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# What’s On

## Upcoming Events

### CQU | Future Focus: Navigating Your Next Career Move

August 26, 2024

Join us for the CQU Future Focus: Navigating Your Next Career Move webinar.

Whether you are just starting out or looking to make a change, this session will provide practical tips, resources and industry insights to help you navigate your next steps and make informed career decisions. Join us for our live webinar - an introduction to career planning, delivered by an accredited career practitioner!

[Find out more](https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/1154171/future-focus-navigating-your-next-career-move)

### $20 Boss Digital Tools + Market Day Q&A Term 3

August 27, 2024

This event is perfect for teachers who are new to $20 Boss, and for teachers who are experienced at running $20 Boss and want to use more of the tools and resources available to them.

This is a hands on session led by experienced YCA facilitators where you will learn how to:

* Navigate our Entrepreneurial Learning Hub to access the $20 Boss resources.
* Setup classes and teams in the Buddy App.
* Use the $20 Boss budgeting tool where students can create and submit their budgets for review, and you can manage team funding.
* Help students create public pitch pages where they can share their idea with the world.
* Run a successful market day, with tips and tricks from $20 Boss teach champions.

[Find out more](https://events.humanitix.com/usd20-boss-digital-tools-market-day-q-and-a-term-3)

### $20 Boss Awards 2024

September 3, 2024

The $20 Boss Awards are a fantastic way to celebrate the achievements of young people and showcase the brilliant business ideas they’ve created in $20 Boss. The awards bring together young people, teachers, parents, and supporters of young entrepreneurs.

Join us on Tuesday 3rd of September as we announce the national $20 Boss Award winners and give you a chance to learn more about our finalists from across the country!

[Find out more](https://events.humanitix.com/usd20-boss-awards-2024)

## Important Future Events

### UTAS | Open Days 2024

**Hobart:** September 15, 2024

**Launceston:** September 22, 2024

Visit us at our Open Day 2024 event in Hobart. You will get to explore our campus, talk about your study options, and see how studying at the University of Tasmania could be the right fit for you.

[Find out more](https://www.utas.edu.au/about/events/open-day)

### University of Sydney | Online Open Night

September 19, 2024

Domestic students living in regional or interstate areas are invited to the University of Sydney's online Open Night.

Find out about the new Regional and Remote Entry Scheme, the single scholarship application process, and other University of Sydney highlights.

You’ll then have the chance to join dedicated breakout rooms and chat with staff from our faculties, admissions, scholarships, and accommodation, and have all your questions answered about life in Sydney.

[Find out more](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpceuvrDMsHNENyoUgf2qa3Rh-X2aAGrYs#/registration)

# Free Money

**Scholarships**

### QUT Faculty of Science Indigenous Australian Scholarship 2025

**Value:** $7,500 AUD

This scholarship aims to support high-achieving Indigenous Australian students who are starting their first year of an undergraduate degree in science, mathematics or IT. The scholarship also aims to foster further opportunities by supporting and engaging students in other structured program opportunities for Indigenous Australian students in the Faculty of Science, like the [Indigenous Australian Research Training Scheme (IARTS)](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/faculty-of-science-indigenous-australian-research-training-scheme-iarts).

[Find out more](https://www.qut.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/faculty-of-science-indigenous-australian-scholarship)

## Competitions

### KSP Short Fiction Competition – Youth Category

**Value:** See perks

**Closing date:** September 6, 2024

The KSP Writers’ Centre is proud to present this annual short fiction competition for Australian writers, which is FREE for youth to enter. Judges will be looking for good quality original, unpublished writing with engaging characters and a compelling narrative. All fiction styles and themes are acceptable.

[Find out more](https://www.kspwriterscentre.com/short-fiction-competition)

# Study

## University

### [Do you need to change your preferences?](https://studyworkgrow.com/do-you-need-to-change-your-preferences/)

So you’ve applied to university – congratulations! Perhaps you’ve applied through an admissions centre, or maybe you applied directly to the university of your choice. Either way, did you know that once you’ve submitted your applications, they’re not set in stone? Right up until the very last offer round, you can always change your preferences.

**Preferences – the basics**

By the time you’ve submitted your applications, it’s assumed that you understand ‘preferences’ and what it means for your application. But just in case you’re still a bit uncertain, let’s explain.

*Preferences* is just a term for the courses you want to apply for, listed in the order you’d like to study them. They’re also sometimes called choices or selections.

We recommend that you list your dream course/s first, some more realistic options next, and one safe option last. That way, you’ll increase the chances of receiving at least one offer in the main offer rounds. Listing the maximum number of possible preferences on your applications is also a good strategy.

**Flexibility can be handy**

If you’re certain that you’ve applied to the best university and selected the best courses for you, that’s great! All you need to do is move on and wait for an offer.

But if you decide you’re not happy with your choices, or perhaps the order of your courses just isn’t sitting right with you anymore, guess what? There’s good news – the whole applications system is designed to allow you to change your preferences.

**When can you change your preferences?**

Most universities and admissions centres provide plenty of opportunities to change your preferences. After submitting your application and before the first offers are released, you can usually log in to your application and adjust your preferences.

Changing your preferences is usually free, but some institutions may charge a fee. In some cases, you might need to pay a fee if you change them more than two or three times.

If you’re applying through an admissions centre, here are the change of preference cut-off dates for the main rounds of offers:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Admission Centre | Results date | Offer date | Change of preference cut-off |
| [UAC](https://www.uac.edu.au/key-dates) | 18 December 2024 | 23 December 2024 | 18 December 2024 |
| [VTAC](https://www.vtac.edu.au/dates.html) | 12 December 2024 | 23 December 2024 | 14 December 2024 |
| [QTAC](https://www.qtac.edu.au/key-dates/) | 13 December 2024 | 23 December 2024 | 18 December 2024 |
| [TISC](https://tisc.edu.au/static/guide/tisc-calendar-current.tisc) | 15 December 2024 | 21 December 2024 | 17 December 2024 |
| [SATAC](https://www.satac.edu.au/undergraduate-key-dates) | 16 December 2024 | 10 January 2024 | 2 January 2025 |
| [UTAS](https://www.utas.edu.au/admissions/undergraduate/key-admission-dates) | 18 December 2024 | Mid December 2024 | Contact UTAS |
| [UCAS](https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/dates-and-deadlines-uni-applications?query=&refinementList%5Bevent_type%5D%5B0%5D=Key%20Date) | TBC August 2025 | Up to 14 May 2025 | Contact the university |
| [CAO](https://www.cao.ie/index.php?page=timetableevents&bb=importantdates) | TBC August 2025 | TBC August 2025 | TBC July 2025 |
| [OUAC](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-dates) | TBC April 2025 | Up to late May 2025 | Contact the university |

*Note:* If you’ve received an early offer for one or more of the courses on your preferences, and you’d still like more offers during other rounds, it’s best to call the admission centre directly if you’re unsure about what to do next.

