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What the Career Centre can assist you with?

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Career News will be published throughout 2015, giving you information that will assist you to make important career decisions.

Choosing a career can be a difficult task. There are so many options, so many courses, so many institutions to choose from. Remember, it is likely that you will have several careers in your lifetime, so don’t think too far ahead. Careers that you may be involved in later on have not been invented!

So, how can I choose? Important things to consider are:

- What do I enjoy doing?
- What subjects do I like most?
- How do I like to spend my spare time?
- What are my hobbies/interests?
- What do I value, or what is important to me?
Answering these questions will tell you things about yourself that will assist you in gaining career ideas. For instance, perhaps you like designing things, enjoy Visual Communication, draw designs in your spare time, and have a passion for the environment. Clearly, you might consider architecture, perhaps designing buildings where heating and cooling costs are reduced as much as possible. Or perhaps you like helping people, are interested in studying Health and Psychology, and it is important that you work as part of a team. You might then consider nursing, health promotion, paramedics or counselling, for example.

**Tuckwell Scholarship**

*Australian National University (ANU)* launched the *Tuckwell Scholarship Program* in 2013. Receiving a Tuckwell Scholarship – valued at $20,000 per year up to five years - 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. All up one could say, *this is no ordinary scholarship!*

Eligible students need to expect an ATAR of 95+ but students who have experienced disadvantage, or who have achieved significantly in other ways, may still be eligible. Applications open on 2 March 2015 and close on 20 March April 2015. For more information about the Tuckwell Scholarship Program visit [Tuckwell Scholarship](#) and [Applying for the Tuckwell Scholarship](#).

Students and their parents are invited to attend the *2015 ANU Tuckwell Scholarship Roadshow* in Victoria.

**Date:** Wednesday 18 February 2015  
**Time:** 6.00pm – 7.30pm  
**Venue:** ANU House, 52 Collins Street in Melbourne

Representatives will be on hand to present on the possibilities open to students at The Australian National University. Speakers include:

- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington  
- Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions Ms Angela Watkins  
- Current Tuckwell Scholars

To RSVP for the event, please click here - [Tuckwell Scholarship Roadshow](#)

**TSFX – Unit 1 or 3 Master Classes**

*The School for Excellence (TSFX)* is running VCE Master Classes commencing in March. These weekly classes review and then extend on the knowledge taught at schools, exposing students to an extensive collection of questions (many of which are not typically accessible to students), as well as frequently overlooked tricks and traps that could appear in the examinations.

To find out more, and/or to enrol visit [TSFX](#)
Tax File Numbers

There have been changes for students applying for a TFN. School forms will no longer be processed.

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post Office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at www.ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’.

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number – application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at www.ato.gov.au by search for ‘QC22604’.

Medical Career Planning

NSW Health has compiled an extensive list of extremely useful fact sheets to assist students in making more informed career choices about the many careers in the health industry, and to ensure their career plans not only fulfil their personal aspirations but also align with the needs of the industry. Students keen on finding out more about what the job is about, whether or not there is a shortage, etc. are encouraged to browse the following link on NSW Health - Medical Career Planning

Careers Day at the Royal Children’s Hospital

Keep an eye out on this website - Royal Children’s Hospital - for more details about an upcoming Careers Day that will be held during the school holidays!

Details will be posted on the above link by Friday 6 March 2015
Career as an Optometrist

The Job Guide states that Optometrists perform eye examinations to determine the presence of vision problems and other eye conditions and disease. They treat or manage these problems by prescribing glasses, contact lenses, optical aids, vision therapy, medication (in the form of eye drops) or referral to an eye surgeon when required.

To become an optometrist students usually have to study optometry at university. Alternatively, they can complete a degree in vision science or a relevant area at university, followed by a postgraduate qualification in optometry their VCE, and study prerequisite subjects in one or more of English, mathematics, chemistry, biology and physics. Some university courses may also require students to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT). Entry to postgraduate courses usually requires completion of an appropriate bachelor degree. A number of universities in Australia offer these degrees. Universities have different prerequisites and some have flexible entry requirements. (Job Guide Optometrist)

Optometry courses on offer include -

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<td>Master of Optometry</td>
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<td><strong>University of Melbourne</strong></td>
<td>Doctor of Optometry</td>
<td>An undergraduate degree (or equivalent), and three subjects at second or third year level (or equivalent) in one or more relevant biological science disciplines</td>
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<td><strong>University of New South Wales</strong></td>
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News from RMIT University

➤ **What kind of Engineer are You?**
Are you interested in engineering but not sure which type is the best fit for you? You can now find out with RMIT’s new online quiz “What kind of Engineer are you?”
To take this quiz visit: [True Engineer](#)

➤ **Science in the City Lab Tours**
Students, parents and teachers are invited to visit RMIT’s cutting edge learning laboratories and discover the range of programs on offer including: biology, biotechnology, chemistry, environmental sciences, food science, nanotechnology and physics.

