

# Scotch College

## Future Pathways

### News

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# Course, Careers & Campus Information:



#### Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Year 12 VTAC very late applications – 1 November to 6 December



#### Reminder: VTAC 2025 Upcoming Key Dates



VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 6 December 2024
ATARs Released	Thursday 12 December 2024
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Saturday 14 December 2024
December Round Offers	Monday 23 December 2024
January Round International Offers	Monday 6 January 2025
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 10 January 2025
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 4 February 2025 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#).

The VTAC website is [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)



### Studying Rehabilitation Counselling at La Trobe

*Help people recovering from injuries or living with mental health conditions or disabilities improve their quality of life. You'll build skills in counselling techniques, case management and vocational rehabilitation and support clients to achieve their personal, career and independent living goals.*

Rehabilitation counselling is offered as a major in a few degrees including the Bachelor of Health Sciences - rehabilitation counselling. This major is very popular amongst students studying degrees where having a better understanding of their clients would be an advantage.

La Trobe also offers a Master of Counselling, Rehabilitation and Mental Health at its city campus or online. This accredited course gives students the foundations for a rewarding career that supports others through huge life changes. Students get hands-on experience and will graduate prepared to work in rehabilitation counselling, as well as broader counselling settings such as mental health and Employee Assistance Program (EAP) counselling.



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University News from ANU

#### ➤ Important Notice: Year 12 Applications for 2025 and Beyond

In early October 2024, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic notified schools that, as of 1 December 2024, direct applications and UAC applicants to ANU will no longer require students to provide evidence of co-curricular and service as part of the admissions process. The university believes that this change will make ANU more accessible to Year 12 graduates hoping to study at the university. Students with an queries are encouraged to call 1800 620 032.

#### ➤ Tuckwell Scholarship for 2026

Australian National University (ANU) launched the *Tuckwell Scholarship Program* in 2013. *The Tuckwell Scholarship Program at the ANU is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia.* A Tuckwell 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!

Scholarships are awarded based on four criteria:

- academic potential and achievements to date;
- other significant achievements to date, of any type;
- demonstration of the attributes of a Tuckwell Scholar; and
- a desire to eventually give back to Australia

Although applications will only open in early March 2025 (tbc), current Year 11 students who believe they meet the eligibility criteria for this scholarship, are encouraged to browse Tuckwell Scholarship and the 2026 Application Booklet to find out more.



MONASH University

### **Bachelor of Learning Design & Technology**

The **Bachelor of Learning Design & Technology** offered at the Clayton Campus is designed for students who *love of creativity, technology or psychology to explore how we best navigate new challenges and technologies, from artificial intelligence and simulations to corporate training and career development.*

Apart from learning design, the skills gained in this course means students can pursue roles in *marketing, human resource development, instructional media and game development, training, and project management.*

This course requires students to undertake off-campus industry experience. Industry experience, also known as work-integrated learning (WIL), provides students with opportunities to integrate academic learning with workplace experience.

The VCE prerequisites are Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in English as an Additional Language or at least 25 in English other than EAL, and an ATAR of 70.00 was required for 2024 entry.

**New Important Pathway** – the **Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE)** offers a 1-year pathway option into the Bachelor of Learning Design & Technology. Students who

pass all eight units in the Learning Design and Technology stream and achieve a minimum weighted average mark of 60% in DoHE will be eligible to receive up to one year of credit into the Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology at the Clayton campus, thus entering the second year of the Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology.



### Major in Bachelor of Business

Deakin University offers a *major - Recruitment and Talent Acquisition* – in its Bachelor of Business in response to industry demand. Designed in consultation with industry (the Recruitment, Consulting and Staffing Association), graduates of this major will become qualified and sought after recruitment professionals. They will build their careers identifying and securing the talent that keeps organisations going.

Based in the discipline of Human Resource Management, a strength of Deakin Business School, this major develops a unique skill set for recruitment careers. It combines human resources foundations, recruitment technologies, brand management, employment relations and the specifics of talent acquisition. All these skills will be reinforced with work integrated learning and a business capstone unit.

Find out more by browsing Recruitment and Talent Acquisition major.



### Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural)

*Become familiar with optimal building design and its role in creating new residential, industrial and commercial buildings with the Advanced Diploma of Building Design (Architectural).*

During this two-year course students learn how to produce quality construction plans in both 2D and 3D software, as well as developing business management, problem solving and computer-aided drafting skills. Upon graduation, students receive a recognised accreditation by the Victorian Building Authority – the educational

requirement to become a drafting practitioner. Graduates may work for building designers, draftspersons, builders, architects and other design professionals. Many students go on to study the **Bachelor of Design (Architecture)** and receive credit for some of the units they completed in the diploma.



