

Newhaven College

Weekly Careers News

May 25, 2026

Events

[Discover Speech Pathology at Monash](#)

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: May 26, 2026

Discover what it's like to study Speech Pathology at Monash.

Join us for an informative session where we'll discuss the course structure and career outcomes.

[Find out more](#)

[Discover the Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology at Monash](#)

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: May 26, 2026

Shape the future of learning with the Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology.

Designed with industry leaders to ensure graduates are at the forefront of learning design, this course provides highly transferable skills including project management, leadership, critical thinking and data-driven decision-making.

[Find out more](#)

[CSU Careers in Agriculture and Environment Online Information Night](#)

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: May 26, 2026

Love the planet? Want to solve real-world challenges? So do we. Explore limitless agriculture careers that shape the future of food and fibre production, farming systems and environmental management.

From food security and climate resilience to data and robotics. Protect and manage natural environments. And power a more sustainable future with the #1 uni for agriculture and environmental science grads who get jobs.

[Find out more](#)

[Swinburne Study Expo | Wantirna](#)

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: WA Foyer, Wantirna campus

Date: May 27, 2026

If you're thinking about studying at Swinburne, our Study Expo is your chance to explore courses, get expert advice and find the right path for you.

Browse options across all study levels – undergraduate to postgraduate to TAFE and UniLink – and talk one-on-one with the people who know them best.

What you can do at the expo

- Chat one-on-one with academics and teaching staff about your plans and career outcomes
- Tour our campuses and facilities
- Find out what your first semester looks like – course content, subjects, majors and electives
- Get prerequisites and application steps for your situation, including if you're transferring from another uni
- Learn about fees, scholarships, Free TAFE, Commonwealth Supported Places (CSPs), and full degree costs
- See how your course fits around your life with a sample timetable
- Speak with international student support staff about applying or transferring to Swinburne
- Grab a free snack and drink while you explore

[Find out more](#)

CSU Careers in Animal, Equine and Veterinary Sciences Online Information Night

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: May 27, 2026

Passionate about animals? Curious about a career in the animal health sector? Our info night is the perfect place to start. Uncover caring careers that help creatures big and small. From livestock industries, clinical settings, government and biosecurity, animal welfare or the wildlife sector. Discover careers that help change the way we look after animals.

Companion animal health, veterinary hospitals and clinics, livestock production, equine nutrition, herd health, zoos and cutting-edge research. Think big when it comes to where your animal career can take you. Discover how you'll build real-world skills and learn to support animal health, welfare and care through hands-on experience.

[Find out more](#)

UCAT, GAMSAT and Pathways into Medicine – Webinar for Students, Teachers & Parents

Organisation: National Institute of Education

Location: Online

Date: May 27, 2026

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?
- GAMSAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?

[Find out more](#)

[Discover Global Relations, Politics and Economics at Monash](#)

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Clayton Campus

Date: May 28, 2026

Find out about the unique aspects of each degree and how they can shape your future:

- Bachelor of International Relations
- Bachelor of Global Studies
- Bachelor of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Discover how each degree offers a global perspective, designed to be both challenging and enriching. Hear from alumni, students and scholars who are addressing the major issues of today and tomorrow, who are making a positive impact worldwide.

[Find out more](#)

[The Hotel School Tourism Insights – Year 12 Student Experience, Melbourne](#)

Organisation: The Hotel School Australia

Location: CentrePiece at Melbourne Park

Date: May 30, 2026

An exclusive opportunity for Year 12 students to experience CentrePiece at Melbourne Park, one of Melbourne's most innovative conference and events venue, and explore exciting career pathways within the tourism and hospitality industry.

Key takeaways include:

- Hear from industry experts and leaders in tourism and hospitality
- Participate in an interactive tourism workshop and receive a completion certificate
- Experience an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of CentrePiece Melbourne
- Get all your questions answered by the THS team
- Network with industry leaders and current THS students
- Morning tea and lunch provided

[Find out more](#)

[Swinburne Study Expo | Hawthorn](#)

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: AMDC Level 3, Hawthorn campus

Date: June 2, 2026

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[Trade and Tech Fit Career Expo 2026, Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Victorian Government

Location: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Date: June 2 to June 3, 2026

Take the first step in helping your school's female and gender diverse students consider a whole new range of potential skills, pathways and careers with Trade and Tech Fit.

