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Events

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Notre Dame Course Information Evening, Sydney

Organisation: University of Notre Dame Australia

Location: University of Notre Dame, Sydney Campus

Date: March 24, 2026

The Broadway site of the University of Notre Dame Australia is situated in the colourful inner-city suburb of Chippendale. Nestled among some of Sydney's most vibrant neighbourhoods, our campus proudly encompasses heritage buildings and leafy courtyards.

You'll hear about Notre Dame's Early Offer Program, scholarships and fees, alternate entry pathways and the student experience. Plus, get a faculty overview of new programs and take a twilight campus tour!

[Find out more](#)

Griffith Pathways to Medicine Information Session, Online

Organisation: Griffith University

Location: Online

Date: March 24, 2026

Embark on your journey to a rewarding medical career at Griffith University with our Pathways to Medicine online information session.

Get clear, first-hand advice from Griffith admissions experts, medical teaching staff, and current students who have successfully navigated the same pathways - helping you understand your options and apply with confidence.

Discover all you need to know about studying medicine at Griffith, from choosing the right undergraduate degree to understanding admissions processes and pathway options.

Why attend?

- Explore the different pathways into Griffith's Doctor of Medicine
- Learn which undergraduate degrees can lead to medicine
- Understand how GUMSAA and GEMSAS are used in the selection process
- Get guidance on the Rural Priority Access Scheme
- Hear real experiences and tips from current Griffith medical students
- Ask your questions during a live Q&A session

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Parramatta Info Night 2026

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: CommBank Stadium

Date: March 25, 2026

Are you in Years 10 to 12 and ready to explore your future? Join us for an information night to discover how the University of Sydney can help you shape the future you want.

Connect with current students and alumni from Parramatta, each representing a diverse range of degrees and pathways to higher education, and discover what life is really like as a university student. Plus, University staff will be available to answer your questions and guide you through your



options.

[Find out more](#)

Your Passport to an International Career: Bachelor of International Studies at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: March 25, 2026

Ever dreamt of making a global impact? In Sydney's Bachelor of International Studies you will dive into the world's most challenging issues and gear up for a career that knows no borders - be it in business, diplomacy, policy-making, or advocating in a global civil society.

Join our webinar and discover how our degree can help you navigate the global arena. Don't just watch the world change - be the change!

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Liverpool Info Night 2026

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Liverpool Powerhouse

Date: March 26, 2026

Are you in Years 10 to 12 and ready to explore your future? Join us for an information night to discover how the University of Sydney can help you shape the future you want.

Connect with current students and alumni from Liverpool, each representing a diverse range of degrees and pathways to higher education, and discover what life is really like as a university student. Plus, University staff and a UAC representative will be available to answer your questions and guide you through your options.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Open Day

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: March 28, 2026

Step inside our world of design and get to know us. Explore our studios, check out amazing student work, meet the inspiring team, get creative making a mood board.

[Find out more](#)

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

UOW Information Evening – Sutherland Shire

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Tradies Gynea

Date: March 30, 2026

UOW is here to support students, parents, and carers in making informed decisions about their future.

Join us at a location near you to get all your questions about starting university answered in one place, at one time.

Meet UOW staff and current students who are ready to guide you and share their firsthand experiences.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Year 10 Information Evening: Subject Selection

Organisation: University of New South Wales



Location: Online

Date: March 31, 2026

Get advice and information that's specially tailored for Year 10 students, that will help you navigate the HSC subject selection process, explain how UNSW admissions and scholarship applications work, and give you an insight into transitioning into university life so that you can get a head start on planning your future.

Parents and teachers of Year 10 students are invited to join the evening as well as participate in the live Q&A session.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Medicine Information Night for Future Students

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: April 1, 2026

Pursue a rewarding career. Make a difference in your community. Get all the info you need to study our independently accredited Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine.

Whether you're in high school, looking for a career change, or keen to take the next step in your health career – our online information night is for you! Parents, carers, and career advisers are also welcome to join.

[Find out more](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

Discover ACU Blacktown: Nursing, Midwifery and Nutrition Science

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Blacktown Campus

Date: April 8, 2026

Are you passionate about caring for others, promoting health or supporting wellbeing in your community? Step into the world of nursing, midwifery and nutrition science at ACU and see how you can turn compassion into a meaningful career.

Get hands on in our fully functional nursing and midwifery simulation wards, explore our science lab and see what it's really like to study in these life-changing fields. You'll meet our expert staff, hear from current students and experience learning environments designed to prepare you for real-world practice.

This free event is open to students in Years 10 – 12.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Callaghan Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Come and explore the vibrant atmosphere of the University of Newcastle's Callaghan Campus in Australia. This in-person event is a fantastic opportunity to get a firsthand experience of our beautiful campus.

During the tour, our Student Ambassadors will take you through the various facilities and landmarks, showcasing the state-of-the-art classrooms, modern libraries, cutting-edge research centers, and stunning outdoor spaces.

Whether you are a prospective student, a parent or carer, or simply curious about our university, this tour will give you an insight into the vibrant campus life and the endless opportunities that await you at The University of Newcastle.



[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle NUSpace Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: NUSpace, The University of Newcastle

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting in-person tour of NUSpace, at the University of Newcastle. Get ready to explore the state-of-the-art facilities and vibrant campus atmosphere.

During the tour, you'll have the opportunity to discover the latest technologies, interactive classrooms, and collaborative study areas that make NUSpace a hub of creativity and learning. Our knowledgeable staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Located on Auckland Street, NUSpace is easily accessible and offers a vibrant and inclusive community. Whether you're a prospective student, parent, or simply curious about the future of education, this tour is perfect for you.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Q Building Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Q Building, The University of Newcastle

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting tour of the Q Building at the University of Newcastle! Explore the state-of-the-art facilities and immerse yourself in the vibrant campus atmosphere.

This in-person event is your chance to discover the cutting-edge technology and innovative spaces that make the Q Building a hub of creativity and learning.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to get a firsthand experience of the Q Building. Whether you're a prospective student or simply curious about the university, this tour is the perfect chance to see what makes our campus special.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Ourimbah Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Ourimbah Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Come and explore the vibrant atmosphere of the University of Newcastle's Ourimbah Campus on the Central Coast. This in-person event is a fantastic opportunity to get a firsthand experience of our beautiful campus.

During the tour, you will explore the cutting-edge facilities, including modern classrooms, research labs, and collaborative spaces. Our knowledgeable guides will share insights about the various academic programs, student support services, and extracurricular activities available at Ourimbah Campus.