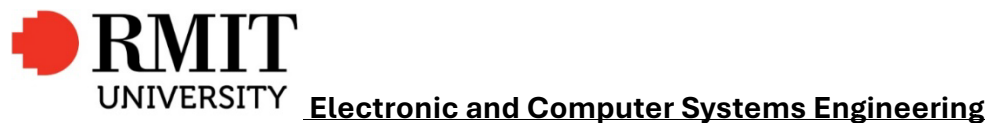
*If you thought that university was not for you because you don't have the academic background or the study skills, or if you have finished year 12 but do not have the entry requirements you need to start a degree, the Foundation Access Studies program (FAST) may be the pathway for you.*

Students who have completed the VCE Major or an unscored VCE can apply for the **Foundation Access Studies (FAST) Program** at Federation University.

FAST is a single semester program designed to teach students effective study techniques, including academic writing, research, use of university systems and how to apply these skills to their studies. When students have successfully completed FAST, they are guaranteed a place in one of Federation University's undergraduate degrees.

All applicants who have not met the English and Maths pre-requisites through their Year 12 results will be required to complete a literacy and numeracy test to determine their eligibility for admission. In order to qualify for entry into FAST for Engineering, applicants need to complete the Technical Maths entry test.

Applications to the FAST program should be made via VTAC. FAST is the only prerequisite required for many of Federation's bachelor's degree programs. More information on Foundation Study of Access Program (FAST) can be found [here](#).



RMIT offers the **Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering) (Honours)** program which merges the electronic, computer systems and telecommunications engineering programs all into one.

## **National Radiographers and Radiation Therapists' Week (NRRTW)**

Students are able to develop fundamental skills in each field and then choose to specialise in one or more areas based on their interests and career goals. Graduate gain skills that enable them to find better solutions to challenges in the design, construction and maintenance of embedded systems, firmware development, electronic hardware, communication and network systems.

Browse [Electronic and Computer Systems Engineering](#) to find out more.

If you're looking for health care career advice and inspiration then keep scrolling because it's National Radiographers and Radiation Therapists' Week (NRRTW)!

Join us as we celebrate the vital role that Radiographers and Radiation Therapists play in health care, and learn more about this exciting industry.



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### **Day in The Life of a Radiation Therapist**

**Are you looking for a role in the medical field that truly makes a difference? A career in Radiation Therapy could be calling! Hear from Jennifer, Peter Mac's very own Radiation Therapist to discover what makes this such a rewarding career.**

[Learn More](#)



### **Snapshot of Holmesglen Institute in 2024**

- **Holmesglen was formed in 1982 and has grown into a very large TAFE provider.**
- **Holmesglen offers over 500 courses from seven campuses at six locations, including Chadstone, Moorabbin, Glen Waverley, and Eildon.**
- **Holmesglen has invested over \$25 million the last few years in building world-class facilities at the Moorabbin Campus. These include four large teaching wards, microbiology, and bioscience laboratories, two simulation suites, a community apartment, an allied health laboratory, lecture theatres, general teaching spaces, a co-operative learning centre, computer laboratories and teaching and administrative staff offices. The facilities have state-of-the-art equipment, reflective of industry standards.**
- **In 2017, Healthscope opened Australia's first TAFE-based hospital, the Holmesglen Private Hospital. The Holmesglen Private Hospital is located at the Holmesglen Institute's Moorabbin campus and provides clinical practice as well as teaching and research for nursing and allied health students.**
- **The Learning Skills Centre at Holmesglen is there to help students with their studies. This includes academic referencing, assignment support, note taking, presentation skills, report writing, research skills, study skills, summarising skills, time management.**
- **Holmesglen partners and projects with industry, are a hallmark of what Holmesglen offers, and covers all areas of its teaching and learning disciplines.**
- **Holmesglen offers Free TAFE priority courses.**



## Apprenticeships & Traineeships

### The impact of technology on apprenticeships

Technology has changed so many parts of our lives, including the way we work – and this also includes apprenticeships. We're going to take a look at the impact of technology on apprenticeships today, and how you can adapt and be prepared with future-proof skills.

### **The evolution of apprenticeships**

Apprenticeships have been around for a [long, long time](#). Traditionally, they involved hands-on experience in traditional trade areas, such as building, craftsmanship, and cooking. Trade areas have grown over time to include things like engineering, plumbing, electrical, healthcare, and more. But the emergence of digital tools and automation has changed skills that are essential in the workforce; and therefore changed what we need to learn through apprenticeships in order to be ready for work. While technical knowledge and experience is still valuable, workers need to have a much broader set of skills to succeed today.