The expo creates a safe, inclusive and equitable space where female and gender diverse people are able to interact directly with tradespeople, apprentices and industry professionals.

The expo includes around 100 exhibitors from a huge range of traditionally male-dominated industries, including:

- Building, construction, manufacturing & engineering
- Refrigeration, electrical & plumbing
- Automotive, marine, aviation & aerospace
- Solar & wind clean energy
- Foundry and mining
- Transport and logistics
- Agriculture & horticulture
- Gaming, cloud & robotics
- Civil assets management & infrastructure
- Defence, essential services & fire protection

[Find out more](#)

[AIE Online Campus Day](#)

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Online

Date: June 6, 2026

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

[Find out more](#)

[Swinburne Study Expo | Croydon](#)

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: CG Foyer, Croydon campus

Date: June 10 to May 27, 2026

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[Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session](#)

Organisation: Australian Federal Police

Location: Online

Date: June 16, 2026

Gain insights into the role of a protective service officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

[Find out more](#)

[You Can Get In: How to Job Hunt for Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry](#)

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: June 20, 2026

The screen industry recruits through friends and recommendations. The good news about this is that everyone, initially, doesn't know anyone. We'll cover how to create a screen ready CV, the role of crew agencies, credits and how to find work.

[Find out more](#)

[Swinburne Design and Fashion Info Session](#)

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: ATC101 Advanced Technologies Centre, Hawthorn campus

Date: June 23, 2026

Join us on campus to get all the need-to-know details on studying design and fashion at Swinburne. You'll get a breakdown of our different courses and majors, hear insights on entry requirements and scholarships, and learn about the state-of-the-art ProtoLAB facilities used by Swinburne design students. We'll also cover expert career tips, like how to build a portfolio and gain real industry experience while you study.

[Find out more](#)

[Swinburne Screen and Media Info Session](#)

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: ATC101 Advanced Technologies Centre, Hawthorn campus

Date: June 24, 2026

Join us on campus to get all the need-to-know details on studying at Swinburne, whether you're interested in film and TV or media and communication.

You'll get a breakdown of our different courses and majors, learn about entry requirements and scholarships, and get expert career tips. We'll also cover how to gain real industry experience while you study, including our global study tour opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

[Whitehouse Institute of Design Studio Lighting and Fashion Photography Workshop – Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design

Location: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

Date: June 29, 2026

This is a hands-on 1-day workshop designed for aspiring photographers eager to learn the fundamentals of camera settings, studio lighting, and fashion photography.

Whether you're just starting out or looking to strengthen your technical foundation, this workshop will guide you through the essentials—from mastering manual mode to setting up professional lighting and capturing dynamic fashion portraits.

Perfect for beginners looking to expand into the world of studio and fashion photography.

[Find out more](#)

[Discover ACU Melbourne: Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine](#)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: June 30, 2026

Join us for our free Discover ACU Melbourne: Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine event, designed especially for Year 10–12 students.

Step into our ambulance simulator, nursing wards and maternity labs and work with our expert academics in an interactive workshop.

Guests are welcome to stay back at the end of the event for an optional campus tour.

[Find out more](#)

[Whitehouse Institute of Design Fashion Illustration Workshop – Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design

Location: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

Date: July 4, 2026

In this 1-day workshop, you will gain an understanding of how to complete Fashion Illustrations. At the end of this workshop, you will have covered illustration content ready for an application to study a creative degree and receive a certificate of completion.

The workshop focuses on the following areas of skill development:

- Fashion illustration techniques and methods
- Application of pencils, professional markers, and felt-tip pens for professional rendering
- Fabric texture and surface rendering
- Exploring an individual design aesthetic.

This workshop is for aspiring designers as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills.

[Find out more](#)

[Discover ACU Melbourne: Allied Health, Biomedical Science and Sports Science](#)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: July 7, 2026

Join us for our free Discover ACU Melbourne: Allied Health, Biomedical Science and Sports Science event, designed especially for Year 10 – 12 students.

Explore life as an ACU Melbourne student and participate in hands-on workshops led by our academic staff. Guests are welcome to stay back at the end of the event for an optional campus tour.

[Find out more](#)

[RMIT Tech and Trades Experience Day 2026](#)

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Melbourne City Campus

Date: July 8, 2026

Get hands on with the tech and tools of the future at RMIT's Tech and Trades Experience Day in July.

