

# Career News 2019 #17

## CareerNews Key Dates & Reminders

### Chisholm Institute

#### **Chisholm Open Night**

Date: Monday 16th December, 2019  
Location: 121 Stud Road, Dandenong.  
Time: 5-7pm. To register visit:  
<https://www.chisholm.edu.au/open>

#### **BEYOND 2019: Tech Games Fest**

When: Sat 30th November.  
Time: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Where: Chisholm Institute  
Fletcher Road, Frankston.  
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/beyond-2019-tgf-tech-games-fest-event-tickets-72462803195?aff=erelexpmit>

#### **Deakin Accelerate Information Sessions for High-Achievers**

**Online webinar -**  
Tuesday 12th November, 6–7pm.  
To register your spot visit:  
<https://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/accelerate-information-evening>

#### **Homesglen – Student Open Day**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of November  
You can learn and enquire about the various 'Free Tafe' courses. Register here:  
<https://holmesglen.edu.au/Students/Open-Days/>

### Monash Peninsula Experience Day

This one is for Year 10 and 11 students who are passionate about education, health or business.  
When: Thurs 28th November  
Time: 9.30am - 2pm  
Visit: <https://www.monash.edu/peninsula-experience-day>

#### **SAE CREATIVE – Information Night**

When: 28<sup>th</sup> November  
Time: 6pm – 8pm  
Where: Melbourne campus  
To view details and register visit:  
<https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/info-night-melbourne-campus-november-28-2019/?date=2019-11-28&id=1033>

#### **Swinburne University**

##### **November Information Evenings**

This is an opportunity for students to seek advice and gain course information in the lead up to change of preferences.  
Where/When:  
Wantirna Campus – Tuesday 26th Nov from 4PM – 6PM.  
Hawthorn Campus – Wednesday 27th Nov from 4PM – 6PM.  
<https://www.swinburne.edu.au/infoevening/#/events>

### UOM Girls in Science Forum

For female students in years 9, 10,11 and 12 to attend the 'Girls in Science Forum'.  
When: Tuesday 12 November 2019  
Time: 9.30am – 3pm  
Where: The University of Melbourne  
You can pre-register here:  
[https://science.unimelb.edu.au/events/details/\\_recache?event=13460](https://science.unimelb.edu.au/events/details/_recache?event=13460)

#### **Vic Uni Legal Studies day for Yr 11 Students**

When: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 2019  
Time: 10:00am - 2:15pm  
Where: VU City Queen Campus, 295 Queen St Melbourne.  
Contact Sophie Moore for further details: [sophie.moore@vu.edu.au](mailto:sophie.moore@vu.edu.au) or register here: <https://www.vu.edu.au/about-vu/news-events/events/legal-studies-head-start-day-for-year-11-students>

#### **VTAC - 2020 Course Applications**

Preferences for 2020 can be changed until the 14<sup>th</sup> of Dec at 4pm for first round Dec 2019 offer.  
Important: Please be sure to check your chosen institution(s) website to see which courses are making offers in December and which courses are not.

## News & Updates

### Job or Career?



Are you still unsure whether to work towards a 'job' or a 'career'?

To briefly summarise the difference between the two, a job could be a part-time or full-time position where you gain some experience along the way while it meets your shorter term goals (paying bills, personal convenience etc.). Whereas a career is a long-term professional journey which you can embark on, usually with a specific end-point or aspiration.

A person's career aspiration can result from various pathways; a VET or Tafe course, apprenticeship, work experience or tertiary qualification. Whatever the pathway, it is important to remember there is no right or wrong direction. You may take the long route or you may have a straight road! A lot of people make stops along the way, particularly while studying.

What is helpful is investing some time to reflect on what area of work you are most suited to – job and/or career. This can also mean you ask yourself what you don't want to do!

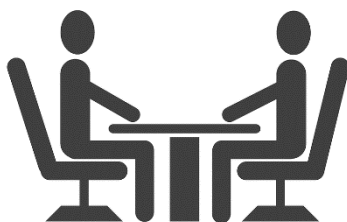
Here are some helpful questions to help you choose your 'dream career' or an area of interest:

- What am I good at?
- What do I like doing with my time?
- How do I like to learn? (practically, theoretically, on-the-job?)
- What are my core values?
- Am I; analytical, creative, helpful, physical, organised, practical?
- Do I like to work autonomously or as part of a team? Or both?
- Where would I like to work? Office, at home? Outdoors?
- How many hours a week? 9 til 5 or shiftwork?