Whether you are a prospective student, a parent or carer, or simply curious about the university experience, this tour is an ideal way to get a firsthand look at everything Ourimbah Campus has to offer.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Central Coast Clinical School Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Central Coast Clinical School

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting in-person tour of the Central Coast Clinical School. This event is a fantastic



opportunity to explore our state-of-the-art facilities and learn more about the cutting-edge medical education and research happening on campus.

During the tour, our Student Ambassadors will take you through the various labs, study spaces, library and much more.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to explore our Central Coast Clinical School. We look forward to welcoming you!

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Gosford Central Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Gosford Central Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting in-person tour of the Central Coast Campus - Gosford Central! This event is a fantastic opportunity to explore our state-of-the-art facilities and learn more about the cutting-edge education facilities happening on campus.

During the tour, our Student Ambassadors will take you through the study spaces and much more the new campus has to offer.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to explore our new Central Coast Campus - Gosford Central. We look forward to welcoming you!

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU North Sydney: Allied Health and Nursing

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for Discover Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Speech Pathology – a hands-on practical event designed for students in Years 10 – 12.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at our interactive, fully-functional simulation wards and labs, where you can step into the shoes of a future health professional. Take part in interactive activities, meet current students, and hear how ACU prepares graduates to care, lead, and advocate for others.

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU North Sydney: Law, Criminology and Business

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Dream of changing the world? Ready to lead with purpose?

Join us for Discover Law, Criminology and Business at ACU North Sydney. You'll dive into hands-on workshops, explore our campus, and hear from current students about how they're studying to become ethical lawyers, strategic business leaders, and change-makers in criminal justice.

Free for students in Years 10 – 12.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Year 10 & 11 Experience Days

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW Sydney, Kensington Campus

Date: April 13 to April 15, 2026

Join us on campus for a UNSW Experience Day to discover what it's like to be a UNSW student. You'll explore different skills and pathways through interactive workshops about study areas you're interested in.



- Choose from 40+ different workshops
- Connect with current students & alumni
- Explore UNSW's buzzing campus lifestyle
- Enjoy a free lunch from our delicious food trucks

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Interior Design Business Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: April 14 to April 15, 2026

If you've always wanted to run your own creative business but lack the tools to get started our Interior Design Business Workshop is perfect for you. Be inspired and energised by passionate Interior Designers who run their own successful practices and gain clear insights into your motivation and key business drivers.

On day one you'll drill down into what makes your offer unique, identify your target audience and develop marketing and pricing strategies. Then on day two get into the nitty gritty of contracts, fee proposals and how to successfully manage a design project, including scope creep and price objections. You'll finish the workshop exploring and discussing tactics to set yourself apart and get noticed.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Interior Decoration Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: April 15 to April 16, 2026

Be inspired. Be creative. If you love interiors magazines and beautifully styled spaces, this fun two day workshop is for you. It's perfect for any interiors enthusiast who wants to decorate their home with skill and confidence.

This beginners workshop will give you a taste of the Certificate IV in Interior Decoration course and you'll get a feel for our School and the passion of our Educators.

Get hands on as you learn how to put together a full interior decoration scheme for a living space in your own home. Plan the layout, select furniture and lighting, explore colour schemes and create a sample board of your ideas.

[Find out more](#)

You Can Get In: How to Job Hunt for Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: April 18, 2026

The screen industry recruits through friends and recommendations. The good news about this is that everyone, initially, doesn't know anyone. We'll cover how to create a screen ready CV, the role of crew agencies, credits and how to find work.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Health Sciences & Optometry Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: April 22, 2026

Interested in shaping the future of health? Start your health career at one of the best medicine and health schools in the world. Designed for current Year 12 students, this online session will introduce



our Optometry programs alongside other Health Professional programs in pharmacy, physiotherapy, exercise science, exercise physiology and dietetics & food innovation.

You will gain insights into UNSW Medicine and Health's interdisciplinary learning experience and industry connection opportunities for our students. Through extensive clinical placements and experiential learning, UNSW equips students to become confident practitioners ready for the the healthcare industry of today and tomorrow.

We will guide you through everything you need to know for 2027 entry, including application process, admission and entry pathways such as Gateway and Indigenous pathway. You will also learn more about student experience and future career pathways from our student panel.

Join us online to hear from our expert panel of academic staff and current students and get all of your questions answered about UNSW health programs.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Info Night, Sydney

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP University College, Sydney Campus

Date: April 23, 2026

Join us on campus and discover how ACAP can help you make a real difference in the lives of others. Find out about our degrees in psychology, social work, counselling, criminology, coaching and law, as well as the career paths available to you.

ACAP's degrees of difference have been shaping futures for over four decades. As a global leader in the vast field of applied psychology, our professionally accredited qualifications contribute to societal well-being, embodying values of integrity, equity, and social justice.

Join our on-campus info night and discover our industry-driven programs, meet our industry experts and see how ACAP can help you achieve a career that'll make a real degree of difference.

[Find out more](#)

SAE University College Info Night, Sydney

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Sydney Campus

Date: April 23, 2026

Just make the first move in your dream career – join us at your local SAE campus for Info Night! This is your chance to get a feel for the vibe at an SAE campus. Explore our creative and technology courses, meet industry experts and chat to the campus teams about student life. You can even take a tour of our facilities and check out some of the awesome student projects on display.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – Your Pathway from TAFE to University

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: April 28, 2026

This webinar is for current or former TAFE or Vocational Education students to learn about Western's Vocational Pathways. Your studies may make you eligible for entry to Western, and you may even be eligible for credit towards your degree! Our knowledgeable staff will talk you through your options.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online



Date: April 29, 2026

Thinking about a career in Arts, Design & Architecture? Discover what's possible at UNSW's Arts, Design & Architecture Information Evening — designed especially for current Year 12 students and anyone considering studying an undergraduate degree at UNSW.

University is your time to explore. Whether you're passionate about Arts & Humanities, inspired by Architecture and the Built Environment, or driven to create through Design and Fine Arts, UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture (ADA) offers a degree to match your ambition. From professionally accredited programs like Social Work and Education to creative and future-focused degrees, you'll build skills that set you apart.

Our degrees don't just prepare you for your first job — they equip you with the adaptability, critical thinking and creative confidence to thrive across multiple careers in a changing world.