Once the main round of offers are released, another window usually opens up. You’ll have the chance to change your preferences again and possibly receive more offers, then choose which one to accept. Or, if you didn’t get an offer in the first round, you can wait and see if you receive one in a subsequent round.

**What if I’m applying directly to the university?**

If you’re submitting your application direct to the university, you’ll need to check with them if:

1. They allow you to change your course choices after your application has been submitted, and
2. Whether there is any cut-off dates you need to change your preferences by.

Some universities will let you swap your course choices right up until you receive an offer. Others might ask you to complete a separate application if you change your mind about your course. We recommend you check the details on their website or contact them directly to confirm your options.

**A note about quota and high-demand courses**

If all the places in a course have been filled after the first offer round, you won’t be able to add it to your list in subsequent rounds.

If a course has an earlier closing date than the regular deadline, it’s highly likely you won’t be able to add it to your list once this date has passed, even if change of preference is still open.

If you want to apply to a course that is in high-demand or has caps on places, you should get your application sorted ASAP to ensure you don’t miss out.

**Top tips for changing preferences**

1. Spend some time considering *why* you want to change your preferences before you go ahead and do it.
2. Check if any fees or cut-off dates apply.
3. If you’re unsure about what to do, contact the admissions centre or university for advice.

**When might you decide to change your preferences?**

Consider adjusting your preferences if:

* Your results are better than you expect. If there’s a competitive course you looked over because you didn’t think it was a realistic option before, move it to the top of your list.
* Your results aren’t as good as you had hoped for. To increase your changes of receiving an offer, put any courses you’re eligible for at the top of your list.
* You have a change of heart about the best course or university for you.
* A new course has become available and you think it would be perfect.
* You discover a course you didn’t know about when you applied.
* You find out that the prerequisites for a course you had on your list have changed.
* The course you applied for has been dropped by the university.
* You’re looking back over your application and realise you didn’t put your preferences in the right order.

**Is changing your preferences really necessary?**

If you get higher results than you expected (yay you!), *don’t* immediately rush off and change your preferences just because you can. If you’re happy with your preferences, the best thing to do is stick with them – there’s no such thing as ‘wasting’ good grades.

You might feel pressured into thinking you should change your list, particularly if your friends are talking about changing theirs and cut-off dates are coming up. Take a breath, spend some time researching any changes you’re thinking of making, and make sure you’re doing it for all the right reasons.

Finally, double check any prerequisites and eligibility requirements before you add or move a course. It would be a real shame to miss out on an offer because you didn’t take a few minutes to read the entry criteria.

**Don’t panic**

If you miss the change of preference cut-offs for the first round, that’s OK – you’ll get the chance to change them again before the next offer round.

If all the rounds are over and you have an offer, but it’s not for the course you really wanted, call up the university and find out what your options are. You might be able to start a different degree then transfer after completing a few subjects.

Most importantly, if you don’t receive any offers at all, please remember that you still have lots of options. Most institutions have at least one alternative pathway, from bridging courses to experience-based entry options. You may be surprised to learn about the number of choices available to help you get into the university of your dreams.

**Need more information?**

If you’re still after more information, we have heaps of other blogs on university applications to check out [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/category/study/university/).

### [Top university courses for book lovers](https://studyworkgrow.com/top-university-courses-for-book-lovers/)

If you’re a bookworm who dreams of turning your love for reading into a career, you’re in luck. Universities offer a wide range of courses tailored to book lovers like you, so you can have a fulfilling and interesting study load at uni with the promise of a career in something you love at the end of it.

Whether you’re interested in literature, writing, publishing, or librarianship, there’s a course out there that can help you follow your passion.

**Types of courses for book lovers**

There are several types of university courses that are perfect for people who love books. Let’s explore some of the most popular ones:

**Literature courses**

Literature courses are ideal for those who enjoy analysing texts, exploring different genres, and diving deep into the world of fiction, poetry, and drama. You’ll study the works of famous authors, learn about literary history, and develop critical thinking skills. This kind of degree could lead to a wide range of job options in fields such as Journalism, Publishing, Writing, Media, and Communications (among many more). Here are some popular courses at different universities that you could take a look at.

* Bachelor of Arts ([Literature&Theatre Studies](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/major/english-and-theatre-studies/" \t "_blank)) – *University of Melbourne* *(AUS)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([English and Literary Studies](https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/courses/english-and-literary-studies)) – *University of Western Australia (AUS)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([English](https://www.sydney.edu.au/courses/subject-areas/major/english.html)) – *University of Sydney (AUS)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([English Language and Literature](https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/course-listing/english-language-and-literature)) – *University of Oxford (U.K)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([English](https://www.london.ac.uk/study/courses/undergraduate/ba-english)) – *University of London* *(U.K)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([English Literature](https://english.princeton.edu/undergraduate/major)) – *Princeton University (U.S.A)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([English](https://english.arizona.edu/ba-english)) – *The University of Arizona (U.S.A)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([English](https://www.otago.ac.nz/apply/engl)) – *University of Otago (N.Z)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([English Literature](https://www.waikato.ac.nz/int/study/subjects/english/)) – *University of Waikato (N.Z)*
* Bachelor of Arts Honours ([English](https://www.ntu.edu.sg/education/undergraduate-programme/bachelor-of-arts-in-english)) – *Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)*

**Creative writing courses**

If you have a flair for storytelling and dream of becoming a writer, creative writing courses are for you. These programs teach you how to craft compelling stories, develop characters, and refine your writing style across different genres.

* Bachelor of Arts ([Creative Writing](https://www.unisq.edu.au/study/degrees/bachelor-of-arts/creative-writing)) – *University of Southern Queensland (AUS)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([Creative Writing](https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/undergraduate-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-of-arts-creative-writing-bp257)) – *RMIT University (AUS)*
* Bachelor of Creative Arts ([Creative Writing](https://www.flinders.edu.au/study/courses/bachelor-creative-arts-creative-writing)) – *Flinders University* *(AUS)*
* Bachelor of Arts Honours ([Creative Writing](https://www.brighton.ac.uk/courses/study/creative-writing-ba-hons.aspx)) – *University of Brighton (U.K)*
* Bachelor of Arts Honours ([Creative Writing](https://www.sussex.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/courses/creative-writing-ba)) – *University of Sussex*
* Bachelor of Arts ([Creative Writing](https://www.oakland.edu/careers/creative-writing-fiction/)) – *Oakland University (U.S.A)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([Creative Writing](https://english.arizona.edu/ba-creative-writing)) – *The University of Arizona (U.S.A)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([Creative Writing](https://www.massey.ac.nz/study/all-qualifications-and-degrees/bachelor-of-arts-UBART/creative-writing-UBART2JCRWR1/)) – *Massey University (N.Z)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([Creative Writing](https://www.aut.ac.nz/courses/bachelor-of-arts/creative-writing-major)) – *Aukland University of Technology (N.Z)*
* Masters ([Creative Writing](https://www.lasalle.edu.sg/programmes/postgraduate/ma-creative-writing)) – *University of the Arts Singapore (S.G)*

**Publishing & Editing courses**

Publishing and editing courses are perfect for those who want to be involved in the process of bringing books to life. You’ll learn about the publishing industry, from editing manuscripts to designing book covers and marketing books to readers, and there are a ton of different jobs in the publishing industry that a degree like this could lead to.