**Date:** Monday 30 March 2015
**Time:** 11.00am – 2.00pm

For further information and/or to register, email Rebecca McGillivray on rebecca.mcgillivray@rmit.edu.au

➤ **RMIT Course name changes**
Recently RMIT University decided to make two name changes to two courses:
The Bachelor of Science (Geospatial) will change its title to the Bachelor of Science (Geospatial) (Honours) and the Bachelor of Applied Science (Surveying) will change its title to Bachelor of Applied Science (Surveying) (Honours). With these changes both programs will include a research element and will be in line with AQF 8 qualification.

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**Bachelor of Biosecurity at Box Hill Institute**

Qualify in the Bachelor of Biosecurity Science and you’ll be equipped with the knowledge to effectively manage complex biosecurity issues, helping to protect our environment and the economy.

Exotic pests and diseases, also invasive plants and animals, can reap enormous damage, affecting industries like floristry, viticulture, healthcare, agriculture, transport and logistics, food processing and waste management.

Moreover, climate change, increasing global trade, greater numbers of people travelling around the world and a growing population, all means a bigger biosecurity risk.

The Bachelor of Biosecurity Science is the only dedicated undergraduate biosecurity course offered in Australia and commences with foundation studies in biology, microbiology, anatomy and physiology and introduces students to biosecurity and agriculture through site visits to relevant industries.

In the second and final years, students develop an understanding of how plant and animal production systems work, the pests and diseases that are a threat to these industries, and also consider factors impacting on human biosecurity, including public health and biological warfare.

Towards the end of the course students undertake a two-month capstone project to evaluate and report on the biosecurity principles and practices in an industry workplace. This will allow them to demonstrate their skills and knowledge to potential employers.

For further information on biosecurity issues, the increasingly important role of biosecurity in Australia and the role of government and managing biosecurity, visit [Biosecurity](#). To find out more about the course at Box Hill Institute visit [Bachelor of Biosecurity](#)
**Army Aviation**

An army aviation unit is an aviation-related unit of a nation’s army, often described as an air corps. These units are generally separate from a nation’s dedicated air force, and usually comprise helicopters and light support fixed-wing aircraft.

The Australian Army Aviation (AAAvn) Corps operates various types of aircraft including the Sikorsky S70A-9 Black Hawk, Boeing CH-47D Chinook, Bell 206B-1 Kiowa, ARH Tiger, MRH90 Troop Lift Helicopter, and civil helicopter training aircraft.

Find out more about the Australian Army Aviation (AAAvn) Corps at [Australian Army Aviation](#).

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**What does a Brand Manager do?**

According to an article in the Saturday Herald Sun, 1 November 2014, a brand manager works with a company, product or service on ways to set them apart from their competitors in the eyes of consumers or raise awareness in the community. The article goes on further to say that brand managers liaise with their client on what their “brand” will be:

- The client’s image
- What the client wants to portray
- The reputation the client has or wants in the community

So brand managers work closely with their clients in marketing their client and its product or service, and brand managers are expected to have an extensive knowledge of all types of media. Brand managers can also be known as product or marketing managers, and they usually have qualifications in business and/or marketing and advertising.

More detailed information can also be found in the Job Guide at [Brand Manager](#).
At Monash Seminar Series' 2015

The annual ‘At Monash Seminar Series’ commences in March! These seminars provide Year 11 and 12 students and parents with an insight into the courses and career options within discipline areas. The seminars are presented by academics in conjunction with current university students and graduates, and are held in various locations across the Caulfield, Clayton and Peninsula campuses. Seminars with the same title have the same program.

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All seminars commence at 6.30pm and finish at 8.00pm. Seminars with the same title will have the same program. Exact venue details are available online! Registrations are essential and can be completed online at [At Monash](https://www.monash.edu) For more information call 1800 Monash.
AFX Student Exchange

AFX Student Exchange offers a range of programs including high school or GAP year programs to France. For more information about all the programs offered by AFX visit AFX Student Exchange

Au Pair, Volunteer, Exchange Programs

AIFS and its family of companies organises cultural exchange programs throughout the world! Whether students are looking for cultural exchange program, an Au Pair placement, to volunteer or a stint with Camp America, AIFS has a range of opportunities and programs to offer! Visit AIFS Exchange to find out more!