### **Digital literacy is key**

While apprenticeships previously focused on mastering manual skills, there is a growing demand for [digital literacy](#). No matter what your job is, you're probably going to need to use a variety of different technologies in your day-to-day work.

This means apprentices also need to be able to use a variety of software and hardware, understand basic tech concepts, and be able to adapt to evolving technologies. A solid foundation in digital literacy is now considered a fundamental skill for any apprentice.

### **Remote apprenticeships?**

Advancements in technology have also paved the way for [remote apprenticeships](#); this means anyone can learn and collaborate from almost anywhere in the world. But to access these opportunities, apprentices need to be able to use virtual collaboration tools (like Zoom), and have a variety of basic digital literacy skills.

Most importantly, this shift brings flexibility and accessibility to the forefront, allowing apprentices to connect with mentors and peers regardless of their location.

### **Embracing automation and AI**

The integration of automation and artificial intelligence (AI) has not only changed the way we work, but has also influenced the skills apprentices need to thrive. Apprenticeships are more commonly including [exposure to automated processes and AI-driven tools](#), meaning apprentices must adapt to and understand these technologies.

### Soft skills for success

While technical skills are undoubtedly important, [soft skills](#) are becoming increasingly valuable too. Effective communication, adaptability, and critical thinking are skills that employers value no matter what job you're applying for.

Apprentices are encouraged to hone these skills as they navigate the complexities of the modern workplace, collaborating with diverse teams and adapting to the ever-changing demands of the digital economy.

### Find out more

Because of the impact of technology on apprenticeships, you should embrace digital literacy, remote collaboration, and an understanding of automation and AI. Learning both technical and soft skills will prepare you for the future – no matter where it might take you.

[Read more about apprenticeships and traineeships on our website.](#)

## Jobs & Skills for Work:

### [Dressing professionally: A guide for high school students entering the workforce](#)

Whether you're starting a part-time role after school, beginning a summer gig, or entering the workforce permanently, one important aspect of your first job is [understanding how to dress appropriately for your workplace](#). Here are some tips to think about that could help you to get it right.

#### Understand your workplace's dress code

Every workplace is unique. Different industries have different expectations for what's considered professional attire, here are some examples:

- **Business casual:** This is common in offices and customer service roles. It's more relaxed than formal business wear but still looks neat and polished. For example, a nice pair of trousers with a button-up shirt or blouse is a good choice. Avoid jeans, shorts, and t-shirts with logos. A pair of closed in shoes that are comfortable, practical and professional could also be a good investment, stay away from trainers, sandals, or high heels.
- **Uniforms:** Some jobs, like those in retail, fast food, or other service positions, provide uniforms that create a consistent look for the company. Sometimes uniforms includes specific instructions like wearing black pants or closed-toe shoes. If you're given a uniform, wear it exactly as instructed, and always make sure it's clean and not crumpled.
- **Casual or creative environments:** If you're working in a more casual or creative field, you might be able to wear jeans, sneakers, or even t-shirts. However, remember that casual doesn't mean sloppy, you should still wear clean, well-fitted clothing (without any offensive logos or images).

## Consider safety requirements

Uniforms, which can also include safety gear, may be provided by the company. You'll need to check and make sure that you're prepared with everything you'll need each day at work. Here are some common industries where safety items might be required:

- **Construction or warehousing:** You might be required to wear steel-toed boots, high-visibility vests, or protective helmets. Even if these seem uncomfortable at first, they're there to keep you safe.
- **Healthcare or food service:** You may need to wear gloves, aprons, or hairnets, especially if you're handling food or working in a lab. Safety shoes are often required in kitchens as well, they protect your feet if you drop anything and are usually anti-slip as well. These items protect you and others, so be sure to follow safety guidelines.
- **Working outdoors:** If you're in landscaping or lifeguarding, you may need sun protection, like a hat, sunglasses, or long sleeves. Look after yourself, and make sure you're following workplace guidelines.