Join us online to:

- Hear from our Dean, Professor Claire Annesley
- Gain insights from current students and alumni
- Explore degrees and admission pathways
- Get your questions answered in a live Q&A

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney On-campus Info Night 2026

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Seymour Centre, University of Sydney, Camperdown/Darlington Campus

Date: April 29, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

UNE Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of New England

Location: University of New England, Armidale Campus

Date: May 1, 2026

Thinking about uni after school? Come and see what UNE has to offer.

Open Day gives you a real sense of university life. You can weigh up your options, check out campus, and meet the people who'll be teaching you. You'll get to tour facilities, sit in on information sessions, and try out some interactive activities. You'll also have the opportunity to ask lecturers all your questions about courses, what to expect, or what it's like to study in your area of interest. You'll experience the community side of UNE too. From the moment you arrive, you'll see why students consistently rate us highly for social equity and overall experience.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – For Parents and Supporters: Your Role and How You Can Help Guide Them to University

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: May 4, 2026

This webinar is for Parents and Supporters to learn how they can support their child through their HSC and while they make those big decisions about their future. Discover university entry options,



careers and courses, and pathways they can explore should they not achieve their desired ATAR.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Parents and Carers Information Webinar

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 5, 2026

We will be hosting an information webinar touching on key topics for parents and carers in supporting their students considering studying at University.

Presentation topics:

- Insights into data surrounding student success outcomes
- Admissions pathways (options, key dates)
- Application preferencing via UAC and Early Entry
- On-campus accommodation information and how to apply
- Support services available to students

The session will be approx. 1 hour including 15mins for Q&A.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

Curious about where your study could take you? Join our Talk with Industry Series - a range of online Q&A sessions connecting you directly with ACU students and graduates across diverse fields.

Hear authentic stories from those who've walked the path you're considering. Our alumni share real insights about their careers post-graduation, while current students offer a genuine look at campus life and coursework. Whether you're certain about your direction or just starting to explore possibilities, these conversations will provide the clarity you need.

No matter where you are in your decision-making journey, you'll gain valuable perspectives on what studying and working in your chosen field truly involves.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Joint Medical Program Online Information Session

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (The JMP[®]) is an innovative five-year degree jointly delivered by the University of Newcastle and University of New England and supported by Hunter New England Local Health District and Central Coast Local Health District. Our students' graduate work-ready, with a key role shaping and improving future health care for individuals and communities.

We offer a range of pathway options to help you apply to study within The JMP[®]. Join us for the Joint Medical Program Info Session Webinar to find out more about these pathways, including Rural and Remote Admissions Scheme (RRAS), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Miroma Bunbilla Program and Excellence through Equity Pathway to Medicine (ETE), as well as an overview of the program, admission criteria, study locations and best of all, first-hand experience from current students and academics who teach into the program.

[Find out more](#)



ACU Talk with Teachers and Educators

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 7, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 13, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Law, Criminology and Business Professionals

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 14, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

A Place for Everyone: A Beginner's Guide to Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 16, 2026

This session is an introduction to the screen industry and crew careers. Crew and Below The Line workers are the people who make the magic happen. Join us for a fun and informative session to learn more about upcoming roles within crew.

[Find out more](#)



University of Newcastle Year 10 Subject Selection Webinar

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 20, 2026

Our student ambassadors will share key Year 10 Subject Selection information and share their stories and experiences with subject selection and transition to University studies.

Presentation topics:

- Subject selection process (our 3 simple steps on how to select your subjects)
- Subject selection resources, case studies and examples
- What if I don't know what I want to do or change my mind?
- What can you study at the University of Newcastle?
- Differences between school life and university life
- Pathways to University
- Ask a Student platform

The session will be approx. 1 hour including 15 mins for Q&A.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Arts Students and Graduates

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 20, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Biomedicine and Nutrition Experts

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 21, 2026

Curious about where your study could take you? Join our Talk with Industry Series - a range of online Q&A sessions connecting you directly with ACU students and graduates across diverse fields.

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[Find out more](#)

Year 10 Subject Choices with ADHD – Webinar for Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 21, 2026

Getting through the final school years with ADHD can be challenging — and choosing subjects that



don't suit your strengths or learning style can make it even harder. This webinar is designed to help parents of students with ADHD in Year 10 understand how to make subject selections that support motivation, confidence, and success.

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

Year 12 & Beyond – With ADHD

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 28, 2026

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

This webinar is designed for students and navigating Year 12 with ADHD. Year 12 can feel overwhelming — for both students and parents. Planning ahead is often difficult for students with ADHD, and the administrative load of applications, deadlines and information can quickly become confusing. In this webinar, we simplify the **Early Entry process** — explaining what it is, what to prioritise, and how families can plan ahead with greater confidence.

[Find out more](#)

HSC and Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: Winx Stand, Randwick Racecourse

Date: May 28 to May 30, 2026

The HSC and Careers Expo 2026 is Sydney's longest running education and career event, designed to help high school students, parents, teachers, and jobseekers explore study and employment pathways. It brings together universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers, and career advisers in one location to provide practical information about courses, apprenticeships, and career options. The event aims to support informed decision-making about future study and work choices through exhibits and HSC seminar presentations.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – For Year 10-12 Students: Pathways, Alternative Entry and Early Offers

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: June 9, 2026

This webinar is aimed at students in Years 10-12. We will explore and explain our HSC True Reward Early Offer Program, Alternative Entry Pathways and more.

[Find out more](#)

Northern Beaches Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Youth Up Front

Location: Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills

Date: June 18, 2026

For over two decades, this premier event has connected thousands of secondary students with leading education, training, and employment providers, helping them navigate their future pathways.

We strive to provide access to a wide variety of universities, private colleges, vocational education



providers, traineeship providers, gap year providers, and other career and transition services for:

- Senior school students in Years 10, 11, and 12
- Families, support workers, and carers for senior school students
- School, VET, and university staff who support transitioning students
- Services and providers who need information, links, and resources to assist transitioning students

This event is free to attend, however registration is essential for planning. Registered schools will receive a copy of the Risk Management document to support their school excursion and copies of the Careers Expo preparation booklet for students prior to the expo.

[Find out more](#)

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[Find out more](#)

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: The Dome - Sydney Showground

Date: June 25 to June 27, 2026

The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2026 is Sydney's biggest education and career event, designed to help high school students, parents, teachers, and jobseekers explore study and employment pathways. It brings together universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers, and career advisers in one location to provide practical information about courses, apprenticeships, and career options. The event aims to support informed decision-making about future study and work choices through exhibits and seminar presentations.

