

CAREER NEWSLETTER

Week 2 - Term 1, 2020.

WELCOME BACK

You have just come back to school and if you are reading this, chances are that you are thinking about exploring your career and pathway options. It is never too early to start thinking about career ideas, researching your options, developing a career action plan, or simply having a discussion with your Career Adviser.

As a starting point, if you are interested in pursuing a **traineeship or apprenticeship** pathway, it is important that you gain as much industry experience as possible. You can undertake work experience once you turn 15 years old. Seeing your Career Adviser early in the year is important to ensure you get organised early and to be able to start making links with local employers.

Even though you have just started the schooling year, your planning should start now. Australian Apprenticeship Pathways have developed an excellent four-step guide to assist you to start planning - www.aapathways.com.au/job-hunting/steps

Read through Step One and take the work type explorer quiz, download the AusAppPathways app to your phone, and complete practice aptitude quizzes to ascertain the level of literacy and numeracy skills you will need for different occupations.

You can also do the following during the year to prepare for an apprenticeship:

- Meet with your Career Adviser to start planning your professional trade career
- Undertake work experience in several fields or with several employers in the same field. See your Career Adviser for information on how to arrange work experience.
- Contact industry leaders and associations in your fields of interest to ask questions.
- Contact local apprenticeship centres and/or group training organisations to ask their advice on what makes a competitive apprenticeship applicant. Use the following website to locate organisations in your local area - [Find My Apprenticeship Network Provider](#).
- Work hard in your English and Mathematics classes and VET/technology/science subjects if relevant. With advances in technology occurring across all apprenticeship fields, it will be crucial that you can read and interpret complex information and instructions, and adapt to changes in technology during your apprenticeship and once qualified.
- Sign up to social media pages for industries you are interested in to keep up to date with changes to industry technology, skills shortages, and events. For example:
 - [Bricklaying](#)
 - [Plumbing](#)
 - [Construction](#)
 - [Agriculture](#)
 - [Defence Force](#)

If you are interested in studying at **university or TAFE** in the future, please find below links to Facebook and YouTube accounts of several Victorian institutions. It is important to know that Swinburne University, RMIT, Victoria University, and Federation University have both university and TAFE divisions and that many TAFE institutes offer university degrees.

HIGHER EDUCATION – INSTITUTE LINKS

- **University of Melbourne** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)

- **Monash University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Deakin University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **La Trobe University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Victoria University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Charles Sturt University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **RMIT University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Federation University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Box Hill Institute** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Swinburne University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)
- **Australia Catholic University** – [Facebook](#); [YouTube](#)

It is important to read the Career Newsletter each fortnight and follow the [Careers Facebook](#) to ensure that you keep up to date with upcoming career events. Find helpful links and resources on the [Careers page](#) of the School website.

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VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Interested in studying at university in the future?

The Good Universities Guide has released ratings and rankings of Australian university undergraduate courses. You can compare ratings from the following categories:

- Learner engagement
- Learning resources
- Overall quality
- Skills development
- Student support
- Teaching quality
- Graduate salary
- Getting a job.

To access the ratings and compare results between universities, visit <https://bit.ly/2RSvASt>

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School to Work Resources for parents

Supporting your child in preparing for the world of work after school can be a challenge. Casualisation and globalisation of work force, automation and rapid advances in technology will all have an impact in your child's navigation of the world of work.

The Australian Government has developed resources to support parents through their new Future Ready Career Education Portal. To access the resources, go to <https://bit.ly/2Ok0wsL>

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Australian Defence Force Gap Year and Work Experience opportunities

Applications for the Gap Year program will open on the 1 March. Any student considering applying for a position in the Army, Air Force or Navy should book their YOU Session as soon as possible. The YOU Session is an aptitude day and is the first step in the recruitment process for all roles in the Defence Force. You can book a session by phoning 131 901. For more information use the following links:

- [Recruitment process](#)
- [Gap Year Program](#)
- [Defence Jobs](#)

To keep up to date with **work experience** opportunities, bookmark the following link

www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/

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Early Entry information for students in Year 11

Did you know that if you want to apply for early entry to several universities in NSW and Canberra, selection will be based on your Year 11 results, not Year 12?