* Bachelor of Arts ([Professional Writing & Publishing](https://www.curtin.edu.au/study/offering/course-ug-professional-writing-and-publishing-major-ba--mjru-prwrp/)) – *Curtin University (AUS)*
* Bachelor of Creative Arts ([Publishing](https://www.deakin.edu.au/courses/major/publishing-bachelor-creative-arts)) – *Deakin University (AUS)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([Creative Writing and Publishing](https://www.usc.edu.au/study/courses-and-programs/majors-and-minors/creative-writing-and-publishing)) – *University of the Sunshine Coast (AUS)*
* Bachelor of Arts Honours ([Creative Writing and Publishing](https://www.derby.ac.uk/undergraduate/english-creative-writing-publishing-courses/creative-writing-publishing-ba-hons/)) – *University of Derby (U.K)*
* Bachelor of Arts Honours ([Publishing](https://www.uca.ac.uk/study/courses/ba-publishing/)) – *University for the Creative Arts (U.K)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([Editing and Publishing](https://ling.byu.edu/editing-and-publishing-ba)) – *Brigham Young University (U.S.A)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([Publishing and Editing](https://www.susqu.edu/academics/majors-and-minors/department-of-english-and-creative-writing/publishing-and-editing/)) – *Susquehanna* *University (U.S.A)*
* Bachelor of Communications ([Editing and Publishing elective](https://www.massey.ac.nz/study/courses/editing-and-publishing-for-journalism-and-communication-219234/)) – *Massey University (N.Z)*
* Graduate Diploma in [Publishing (Applied)](https://www.whitireiaweltec.ac.nz/study-programmes/creativity/creative-writing-and-publishing/graduate-diploma-in-publishing-applied/) – *Whitireia and WeITec, Te Auaha (N.Z)*
* [FlexiMasters in Publishing](https://www.ntu.edu.sg/soh/admissions/continuing-education/fleximasters/publishing) – *Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)*

**Librarianship & Information Studies courses**

For those who love the idea of working in a library, librarianship and information studies courses teach you how to manage collections, assist readers, and work with digital resources. These programs are perfect if you want to spend your days surrounded by books – keep in mind though that most are post-graduate courses, and have a pretty definitive end goal (ie: becoming a librarian).

* Bachelor of Information Studies ([Librarianship Specialisation](https://study.csu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-information-studies#:~:text=The%20Bachelor%20of%20Information%20Studies,field%2C%20and%20taught%20by%20experts.)) – *Charles Sturt University* *(AUS)*
* Diploma of [Library and Information Services](https://www.swinburne.edu.au/course/tafe/diploma-of-library-and-information-services-bsb50520/?gclid=Cj0KCQjw2ou2BhCCARIsANAwM2G1Rg6E58Zgb5NE1sDgg8sFUBdO9_PMtByZi8lq5NFA29vOBsddgQUaAtljEALw_wcB&ef_id=Cj0KCQjw2ou2BhCCARIsANAwM2G1Rg6E58Zgb5NE1sDgg8sFUBdO9_PMtByZi8lq5NFA29vOBsddgQUaAtljEALw_wcB:G:s&s_kwcid=AL!4425!3!667774367682!!!g!!!16632508076!157623496771&gad_source=1) – *Swinburne University of Technology* *(AUS)*
* Master of [Information Science](https://www.curtin.edu.au/study/offering/course-pg-master-of-information-science--mc-infsci/)– *Curtin University* *(AUS)*
* Master of [Library and Information Studies](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/graduate/taught-degrees/library-and-information-studies-ma) – *University College London (U.K)*
* Masters of Science ([Information Management](https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate/taught/courses/2024/information-management-msc)) – *University of Sheffield (U.K)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([Information Science and Arts](https://infosci.arizona.edu/ba-information-science-arts#:~:text=The%20BA%20IS%26A%20is%20a,Core%20major)) – *The University of Arizona (U.S.A)*
* Master of [Library and Information Science](https://www.kent.edu/iSchool/library-information-science) – *Kent State University (USA)*
* Master of [Information Studies](https://www.wgtn.ac.nz/explore/postgraduate-programmes/master-of-information-studies/overview) – *Victoria University of Wellington (N.Z)*
* [Library and Information Studies Course](https://www.openpolytechnic.ac.nz/qualifications-and-courses/information-and-library-studies/) – *Open Polytechnic (N.Z)*
* Master of Science [(Information Studies)](https://www.ntu.edu.sg/education/graduate-programme/master-of-science-in-information-studies) – *Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)*

**Journalism & Media courses**

If you love books and have a knack for writing, Journalism and Media studies could be a great fit. These programs teach you how to write and report on a wide range of topics, including book reviews, author interviews, and literary news. This is a great course for fluid and creative people who could see themselves in a range of different roles in the future.

* Bachelor of Communication ([Journalism](https://study.uq.edu.au/study-options/programs/bachelors-communication-journalism-2508)) – *University of Queensland (AUS)*
* Bachelor of [Journalism](https://www.monash.edu/study/courses/majors-minors-specialisations/majors/journalism-xm0025) – *Monash University* *(Aus)*
* Bachelor of Media and Communication ([Journalism](https://www.deakin.edu.au/courses/major/journalism-bachelor-communication)) – *Deakin University* *(AUS)*
* Bachelor of Arts Honours ([Journalism](https://www.londonmet.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/journalism---ba-hons/)) – *London Metropolitan University (U.K)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([Media](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/undergraduate/degrees/media-ba)) – *University College London (U.K)*
* Bachelor of Science ([Media, Culture and Communication](https://steinhardt.nyu.edu/degree/bs-media-culture-and-communication)) – *New York University* *(U.S.A)*
* Bachelor of [Journalism](https://www.missouristate.edu/CMJF/Journalism/default.htm) – *Missouri State University (U.S.A)*
* Bachelor of Arts ([Media Studies](https://www.massey.ac.nz/study/all-qualifications-and-degrees/bachelor-of-arts-UBART/media-studies-UBART2JMDST1/))– *Massey University (N.Z)*
* Bachelor of Communication Studies ([Journalism](https://www.aut.ac.nz/study/study-options/communication-studies/courses/bachelor-of-communication-studies/journalism-major)) – *Aukland University of Technology (N.Z)*
* Bachelor of Science Honours ([Digital Communications and Integrated Media](https://www.singaporetech.edu.sg/undergraduate-programmes/digital-communications-and-integrated-media)) – *Singapore Institute of Technology* (S.G)

**Find your perfect course**

These are just a few examples of the types of courses available to book lovers in Australia. Each university offers its own unique approach, so it’s worth exploring different programs to find the one that suits your interests and career goals.