Join us for a hands on day where you'll explore what life at uni student could look like and discover which path is right for you.

[Find out more](#)

[Discover ACU Melbourne: Teaching and Education](#)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: July 8, 2026

Join us for our free Discover ACU Melbourne: Teaching and Education event, designed especially for Year 10–12 students.

Take part in hands-on workshops, meet our education experts, talk to current students about their experience and find out how you can step into the classroom and make a difference in the lives of others.

Guests are welcome to stay back at the end of the event for an optional campus tour.

[Find out more](#)

[Discover ACU Melbourne: Law, Criminology and Business](#)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: July 8, 2026

Join us for our free Discover ACU Melbourne: Law, Criminology and Business event, designed especially for Year 10 – 12 students.

Dive into hands-on workshops, explore our campus, experience our facilities, and hear from current students about how they're studying to become ethical lawyers, strategic business leaders, and change-makers in criminal justice.

Guests are also welcome to stay back at the end of the event for an optional campus tour.

[Find out more](#)

[Melbourne Career Expo 2026](#)

Organisation: Career Exhibitions Pty Ltd

Location: Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre

Date: July 17 to July 19, 2026

The Melbourne Career Expo is the most comprehensive and exciting careers event in Australia. This expo encompasses all career opportunities from employment to education and training in the trades, corporate and professional sectors along with major Universities, TAFEs and Training providers.

[Find out more](#)

[ACU Guarantee Early Offer and Pathways Webinar \(VIC\)](#)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: July 23, 2026

Learn about ACU's entry and pathway options, including the ACU Guarantee early offer program, key dates and how to apply. Plus, hear from current students about their journeys.

This webinar is for Victorian Year 12 students and their parents.

[Find out more](#)

[Swinburne Open Day 2026](#)

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn Campus

Date: July 26, 2026

Open Day is your chance to see what's possible at Swinburne and find where you fit in.

- Experience Swinburne up-close through hundreds of activations across campus
- Get the scoop on brand new courses that combine your passion with a purpose
- Explore projects from our Work Integrated Learning students and learn about our industry experience guarantee
- Catch talks from Swinburne researchers that will expand your knowledge – and horizons

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[Monash Open Day 2026, Peninsula](#)

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Peninsula Campus

Date: August 1, 2026

If you're considering studying at uni, coming to our Open Day is one of the best decisions you can make. You'll be able to discover key course information, explore our campuses, meet current students and staff, and get a taste of Monash life, firsthand.

Whether you want to get a feel for what you'll be studying, make sure you're on the right track, or simply picture yourself in one of our learning spaces, you should join us at Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

[Monash Open Day 2026, Caulfield](#)

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Caulfield Campus

Date: August 1, 2026

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[Monash Open Day 2026, Clayton](#)

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Clayton Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

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[La Trobe Open Day 2026, Melbourne](#)

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Melbourne (Bundoora) Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.

- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

RMIT Open Day 2026, Bundoora

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Bundoora Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

Find your future at RMIT Open Day.

Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

There is something for everyone at RMIT Open Day:

- High school students and mature aged students can explore campus, discover study options, and get a taste of university life at RMIT.
- Family and friends are welcome to join too – there will be live music, food, and fun activities to enjoy on the day.
- Parents and guardians can see firsthand how we get students ready for what's next.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

RMIT Open Day 2026, Brunswick

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Brunswick Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

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Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

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[RMIT Open Day 2026, Melbourne City](#)

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Melbourne City Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

[Federation Open Day 2026, Gippsland](#)

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Gippsland Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Experience Open Day at Federation University. From campus tours to live music and hands-on experiences, there's something for everyone.

[Find out more](#)

[ADFA Open Day 2026](#)

Organisation: Australian Government

Location: ADFA Canberra Campus & online

Date: August 15, 2026

ADFA Open Day is run each year in August. Join us online or in person to:

- Explore world-class UNSW degrees, with information sessions about Business, Arts, Science, Engineering, Computing and Cyber Security.
- Learn about military training, studying and life on campus from current ADFA Trainee Officers.
- Watch a variety of exciting displays, take a virtual tour, and much more

[Find out more](#)

[VU Open Day 2026, Footscray Park](#)

Organisation: Victoria University

Location: Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Open Day is your chance to explore everything unis like VU have to offer – in person.

