



Opportunity and Growth

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=fZoyckJwVg&feature=youtu.be>

Open Days & Info Sessions

[Application Tips with Macquarie University webinar](#) Thursday 16 June 5pm - 5:30pm AEST

Come along to find out what the universities are looking for in applications for direct entry, early entry, scholarships, and other programs.

[Register here](#)

University of Sydney | Meet Sydney – Coffs Harbour

Thursday 23 June 2022, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

St. John Paul College

The University of Sydney is coming to Coffs Harbour! Students and their parents/guardians and teachers are invited to come along and hear from current students and alumni about their experience in choosing Sydney and moving away from home. Learn about admission schemes, scholarships, accommodation, student life and the types of careers available to Sydney graduates. We will also have representatives from some of our faculties answering questions on their subject area, degrees and careers.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/meet-sydney-coffs-harbour-tickets-349161680987>

Charles Sturt | 2022 Open Days

Port Macquarie: Sunday 7 August 2022, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wagga Wagga: Sunday 14 August 2022, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Albury-Wodonga: Sunday 21 August 2022, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Bathurst: Sunday 28 August 2022, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Orange: Sunday 4 September 2022, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Dubbo: Sunday 11 September 2022, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Are you ready to check out Charles Sturt? From course information sessions to campus tours – Open Day will showcase what Charles Sturt is all about!

Future students can get a real look at what we offer, while joining in the festivities of Open Day. Everyone is welcome!

Find out more: <https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events/open-day>

WSU | Open Day 2022

Sunday 14 August 2022, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Western Sydney University, Parramatta Campus

Our Open Day on Sunday 14 August, 2022 is your chance to discover everything Western has to offer.

Register now to explore presentations and student panels, meet academics and current students and find out all about Western's early offer pathway, HSC True Reward.

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/openday>

ADFA Open Day 2022

Saturday 20 August 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

ADFA & Online

The 2022 ADFA Open Day is on Saturday 20th August. There will also be an online / virtual version of the Open Day for people who are unable to visit Canberra on this date.

Can't make Open Day? Check out the virtual tour

Be the first to hear by registering at <https://defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/australian-defence-force-academy>

Workshops and Courses

Charles Sturt | HSC Study Days

Tuesday 5 July 2022, 9:00 am - Thursday 7 July 2022, 4:00 pm

Charles Sturt University, Bathurst & Wagga Wagga Campuses

Boost your exam marks with the help from expert HSC markers.

Hear from accomplished HSC markers at Charles Sturt University's HSC Study Days! Our guest presenters have years of experience leading HSC marking, sitting on exam committees and writing textbooks, so you'll leave these free sessions exam-ready.

- Learn strategies and tips from HSC experts.
- Practise questions and receive example responses.
- Improve your knowledge and understanding of key syllabus content.
- Receive detailed notes and sample questions for each module/topic.

97 per cent of students who have attended this event in prior years have improved their expected Year 12 exam results!

Find out more: <https://cvent.csu.edu.au/event/41690a59-0751-436f-a89e-ba156924359f/summary>

Competitions

Ayn Rand Essay Contest 2022

Have you ever read one of Ayn Rand's thought-provoking novels? Now's the time! Enter an Ayn Rand Institute essay contest and you'll have a chance to win thousands of dollars in scholarship prize money.

ARI has held worldwide essay contests for students on Ayn Rand's fiction for more than thirty years. This year we will award more than \$40,000 to student winners.

Entries are open until 26 September.

Find out more and enter here: <https://aynrand.org/students/essay-contests/>

2022 Respect Stories Competition

Students aged 10-14 years old are encouraged to enter the 2022 Respect Stories competition.

To enter, students are invited to produce a short story, poem or essay of up to 1,000 words, or an illustration, exploring what respect means to them.

This is a great opportunity for students to reflect on and share their understanding of respect – while also encouraging parents and teachers to have open, ongoing and proactive conversations on this important issue.

Eight written and two illustrative winning entries will be published in a national Respect Stories book. The winners will also take home a \$500 VISA gift card for themselves and one for their school.