**Explore more options**

Don’t forget, many universities offer combined degrees, allowing you to mix and match courses like Literature and Creative Writing, or Journalism and Media Studies. You can also consider postgraduate options if you want to specialise further or advance your career.

**Start your journey today**

Ready to find the perfect course? Check out online databases like [Course Seeker](https://www.courseseeker.edu.au/) or [The Uni Guide](https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/courses) to explore all the different options available at universities. Otherwise, you can visit university websites directly to learn more about their specific programs for book lovers.

No matter which course you choose, you’ll be taking the first step towards turning your love for books into a rewarding career. If you want to start your journey today, we have heaps more helpful articles about higher education and life after high school for you [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/).

## Study Tips

### [How to annotate books for assignments](https://studyworkgrow.com/how-to-annotate-books-for-assignments/)

If you’re finding it tough to keep track of key points, quotes, or themes when reading books for assignments, annotating could be the game-changer you need. Annotating is all about making notes in the margins, underlining important parts, or highlighting key phrases as you read. It helps you engage with the text and makes it easier to find important information when you need it.

Let’s break down how to do it step by step.

**Get prepared**

Before you start, you’ll need a few basic tools. Grab some sticky notes, highlighters, pens, and, of course, your book. If you don’t want to write directly in your book, transparent sticky notes are a great alternative.

**Step 1: Read with purpose**

First, think about why you’re reading the book. Is it for an essay, a test, or class discussion? Knowing this will help you focus on what’s important as you read. For example, if you’re writing an essay on themes of gender roles, you’ll want to pay extra attention to parts of the book where the author introduces [characterisation](https://www.litcharts.com/literary-devices-and-terms/characterization).

**Step 2: Mark important parts**

As you read, use your highlighter to mark key quotes, ideas, or sections that stand out. You might highlight a sentence that sums up a character’s personality or a paragraph that introduces a major theme. If you’re using sticky notes, jot down why you think that part is important and stick it on the page.

**Step 3: Make notes in the margins**

When something grabs your attention or sparks an idea, write a quick note in the margin. For example, if a character makes a tough decision, you could write “Character struggles with their morals” next to that section. These notes will help you remember your thoughts later when you’re writing your assignment.

**Step 4: Create a system**

To make your annotations even more useful, try creating a system. You could use different coloured highlighters for different themes or types of information. For example, use pink for character development, blue for themes, and yellow for important quotes. This will make it super easy to find exactly what you’re looking for when you’re reviewing the book.

**Step 5: Review your annotations**

After you’ve finished reading, go back through your annotations. Look for patterns or connections that you might not have noticed at first, and write these down. This is where your hard work pays off – your annotations will help you see the bigger picture and give you lots of material for your assignments.

**Why annotating helps**

Annotating your books isn’t just about making your reading more interactive – it’s also a huge time-saver when it comes to writing essays or studying for exams. You won’t have to flip through hundreds of pages to find that perfect quote or piece of evidence; it’ll already be highlighted or noted down.

Plus, annotating helps improve your understanding of the text. By actively engaging with the material, you’re more likely to remember it and develop deeper insights, which will definitely show in your assignments.

**Give it a try**

If you’ve never tried annotating before, it might take a little practice to get the hang of it. But once you do, you’ll wonder how you ever managed without it. So, grab your highlighters and sticky notes, and start making your books work for you.

And if you’re looking for more study tips and tricks, be sure to check out our website [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/) – we’ve got heaps more advice to help you succeed in school.

# Work

## Job Spotlight

### [How to become a Book Editor](https://studyworkgrow.com/how-to-become-a-book-editor/)

Do you have a passion for reading and a keen eye for detail? Do you want to be part of the process that brings books to life? If so, a career as a Book Editor might be perfect for you.

A Book Editor’s job is to help shape a manuscript into its best possible version, ensuring that the content is clear, engaging, and free of errors. They work closely with authors to refine their work, providing feedback on structure, style, and grammar. Book Editors play a critical role in the publishing process, turning raw manuscripts into polished books ready for readers.

**What skills do I need as a Book Editor?**

* Excellent command of language
* Strong attention to detail
* Critical thinking
* Creativity
* Patience & perseverance
* Effective communication
* Ability to give constructive feedback
* Time management

**What does the job involve?**

* Reviewing manuscripts for content, structure, and style
* Collaborating with authors to develop and refine their work
* Correcting grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors
* Ensuring consistency in tone and style
* Fact-checking and verifying accuracy
* Working with proofreaders, typesetters, and designers
* Meeting deadlines and managing multiple projects
* Staying updated with industry trends and standards

**What industries do Book Editors typically work in?**

* Arts & Recreation Services
* Information Media & Telecommunications
* Education & Training

**What Career Cluster do Book Editors belong to?**

Lots of Editors belong to the [Informers](https://thecareerclusters.com/the-informers/) Career Cluster. They often have a deep love for literature and language, coupled with the analytical skills needed to improve a manuscript. [Informers](https://thecareerclusters.com/the-informers/) also thrive when using their skills and knowledge to support and guide other people – which is basically the job description of a Book Editor.

The role also often attracts [Innovators](https://thecareerclusters.com/the-innovators/), because of their high levels of creativity and tendency to combine functionality and aesthetics – something very important when making sure a book is compelling *and* readable.

**What kind of lifestyle can I expect?**

As a Book Editor, you can expect a mix of solitary and collaborative work. Much of your time will be spent reading and editing manuscripts, which can be done remotely or in an office. The job often involves tight deadlines, especially in the final stages of the publishing process, so good time management is essential.

The work hours can vary depending on the publishing cycle, with some editors working long hours to meet deadlines. While the job can be demanding, many editors find it deeply rewarding to see a book they’ve worked on come to life.

**How to become a Book Editor**

To become a Book Editor, there are several pathways you can take, depending on your interests and background.

