

Career Education Resources

1. VTAC CourseSearch The VTAC CourseSearch tool is essential for students exploring tertiary study options in Victoria. It provides detailed information on available courses, prerequisites, and admission requirements. It allows students to shortlist courses, view entry requirements, and plan their future studies. This is a must-use resource for both Year 10 and Year 12 students when considering university and TAFE pathways.

Link: [VTAC CourseSearch](#)

2. MyFuture Website MyFuture is a comprehensive career exploration platform offering detailed information on various occupations, required skills, and career pathways. It provides a career quiz, labor market insights, and educational requirements for a wide range of careers, helping students make informed decisions about their future.

Link: [MyFuture](#)

Understanding ATAR, VCE, and VCE Vocational Major

ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) The ATAR is a ranking system used by universities across Victoria for admissions. It is calculated based on a student's VCE scores, factoring in the scaling of different subjects. The ATAR is not a score but a percentile ranking that reflects a student's performance relative to their peers. It's crucial for students aiming for competitive courses, as many universities use ATAR thresholds for selection.

VCE vs. VCE Vocational Major

- **VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education):** The traditional academic pathway designed for students planning to pursue university studies. It includes a broad range of subjects and is suited for students interested in an ATAR-based university entrance.
- **VCE Vocational Major (VM):** This is an applied learning stream focused on hands-on, industry-specific skills. It includes work placements and is tailored for students interested in vocational education and training (VET) pathways or direct entry into the workforce. Unlike the standard VCE, the VCE VM does not provide an ATAR, but it prepares students for various TAFE courses and apprenticeships.

Year 10 Work Experience

At Al-Taqwa College, Year 10 students participate in a one-week work experience program, designed to give them a taste of the working world. This is an excellent opportunity to develop employability skills, gain insights into different industries, and explore potential career paths. The program is scheduled during Term 2 and requires students to secure placements in industries of interest with support from the Careers Office.

Careers Expo

The Al-Taqwa College Careers Expo is a flagship event showcasing diverse career opportunities, industry insights, and further education options. It features over 150 exhibitors, including universities, TAFEs, private colleges, and industry representatives from various fields. Students can engage with professionals, attend workshops, and explore unique careers such as natural health, aviation, and halal certification. The expo also includes interactive sessions and networking opportunities for students and parents.