

Careers News

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Your choices create your future

Welcome to the first edition of the Careers News for 2024! Published fortnightly, each edition contains information on employment opportunities, employment trends and resources students and parents can use to help formulate career pathways. In conjunction with the Samaritan College Careers Website (see below), Work Experience, the Year 10 Exploring Ideas and Futures (EIF), Careers Week, University and TAFE visits and industry presentations, the Careers News is part of our careers education program at Samaritan College.

Congratulations – Class of 2023

Congratulations to the class of 2023 on their outstanding results, with 30 students completing their SACE, and 21 students receiving an ATAR (To qualify for an ATAR, SACE students must successfully complete the requirements of the SACE and complete at least 90 credits of study at Stage 2). Congratulations to Bethany Hall whose ATAR was the highest in the region, with a special congratulations to Ciara Francis who received a Merit for Year 12 English.

Samaritan College is very proud of the Class of 2023, with students heading to Adelaide and interstate to commence university (as well as studying at our local UniSA Campus), or into apprenticeships and work. Some of our students are taking a well-deserved break as they decide their next steps, whether that is study or work. Congratulations to all our students!



Bethany Hall Ciara Francis

Lessons are not just about the course content

Parents are sometimes surprised to learn that our careers education starts in Reception. As soon as students begin interacting with peers they are learning to work with others, resolve disputes and communicate effectively. In high school, students do not just learn about fractions, the causes of WWI and how to structure a paragraph when they study Maths, HASS, and English (for example), they also develop transferable employability skills such as critical thinking, adaptability, and collaboration. So, when students ask, “why are we learning this?” It’s often because the learning involves developing skills that are valued in the workplace. Likewise, when teachers enforce the school’s uniform policy or speak to a student about their punctuality it’s to help prepare them for the ‘world of work’ when bosses expect staff to dress appropriately and arrive on time.

VET at Samaritan

Vocational Education and Trade (VET) is an established part of the Samaritan College curriculum, as well as the SACE. This year we have several students undertaking a variety of courses, including Automotive, Electrotech, Maritime Ops, Business, Supply Chain Ops, Community Pharmacy and Early Childhood.

School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeships

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships are part of VET and give students a head-start on their apprentice or trainee journey. Positions are advertised in this publication and in the morning notices.

Doorways – Tradies of the Future

Our Doorways Construction students have hit the ground running, completing their White Card training last week. Stay tuned in future newsletters for updates on how students are going with their theory and on the job work!

GFG Student Programme Presentation

On February 6, Samaritan College hosted a presentation about the GFG Student Programme. It was wonderful to have Jonny Samengo (CEO, GFG Foundation), Georgina Crompton (GM, GFG Alliance and GFG Foundation), and Carol Rance (Education Specialist, GFG Foundation) on campus to speak to students from Years 9-10 about the GFG Foundation Student Programme (pictured with SACE and Careers Coordinator, Mrs Lauren Shivvaan).

The GFG Foundation gives students an opportunity to understand the world of technology, engineering, maths, and science and how it relates to life, business, and industry in their own community.



In doing this, GFG also helps students with self-esteem, so they can become more confident as they near adulthood, are able to better interact with adults, communicate their ideas in a public forum and have a better sense of how they can contribute to the world and their community after they leave school.

If you are interested in applying for the program, please follow the link <https://www.gfgfoundation.org.au/student-programme/> to apply.

Resources

UCAT

The UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) is required for entry into most medicine and dentistry courses across Australia and New Zealand. Students interested in pursuing medicine and dentistry need to sit the UCAT test in July/August 2024. MedEntry is a government-accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in UCAT preparation. MedEntry offers free resources, discounts of 40% for groups of two or more, and many other discounts including for those nominated by their teacher. For more information, please visit www.medentry.edu.au

The Medical Entry Timeline

Let's begin with a basic schedule of key decisions, study and events. This timeline will help you understand the chronology of medical entry and how each phase equips students with the necessary knowledge and skills.

As Soon as Possible

Research university entry requirements and deadlines.
Consider enrolling in a UCAT preparation course

July/Early August

Sit and excel in the UCAT. Receive UCAT results (same day)

By September

Apply to universities (including written applications, if applicable) and State Academic Authorities

January

University offers released: seek advice from MedEntry on the appropriate course / university to select, if necessary

March – May

Register for UCAT and book your preferred date/location

August Onwards

Consider enrolling in a MedEntry Interview Training Session. If not already done so, engage in work experience and/or volunteer work in health-related field

November – January

Sit Medical Interviews (dates vary depending on university)

Move Onto Bigger Things.

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We provide the career, you select the path!

Work Experience Program Cavpower

As South Australia's successful long term CAT dealer we have a reputation for excellence and the best tradespeople in the business. Where better to master your trade?

If you are considering pursuing a mechanical apprenticeship then we'd like to invite you apply to participate in our Work Experience Program where you will take part in a range of activities that will teach you some of the basic skills required to become a fully qualified Caterpillar technician.

To complete the Work Experience Program you will be required to be in attendance for a full week block (5 days) from 7:30am - 3:36pm Monday to Friday.

Your application must include the following:

- An up to date copy of your Resume; and
- A copy of your most recent school report.

If you're interested apply now at

<https://www.cavpower.com/company/join-our-team/current-vacancies/>



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Upcoming Events

NIE | Pathways into Medicine and Dentistry Live Webinar

February 20

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students, and their parents to find out about the UCAT, pathways into medicine, and have all questions answered by an expert teacher who has been working in the field since 1999.

