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# Welcome!



## Opportunities & Pathways Newsletter

This document includes a wide range of announcements and resources that may be of assistance to Northside Christian College Senior School students and families. Students are encouraged to read the Opportunities and Pathways newsletter regularly and attend relevant events to expand their understanding of course and pathway options.

## Careers Support at Northside Christian College

Northside Christian College provides Senior School students with support and information sessions and encourage students to make careful decisions about their future pathways based on their capabilities and learning styles.

Students and their parents are provided with up-to-date information about tertiary study and post school opportunities through a dedicated Schoology page.

For more information about the Careers program at Northside Christian College, please contact Mrs Lenna Waters at [lwaters@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:lwaters@ncc.vic.edu.au).

## 2019 Planning

Semester 2 for Years 10, 11 and 12 students is very important. For Year 10 students, completing work experience and the process of selecting subjects for 2019 will be a priority, while Year 11 students will focus on building a strong academic and leadership foundation in preparation for their final year at school in 2019. Our Year 12 students have commenced Unit 4 studies and will be completing practice examinations during the upcoming September holidays in preparation for their final examinations during Term 4. Members of the College's teaching staff and our Careers and Work Studies Coordinator have offices in the building, and are easily accessible for discussion or to meet with students. The staff at the College look forward to supporting our students during this exciting time.



# 2019 Handbooks

## 2019 Subject Selection Handbook

The VCE Subject Selection Handbook plays one part in the process of helping students to make informed decisions about subject selection. This resource provides information about each of the VCE subjects available at Northside Christian College in 2019. A copy of this booklet is available on the College website at: <http://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/2019-Subject-Selection-Booklet.pdf>

The College promoted the following subjects at the Senior School Information Evening:

- Biology - Units 1 - 4
- Business Management - Units 1 - 4
- Chemistry - Units 1 - 4
- English /EAL - Units 1 - 4
- Food Studies - Units 1 & 2
- Health & Human Development - Units 1 - 4
- History: 20th Century - Units 1 & 2
- History: Revolutions - Units 3 & 4
- Legal Studies - Units 1 - 4
- Literature - Units 1 & 2
- General Mathematics - Unit 1 & 2
- Further Mathematics - Unit 3 & 4
- Mathematical Methods - Units 1 - 4
- Media - Units 1 & 2
- Outdoor and Environmental Studies - Units 1 & 2
- Physics - Units 1 - 4
- Psychology - Units 1 - 4
- Studio Arts - Units 1 - 4
- Visual Communication Design - Units 1 - 4

Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate individual student courses, no guarantee is made that all subject selections will have a formal class at Northside Christian College. Some students may be required to choose alternative subjects or complete studies through another provider such as the Distance Education Centre

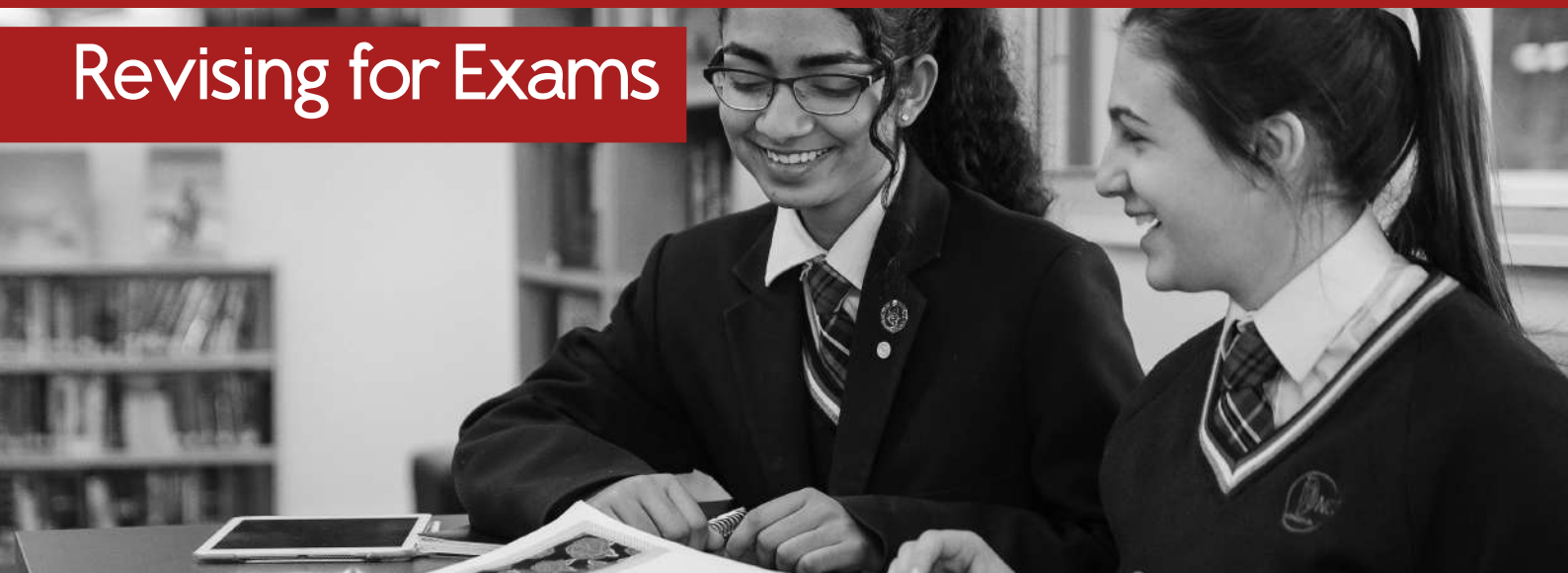
Victoria (DECV). Changes may also occur to subject offerings due to patterns of student preferences or availability of teaching staff.

