

2024 Guide for Parents and Guardians



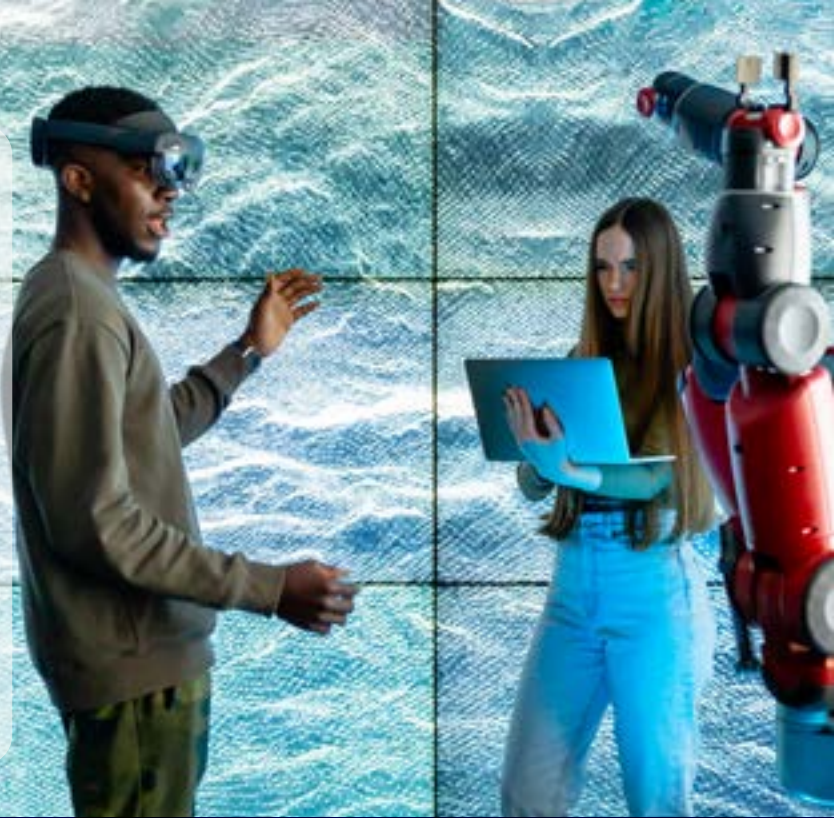
RMIT understands that the transition to university can be an adjustment for the whole family. This guide provides an overview of the support RMIT provides students and how you can help them prepare for what's next.

What's next...

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

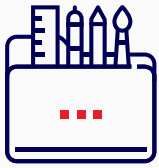
We are one of the top universities in Melbourne and the largest dual-sector university in Australia.

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.

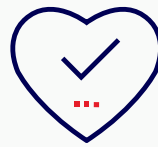


Our campuses are known for their award-winning urban spaces and state-of-the-art facilities.

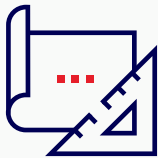
Why choose RMIT?



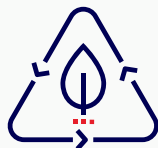
#1 in Oceania and #15 in the world for Art and Design¹



#1 in the world for our efforts to reduce inequalities and take action against discrimination²



#3 in Australia for Architecture and the Built Environment¹



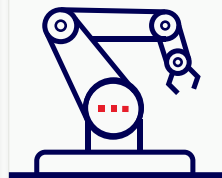
Global leader in sustainability

RMIT is recognised as a global leader for its impact towards multiple sustainable development goals³

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3,000+ scholarships awarded to our students in 2023



Top 10

in Australia for Engineering and Technology¹

RMIT students undertook work-integrated learning placements with 3,663 unique global industry partners in 2023



66.6% of graduates find full-time employment within four months of graduating⁴



\$2.24M in funds awarded by RMIT Activator to more than 140 startups since 2015

¹ QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023
² QS World University Rankings 2023

³ Times Higher Education (THE) University Impact Rankings 2023
⁴ Good Universities Guide 2023/2024



Three ways RMIT prepares your teen for work in their industry

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

Industry experiences

RMIT students can access work-integrated learning, volunteer opportunities, internships, leadership training and research programs around the world. These experiences give them the chance to deepen their passions and make an impact from day one of their careers.

