

CAREERS NEWSLETTER 15 JUNE, 2026



INVITATION TO JOIN JOB JUMP

We warmly encourage all **parents and students** to register for **Job Jump**, an excellent careers platform that supports young people as they explore future pathways.

Job Jump provides:

Up-to-date information on tertiary study options, ATARs, apprenticeships, and TAFE pathways.

Tools to create a resume, helping students present their strengths professionally.

Customised news alerts so families stay informed about important deadlines and opportunities.

Both parents and students can benefit from clear guidance and timely updates as they plan— whether that's choosing senior subjects, exploring university courses, or considering vocational training.

To register, simply visit:

<https://www.jobjump.com.au/register> and visit Careers 2026 on Canvas to access sign up details.

We hope you find Job Jump a valuable resource in supporting informed and confident career decision-making.

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It is the responsibility of the student to confirm all details with the appropriate institution.



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Events

This Week's Events

SCU Esports Industry Night – Pathways to Industry

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Online

Date: June 18, 2026

Join us for SCU Esports Term 2 Industry Night - Pathways to Industry! Register now to listen to three industry experts' advice on how to break into the esports, tech and video game industry.

[Find out more](#)

On Board at LUNAR Studios: Kick Starting Your Career in Imaging

Organisation: Lunar Studios

Location: LUNAR Studios

Date: June 18, 2026

Want to work in photography, video, content, or the broader imaging industry, but not sure what the actual path looks like?

Georges Cameras, Sony and LUNAR Studios are coming together for a new event series designed to help photographers, videographers and creators build real momentum. For our first session, [Oliver Minnett](#) from Georges and [Nick Fraser](#) from Sony will unpack what it actually looks like to start, grow, and sustain a career in imaging in 2026.

We'll talk through the different paths people take into the industry: commercial work, weddings, events, editorial, content creation, social-first work, agency jobs, in-house roles, assisting, freelancing, and building your own thing. We'll also cover what actually pays, what tends to waste people's time, what gear decisions matter early, and what you should probably ignore.

[Find out more](#)

Bond Parents Information Webinar

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Online

Date: June 18, 2026

Are you a parent supporting your child on their journey to university? Bond University invites you to join our upcoming online webinar designed specifically for parents like you.

This session will explain the Bond difference, including our personalised learning experience and close-knit, supportive community. You'll gain a clear overview of the direct application and admissions process, 2027 key dates, FEE-HELP and scholarship opportunities.

This webinar includes insights from current Bond parents and have the opportunity to ask questions to help you support your child's decision with confidence.

[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: June 20, 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](#)

Next Week's Events

UTS Tech Fest

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: University of Technology Sydney, City Campus

Date: June 22 to June 26, 2026

Experience the future of engineering and IT at UTS Tech Festival 2026 - Sydney's annual student-driven tech showcase held on the UTS campus each June.

Now in its fifth year running, Tech Fest is returning with an action-packed calendar filled with showcases, interactive workshops, panel talks, hackathons and real-world tech challenges led by industry leaders.

Whether you're a current Engineering or IT student, industry partner, tech enthusiast, or university student of the future, this year's program has an event for everyone.

[Find out more](#)

Journey to Sydney: Support Your Young Person to Achieve – Webinar for Parents

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 22, 2026

We invite you to join us for a practical and engaging session designed to empower you in supporting your young person's journey to university. From now through to offers and enrolment, we'll walk you through the key milestones, dates, and preparation tips to help ensure they're set up for success.

In this webinar, we'll cover:

How to navigate the preference process and make the most of the website, events program, and other resources available to you

Important dates and requirements for applications, scholarships, and more

Ways to support your young person's decision-making and help them prepare for a range of outcomes

Additional factors to consider when choosing a study path

Alongside the practical information, you'll also hear directly from a parent who has successfully supported their young person through their final year of school and into university—sharing valuable insights and real-life experience.

Whether you're just starting to explore options or are deep into the process, this session will provide clarity, confidence, and connection.

[Find out more](#)

MySydney Entry and Scholarship Scheme Webinar

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 23, 2026

Find out how you can enter your dream degree with the MySydney Entry and Scholarship Scheme for students residing in low socio-economic areas. Hear about the great benefits offered, including adjustment factors to boost your selection rank, a \$8,500 per annum scholarship and a range of ongoing support throughout your studies. Find out what you need to know about eligibility criteria, how to apply, frequently asked questions and more!

[Find out more](#)

SAE Online Info Session: Creative Industries



Organisation: SAE University College

Location: Online

Date: June 23, 2026

From content creation and digital media to project management and creative direction, SAE's creative industries courses are designed to give you adaptable skills for a fast-moving industry. In this session, you'll see how you can shape your own creative pathway and build a career that evolves with you. Whether you're gearing up to finish high school or looking to switch careers and follow your passion, this is the place to figure out your next step with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Online Info Session: Design

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: Online

Date: June 23, 2026

Discover how our courses prepare you for career paths in visual communication, branding, UX/UI and digital design. Hear directly from industry pros and see how our students build portfolio-ready work through real projects and collaborations.

Whether you're gearing up to finish high school or looking to switch careers and follow your passion, this is the place to figure out your next step with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Regional and Remote Entry Scheme – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 23, 2026

Find out how you can enter your dream degree with the Regional and Remote Entry Scheme for students residing in a regional or remote area or have attended a regional or remote school. Hear about the great benefits offered, including adjustment factors to boost your selection rank and a range of ongoing support throughout your studies. Find out what you need to know about eligibility criteria, how to apply, frequently asked questions and more!

[Find out more](#)

SCU Live Talks: Parent Information Evening

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Online

Date: June 23, 2026

Here at Southern Cross University, we are organising an exclusive session designed specifically for parents and students in Years 11 & 12 and encourage you to join us for an upcoming Parents Information Webinar.

The session will cover a wide range of topics, including:

- How to apply
- Taking advantage of our early entry application
- Why SCU
- Scholarship opportunities
- Understanding costs
- Support services
- Uni life and global opportunities

[Find out more](#)

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington Degree to Career: Space Science – Webinar for



International Students

Organisation: Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington

Location: Online

Date: June 24, 2026

Find out more about studying Space Science at Victoria University of Wellington. Join us to hear from our academics and learn about study options and career pathways.

These online sessions will focus on requirements for international students and specific study options that you might enjoy.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Online Info Session: Computer Science

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: Online

Date: June 24, 2026

Build the skills to shape the digital world, from secure systems to powerful software. Learn how SAE's computer science courses equip you with practical, job-ready skills in cyber security and software development. This session will highlight how hands-on projects and industry insights prepare you for in-demand tech careers.

Whether you're gearing up to finish high school or looking to switch careers and follow your passion, this is the place to figure out your next step with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Online Info Session: VFX & Virtual Production

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: Online

Date: June 24, 2026

This exclusive Online Info Session gives you a front-row seat to all things VFX and virtual production at SAE! Discover how SAE prepares you for careers in film, games and digital media. You'll explore how students create high-quality visual work using industry-standard tools and workflows.