## 2019 VCE Student Policy Handbook

The VCE Student Policy Handbook provides helpful advice for Northside Christian College Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students and parents. It will provide our College Community with invaluable information as students proceed through the VCE. This handbook provides policies related to the VCE at Northside Christian College. The policies outline the requirements that students must adhere to in order for the VCE to be awarded. Further clarification and explanation is available on the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) website or by appointment with the Head of Secondary School. A copy of this booklet is available on the College website at: <https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/NO-4-VCE-Student-Policy-Handbook-2019.pdf>



# Revising for Exams



## Exam Study Tips

Students in Years 10 - 12 will be completing end of year examinations during Term 4. It is timely to now consider a wide range of revision strategies with examinations just a few months away. Students are encouraged to choose one topic in each subject to start revising. Revision can take many forms and students are encouraged to use the method that works best for them. For some students, revision may consist of re-reading an English text, completing additional maths questions in the chosen topic, creating a glossary of key science terms or representing key dates in history on a timeline to put on the back of the bathroom door. If students need any assistance in planning their revision program, they are encouraged to speak to their subject teacher(s) or home group teacher.

Below are a few commonly used strategies to prepare for examinations.

**Work consistently throughout the semester.** Regularly scheduling revision throughout the semester assists with learning and understanding.

**Draw up a study plan.** Most students have a busy schedule with other commitments including sport, work, friends and family. It can be a useful strategy to plan what you aim to study each day leading up to the examinations. This is a good strategy to ensure you don't miss anything and don't get stuck studying for subjects at the last minute.

**Study with purpose.** Think about how you are going to study for each subject. Can you study chapter questions? Are there any past papers or practice exams? Can you develop a study guide?

**Testing yourself and testing others** is an effective strategy for revising your knowledge in different subjects. After you have tested yourself, teach the material to someone else. This is a commonly used revision strategy which can assist with the recall of knowledge.

**Completing practice exams** is an effective strategy at the VCE level. Completing practice exams can build your confidence in how to attempt different types of questions, managing your exam time and building your content knowledge.

**Read your exam timetable.** It is important to know the details of your exam. When is it scheduled? How long does it go for? What can you bring into the exam room? Students should be familiar with the exam rules.

**Maintain your routines.** The little things like eating well, sleeping well and staying positive can help you prepare for your examinations. Exercising regularly has been shown to assist with your learning and overall wellbeing.