Entries are now open and close on **Friday 22 July 2022**.

Find out more: <https://www.respect.gov.au/respectstories/>

Careers & Jobs

Australian Border Force Officer Recruit Training Program

Working for the Australian Border Force (ABF) can give you the opportunity to work across the country or the world. You will be on the front line protecting Australia's border, whether it be:

- processing passengers at an air or seaport
- clearing cargo at an air or sea port
- clearing mail at a clearance centre
- patrolling the Australian coastline in an ABF vessel
- working at a district office
- investigating illegal border activity
- working at a detention centre
- locating and detaining unlawful non-citizens.

The Border Force Officer Recruit Training (BFORT) program is an entry level program. It prepares you for a career in the ABF.

To apply for a Border Force Officer Recruit position you must:

- be an Australian citizen – you must show evidence of this during the recruitment process
- be 18 years of age or older
- have a minimum Year 10 Certificate with a Cert IV/Diploma level qualification or Trade Certificate and/or relevant work experience
- be able to obtain an [Australian Government security clearance](#) and an [Employee Suitability Clearance](#).

BFORT positions are typically advertised twice a year, generally in May and November.

However this can change due to operational priorities.

You can read all about the role and the entry requirements, as well as keeping an eye out for applications, here: <https://www.abf.gov.au/about-us/careers/a-career-with-us/entry-level>

Indigenous Careers Programs at CommBank

Commonwealth Bank offers lots of great opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through their various Careers Programs.

CommBank offer School Based Traineeships, Full-Time and Part-Time Traineeships, and University Internships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, helping you fast-track your career.

Find out more here: <https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/careers/working-here/indigenoucareers.html>

Career Stories from myfuture

Looking for career inspiration? Check out these career stories from myfuture – there are over 100 and you'll find stories about real careers from all industries.

Read them all here – myfuture.edu.au/career-stories

Further Learning

All about School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeships

Are you interested in knowing what a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT) is really like?

We get first-hand insight from two current SBAT students in south-west Sydney, a past SBAT student who now runs his own mechanic business, and one of the Educational Pathway Program's SBAT Engagement Officers.

Watch the full video here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/educational-pathways-program/resources/all-about-sbats>

How to be recruited as a student-athlete in the USA

Australia has a strong sporting culture, and playing college sport at US institutions can be a great fit for Aussies.

But how do you communicate with US college coaches? Can you be recruited by US colleges from Australia? What are the three sporting associations?

In this episode, hear from Aussie Heather Marini, a Division 1 quarterback coach for Brown University's NCAA football team and former sports coach in Melbourne.

Join Marini as she unpacks the recruitment process, talks about how you can find your best fit sports program and US institution, and demystifies how college coaches recruit students.

Listen here: <https://podfollow.com/graduate-in-the-usa/episode/e491bd967d0d715eaf2b9f03429fd8aa0c0cd43a/view>

ATAR Calculators

If you're in Year 12, there's usually one big thing on your mind: what will my ATAR be? Most universities and other institutions take applications well before exams are over and you receive your official ATAR. So how can you know whether you're on the right track?

This is what ATAR calculators are for. They take the results of any assessment you've done so far and use this information to estimate what your final ATAR might be. It's an easy way of seeing whether you're on track to get the ATAR you need for your course or future pathway.

Are the results accurate?

Most of the ATAR calculators out there use data gathered from previous years to give you an idea of where you might fall on the scale.

Because assessment results and scaling change from year to year, it's important to remember that the predicted ATAR you're given from a calculator **most likely won't be the same as your actual final ATAR**. However, they're still good to get a general idea of what to expect.

It also depends on the calculator you use. We put the same subjects and same scores into four different calculators, and they all came out with slightly different results:

Calculator	95 Score	90 Score	80 Score	70 Score	65 Score
ATAR Notes HSC	99.35	95.35	80.15	63.45	57.2
HSC Ninja	99.65	96.05	80.55	62.75	55.25
Matrix	99.55	95.4	80.85	64.1	57
Chalkwall	99.35	95.35	79.55	61.45	53.4

Subjects used: English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Biology, Physics, Drama, Ancient History.

