

# **Careers News**

Term 2 4 July 2024

Your choices create your future

## **SACE Semester 1 Results**

Semester 1 results will be available for students on Tuesday 23 July 2024 from 8:30am ACST.

On results release day, the homepage of the SACE website will direct students to check their results in our Students Online system. Prior to that, we need to make sure they can log in (and that their personal details are correct).

For further information about Students Online see: What is Students Online.

## **Vocational Education and Training (VET)**

Are you thinking about your options for when you leave school? Not sure if university is the best pathway? Vocational Education and Training (VET) might be the perfect choice for you.

While university is often seen as the traditional route to employment after school, vocational education offers a unique and equally promising pathway to success. It's skills-based learning that directly relates to getting a job. The best part? You can do it at any stage in your life, whether you're a high-school student, a job seeker, or even if you're already employed.

## You can embrace your passions and strengths

Are you someone who loves getting hands-on, thrives in practical environments, or has a strong inclination towards a specific trade or skill? Vocational education allows you to explore and develop your passions and strengths. Whether it's automotive mechanics, culinary arts, graphic design, healthcare, or information technology, vocational programs provide specialised training that directly aligns with your interests, giving you a head start in pursuing a career you truly enjoy.

## You can get real-world experience

One of the unique aspects of vocational education is the emphasis on real-world experience. While theoretical knowledge has its place, vocational programs offer practical, industry-specific training that allows you to gain valuable hands-on experience. By working with professionals in your chosen field, you'll develop the skills employers are seeking, making you more marketable and ready to hit the ground running after graduation.

## You can develop career readiness

Vocational education equips you with the skills and expertise required for immediate entry into the workforce. These programs are designed to meet industry demands, ensuring you have the knowledge and practical abilities necessary to excel in your chosen career. Additionally, many vocational institutions have strong connections with local businesses and industries, providing opportunities for traineeships, apprenticeships, and job placement assistance. This bridge between education and employment enhances your prospects right from the getgo.

## It's flexible and affordable

University education often comes with a significant time commitment and financial investment. In contrast, vocational education offers flexibility in terms of program length and structure. Whether you're looking for a shortterm course or a longer program, vocational education allows you to choose what works best for you. Moreover, vocational programs are often more cost-effective), saving you from the burden of extensive student loans and enabling you to enter the workforce sooner.

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## You'll meet industry demands

As the workforce evolves, industries have an increasing demand for skilled professionals in various sectors. Vocational education addresses this need by focusing on specific industries, offering specialised training that directly aligns with emerging job opportunities. By pursuing vocational education, you position yourself as an asset to employers seeking individuals with practical skills and industry-specific knowledge. As you contemplate your future options, remember that vocational education is a pathway worth considering. It offers you a chance to embrace your passions, gain practical experience, and enter the workforce equipped with the skills and knowledge employers seek.

## What's next?

Take a moment to explore the vast array of vocational programs available. Contact local TAFEs, training

institutes, and VET providers and gather information to make an informed decision. Here are some databases to get you started:

<u>Your Career</u> – search for providers of all levels of qualifications (school, VET and higher education) throughout Australia – keyword and location based.

<u>Training.gov.au</u> – Australian national register of training packages, qualifications, skill sets, accredited courses, and training providers.

<u>My Future</u> – links to key VET resources and organisations. Search for VET courses and filter by qualification level, study field and location.

<u>StudyAustralia.gov.au</u> – information and database on VET courses.

Remember, your journey is about finding the right path for you.

## uniTest for Flinders Entry in 2025

Flinders University will once again be offering uniTEST to Samaritan College Year 12 students as an entry pathway for 2025.

uniTEST is an aptitude test that has been developed to assess the kinds of generic reasoning and thinking skills that underpin studies at higher education and that are needed for students to be successful at this level. uniTEST is offered at **no cost** and students **cannot be disadvantaged** by participating.

### **Selection Process**

Flinders University will select applicants based on both their Year 12 results (60% weighting toward the ATAR selection rank) and uniTEST results (40%). Flinders will also consider applicants based on their uniTEST results (100%) as a standalone entry score (subject to SACE completion and any course pre-requisites or specific admissions requirements).