## Other Resources

### 7 tips to help you study smarter, not harder

Deakin University have published an article on exam preparation at: <http://bit.ly/2vU5y5j>

### 3 steps to studying like a pro during the holidays

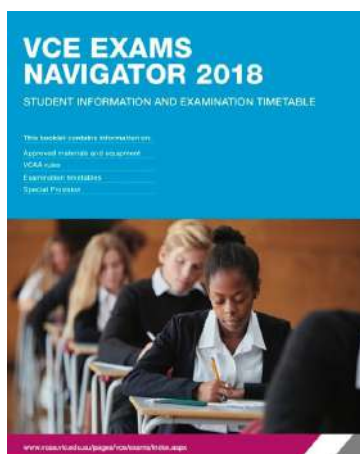
Elevate Education have published a wide range of resources highlighting strategies to assist with studying. Please refer to: <https://usstudent.elevateeducation.com/media/blog/3-steps-to-studying-like-a-pro-during-the-holidays>

## VCE Exams Navigator 2018

The VCE Exams Navigator 2018 booklet outlines the examination times for the October/November period. This booklet contains everything you need to know about the VCE examinations procedures, including:

- Approved materials and equipment for VCE examinations
- VCAA examination rules and their observance for the conduct of VCE examinations
- 2018 VCE examination timetable
- Special Provisions
- Advice for students presenting for Languages oral examinations
- 2018 VCE Results and ATAR Service

A copy of this booklet will be distributed to students during Term 3. This resource is available online at: [https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vcaanavigator\\_web.pdf](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vcaanavigator_web.pdf)



## VCE Exam Revision Lectures

There are a wide range of optional revision lectures being promoted to students across Victoria to assist them in preparing for the upcoming VCE Written Examinations. Please see a list of some of the opportunities available listed below.

### Access Education

The Access Education revision lectures are a great opportunity to complete additional preparation for Unit 3 and 4 VCE examinations. For more information about this opportunity to prepare for VCE examinations, please refer to:

<http://www.accesseducation.com.au/Uploads/Brochures/Access%20Ed%20End%20Year%20U3&4%20Exam%20Revision%202018%20brochure.pdf>

## Connect Education

Connect VCE Revision Lectures: Revise the most important content and skills for your exam, then learn how to put it all together for a great score.

Please refer to: <https://www.connectededucation.com.au/lectures/subjects>

## Engage Education

Unit 3 and 4 students are encouraged to visit: <https://engageeducation.org.au> to learn more about VCE exam revision lectures provided by Engage Education.

## HTAV

Brush up on course content and receive tips for the exam. These history lectures support students studying VCE Australian History, Ancient History and Revolutions. Highly qualified, experienced presenters will take students through each Area of Study. Please refer to: <https://www.htav.asn.au/eventsplus/event/vce-history-exam-revision-student-lectures-september-2018>

## NEAP

The September Program by NEAP is a knowledge-based program. Guided by experienced and enthusiastic VCE teachers, students will revise and summarise the course of your subject/s in detail to consolidate your learning and work through exam-style questions. Please refer to: <http://www.neap.com.au/>.

## TSSM

TSSM's September Holiday Exam Preparation Program is designed to help Unit 3/4 students thoroughly review all key areas of study as outlined in the VCAA Study Design for each subject prior to the exam rush. Please refer to: <http://www.tssm.com.au/browse-programs/september-holiday-programs-l2.aspx>

## Visual Communication Victoria

Visual Communication Victoria will be conducting a Visual Communication Design Exam Revision Seminar on Saturday 13th October. Registration commences at 1:30pm with the seminar between 2pm and 4pm at Swinburne University, Burwood Rd Hawthorn, ATC building Room 101. David Morrison will inspire students with tips, tricks and strategies for preparing for the 2018 VCD exam. Tickets for this event cost \$30.00 each and can be purchased through Mrs Worrell - [sworrell@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:sworrell@ncc.vic.edu.au)



# Career Planning

## Career Action Plan

This Career Action Plan from the Victorian Government is useful for all Senior School students to help plan their futures, and includes handy checklists of things you should do to be prepared for applying for jobs and tertiary study.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/careers/carframe/Pages/cap.aspx>

## Job Jumpstart

Job Jumpstart is a resource from the Australian Government's Department of Employment that can help you find a job, explore your study options, and plan your career.

<https://jobjumpstart.employment.gov.au/>

## My Big Tomorrow

Students can investigate a range of career pathways with this interactive website. You may find out about a career you didn't know existed and see what a day in the life of your dream job is like.