[Find out more](#)

ACPE Careers in Sport Day

Organisation: Australian College of Physical Education

Location: Australian College of Physical Education

Date: July 3, 2026

For the lovers of sport; ACPE presents you with a day that is packed with information presented by special guest speakers from the sport industry. From education and sport degrees to taking your first steps into the sport industry as your career path, you can immerse yourself in interactive panel discussions and workshops. You'll also have the chance to mingle and network with likeminded individuals, and rub shoulders with professionals working in the sport industry.

Come along and have a great day in the sport hub of Sydney Olympic Park, and take your first steps into a career in sport.

Unlock your access to successful careers in sport:

- Gain invaluable insights from industry professionals
- Discover the range of job opportunities in the sport industry
- Identify the attributes and experiences it takes to be successful in sport
- And much more!

Careers in Sport Day is perfect for:

- Anyone looking to turn their passion for sport into a career



- Year 11 and 12 students
- Career advisors and school teachers

[Find out more](#)

WSU Open Day 2026

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

Date: July 5, 2026

Open Day is coming to Western on Sunday 5 July 2026, from 10am–4pm at our Parramatta South Campus.

Explore your study options, attend course information sessions, and meet our academics and students. Experience uni life and see all that Western has to offer!

Ask questions, see things up close, and get a clear sense of where your next step could take you.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Introduction to SketchUp Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: July 6 to July 8, 2026

Looking to extend your presentation skills? Create detailed 3D models using this intuitive and easy-to-learn program.

Over 3 days you will be introduced to the fundamentals of SketchUp enabling you to create realistic floor plans and 3D models. You'll use the 3D Warehouse, the world's largest online library, to import furniture and lighting.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

Monash Achieving Potential Support Scholarships

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Australia

Value: AU\$6,000 per year

Open Date: August 3, 2026

Close Date: October 9, 2026

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Extended Bachelor Program Scholarship for Indigenous Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Australia

Value: Up to AU\$8,500 per year

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition 2026

Organisation: Business Educators Australasia Inc.

Location: Australia

Value: Up to AU\$1,500

Close Date: September 7, 2026

[Find out more](#)



Think Science! Competition

Organisation: Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation

Location: Australia

Value: AU\$10,000 in prizes

Close Date: July 3, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

JOBS & CAREERS

Why do we work?

Why do we work? It sounds like a simple question, but the answer is more interesting than you might think. Most of us will [spend around one third of our lives at work](#), so it's worth taking a moment to understand what actually drives people to do it, and what that might mean for the career choices you make.

Money is the obvious answer

Let's be honest, the main common reason people work is to earn money. We need it for rent or a mortgage, food, transport, bills, and everything else that keeps life running. Having an income also means you can save, take holidays, and eventually retire.... ideally before you're too tired to enjoy it. That said, money alone is rarely enough to make someone feel good about how they spend their days. If the pay is fine but everything else about a job is miserable, most people don't stick around for long.

Remember that not everyone is lucky enough to be able to work; and if you can't work for some reason, that's OK too. Not working doesn't de-value you as a person, and it doesn't mean you shouldn't be able to have a good quality of life.

Work can give you a sense of purpose

A lot of people find that their job becomes part of how they see themselves. That's not a bad thing. When your work feels meaningful, when you can see that what you do actually matters to someone, it tends to boost your confidence and self-worth in a way that's hard to get elsewhere.

This doesn't just apply to obviously "important" jobs like doctors or teachers. A mechanic who keeps people safe on the road, a chef who makes someone's birthday unforgettable, a graphic designer who helps a small business look professional, your purpose turns up in all kinds of work.

You never stop learning

School is where formal learning happens, but it's far from the only place you grow intellectually. Most jobs involve picking up new skills, solving problems you haven't seen before, and getting better at things over time. For some careers like software developers, healthcare professionals, and data scientists for example, ongoing learning is a job requirement in order to keep up with new developments, tools, and consumer demands. That process keeps life interesting. It's also why people who've been in a role for years can still find it engaging, the work keeps changing, and so do they.

Work connects you to other people

Humans are social. We function better when we feel part of a team, a community, a shared goal, or something else. Work gives many people exactly that. Friendships formed at work can be surprisingly strong, partly because you spend so much time together and partly because you're often working through challenges side by side.

Research backs this up too, [people who feel connected to their colleagues tend to be both happier and more productive](#). That's not a coincidence.



You contribute more than you might realise

When you earn a wage and pay tax, that money flows back into the community. Your taxes fund hospitals, schools, roads, emergency services, and support for people who aren't able to work. It's easy to see tax as something that gets taken from you, but it's also something you're actively contributing. Your work, whatever it is, helps keep things running for everyone.

Work helps you keep growing as a person

There's a cumulative effect to all of this. When you're learning, connecting with others, contributing to something, and being challenged regularly, it changes you - slowly and mostly in ways you don't notice at the time. You become more patient, more capable of handling setbacks, more confident in your own abilities. Work, at its best, is one of the main ways people continue to develop well into adulthood.

That doesn't mean every job will feel like a personal development programme. Some days are just long and dull. But the best careers tend to offer a mix of challenge, connection, and meaning; not just a pay cheque.

It can make you feel important

Like we mentioned above, because work is such a big part of our lives, it's often closely tied to our identity (or how we think about ourselves). When we receive positive feedback at work or feel like the things we do make a difference, that increases our self-esteem and can make us feel valued.

Some people love what they do

People who love what they do will often find their career very rewarding, regardless of whether the money is good. It doesn't matter what the job is; it could be teaching kids, looking after people, writing novels, coding apps, growing food, building things...anything at all! And people are passionate about all kinds of jobs, even if they might seem strange or boring to others.

It stops you getting bored

Years and years ago people didn't have structured work. Their "job" each day was to hunt and gather food, make clothes, move to new areas, build shelters, and look after their children. But now we have houses built for us, we buy our food from the supermarket, we don't move about as much, and our children go to school - so without work, what would we do all day?

Of course, there are other, more fun ways to spend the day, like going to the movies, but these things usually cost money, so you couldn't afford to do them if you didn't work anyway.

Work is about more than money

Understanding *why* you want to work is a great first step toward figuring out *what* you want to do. If you're ready to start exploring, head to our [Jobs & Careers](#) section for ideas, career profiles, and practical advice to help you find a direction that suits you.