Students with a successful early entry application may receive an 'unconditional offer', meaning they will receive a guaranteed offer before they receive their HSC results. For information, visit the Schools Recommendation Scheme website- <https://bit.ly/2KBVRQZ>

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Filmmaking competition

Calling all High School film makers. As part of their annual Martini Film Festival & Awards, JMC Academy hosts the High School Mocktail Film Awards. To enter, you will need to submit a short film (e.g., film, documentary, animation, television commercial, film clip) by Sunday 5 April. To find out more and to submit your film, go to <https://bit.ly/3b8u2eN>

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Doctor of Medicine, Charles Sturt University

The first intake for the Doctor of Medicine will be in 2021. Find out about entry requirements and the admissions process at an information session running in March and April, <https://bit.ly/2ul20w3>

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Charles Sturt University Explore Days

Students in Years 10 – 12 can learn about courses at Charles Sturt University, participate in workshops, and speak to course advisers. Albury-Wodonga – 24 March and Wagga Wagga – 31 March, <https://bit.ly/2ul20w3>

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Job Spotlight – Professional Tennis Player

What do they do?

Professional tennis players follow an international circuit competing in tennis matches. Entering tournaments, playing in exhibition games, and making business deals including sponsorships and other endorsements.

If you're highly competitive, have a passion for tennis, and are willing to commit to long hours of training, you might have what it takes to become the next world number one.

Skills required:

- Natural ability, dedication and persistence
- High level of fitness including speed, stamina, and strength
- Have great reactions, exceptional coordination and be quick thinking
- Possess great focus, self-control, and motivation
- Be competitive and confident with a positive, winning, mentality
- Committed to an intensive training program and competition circuit

How to become a professional tennis player in Australia

While there are no academic qualifications that'll ensure you become a tennis player on the professional

circuit, you can give yourself the best chance by:

- Starting young and [training hard](#)
- Sign up for tennis lessons to learn the basics e.g. [ANZ Tennis Hotshots](#)
- [Find a qualified coach](#) to work with and develop your skills
- Progress your abilities and [learn how to compete](#) by taking part in as many events as possible
- Volunteer at tennis events, sign up as a [ballkid](#), take as many opportunities as possible to get experience in all areas of the industry

Then consider

- Joining an enrichment program such as [Talent Tennis Australia's Athlete Development Pathway](#)
- Get yourself discovered by talent scouts in your state. You could contact them directly, or sign up for [competitions](#), plan to attend as many events and workshops as possible
- Signing up for the [International Tours Program](#) if you're aged 18 or under and meet the eligibility requirements.
- Attending one of the 7 [National Tennis Academies](#)
- Apply for Athletic Scholarships that could help you improve your skills, keep competing and obtain a degree at the same time e.g. [US College Athletics Scholarship program](#)

Average salary is impossible to calculate for this career, as earnings are dependent upon the number of tournaments won and endorsement deals made. However, if you make it to the top 90 world players – be rest assured you'll have the opportunity to earn lots of money.

It's also worth noting tennis players have to cover their expenses including travel, accommodation, coaching, and entering competitions (as well as taxes).

Other careers to consider

If you love tennis, there are plenty of other career options you could consider including:

- Coaching
- Umpiring
- Linesperson
- Broadcast
- Reporter / Journalist
- Sports administration

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Top Ten Job Spotlights

If Tennis is not your thing then the team at Study Work Grow have provided a Top Ten list of Job Spotlights to consider:

1. [Visual Merchandiser](#) - Attract customers into stores and maximise sales.
2. [App Developer](#) - Transform ideas into actual products to be launched and used on designated platforms.
3. [Interior Designer](#) - Create interior spaces that are functional, safe, and beautiful.
4. [Childcare / Early Childhood Education](#) - Nurture, teach, socialise and care for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.
5. [Air Traffic Controller](#) - Become one of the ground-based personnel responsible for direct aircraft on the ground, in controlled airspace, as well as provide advice for aircraft in non-controlled airspace.
6. [Architect](#) - Develop concepts for buildings and other structures, then create the images and plans necessary to build them.
7. [Intelligence Security Industry](#) - Be part of the industry working to protect and promote Australia's national interests and security.
8. [Sport and Fitness Industry](#) - Help people get fitter, stay healthier and have fun.
9. [Medical Doctor](#) - Be the person heading a team responsible for diagnosing and treating people when they're sick, injured or in need of other help.
10. [Lifeguard](#) - Save lives and keep people safe in and around water.

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