

Careers Newsletter

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JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

To register go to https://www.jobjump.com.au/

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

Parent information: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be

Navy Officer Virtual Information Session

22 September 2020, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Consider a dynamic and fulfilling career like no other and lead expertly trained personnel as an Officer in the Royal Australian Navy.

Speak with serving members about career opportunities at our virtual info session.

Find out more: https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/nsjodig

Army Reserve Virtual Information Session

23 September 2020, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Online

Consider serving locally in the Australian Army Reserve and receive tax-free pay, while giving back to your community.

To find out more about the rewarding challenges and experiences on offer, join us for a virtual info session. Speak with current serving members about their own experiences and advice, and learn about the wide range of part-time jobs available.

Find out more: https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/p1djrzo

iCanMed | Interview Webinar: How to Score Top Marks in Every Interview Question

27 September 2020, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

Besides the ATAR and UCAT, the interview is the last remaining assessment medical schools use to select the best candidates each year. However, despite its overwhelming importance, many med school candidates tend to overlook the complexity of the interview and arrive on the day blatantly

unprepared. Since interviews are held as early as the 16th of Nov (yes, anywhere between a few days to 10 days after your final exams), the term 3 holidays become a critical time to start preparing. We will be covering:

- How interviews are conducted, what interviewers look for in each response & how marks are awarded
- Latest trends and tendencies for interviewer preferences
- Introducing and dissecting the challenges that come with each of the sever question types asked in the 2018 medical school interviews
- Common mistakes and misconceptions students have about interviews
- Discussing actual interview questions and the best ways to plan, organise and deliver answers that score big time
- The steps you need to undertake for the best interview preparation from the free workshop until your interview

Find out more: https://www.bigmarker.com/icanmed/Free-2-Hr-Med-Dent-Interview-Webinar-How-to-Score-Top-Marks-in-Every-Interview-Question-REPEAT-STREAM?utm bmcr source=website

NSW Police | Recruitment Information & PCT Practice Session

7 October 2020, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

PCYC Parkes

If you are interested in a career with the NSW Police Force, the Recruitment Branch would like to invite you to an Information session including a physical practice session.

The aim of the session is to provide you with a "try before you buy" insight into the application process and physical capacity testing day.

The information session will give you a brief introduction to the application process and a Q & A session.

Following the information session you will be invited to stay and take part in a practice Physical Capacity Testing (PCT) session.

Find out more: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-police-recruitment-information-pct-practice-session-parkes-nsw-tickets-119554920987

Endeavour College | Virtual Open Day

21 October 2020, 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Online

Attending a Virtual Open Day is a great way to find out more about the educational institution you are thinking of attending and to ask all the study and enrolment questions you need to. Whether you're at home, in an office, or even overseas, you can join our Virtual Open Day from wherever you are on your smartphone or computer.

Find out more: https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/virtual-open-day/

<u>Discover Western: The Western Experience</u>

26 November 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

We all need a little help sometimes. Access to the right support while at the university is essential to completing your degree. Creating a network of friends and staff will help you to enjoy your life at



university and after. It's not only about getting a degree, it's the experience and people you meet along the way.

Find out more: https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/western-webinars.html

SAE | Info Nights

Byron Bay: 10 December 2020, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm **Sydney:** 10 December 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

If you're considering studying creative media come along to SAE's Info Night to speak to our experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry. Talk to current students and learn about life at SAE and discover the career opportunities that await you after graduation.

Register for Byron Bay: https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/info-night-byron-bay-campus-december-10-2020/?date=2020-12-10&id=1031

Register for Sydney: https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/info-night-sydney-campus-december-10-2020/?date=2020-12-10&id=1029

AIM | Spring High School Workshops

30 September 2020, 10:00 am - 1 October 2020, 4:00 pm

Australian Institute of Music, Surry Hills

Over 2 fun and informative days, students will have the opportunity to be on campus in our world class facilities in Sydney.

Choose your workshop stream and work with our experienced industry experts as they provide individualised, one-on-one feedback to help you improve your creativity and musicianship.

Find out more: https://www.aim.edu.au/events/high-school-spring-workshops

NIE | Simulated UCAT Day Workshop Online

17 October 2020, 10:00 am - 20 October 2020, 9:00 pm

Online

The workshop is designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT. Students will spend the day with our specialist teachers and will be able to ask questions and address any concerns they may have about the test.