1. **Education**: A degree in [English](https://www.sydney.edu.au/courses/subject-areas/major/english.html), [Communications](https://study.uq.edu.au/study-options/programs/bachelor-communication-2507?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwt4a2BhD6ARIsALgH7DqgbdrRXJIhPi9W9Hr0orWS83tK2po0jkPtqOwJlxRvJFhjRu_khioaAsc1EALw_wcB), [Journalism](https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/undergraduate/bachelor-of-media?cid=paid-sem_google_7SE1Ld2p&csd=20231201&utm_source=google&utm_medium=paid-sem&utm_campaign=driveapplications&utm_camcat=ug-baseline&utm_content=rsa&utm_faculty=ada&utm_residency=dom&utm_career=ugutm_term=&dtid=paid-sem_google_18460357892_141220310145&kwps=journalism%20degree&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwt4a2BhD6ARIsALgH7DppiM4hje2U0zpt5_vnlEQGYIwfmFOx3voMRIZyHdNVRMOnBLvCfXoaAuwwEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds), or a related field is often preferred, and having a higher education is definitely a plus in this saturated job market.
2. **Experience**: Gaining experience through [internships](https://studyworkgrow.com/find-work-experience/), freelance editing, or working in related fields like journalism or copywriting is really important. This hands-on experience will help you build a strong portfolio, and shoot your hiring potential through the roof.
3. **Skills Development**: Strong language skills are a must. Consider taking courses in [editing](https://www.coursera.org/courses?query=editing&skills=Writing), [grammar](https://www.coursera.org/search?query=grammar&skills=Writing), or [creative writing](https://www.coursera.org/search?query=creative%20writing) to hone your abilities.
4. **Networking**: Building connections within the publishing industry can open doors to editing opportunities. Attend [literary events](https://australiareads.org.au/literary-calendar/), join [professional organisations](https://www.iped-editors.org/), and [network](https://thesyp.org.uk/2022/05/networking-in-publishing/) with authors, publishers, and other editors.
5. **Entry-Level Positions**: Start with entry-level positions such as Editorial Assistant or Copy Editor. These roles provide valuable experience and can lead to more senior editing positions over time.

We’re not going to sugar-coat it; publishing is a very competitive industry, and becoming a Book Editor in particular is a highly coveted role. It’s likely you’ll have to face a bit of rejection in your journey, but that’s ok! If you keep at it and don’t get discouraged, there are many pathways that can lead you to becoming a Book Editor. It’s all about hard work and dedication to your dream job. Remember, even [J.K Rowling](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/magazines/panache/from-an-impoverished-single-mom-to-worlds-richest-writer-a-look-at-jk-rowlings-incredible-journey/when-harry-potter-was-rejected-by-12-publishers/slideshow/102276515.cms?from=mdr) was turned down by 12 publishers before managing to publish Harry Potter, which would go on to become the most acclaimed children’s book of all time.

**What can I do right now if I’m interested in this career?**

If you’re currently in high school and considering a career as a Book Editor, here are some steps to help you explore the profession:

* **Read widely and write regularly**: Immerse yourself in a variety of genres and styles to develop a strong sense of language and storytelling, and practice writing and editing your own work as preparation for your future career.
* **Work on your school newspaper or literary magazine**: This is a great way to gain experience in editing and writing, and looks awesome on your resume.
* **Seek out internships**: Look for internships or volunteer opportunities with local publishers, literary journals, or media outlets to gain hands-on experience that publishing companies highly value.

**Where can I find out more?**

Find out more here:

* [Institute of Professional Editors](https://www.iped-editors.org/)
* [Canberra Society of Editors](https://www.editorscanberra.org/)
* [Editors Canada](https://editors.ca/about-editors-canada)
* [Association of Freelance Editors, Proofreaders and Indexers](http://www.afepi.ie/)
* ​[Society of Writers, Editors and Translators (Japan)](http://www.swet.jp/)
* [Chartered Institute of Editing and Proofreading](http://www.ciep.uk/)
* [The Society for Editing (ACES)](https://aceseditors.org/)
* [Chicago Women in Publishing](http://www.cwip.org/)
* [Editorial Freelancers Association](https://www.the-efa.org/about/)

**Similar careers to Book Editor**

* Literary Agent
* [Copywriter](https://studyworkgrow.com/how-to-become-a-copywriter/)
* [Journalist](https://studyworkgrow.com/how-to-become-a-journalist/)
* Technical Writer
* Publisher
* [Author](https://studyworkgrow.com/how-to-become-a-writer/)

Find out more about alternative careers [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/category/work/job-spotlights/).

## Jobs & Careers

### [10 jobs for people who love reading](https://studyworkgrow.com/10-jobs-for-people-who-love-reading/)

If you love getting lost in a good book, chances are you’re the imaginative type, and want a fun job that reflects that. Reading can be a fantastic hobby, but did you know it could also lead to a cool career?

Whether you’re into fiction, non-fiction, or even comic books, there are jobs out there where your love of reading can really pay off. Here are 10 awesome jobs for people who love reading.

**1. Librarian**

Librarians are living the dream – they get to spend their days surrounded by books, and helping connect others to their passion. Their job involves helping people find the information they need, recommending great reads, and organising all the books in the library. If you love reading and helping others discover new books, this might be the perfect job for you.

**How to get there**: To become a librarian, you normally need to study information science, which means either a VET qualification in [Library and Information Services](https://tafeqld.edu.au/course/18/18080/certificate-iii-in-library-and-information-services), or more commonly a uni degree in [Information Studies](https://study.csu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-information-studies). Most librarians have a degree in this field, plus of course a passion for books and reading.

**2. Book Editor**

Book Editors work closely with authors to make sure their stories are the best they can be. They read manuscripts, suggest changes, and help authors improve their work. If you love reading and have a keen eye for detail, being a Book Editor could be your dream job.

**How to get there**: A degree in [English](https://www.sydney.edu.au/courses/subject-areas/major/english.html), [Journalism](https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/undergraduate/bachelor-of-media?cid=paid-sem_google_7SE1Ld2p&csd=20231201&utm_source=google&utm_medium=paid-sem&utm_campaign=driveapplications&utm_camcat=ug-baseline&utm_content=rsa&utm_faculty=ada&utm_residency=dom&utm_career=ugutm_term=&dtid=paid-sem_google_18460357892_141220310145&kwps=journalism%20degree&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwt4a2BhD6ARIsALgH7DppiM4hje2U0zpt5_vnlEQGYIwfmFOx3voMRIZyHdNVRMOnBLvCfXoaAuwwEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds), or [Communications](https://study.uq.edu.au/study-options/programs/bachelor-communication-2507?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwt4a2BhD6ARIsALgH7DqgbdrRXJIhPi9W9Hr0orWS83tK2po0jkPtqOwJlxRvJFhjRu_khioaAsc1EALw_wcB) can help you get started. Strong reading and writing skills are also a must. For a step-by-step, check out our guide on [How to become a Book Editor](https://studyworkgrow.com/how-to-become-a-book-editor/).

**3. Bookstore Owner**

Imagine owning a cozy bookstore filled with all your favourite reads, where everyone you meet is there because of a love of books. Bookstore owners run their own shops, choose which books to sell, and often get to talk to customers about their favourite books all day. If you love reading and want to share that passion with others, this could be a great fit for you.

**How to get there**: Experience working in a [bookstore](https://thecareerclusters.com/workplace-spotlight/the-career-clusters-in-a-bookstore/) can help, and you’ll need some business know-how (like a [Certificate IV in Entrepreneurship and New Business](https://www.swinburneopen.edu.au/lp/certificate-iv-in-entrepreneurship-and-new-business?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=SO%7CGG%7CSN%7CGN%7CBU%7CEntrepreneurship&keyword_k=entrepreneurship+course&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwt4a2BhD6ARIsALgH7DpaQwc42cMwtxo-8Xu4UDoIxtrzcr2MRE6ox2zxMBozs22Vqy_0FsQaAnLLEALw_wcB)) to run your own shop.