Whether you're gearing up to finish high school or looking to switch careers and follow your passion, this is the place to figure out your next step with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Study and Career Options in Occupational Therapy at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 24, 2026

Interested in supporting people live a fuller life? Join us for this informative webinar to learn what occupational therapists do, explore the Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy) at the University of Sydney, hear about work-based placements and student life, and get guidance on entry pathways. Join us live with the Program Director and get answers in the Q&A.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Engineering information night

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: June 25, 2026

Thinking about a career in engineering? Don't miss out on our online engineering info night.

Pursue a rewarding career, connect with industry and learn hands-on skills to change the world. We've



got all the info you need if you're interested in studying our [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)](#). Parent, carer or career adviser? This event is for you, too! You can ask us any questions you like in an open, welcoming environment, and come away with all the info needed to make big decisions about future study.

[Find out more](#)

Applying to Sydney Without an ATAR – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 25, 2026

This presentation is suitable for domestic applicants who would like to apply for a bachelor's degree. This session will provide an overview of the non-ATAR qualifications we recognise for entry into our undergraduate degrees, including historic Year 12 qualifications, tertiary study, diplomas, university preparation programs, and the Skills for Tertiary Admissions Test.

[Find out more](#)

How Computational Mathematics Powers the Modern World – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: June 25, 2026

Since the earliest days of computing in the 1950s, computational mathematics has been quietly reshaping the world around us. From the algorithms that simulate climate and weather to those that enable medical imaging, advances in computational mathematics sit at the heart of modern technologies that define our world today. This talk will illustrate some of the big ideas in computational mathematics, including some of Associate Professor Stuart Hawkins' favourite innovations.

We'll then look at the techniques behind Professor Hawkins' own research on simulating sound and light waves in complex materials and in the atmosphere. Together, these examples reveal how computational mathematics makes it possible to model the invisible forces that shape our world.

This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.

[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](#)

UOW Open Day 2026, Wollongong

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: University of Wollongong, Wollongong Campus

Date: June 27, 2026

The University of Wollongong (UOW) Open Day is the perfect opportunity to visit our amazing Wollongong campus, speak with our staff and students, and see why UOW is ranked as one of the best



universities for student experience.

Whether you are looking at your next steps after Year 12, or you finished school some time ago and are looking for a pathway into university, Open Day is for you.

UOW Open Day also caters to graduates who are considering further study, offering one-on-one consultations with postgraduate course experts. Whatever your education or career goals, our staff are able to answer your questions.

[Find out more](#)

Future Events

UOW Early Admission Webinar – Ace Your Application

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Online

Date: June 29, 2026

UOW Early Admission is our early offer program for students completing Year 12 (Higher School Certificate or other Australian equivalents) or the International Baccalaureate Diploma during 2026. This webinar is your chance to ask any questions and find out how to get an offer to UOW before you sit your first exam.

Here's what we'll cover in the webinar:

- Key Dates
- Application process
- Answering the four short questions
- Scholarships
- Offers

[Find out more](#)

UOW Future Talk for Parents – Early Entry

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Online

Date: June 29, 2026

Year 12 can be a stressful time for students and for the parents and carers supporting them. With big post-school decisions ahead, these sessions are designed to provide clarity, reassurance and practical advice to help you navigate the year with confidence.

Across the program, you'll gain insights into:

- Supporting students through the HSC and common challenges
- Understanding UOW degrees, pathways and study options
- How AI and emerging technologies are shaping degrees, careers and the future workforce
- Navigating university applications, Early Admission and UAC
- Financial planning for university, including scholarships, budgeting and accommodation
- Accessing UOW support services for a smooth transition to university
- Connecting with other parents and carers in a supportive environment

You'll also receive regular emails with practical tips, resources and expert advice to help you and your young person feel informed, prepared and supported throughout Year 12 and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

Where to Now? Careers Workshop, Springwood

Organisation: Inspiring the Future

Location: YES Youth Employment Services Springwood

Date: June 29, 2026

Join us at YES Youth Employment Services in Windsor for a free, interactive session focused on exploring your career options and working out what your next steps could be and what supports are available for



you.

This session will help you:

- Learn how your interests and what you're good at could link to a future career
- Explore different directions you could head in based on your interests
- What supports are available to you

We'll use simple, interactive activities (using your phone) along with group discussions in a relaxed and supportive space.

Whether you're not sure what's next or you're ready to start making moves, come along, get some practical tips, and connect with others who are figuring things out too.

[Find out more](#)

Debating Holiday Camps for Year 5-12 Students

Organisation: Speakers' Corner Australia

Location: Chatswood Library & Online

Date: June 29 to July 17, 2026

This camp will be focused entirely on comprehensive debating techniques and knowledge.

For Year 5-6: Focus on public speaking and debating skills, enhancing communication and expression.

For Year 7-8 and Year 9+: Intensive debating sessions to further develop skills. Involving seminars, theory, practice debates, preparation, debating exercises and all-encompassing feedback.

[Find out more](#)

Where to Now? Careers Workshop, Windsor

Organisation: Inspiring the Future

Location: YES Youth Employment Services Windsor

Date: June 30, 2026

Join us at YES Youth Employment Services in Windsor for a free, interactive session focused on exploring your career options and working out what your next steps could be and what supports are available for you.

This session will help you:

- Learn how your interests and what you're good at could link to a future career
- Explore different directions you could head in based on your interests
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We'll use simple, interactive activities (using your phone) along with group discussions in a relaxed and supportive space.

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[Find out more](#)

Notre Dame Early Offer Information Session, Sydney

Organisation: University of Notre Dame Australia

Location: University of Notre Dame, Broadway Campus

Date: June 30, 2026

Join us at our Broadway campus to 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.

If you're a Year 12 student, this program could be just what you need to secure a place at a university that values your growth as a person, not just your academic achievements.

- Gain recognition for community service, extracurricular activities and other non-academic achievements.



- Feel secure and confident in what next year brings as you work towards your final exams.
- Apply for Notre Dame scholarships valued at \$20,000 based upon merit or opportunity.

[Find out more](#)

Food Handling Training for Young People

Organisation: Indigo Shire Council Youth Services

Location: Soldiers Memorial Hall

Date: July 1, 2026

Join this short course in hygienic practices for food safety (SITXFSA005) and open the door to great work and volunteering opportunities.

[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](#)

NYSF STEM Hub for Year 10-12 Students, Sydney

Organisation: National Youth Science Forum

Location: Sydney

Date: July 7 to July 9, 2026

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 and curious about where STEM could take you? Join us for an immersive, non-residential experience that connects you with real study options and career pathways in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

As part of the STEM Hub experience, you can:

- participate in tours of science and technology facilities,
- learn about cutting-edge research,
- engage with industry partners and research providers,
- learn about university, training and STEM career pathways,
- mix with other like-minded students from all over Australia, and
- attend social events.

