & Construction (Building)
- Building Surveying

Hospitality, Tourism, Business

- Hospitality
- Tourism
- Commercial Cookery

Business, IT

- Accounting and Bookkeeping
- Accounting
- Cyber Security

Apprenticeship pathway courses

The following courses are all Certificate II level

- Automotive: Air Conditioning, Body Repair Technology, Servicing Technology, Vocational Preparation
- Baking
- Building & Construction
- Construction Pathways
- Electrotechnology
- Engineering: Pathways, Studies
- Furniture Making
- Glass and Glazing
- Horticulture
- Meat Processing (Food Services)
- Plumbing
- Printing and Graphic Arts
- Production Nursery
- Salon Assistant
- Signage and Graphics

To check your eligibility and to search for TAFE courses and providers, use the websites:

Victorian Skills Gateway, <https://bit.ly/2yG6vzc>

Victorian Government, <https://bit.ly/2nR7NGs>

UNSW Student Bragg Prize winner!

The winner of the 2019 UNSW Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing is Abbotsleigh student Arwyn Stone for her essay questioning the science (and ethics) behind increasingly popular fertility tracking apps used as an alternative contraceptive method, <https://bit.ly/2IUZW1Y>

The competition will be open to secondary students again in 2020, <https://bit.ly/2VUwqlg>

Upcoming Open Days

Endota Wellness Centre is a private college located at Docklands, Melbourne. The institute offers courses in Beauty Therapy, Remedial Massage, and Salon Management. You are invited to their Open Day running on Saturday 19 October between 10am – 12pm. You will be able to speak to course advisers and tour the College. For information and to RSVP your place, go to <https://bit.ly/32cPZEB>

Soar Aviation: in partnership with Box Hill Institute, Soar Aviation offer a Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilot License, Aeroplane). This course enables students to be a qualified commercial pilot within 2-years. They are running an open day on Saturday 19 October at Moorabbin Airport. For information and to RSVP, go to <https://bit.ly/2OVlvmV>

Flight Centre Academy is a private college located at Melbourne. The institute offers a Diploma of Travel and Tourism to students who would like to work in these exciting industries. They are running an Open Day on Thursday 24 October between 5pm – 6pm. You will be able to speak to course advisers and tour the College. For information and to RSVP, go to <https://bit.ly/2MFKcAQ>

Projects Abroad: Volunteer Overseas

Students in years 10 and 11 looking for something worthwhile to do over the summer should look no further than a short-term overseas volunteer placement with Projects Abroad. Spots are still available in Nepal, Cambodia, Thailand or Fiji to teach English to local school children, help to build classrooms, conserve coral reef ecosystems in Thailand or learn about the medicine and healthcare system of a developing country in Nepal. A range of scholarships for domestic students are available. For information and to apply for the program, go to <https://bit.ly/21RUT21>

