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For Year 12s

ADF GAP Year 2021

The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 (or equivalent) and are aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their Gap Year. The life skills and job training that students acquire during their Gap Year experience will be valuable regardless of what career you ultimately undertake. Gap Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Applications for the 2021 program are now open.

To find out more information about the ADF Gap Year program please visit [ADF GAP YEAR](#)

Charles Sturt Advantage

The Charles Sturt Advantage is our way of recognising Year 12 students who demonstrate to us how you've displayed resilience, empathy and a commitment to creating a world worth living in (like your motivation to study your chosen degree) – the soft skills we know give them the edge!

The *Charles Sturt Advantage* rewards students with some great opportunities -

- The first is an early conditional offer to study an undergraduate degree of their choice (from the list of eligible courses)





- Successful Charles Sturt Advantage students will be offered a conditional offer in mid-September – ahead of when they are due to sit their final exams

The *Charles Sturt Advantage* students will also have the opportunity to be a part of an exclusive nurture program, which will provide them with access to a range of resources, events and programs – connecting them with a community of likeminded students. They will also be a part of CSU's exclusive mentoring program to start their degree off on the right foot, receiving email support, free merchandise, access to networking opportunities and early access to the STRIVE leadership program. Students can apply for a wide variety of undergraduate courses for 2021 via the Charles Sturt Advantage program.

Applications open mid-year but students who are interested are encouraged to register to receive regular updates at [Charles Sturt Advantage](#).

Reminder: Apply Direct to ANU for Early Entry

ANU is now offering direct entry applications to year 12 students, with the chance of receiving a conditional offer for early entry. Applying directly to ANU is totally free, and you don't need to apply through UAC.

This means you can get an offer to study at ANU before you sit any exams.

Through the application, you will also automatically be assessed for guaranteed accommodation and any scholarships you might be eligible for.

Direct applications to ANU open on Wednesday 4 March and will be open until Monday 25 May.

Find out more here: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/domestic-applications-anu-undergraduate>





For Year 10s

Work Experience with GV Health

GV Health recognises the need to promote healthcare as a worthwhile and exciting career choice and to showcase health care as a career prospect for young people and others making study and career choices.

There are many careers on offer at GV Health. The following provides a general overview of professions that are part of our health service and outlines where opportunities may be available for work experience:

- Admin/Clerical (available for Year 10, 11 and 12 students)
- Nursing (available for Year 10, 11 and 12 students)
- Support Services (available for Year 10, 11 and 12 students)

[Learn more](#)

Deakin Engineering Work Experience

Year 10 students who have a passion for design and engineering can apply to take part in our Engineering Work Experience Program. This week-long program provides an introduction to engineering at a tertiary level and allows participants to experience possible career pathways in a fun and nurturing environment.

The program will run from Monday 22 to Friday 26 June at Deakin's Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus.

[Learn more](#)

Work Experience with Sovereign Hill

Sovereign Hill offers a variety of unique and exciting opportunities for students looking to undertake work experience. Each year we host over 100 work experience students. As an equal opportunity employer, work experience is available for both males and females in each of the following areas:

- Museum
- Retail
- Trades
- Hospitality
- Other

[Learn more](#)





Tertiary Study Information

Endeavour College of Natural Health Open Day

4 April 2020, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Endeavour College of Natural Health – Melbourne Campuses

If you're thinking about studying natural health, Endeavour College of Natural Health's Open Day is the perfect opportunity to discover more about our degrees, meet our academics and current students, discuss enrolment with the admissions team and tour the campus.

Here's what you can expect from our Open Day:

- Meet our industry expert academics and teaching staff
- Chat with current students about their experience
- Tour the campus and visit our teaching clinic, library, student areas and teaching rooms
- Discover what career options are available to you after graduating
- Find out more about our courses including what you'll learn, assessment types, hands on experience and more
- If you have prior education or work experience, learn about our pathway entry options which could count towards your degree
- Meet with our student enrolment advisors to discuss your study options, which course is right for you, fees and payments, applying and enrolling

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/natural-health-open-day-apr-2020/>

Student Experiences

News from Monash University

- Engineering Tours in the School Holidays

If you would like to take a closer look at Monash Engineering, book in for one of our school holiday tours. You'll see the fantastic [facilities](#) and student spaces, get a feel for [campus life](#) and be able to chat with current students. If you need additional course advice, we can help you with that as well. Tours will commence with a brief overview of Monash's Engineering courses, followed by a guided walk around the facilities.





Dates: Monday 30 March 2020 from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Monday 6 April 2020 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Students must register and select which day they would prefer at [Engineering Tours in the School Holidays](#)

➤ International Student Experience Day

Year 11 and 12 International students are invited to an International Student Experience Day and get a taste of what it's like to study at Monash.