The NYSF Sydney STEM Hub will include visits to leading institutions and organisations including UNSW Sydney, ADF Careers, University of Technology Sydney, Atlassian, Macquarie Uni and more.

This exclusive NYSF experience includes behind-the-scenes access, direct engagement with experts, morning tea and a \$10 lunch voucher to use on campus.

The fee covers all programmed visits and activities, as well as daily program transport. Transport to and from Sydney and accommodation requirements are the responsibility of the attendee. STEM Hubs are non-residential.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Future Creators' Day for Year 10-11 Students

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: University of New South Wales, Paddington Campus

Date: July 7, 2026

Future Creators' Day is a hands-on experience for Year 10 and 11 students passionate about creativity, design, and visual storytelling. Hosted by UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture, this event is the perfect opportunity to explore future study and career paths in the creative industries.

Join us on campus for a day of immersive workshops led by expert academics and industry professionals.

Get a taste of our newly offered Game Art specialisation, along with workshops in Animation, Painting, Textiles & Fashion Design, Object Design, and Graphic Design. Whether you're interested in digital art, interactive storytelling, or traditional design disciplines, this event is designed to help you develop your skills and discover your creative potential.

Connect with like-minded students, experience university life, and gain insights into studying at UNSW.

Future Creators' Day is your chance to turn your creative passion into a future career.

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU Strathfield: Early Childhood, Primary and TAS Secondary Education

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

Date: July 7, 2026

Are you passionate about making an impact in the lives of young people? Do you want to inspire the next



generation through teaching? At ACU, you'll learn how to turn your passion for education into purpose:

shaping minds, inspiring curiosity and helping students to thrive.

Join us for Discover Early Childhood, Primary and TAS Secondary Education, an engaging event designed for students in Years 10 – 12 who want to explore a rewarding teaching career. Take part in hands-on workshop, meet our education experts, and find out what it's really like to study teaching at ACU.

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU Strathfield: Exercise and Sports Science and Biomedical Science

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

Date: July 7, 2026

Are you fascinated by how the human body works, moves and performs? Or curious about the science that helps diagnose disease and improve health?

Come and experience what it's like to study exercise and sports science or biomedical science at ACU. Step inside our specialist biomechanics and human performance laboratory, where you'll see how cutting-edge technology is used to analyse movement, measure force, track motion and understand the science behind athletic performance. You'll also explore how biomedical science students investigate the building blocks of life through biology, chemistry and anatomy, preparing for careers in medical science, research, pathology and health innovation.

Plus, you'll meet our expert academics and hear from current students about where a degree in these fields can take you – from elite sport to research, rehabilitation, medical science and beyond.

Open to Year 10 – 12 students, this free event is your chance to explore two exciting science-based study areas at ACU.

[Find out more](#)

Year 7-8 Explore ENG! at the University of Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus

Date: July 7, 2026

Curious about how engineering can change the world—and how you can be part of it? If you're a female and/or female identifying student in Years 7–8 with a passion for problem-solving and making a difference, join us at the Engineering and Technology Precinct for a day of discovery.

Participate in each of the following hands-on activities that will outline a key aspect of engineering:

- Project Management Under Pressure: Work in teams to test your creativity and problem-solving
- Building Resilient Infrastructure: An engineering team challenge
- Bouncy Balls: Chemical engineering in action

Our Women in Engineering session will be the highlight of the day and your opportunity to speak to young females who are working and studying in the field.

Explore how engineers work together to tackle real-world challenges—from designing new technologies to improving lives through innovation. Through hands-on activities, you'll practice teamwork, communication, and collaboration.

Whether you're planning a career in engineering, computer science, or project management, or you're simply curious about what engineering is all about, this event is your chance to connect, create, and be inspired.

[Find out more](#)

Business Camp in Sydney for Ages 7-15

Organisation: The ASE Group

Location: Shafston College Sydney Campus



Date: July 8 to July 10, 2026

In just 72 hours, your child will experience the highs, lows, love and pressure that make up the ever

changing world of business. They will meet the most amazing friends and mentors, along the way starting a business or social change movement.

Business Camp is for anyone aged 7 to 15 with a passion for innovation. We'll split the students into 2 x groups based on age during the camp.

In addition to the 3 full days, your child will also get:

- A super cool "I started a business this week. What did you do?" Business Camp Tee
- An exclusive invitation to our Young Entrepreneurs Community
- Complimentary access to Space, our online platform with course content, videos and mentoring
- Pizza Party on Day 3 of the Business Camp

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Designer for a Day Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: July 9, 2026

Curious about what it might be like to work as an Interior Designer? We have developed the perfect one day workshop for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to find out more.

You'll get hands on in our studios experimenting with colour and materials. Find out what it takes to become a professional Interior Designer and understand what an average day looks like on the job!

We've included a 3D modelling activity to give you an opportunity to create an interior space.

[Find out more](#)

HSC Workshop: Business Studies

Organisation: Inner West Council Libraries

Location: Ashfield Library

Date: July 9, 2026

This HSC Business Studies workshop will provide you with the knowledge and skills to achieve your best in your HSC assessment tasks & exams.

This Workshop will cover:

- Detailed analysis of vital course content, delivered by one of the most qualified and experienced HSC markers in NSW.
- HSC marker insights on how to approach various questions found in the exam.
- A chance to view, and practice, possible exam questions (and be provided with exemplary responses to each question).
- Tips and strategies on how to approach more difficult questions.

Students are encouraged to bring their own lunch, water bottle and snacks, as well as a charged device or note-taking supplies.

[Find out more](#)

Public Speaking: The Leader's Voice Masterclass

Organisation: Dymocks Tutoring

Location: Dymocks Tutoring Parramatta

Date: July 10, 2026

This masterclass equips students with the skills to present their ideas with unshakeable conviction.

Over three hours, students develop delivery frameworks, vocal technique, and the ability to think clearly under pressure, skills that directly support selective school interviews, scholarship panels, and classroom performance.



[Find out more](#)

National Fashion College Styling Workshop for Ages 16+ in Sydney

Organisation: National Fashion College

Location: National Fashion College, Sydney Campus

Date: July 11, 2026

You're officially invited to our exclusive Styling Workshop, taking place at our vibrant Sydney campus - home to creativity, innovation, and the next generation of fashion talent.

In just one day, gain hands-on experience as you learn the foundations of professional styling from an industry-recognised expert. You'll assist on not one, but two photo shoots with a renowned fashion photographer - offering you a rare, behind-the-scenes glimpse into the fast-paced world of fashion. This is your first step towards a career in styling.

Gain insight from the sharp editorial eye of Emma Read - former Fashion Editor at RUSSH, Grazia, ELLE Australia, and L'Officiel, and most recently Fashion Editor-at-Large at Order Magazine. With a global perspective and creative direction behind brands like Hermès, Tiffany & Co., L'Oréal, Westfield and more, Emma brings a rare depth of industry experience. Her multi-disciplinary approach to styling and brand consulting makes this a truly unmissable opportunity.