## Participation

In 2023 over 1900 students took part in Flinders UniTEST. Participation led to offers in courses across the university, including popular courses such as Law, Psychology, Medical Science, Nutrition & Dietetics, Paramedicine, and Speech Pathology.

## **Delivery Mode**

Samaritan College will administer the online delivery of uniTEST, which will need to be done under examination conditions, **Monday 22 July at 9am in FX07**. The test itself will take a maximum of 2.5 hours, howeve 3.5 hours should be allowed to include administration.

If you are interested in undertaking the uniTEST, please SEQTA DM Mrs Shivvaan before the end of Term 2 (Friday July 5) to register.

## Flinders University July School Holidays Program for Year 12s

Flinders University is holding several events for Year 12s in the July School Holidays:

Engineering | 9 July | City Campus

Visual Effects, Game Production | 9 July | City Campus

Al, Cybersecurity & IT | 10 July | City Campus

Marine Biology | 18 July | Bedford Park

Physics & Chemistry | 18 July | Bedford Park

Enhanced Campus Tour | 11 July | Bedford Park

Enhanced Campus Tour | 17 July | Bedford Park



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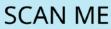




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## ADF Work Experience Opportunity – Woodside Barracks

Final work experience placement opportunity at the Woodside Army Barracks (placements will not be possible at this site after September 2024 or in future years)

The placement for 2024 is from 9 -12 September 2024 and we are encouraging any student aged between 15 and 18 at the time of the placement, who might have an interest in either Army and or Defence Careers to apply for the opportunity at Woodside this year.

The role of the 16th Regiment RAA is to provide force protection for land forces against air and surface-to-surface fires, a sense, warn, and locate function, command, and control of Joint Air Land Integration. The work experience program will provide participants with broad insight into the wide range of Army disciplines, duties, and career options. Students will be involved in demonstrations, presentations and practical activities hosted by 16th Regiment.

Students can apply with access to this link here: Applications close on July 8.

## **Upcoming Events**

## AIE | Industry Experience Day

### July 10

AlE's Industry Experience Day is a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Students will get the opportunity to learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and will be able to get creative in practical workshops using industrystandard 3D animation and game development tools.

The sessions are run by industry professionals who have worked on some blockbuster games and films. Everything is provided for you to participate in the handson workshops, and you will be using the same software that is used in the industry.

#### Find out more

## AIE | Film Production Workshop

#### July 20

Learn what it takes to plan and produce a film shoot in this intensive film production workshop. You will get hands-on with cameras, lighting, and the latest in virtual production LED screens. Industry-experienced filmmakers will guide you in taking your script through the various production stages.

In this workshop, we will fast-track the film production process by choosing one scene and taking it through the pipeline from idea to finished shots. As part of this process, participants will be leveraging virtual production sets! This is an exclusive opportunity to learn more about this revolutionary technology which is empowering filmmakers.

This workshop is suited to participants 16 years+ that are interested in learning more about film, working in film crews and developing their own short films.

## UniSA | Open Days 2024

Mount Gambier: August 4

City East & City West: August 11

Mawson Lakes: August 25

Whyalla: August 25

Magill: August 28

Join us on campus in August to hear from experts, take a tour, meet staff and students, get career advice and support with understanding your application.

### Find out more

#### Flinders | Open Days 2024

Bedford Park: August 9 to August 10

City: August 11

Riverland: August 14

Tonsley: August 17

Find your place, find your people, and get a taste of everything Flinders has to offer at Open Days 2024, with information sessions, campus tours and heaps of activities.

#### Find out more

#### University of Adelaide | Open Day 2024

#### August 11

Join us at Open Day in 2024 to experience our beautiful campus and world-class facilities. Speak with academics, staff and current students about studying with us and where our degrees can take you and your career.

#### Find out more

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## ACAP | Open Day 2024, Adelaide

#### August 24

Open Day is your chance to experience the ACAP difference and find your path in the applied professions. Whether you're interested in Counselling, Psychology, Social Work, Criminology, Law, or Business, ACAP is your pathway to making a difference.

