

## CAREER NEWSLETTER

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### VIRTUAL CAREER EXPOS, OPEN DAYS AND WEBINARS

Although COVID-19 restrictions have changed the way we can connect with tertiary institutions. The opportunities are still there if you are comfortable using a computer or phone to watch videos, chat online and interact in a virtual meeting like Zoom. Many live events are scheduled in the coming weeks that you can participate in. There are also recordings of past events that you can watch in your own time. See the example below and scroll through the options listed in the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter.

#### HSC/QCE/VCE & Beyond Virtual Careers Expo, 17-21 June

In partnership with leading universities and higher education providers across Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, the InspirED virtual careers expo offers:

- **Exhibition Hall** Visit with over 50 universities, TAFE and education providers representing NSW, VIC and QLD. Live chat, video chat, schedule a meeting or download course handbooks, videos and other resources at each booth. In addition to all tertiary exhibitors, major career paths are represented including Hospitality, Aviation, Culinary, Hotel Management, Sport and Creative Arts.
- **Auditorium** Over 120 live daily sessions about time-sensitive scholarship opportunities, early entry programs, campus life, UAC & NESA updates, subject-specific exam insights by senior teachers and markers (across all major subjects), inspirational speakers, career guidance and maintaining a positive mindset throughout the senior years of high school. [Download the speaker program here.](#)
- **Resource Hub** UAC, NESA and senior teachers and markers by subject are available for live chat. Parents and students can also download free guides and resources to help navigate course, career and admissions process information.

HSC & Beyond will be open from June 17-21, 2020. Please note that this event was previously scheduled for June 24-28. It has now combined with the VCE & Beyond Virtual Careers Expo to create a comprehensive experience. Live chat and live sessions will be available Wed | Thu from 4-8PM & Sat | Sun 10AM-2PM.

[Registration is free](#) for students and parents.

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## VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

### Have you considered vocational education and training (VET)?

Research shows that 4/5 parents would prefer their child to go to university after school over vocational education and that many young people and parents don't understand the benefits of vocational education and training (e.g., TAFE, apprenticeships, traineeships). Australian research suggests that:

- 9 out of the 10 top occupations predicted to have the most jobs growth are in vocational training areas.
- The median full-time income for a vocational education graduate is \$56,000 vs \$54,000 for someone with a bachelor degree.
- Nearly eight in 10 vocational education graduates have a job soon after training, vs about seven in 10 university graduates; and
- More than nine in 10 trade apprentices have jobs after finishing training.

You can read the research report at this link - <https://bit.ly/2l0YzIR>

If you would like to learn more about VET and why you should consider gaining a VET qualification after school, go to <https://bit.ly/2xiZBTf> to check out the 'VET. It's Right Now' video initiative.

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### Medicine at La Trobe University / The University of Melbourne – Regional student program

La Trobe University and The University of Melbourne offer a Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Medical) / Doctor of Medicine pathway program. For the 2021 intake, students will be able to apply for the Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Medical) via the Aspire Early Admissions Program.

Students who are accepted into the program and achieve an ATAR of at least 80 and meet subject prerequisites, will be guaranteed an interview.

- Information on the course - <http://bit.ly/2VYOzqJ>
- Information on Aspire - <http://bit.ly/2v9WOLN>

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### Nursing at Charles Sturt University

Congratulations to Charles Sturt! This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University delivering nursing and midwifery courses to regional students. Hear from some of their [passionate graduates](#) who have hit the ground running as job-ready professionals, <https://bit.ly/2AkPuiW>

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### Wildlife Conservation

Passionate about wildlife conservation? You may like to explore the following courses as examples of what you can study at university:

- La Trobe University - Bachelor of Science (Wildlife and Conservation Biology), <http://bit.ly/242qe30>
- Deakin University - Bachelor of Environmental Science (Wildlife and Conservation Biology), <http://bit.ly/2dzOt9e>

For other vocational and higher education courses, search the Good Universities Guide, <http://bit.ly/1N6a3Pk>

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### Interested in Veterinary Nursing?