How to get through fire service recruitment

Becoming a [firefighter](#) is a highly sought-after career in Australia and New Zealand. The role offers real purpose, physical challenge, community impact, and great camaraderie, so it's no surprise that fire services across the country receive thousands of applications every time recruitment opens. What surprises many people is just how long and involved the process actually is. The process can take anywhere from 6 to 12 months and involves multiple phases of testing. If you're serious about getting in, it pays to know exactly what you're walking into, and be prepared.

What the process generally looks like

The recruitment process typically includes aptitude tests, psychological and personality assessments,



physical ability tests, a panel interview, and a thorough medical examination. Most services also require a current [First Aid certificate](#), a valid driver's licence, and a clean criminal record before you can progress. Each stage is pass/fail, meaning you must succeed at one step before you're invited to the next.

The [aptitude test](#) is designed to ensure that you'll be able to handle the written component of the recruit training course, the last step before you become a firefighter. They usually include literacy (reading), numeracy (maths), abstract reasoning, and mechanical reasoning components, which measure your general abilities such as problem solving, critical thinking, deduction, and logical reasoning.

Physical testing comes in two parts at most services. The first is an aerobic fitness test, often a shuttle run or beep test. The second physical stage is usually a series of simulated task assessments, which are practical, timed, and designed to reflect real on-the-job demands. In South Australia, for example, [the PAT 2](#) requires candidates to complete 11 simulated on-the-job tasks within 32 minutes, and all gender identities complete the same test to the same standard.

What's different in each state and territory

Each fire service runs its own recruitment campaign on its own timeline, and the specific tests and providers vary. So you should always check the official sites for each service for information about their recruitment process and dates, as well any specific eligibility criteria.

Things can change frequently and recruitment windows are often short, so applying with outdated knowledge could cost you your place in the process.

New South Wales

[Fire and Rescue NSW](#) (FRNSW) have a [7-step recruitment process](#). They also have the [Indigenous Fire and Rescue Employment Strategy](#) (IFARES) to support First Nations applicants. To be eligible to apply, you'll need:

- HSC or equivalent higher education qualification
- Australian or New Zealand citizenship or Australian permanent residency
- A current [C class drivers' licence](#) (minimum [Provisional P2](#))
- Willingness to obtain a [Medium Rigid \(MR\) heavy vehicle licence](#) at your own cost

Successfully progressing through the recruitment process means you'll receive a formal employment letter, after which you'll need to complete the 13-week [FRNSW Recruit Course](#) in Sydney.

Career opportunities in medicine beyond being a doctor

If you're passionate about health and helping others, [becoming a doctor](#) is an incredible and rewarding career choice. But what if you don't get in on your first try? Or perhaps, you discover along the way that being a doctor isn't quite the path for you after all?

The good news is that the world of medicine and health is full of exciting career opportunities beyond the traditional doctor role. There are countless ways to get involved in healthcare and make a meaningful difference. In this blog, we'll highlight just a few of the alternative career pathways in medicine that you might want to consider.

Nursing

[Nurses](#) are at the heart of healthcare, providing direct care to patients, assisting with treatments, and being advocates for health and well-being. Whether you're interested in working in hospitals, clinics, or in the community, there are various specialties within nursing, including [midwifery](#), paediatric, emergency, mental health, NICU, oncology, and surgical nursing - just to name a few. With the flexibility of nursing, you can work in diverse settings and have plenty of career development opportunities, such as becoming a nurse practitioner or a clinical nurse specialist.



Physical Therapy

If you're interested in helping people recover from injuries, manage pain, or improve mobility, physiotherapy or occupational therapy could be the path for you. [Physiotherapists](#) work with patients to restore movement and function, often through exercise, massage, or other treatments. [Occupational therapists](#) focus on helping people develop or regain the skills needed for daily activities, using adaptive techniques, exercises, and assistive devices. Both careers offer the opportunity to work directly with people and make a meaningful impact on their quality of life without pursuing a full medical degree.

Pharmacy

[Pharmacists](#) play a vital role in healthcare by ensuring patients receive the correct medications and advising them on how to use them safely. This is an excellent choice if you have an interest in drugs, their effects on the body, and providing personalised health advice. Pharmacists work in hospitals, retail pharmacies, and even research settings, contributing to public health in many ways.

Paramedicine (Emergency Medical Services)

For those who thrive in fast-paced environments and enjoy helping people in urgent situations, paramedicine can be a fulfilling career. [Paramedics](#) respond to emergencies, provide medical care on the spot, and transport patients to healthcare facilities when needed. This is a hands-on role with a significant impact on saving lives and providing immediate support.

Medical Laboratory Science

[Medical laboratory](#) technicians and scientists are essential in diagnosing and treating illnesses by analysing laboratory samples. If you enjoy working behind the scenes but still want to play a crucial role in patient care, this could be an ideal career. You'll work with cutting-edge technology to analyse blood, urine, and tissue samples, helping doctors diagnose conditions and track patients' progress. Find out more about what it could be like working in a laboratory [here](#).

Health Administration and Management

Health [administrators](#) manage hospitals, clinics, or public health organisations, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. This role might appeal to you if you're interested in healthcare but are more drawn to organisational, [leadership](#), and business tasks rather than direct patient care. Health administrators help streamline healthcare systems and improve patient outcomes by managing resources, [budgets](#), and [staff](#).

Speech Therapy

[Speech-language pathologists](#) (SLPs) work with patients who have speech, language, or swallowing disorders. If you have an interest in communication and enjoy working closely with individuals to make a significant difference in their lives, this could be a great option. You'll help people regain their ability to speak or swallow, often after an illness or injury.

Public Health and Epidemiology

Public health professionals focus on improving health on a larger scale. If you're passionate about preventing illness and improving health outcomes for entire populations, a career in public health might be right for you. This could involve roles in epidemiology, health policy, environmental health, or health education. Epidemiologists, for example, study disease patterns and help control outbreaks.



Biomedical Science and Research

Biomedical scientists and researchers work in labs to understand diseases, develop new treatments, and advance medical knowledge. If you're more interested in discovering the science behind health conditions and exploring new ways to treat them, biomedical research is an exciting field with plenty of opportunities to make a real difference in medicine.

Examples of careers in this field include [Computational Biology](#) and [Data Science](#).