This experience is recommended for guests aged 16 and older.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Dance Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Performing Arts Centre, Alexandria

Date: July 13, 2026

The Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites dancers to experience a dynamic day on campus. Register, bring your friends, and get ready to move.

Throughout the day, you'll take part in a variety of classes led by AMPA's inspiring faculty, offering a glimpse into what it's like to study dance full-time in a professional training environment.

You'll also have the opportunity to attend a Q&A session with the Head of Dance, designed to give aspiring dancers, choreographers, and future educators valuable insight into tertiary study and the pathways it can open. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with our welcoming student community and expert faculty, while experiencing first-hand what it means to be part of AMPA's Bachelor and Associate of Dance programs.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Classical Performance & Composition Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

Date: July 13, 2026

The Academy of Music and Performing Arts is ready to welcome budding performers and composers to our music campus for our Classical Music and Composition Experience Day.

Spend a day on campus at AMPA to learn what studying Classical Music or Composition is like at a tertiary level and to find out how you can benefit from AMPA's elite training as part of our Bachelor or Associate Degree in Music (Performance).

At Experience Day, once you have been given a guided tour of our practice studios and performance spaces, you will have your choice of Classical Music or Composition workshops to attend, the chance to observe Classical Performance Classes, and enjoy relaxed Q&A sessions with our faculty and admissions department, while also connecting with our student body to gain real perspectives on student life at AMPA.



[Find out more](#)

UNSW Portfolio Entry Information Session, Sydney

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: University of New South Wales, Paddington Campus

Date: July 14, 2026

Submit a portfolio of your best work to showcase your talent and you could receive an early conditional offer to study in Term 1 2027.

At UNSW, we know you're more than just a number. That's why we've created the UNSW Portfolio Entry Early Conditional Offer Scheme—a pathway to university that recognises your unique talents and ambitions.

Join us for an exclusive info session tailored for students applying to degrees within the Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture for Term 1 2027. Hear directly from UNSW academics on how to craft a standout portfolio that highlights your strengths.

Why choose this scheme?

- Early Conditional Offers: Get an offer with a reduced ATAR requirement—up to 10 points below the standard selection rank for your chosen degree.
- Showcase your talent: Stand out by highlighting your unique skills, potential, and passion.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Music Theatre Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

Date: July 15, 2026

Calling all triple threats! While you're waiting for your big break, AMPA is excited to invite passionate performers and theatre makers to our Music Theatre Experience Day.

This is your chance to find out what studying Music Theatre at a pre-professional level looks like, learn what the Music Theatre industry is looking for and to experience the training it takes to become a true triple threat performer within our Bachelor or Associate Degree of Music (Performance).

At Experience Day, you will receive a tour of our music campus and our dedicated performance space, the Tom Mann Theatre, followed by the chance to watch our Music Theatre Performance Class and attend a Music Theatre Workshop as our students prepare their end of trimester showcase. You are also invited to partake in Q&As with our faculty of Music Theatre professionals, our admissions team for information about auditions, and our student body for their perspective on life at AMPA.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Portfolio Entry Information Session, Online

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: July 15, 2026

At UNSW, we know you're more than just a number. That's why we've created the UNSW Portfolio Entry Early Conditional Offer Scheme—a pathway to university that recognises your unique talents and ambitions.

Hear directly from UNSW academics and students about crafting a compelling portfolio for degrees within the Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture and the Faculty of Engineering in 2026. We'll guide you through what to include, how to apply, and tips to help you succeed. Plus, you'll have the chance to ask questions and get clarity on anything you're unsure about.

Why choose this scheme?

- Early Conditional Offers: Get an offer with a reduced ATAR requirement—up to 10 points below



- the standard selection rank for your chosen degree.
- Showcase your talent: Stand out by highlighting your unique skills, potential, and passion.

[Find out more](#)

Specialist Beginner Debating Camp for Year 3-12 Students

Organisation: Speakers' Corner Australia

Location: Chatswood Library and Online

Date: July 15 to July 17, 2026

No experience required! This fun and supportive environment is the perfect start for any curious young mind looking to develop public speaking and critical thinking skills and make friends.

This camp will be focused on learning the fundamentals of debating and public speaking in an intensive short course! This three day course will help you polish your skills and create confidence in yourself, your voice and most importantly your ideas!

The camp will be split into age appropriate classes.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Nursing at UTS

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: University of Technology Sydney, City Campus

Date: July 16, 2026

Thinking about a career in nursing? Join us for an evening dedicated to exploring what it's really like to study nursing at UTS and pursue a career as a Registered Nurse.

You'll have the opportunity to:

- Discover where a nursing degree can take you
- Meet UTS academics
- Chat with current nursing students
- Tour our state-of-the-art clinical labs
- Learn about the Bachelor of Nursing at UTS
- Ask questions about student life and study

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Contemporary Music & Music Production Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

Date: July 16, 2026

Get ready to rock out at AMPA with our Contemporary Music and Music Production Experience Day – whether you're a jazz cat, metalhead or DJ in the making, Experience Day will give you the info you need if you're considering the path of a musician.

Our Bachelor or Associate Degree of Music (Performance) could be the next step in your journey and our Experience Day will be your chance to learn what studying music at a tertiary level looks like and how it can benefit your career.

After a tour of our music studios, recording/editing suites and performance space, you'll get the chance to watch our students in action during Contemporary Performance Class, followed by your choice of either a Performance or Production workshop, with time to have casual Q&As with our industry staff, admissions team and student body about anything from networking and training, auditions or campus life.

[Find out more](#)

UNE Farming Futures: 2026 Careers Fair



Organisation: University of New England

Location: University of New England, Armidale Campus

Date: July 16, 2026

The Farming Futures Careers Fair is Australia's largest university-run agricultural careers fair for students and graduates. It provides a platform for meaningful conversations between students and industry professionals, helping to spark connections that lead to real career opportunities. By fostering these

networks, Farming Futures supports students in launching careers across agribusiness, ag-tech, and agricultural industries dedicated to advancing the sector.

Each year, the Careers Fair showcases a diverse range of employers, from leading agribusiness corporations to innovative organisations. For students, it's a chance to explore future pathways, build professional networks, and develop skills for life beyond university.

The event is free for UNE students, secondary students and teachers, TAFE students, and the public, making it a high-impact showcase for both industry and future professionals.

To express interest or book a booth, please contact UNE's Careers Fair Coordinators.

[Find out more](#)

Animal Careers Day at RSPCA NSW Sydney

Organisation: RSPCA New South Wales

Location: RSPCA NSW Adoption and Education Centre, Yagoona

Date: July 16, 2026

Are you a teenager interested in a career working with animals? Our Animal Career Day is the perfect opportunity for you to learn about the different career options available in the animal industry.