<http://www.mybigtomorrow.com.au/>

## Grow Careers

Grow Careers provide resources for current and former students, parents and staff as people who support the career development of students and as people with their own career development concerns. The career information and resources that can be accessed from this site are targeted to the particular needs of the different users of this website. Select your category from the menu above to access the information and resources relevant to your needs.

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



## WIRL Career

WIRL Career is an up-to-date database of interesting and relevant careers information, and has been designed to operate as a partnership between young people, study-seekers, education providers, career advisor, community groups and industry associations.

The creators behind WIRL Career realised that many important career decisions (including course selection and study) are based around personal ideas of what students imagine a job will be like, rather than by first-hand experience. WIRL Career is an online tool that can help school-leavers explore different careers visually.

You can search the website by broad career fields, or specify which segment you are interested in - for example: you can look for all careers in ARTS, or you can be as specific as a Small Animal Vet. Once you have begun your search, you are presented with videos to watch that are relevant to your selection. In these videos, those already working in your field of interest can share their experiences in the industry, as well as providing links to job descriptions, career pathways and study options.

For those who are unsure of their possible career pathways, there is even an online Career Quiz Tool, in which the answers you give to select questions help point you in the direction of the job that may be right for you.

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

## Myfuture

On the Myfuture website you can build a career profile, discover different occupations, search for courses and much more!

<https://myfuture.edu.au/>



# VTAC Updates

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## VTAC Publications

### VTAC Year 11 and 12 Guide: Researching courses and applying

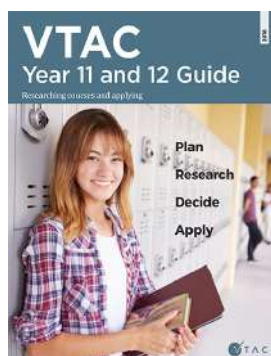
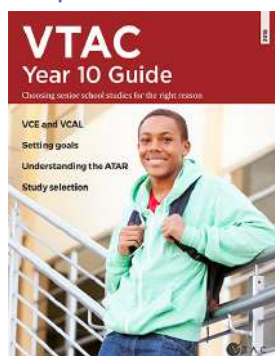
The 2018 VTAC Year 11 and 12 Guide helps students research tertiary courses and leads Year 12 students through the application process. Year 11 students will benefit from using this publication to plan, research, and make tentative decisions, whilst the Year 12 students can use it to plan, research, make decisions, and apply. The publication provides information on key dates, how the application process works, useful tips on scholarships, VTAC personal statements, and much more!

This document is available online at: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/publications/>

### VTAC Year 10 Guide: Choosing senior school studies for the right reason

The 2018 VTAC Year 10 Guide provides information and activities to help Year 10 students identify their strengths and interests, research tertiary education and choose their senior school studies.

This document is also available online at: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/publications/>



## VTAC Fact Sheets

During 2018, VTAC have updated and published a wide range of factsheets including the list below.

- How to use CourseSearch 2018
- Study area groupings
- Preparing for interviews, auditions and folios
- The ATAR profile explained
- Am I eligible for a scholarship?
- CASPer: for initial teacher education courses
- Providing a supporting statement
- Change of preference Frequently Asked Questions
- VTAC and the Application process
- Pathways, Credit Transfer and RPL

For more information, please refer to: <http://vtac.edu.au/publications/#factsheets>

## The VTAC App

The VTAC App brings together CourseSearch and the Prerequisite and Course Explorer. The app is searchable offline and will update with any changes when the device is connected to the internet. Users can save course entries to a shortlist so they can find them easily later. The VTAC App is free to download from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

## VTAC Webinar for Students and Parents

At 7pm on Wednesday 15th August, VTAC will run a free evening webinar for students and parents covering all aspects of the application process. This webinar is hosted by the CEAV.