Radiography and Medical Imaging

[Radiographers](#) or [medical imaging technologists](#) use imaging technology, like X-rays, MRIs, and CT scans, to help doctors diagnose and monitor illnesses. If you have an interest in technology and enjoy working in a healthcare environment, this can be an exciting role that combines technical skills with patient care.

Dietetics and Nutrition

[Dietitians](#) and nutritionists work with patients to develop healthy eating plans, manage diet-related health conditions, and promote overall well-being. If you have a passion for food and health and want to help others improve their lives through nutrition, this could be a career for you.

There are plenty of specialties within dietetics, including sports nutrition, paediatric nutrition, and clinical nutrition.

Alternative Therapies and Complementary Medicine

While traditional medicine plays a big role in healthcare, many people also look to alternative therapies, like acupuncture, massage therapy, or naturopathy, to support their well-being. If you're interested in holistic health practices, this could be a pathway for you to explore. Many practitioners work in [private settings](#) or as part of integrated healthcare teams.

You Don't Have to Stick to One Path

It's easy to feel pressured to pick the "perfect" course before you even start university, but the truth is that many students change direction during their studies. Universities usually allow you to switch courses, move between related degrees, or adjust your major if your interests or goals shift.

For example, you might start in a general health or biomedical science degree and later transfer into medicine, or discover a passion for public health, research, or another healthcare field. These options mean you're not locked into one path and can explore different areas before committing. Staying open to change lets you make informed decisions while building experience and knowledge along the way.

Where to explore more

The healthcare field is vast, and these are just a few options. There are many pathways into medicine, some requiring university degrees, others requiring vocational training or certifications. Here's where to start exploring:

- **Australia:** Visit the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#), [Australian Medical Association](#), [Primary Health Care Australia](#), and [Health Workforce Australia](#) for career insights and training information.
- **UK:** Check out the [NHS Careers website](#) for a comprehensive look at health professions and pathways into medicine.
- **New Zealand - Aotearoa:** Look into [Careers.govt.nz](#) and [Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora](#) for information on various health professions and study options.
- **Canada:** Visit [More than Medicine Nova Scotia](#), and [Health Canada](#) for information about careers and training requirements.
- **USA:** [US Dept of State Medical and Health](#), [Association of American Medical Colleges](#)



(AAMC), [Nurse.org](https://www.nurse.org), and the [US Bureau of Labor Statistics](https://www.bls.gov) are great places to start exploring.

- **Other countries:** Many countries have government health websites or national healthcare organisations that can provide information on training and career paths in healthcare. Be sure to explore what's available in your country!

Find the career that's right for you

The healthcare sector offers a multitude of career paths, many of which don't require you to be a doctor. So if you're interested in medicine but aren't sure about the doctor route, explore these alternatives. You might find a role that perfectly matches your interests and skills—and still make a meaningful difference in people's lives. Whether you're working directly with patients, behind the scenes in labs, or helping to manage healthcare systems, there's a place for everyone in medicine. Want to explore more different career options? [You can read heaps of other blogs on our website here.](#)

UNIVERSITY

University Early Entry Programs in 2026

Year 12 is a big year. Actually, that's probably an understatement, as it might feel like everything is riding on the next twelve months. If you've heard people talking about early entry and wondered whether it might take some of the pressure off, you're in the right place. Here's how it works, and what's changing in 2026.

What is early entry?

Early entry is exactly what it sounds like. Instead of waiting until after your final exams to find out whether you've got a university place, some universities let you apply earlier in the year and you could receive an offer well before you've taken your final exams or the main offer rounds open. Most early entry offers are conditional, meaning there are still requirements to meet, such as finishing Year 12 or getting a minimum ATAR. But the benefit is knowing you have a pathway secured ahead of the stressful exam period.

Who is eligible?

Eligibility varies between universities and programs, here are the most common things universities look at:

- Academic results or progress
- Community involvement such as volunteering
- Leadership roles like being school captain or a sports team leader
- Personal circumstances, for example if illness, financial hardship, or caring responsibilities have affected your studies.

If you're unsure whether you qualify for a particular program, it's best to contact the university directly and ask. Remember, they want students to apply so they'll be happy to hear from you.

What are the advantages?

There are more benefits than you might expect. Here a couple to consider.

Going into exams with an offer already in the bag could genuinely reduce your stress levels. Instead of wondering "what if?", you can focus all of your energy on doing your best. If you're planning to move away from home, you could also get a head start on things like applying for student accommodation, which can book out quickly.

Many early entry applications are free, unlike standard applications through Tertiary Admissions Centres which charge a fee. If you apply for Early Entry but don't end up accepting an offer, there's no penalty, and you can still go through the normal application process later in the year.



Conditional vs guaranteed offers

A conditional offer means your place is secured provided that you meet any stated requirements, like achieving a certain ATAR or completing specific subjects. The majority of early entry offers work this way.

Guaranteed offers are more rare and mean your place is locked in regardless of your final results (though there are still a couple of exceptions such as not completing Year 12 at all).

Whichever type of offer you receive, be sure to read the fine print carefully before accepting.

Can I apply to more than one program?

Absolutely. You can apply to as many Early Entry programs as you like and there's no downside to doing so, as long as you meet the eligibility criteria. Applying to one will never affect your chances with another.

If you receive multiple offers, take your time deciding, and remember to decline the ones you don't accept so other students can take your spot.

What's changing in 2026?

Early Entry programs were originally introduced in response to COVID-19, offering an alternative pathway for Year 12 students whose studies had been significantly disrupted by the pandemic. At the time, it was a valuable lifeline during an unprecedented period of uncertainty. Now, with the pandemic well behind us there have been a few changes over the years.

In 2024, Australian universities adopted a recommendation under the Universities Accord that early offers to secondary school students should not be issued before September in the year prior to study. That means the timeline for receiving offers has been standardised to some extent, though applications often open several months earlier than that.

More significantly, some universities are beginning to rethink their early entry programs altogether. The [University of Technology Sydney](#) (UTS), for example, has recently announced that it will be retiring its Early Entry Program for undergraduate admissions from Autumn 2027.

There's also ongoing work behind the scenes from the [Australian Universities Accord](#) and [Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency](#) (TEQSA) on a national transparency framework for Australian universities. They want to shift the focus towards admission approaches that are fairer, more transparent, and more sustainable, with a stronger emphasis on widening access to higher education for students from all backgrounds, which is good news for everyone.