This is a fantastic occupation for those who are passionate about working with animals. Veterinary nurses assist veterinarians in all aspects of animal patient care, including surgical procedures, laboratory testing, medical treatment, and consultations. To become a qualified veterinary nurse, you usually have to study the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing whilst undertaking employment or work placement in a Vet clinic. This can be completed through a traineeship or online study. Once qualified, you can undertake further study to specialise in dental, surgical or emergency and critical care. For information on this occupation, go

to <https://bit.ly/2IRNcv0>

You may also consider studying a paraprofessional qualification at the university level:

- Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing, La Trobe University: This is the first paraprofessional veterinary nursing qualification of its type in Australia, <https://bit.ly/2IRKaH8>
- Bachelor of Veterinary Technology, Charles Sturt University: this course can be undertaken at the Wagga Wagga campus, in partnership with GO TAFE, Wangaratta or online, <http://bit.ly/1BCc1w4>

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### **Apprenticeships – 2021 intake**

BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) 2021 Apprenticeship Program (NSW & QLD locations)

Apprenticeships include:

- Automotive Electrical
- Electrical
- Diesel Fitting
- Mechanical Fitting
- Boilermaking
- Refrigeration Mechanic
- Plumbing.

You will live close to the mine sites during your 4-year apprenticeship and be provided with accommodation. Applications close 17 June 2020, <https://bit.ly/36Moxkf>

William Adams CAT – 2021 Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships include:

- Diesel Technician
- Auto Electrician
- Boilermaker
- Machinists/Fitter

Applications will be open soon. You can register your interest at <https://bit.ly/2ZVcek1>

Ergon Energy – 2021 Apprenticeships (QLD)

Apprenticeships include:

- Electrician
- Communications Technician
- Distribution Linesperson
- Underground Cable Jointer
- Diesel Fitting

Applications will be open soon. You can register your interest at <https://bit.ly/2ZVxCFZ>

Glencore Coal – 2021 Apprentice Intake (QLD)

Apprenticeships include:

- Auto Electrical
- Electrical
- Mechanic
- Plant Mechanical
- Metal Fabrication

Applications close 21 June, <https://bit.ly/2MvnmMR>

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Western Victorian Careers Expo**

This event will be run online and there is a huge range of exhibitors that students and families can connect with. Whilst this event targets students in Western Victoria, all prospective students are welcome to participate.

Date: Tuesday 23 June, 9.30am – 4.30pm. Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3fuUdhR>

### **The University of Melbourne Webinars**

The University of Melbourne recently ran a series of webinars for prospective students. If you missed the previous information sessions for the course areas below, you can watch recordings.

- Agriculture & Food Science
- Health
- Law
- Architecture, Building, Planning & Design
- Science
- Engineering
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Music
- Education
- Veterinary Medicine
- Commerce
- IT & Computer Science

You can watch the webinars by visiting <http://bit.ly/2TJWmxq>

### **Discover Deakin Seminars**

Deakin University is running the following online information sessions for prospective students in June:

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| 12 | Artificial Intelligence                |
| 15 | Architecture & Construction Management |
| 16 | Forensic Science                       |
| 17 | Law                                    |
| 17 | Engineering                            |
| 18 | Sport Development & Management         |
| 22 | Software Engineering                   |
| 23 | Biomedical Science                     |
| 25 | Environment                            |

Information and RSVP - <https://bit.ly/2YIZXi5>

### **Collarts – Webinar Series**

Collarts is running the following online webinars for prospective students:

June

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| 29 | Interior Design          |
| 30 | Fashion & Sustainability |
| 30 | Fashion Marketing        |

July

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| 1  | Animation & VFX          |
| 1  | Digital & Social Media   |
| 7  | Dramatic Arts (Comedy)   |
| 7  | Screen & Media           |
| 8  | Music Performance        |
| 8  | Music Production         |
| 9  | Audio Engineering        |
| 10 | Entertainment Management |
| 10 | Entertainment Journalism |

Information and RSVP - <https://bit.ly/2KBApv2>

### **Kangan Institute Information Sessions**

Kangan Institute offers vocational and higher education courses at campuses across Victoria such as Broadmeadows, Essendon, Moonee Ponds, Richmond and Docklands. The Institute has recently held digital information sessions for prospective students and recordings are available to watch.

