

Guide for Parents and Guardians



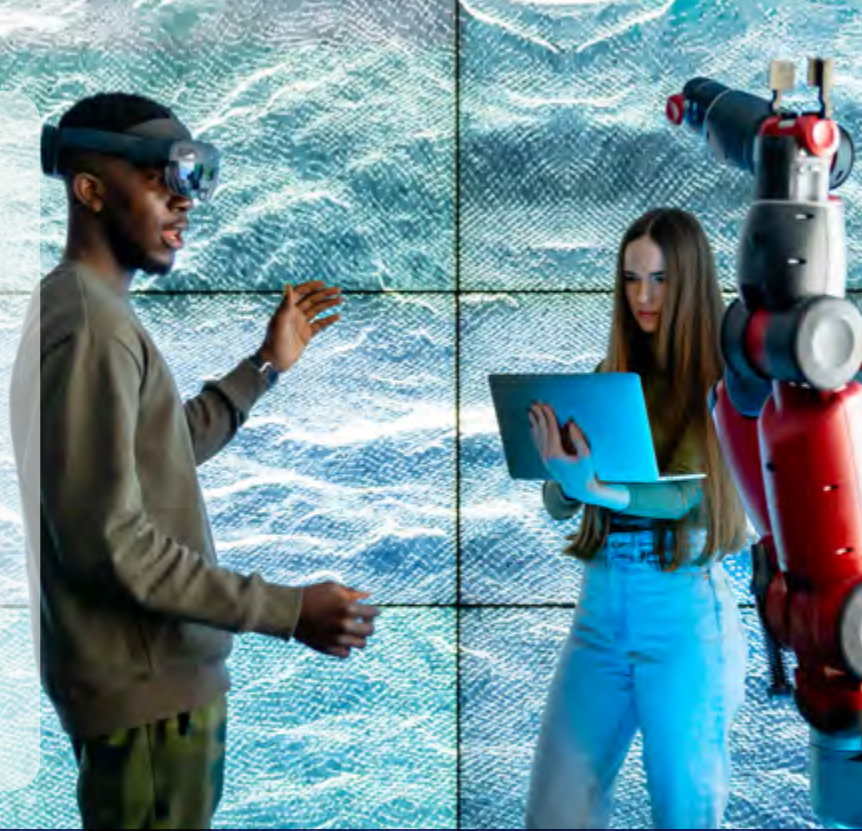
The transition to university can be an adjustment for the whole family. This guide provides an overview of the support RMIT provides students and how you can help them get ready for what's next.

Ready for
what's next

RMIT University is an international university of technology, design and enterprise.

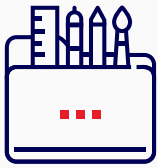
As one of the top universities in Melbourne and the largest dual-sector university in Australia, we are dedicated to getting students ready for what's next.

Our innovative facilities, hands-on learning opportunities and international reputation with employers are just a few of the reasons why over 91,000 students from 196 different countries choose to study with RMIT.



Our campuses are known for their award-winning spaces and state-of-the-art facilities, like our Virtual Experience Laboratory (pictured).

Why choose RMIT?



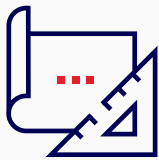
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in Australia and #21 in the world for Art and Design¹



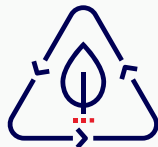
500,000+

RMIT alumni are spread across the globe pursuing their dream careers



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in Australia for Architecture and the Built Environment¹



Global leader in sustainability

RMIT is recognised as a global leader for its impact towards multiple sustainable development goals²

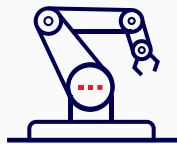
24,245

RMIT students undertook work-integrated learning activities with 4,054 unique global industry partners in 2024³



3,000+

scholarships awarded to our students in 2024



Top 10

in Australia for Engineering and Computer Science¹



Top 10

in Australia for Business, Management, Accounting and Finance¹



160+

student clubs and a vibrant, multicultural student community



\$2.8M

in funds awarded by RMIT Activator to more than 200 startups since 2015

¹ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025

² Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings 2024

³ RMIT InPlace data, as of 13 January 2025



Three ways your teen can get ready for what's next

RMIT specialises in practical, industry-based learning designed to give students the in-demand skills and experience that employers are looking for.