Our program offers a unique opportunity to meet and interact with RSPCA NSW professionals including an Inspector, Animal Attendant, Animal Trainer, Veterinarian and Vet Nurse. You'll have the chance to learn about their work, ask questions, and gain valuable insights into what it takes to succeed in these fields.

In addition to the workshops and activities, you'll also have the chance to network with other teens who share your passion for animals. Our program is designed to be fun, informative, and inspiring, and we're confident that you'll leave with a greater understanding of the animal industry and the career opportunities available to you.

[Find out more](#)

Procrastination & ADHD – Webinar for Year 10-12 Students and Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: July 16, 2026

This webinar is for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 with ADHD (and the parents trying to help). We'll cover why ADHD brains procrastinate, what actually helps, and the skills that often work even when nothing else does.

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](#)

Experience Music@Western – Performance Day for Year 12 Students, Parents & Teachers

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Western Sydney University, Kingswood Campus

Date: July 17, 2026



Interested in studying Music@Western? Keen on performing, production, composition or teaching? Current Year 12 students who are interested in studying the Bachelor of Music in 2027 can take part in performance, production and career workshops, a tour of our music precinct, and live performances from our current students, and lunch is on us!

There is also an option for attendees to book an interview for an early offer for 2027 entry.

Parents and teachers welcome.

[Find out more](#)

Experience Design@Western – Portfolio Day for Year 12 Students, Parents & Teachers

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

Date: July 17, 2026

Mark your calendars! Join us for early entry interviews for the Bachelor of Design 2027, plus studio tours, talks and hands-on workshops for students interested in Graphic design, branding, digital storytelling, UX/UI, photography and motion design

This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 12 students, parents, and teachers to:

- Participate in course entry interviews for early entry offers (September) into the Design program
- Hear from recent graduates
- Meet Design tutors and lecturers
- Check out our facilities
- Take part in hands-on workshops

[Find out more](#)

ACU Guarantee Early Offer and Pathways Webinar (NSW/ACT/QLD)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: July 22, 2026

Learn about ACU's entry and pathway options, including the ACU Guarantee early offer program, key dates and how to apply. Plus, hear from current students about their journeys.

This webinar is for NSW, ACT and Queensland Year 12 students and their parents.

[Find out more](#)

Clean Energy: Why It Matters and What Comes Next – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: July 23, 2026

Clean energy systems such as solar, wind, and biomass are often presented as the answer to climate change. While they aim to reduce pollution, they must also deliver reliable and affordable energy for everyday life, powering homes, transport, and industry without disruption. If clean energy is so promising, why haven't we fully switched to it yet? The answer lies in the practical challenges of performance, safety, and scale that must be solved before new energy technologies can replace the systems we rely on today.

In this talk, Associate Professor Fatemeh Salehi explores how engineering helps address these challenges, turning clean energy ideas into real-world solutions. This talk explains how understanding what affects performance, and identifying safety issues early, can make clean energy systems work at large scale. Through this lens, she provides insight into how research supports the transition from promising concepts to energy solutions that can meet future needs.

This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.

[Find out more](#)



UOW Open Day 2026, Liverpool

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: University of Wollongong, Liverpool Campus

Date: July 25, 2026

Chat with course experts, find your dream degree, and get a taste of uni right in the heart of Liverpool. There will be plenty of opportunities to get all your questions answered and ensure you're making a confident decision about your studies in 2027.

Whether you are looking at your next steps after Year 12, or you finished school some time ago and are looking for a pathway into university, Open Day is for you.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Blacktown

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Blacktown Campus

Date: July 25, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

UTAS Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: University of Tasmania

Location: University of Tasmania, Rozelle Campus

Date: July 26, 2026

Going to university is an exciting time. Understanding what to expect and how to navigate this new environment can help you make the most of your experience.

You will have the opportunity to explore our campus, discuss your study options, and discover how studying at the University of Tasmania could be the perfect fit for you.

[Find out more](#)

Parramatta & Hills District Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Wenty Leagues

Date: July 28, 2026

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts.

The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – Uni Life and Making the Most of Your Time at Uni

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: July 28, 2026



University is not all about study! Western has over 130 different clubs and societies you can join to make friends and meet like-minded people. Join our webinar to learn about university life at Western, including clubs and societies, overseas study opportunities, Jobs on Campus, and more.

[Find out more](#)

Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session

Organisation: Australian Federal Police

Location: Online

Date: July 28, 2026

Gain insights into the role of a protective service officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

[Find out more](#)

Notre Dame Information Night, Liverpool

Organisation: University of Notre Dame Australia

Location: All Saints Catholic College

Date: July 28, 2026

Join us at the Parent and Student Information Session at our Liverpool Student Support Centre to explore how the University of Notre Dame Australia can support your journey into higher education.

You'll hear about Notre Dame's Early Offer program, scholarships and fees, alternate entry pathways, student experience and a faculty overview of new programs.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: July 29, 2026

At the University of Sydney, we offer over \$135 million worth of scholarships every year. We're dedicated to supporting you throughout your time at university and offer a variety of scholarships for domestic undergraduate students. To make the process easier and more accessible, we've created a centralised form where you can be considered for a scholarship through one simple application. Additionally, some of our scholarships require no application at all! In this webinar you will learn about the scholarships we offer, find out about your eligibility, get tips on writing a strong scholarship application and have your questions answered by our team.

[Find out more](#)

Meet Melbourne Albury

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Atura Albury

Date: July 29, 2026

Our Future Students team are visiting Albury to meet with prospective undergraduate students like you to discuss your study options and the exciting campus life that awaits you at Melbourne.

- Discover your study path and career options through the Melbourne curriculum
- Hear from current students who made the move to Melbourne
- Learn about your special entry and scholarship eligibility through Access Melbourne
- Find out about accommodation options and the vibrant community opportunities
- Ask us any questions you may have.

[Find out more](#)



ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained with ADHD – Webinar for Year 12 Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions with ADHD, which can impact these processes.

We'll cover:

- The ATAR - explained
- What the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) is and who qualifies
- How to apply for EAS and what you will need
- Other bonus points (adjustment factors) on offer
- Important dates and deadlines
- University preference strategies that work
- Early entry options and their benefits

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](#)

Architecture and the Built Environment at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Join us to find out how Sydney can be your first step towards building a career in architecture and built environment.

[Find out more](#)

Applying to the University of Melbourne through VTAC – Online Session for Future Students

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Planning on applying to the University of Melbourne, but a little unsure of the steps involved through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)? Join us to discover everything you need to know about VTAC and answer all your application questions.

You'll be guided through the process by our Future Students team and a VTAC representative, so you can apply for your preferred Melbourne undergraduate course in 2026 with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

AFTRS Open Day 2026

Organisation: Australian Film Television and Radio School

Location: Australian Film Television and Radio School

Date: August 8, 2026

Discover your place in screen and audio storytelling at AFTRS, Australia's national screen and audio school. Join us at our purpose-built campus to explore everything you need to know about studying at AFTRS.