- Animal Studies Information Session: Includes courses in animal studies, companion animal services and veterinary nursing, <https://bit.ly/2MHR9Xd>
- Automotive Studies Information Session: Includes courses in automotive and motorsport, <https://bit.ly/3h9sZOy>
- Health Studies Information Session: Includes courses in allied health, pathology collection, individual support, and leisure and health, <https://bit.ly/37iX7CD>

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## JOB SPOTLIGHT

Photographer from [StudyWorkGrow](#)

### What do Photographers do?

Photographers are skilled, technical artists who are trained in the use of various kinds of equipment and techniques to produce high quality images of people, landscapes, animals, products and other subjects. If you're creative with a great eye for composition, and prepared to put in long hours to obtain a single perfect image, this career could be picture perfect for you.

### About you:

- Creative and imaginative with an eye for detail and good communication skills
- Passionate, patient and flexible, with great people skills
- Technically skilled with attention to detail and a desire to keep learning

### The job:

- Work with clients to find out what they want and provide ideas
- Set up and complete photo shoots in studios or on location
- Select the right equipment to complete the job and adjust settings to suit the job and conditions
- Critically review and cull photographs, edit and enhance selected images to produce high quality and high resolutions images that meet client specifications

**Photographers salary** (average) \$55,000 per year (Source: [seek.com.au](#))

**Job growth for Photographers** is moderate (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](#))

With many photographers aspiring to do well in this industry, you'll have to be at the top of your game, prepared to work in lots of locations or find a niche area that you can focus on if you want to be competitive.

### How to become a Photographer in Australia

Formal qualifications aren't essential but could help you get ahead faster and make you eligible to apply some positions. VET (Vocational Education and Training) and university are both common study pathways for Photographers.

**Step 1** – Study Art, Visual Arts, Design and Technology at school (photography if it's an option)

**Step 2** – Volunteer in as many school, community or private projects as possible, find work experience within the field (and network while you're there), build a portfolio of works. Take online courses and attend workshops to enhance your skills and knowledge.

**Step 3** – Complete VET qualifications or a university degree – look for opportunities where on the job training or internships are offered.

- [Certificate IV in Photography and Photo Imaging](#)
- [Diploma of Photography and Photo Imaging](#)
- [Bachelor of Arts \(Photography\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Design in Photography](#)

**Step 4** – If you want to freelance then you'll need to advertise and market yourself, continue to network and showcase your work. Qualifications or skills in marketing and business may come in handy.

**Step 5** – Obtain recognised accreditation e.g. [AIPP](#)

Find out more here –

<https://www.thephotographyinstitute.edu.au/>

<https://www.aipp.com.au/>

## Similar Careers to Photographer

Fashion Photographer  
Landscape Photographer  
Photojournalist  
Portrait Photographer  
Sports Photographer  
Technical Photographer  
Camera Operators  
Film and Video Editors  
Graphic Designers  
Sound Engineering Technicians  
Fine Artists  
Photograph Processing Workers  
Professional Makeup Artists

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- **What skills do you need to become a photographer?**  
Creativity, technical photography skills, patience and concentration, attention to detail, strong networking skills, and team working skills.
- **Where do photographers work?**  
With photographers working in so many different fields you could be working in a variety of settings from newspaper publishing companies, laboratories (clinical or scientific), in the field (which could be anywhere on land, up in the air or under water), others may be studio-based.
- **Do I need a degree to work as a Photographer in Australia?**  
A degree is not necessarily a requirement to become a photographer, a high school certificate and a willingness to learn could get you started. However, qualifications will increase your technical skills and abilities and may make you more appealing to potential clients and employers.

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