More information and registration is available at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/applying-for-tertiary-study-in-victoria-free-vtac-webinar-tickets-4872441303>

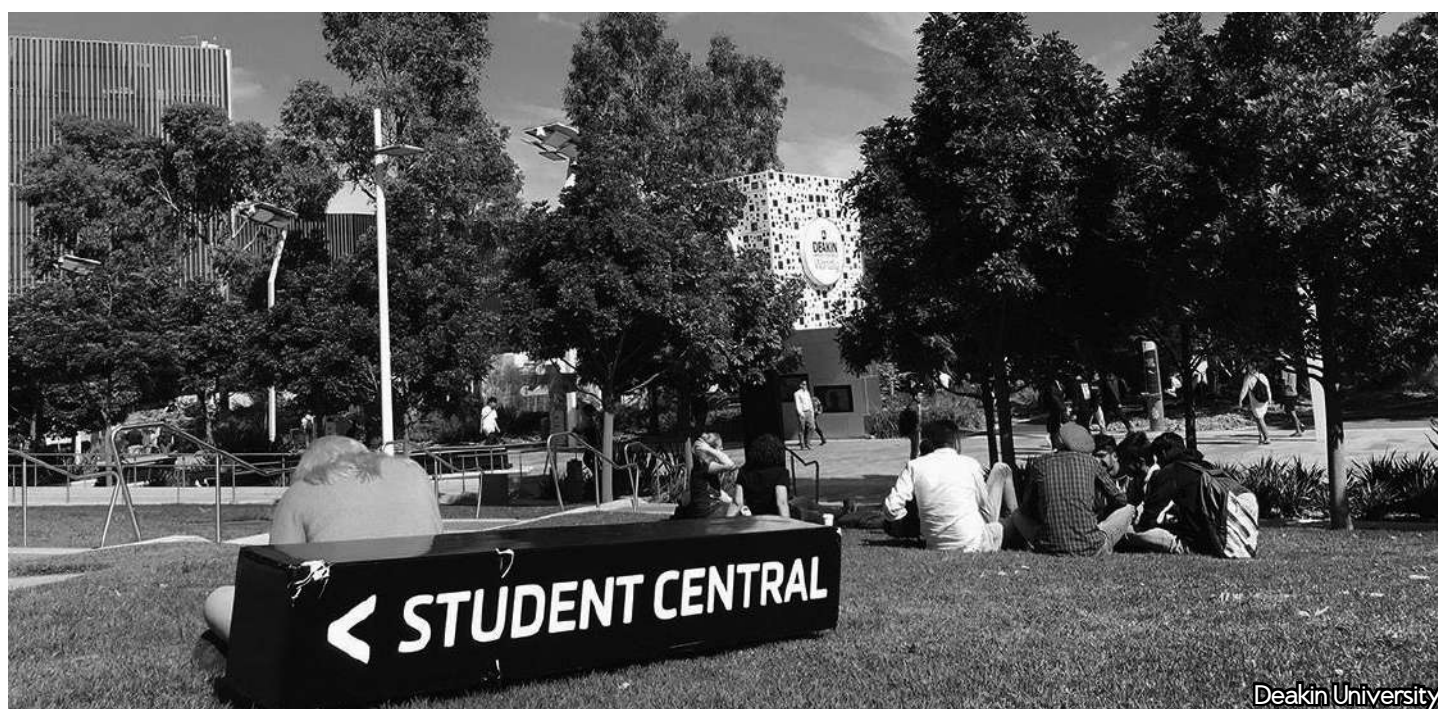
## Important VTAC Dates

The following table lists the dates for key events through to the end of the 2019 course application cycle. Make sure you submit your applications and required documentation on time.

Course applications	Open	Close	Fees
Timely course applications	6th August (9am)	27th September (5pm)	\$36.00 Currently enrolled Year 12 timely processing fee
Late course applications	27th September (5.30pm)	2nd November (5pm)	\$105.00 Late processing fee
Very late course applications (not available for graduate-entry teaching courses)	2nd November (5.30pm)	7th December (5pm)	\$137.00 Very late processing fee
New applications to be considered for round 2 and subsequent offers	4th January (10am)	22nd January 2019 (5pm)	\$54.00

Source: VTAC. (2018). Important Dates. Retrieved from: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html>

VTAC Application website: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/applying.html>



### CASPer

CASPer is an online test designed to assess an applicant's personal and professional attributes and their suitability to teaching. CASPer is a requirement of applying to many initial teaching training courses in Victoria - <https://takecasper.com/>

A number of universities will be requiring students sit the CASPer online test as part of the selection into teaching degrees in 2019. Students are encouraged to browse VTAC and learn which courses will require the CASPer for selection.





## TAFE Updates

### Free TAFE Courses in 2019

The Victorian Government has announced Free TAFE for Priority Courses in 2019, which will give more Victorians the chance to study at TAFE. The Government have highlighted that more than ever, the skills we need to build our state are learned at TAFE.