Hands-on experiences

RMIT students can access work-integrated learning, volunteer opportunities, internships, leadership training and research programs around the world. These opportunities let them glimpse their future careers while gaining résumé-worthy experience.

[↗ Learn more](#)

Career Connect

Career Connect is a drop-in service centre located on campus at RMIT. Here, students get access to free services that help them plan for their future career, like feedback on job applications, assistance with job seeking, and career workshops. In 2024, Career Connect was a finalist for the Most Popular Career Service by the Australian Association of Graduate Employers (AAGE) at the Graduate Recruitment Industry Awards (AGRIA).

[↗ Learn more](#)

Mentorships

RMIT's mentorship program connects your teen with an expert already working in their chosen field. They will receive personalised strategies and tips to get their careers successfully underway, it can also be an effective way for them to get insights about graduate roles within their sector.

Industry partners

At RMIT, we ensure that students have the opportunity to build connections with their future employers while they learn. This way they can kickstart their future career a step ahead.



and many more...

Liam Ratliff Bachelor of Communication (Advertising)

Not only did my course help me to develop the skills and fundamentals to work in advertising, but it also helped me bridge the gap between student and professional by facilitating an internship in my final year of study.



Alternative ways to access RMIT

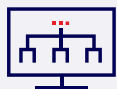
If your teen is wondering how to get into uni without an ATAR, RMIT's pathways and vocational study options are the answer!



Pathways

If a student has completed an unscored VCE or VCE VM, don't have the prerequisite subjects they need, or didn't get the results they were hoping for, one of their options for studying at RMIT is a pathway option. Pathways usually involve studying an initial qualification before using the credits from their completed or partially completed studies to transfer to their dream undergraduate degree.

How do pathways work? [➔ Find a pathway](#)



Find a pathway that includes beginning study in a TAFE course, associate or bachelor degree



Completed or partly completed studies can be credited in a new application to study a future degree



If they complete their pathway studies, they'll graduate with two industry-recognised qualifications

Guaranteed Pathways

Also known as pathway packages, Guaranteed Pathways enable students to preference their pathway course and dream degree at the same time in VTAC. That means:

- ✓ They don't need to reapply for their dream degree upon completion of their pathway course – they just need to preference the pathway package in VTAC
- ✓ After they complete their pathway course and undergraduate degree, they'll graduate with two qualifications

More access schemes

[➔ School Access Network Program \(SNAP\)](#)

The SNAP access scheme provides priority entry to RMIT courses for students from designated Victorian secondary schools.

[➔ Indigenous Access Program](#)

Ngarara Willim Centre and RMIT are committed to providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with greater access to vocational and higher education programs.

[➔ RMIT Elite Athlete Program](#)

RMIT offers support for students that devote time to training and competition while they are completing their tertiary studies. This allows them to achieve both their sporting and academic aspirations.

Early Offer program

Students can use their extracurricular experience to secure an early spot in their dream course.

RMIT's Early Offer program considers your teen's hobbies, weekend projects and interests alongside their ATAR.

From captaining a footy team to building a website, their experience can gain them a conditional offer for their course on a lower ATAR.

It's a great way for students to take some of the pressure off their final year at high school.

- Browse Early Offer courses and learn how to apply through our website
- Submit an application during the key application period
- Students add their Early Offer course to their VTAC preferences
- Successful applicants will receive a conditional Early Offer!

[➔ Learn more](#)

Student life

RMIT is more than our courses – we're a supportive community. Check out the support services and social opportunities available at RMIT.



➔ Making friends at RMIT

Starting uni can be daunting, especially for students that are new to Melbourne, so our Kirrip program is designed to help students settle in and make friends.



➔ Clubs and societies

From break-dancing to video games, fashion to futsal - RMIT has a club or society for everyone. Clubs give students the perfect opportunity to meet new people, make friends and explore their interests.