The follow-up online session will provide insightful and extremely valuable information about the application process into medicine and guidance for future planning strategies. Finally, we will spend some time to better explain the Medical Interview process as well as providing students with preliminary instructions on how to start preparing for this very important stage of the admission



process. This forum will be an opportunity to answer any general questions that students and their parents may have in relation to the pathways into medicine.

Find out more: https://www.nie.edu.au/ucat-courses/simulated-ucat-day-workshop

"Virtually Possible" Girls Fire and Resilience Program

1 November 2020, 9:00 am - 15 November 2020, 5:00 pm

Online

Girls on Fire's "Virtually Possible" program focuses on empowering young women (Aged 16-19) by teaching them firefighting and emergency services skills, increasing their confidence and resilience, encourage problem-solving, teamwork and leadership, and introducing them to the possibility of a career or volunteering in the fire and emergency services.

The program will also feature an additional community resilience component so the participants can make an active contribution to help their communities prepare or recover from fire and emergencies.

This year, the program will be a hybrid of online learning, virtual workshops and a 1 day practical component delivered face to face.

Find out more: https://www.girlsonfire.com.au/

AIE | Online Experience Day

28 November 2020, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

If you have ever wanted to study 3D animation, game design or VFX for film online with AIE then our Online Experience Day is an ideal opportunity to find out more!

Course overview sessions will be running on the range of online courses in 3D animation, game art, game programming and game design offered by AIE. You will get to participate in workshops, guest speaker talks and much more. Have a question? Don't worry, pop by and one of our friendly staff from AIE online will be more than happy to assist. With classes starting all the time, starting your career as a game developer or 3D animator has never been easier.

Find out more: https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/online-experience-day/



John Bell Scholarship

Value: Training and mentoring opportunity

Open/Closing Dates: June 1, 2020 – October 31, 2020

Students from regional schools across Australia are eligible to audition for the John Bell Scholarship. A life-changing opportunity for budding performers, three students will be selected to spend one incredible week training with Bell Shakespeare.

Auditions take the form of a 15-minute masterclass with a Bell Shakespeare artist, presenting a monologue, then workshopping and playing with the text.

To be eligible to audition, students must be enrolled in a regional high school full-time and be 16 years of age or older by 31 December 2020.

Find out more

AFTRS Equity Scholarship

Value: \$2,500 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: August 17, 2020 - November 9, 2020

AFTRS Equity Scholarships are awarded biannually to assist financially disadvantaged Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production Students with the costs associated with higher education.

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Complete an application submission for Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production
- Be enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production
- Be an Australian citizen or Australian permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen
- Be financially disadvantaged

Find out more

UOS Aboud Scholarship

Value: \$10,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: September 30, 2020 - October 29, 2020

This scholarship supports residents of rural areas or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students undergoing financial hardship.

You must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or New Zealand citizen
- apply and subsequently enrol in an undergraduate program



 either reside in a rural area or identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person as defined in the University of Sydney's <u>Confirmation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander</u> <u>Identity Policy 2015</u>.

Find out more

UON Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

Value: Up to \$40,000

Open/Closing Dates: September 7, 2020 – March 3, 2021

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship was established through contributions from the university, industry donors, community organisations and the annual Reconciliation Scholarship Dinner Dance.

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in any year of an undergraduate degree program at the University of Newcastle.
- Be enrolled full-time.
- Demonstrate academic progress either by the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent required for entry for commencing students, or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 for continuing students.
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be recognised as such by your community.

Find out more

Permission to Shine Online Singing Competition

Play It Forward is inviting you to join a new online singing competition with a difference. It doesn't matter what age you are or where you are in the world, there is something for everyone.

Round three of Permission to Shine is now open for the next 3 sections: Jazz/Blues, Country and Original Compositions. There are cash prizes to win in each category.

Entries for round three close on Wednesday 30 September.

Find out more and enter here: https://www.playitforward.org.au/shine

Furious Fiction Challenge

On the first weekend of every month, you are invited to put your storytelling skills to the test in the ultimate writer-takes-all short story competition.

Armed only with a simple brief, your job is to race the clock to come up with your best 500 words-orfewer story and be in to win a tasty \$500 – every single month.



Furious Fiction is open to anyone 17 years and older, anywhere in the world.

The next Furious Fiction challenge will go live 5pm Friday 2 October.

Find out more and enter here: https://www.writerscentre.com.au/furious-fiction/

2021 Peter Porter Poetry Prize

Australian Book Review welcomes entries for the seventeenth Peter Porter Poetry Prize, which is open to all international poets.