Be part of a workshop, meet our industry-renowned facilitators, and hear all about life as an ACAP student. Join us for a day of exploration and inspiration!

#### Find out more

### SAE Institute | Open Day 2024, Adelaide

#### August 24

Come along to SAE's Open Day and find your future in creative media!

Open Day is your ticket to everything SAE – get a taste of our courses in workshops, explore activations on campus and get some hands-on experience with our state-of-the-art facilities.

#### Find out more

### University of Adelaide | Annual Criminology Workshop 2024

#### September 23

Join us for an engaging workshop to explore the field of Criminology at the University of Adelaide. Through a series of interactive sessions led by our esteemed academics, you'll gain insight into our exceptional Criminology program and experience hands-on learning about crime and justice.

Find out more





Aquinas College Open Day 2024

no pre-booking required We would love to see Samaritan College students attend on Saturday 10 August 10am-4pm Call in, meet some current students and let them show you around.



Visit our website for more information www.aguinas.edu.au

Aquinas College, 1 Palmer Place, North Adelaide SA 5006



## **Job Spotlight**

## Firefighter

Firefighters respond to emergency calls for a variety of disasters, including fires, chemical spills, gas leaks, rescue missions, and accidents. Their main job is to protect lives and property. They may also help by spreading awareness and education to the wider community about fire safety. If you can work well under extreme pressure, are fit and healthy, and want to give back to your community, a career as a firefighter could be perfect for you.

### What skills do I need as a firefighter?

- Resilient & confident
- Responsible & reliable
- · Can work well under extreme pressure
- Very fit & healthy
- Team player
- · Can remain calm in extremely stressful situations
- Great communicator & leader
- Prepared to work on-call & on holidays

#### What does the job involve?

- Attend fires & extinguish them
- Rescue & evacuate people in dangerous situations
- Operate pumps, hoses, ladders, oxygen tanks & other equipment
- Participate in search & rescue missions
- Work with other emergency services personnel
- Administer first aid
- Maintain tools & equipment
- Train recruits in procedures & practices
- Educate the community on fire safety
- Implement fire safety plans & procedures in offices, schools & other places

#### What industries do cartographers typically work in?

- Public Administration and Safety
- Transport, Postal and Warehousing
- Construction

## What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

There are very few part-time opportunities available for firefighters, and you'll need to be prepared to work on-call any time of the day or night, as well as on holidays and weekends. Expect to work an average of around 47 hours a week.

Working as a firefighter comes with a huge level of responsibility, and you may have to see confronting situations. You need to be prepared to jump into action at any time. You won't be able to work from home or remotely as a firefighter, as you need to be on-site to perform all the required duties.

Most firefighters earn an average salary each year, but this can vary depending on experience and location.

#### How to become a firefighter

- There are typically no educational requirements to become a firefighter, but you will likely need to go through a thorough recruitment and training process before you can start work.
- The recruitment process usually involves a combination of fitness tests, personality and/or psychometric testing, interviews and background checks, and medical assessments. You will also need to hold a full driver's license. If you make it through this process successfully, you will then undergo a rigorous course of training, which can take anywhere from a few weeks up to several months in length.
- On successful completion of the recruit training course, you will then be able to work as a firefighter. In some cases, you may need to undergo a probationary period before you a offered a full-time contract.
- If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if a career as a firefighter is right for you, here are a few things you could do right now:
- 1. Work on your fitness, resilience, and leadership skills. You can do this through volunteering in your local community, participating in team sports, and even through casual work.
- 2. See if you can find work experience or volunteer with your local fire station. Some even offer cadet and youth programs that can help you get a head-start on your training and experience.
- 3. Talk to a firefighter and see if it sounds like a job you could do. The job comes with a lot of responsibility and can be extremely stressful, but it can also be very rewarding.

#### Where can I find more information?

You can read detailed information on the recruitment and training process for firefighters in your location here:

Metropolitan Fire Service



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