Support services

➔ Equitable learning and disability support

We aim to support and create equal opportunities for students with disabilities, mental health conditions, long-term illnesses and/or neurodivergence and neurological conditions. Services provided include study adjustments, assistive technology and more.

■ RMIT Connect

The on-campus contact for support on all general academic and personal enquiries.

■ Safezone

RMIT's free mobile app helps students raise emergency or first aid alerts, check in with campus security, and share locations at any time. Coupled with 24/7 on-campus security, students can feel safe knowing any help they might need is never far.

■ Academic support and wellbeing

At RMIT, we offer multiple support services ranging from free study assistance to wellbeing services, such as counselling. These services ensure students have a supported and positive experience while they pursue their goals.

■ RMIT Library

The University Library offers access to study support services, and physical and digital collections that give students the resources to accomplish their goals. It's not just a place for research, it also nurtures creativity and invention with facilities such as Makerspace.

➔ Explore student life and support



Accommodation

Is your teen thinking of moving to Melbourne to study at RMIT? Or perhaps they want to express their newfound independence by living in student accommodation? Whatever the case, we can help you understand their options.

Purpose-built student accommodation

RMIT has select a number of student apartments, located close to the City, Bundoora and Brunswick campuses, that meet our quality standards.

Alternatively, if your teen would like to have RMIT right on their doorstep, UniLodge at our Bundoora campus provides state-of-the-art student accommodation with a range of self-contained apartments or studios to choose from.

[Learn more](#)

Moving to Melbourne

If you don't live in Melbourne, it can be hard to know where to start. Luckily, we have all you need to research Melbourne's cost of living, working arrangements, public transport, banking and the bustling city lifestyle.

RMIT's Moving to Melbourne page has resources to help with:

- Accommodation
- Public transport
- Melbourne lifestyle and culture
- Working while studying and more...

[Explore our resources](#)

Shared accommodation

Students looking for an existing household can find advertisements on shared accommodation websites. Here are a few places where you can browse shared accommodation options:

- 👉 flatmatefinders.com.au
- 👉 gayshare.com.au
- 👉 realestate.com.au
- 👉 sharehouses.com.au

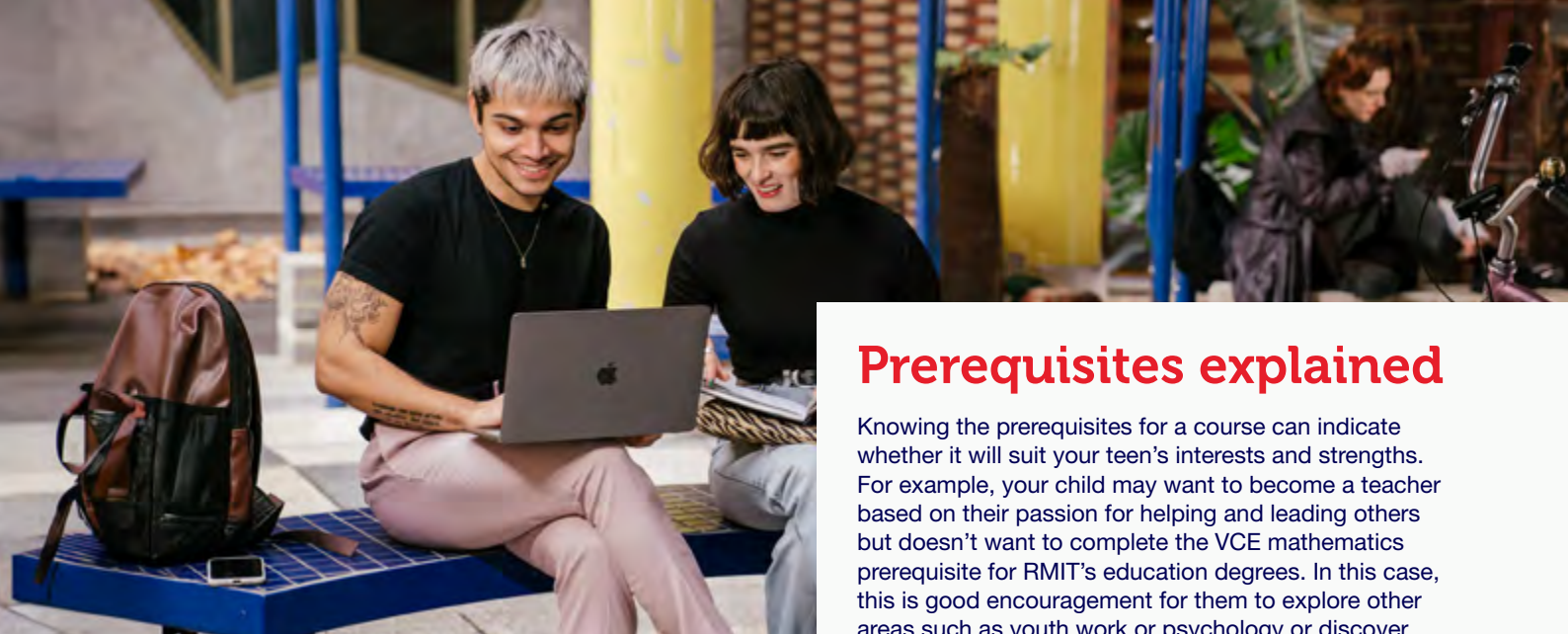
Need help with housing?