Job Shop

RMIT's Job Shop is a drop-in service centre located on campus. Here, students get access to free services that helps them plan for their future career, like feedback on job applications, assistance with job seeking, and career workshops. In 2022, the Job Shop was awarded the Most Popular Career Service by the Australian Association of Graduate Employers (AAGE) at the Graduate Recruitment Industry Awards (AGRIA).

Mentorships

For one-on-one professional career guidance, your teen can engage with an expert already working in their chosen field. They will receive personalised strategies and tips to get their careers successfully underway, including insights on graduate roles within their industry sector.

Industry partners

Connection to industry is proudly woven into RMIT's history. As a student, you'll build connections to your future employers while you learn, so you're ready to launch your career when you graduate.



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 an unscored VCE student or a VCE Vocational Major (VCE VM) student, they might find themselves wondering how to get into uni without an ATAR. The answer is RMIT's pathways and vocational study options!



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 is a pathway into university. Pathways usually involve studying a vocational course or associate degree before using the credits from their completed or partially completed studies to transfer to their dream undergraduate degree.

How do pathways work?



Your teen can choose to study a hands-on TAFE qualification or another bachelor's or associate degree



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



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

Guaranteed Pathways

Also known as pathway packages, Guaranteed Pathways enables 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.

➔ rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/applying-to-rmit/local-student-applications/equity-access-schemes/schools-network-access-program-snap-applicants

■ 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

Use your extracurricular experience to secure an early spot in your dream course at RMIT.

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

From captaining your footy team to building your own website, your experience can enable you to be accepted into your course on a lower ATAR, taking some of the pressure off your final year at high school.

It's part of RMIT's commitment to diversity and equitable learning, and it means you'll get your conditional uni offer before your final exams.

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

To discover the Early Offer program, visit
➔ rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/applying-to-rmit/local-student-applications/access-rmit/early-offer

Student life



RMIT Kirrip

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.

Our #1 priority is ensuring your teen is safe, healthy and happy during their studies. RMIT offers a number of resources to make this possible.



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 hobbies and interest.



Support services

- **RMIT Connect**
The on-campus contact for support on all general academic and personal enquiries.
 - **Safezone**
RMIT's exclusive free mobile app, which helps students raise immediate emergencies or first aid alerts, check in with campus security, and share locations at any time. Coupled with 24/7 security on our campuses, students can feel safe knowing any help they might need is never far.
 - **Academic support and wellbeing**
At RMIT, we offer multiple support services – including free study assistance on campus – to ensure students can continue performing highly while getting the most out of their study experience.
 - **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 trained support staff.
- ➔ rmit.edu.au/students/support-services/equitable-learning

To discover more student life and student support at RMIT, visit
➔ rmit.edu.au/life-at-rmit



How to help them choose a course after high school

■ Talk to them about what's important to them in a future job

They might not know what career they want but could have certain criteria they'd love to achieve, such as flexibility, creativity, stability, enjoyability, salary and global opportunities.

■ Ask them what they're curious about

Your teen might be interested in a specific career path and what it involves, such as engineering. Alternatively, they might have broader questions in mind that could hint at a possible direction, such as "What goes into creating a video game?"

■ Consider their favourite subjects at school

If they aren't sure what their favourite subject is, you can always have a conversation with them about parts of classes they have enjoyed and why. For example, they might have found VCE Business Management difficult as a whole subject, but really enjoyed the classes where they learned how businesses are planned and started.

■ Encourage them to consider hobbies and passions

Perhaps their interests aren't perfectly reflected in high school classes. This is perfectly normal! Help them to think broadly about what they're good at or interested in – university courses are much more diverse and specialist than school subjects, take for example classes 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 may ways to transfer between courses.

Prerequisites explained

Prerequisites ensure your child will be able to understand topics in their course. Knowing the prerequisites for a course can indicate whether it will suit your child's interests and strengths.

For example, if you child is passionate about helping people and wants to study nursing at RMIT, but doesn't want to complete the VCE mathematics prerequisite, this is good encouragement to explore areas such as social work or community services instead.

Guiding your child through their high school journey

The below guide outlines examples of the steps your child may start from Year 9, using VTAC domestic student dates as a guideline.

■ Year 9 or earlier

Learn about prerequisites

■ Year 10

Decide between VCE and VCE VM, and select VCE subjects if applicable

■ Year 11

Start VCE or VCE VM

■ Year 12 and beyond

Select VTAC preferences and pay VTAC fees in September

Change of Preference starts in December

Complete VCE exams in October and November

VTAC releases offers in December, January and February

VTAC releases ATARs and VCE results in December

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**.