Open Day is designed to give you clear, practical answers as you plan your next steps. Find out more about the application process, scholarships, and career outcomes, and gain insight into where an AFTRS qualification can take you.

On the day, you will be able to explore our campus and experience our facilities firsthand, from industry-



standard studios and the tech store to the prop room and Australia's premier audio and screen library. You can also connect with current students and alumni, and speak with our staff for guidance on preparing a strong application.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Wagga Wagga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or

are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Future Talk for Parents – Financial Considerations, Scholarships, Accommodation, Wellbeing & Support Services

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Online

Date: August 10, 2026

Year 12 can be a stressful time for students and for the parents and carers supporting them. With big post-school decisions ahead, these sessions are designed to provide clarity, reassurance and practical advice to help you navigate the year with confidence.

Across the program, you'll gain insights into:

- Supporting students through the HSC and common challenges
- Understanding UOW degrees, pathways and study options
- How AI and emerging technologies are shaping degrees, careers and the future workforce
- Navigating university applications, Early Admission and UAC
- Financial planning for university, including scholarships, budgeting and accommodation
- Accessing UOW support services for a smooth transition to university
- Connecting with other parents and carers in a supportive environment

You'll also receive regular emails with practical tips, resources and expert advice to help you and your young person feel informed, prepared and supported throughout Year 12 and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

Why Study Business at the University of Sydney? Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 12, 2026

Discover how our commerce degree prepares you for the future of work and a wide range of career opportunities. You will learn about the range of study areas (or majors) available – such as marketing, finance, or innovation and entrepreneurship - and the many ways in which you can combine your interests, with over 100 study areas to select from our shared pools of majors and minors.



Find out more about internships, industry-focused experiences, and global mobility opportunities on offer to our Bachelor of Commerce students.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie University Open Day 2026

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Open Day is your opportunity to discover everything a Macquarie University education can offer you. We get to share with you why we're the #1 university in Sydney for teaching quality, as well as showcase our future-focused degrees, cutting-edge facilities, collaborative spaces for learning and leisure, and our

stunning green campus.

Come along and find out firsthand how we can help you achieve your career – and your life – aspirations.

What you can do on Open Day:

- Attend info sessions
- Speak 1:1 with our academics
- Learn about our scholarships, adjustment factors, pathways, and RPL (recognition of prior learning) if you've studied before
- Chat to current students
- Join campus and faculty tours
- Engage in faculty-led workshops
- Alumni are welcome back to be a part of Alumni Reunion Day
- Participate in hands-on activities
- Enjoy entertainment and giveaways

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Open Day 2026, Newcastle

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Callaghan & City Campuses

Date: August 15, 2026

Open Day is packed with everything you need to know about going to the University of Newcastle. Participate in degree presentations, info sessions and tours of the campus.

Enjoy a hands-on experience with our program activations, and ask our student ambassadors questions about uni life.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP University College, Sydney Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Ready to turn your passion into a purpose-driven career? ACAP Open Day is your opportunity to discover how our practical, people-focused courses can help you make a real difference – in your community and your life.

Join us on campus this August and experience what makes ACAP different. Whether you're considering counselling, psychology, social work, criminology, law or business, you'll get a firsthand look at the learning, support, and outcomes that set our students up for success.

From expert-led masterclasses and career panels to course advice and campus tours, Open Day is designed to give you the insight and inspiration to take the next step.



[Find out more](#)

SAE Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Sydney Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Whether you're still exploring your study options or you're ready to apply, SAE Open Day is the perfect place to get inspired, get informed, and get hands-on with your creative future.

Join us on campus this August to tour our studios, meet your future mentors, and experience what it's like to study at SAE – the University College built for creators and tech innovators.

Explore your study and career pathways across animation, audio, design, film, games, music, VFX and more. Connect with current students, industry-experienced lecturers, and alumni who've turned their ideas into careers.

[Find out more](#)

ADFA Open Day 2026

Organisation: Australian Defence Force Academy

Location: ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

Date: August 15, 2026

ADFA Open Day is run each year in August. Join us online or in person to:

- Explore world-class UNSW degrees, with information sessions about Business, Arts, Science, Engineering, Computing and Cyber Security.
- Learn about military training, studying and life on campus from current ADFA Trainee Officers.
- Watch a variety of exciting displays, take a virtual tour, and much more

[Find out more](#)

SCU Open Day 2026, Northern Rivers

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Southern Cross University, Lismore Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Open Day at Southern Cross University is a perfect opportunity to discover which courses spark your interest and the campus or study mode that works best for you.

Our friendly study specialists will be on hand to step you through the process of applying for your dream course and answer any questions you have about studying with us.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
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[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Strathfield

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – Scholarships

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: August 18, 2026

If you're applying to study at university in 2027, you will also want to apply for Scholarships! This webinar will go through the different types of Scholarships available, as well as the application process, and give you tips for writing your Personal Statement.

[Find out more](#)

Newcastle & Hunter Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: TBA Newcastle

Date: August 18, 2026

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts.

The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

[Find out more](#)



Why the Honey Bee is Smarter than ChatGPT – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: August 18, 2026

How smart is the honey bee really? This lecture considers the biological marvel that is the honey bee brain, and the bee mind it supports.

Bees' brains incorporate rapid feedback on their actions, and can quickly learn different types of art, recognise abstract concepts and learn to navigate for kilometres around their hives. Professor Andrew Barron argues the honey bee is significantly smarter than ChatGPT and surpasses the best that contemporary AI has to offer. He will discuss what lessons AI and robotics developers could learn from consideration of the humble bee.

This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.

[Find out more](#)

Quantum Future Talent: From Curiosity to Career

Organisation: Sydney Quantum Academy

Location: The Concourse Chatswood

Date: August 18, 2026

Quantum is shaping the future of technology – from computing to cybersecurity – and it's opening new career pathways across a range of industries.

At Quantum Future Talent: From Curiosity to Career, you'll hear directly from people working in the industry and gain a clear understanding of what quantum is, why it matters, and how you could be part of this exciting and rapidly growing field.

This accessible introduction to quantum includes:

- Talks from industry professionals sharing their career journeys and insights
- An overview of study options and pathways into the field
- Opportunities to connect with universities (Macquarie, UNSW Sydney, University of Sydney and UTS)
- Interactive demonstrations and displays
- Time to ask questions and seek honest advice.

Whether you're considering subject selection options, exploring study pathways, or planning for future careers, this event offers practical insight into emerging opportunities in quantum.

Open to students in Years 8–12, as well as parents, teachers, and career advisors.

[Find out more](#)

Explore Geosciences at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 19, 2026

Explore geosciences, from Earth to oceans, and discover how these fields address climate, energy and sustainability challenges.

