



In the Know with Careers

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If any student has questions about the opportunities below, please email me at joanne.cupac@spc.nsw.edu.au or book an appointment via the Canvas Careers homepage.

University

Steps to apply to uni – UAC

If you're unsure about what you'd like to do after school or whether university is right for you, you're not alone. University isn't only for students with a specific career path in mind – there are many different courses and pathways available. Keep your options open by understanding how the university application process works, how institutions use the ATAR to select students, non-ATAR pathways to tertiary study, and the financial support available.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/year-11-and-12-students>

Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme

Round 2 closes 3 September

Year 12 students can apply for an early entry offer to Macquarie University based on their Year 11 academic performance as well as leadership, personal development and involvement in extracurricular activities during Years 11 and 12. This is an excellent opportunity for students who have performed well academically and can demonstrate involvement and achievement beyond the classroom.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions-and-entry/pathways/schemes/leaders-achievers>

Western Sydney University – HSC True Reward

Round 1 closes 2 September

Western Sydney University's HSC True Reward early offer program allows eligible Year 12 students to receive an early offer into most university degrees based on their Year 11 or Year 12 results rather than a scaled ATAR. The program is open to domestic and international NSW HSC students, with offers available before the HSC examinations begin.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward>

Western Sydney University HSC Study Sessions

28 September – 7 October

Western Sydney University is offering free online HSC study sessions to help Year 12 students prepare for their upcoming examinations. There will be 22 sessions across 14 HSC subject areas, delivered by experienced senior teachers. Sessions will include content analysis, examination tips and strategies, syllabus revision and opportunities for practice exam questions and feedback. Subjects include English Advanced and Standard, Mathematics Advanced and Standard, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Business Studies, Legal Studies, Studies of Religion, Modern History, Community and Family Studies, Health and Movement, and Visual Arts.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/free-hsc-study-sessions>

University of Sydney – Study biomedical engineering at Sydney webinar

2 September

Interested in combining engineering, medicine and technology? Biomedical engineers work with doctors and other medical professionals to develop technologies such as cochlear implants, heart pacemakers and MRI scanners. Join this webinar to learn about the Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Biomedical Engineering) at the University of Sydney and the career opportunities available in this field.

https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_P1LNKm0CT_6escMALpK4Jw#/registration

Sydney Conservatorium of Music Portfolio Information Evening

2 September

Students considering studying composition, digital music or contemporary music at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music can attend this online information evening to receive advice about preparing their portfolio. Students will have the opportunity to receive feedback, speak with academic staff and learn more about courses and portfolio submission requirements.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sydney-conservatorium-of-music-portfolio-information-evening-tickets-1996531067167>

Sydney Conservatorium of Music Audition Information Evening

3 September

Students interested in the Bachelor of Music (Performance) at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music can attend this online session to learn more about the audition process. Academic staff will provide advice and insights to help students prepare for this important component of their application.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sydney-conservatorium-of-music-audition-information-evening-tickets-1996531575688>

Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Evening

16 September – in person and online

Students considering applying for the Bachelor of Visual Arts at the University of Sydney can attend a Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Evening. Students can receive tailored feedback and advice from academic staff to help strengthen the portfolio they submit as part of their application.

In person:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sydney-college-of-the-arts-portfolio-evening-tickets-1996565205275>

Online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sydney-college-of-the-arts-portfolio-evening-online-tickets-1996544511379>

University of Sydney – Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) Information Session

21 September

Students interested in nursing research can learn more about the Bachelor of Nursing (Honours) at the University of Sydney. The session will explore research opportunities, how Honours can enhance career prospects, pathways to higher degree research and opportunities to contribute to the future of healthcare through research.

https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/7517851307417/WN_ne2ILawpSxeDlaKsMuL0bg

UTS Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship

Applications close 6 September

Students interested in technology and business leadership should consider the UTS Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program. The program combines university study with two six-month industry placements with partner organisations, providing extensive hands-on experience and industry mentoring. Successful students receive a scholarship of approximately \$49,500 throughout the course.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/for-students/experience-uts/information-technology/get-ready-apply-bit-co-operative-scholarship>

ACU HSC Revision Webinars

7–10 September

ACU is offering free, live online HSC revision webinars led by experienced teachers to help Year 12 students prepare for their examinations.

Sessions include:

- **7 September:** Mathematics Standard 2 and English Standard
- **8 September:** Business Studies
- **9 September:** Biology
- **10 September:** Studies of Religion and Software Engineering

https://acufuturestudents.swoogo.com/2026_HSC_Revision_Webinars

UNSW Aviation Open Day

19 September | 10.00 am–1.00 pm | Bankstown Airport

Students interested in becoming a pilot or exploring careers in aviation can attend the UNSW Aviation Open Day at its flight training facility at Bankstown Airport. Meet instructors and current students, tour the facilities, explore the aircraft fleet and experience advanced flight simulators. An Aviation briefing will also be held at **11.00 am** covering aviation study and career pathways.

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/unsw-aviation-open-day-0>

CQUniversity Aviation Open Day Webinar

2 September

Students interested in becoming a commercial pilot, working in aviation management or exploring other careers within the aviation industry can attend CQUniversity's Aviation Open Day Webinar. Hear from academic staff, explore aviation courses and study options, learn about entry pathways and have your questions answered.

<https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/1153839/aviation-open-day-webinar>

Study in the US – Virtual Information Session

8 September

Students and families in Years 9–12 who are considering university study in the United States can attend this virtual information session. The presentation will provide an overview of the US higher education system and university application process, followed by a Q&A session.

<https://www.internationallyeducated.com.au/post/study-in-the-us-virtual-information-session>

Private colleges

Brent Street 2027 auditions now open

Auditions are now open for Brent Street's 2027 programs. Students interested in professional training in Performing Arts, Contemporary, Musical Theatre or Academy programs can explore the available courses and audition requirements.

<https://brentstreet.com.au/audition/>

AFTRS scholarships

Applications close 21 October

The Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) offer a range of scholarships and financial assistance to support students undertaking higher education. Students considering study at AFTRS can explore available scholarships, special financial assistance and government support options including FEE-HELP, Youth Allowance, Austudy and ABSTUDY.

<https://www.aftrs.edu.au/students/future-students/scholarships-and-financial-support/>

AIE Information Evening

17 September

Students interested in game development, film, 3D animation and visual effects can attend the Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) Information Evening. Learn about careers within these industries, AIE's full-time and part-time courses, entry requirements and student work, and speak directly with staff and teachers about study and career pathways.

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/information-evening/

NIDA Holiday Courses

October school holidays

NIDA is offering a range of skills-based holiday courses during the spring school holidays. Programs range from one-week programs to two-day short courses and provide students with opportunities to develop skills in the performing arts.

https://www.open.nida.edu.au/course/?course_program=School%20Holidays

General

Going to university in 2027? Get your USI ready

Students planning to attend university next year should make sure they have a **Unique Student Identifier (USI)**. A USI is required to accept a Commonwealth Supported Place and access Commonwealth financial assistance. Getting this organised now is one less thing to worry about when university offers arrive.

<https://www.usi.gov.au>

Medical internships abroad – Years 10 and above

Students interested in medicine and healthcare can explore overseas medical internship opportunities through Projects Abroad. Programs provide experience in professional clinical environments such as hospitals and clinics, with opportunities across areas including General Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Public Health, Nutrition, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Dentistry and Pharmacy. Programs are available for different levels of experience, including opportunities specifically designed for students in Years 10 and 11 who are interested in medical work experience.

<https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/intern-abroad/medicine-and-healthcare/>