## Figure out what to wear (and what not to wear)

Starting a new job and knowing what to turn up in can be stressful for everyone. Getting your outfit right can help to make you feel more comfortable at work and create a good first impression with your supervisor and co-workers. Here are a few "dos" and "don'ts" to keep in mind:

- **DO:** Choose clothes that fit well, are clean, and look put together. Even in a relaxed environment, this shows you're ready for the day.
  - **Example:** In a casual workplace setting, a button up shirt or blouse, polo shirt, or another plain top paired with slacks, chinos, a knee length or longer skirt, or khakis works well. Comfortable, clean loafers or low heels complete the look.
- **DON'T:** Wear anything too revealing, overly casual, or distracting. This includes items like flip-flops, vest or tank tops, singlets, short skirts or shorts, or tops with large graphics or slogans.
  - **Example:** Avoid wearing a hoodie and ripped jeans in a business setting. Although it's comfortable, it doesn't project professionalism.
- **DO:** Pay attention to your personal grooming. For many workplaces, a tidy appearance is part of looking professional. Brushed hair, clean nails, and, if applicable, minimal makeup can make a good impression.
- **DON'T:** Over-accessorise or wear too much cologne or perfume. Strong scents or excessive jewellery can be distracting and may not be suitable for certain work environments.

## Dress for success

Starting your first job is all about learning new things, and that includes dressing professionally for the role you're going to be doing. While your personal style is important, adapting to the dress code shows respect for the workplace and makes a positive impression. Plus, being well-prepared with the right attire gives you one less thing to worry about so you can focus on doing a great job.

### **Ask if you're unsure**

If you're uncertain about what to wear, don't be afraid to ask. Everyone has had their share of first days and the chances are they worried about what to wear too. You can either reach out to your supervisor, check the employee handbook, or observe what others wear. It's much better to ask than turn up wearing something unsuitable.

Need more advice? [We have heaps of other resources to help you prepare for work on our website.](#)

## **Study & Other Opportunities:**

### **[5 ways to spend your gap year](#)**

Taking a gap year before the next stage of your journey, whether that's further studies, a trade, or entering the workforce, or changing careers, can be an incredible opportunity. It's a chance to stop and smell the roses, gain life experience, build valuable skills, or discover new passions. There are lots of ways you could choose to spend a gap year, but to help inspire you, here are just 5 meaningful ways you can make the most of yours.

#### **Travel and volunteer abroad**

Travelling to new places is one of the best ways to expand your world-view, especially when combined with volunteering. By helping in local communities with projects like teaching, wildlife conservation, or community development, you're not only giving back but also gaining insight into other cultures and ways of life.

- **What you'll gain:** Cultural awareness, language skills, adaptability, and new friendships from around the world.
- **How to get started:** Look into organisations that align with causes you care about. Some programs even offer extras like accommodation, which can be helpful if you're on a budget. Organisations like [Workaway](#), [International Volunteer HQ](#), [Projects Abroad](#), and [WWOOF](#) (or [WWOOF Australia](#)) offer volunteer and work exchange programs all over the world.

#### **Get work experience and try out different jobs**

If you're not yet sure what career path you want to take, trying out different jobs could help you get a better idea of what you enjoy. From working in retail or hospitality to trying out internships in fields like marketing, graphic design, or IT, the skills and experience you'll gain can be invaluable.

- **What you'll gain:** Work skills, financial independence, confidence, and connections that might lead to future job offers.
- **How to get started:** Look for job openings in your local area or apply for cadetships and internships in fields you're curious about. You could even give gig work or freelance opportunities a go, giving you the flexibility to explore different interests at the same time.

### **Learn a new skill or pursue a passion project**

A gap year can be a great time to dive deep into a skill or passion project you might not have had time for during high school (or afterwards). If you've always wanted to learn a language, master an instrument, learn to scuba dive, develop coding skills, or start producing blogs or podcasts, this could be the perfect time to give it a go and unlock new talents.

- **What you'll gain:** Dedication, creative skills, time management, and a portfolio that could set you apart in applications and interviews.
- **How to get started:** Find online courses on platforms like [Coursera](#), [Skillshare](#), [Openlearning](#), or even [YouTube](#). Many platforms offer one or two free courses, a free trial period, or are always free like [Khan Academy](#) and [Duolingo](#). Look for local classes or clubs that align with your interests, too. Set personal goals and track your progress to keep your motivation high. Short courses, [microcredentials](#), or certifications from platforms like [LinkedIn Learning](#), [edX](#), or [Udacity](#) are affordable options in a variety of subjects that could also help you to be prepared if you decide higher education is right for you.

### **Start a small business or side hustle**

If you've ever been curious about [entrepreneurship](#), a gap year is the perfect time to dive in and try your hand at running a small business or side hustle. This could be anything from selling handmade crafts online, offering freelance services (like graphic design, photography, or tutoring), or even running a small pet-sitting or dog-walking business in your local area. Or if you have a big idea, be bold and look for investors, join incubators and prepare to launch your brand. Even if you choose not to continue, entrepreneurship is a crash course in everything from budgeting to marketing, and it can help you develop a sense of responsibility and creativity that can be used in all walks of life.