If these questions are difficult to answer, to help you establish a shortlist, you can also try answering a quiz or questionnaire like this:

<https://joboutlook.gov.au/CareerQuizStart>  
Good luck!

## Medicine – UCAT Interview Preparation



If you are looking for another trusted provider for your UCAT preparation, 'MedEntry' is worth looking at. It has various resources including; workshops, online platform, 1-on-1 training, a smartphone app, weekly classes and personal support – all to help you get your best possible result with your UCAT exam and your medical interview.

If you are wishing to sharpen you interview skills in particular, there are some interview workshops being held at various institutions coming up in Nov, Dec and Jan:

<https://www.medentry.edu.au/courses/medical-interview-training#dateslocations>

## School Leavers Information Sessions

For students with additional learning and support needs



Still not sure about 2020? You have the opportunity to attend an information session in your area and learn more about:

- Support available to plan your journey beyond school
- Supports for further education
- Supports for employment
- NDIS supports to further education and employment goals.

The details of the sessions are:

**Frankston – Monday 18th November**

Time: 3.30 pm – 6pm

To book:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/school-leavers-information-session-frankston-tickets-74649056337>

**Dandenong - Tuesday 19th November**

Time: 3.30 pm – 6pm

To book:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/school-leaver-pathways-assistance-sessions-dandenong-tickets-74758176719>

**Moorabbin - Wednesday 20th November**

Time: 3.30 pm – 6pm

To book:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/school-leaver-pathways-assistance-sessions-moorabbin-tickets-74758680225>

For further information, please contact:

Sally Bailey, National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) via:

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Phone: (03) 9784 0400.

## Collarts Update

Summer Series Workshops



Collarts are launching their Summer Workshop Series for January 2020, open to students aged between 15 and 20. The workshops will be held on Thursday 16th January at their Wellington Street campus. They will be running sessions on; Sketch Comedy - Writing and Performance, Music Performance - Instrumental and Music Production – Logic Pro X.

To register for this one please visit:

[https://blog.collarts.edu.au/rsvp-the-collarts-summer-workshop-series?utm\\_campaign=Career%20Advisors&utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_medium=email](https://blog.collarts.edu.au/rsvp-the-collarts-summer-workshop-series?utm_campaign=Career%20Advisors&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email)

**Collarts Open Day**

Collarts have an open day on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of January. You can tour Collarts campus facilities and their innovative and dynamic music, audio and learning spaces. Food and refreshments will also be provided throughout the day. To register your attendance:

[https://www.collarts.edu.au/open-day?utm\\_campaign=Career%20Advisors&utm\\_source=hs\\_email&utm\\_medium=email](https://www.collarts.edu.au/open-day?utm_campaign=Career%20Advisors&utm_source=hs_email&utm_medium=email)

## Deakin University Update

### Courses cancelled –

#### (Geelong Warn Ponds Campus)

The following courses have been cancelled at Deakin Geelong (Warn Ponds) campus:

- Law/Cybersecurity
- Business/Arts
- Commercial/Arts
- Human Resource Management (Psychology)

## LaTrobe Update

### La Trobe University - VCE Plus Program

Start your transition to university early whilst earning a boost to your ATAR. LaTrobe's VCE Plus Program allows Year 12 VCE students to complete two first-year university subjects and have them recognised as part of their VCE. Applications close 22nd November 2019, 5 pm.

To view the subjects visit:

[https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/pat\\_hways/undergrad/vce-plus/about](https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/pat_hways/undergrad/vce-plus/about)

## RMIT Update

### New courses –

#### (City/Brunswick/Bundoora campuses)

- Bachelor Degree (Honours) in Engineering (Automotive Engineering)/ Industrial Design
- Bachelor Degree (Honours) in Engineering (Mechanical Engineering)/Industrial Design
- Bachelor Degree (Honours) in Engineering (Sustainable Systems Engineering)/Bachelor of Industrial Design (Honours)

The below table outlines all offer rounds and 'Change of Preference' dates for current (domestic) Year 12 students:

<b>Important VTAC Change of Preference Dates – Current Domestic Year 12 Students</b>		
December offer (New)	Released: 18 <sup>th</sup> December at 2pm	
Change of Preference	Open: 18 <sup>th</sup> December at 4pm	Closes: 20 <sup>th</sup> December at 4pm
	Open: 2 <sup>nd</sup> January at 10am	Closes: 2 <sup>nd</sup> January at 4pm
Change of Preference - IB Students only	Open: 2 <sup>nd</sup> January at 10am	Closes: 4 <sup>th</sup> January at 4pm
January offer	Released: 15 <sup>th</sup> January at 2pm	
Change of Preference	Open: 16 <sup>th</sup> January at 10am	Closes: 24 <sup>th</sup> January at 4pm
February offer 1	Released: 3 <sup>rd</sup> February at 2pm	
Change of Preference	Open: 4 <sup>th</sup> February at 10am	Closes: 4 <sup>th</sup> February at 4pm
February offer 2	Released: 10 <sup>th</sup> February at 2pm	
Change of Preference	Open: 11 <sup>th</sup> February at 10am	Closes: 12 <sup>th</sup> February at 4pm
February offer 3	Released: 17 <sup>th</sup> February at 2pm	
Change of Preference	Open: 18 <sup>th</sup> February at 10am	Closes: 19 <sup>th</sup> February at 4pm
February offer 4 - Final	Released: 24 <sup>th</sup> February at 2pm	



## Career Focus

# Fashion Designer

Fashion designers plan and develop new clothing and accessory styles by creating original designs or by adapting fashions to suit local conditions and trends. They fabricate sample garments based on these designs.

Fashion designers:

- consult with clients and stakeholders to determine the objectives of the design brief and to negotiate design solutions
- illustrate concepts by producing storyboard and specification drawings
- use computers to manipulate and develop patterns and modify designs
- research and develop fabrics and accessories for production of garments
- make patterns or work closely with patternmakers to draft patterns from sketches or specification drawings
- select fabric, colour and trim, and undertake cutting and machining of sample garments
- fit samples and discuss them with management, sales and manufacturing staff
- contribute to costing estimates
- finalise specification sheets with detailed sketches and trim details
- approve final samples before they go into production
- liaise with production staff during mass production of garments and participate in quality control
- maintain an awareness of current global and local fashion trends
- control merchandising and retailing of garments.

### Education and Training

To become a fashion designer, you usually have to complete a VET qualification. Bachelor Degrees in fashion design or fashion and textiles are also available. To get into the bachelor degrees, you usually need to gain your VCE with English. Applicants may be required to attend an interview and/or submit a folio of their work. As subjects and prerequisites can vary between institutions, you should contact your chosen institution for further information.

### Employment Opportunities

Fashion designers work for manufacturing houses, small businesses or retailers. They may design ready-to-wear clothing or one-off garments to be sold to retailers or directly to the public. They tend to specialise in one area, such as menswear, children's wear, knitwear or lingerie. In addition, opportunities exist for specialist work in an established business as a designer, cutter, patternmaker/grader, sample machinist, general machinist or subcontractor.

Fashion designers may also become trainers in the industry. The fashion industry is highly competitive and success depends on talent and determination. Vacancies are extremely limited for trainees wanting to work their way up to fashion designing. Some employers promote employees who have gained practical experience in the industry. A limited number of vacancies for qualified and experienced designers exist in both large fashion companies and smaller clothing manufacturing firms. Most vacancies occur in large capital cities, especially Sydney and Melbourne. Some opportunities exist for talented and experienced designers to establish their own businesses or work on a freelance basis.

Institution	Campus	Course	Duration	ATAR
Box Hill Institute	Box Hill	Bachelor of Fashion	3 Years	NA
Collarts (Australian College of the Arts)	Fitzroy - George Street	Diploma of Design (Fashion & Sustainability) Bachelor of Design (Fashion & Sustainability)	2 Years & 7 Months	NA
Holmesglen Institute	City - St Kilda Road	Certificate IV in Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising (VET)	1 Year	NA
		Bachelor of Fashion Design	3 Years	NA
Kangan Institute	Richmond	Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising (VET)	14 Months	NA
		Advanced Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising (VET)	9 Months	NA
LCI Melbourne	Melbourne	Bachelor of Design Arts (Fashion & Costume Design)	2 Years	NA
RMIT University	Brunswick	Bachelor of Fashion (Design)	3 Years	NA
The Masters Institute of Creative Education	East Melbourne	Certificate IV in Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising (VET)	1 Year	NA
		Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising	2 Years	NA
		Advanced Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising	3 Years	NA
Torrens University Australia	Melbourne Campus	Bachelor of Branded Fashion Design	3 Years	NA
		Bachelor of Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Branded Fashion	4 Years	NA
		Diploma of Branded Fashion Design	1 Year	NA
Whitehouse Institute of Design	Melbourne Campus	Bachelor of Design - Fashion Design	2 Years	NA

Note: \* NA – Not applicable, not available or under 5 offers were previously made. As subjects, course structures and requirements can vary between institutions, it is necessary to contact your chosen institution for further information.

(Sources: Good Universities Guide, VTAC).

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