**4. Book Reviewer**

Are you super opinionated about the books you read? Book reviewers get paid to read books and share their opinions. They write reviews for newspapers, magazines, websites, or even their own blogs. If you love reading and enjoy sharing your thoughts on books, this job could be perfect for you.

**How to get there**: Start by writing reviews for fun on your own blog or social media, build a readership, then start submitting your reviews to publications. With practice and dedication, you could turn your passion into a life-long career.

**5. Literary Agent**

Literary agents are like the agents you’ve probably heard about in the film industry, except they help authors get their books published instead of helping actors find jobs. They read manuscripts, choose the ones they think will be successful, and then find a publisher to make it happen and negotiate with them on your behalf. If you love reading, are a people person, and have a good sense of what makes a book great, being a literary agent could be right up your alley.

**How to get there**: Normally you’ll need a minimum of a bachelors degree in a relevant field like [English](https://www.unsw.edu.au/arts-design-architecture/study-with-us/study-areas/english-literary-studies?cid=paid-sem_google_mB4TTGVX&csd=20231201&utm_source=google&utm_medium=paid-sem&utm_campaign=driveapplications&utm_camcat=ug-baseline&utm_content=rsa&utm_faculty=ada&utm_residency=dom&utm_career=ugutm_term=&dtid=paid-sem_google_18460357892_141220307945&kwps=english%20degree&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwt4a2BhD6ARIsALgH7DrHwY872DMDCv8OOdE1kdPtMlfZAZU79--9bIK7DoR0jp_nIZ2BBEMaAhv8EALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds) or [Communications](https://www.deakin.edu.au/course/bachelor-communication?gclid=Cj0KCQjwt4a2BhD6ARIsALgH7Dp1XYFyVkjIno3z9VPkN-ZaehPhdiHBqP6Fl2DswI8gs2FgXkV-oSEaAvNNEALw_wcB&ef_id=Cj0KCQjwt4a2BhD6ARIsALgH7Dp1XYFyVkjIno3z9VPkN-ZaehPhdiHBqP6Fl2DswI8gs2FgXkV-oSEaAvNNEALw_wcB:G:s&s_kwcid=AL!855!3!703431592476!p!!g!!bachelor%20communication&gad_source=1) in order to become a Literary Agent. Then, it’s all about business and networking, which is why most Literary Agents start out by working in publishing companies.

**6. Translator**

If you’re bilingual and love reading, being a translator could be a fantastic job. Translators take books written in one language and translate them into another, making stories accessible to a wider audience.

**How to get there**: You’ll need to be fluent in at least two languages and might need a degree in [Translation](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/courses/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts-interpreting-and-translation) or [Linguistics](https://www.unsw.edu.au/arts-design-architecture/study-with-us/study-areas/linguistics?cid=paid-sem_google_aDBzVI0s&csd=20231201&utm_source=google&utm_medium=paid-sem&utm_campaign=driveapplications&utm_camcat=ug-baseline&utm_content=rsa&utm_faculty=ada&utm_residency=dom&utm_career=ugutm_term=&dtid=paid-sem_google_18460357892_141220308625&kwps=linguistics%20degree&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwt4a2BhD6ARIsALgH7DrHPORlKAkaGe9aHN9kbtBfqyFrktb0gRHwf9AczNMUfBlft1ZTz3oaAs72EALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds).

**7. Comic Book Writer**

If you love reading comic books, why not be part of creating them? Comic book creators write stories, design characters, and bring those characters to life with art. Whether you focus on writing, drawing, or both, working in comics could be a dream job for you.

**How to get there**: Practice your writing or drawing skills, and consider a degree in [Creative Writing](https://study.unimelb.edu.au/find/courses/graduate/master-of-creative-writing-publishing-and-editing/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwt4a2BhD6ARIsALgH7DrR4OzpnJHT1HH0foHpGQCAZ-ato-AP3uYVGiOSF2VEv99Jg8AjUV4aAu9yEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds) or [Graphic Design](https://online.rmit.edu.au/course/sc-digital-graphic-design-dtr112?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=DTR112+|+PRWC+|+AW+|+FS+|+Digital+Graphic+Design+(Exact)&utm_content=Learn+Graphic+Design+(e)&utm_ad=608420967757&utm_term=graphic+design+learning&matchtype=p&device=c&GeoLoc=9069101&placement=&network=g&campaign_id=17667322052&adset_id=135756235622&ad_id=608420967757&gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjwt4a2BhD6ARIsALgH7DojlHc_CH0rnYmE-VRExPKKbdv-gup_vPZRK-jDNKn0T-WdJLJXZNYaAj8sEALw_wcB). These days, lots of universities also offer courses that are specific to the art of comic books, like this [BA in Comic & Concept Art](https://www.uca.ac.uk/study/courses/ba-comic-concept-art/), or this course in [Comics and Sequential Storytelling](https://www.griffith.edu.au/study/courses/comics-and-sequential-storytelling-2104GFS#trimester-3-south-bank-campus). You can also start by creating your own comics online.

**8. Archivist**

Archivists work in libraries, museums, and other institutions to preserve old books, documents, and manuscripts. They make sure important pieces of history are kept safe and organised for future generations to enjoy.

**How to get there**: A degree in [History](https://www.jcu.edu.au/courses/study/history) or [Information Studies](https://www2.csu.edu.au/handbook/handbook19/courses/BachelorofInformationStudies(withspecialisations)ArticulatedSet.html), plus a postgrad degree in [Archival Studies](https://study.unisa.edu.au/degrees/graduate-diploma-in-information-management-archives-and-records-management), is typically required for this highly specialised role. If you love reading and history, this job could be absolutely perfect for you.

**9. Ghostwriter**

Ghostwriters write books, articles, or blogs for other people, and usually stay anonymous for it (ie: it won’t be your name on the work that’s published). If you love reading and writing but don’t mind someone else getting the credit, ghostwriting could be a fun way to use your skills.

**How to get there**: Strong writing skills and experience in writing are key, so start by writing your own stories or helping others with theirs. Most ghostwriters also start off as freelance writers, so this is another pathway to keep in mind.

**10. Audiobook Narrator**

If you have a great voice and love reading out loud, being an audiobook narrator could be a cool job for you. You’ll get paid to read books and bring the characters and stories to life for listeners who might not be able to access the typical format of the written word.

**How to get there**: Practice reading out loud and consider taking [voice acting classes](https://www.backstage.com/magazine/article/best-voiceover-classes-13051/). You might also need to create a [demo reel](https://www.masterclass.com/articles/voice-over-demo-guide) to show off your voice.