They might not seem like huge differences, but particularly if your results are lower, there is a larger gap between estimates using different calculators.

What else are they useful for?

ATAR calculators can also be handy to see how different subjects scale. We used the same results and subjects as above, but this time with only Standard English and Mathematics, to see how the estimated ATAR would change:

Calculator	95 Score	90 Score	80 Score	70 Score	65 Score
ATAR Notes HSC	99.2	95.15	79.4	59.7	50.95
HSC Ninja	99.6	95.65	79.5	59.3	49
Matrix	99.5	95.3	80.15	59.65	50.3
Chalkwall	99.35	95.45	79.65	60	49.75

By using the calculator, you get a good visualisation of how taking subjects that scale higher can raise your ATAR.

Where can I find one?

Here are some ATAR calculators we've found that you might want to take a look at:

- [ATAR Notes ATAR Calculator](#) (for HSC, VCE, QCE and WACE)
- [Deakin University ATAR Calculator](#) (VCE)
- There are a heap more you can check out [here](#).

Important: Study Work Grow doesn't endorse any particular calculator, and keep in mind that the result you get **might not be accurate and shouldn't be exclusively relied on**.

A final note

Remember that your ATAR isn't everything! If your ATAR isn't quite enough to get into your dream course, this doesn't mean you have to give up. There are lots of [Alternative Pathways](#) you can take to reach your goals.

You might even like to consider a pathway that doesn't require an ATAR, like studying a [VET course](#), doing an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#), or even jumping into a [job](#).

Ai Group Apprenticeships and Traineeships

With over 35,000 apprentices and trainees across Australia, Ai Group place people with host organisations in every state and territory.

They have a great range of openings – check them out here – aigroupapprentices.com.au/all-jobs/

Resources

Resources to help with Year 10 subject selection

We've put together some useful resources to help with your Year 10 subject selection option, first of all we recommend you read [Alan Finkel's \(Australian Chief Scientist\) advice to Julie in Year 10](#). It could put you in the right mind set and help you prioritise better.

The basics about subject selection

Confused about subject selection? Then read this short blog with [5 tips for Year 10 subject selection](#), it could help. We have also put together a handy workbook which can walk you through the process and take away the pressure – [get it here](#).

Tertiary Admission Centres (TACs)

- [QTAC's My Path – Year 10 Guides](#) (you'll need to scroll down to find the link to download the entire document – or you can read it online).
- [UAC's Steps to Uni Guide](#) includes [Subject Compass](#), their subject selection tool, as well as their [Steps to Study For Year 10 Students Guide](#) and [top tips for choosing HSC courses](#).
- [VTAC's Year 10](#) Guide and prerequisites for 2024 study are available.
- SATAC's page for [Students in Years 10 and 11](#).
- [TISC's University Admission Guide for 2024](#).
- UTAS have a page for [Years 7 to 10](#) to access relevant information.

Universities

Lots of universities provide information about Year 10 subject selection and pathways to uni; here's a few that we've found.

- The University of Queensland's [Year 10 Subject Selection Guide](#)
- The University of Sydney's [Year 10 Guide](#)
- Deakin's [Guide to University for Year 10 Students](#)
- ACU's [Year 10 Study Guide](#)
- Charles Sturt Uni's [Year 10 Guide](#)

Bear in mind most of this information may be geared towards getting you into a course at that particular uni, so it's probably worth checking prerequisites and advice available for specific courses and institutions you have in mind.

Calling the Future Students office at individual unis with any questions could also be a great way to help you decide on subjects to take.

Education Departments

All education departments provide resources for Year 10 subject selection, but you're best speaking directly with your school for more detailed information.

It could be worth taking a peek at the information provided by other states too, they sometimes have resources you might find more appealing or informative.