Antipodeans Abroad

Are you unsure what to do once you finish Year 12? Perhaps you are unsure what you want to study at university or TAFE? Perhaps you want to consider taking a GapBreak. Antipodeans Abroad invites students to join their GapBreak program, a 3-6 month volunteer placement in a developing country. Visit Antipodeans Abroad GapBreak

Gap Medics

Our programs offer students interested in healthcare a genuine insight into the hospital work of doctors and nurses in Tanzania, Zanzibar, Thailand and the Czech Republic. Gap Medics are offering an exciting project for students that are looking to apply for university courses in medicine, nursing, dentistry or midwifery. Gap Medics is a provider of short-term healthcare work experience placements abroad. Although based in the UK, its programs are open to students from all around the world. This organisation is dedicated to arranging hospital work experience placements for students who are applying to medical or nursing school in particular.

So, what does the project involve? During weekdays, students shadow highly skilled doctors in their day-to-day work on a fully-supervised hospital placement. Students will also have the benefit of clinical teaching, safe and secure accommodation, food, transfers in Tanzania or Thailand, local orientations, 24/7 support from Gap Medics support teams overseas and in the UK and lots of help with preparations for their trip too.

Visit Gap Medics to find out more!

Student Exchange Australia

LOTE students often express an interest in finding out more about short-term exchange programs to countries like Japan, France, Germany, Canada, Spain and many more! To find out more call 1300 135 331 or visit Student Exchange
Lattitude Global Volunteering

*Lattitude Global Volunteering (formerly Gap Activity Projects)* has been offering international volunteering and gap year projects for 17-25 year olds, for over 35 years. A diverse range of projects are on offer in Asia/Pacific, or further afield in Europe, the Americas and Africa.

**Lattitude Volunteers...**

- are not tourists; they immerse themselves in the local culture, become members of that community, and they learn about a country from within
- step outside their comfort zone and achieve something unique
- experience life, living and new horizons

Applications for 2016 are already open! Visit [Lattitude Global Volunteering](#) to find out more!

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Projects Abroad

For any students keen to learn more about the volunteer and work experience programs offered through Projects Abroad, there is an upcoming *Information Evening* whereby students can find out more about programs on offer!

**Date:** Monday 23 February 2015  
**Time:** 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street, Northcote 3070

Bookings can be made at Projects Abroad Event. Alternatively browse [Projects Abroad](#) for more general information.

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Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

*Explore another culture, learn another language, be a family member and an active student in a different country. Experience your world.* SCCE will be hosting a number of Information Sessions for students and parents to find out more! Details of the next event are –

**Date:** Tuesday 24 February 2015  
**Time:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
**Venue:** Conochie Hall, 2 Rochester Road in Canterbury

For more information call 1800 500 501 or visit [Southern Cross Cultural Exchange](#)

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GAP Year through Tutors Worldwide

There are many different ways in which a GAP Year can be organised. *Tutors Worldwide* offers students the opportunity to work in an *overseas school environment at either prep or secondary (high) school*. Currently *Tutors Worldwide* recruits for (both senior and junior) schools in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, and from among students in the same countries, incorporating personal visits to all countries.

For more information or to download the application form, visit [Tutors Worldwide](#). A reminder that applications close 9 April 2015.
Volunteer Abroad with WEP

*World Education Program (WEP) Australia* is now offering a range of international programs for people over the age of 18! Programs include volunteer and conservation projects, work & travel and internships, teaching English overseas, international language study and language & volunteer packages.

WEP’s GAP programs bring together volunteers from all over the world to help communities in need, and volunteers learn:

- to work through the various challenges of adapting to a new culture
- mature, gain more confidence and develop greater self-awareness
- gain a better understanding of the world and international relations
- develop a much more worldly, focused and determined approach to life once back in Australia

Find out more by visiting [Volunteer Abroad](http://www.volunteerabroad.com) or call 1300 884 733.

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 you ultimately undertake. **Gap Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force.**

The GAP Year will commence in January/February 2016 and the jobs available are Navy Gap Year, Army Gap Year (Administration Clerk, Artilleryman, Driver, Rifleman, and Unit Quartermaster) and Air Force Gap Year.

To find out more information about the ADF Gap Year program please visit [ADF GAP YEAR](http://www.adf.gapyear.com).
Thought for the day:

“You spend years wishing your parents would get off your back, only to realise they’re the only ones who ever really had your back” – Unknown.