The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics, and more:

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- Year 10, 11 and 12 – things to consider now.
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate interview process
- What, how and why about Gap Year?
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Work experience advice
- Q & A

[Find out more](#)

UniMelb | Hansen Scholarship Program online information evening

February 21

Are you a high achiever completing Year 12 in 2024?

The Hansen Scholarship Program is the University of Melbourne's most generous undergraduate accommodation scholarship, valued at up to \$108,000.

The program rewards high-achieving Year 12 students from across Australia who have faced adversity and are committed to helping others. Hansen Scholars receive free accommodation at Little Hall, generous financial support, tailored academic mentoring and more throughout their undergraduate degree at Melbourne.

Applications for the 2025 program will open on 5 February 2024. In this online information session, you'll discover more about the range of benefits on offer, as well as the eligibility criteria and tips on submitting a competitive application. You'll also hear from a current Hansen Scholar and have the chance to ask any questions.

[Find out more](#)

Career Clusters

There are six Career clusters, and they help us think differently about how people work. The research shows us that when we think about work, most of us think about the same key jobs as everyone else – I'm talking about jobs like 'lawyer', 'teacher', firefighter', 'doctor' – the visible jobs. 3 Half of all teenagers aspire to just 1% of all jobs in fact, around half of all teenagers aspire to just 1% of all jobs – that's right, 50% of teenagers want to work in just 10 key jobs. But most adults don't work in these jobs at all – they work as managers, salespeople, technicians, and operators, and this is where the Career Clusters come in. Instead of using industries to group jobs together, the Clusters are groups of jobs that share a set of core technical and transferable skills, key tasks, work settings, and common outcomes, and you'll find people from each Cluster in every industry.

What does this mean for you? You'll grow, change, shift, and adapt throughout your career, and as you progress you can use the skills and knowledge you gain in one job in your next job. But you'll probably find that you stay within the same Cluster to some extent. In fact, if you work out which Clusters are right for you, then you can use that knowledge to look for jobs that suit your strengths in any industry you choose. Let's take a quick look at the six Career Clusters:



Makers

Makers 'make things happen' - they grow crops, build homes, repair vehicles, and keep the power on.



Informers

Informers advise, teach, and guide so we can manage our legal, financial, and social responsibilities, and participate in society.



Guardians

Guardians protect our mental and physical wellbeing. They provide medical care, fitness training, safety awareness, and keep us looking great.



Coordinators

Coordinators plan, prepare, and administer our events, systems and economy. They play a vital role in making sure everything runs smoothly.



Linkers

Linkers help us find, choose, secure, and use things. They can help us with products and physical items, or with the services and support we need.



Innovators

Innovators design, engineer, and manufacture things we use in all areas of our lives, from the clothes we wear, to the food we eat, the homes we live in and the roads we drive on.

STEM + X Webinar Series: Science

February 28

Science careers are more than just lab coats and experiments. The truth is, science is a really broad area to work in. People who have a science degree can work in government, in business, with the environment, or anywhere. Often without a lab in sight.

Join this free webinar to explore how you can combine a science degree with your 'X', which is your passion, another area or a big goal.

It's Careers with STEM's winning formula: STEM + X, where STEM is science, technology, engineering or maths, and X is up to you!

Brought to you with the support of QUT, this webinar unlocks the next-level potential of a science degree.

[Find out more](#)

Job Spotlight

Medical Technician

Medical technicians are responsible for performing a variety of laboratory tests and procedures to help diagnose and treat patients. They use cutting-edge technology and equipment and work closely with other healthcare professionals to provide the best possible care for patients. Being a medical technician is a fulfilling and exciting career choice for those who are passionate about healthcare and helping others – see if it might be right for you.

About You

- Hands-on
- Excellent team worker
- Great communicator
- Patient and kind
- Analytical and thorough
- Adaptable and flexible
- Highly resilient

Common Tasks

- Collect & prepare samples for testing
- Operate & maintain equipment
- Analyse test results & report findings
- Keep accurate records of results
- Adhere to safety protocols
- Report faults with equipment
- Maintain an organised environment
- Stay up-to-date with the latest tech

Things you can do now

1. Focus on English, Maths, and Sciences at high school.
2. Find work experience in a relevant industry.
3. Build skills through volunteering and/or casual work.
4. Research qualifications and training requirements.
5. Talk to a medical technician to see what a day in their life is like

Future study ideas

To become a medical technician, you typically need to complete a postsecondary program in medical laboratory science or a related field. This includes coursework in biology, chemistry, anatomy, and medical terminology, as well as hands-on training in laboratory techniques and procedures. Many programs also require clinical rotations or internships to provide practical experience in a healthcare setting. Additionally, certification is available to demonstrate your expertise and commitment to the field.

The infographic features a central image of a hand in a white glove holding a test tube with red liquid. Text elements include: 'JOB SPOTLIGHT' at the top; 'Medical Technician' in large white font; 'TEST ANALYSE REPORT' on the left; 'INDUSTRY GROWTH VERY STRONG' in a circular graphic with an upward arrow; 'about you' with a sub-headline 'This is an exciting career choice for those who are passionate about healthcare and helping others.'; 'the job' with a sub-headline 'Performs a variety of laboratory tests and procedures to help diagnose and treat patients.'; 'outlook' with a sub-headline 'We expect very strong growth over the next five to ten years.'; 'AVERAGE STARTING ANNUAL SALARY' at the bottom right; and 'studyworkgrow' at the bottom center.

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