- [QCAA's planning your pathway](#) page has loads of information about the Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan, including their [myQCE guide](#).
- [SACE Personal Learning Plan \(PLP\)](#) and [Subject Planner](#).
- NESA's [advice for students choosing HSC courses](#) and the [Student Pathways Plan](#).
- ACT's [Pathways Planning R Unit](#) is for Year 11 & 12 students but might provide some information.
- Speak with an [NTCET co-ordinator](#) for subject selection information.
- Get a copy of WA's SCSA [Year 10 Information Handbook](#).
- [Tasmania's Department of Education](#) have produced a [Year 11 & 12 Student Guide](#) which might answer some of your questions.

Job jump: Careers News Bulletin (click on link for further information)

University - Institutes

Register for Macquarie University Open Day 2022

Macquarie University Become a Co-op student Actuarial Studies, Accounting, Business Analytics

Macquarie University Year 10 Subject Selection Online Information Session

University of Sydney Conservatorium Music Theatre Taster

Sydney University - Sydney College of the Arts - Information to prepare your portfolio and application

HSC Study Tips from University of Sydney

UTS Galuwa Indigenous Engineering and Information Technology Express Your Interest

UTS Year 12 Subject Scheme

UTS Science Aptitude Test - Entry pathway through aptitude assessment

UTS Specific Study Area Scheme LOOK INTO EACH ONE!

Points for UTS - Have you Done Work experience?

ANU- The history of dark matter and dark energy

ANU - Improving healthy and sustainable food production through innovation and technology

Reminder - Discover ACU – North Sydney Campus

Reminder - Discover ACU – Canberra Campus

Reminder - Discover ACU – Blacktown Campus

Round 2 Closing Soon- Apply now for an early offer at Charles Sturt

CSU - Come to Open Day

CSU Calendar for Everything for 2022 for All Campuses

CSU Online Study Expo - Save the Dates

Southern Cross Uni Virtual Visit Video

UNSW - Girls in Business Digital Camp 2022

La Trobe Aspire Early Admissions webinar

UNSW Year 12 Degrees & Scholarships Information Evenings

UNSW - Year 10 Experience Day: Improving Life Through Healthcare & Social Justice

UNSW - Year 10 Experience Day: Creative Thinking & Business Innovation

UNSW Year 10 Experience Day: Your Future in STEM

UNSW Year 10 Experience Day: Art & Design Paddington Campus Tour

University - General

Internationally Educated Support for the US

TAFE

TAFE NSW 20 new virtual TVET courses

TAFE Snapshot on Engineering and Electrotechnology

Powerhouse and TAFE NSW Creative Studio: Story Factory

BBM Global Agriculture Industry Scholarship

Guide for Apprentices and Trainees

What is the difference between an apprenticeship and a traineeship?

CIT invites you to attend our Open Day

Private Colleges

The Hotel School – Personalised Campus Tour

William Angliss for Job Seekers - Short Courses

Sydney School Holiday Music Workshops -Songwriting

Sydney School Holiday Music Workshops -Performance

ISCD Interior Design Online Short Courses

AFTRS Teens Workshops Short Courses

Campion College Early Offer - Applications opening shortly!

Macarthur Tourism, Travel and Events College Barista Course

General

Undergraduate ADFA Trainee Officers

Local NAIDOC Week Events

Virtual Hackathon for High School

Teen-aged youth volunteering

NSW to get almost 2,000 more paramedics to improve response times, staff shortages

NSW Ambulance Clinical volunteers

National Youth Science Forum 2023

Hard skills v soft skills

ADF Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Career Pathways

To GAP or not to GAP? Should I Travel or Should I Study

Are you choosing a Uni course for the right reasons?

Do You Want to Run Your Own Boss – Become an Entrepreneur

Future Farmers! Education is the Key

The best things about a career in dietetics

EA Ski & Snowboard Job Offers Guaranteed with Training

National Science Week 2022

Indigenous Science Experience at Redfern - National Science Week

Game Plus Fest 2022 - National Science Week

The Santos Science Experience Australian National University, Canberra

Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand

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