You can tour our campuses, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, chat with students and teachers, get course advice, attend hands-on workshops and demos, and experience what student life could look like for you! It's a really valuable experience to getting the inside scoop on campus and life at uni or TAFE in general before you even finish school.

It also gives you a great opportunity to apply on the spot for our Early Entry program, or even apply for a course right there and then!

[Find out more](#)

[Deakin Open Day 2026, Geelong Waterfront](#)

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waterfront Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

Come to Open Day to find out how studying at Deakin lets you gain practical experience, make industry connections and build career confidence – everything you need to land the job you want.

[Find out more](#)

[Monash Open Day 2026, Parkville](#)

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Parkville Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

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[Federation Open Day 2026, Berwick](#)

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Berwick Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Experience Open Day at Federation University. From campus tours to live music and hands-on experiences, there's something for everyone.

[Find out more](#)

[University of Melbourne Open Day 2026](#)

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

From robots and renewables to Renaissance art, Open Day is a chance to experience what it's really like to study, live and thrive at Melbourne.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our campuses.

What's on at Open Day:

- Chat to our academics, Future Student teams and current students to learn more about your study options and the exciting careers they could lead to
- Get a feel for campus life by exploring the spaces you'll be learning in, including our labs, libraries, galleries and other specialist facilities
- Learn how our curriculum works, including how you can combine your passions and strengths to set yourself apart for whichever career you choose
- Explore our range of student accommodation facilities and the social activities and study support on offer

[Find out more](#)

[Deakin Open Day 2026, Geelong Waurn Ponds](#)

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[RMIT Open Day 2026, Point Cook](#)

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT Aviation Academy, Point Cook

Date: August 16, 2026

Undertake practical flight training in world-class facilities consisting of a modern, purpose-built, pilot training complex and develop the necessary skills to gain a Commercial Pilots Licence.

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[Find out more](#)

[Deakin Open Day 2026, Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Melbourne Burwood Campus

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[Federation Open Day 2026, Ballarat](#)

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Mt Helen, SMB & Camp Street Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

[RMIT Open Day 2026, Bendigo](#)

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT Aviation Academy, Bendigo

Date: August 23, 2026

Learn to fly at the RMIT Aviation Academy at the Bendigo Airfield. Our Bendigo campus offers aspiring pilots the opportunity to pursue their dream and gain in-demand aviation skills, without the need to relocate to Melbourne.

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[VU Open Day 2026, City Tower](#)

Organisation: Victoria University

Location: Victoria University, City Tower Campus

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[Find out more](#)

Competitions

[Travel Photographer of the Year 2026](#)

Organisation: Travel Photographer of the Year

Location: All

Value: Up to £1,000

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

[The Parliament Prize 2026](#)

Organisation: Parliament of Victoria

Location: Victoria

Value: Up to AU\$500

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts - Fees & Scholarships

What is a HECS debt and what does it mean for you?

If you're thinking about going to university, you've probably heard the term "HECS debt" thrown around and maybe felt a little unsure about what it actually means. It sounds serious, but it works very differently from the kind of debt most people are familiar with. Understanding how it works before you get there makes a real difference, so here's a proper explanation.

What is HECS-HELP?

[HECS-HELP](#) is a government loan scheme that covers the cost of your university tuition. Instead of paying your fees upfront, the government pays your university on your behalf, and you repay that amount later through the tax system once you're earning above a certain income threshold.

"HECS debt" is the informal name people use for the balance you owe under this scheme. Technically, HECS (Higher Education Contribution Scheme) is an older name that's stuck around in everyday conversation, even though the current system is called HECS-HELP.

To be eligible, you need to be an eligible domestic student enrolled in a [Commonwealth supported place \(CSP\)](#) at an approved university. Most domestic students studying at public universities in Australia are enrolled this way, though it's worth confirming your enrolment type when you apply.

What is a Commonwealth supported place?

A Commonwealth supported place (CSP) means the government subsidises a significant portion of your tuition cost. What's left after that subsidy is called your student contribution, and that's the amount you're actually responsible for paying. The subsidy amount varies depending on your field of study, with some disciplines receiving more government funding than others.

Your student contribution is what gets covered by HECS-HELP if you choose to defer payment. You don't have to use HECS-HELP, you can pay your fees upfront if you prefer, but most students choose to defer.