Entries must be an original single-authored poem of not more than 70 lines written in English. Poems must not have been previously published or on offer to other prizes or publications for the duration of the Porter Prize.

The first prize is AU\$6,000, with a prize of AU\$1,000 for other shortlisted poets.

Entries are open until Thursday 1 October.

Find out more and enter here: https://www.australianbookreview.com.au/prizes-programs/peter-poetry-prize/current-prize

Year13 Folio Competition

Year13 and LCI Melbourne are offering budding creatives the chance to win a scholarship and other great prizes.

All you need to do to enter is show them your creative portfolio. It could be anything – photography, art, design, fashion, and more.

The competition is open to anyone over the age of 17, with a 50% scholarship to LCI Melbourne up for grabs.

Entries close Saturday 31 October.

Find out more and enter here: http://year13.clickfunnels.com/optin36716561

5 Careers to Fight Global Warming

Do you love STEM and the environment? Maybe you would like to be one of the people helping to solve one of the world's biggest problems today – global warming.

If a career in STEM to help end climate change sounds exciting to you, here are 5 job ideas to consider where you can help to make a difference:

Meteorologist

- 2. Renewable Energy Engineer
- 3. Tech Entrepreneur
- 4. Palaeo-climatologist
- 5. Agricultural Scientist

Interested in learning more about these careers? Check out Careers with STEM's full blog here: https://careerswithstem.com.au/global-warming-careers/

Healthcare Careers, a look at your options

Interested in a career in Healthcare, but not sure about your options?

There are a huge number of <u>healthcare careers to consider</u>, so it's perfectly normal to be confused about which job could be the right one to pursue.

Find skills that are common to Healthcare Careers

If you:

- Are caring and compassionate
- Like helping people
- Are a great listener

The chances are this is the right industry for you.

Discover the Qualifications you'll need

Faced with so many options, it can still be overwhelming trying to decide:

- Subjects to study at high school
- Where to find relevant work experience
- Tertiary qualifications to research

Let alone nailing down the career you'll end up choosing.

Do a bit of research

The best place to start is by gathering information.

- 1. Make a list of what you consider to be your best qualities, strengths and even weaknesses. If you're struggling, you could always ask a family member or teacher to help.
- 2. Read about the jobs that interest you and find out:
- What skills are required (do they match your traits and strengths?)
- What the main duties or responsibilities of the job are (do they sound interesting to you?)
- The average salary and other details about the job market (does this fit your vision of work life balance, job security etc.)
- Any qualifications required (what study after high school are you prepared to do?)

We've made a list of some Healthcare Career <u>Job Spotlights</u> to start you off that could give you some insight into different <u>careers</u>.

- Aged Care (the industry)
- Dietitian
- Cosmetic Nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Midwife
- Pharmacist
- Dentistry
- GP
- Physicians and Paediatricians
- Surgeon
- Specialist Doctor
- Medical Doctor
- Social Worker
- Psychologist
- Paramedic
- Sports Physio
- Radiographer
- Pathology Collector
- Registered Nurse (RN)

There are more resources on the website too.

Narrow down your options

Once you've started to do a little bit of research, you'll get to understand if you'd be well suited to the career you have in mind, high school subjects that could help you achieve your goals, as well as a pathway post high school that'll get you a job that you'll find rewarding.

Once you've narrowed down your options you can either cross them off your list or explore the careers in more detail.

Try to get some relevant <u>work experience</u> or look at <u>alternatives</u> if that's not possible, build on the skills you have and work on any weaknesses.

NSW Police Eligibility Quiz

Are you considering a career in the police force? Wondering if you are the right person for the job?

You can take an eligibility quiz on the NSW Police Force's website to see if it would be the right career for you.

Take the quiz here: https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/eligibility_quiz

In-demand roles for 21 September 2020

This week, there was strong growth for roles in the Hospitality and Tourism industries. These include jobs such as waiters, chefs, cleaners, baristas, bartenders, and many more.

If you'd like to find out more about these jobs, you can take a look at our Job Spotlights on how to become a <u>cleaner</u> or <u>bartender</u>, or find out more about jobs in the <u>tourism industry</u> and <u>food industry</u>.