Free TAFE for Priority Courses will reduce the financial barrier for students wanting to train in courses that lead to jobs - in demand from Victorian employers.

From 1 January 2019, Free TAFE for Priority Courses pays tuition fees for priority courses for students who are eligible for government-subsidised training.

This includes:

- An initial 20 priority non apprenticeship courses, state-wide - a further 10 priority courses will be confirmed following consultation with industry, in time for students to enrol for the 2019 training year
- 18 Victorian Government-subsidised apprenticeship pathway courses (sometimes called pre apprenticeships)

TAFEs may take enrolments in 2018 for Free TAFE for Priority Courses that begin in 2019.

For more information, please refer to: <https://www.vic.gov.au/freetafe/free-tafe.html?Redirect=2>

Students who are eligible for the Free TAFE for Priority Courses initiative can study free in one of the following courses in 2019:

#### Non-apprenticeship courses

- Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping
- Diploma of Accounting
- Advanced Diploma of Accounting
- Certificate IV in Ageing Support
- Certificate II in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Agriculture
- Certificate IV in Agriculture
- Certificate III in Agriculture (Dairy Production)
- Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance
- Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance
- Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Building)
- Diploma of Building and Construction (Building)
- Certificate III in Civil Construction
- Certificate III in Community Services
- Certificate IV in Community Services
- Diploma of Community Services
- Certificate III in Concreting
- Certificate III in Construction Waterproofing
- Certificate III/IV in Dental Assisting
- Certificate IV in Disability
- Certificate III in Education Support
- Certificate IV in Education Support
- Certificate IV in Engineering
- Certificate III in Horticulture
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Individual Support
- Certificate IV in Mental Health
- Diploma of Nursing
- Certificate IV in Plumbing and Service

**Apprenticeship pathway courses**

- Certificate II in Automotive Air Conditioning Technology
- Certificate II in Automotive Body Repair Technology
- Certificate II in Automotive Servicing Technology
- Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
- Certificate II in Baking
- Certificate II in Construction Pathways
- Certificate II in Electrotechnology Studies (Pre-vocational)
- Certificate II in Electrotechnology (Career Start)
- Certificate II in Engineering Pathways
- Certificate II in Engineering Studies
- Certificate II in Furniture Making
- Certificate II in Glass and Glazing
- Certificate II in Horticulture
- Certificate II in Meat Processing (Food Services)
- Certificate II in Plumbing (Pre-apprenticeship)
- Certificate II in Printing and Graphic Arts (General)
- Certificate II in Salon Assistant
- Certificate II in Signage and Graphic

Eligibility criteria apply. Free TAFE on selected courses only. Other fees and charges may apply.





## University Updates

### Aspire Early Admissions Program

Applications Open 1st June 2018

La Trobe also offers an Early Admissions program called Aspire. This program is designed to acknowledge secondary students who work hard to make positive changes in their schools and communities through volunteering. The Aspire Early Admissions Program acknowledges a student's volunteering efforts when they apply. As a successful applicant, students receive an offer into their course in September before they receive their ATAR. Applications close on the 31st August 2018.

Aspire Early Admissions Program <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire>

### Early Leaders Program (ELP) at Swinburne

The Early Leaders Program (ELP) provides secondary students with the opportunity to be recognised for extra-curricular activities, making themselves attractive candidates for future employers. The ELP is open to all students who are undertaking Year 11 in 2018. Completion of the Early Leaders Program can be a great achievement to include in applications for employment and further study. Undertaking it also provides a range of valuable benefits to students. For more information, please refer to: <https://www.swinburne.edu.au/study/options/other-programs/early-leaders-program/>

Applications for the 2018 Early Leaders Program are now closed.

Expressions of interest for the 2019 Early Leaders Program will open at the beginning of September, 2018.

### Scholarships

#### Scholarships available through VTAC

The Scholarships application section of VTAC opened on Monday 6th August. One VTAC Scholarship application, completed online, covers many different scholarships. Students are automatically matched to eligible scholarships based on the information they have entered and the courses they have applied for. Please refer to: <http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships/types/available.html>

#### Good Universities Guide

There are a wide range of university scholarships available for undergraduate students. A scholarship can assist with the costs associated with course fees, textbooks, accommodation, transport and living expenses.