UTS is not the only university likely to review its approach in the coming years. The sector is evolving, and what's available today may look different by the time you're ready to apply. That's not a reason to panic, as there are more options and pathways to university than ever, it's just a reason to make sure that you stay informed.

So what should you do?

If you're leaning towards going to university after Year 12, do your research on the institutions and the courses on offer. Check any current Early Entry programs directly with each university you're interested in. If you can't find information easily the Future Student teams are always happy to help, and keep your eye out for the updated [Early Entry Guide in Term 2, 2026](#). Dates, eligibility criteria, and the programs themselves can change from year to year (and sometimes mid-year too). Don't rely on information from a previous year or from a friend who applied two years ago.

Get your applications in as soon as possible. While some deadlines are in September, it is beneficial to apply as soon after programs open as possible, it'll help reduce your mental load so you can focus on studying, and it could help you to secure an offer for high-demand courses.

If a program has changed or closed by the time you're ready to apply, remember early entry is one path, not the only one. The world of university admissions is full of alternative entry options, special consideration schemes, pathway programs, and more. So do some more research, speak to the university directly, and see what your alternative pathways could be.



Find out more about uni applications and your options

Whether you end up applying through early entry, the standard process, or an alternative pathway entirely, there's a route that works for you. Head to our [university study hub](#) to explore more about getting into uni and find the path that fits.

SKILLS FOR WORK

References and referees: What's the difference?

When you start applying for jobs, a whole new vocabulary gets thrown at you. Cover letters, resumes, portfolios — and then someone asks for your references. Or is it your referees? The two words get mixed up constantly, but they mean different things. Understanding the distinction means you can handle both with confidence.

What is a referee?

A referee is a person. Specifically, it's someone you list on your resume or application who an employer can contact to ask about you. They're there to vouch for your skills, reliability, and attitude — to confirm that what you've written about yourself is accurate.

Your resume tells employers who you say you are. A referee tells them who someone else says you are. That outside perspective carries real weight.

Your referees don't need to write anything in advance. They just need to be ready in case a potential employer calls or emails them.

What is a reference?

A reference is a written document, usually a letter or statement, from someone you've worked for or alongside. It describes the work you did and says something about your abilities and character. The key difference is that a reference is prepared ahead of time. Whereas referees are generally contacted in-person as part of a job application process when employers are trying to narrow down their top options. Once you have a reference, you can include it with any application without needing to contact that person again. That makes references particularly handy when someone has moved on, is hard to reach, or you'd prefer not to keep going back to them every time you apply for something new.

Who can be a referee?

This is where people often get stuck. The short answer, choose people who know your work and can speak positively about it.

Parents and close friends aren't ideal. Employers tend to assume they'll be biased, so their feedback carries less weight. Instead, think about people who've seen you in action in some kind of professional or semi-professional setting — a manager, a supervisor, a teacher, a coach, or a mentor. If you've never had a paid job, that's completely fine. A teacher who knows you well, a sports coach, or someone who supervised your volunteer work can all make excellent referees. What matters is that they can speak to your abilities and your work ethic.

Before you put someone's name down

Always ask first - this matters more than people realise. An employer might call your referee without much warning, and if that person has no idea who they're speaking with or why, it could reflect badly on you.

When you ask, give them a bit of context. Let them know the type of role you're applying for and what skills you're hoping they might mention. That way, they're prepared and their response will be much more useful.

Keep their contact details current, too. If a referee has changed jobs or phone numbers and an



employer can't reach them, it can stall or even sink an application.

Getting a written reference

If you want a reference letter, the best time to ask is straight after a positive experience, whether it's at the end of a work placement, a volunteer role, or a job you're leaving on good terms. People are far more likely to say yes when the experience is fresh.

For a reference to carry credibility, it should ideally be on company letterhead and signed by the person who wrote it. Employers sometimes follow up to verify that the reference is genuine, so keep that in mind.

No work history at all? You can ask for what's known as a character reference. This won't cover your professional skills, but it can tell an employer about your personality, reliability, and attitude - all things that matter, especially for entry-level roles.

Ready to take the next step?

Building up your resume, finding the right referees, and gathering strong references all takes time, but it's worth getting into it early. Head over to our [Skills for Work](#) section for more practical advice on job applications, interview preparation, and everything else you need to land your first role.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY, STUDY

[Do you need to apply for special consideration?](#)

Special consideration is there to give students a fair chance when circumstances beyond their control affect performance. It is not about gaining an advantage. Instead, it's about support so that unexpected events, illnesses, or personal challenges don't unfairly affect your results. Understanding how it works, when it's appropriate, and how to apply both at school and university can give you confidence and reduce stress. Knowing what options are available helps you focus on your learning without worrying that life's hurdles will derail your efforts.

What counts as special consideration?

Special consideration can cover a wide range of situations. Short-term issues like being sick on the day of an exam, having a family emergency, or facing transport problems can all qualify. Ongoing challenges such as long-term illness, mental health difficulties, or other personal circumstances may also be considered. Most of the time, schools and universities require documentation, such as a medical certificate, a counsellor's note, or official records, to support your request.

It's important to be honest about the impact these circumstances have had. Special consideration isn't for situations where you simply feel unprepared or overwhelmed by your own choices; it's for unexpected events that genuinely affect your ability to perform.

When you should apply

You should consider applying for special consideration if your performance in an assessment has been affected by circumstances beyond your control. Special consideration can help ensure you're not penalised for something outside your control. Applying is common, and it's nothing to be embarrassed about. Many students face unexpected events, and schools and universities expect to receive these requests. Recognising when it's appropriate and acting early is a responsible approach.

How to apply in school

If you think you need special consideration at school, the first step is to speak with a teacher, tutor, or guidance counsellor. They can explain the specific process and forms required at your school. Most schools will ask you to submit a form and attach supporting documentation, such as a doctor's certificate or a note from a counsellor.

It's best to apply as early as possible. Even if the assessment has already been missed or affected, submitting your request promptly increases the chances it will be considered fairly. Keep records of



emails, forms, and any supporting documents, and make sure you understand your school's

deadlines and requirements. Clear communication and organisation make the process smoother and reduce unnecessary stress.

How to apply in university

Universities usually have a formal process for special consideration, and it often happens through an online system rather than directly through a lecturer. This means you normally submit a request through a student portal or dedicated form where you explain what happened and identify the assessment that was affected. The request is then reviewed by an academic or administrative team rather than just one teacher.