Student Welfare Advisors at Student Connect can help you with:

- Information on housing options that suit your teen's budget
- Advice on rental and tenancy issues
- Information about moving in and out
- Advice on finances, housing, welfare and Centrelink
- Referrals to support services

[Learn more](#)





How to help them choose a course after high school

- **Ask them what kind of work excites them**
They might not know what career they want but they could have certain criteria they'd love to achieve, such as flexibility, creativity, stability, enjoyability, salary and global opportunities.
- **Discuss what they're curious about**
Your teen might be interested in a specific field or industry, such as engineering. Alternatively, you could ask them broader questions about the things you know they already enjoy, such as "Would you be interested in creating a video game?"
- **Consider their favourite subjects at school**
If they aren't sure what their favourite subject is, have a conversation with them about parts of classes they have enjoyed and why. For example, they might have found English difficult as a whole subject but really enjoyed the classes where they explored creative writing.
- **Encourage them to consider hobbies and passions**
Perhaps their interests don't align with their current high school classes. This is perfectly normal! You'll both be excited to know that university courses are much more diverse and specialised than VCE subjects. For example, RMIT offers courses about artificial intelligence and footwear design.

Students often feel pressured to have all the answers about their future study and career when they finish Year 12. You can both rest easy knowing that RMIT has many ways to transfer between courses.

Prerequisites explained

Knowing the prerequisites for a course can indicate whether it will suit your teen's interests and strengths. For example, your child may want to become a teacher based on their passion for helping and leading others but doesn't want to complete the VCE mathematics prerequisite for RMIT's education degrees. In this case, this is good encouragement for them to explore other areas such as youth work or psychology or discover pathway options that don't require those prerequisites.

Guiding your child through their high school journey

This is an outline of the steps your child may take as they begin to consider what comes after high school.

- **Year 9 or earlier**
Learn about prerequisites
Explore the differences between high school and tertiary study
- **Year 10**
Decide between VCE and VCE VM, and select VCE subjects if applicable
- **Year 11**
Start VCE or VCE VM
Learn how ATARs, unscored VCE and VCE Vocational Majors work
Explore the differences between vocational study and undergraduate options
- **Year 12 and beyond**
 1. September: Select VTAC preferences and pay VTAC fees
 2. October and November: Complete VCE exams
 3. December: VTAC releases ATARs and VCE results
 4. December: Change of Preference starts
 5. December to February: VTAC releases offers
- **Accept and enrol**
Before the deadlines outlined in the offer letter
- **University**

Welcome to RMIT!
Classes start in February

Got any more questions?

Our staff are ready to answer any questions you have about courses, applications, pathways and important dates.

Chat to the **Study@RMIT** team through our live chat service from **Monday to Friday at 8:30am-5:30pm**, or plan a walk-in visit to our customer service hub at **Level 1, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne VIC 3000**.