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’s never too early to start thinking about career ideas, researching your options, developing career action plans, or simply having a discussion with your Career Adviser.

If you are in Year 12, it is essential that you discuss your options with the key people in your life as soon as possible. Have no idea what you would like to do when you leave school? No stress! Don’t delay seeing your Career Adviser—now is the perfect time. Not sure what to say? Don’t worry— it is their job to guide you and open up possibilities you may not have considered before.

As a starting point, if you are interested in studying at university or TAFE in the future, please find to the right links to Facebook and YouTube accounts of several Victorian institutions.

It is important to know that Swinburne University, RMIT, Victoria University, and Federation University all have both university and TAFE divisions and that many TAFE institutes offer university degrees!

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 the Work Experience Coordinator and Career Adviser early in the year is important to ensure you can get organised early and to be able to start making links with local employers.

It is important to read the Weekly Career News each week to ensure that you keep up to date with upcoming career events.

Happy reading!
**BOOKS**

**The Good Universities Guide:** assists young people to make informed decisions about university study in Australia. The guide contains information about what a degree is, what you can study and where, and contains independent 5-star ratings and comparisons of courses and providers. To order a copy, contact Hobsons at 1800 682 133, info@hobsons.com.au

**So You Want to be a Doctor?** This book by Kerry Breen has been written specifically for students wishing to study medicine at an Australian University. There have been changes to some medical degrees since this book was written, so make sure you check university websites for the latest information. To order the book, go to http://shop.acer.edu.au

**WEBSITES**

**The Job Guide:** provides comprehensive information on hundreds of occupations. For each occupation, you can find out what you do on a day to day basis, what school subjects you need, where you can study courses related to the occupation, and state specific information. It is an excellent guide for young people and their parents, www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au

**Australian Apprenticeship Pathways:** This is a fantastic website for anyone who is interested in pursuing an apprenticeship, traineeship or school based apprenticeship, www.aapathways.com.au

**Myfuture:** is a comprehensive site that gives students and parents information on occupations, industries, scholarships, courses, and careers etc. There are videos, quizzes and a mini career explorer to help you narrow down your options. To explore the site, go to www.myfuture.edu.au

**Australian Defence Force Careers:** This is an excellent website for anyone considering a career in the Army, Navy or Airforce, www.defencejobs.gov.au

**Which degree should you choose?** How do you choose a university degree you will be passionate about? There are hundreds of different courses in Australia and you can combine degrees together at some universities. Australia National University has developed a fantastic video to help you consider how to choose a degree, www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZfWk8ISTs

**Interested in design?** Several private institutes in Melbourne offer design courses. They are specialist education providers in that they offer only design based courses. They have higher fees than government funded institutions and students can access FEE-HELP to assist with course costs.

- **Grenadi:** offer courses in graphic design, interior design, business, and multimedia, www.grenadi.edu.au/
- **Billy Blue:** offer courses in branded fashion, communication design, interior design (commercial & residential), 3D Design & Animation, interaction design, and motion design, www.billyblue.edu.au/
- **Whitehouse Institute of Design:** offer courses in fashion design, interior design and creative direction & styling, http://whitehouse-design.edu.au/

**Academy of Design Australia:** offer courses in communication design, fashion & costume design, filmmaking & photography, graphic & digital design, and visual arts, www.academyofdesign.edu.au/
Careers in the automotive industry: Know you want to work in the auto industry, but not sure which occupation would suit you best? MAAP My Future has a fantastic quiz that matches your interests with automotive occupations. Go to http://maapmyfuture.com.au/ and click on ‘match me with a career in automotive’.

Work in Spain for a year! Thinking of taking a gap year? Through the Conversation Assistance Program run by Home to Home, you will be able to live in Spain for 9 months, working at a school assisting students and teachers to improve their English skills. You must be 18, have completed Year 12 and you don’t have to speak Spanish. For more information, go to www.hometohome.es/

United World Colleges (UWC) Scholarships: If you are in Years 11 or 12 and would like to complete your education at one of the 12 United World Colleges around the world, and would like to apply for a scholarship, please go to their website at www.uwc.org.au.

Careers in the Defence Force: There are many occupations in the Defence Force that you may be suited to. Your ability to apply for the occupation of your choice will be effected by your level of education, the subjects you have studied at school, your age, and your gender.

To narrow down which occupations you can apply for, use the Defence Force “Job Finder”. You just enter your personal details and select your general career interest areas and a list of jobs will be generated. Go to www.defencejobs.gov.au/

Passionate about fashion design? Australian retailer Forever New has partnered with RMIT to mentor design students through a scholarship program. The scholarship includes $20,000 towards tuition fees and design collection expenses, plus a 12-month employment offer in the design team at Forever New upon graduation. www.forevernew.com.au/rmit-scholarship

Top 10 highest earning university degrees in 2015:

1. Healthcare (e.g., anesthesiologists, dermatologists, gynecologists, pathologists)
2. Engineering (e.g., mining, electronic, airplane maintenance, aviation manufacturing)
3. Law
4. Geology
5. Finance (e.g., accountants, finance professionals)
6. Education (e.g., university lecturer/tutor)
7. Dentistry
8. Business
9. Computer Science/IT (e.g., data analysts, systems analysts)
10. Earth/Environmental Science

For detailed information, go to the following link: www.businessreviewaustralia.com/top10/

Charles Sturt University MyDay events

- 27th February: Nursing, Radiation Therapy, Medical Imaging, Nuclear Medicine, Biomedical Sciences, Wagga Wagga
- 20th March: Arts, Psychology & Social Work, Wagga Wagga

For more information and to register, go to, www.csu.edu.au/go/myday