The day includes a series of interactive faculty-run workshops that explore different subject areas. Students will also have the opportunity to attend a VCE EAL, plus get the chance to hear from current Monash international students about their Monash experience.

Date: Thursday 16 April 2020

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Venue: Banquet Room, Level 1, Campus Centre, Clayton Campus, Monash University

Students need to register for this event in order to select their faculty workshops. Find out more and/or register at [International Student Experience Day](#).

Step on Campus – School Holiday Tours at Deakin University

Deakin University during the Term 1 school holidays. Participants will be offered a 45-minute tour with a current Deakin student to learn about Deakin's study areas, campus life and how to make the best transition into university.

Step on Campus gives students and their families an opportunity to take a personalised tour of the campus; students can check out the state-of-the-art facilities, get in-depth information





about courses of interest and find out how to make the best transition into university. There will also be plenty of opportunities throughout the tour to ask questions.

Where: Melbourne Burwood, Geelong Waurm Ponds, Geelong Waterfront and Warrnambool campuses

Dates: Melbourne Burwood Campus – Wednesday 1 and 8 April 2020
Geelong Waurm Ponds Campus – Thursday 2 April and 9 April 2020
Geelong Waterfront Campus – Tuesday 7 April 2020
Warrnambool Campus – Tuesday 7 April 2020

Times: Times vary per campus, so check the website for exact details

Register for one or more tours at [Step on Campus](#)

Other

Snapshot of James Cook University (JCU) in 2020

- JCU is the second-oldest university in Queensland and is dedicated to research in areas such as marine sciences, biodiversity, tropical ecology and environments, global warming, tourism, and tropical medicine. It is ranked #1 in the world for marine and fresh water biology
 - JCU is also the leading university in the tropics and ranked in the top 50 universities younger than 50 years old - [QS World Rankings 2020](#)
 - JCU has a number of [campuses](#) with the main campuses being in [Townsville](#) and [Cairns](#), and there is an international campus in [Singapore](#)
- Some of the most highly sought after [courses](#) offered at JCU include:
 - [Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery](#)
 - [Bachelor of Dental Surgery](#)
 - [Bachelor of Physiotherapy](#)
 - [Bachelor of Veterinary Science](#)
 - [Bachelor of Marine Science](#)
- JCU has six colleges and one centre
 - [College of Arts, Society and Education](#)





- [College of Business, Law and Governance](#)
- [College of Healthcare Sciences](#)
- [College of Medicine and Dentistry](#)
- [College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences](#)
- [College of Science and Engineering](#)
- [Indigenous Education and Research Centre](#)
- JCU has an excellent [Student Exchange Program](#)

➤ Fast Facts for Health or Veterinary Science Applicants

JCU has a few programs where a combination of a [written application](#) and academic results is required for selection including *health science (physician assistant), dentistry, medicine, physiotherapy, and veterinary science*. Students applying for one or more of these courses should take note of the following Top Tips for Written Applications:

1. Read and follow the instructions to the letter
2. Make sure to sign the Statutory Declaration, and have it witnessed by an authorized person
3. Check and double check before you send your application in, as JCU can only accept one copy of the application per student
4. Get the application in before the closing date – for everyone’s peace of mind
5. Look for opportunities that indicate your commitment/motivation to study health (e.g. work experience, volunteer work, paid employment) etc.
6. Complete your answers within the space provided
7. Write neatly so your answers can be read
8. Keep abreast of current events as you may be asked to give your opinion on these should you be invited to an interview (medicine specific)
9. Arrange no more than 3 letters of support - It is a competitive process so if you are asked to “Provide 3 Recommendations” select your best three as only the first three will be read and any extras will not be considered
10. Remember: your application is heavily weighted to get to interview stage. You must be passionate about indigenous, tropical, and rural health and reflect this in your application

Students are encouraged to visit [James Cook University](#) for more information.





What does a Health Information Coder do?

[Career Cornerstone](#) explains that Health Information Coders *are technicians who specialize in coding medical records, medical diagnoses, and procedures, relying on their knowledge of disease processes.*

The [Good Universities Guide](#) states that Health Information Coders or Health Information Managers, as they are also often referred to, *combine their knowledge of healthcare processes, health records and administration, information management and human resource management to provide services that meet the medical, legal, ethical and administrative requirements of the healthcare system.*

In other words, Health Information Managers/Coders work in the 'business' side of healthcare. They work in e-health at the cutting edge of Health Information Management technology. Health Information Managers work in all areas of healthcare, from hospitals and community health centres to specialist disease registries. There is currently a national shortage of these professionals.

La Trobe University offers a 4-year double degree in [Bachelor of Health Sciences \(Medical Classification\)/Bachelor of Health Information Management](#). VCE prerequisite subjects are: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Biology, Chemistry, any Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.