**Want more?**

Loving books doesn’t just have to be a hobby—there are plenty of careers where you can turn your passion for reading into a job. Whether you want to work directly with books or help others enjoy them, there’s something out there for every book lover.

If you want more, we have heaps of [alternative careers](https://studyworkgrow.com/category/work/job-spotlights/) and tips about the world of work on our website [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/).

### [Industry growth and how it affects your plans](https://studyworkgrow.com/industry-growth-and-how-it-affects-your-plans/)

We have a range of different industries in Australia, and they’re all different – while some industries focus on caring for our health, for example, others construct our homes, or keep us entertained. Each industry employs a different number of people; the largest industry, Health Care and Social Assistance, employs over 2.2 million people, which is nearly 8 times as much as mining, one of the smaller industries at only 300,000 people.

Industries are also growing at different rates. So, for example, while we’ll need lots more educators in the next 5 years, industries like manufacturing are growing at a much slower rate.

Not sure why this matters? Well, you’ll be entering a competitive and dynamic job market, and understanding the field is essential if you want to win the game.

There are two key reasons why you need to think about this:

1. You’ll be more in-demand in a growth industry – which can translate to higher pay, better benefits, and more options for growth.
2. Going into a shrinking industry requires a Plan B – you might need a backup plan and a broad skill base so you can be flexible and go where the jobs are.

**Short-term shortage vs long-term demand**

There’s been a lot of talk lately about skills shortages and in-demand roles, but not all ‘shortages’ are the same. We often see problems with supply and demand in industries where skill shortages lead to massive recruitment campaigns, and five years down the track there are too many applicants. A big push to get people to study a specific qualification may lead to too many job seekers and not enough work to go around.

Some of the jobs most in demand right now are also ones which are rapidly being automated. Take mining, as an example; we still need more miners, but many mining jobs are being automated, particularly the lower skilled ones. The industry is changing too, so a lot of the ‘dirty’ mining jobs in coal are being phased out (and if they’re not, they will be soon).

**What about the industries you’re interested in?**

There’s often a mismatch between the number of students who want to work in an industry and the number of roles on offer. We’ve taken a look at current industry statistics and compared them to the industries Year 10 students expect to work in by the time they turn 30 (sources: [GENERATION survey](https://generationsurvey.org.au/data_story/professionals-by-30/), April 2023; [Labour Market Insights](https://www.jobsandskills.gov.au/data/labour-market-insights/industries), August 2024).

**Arts and Recreation**

* Percentage of Year 10 students who expect to go into the field: 10.3%
* Percentage of people who actually work in the field: 1.9%

This means that nearly 9 out of 10 students who want to go into Arts and Recreation will end up somewhere else. The upside is that this industry is getting larger, with expected to growth of 11.1% by 2028.

To improve your odds of finding your way in this industry, consider developing skills such as management or entrepreneurship. People who work as visual arts professionals and sportspeople, for example, make up just 10% of the entire industry; the majority work in roles where they use their skills and knowledge to inspire, coordinate, and teach others.

**Professional, Scientific and Technical Services**

* Percentage of Year 10 students who expect to go into the field: ~29%
* Percentage of people who actually work in the field: 9.2%

This is another field that has lots of aspiring future professionals, but nearly half end up working in a different industry. It was also the most popular choice for both male and non-binary students. It includes things like engineering, law, computing, science, and research.

The great thing about qualifications for these jobs is that they are highly transferrable – even if you don’t end up working in one of these specific industries, it’s very likely you can use your skills and knowledge to find work in a similar field, such as public service, telecommunications, and business.

**Finance, Business and Administration**

* Percentage of Year 10 students who expect to go into the field: 5.3%
* Percentage of people who actually work in the field: 8.3%

For every 10 people in this field, 5 of them didn’t expect to work in it when they were in Year 10. But the thing is that we need *a lot* of people to manage and administer the myriad of businesses that exist – in fact, there are over 17,000 active businesses in Australia alone.

This field employs many people in regional areas and usually offers lots of flexibility when it comes to remote work. While most Year 10 students aren’t thinking about a career in business, high industry growth and wide availability means they can expect to find a job without too much difficulty.

**Construction**

* Percentage of Year 10 students who expect to go into the field: 2.1%
* Percentage of people who actually work in the field: 9.5%

The construction industry is the second largest employer in the country, yet only 2.1% of Year 10 students see themselves working in it.

One of the main misconceptions about the construction industry is that all of the jobs require you to do a trade or involve lots of physical work. But there are also many roles available in management and admin too, as well as more creative careers like architecture. And even if you start out as a tradesperson, this often opens doors for management and business ownership opportunities down the track.

**Health Care and Social Assistance**

* Percentage of Year 10 students who expect to go into the field: 18%
* Percentage of people who actually work in the field: 15.7%

Health is not only the largest employing industry, it’s also the fastest growing, and expects 25.2% growth by 2028. In fact, more people are employed in Health than in Agriculture, Mining, Arts, and Finance combined.

Interestingly, only 2.2% of Year 10 students wanted to work as Carers or Aides – but these jobs make up nearly a quarter of the jobs available in the health industry. There are many options in health, so take some time to consider all the different pathways and sub-industries. Also consider expanding your skill set to include technical skills like project management, administration, or even data analysis, which could take you into emerging fields in the future.

**Don’t be disheartened**

If these statistics are making you rethink your future choices, we have some good news too. And that is that you can find varied roles of almost any kind in any industry.

Passionate about graphic design? Use those skills as an advertising agent for a financial company.

Want to work in nature? A job as an outdoor educator could be ideal.

Love helping others be healthy? Share your passion through nutritious food as a chef.

Have a flair for coding? You could manage the IT systems at a major hospital.

The number of people in an industry doesn’t necessarily reflect the exact role they’re working in either. For example, if you’re a freelance artist who runs your own business, you might be reported as working in the Business and Administration industry instead of the Arts and Recreation industry. And more general roles such as clerks, salespeople, and technicians are available in nearly every industry.

Besides, if you’re still in high school, you definitely don’t need to have your whole life mapped out by now. Lots of things can change no matter how well prepared you think you are, and that’s OK. It’s normal to [work in a variety of careers and jobs](https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2023/05/workers-multiple-careers-jobs-skills/) over your lifetime, so don’t stress if things turn out a little different to what you expected.

**Learn more**

You can explore more resources on the world of work on our website [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/work/).

Curious about matching your strengths and skills to your future career? Find out which [Career Cluster](https://thecareerclusters.com/) you’re in and start exploring your options.

## Entrepreneurship

### [Recipe for easy money: how to become a young entrepreneur](https://studyworkgrow.com/recipe-for-easy-money-how-to-become-a-young-entrepreneur/)

Ever dreamt of making your own money without having to rely on your parents or getting paid minimum wage at some big company? It’s easier than you think. All it takes is a bit of skill, some motivation, and a good idea. Being a young entrepreneur doesn’t mean you need a ton of cash to start—it’s all about finding a smart way to earn, with low startup costs, that can grow over time.