Here are the top in-demand roles by location:

NSW - Mechanic (1,326 jobs)

VIC – Lawyer (730 jobs)

QLD - Customer Service Representative (5,431 jobs)

ACT – Support Officer (628 jobs)

WA – Physiotherapist (354 jobs)

SA – Pharmacist (50 jobs)

TAS - Plumber (52 jobs)

NT - Chef (45 jobs)

Source: Seek Australia

Further Learning

CSU 2021 Undergraduate Course Guide

Thinking of studying at Charles Sturt University in 2021? Check out their new undergraduate course guide, packed with all the information you need to know.

There's not just information about their courses, but so much more, including:

- studying on campus or online
- their regional campuses
- accommodation
- scholarships
- support services
- admission pathways

Get your copy here: https://study.csu.edu.au/undergraduate/undergraduate-guide



Bush Regeneration Short Course with TAFE NSW

Are you passionate about helping the natural environment? TAFE NSW's Bush Regeneration short course can help you gain the skills you need to enter a career in conservation or land management.

The short course is run fully online, and is subsidised by the NSW Government, meaning you might be eligible to study for free.

And if you want to expand your skills further, this short course is a great pathway into the <u>Diploma of Conservation and Land Management</u>.

Find out more: https://www.tafensw.edu.au/course/-/c/c/900-81400V01/Statement-of-Attainment-in-Bush-Regeneration

YLab Learning

YLab is an initiative of the Foundation for Young Australians that is empowering young people to think about the future of the workforce and the world.

YLab Learning provides immersive, practical online learning experiences for young people and those who work alongside them. Their first collection of courses will provide you with the essentials you need to make a difference in whatever arena you're playing in. Not tomorrow or the day after, but today.

Find out more: https://www.ylab.global/ylab-learning

UAC Let's Chat Video Series

Thinking of applying to uni next year? If you've got questions about the application process, UAC has got you covered.

Check out their Let's Chat video series, answering your questions about everything from preferences to courses, SRS to EAS, and much more.

You can watch the video series here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1s0OQdLq16Ee3mwajbhfhA/videos

UAC Early Bird Applications Close Soon

Thinking of studying in 2021? You can save money on your UAC application fee by applying early. But hurry, their early bird deadline is coming soon on **Wednesday 30 September**.

Find out more and apply here: https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants



Year 12 checklist for applying through UAC

This year has been different for Year 12 students. And with university applications coming up fast, you might be wondering what the application process is.

UAC has put together a handy checklist leading you through the university application process, helping to take some of the stress out of this time of the year.

Take a look here: https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/year-12-checklist-for-applying-through-uac

Work Experience

The Learning Partnership 360° Workplace Tours

Take a tour of some of the most fascinating workplaces across the world with 360° videos as you explore future career paths. View each 360° video via YouTube or use your mobile phone and a virtual reality headset, such as Google Cardboard, for an immersive VR experience.

<u>Learn more</u>

WellMob

WellMob is an online resource for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders full of websites, apps, podcasts, videos, social media, and online counselling, all with a focus on social and emotional wellbeing.

All of the resources featured on the website are made by and for Indigenous people. You can check it out here: https://wellmob.org.au

BIOMES Online Exhibition

BIOMES is a celebration of all that nature offers, capturing its exquisite beauty through art and stories of its importance to our health and wellbeing through science. It is an online exhibition that is both a celebration of biodiversity and a call to action.

You can go on a virtual tour through the exhibition from the comfort of your own home. Learn more about conservation and the environment.

Find out more and take a look here: https://www.biomes.art/

Be a Conservation Volunteer with Projects Abroad

Do you want to do more to protect the environment and endangered animals? Do you enjoy the great outdoors? Are you interested in a career in conservation someday? Volunteering with Projects Abroad could be the perfect experience for you.

You'll learn directly from conservation experts, and do work that has a tangible impact on local ecosystems. You don't need any previous experience – they will teach you everything you need to

know. Projects Abroad staff are there to guide and support you, and make sure you're safe at all times in the conservancy.

You'll also develop personal skills, like teamwork, and demonstrate your adaptability by working abroad.

Project Abroad's High School Specials are specifically designed for teenagers, and have a set itinerary in place to make the most out of your time. It runs over set dates during the school holidays, so you can pick the trip that fits your schedule. Throughout it all, Projects Abroad staff will be by your side. Interested? Find out more here: https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/projects/volunteer-conservation-for-teenagers-kenya/

Job Spotlight

How to become a Correctional Officer

What do Correctional Officers do?

Correctional Officers (sometimes called Prison Officers) work in prisons and other correctional or detention institutions. They're responsible for supervising and controlling the activities of inmates, as well as carrying out other functions such as educational and rehabilitation programs.