- **What you'll gain:** Potentially a life long career and passion. Also, business and marketing skills, financial literacy, problem-solving, and a stronger work ethic. With the added bonus that any income you make can support future studies or personal goals.
- **How to get started:** Think about what you enjoy and what skills you have that people might pay for. You could sell items on platforms like [Etsy](#), start a blog or YouTube channel, or offer local services. There are tons of resources online to help you start small, so take it one step at a time and watch your side hustle grow!

### **Engage in personal growth and wellbeing**

Personal growth might not sound like a "to-do" list item, but taking a break to focus on your mental, emotional, and physical health is incredibly valuable. You could use the time to establish healthy habits, start journaling, learn how to meditate, join mindfulness or fitness classes, or simply find balance after the demands of high school.

- **What you'll gain:** Emotional resilience, self-understanding, and positive habits that could help to keep you healthy and grounded throughout life.
- **How to get started:** Start small. Try yoga or meditation apps, read personal growth books, or look into joining local fitness groups. Set simple goals to make this period a time of meaningful self-reflection and growth.

### **Make your gap year your own**

Ultimately, your gap year is about finding what's best for you and creating a journey that will enrich your life. So, try things that align with your goals, whether it's travelling, gaining work experience, or building new skills. With a bit of planning and an open mind, your gap year could be the most rewarding adventure of all.

Find more information about gap years on our website [here](#).

### **[How to nail your scholarship interview](#)**

Being invited to a scholarship interview is exciting, but it can also feel pretty overwhelming – after all, there could be thousands of dollars on the line! But with some preparation and practice, you can walk into that interview feeling confident and ready to show them why you're the perfect candidate. In this blog, we'll provide you with some tips and tricks to help you nail your scholarship interview.

### **Why do some scholarships have interviews?**

Scholarship interviews help the selection panel get to know you beyond what's on paper. They want to see your personality, understand your goals, and figure out if you're a good fit for their program. Think of it as your chance to bring your application to life.

Not all scholarships will require you to attend an interview – they're typically more common for very prestigious scholarships or those that come with work experience opportunities.

### **How to prepare for your scholarship interview**

The key to a successful scholarship interview is preparation, so here are some tips to help you get ready for the big day.

### **Do your homework**

Before you even step into the interview room, make sure you know what the scholarship is all about and who's offering it. Understanding their values and what they're looking for in candidates will help you present yourself as the ideal choice.

Take some time to research how much the scholarship is worth and what it covers too – this shows you're genuinely interested in the opportunity.

### **Get your achievements ready**

Make a list of things you're proud of, including academic achievements, leadership roles, and times you've overcome challenges. Having specific examples ready makes it easier to answer questions about your experiences and skills. Remember to think about how these achievements relate to what the scholarship provider is looking for.

### **Practice common questions**

During the interview, you can definitely expect to be [asked questions by the interviewers](#) that will help them decide what makes you stand out from other candidates. Here are some questions that often come up in scholarship interviews:

- Why do you want this scholarship?
- What are your educational and career goals?
- How will this scholarship help you achieve these goals?
- What makes you stand out from other candidates?
- Can you tell us about a time you showed leadership/overcame a challenge?

Try practicing your answers with family or friends – the more you practice, the more natural your responses will feel.

### **Tips for interview day**

You've done all the preparation, and now it's time for the interview itself. Here are some key things to remember to help you make a great impression.

#### **Look the part**

First impressions count – dress professionally but comfortably. You don't need to wear a suit, but avoid anything too casual like jeans or sandals.

#### **Show confidence (even if you're nervous)**

It's totally normal to feel nervous, but there are ways to appear confident. Make eye contact, smile, and sit up straight. Remember to speak clearly and listen carefully to questions before answering. The interview panel isn't trying to trip you up – they just want to get to know you better.

#### **Have questions ready**

Prepare some thoughtful questions to ask at the end of the interview (if you're given the opportunity). You could ask about what a typical day looks like for a scholarship recipient, or what special opportunities might be available. This shows you're interested and engaged with the program.

#### **After the interview**

Send a thank you email to your interviewers and follow up if you haven't heard back within their stated time-frame. Most importantly, stay positive – if you don't get this one, there are always more opportunities out there.

#### **Want to know more?**

You can [find more scholarship tips and opportunities on our website](#), or [check out our other blogs about study](#).