[Find out more](#)

Le Cordon Bleu Sydney Open Day 2026

Organisation: Le Cordon Bleu Australia

Location: Le Cordon Bleu, Sydney Campus

Date: August 22, 2026

Now is your chance to discover how Le Cordon Bleu Australia can help kickstart your career in cuisine, pâtisserie, hotel management, restaurant management or business.



Marvel at our chef lecturers who will host cooking demonstrations in cuisine and pâtisserie and see first-hand why our culinary courses are elite.

There will also be information seminars which will provide you with a Le Cordon Bleu overview, as well as our program content and structure. Plus, you'll get to chat with our sales representatives and discover how our Industry Engagement team assists you with your learning, every step of the way.

[Find out more](#)

Collarts Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Collarts, Sydney Campus

Date: August 22, 2026

At Collarts, our Open Day is all about making this process simple and hands-on. Information sessions, workshops and the chance to chat with students, teachers and leaders are an important part of learning more about what sets us apart from the rest.

We invite you to come and experience life at Collarts: from our passion for creativity, close community, industry-level facilities, expert faculty, and more.

From guided tours to live demonstrations, here are some of the activities you can catch at the next Collarts Open Day:

- **Guided tours:** Experience our campuses firsthand with guided tours led by our enthusiastic Student Ambassadors.
- **Info hubs:** Our info hubs provide convenient drop-in spaces where you can have direct conversations with Program Leaders, Academics, and students about your desired course.
- **Demonstrations:** Demonstrations are your chance to see our course content come to life. They allow you to be actively involved in projects and see our cutting-edge equipment in action, so you can get a firsthand preview of what studying at Collarts is really like.
- **Displays:** Our campus displays are positioned throughout different areas of our campuses, offering a showcase of our community's achievements and journeys.

If you have specific accessibility needs or require additional assistance, please contact Collarts in advance, and they will do their best to assist you.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Bathurst

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

CQU Education Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUUniversity



Location: Online

Date: August 24, 2026

With [courses](#) available across early childhood, primary and secondary teaching, our friendly education academics will explain what it's really like to study at CQU. You'll learn about our strong local networks, the [support services](#) that help you succeed, and how CQU prepares you for a rewarding career in the classroom.

[Find out more](#)

South Western Sydney & Macarthur Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

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Future Choices Expo for Young People with Disability, Central Coast

Organisation: Career Links

Location: Mingara Recreational Club

Date: August 27, 2026

Transitioning from school to adult life can bring unique challenges – and exciting new opportunities – for young people living with disability. The Future Choices Expos are here to help make that journey easier.

As the only events of their kind in the region, the expos bring together over 120 exhibitors, including:

- Employment services
- Employers
- Education and training providers
- Disability service organisations
- Government agencies

These expos are designed to connect school leavers with the support, information, and opportunities they need to make confident decisions about their future. Whether you're a student, parent, carer, or educator, the Future Choices Expo is your opportunity to discover the pathways, programs, and services that can make a real difference.

[Find out more](#)

Say Yes to the Trades Expo

Organisation: Superior Training Centre

Location: Entertainment Park, Bankstown Aerodrome

Date: August 27, 2026

Say Yes to the Trades Expo is a trade-focused event designed for high school students who are curious about hands-on careers and the opportunities available in Australia's growing trade industries. The event brings together training providers, employers, and industry professionals to give students a practical introduction to careers in trades such as electrical, air conditioning and refrigeration, and metal fabrication.

Students attending the event can explore different career pathways, speak directly with employers and



industry representatives, and gain a better understanding of what it's like to work in a skilled trade. Exhibitors will showcase tools, equipment, and technologies used in the industry, helping students see how these careers operate in the real world.

In addition to learning about training and employment opportunities, attendees will also be able to enjoy the entertainment facilities at the venue, making the day both informative and fun. The event is designed to inspire students, answer questions about entering the trades, and help them take their first steps toward a practical and rewarding career.

If you're considering a future in the trades or simply want to explore your options, Say Yes to the Trades is the perfect place to start.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney West Careers & Employment Expo 2026

Organisation: Kym Jones Exhibitions

Location: Sydney Showground

Date: August 28 to August 29, 2025

The Sydney West Careers & Employment Expo will be at the Sydney Showground - Hall 4. The Expo will

showcase over 80 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses, and workers seeking new opportunities.

The Expo is packed with free advice, where you can:

- Talk with over 80 training organisations and employers
- Gain free career advice
- Discover jobs of the future
- Talk with leading organisations about training and apprenticeships
- Experience the free career seminars
- Learn how to write a winning resume

If you're looking for a job, career change, or course, or you're a school student looking for a career path, you can't afford to miss the Expo.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Open Day 2026, Central Coast

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Ourimbah & Gosford Campuses

Date: August 29, 2026

Open Day is packed with everything you need to know about going to the University of Newcastle.

Participate in degree presentations, info sessions and tours of the campus.

Enjoy a hands-on experience with our program activations, and ask our student ambassadors questions about uni life.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Join us at the University of Sydney Open Day. Experience our vibrant student life on campus, hear from academics and current students and discover what makes us different.

[Find out more](#)

UTS Open Day 2026



Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: University of Technology Sydney, City Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Discover UTS. What you can expect at Open Day:

- Ask questions about admissions, pathways and study options
- Attend course information sessions
- Speak with academics and current students
- Explore labs and learning spaces
- Learn about scholarships, accommodation and support services
- Join guided campus and facility tours
- Discover clubs, societies and student communities

[Find out more](#)

Notre Dame Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: University of Notre Dame Australia

Location: University of Notre Dame, Sydney Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Notre Dame's Open Day is your chance to explore what university life is all about! You'll discover study options, career pathways and our student support services. Plus, you'll experience an exciting program filled with activities for future students.

Whether you're in Year 10, 11 or 12, or a graduate thinking about postgrad study, our Open Day is open to everyone – including pathways and international students, who can chat with our dedicated team.

Learn about scholarships and financial assistance to make your journey affordable.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Orange

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Orange Campus

Date: August 30, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more](#)

Avondale Lake Macquarie Open Day 2026

Organisation: Avondale University

Location: Avondale University, Lake Macquarie Campus

Date: August 30, 2026

Find out why Avondale University is ranks #1 in NSW for overall experience, learner engagement, student support, skills development and teaching quality

What to expect:

- Imagine being a student at Avondale University with interactive campus tours of our state of the art facilities and onsite accommodation



- Chat to current students about community, social life, sport and clubs
- Learn all about our courses and how to apply from our awesome staff who are here to help you reach your dreams
- Live entertainment, giveaways and of course free food!

[Find out more](#)

Sutherland Shire Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Tradies Gynea

Date: September 1, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

Avondale Sydney Nursing Open Day 2026

Organisation: Avondale University

Location: Avondale University, Sydney Campus

Date: September 2, 2026

Find out why our Nursing degree is ranked #1 in Australia for overall experience by Good Universities Guide in 2026 and why we are the #1 University for graduate employment.