**Here’s the recipe:**

* **Skillset**: What are you good at? Whether it’s art, organisation, or just a willingness to roll up your sleeves and work hard, identify your strengths.
* **Drive**: Got the energy? Turning a side hustle into a money-maker takes motivation. If you’re ready to put in the work, you’re already halfway there.
* **Simple marketing**: Get the word out with minimal effort. Use social media, tell your friends, or make flyers. You don’t need to spend big bucks on ads.
* **Business model**: Think about how your business will make money. Focus on something that people need regularly, so they keep coming back to you.
* **Low startup costs**: Start small and scale up. Choose a business idea that doesn’t need a lot of money to get going.
* **Meet a real need**: Find something people actually need. Whether it’s cleaning, creating, or helping out, the more useful your service or product, the more money you can make.
* **Room to improve**: Look for areas where you can be better than the competition. If you can do something a little differently or offer something extra, people will choose you.

**You won’t believe these can be real businesses**

With these simple ingredients, you can whip up a business that’s fun, profitable, and entirely your own. Now, check out these unique and achievable ideas you can start after school, on weekends, or during holidays.

**1. Pet poop patrol**

It might sound odd, but cleaning up after pets can turn into a [money-making machine](https://swoopscoop.com/about/). All you need is a bag, a scooper, and a willingness to get your hands dirty (literally). Pet owners who are too busy or just don’t want to deal with the mess will gladly pay you to do it for them. As your customer base grows, you could even offer subscription services for weekly clean-ups. It’s simple to start and, believe it or not, there’s real demand for this.

**2. Lawn art business**

If you’ve got an eye for design and love spending time outdoors, why not turn lawns into works of art? Using tools like lawn paint or creative mowing techniques, you can offer to transform plain lawns into something cool and unique. Maybe it’s a sports team logo, a fun pattern, or even custom requests. This is a niche idea with room for creativity, and it could catch on fast with neighbours wanting to stand out. Even if you wanted to stick to regular old mowing, you’d be surprised at just how much you can earn when you put effort into something with as much demand as this.

**3. Mystery shopper**

Ever wanted to get paid to shop? Mystery shopping lets you do just that. Companies pay you to shop at their stores or eat at their restaurants and report back on your experience. It’s like being a secret agent but with the perk of making money on the side. This could easily be done in your free time and gives you a chance to explore new places while earning cash.

**4. Rent-a-charger service**

Got a portable phone charger? You’re set to make some money. People are always running out of battery, especially at events, malls, or parks. Offering a quick charge service at a small fee can be a real lifesaver for those in need. It’s a low-cost, high-demand service, especially during school events, local gatherings, or places with lots of tourism.

**5. Online video game coaching**

If you’re great at video games, why not coach others? With so many people wanting to improve their skills in popular games, offering coaching sessions could be your golden ticket. Set up a simple website or promote your services on social media, and you can charge by the hour and even offer bundles for ongoing coaching. Plus, you’ll be doing something you love!

**6. Subscription snack boxes**

People love snacks, especially unique or homemade ones. You can start a small subscription service where you deliver a box of snacks to your customers each month. Whether it’s homemade cookies, themed candy, or healthy options, there’s a market for tasty treats. As your business grows, you can expand into offering different types of boxes or partnering with local suppliers.

**7. Social media manager**

Small businesses often need help creating content for their social media, like photos, videos, or posts. If you’ve got a knack for creating cool content, this could be an excellent way to earn money. You can offer packages where you take photos, create short videos, or even manage their social media for a few hours a week. It’s a skill that’s in high demand and doesn’t require much investment.

**Your turn**

These ideas are just the beginning. With a little creativity, determination, and the right strategy, you can turn any of these into a successful side hustle. So why wait? Start planning, get the word out, and watch your business take off.

You can find lots more useful resources and tips on how to handle money on our website [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/category/grow/money/).

# Grow

## Personal Skills

### [Starting your own book club at school](https://studyworkgrow.com/starting-your-own-book-club-at-school/)

Do you love reading? Ever find yourself finishing a book, looking around, and wishing there was someone you could talk to about it? Well now you can do all that and more, simply by starting your very own book club at school. It’s fun, easy, and a great opportunity to make a bunch of new friends.

**Why start a book club?**

Starting a book club at school is a great way to make new friends, build a sense of community, and have fun while reading. But it’s not just about the books – it can give you a head start on your studies too. Discussing books with others helps you understand them better, which can really improve your grades when it comes to subjects like English.

Plus, running a book club looks awesome on your resume and can show universities or future employers that you’re organised, a good leader, and passionate about learning. Who knows? It could even spark an interest in starting your own business one day.

We’ll go through some tips together to help you get your book club up and running.

**Step 1: Find interested members**

The first thing you need is members. Talk to your friends, classmates, or even teachers who might be interested. You don’t need a huge group to start – even a small group of 4-5 people is enough to kick things off. You can put up posters around school, make an announcement in class, or post about it on social media to find more members.

**Step 2: Choose a meeting time and place**

Decide on a time and place where everyone can meet regularly. It could be during lunch breaks, after school, or even online if that’s easier for everyone. Make sure to pick a spot where you can chat comfortably – the school library, a classroom, or even a quiet corner of the school yard could work.

**Step 3: Pick your first book**

Once you have your members, it’s time to pick a book. You can choose one together or take turns picking a book each month. Try to pick books that are interesting, but not too difficult, so everyone can enjoy the discussion. If you’re stuck for ideas, start with something popular or a classic that’s easy to find at your school library. Even better, have a chat with your school librarian and see if they have any suggestions for you.

**Step 4: Plan your discussions**

To make sure your meetings are fun and productive, plan some questions or topics to discuss beforehand. You could talk about your favourite characters, themes, or what you thought about the ending. Don’t worry about being too formal – the goal is to have a relaxed and open conversation where everyone feels comfortable sharing their thoughts.

**Step 5: Keep it fun**

Remember, the main goal of your book club is to have fun! You could mix things up by having themed meetings, like bringing snacks related to the book, watching the movie adaptation if there is one, or even inviting a guest speaker, like a teacher or local author, to join your discussion.

**Step 6: Spread the word**

As your book club gets going, you might want to invite more people to join. Keep spreading the word through posters, social media, or by talking about it in your classes. The more, the merrier.

Starting a book club at school isn’t just about reading – it’s also about building a community, improving your communication skills, and having a creative outlet. Plus, it’s a great way to dive deeper into books and share different perspectives with your friends.

**Time to get started**

So, what are you waiting for? Grab a group of friends, pick a book, and start your own book club today. You never know what amazing discussions and friendships might come out of it.

For more tips on how to make the most of your time at school, be sure to check out our website [here](https://studyworkgrow.com/) – we’ve got plenty of ideas to help you succeed.

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