What is FEE-HELP?

[FEE-HELP](#) is a separate but related loan scheme. It's designed for students who aren't in a CSP, including:

- Domestic students enrolled in full-fee paying places at Australian universities
- Students studying at certain private higher education providers
- Eligible students studying postgraduate courses that aren't subsidised by the government

The key difference is that FEE-HELP covers full tuition fees rather than just a student contribution, which means the loan amounts involved can be significantly higher. There's also a lifetime limit on how much FEE-HELP you can access, so it's worth being aware of that if you're considering multiple qualifications over time. The limit is set by the government and updated periodically, so check the current figure on the StudyAssist website when you're planning.

Both HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP operate under the same repayment system, which we'll get to shortly.

What is SA-HELP?

[SA-HELP](#) is a smaller, often overlooked part of the system. It covers your Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF), which is a separate charge universities apply to fund things like student unions, sporting facilities, and campus services. It's not part of your tuition, but it is a real cost. SA-HELP lets you defer this fee in the same way as your tuition, and it gets added to the same debt that you repay through the tax system.

How does repayment work?

This is the part that makes HELP loans different from a bank loan. You don't make regular monthly repayments and there's no interest charged in the traditional sense. Instead, repayment works like this: Once your income reaches a minimum threshold set by the government each year, a percentage of your income is automatically withheld through the tax system and put toward your debt. The percentage increases gradually as your income rises, meaning higher earners repay more each year. If your income drops below the threshold, repayments stop until you're earning enough again.

The threshold and repayment rates are reviewed and updated regularly so it's worth checking the [current rates](#) through the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) or StudyAssist before making any decisions based on specific numbers.

Because repayments are tied to income, you're never in a position where you owe a repayment you physically can't make.

What is indexation and why does it matter?

Indexation is the part of HECS-HELP that tends to catch people off guard, and it's worth understanding properly.

Each year on the 1st of June, your HELP debt is indexed, meaning the balance is adjusted to reflect changes in the cost of living. The rate used is based on either the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or the Wage Price Index (WPI), whichever is lower, a change that was legislated in recent years to make the system fairer for borrowers.

In practical terms, this means your debt doesn't stay at the same dollar figure from the day you finish studying. If inflation is high, your debt increases in line with it, even if you haven't added any new study to your balance. This is not interest in the traditional sense because it's not a profit mechanism for the lender, but it does mean your balance can grow if repayments aren't keeping pace with indexation.

For example, if you finish your degree with a debt of \$30,000 and indexation that year is applied at 4%, your balance becomes \$31,200 before you've made a single repayment. If your income is below the repayment threshold at that point, you haven't repaid anything yet and the indexed amount adds to the total you'll eventually need to clear.

Does HECS debt affect your credit rating?

This is a common misconception worth clearing up. HECS-HELP debt doesn't appear on your credit file the way a personal loan or credit card does. It won't affect your credit score directly.

However, when you apply for a home loan or other significant credit, lenders will typically ask about your HECS debt because your repayment obligations reduce your take-home pay. That reduction in disposable income can affect how much a lender is willing to offer you. So while it doesn't damage your credit score, it does factor into borrowing assessments in an indirect way.

Can you pay it off early?

Yes. You can make voluntary repayments toward your HECS-HELP debt at any time through the ATO. There's no penalty for paying it off early, and doing so reduces the balance subject to indexation each June.

Whether or not early repayment makes sense depends on your individual circumstances, including your income, other financial priorities, and the current indexation rate. It's a decision worth thinking through carefully, and potentially discussing with a financial adviser, rather than assuming one approach is automatically better.

What about vocational education?

HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP apply specifically to higher education, which means university-level study. Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses, including TAFE qualifications, operate under a different government loan scheme. If you're considering a VET pathway, it's worth looking into what loan support is available separately, as the structure and eligibility rules differ.

Knowing what you're signing up for

Taking on a HECS-HELP debt is a significant financial decision, and the mechanics of how it works, particularly indexation, mean it's not as simple as "borrow now, repay later at the same amount." Understanding the system properly puts you in a much better position to make an informed choice about your study pathway, the type of course you enrol in, and how you manage repayments once you're working.

If you want to explore more about planning your future, [check out our other articles on how you can navigate university](#).