The outcome can vary depending on the situation. Some students may receive an extension on an assignment, while others might be offered a deferred exam, an alternative assessment, or an adjustment to the way their work is evaluated.

Because every university runs the process slightly differently, it's important to read the specifics at your institution before applying. For example, James Cook University outlines its process through its special consideration policy, which explains the types of circumstances that may be considered, the documentation required, and the possible outcomes for affected assessments. [You can see how their process works here.](#)

Tips for planning ahead

Although you can't predict every challenge, being prepared can make situations easier to manage. Keep important documents organised, especially medical certificates or notes from support staff that may be relevant if you need to apply for special consideration.

If something happens that could affect your ability to complete an assessment, communicate early with your teachers or course coordinators. They may be able to guide you through the process or suggest the best steps to take.

Staying aware of key deadlines also helps. Some institutions require special consideration applications to be submitted within a certain number of days after the assessment, so acting quickly is important.

Applying for special consideration is a normal part of academic life. It exists because schools and universities recognise that students sometimes face circumstances beyond their control. Seeking support when you genuinely need it is a responsible decision. It shows that you are taking your education seriously and making an effort to handle challenges appropriately.

If you want more information on your study options, [check out the other blogs on our website here.](#)

JOB SPOTLIGHTS

The Wanderers: Careers that take you around the world

Many people picture a workplace as somewhere you go every day, with the same building, the same desk, maybe the same slightly-too-warm or too-cold office. But for a surprising number of professionals, their workplace changes constantly. They're also available to work in a range of environments, from remote mining camps, to backstage at an international sports competition. These are the Wanderers, people whose expertise is needed in different places, and whose careers are built around being where the work is.

Does that sound like the life for you? It's worth knowing what you're actually signing up for, the opportunities and exciting parts as well as the challenges.

Who are the wanderers?

The range of careers that involve travel as a core feature is much wider than most people realise.

A [sports physiotherapist](#) (Guardian) might travel with an elite athletics team to competitions across multiple countries, treating injuries and keeping athletes in peak condition. A [mining equipment](#)



[technician](#) (Maker) could spend weeks at a time maintaining machinery on a remote site that's only

accessible by small plane. A [film location manager](#) (Coordinator) might spend weeks scouting and coordinating shoots across different cities or even continents, making sure everything is in place before the cameras roll.

Then there are the less obvious ones. A [humanitarian logistics specialist](#) (Coordinator) organises the delivery of food, medicine, and supplies into crisis zones — which means moving constantly as the situation demands. [Event planners](#) (Innovators) might have to travel around their state, country, or even overseas to organise the fine details of conferences, concert, or special occasions. A remote area nurse (Guardian) works on short placements in hospitals that are short-staffed, often in rural or underserved communities far from any city.

Informers travel too. An [environmental consultant](#) might assess ecosystems, coastlines, or construction sites in dozens of different regions throughout the year. A corporate trainer might fly from country to country running leadership workshops for big companies. A [forensic accountant](#) could be sent wherever their firm has clients. Linkers, like international student recruitment officers, spend significant parts of the year visiting schools and universities around the world. [News team producers](#) need to be wherever the news is happening around the world too.

The need for mobile expertise, even in these technologically driven times, shows up across every kind of industry and Cluster.

The real pros

The obvious benefits are the ones you'd expect; exploring new places, having new experiences, meeting lots of people, living a kind of life that doesn't fit neatly into a routine. But there are some less obvious advantages worth thinking about.

Travelling professionals tend to build unusually strong networks. When you've worked in ten different settings, you'll know people everywhere. That can open doors in ways that a long career at a single organisation simply doesn't.

There's also a different kind of confidence that comes from being the person who parachutes in and gets things done. You become highly adaptable. You get good at reading new environments quickly, figuring out who the key people are, and making things work in conditions you didn't plan for. Those are skills that employers across almost every industry will pay well for.

Many people also find that travel sharpens their sense of what matters to them. When you're regularly taken out of your comfort zone, you learn a lot about yourself.

The challenges people don't always mention

Let's be honest, there are aspects to travelling for work that lots of online material might gloss over, the logistical grind is real.

Living out of a bag can be exhausting after a while. The romance of hotels wears off for lots of people. You'll miss things at home — birthdays, weekends with friends, the simple pleasure of sleeping in your own bed. Relationships can be strained if the people in your life aren't set up to handle your absence, and maintaining friendships takes deliberate effort when you're rarely in the same place.

There's also a less-discussed issue around professional identity. When your workplace keeps changing, you might not always get the chance to build strong professional relationships or feel rooted in your own organisation's team. Some people thrive on that. Others could find it isolating over time.

Not to mention the travel itself isn't always the glamorous kind. Yes work might pay for business class seats for a long-haul trip, but that level of luxury might not always be the case. Think long drives on dirt roads, delayed domestic flights, or overnight transfers between remote sites. The destination is the job — not a holiday.



Financial pros and cons

Money is another area worth thinking about carefully. Some travelling roles pay very well — remote mining jobs, for example, often come with higher wages to compensate for the difficult conditions. But other roles, particularly in humanitarian or community health work, may not. Whilst your company will generally foot the bill for travel, accommodation, and basic living expenses on your trips, there are costs that come with a mobile lifestyle. They could add up quickly too, from replacing gear, covering gaps between contracts, or flying home for an emergency. The people who manage this best tend to treat their finances like a safety net, building it up during the busy periods so it can keep them afloat when things slow down.

A surprising thing to consider

Here's something most people don't think about when they're imagining a travelling career: your home base matters enormously. Unlike a regular job where you and your employer are in the same city, a mobile role could mean you're hired by a company or organisation located far from where you actually live. That can create complications around tax, insurance, and legal employment arrangements, not to mention time zones. You could be working at midnight if the office meeting is scheduled for 9am.

That means thinking carefully about where you live, and making sure you have the structure and the people around you — to keep everything running smoothly when you're away and can bring you back to reality when you get home.

Is the Wanderers lifestyle for you?

If you think you could meet all the potential challenges head on, then travelling roles could work for you. You'll also need to enjoy variety, handle uncertainty easily, able to problem solve in all situations, and keep things on an even keel at home. If you can deal with all of that, a travelling career could be deeply rewarding. The key is going in with realistic expectations — and making sure you've built the personal foundations that will hold you steady when the work takes you far from home.

It's always worth considering a plan B or think about alternative investments. What if something like Covid or poor health prevents you from travelling. Having a back up plan will mean you can handle it all without drama.

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