If you enjoy working with people, are able to remain calm and authoritative in any situation, and you're looking for a career that's different every day, working as a Correctional Officer could be ideal for you.

About you:

- You'll need to be assertive, confident and resilient
- Fair and empathetic with good cultural awareness
- · Great at teamwork, conflict resolution and problem solving
- Maintain a calm and professional front at all times, even in emergencies
- Think on your feet and react instantly, as well as physically fit with lots of stamina

The job:

- Supervise inmates at all times, prevent disturbances and escape attempts
- Carry out routine or unplanned searches and inspections
- Implement prisoner activities including exercise, education, rehabilitation, or work programs
- Patrolling, moving prisoners between locations e.g. court or other institutions, completing paperwork and reports
- Respond to emergency situations and other incidents in-accordance with strict procedures

Lifestyle Impact: Medium

- Part Time opportunities: Low (only 8% of Correctional Officers work part time Source: joboutlook.gov.au)
- Average hours for full-time workers (average 44 per week)
- Correctional Officers salary (average) *\$75,000 per year (Source: gov.au) * varies between states, employers and level of experience
- Future career growth: Strong (Source: joboutlook.gov.au)

You may have to work long shifts (12 hours) and work outside of normal business hours. You'll also have to work on site and there are limited institutions so you could have a long commute or have to consider moving nearer to your workplace.

However, there is potential to be flexible with working arrangements, often with generous leave entitlements. Some interactions with inmates could be highly rewarding, it's also likely that you'll face challenging people and situations on a daily basis too. You could have multiple opportunities for career development and promotion.

Correctional Officers are most in demand in these locations:

New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia (Source: Seek.com.au)

How to become a Correctional Officer in Australia

Formal qualifications aren't always a requirement to apply as a Correctional Officer.

Pathways and requirements vary in each state and territory, so you'll need to check specifics in your state before you apply.

Step 1 – Recommended minimum is to complete Year 10 with good results in English and Maths.

Step 2 – You'll have to be over 18 and either an Australian Citizen or a Permanent resident before you can apply.

Step 3 – Consider obtaining qualifications in a related field. It could boost your application, help you to apply for more senior positions or become eligible for promotion in less time. For example:

Certificate III in Correctional Practise (Custodial) at TAFE or another RTO

Certificate III in Security Operations at TAFE or another RTO

Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Criminology at Swinburne

Bachelor of Criminal Justice at Charles Sturt University

Step 4 – Apply directly to the relevant justice department in your state or territory (or any private institutions in the industry) to begin the recruitment and selection process.

Check the requirements in your state:

- <u>SA</u>
- VIC
- WA
- QLD
- NSW
- ACT
- <u>NT</u>
- TAS

Step 5 – Obtain any licenses / tickets required by your state and undertake any tests, which could include:

- driver's licence
- national police check
- fitness test

- numeracy & literacy tests
- first aid certificate
- medical test
- Psychometric or aptitude tests

Note: Fees are associated with some of the licenses and / or tests, which you may have to pay yourself.

Step 6 – Complete the training course and/or probationary period.

Step 7 – Gain work experience and decide if you would like to undertake further training to specialise or be eligible for promotions.

As a Correctional Officer some of the areas you could specialise in include:

- offender diversion programs
- prison industrial programs
- dog squads
- field supervision of offenders on worksites outside a prison setting
- managerial roles

Find out more here -

https://www.prisonofficers.org.au/home

https://paccoainc.com/

Similar Careers to Correctional Officer

Police Officer

Security Guard

Probation and Parole Officer

Lawyer

Criminologist

Psychologist

Youth Worker

Community Corrections Worker

Court Officer

Social Worker

Mediator

Find out more about alternative careers.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

• Do I need qualifications to become a Correctional Officer?

Formal qualifications aren't always a requirement to become a Correctional Officer, but you'll need to check with the state department where you're applying.

You may have to obtain some licenses or pass specific tests as part of the selection process.

Where do Correctional Officers work?

Correctional Officers work in prisons, correctional centres, and rehabilitation facilities. You could find yourself working anywhere from community service centres to maximum security prisons.



• Is a Correctional Officer a good job?

A Correctional Officer's career could be an option to consider if you're looking for on-the-job training, (which could even include firearms and self-defence training). Or if you're interested in opportunities with flexible working hours, job security and the chance to advance your career, this could be a good option to explore further. Once you've passed the training and had some work experience, you could be eligible to apply for other roles e.g. probation or parole officer.

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