The Good Universities Guide website has a search engine for scholarships around Australia.

Please refer to: <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships>

#### New Scholarship at The University of Melbourne

From 2020, the University will be offering the new Hansen Scholarship to 20 high achieving students who may have experienced barriers to their education. The scholarship is worth between \$84,000 - \$108,000. For information on eligibility requirements and how to apply, please refer to: <https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/hansen>

# Northern Melbourne VET Cluster



Northside Christian College is a member of the Northern Melbourne VET Cluster (NMVC). The NMVC is a consortium of secondary schools that have joined forces to improve the provision of VET programs in the Northern Region of Melbourne. The NMVC has 45 member schools from the State, Catholic and Independent education sectors. For more information, please refer to: <https://nmvc.vic.edu.au>

## Features of VET

- It is an accredited vocational education and training program (usually over two years).
- It enables students to complete a nationally recognised vocational qualification (e.g. Certificate II in Hospitality) and a senior secondary certificate such as VCE and/or VCAL at the same time.
- It allows students to go directly into employment or receive credit towards further study.
- It focuses on students developing industry specific and workplace skills.
- It is a vocationally oriented school program designed to meet the needs of industry.

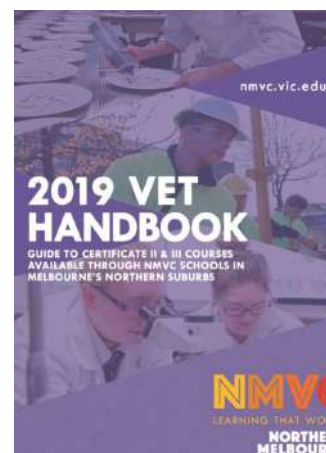
Source: [Northern Melbourne VET Cluster](https://nmvc.vic.edu.au)

The list of 2019 programs is available by clicking on the following link:

[https://nmvc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/NMVC\\_Program\\_List\\_2019\\_V3.pdf](https://nmvc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/NMVC_Program_List_2019_V3.pdf)

The 2019 Handbook outlines the Northern Melbourne VET Cluster's extensive selection of VET programs available to students of member schools.

Please refer to: [https://nmvc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/NMVC\\_2019\\_Handbook\\_Final\\_Web.pdf](https://nmvc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/NMVC_2019_Handbook_Final_Web.pdf)



# Apprenticeships



## FAQs about getting an apprenticeship

<https://www.migas.com.au/news/get-an-apprenticeship-the-five-most-asked-questions/>

## The difference between an apprenticeship and traineeship

<https://www.migas.com.au/news/the-difference-between-an-apprenticeship-and-traineeship/>

## Why be an Apprentice or Trainee?

Directions offers information about apprenticeships and Traineeships for students wanting to enter those areas of further education.

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

## Australian Apprenticeships Pathways Quiz

If you're thinking about doing an apprenticeship, this survey can help you work out where to start.

<https://surveyanyplace.com/s/aapathwaysat>

## TAFE Career Quiz

The quiz uses brief multiple choice questions to determine prominent characteristics and then which career paths suit these.

<https://tafensw.instructure.com/courses/658/quizzes/39874>

## AusAppPathways - Explore Apprenticeships & Traineeships

AusAppPathways is a free app that will help students and jobseekers explore the many careers that can begin through an apprenticeship or traineeship pathway. This free app can be downloaded on the App Store, or for Android users, on Google Play.

<http://www.ausapp.com.au>

## My Gain Videos

These videos, brought to you by Australian Apprenticeships Pathways, show the stories of people working as apprentices and trainees in a huge variety of fields.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AAPathways/videos>

## How to ace an apprenticeship interview

This page provides information on what interviewers are looking for in an apprenticeship interview, including knowledge of the industry and English and Mathematics skills.

<https://www.migas.com.au/news/apprenticeship-interviews-what-do-we-look-for/>



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There are many useful sources to assist students with finding out information about opportunities and pathways for Senior School students. These include:

- General careers websites
- University and TAFE websites
- Pamphlets and booklets available at school and institutions
- University and TAFE Open Days
- Career Expos

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*Before acting on information in Opportunities and Pathways newsletter please check that all details, requirements and links are up to date as these are subject to constant revision.*