

CAREERS HOLIDAY EXPLORATION

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*A little
progress each
day adds up
to big results*

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| Work required in preparation for start of 2020: | <p>The Summer holiday period is a fantastic time to reflect on the year gone by and to start thinking about the year ahead. Your Year 12 year will be a tough one, where you will need to knuckle down in order to achieve the results we know you are capable of achieving. You will also need to make some decisions about what you would like to do in 2021, once you finish school.</p> <p>Whether you are thinking of entering into further study, training, employment or even thinking about taking a gap year, it is worth exploring your options now so that you are as confident as you can be that you are making the right decision when the time comes. It is important to remember that most students have no idea what they want to do once they leave school, so if you are in this boat, please be assured, you are not alone. How are you supposed to have an exact idea of what you want to do for the rest of your life when you are only 17, 18 or even 19 years old?! Research has shown that a 17-year-old today, will have about 20 jobs spanning 5 careers over their lifetime, so it is ok if you don't know right now. You are only making decisions for the next 1-2 years, not 10.</p> |

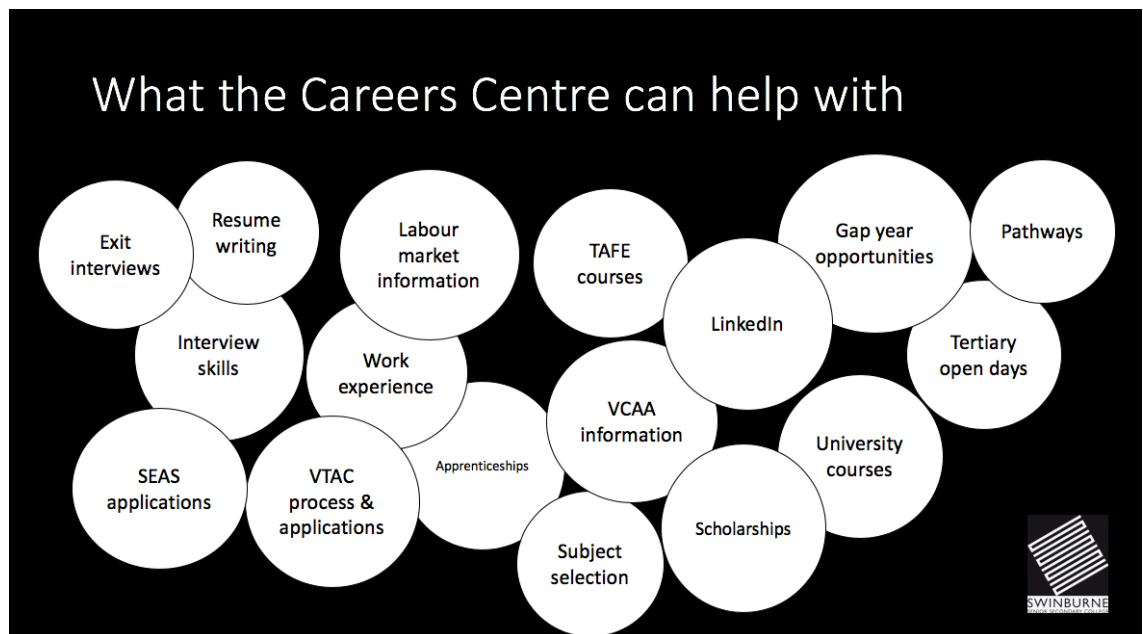
Instead, try to think about making this decision as just the next step in your journey of learning. To help you do this, ask yourself the following questions:

- > What am I interested in?
- > What do I like doing?
- > What would I like to find out more about?
- > What is important to me?
- > Would I be better suited to TAFE or university?
- > Do I want to study interstate?
- > Would I be interested in an apprenticeship?
- > What if I worked for a year and then studied?
- > Is there a particular course I have been thinking about doing?

While exploring these questions and possible pathways, for those considering going on to further education, don't think about whether you will get the ATAR you need for a particular course or whether you will have the prerequisites required. There are so many pathways one can take to achieve their desired outcome, so it is important at this stage, to reach for the stars and not be limited in your thoughts by what you think you can achieve.

I will be meeting with you on an individual basis early in Term 1 to discuss your ideas and then again in Term 3 where I will assist you with your VTAC application and/or desired pathway. In the meantime, take the time to start exploring the huge world of possibilities and opportunities!

What the Careers Centre can help with:



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| Resources to kickstart your exploration: | VTAC www.vtac.com.au | The central point for applications to Victorian universities, TAFEs and independent Tertiary Colleges. |
| | VTAC CourseSearch www.vtac.com.au | A fantastic resource within the VTAC website that allows you to perform keyword searches on course names, groups, qualifications, institutions and course subjects |
| | CourseSeeker https://courseseeker.edu.au/ | This site contains information about higher education courses in Australia and displays course information, entry requirements, admission processes and student satisfaction and graduate survey results at the study area and institutional level. |
| | The Good Universities Guide www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au | Amazing site that allows you to search for information on different jobs, careers and courses all over Australia. |
| | Job Outlook http://joboutlook.com.au | Information about jobs and the labour market. It gives you information about everything on 100s of jobs and also what the future prospects will be. |
| | ComparED https://compared.edu.au | With ComparED users can compare experience and employment outcomes for up to 6 out of 21 different study areas and up to 6 different institutions of the 115 listed. |
| | Labour Market Information Portal lmip.gov.au | Find out current information, data and statistics about the labour market. Find out where the jobs are, where the skills shortages are and much more. |
| | Seek & Indeed www.seek.com.au www.indeed.com.au | Australia's two leading job search websites for casual, contract, part-time and full-time jobs. |
| | QILT – Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching https://www.qilt.edu.au | With QILT, you can do side by side comparisons of the quality of the higher education institutions and the study areas that you're interested in. |
| | My Big Tomorrow http://mybigtomorrow.com.au | My Big Tomorrow aims to inspire young people to think more broadly about their future careers. It is also designed to give them the understanding of the skills they will need in order to succeed in their chosen career. |