What to expect:

- Experience interactive campus tours of our state of the art facilities
- Chat to current students about community, social life, sport and clubs
- Learn all about our courses and how to apply from our awesome staff who are here to help you reach your dreams
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Study Biomedical Engineering at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Discover how biomedical engineers improve lives by designing technologies and explore how to make a real-world difference.

[Find out more](#)

Rural Health Pathways Showcase for High School Students, Teachers & Parents

Organisation: Rural Doctors Network

Location: ICC Darling Harbour

Date: September 3, 2026

High school students, careers advisers, teachers and parents are invited to RDN's Rural Health Pathways Showcase. Learn about study pathways and careers in medicine, nursing, midwifery, allied health, Aboriginal health and administration.

Attendees will have a chance to:

- Speak with representatives from universities, vocational education and training providers, peak



bodies and health employers about study pathways and career opportunities

- Connect one-on-one with and be inspired by health students, recent graduates and health professionals about their education and career journeys
- Participate in hands-on activities offering an immersive "day-in-the-life" perspective of various health careers

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, North Sydney

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

Date: September 5, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: University of New South Wales, Kensington Campus

Date: September 5, 2026

Open Day is an opportunity for future students, family, alumni and community members to explore everything a university has to offer, so they can make an informed decision about their future.

Whether you're starting uni soon, considering postgraduate studies or just curious, UNSW Open Day is a chance to discover UNSW and find out everything the University has to offer. At UNSW Open Day, we'll help you find your unique path to uni, and you'll discover the progress you could make as one of Australia's most employable graduates.

There will be more than 200 sessions available to help you explore your study options, tour our buzzing campuses, enjoy the free food – you'll get expert advice and have fun while you're at it.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Year 12 HSC Revision Webinars

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: September 7 to September 10, 2026

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone.

Join our free online webinars from 7 - 10 September 2026. They are live, expert-led sessions designed to help you walk into your exams feeling prepared.

Can't attend live? Register anyway – recordings are available to registered attendees for one week after each webinar.

[Find out more](#)

Western Sydney Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre

Date: September 8, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

Exploring Oral Health at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 9, 2026

Discover the University of Sydney's Bachelor of Oral Health and the rewarding careers it leads to. Learn about course structure, entry pathways, and professional outcomes. Explore a first-in-Australia initiative supporting Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students to pursue careers in oral health.

[Find out more](#)

Prepare for the Future of Work with Sydney's Bachelor of Arts – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 16, 2026

Discover how the Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney can set you up for success. Learn how this flexible degree equips you with the critical thinking, creativity and communication skills needed to thrive in a rapidly changing workforce. Explore your interests, build in-demand capabilities, and prepare for a future full of opportunities in arts and social sciences.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Open Day

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: September 19, 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](#)

Coding With Care: The Power of Compassion in the Classroom – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: September 22, 2026

When people think about programming, compassion is not one of the first words that comes to mind. Yet for Lecturer Charanya Ramakrishnan, it has become the most powerful tool in her teaching practices. Charanya will share how she has integrated care and empathy into introductory computing units, a space often defined by logic and precision rather than human connection. By embedding a deeper level of care and empathy into her practice, Charanya creates classrooms where students feel supported, valued, and confident to take risks.

This talk will explore how small, intentional changes can significantly impact not only student success but also the establishment of a culture of trust and belonging within classrooms.

This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.

[Find out more](#)



Discover Sport & Exercise at UTS

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: University of Technology Sydney, Moore Park Campus

Date: September 22, 2026

Join us for an exclusive evening at the UTS Moore Park campus and discover where a degree in sport and exercise can take you.

Hear from leading academics and current students, explore exciting study pathways and career opportunities, and experience the cutting-edge facilities shaping the next generation of sport professionals.

Whether you're interested in performance, health, or the science behind sport, this is your chance to see what's possible. Places are limited, so secure your spot early.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

SCU Vice Chancellor's Regional Leadership

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: New South Wales, Queensland

Value: AU\$50,000

Close Date: December 18, 2026

[Find out more](#)

The NickIreland.com Scholarship for Aspiring Creatives

Organisation: Nick Ireland Studio

Location: Australia

Value: AU\$3,500

Close Date: December 1, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Seán Ó Faoláin International Short Story Competition

Organisation: Munster Literature Centre

Location: All

Value: Up to €2,000

Close Date: July 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)

The Nakata Brophy Prize for Young Indigenous Writers (Poetry)

Organisation: Overland Literary Magazine

Location: Australia

Value: Up to AU\$5,000

Close Date: July 17, 2026

[Find out more](#)

ACU Imagine If I Could Be Competition for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria



Value: AU\$1,000

Close Date: July 24, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Alice Sinclair Memorial Writing Competition

Organisation: Fellowship of Australian Writers NSW Inc.

Location: Australia

Value: Up to AU\$300

Close Date: July 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Not Quite Write Prize for Flash Fiction

Organisation: Not Quite Write Podcast

Location: All

Value: Share of AU\$4,000 in prizes

Close Date: July 26, 2026

[Find out more](#)

PECAN+ Capture The Flag Cyber Security Competition for Years 10-12

Organisation: Australian Signals Directorate, Edith Cowan University, University of Wollongong

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

Experiences

University of Sydney Gadalung Residential Program

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: New South Wales

Date: September 28, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

Jobs & Careers

What working hours look like across different careers

When most people picture a working day, they imagine the same thing: wake up, head to the office, finish at five, go home. But that's just one version of how work can look. Across different industries and careers, people work in all kinds of patterns, some of which might surprise you. Understanding those patterns early gives you a broader picture of what working life can actually be like.

The standard 9-5

The 9-5 is probably the most familiar work schedule. It usually means working roughly eight hours a day, five days a week, with weekends off. Office-based jobs in fields like finance, marketing, and administration often follow this pattern.

The predictability of this schedule is one of its defining features. Meals, social plans, and personal



commitments tend to fall into a regular rhythm. Outside of work hours, time is generally your own. That said, not every 9-5 role is strictly nine to five. Some office-based jobs involve earlier starts, later finishes, or occasional weekend work depending on the industry or employer.

Shift work

Shift work means your working hours rotate or fall outside the standard daytime window. Instead of a fixed start and finish time, shifts can run in the morning, afternoon, or overnight, and the days you work may change week to week.

Jobs in healthcare, hospitality, retail, and emergency services often rely on shift workers because these industries need people available at all hours. A nurse might work a night shift one week and an early morning shift the next. A chef might work through dinner service and finish well after midnight. This kind of schedule can take some adjustment, particularly when it comes to sleep patterns and making plans with people who work more traditional hours. Over time, many shift workers find routines that work for them.

FIFO

FIFO stands for Fly-In Fly-Out, it refers to work arrangements where employees travel to a remote location for a set period, work intensively, and then return home for a rostered break.

A common example is mining. A worker might fly out to a remote site, work 12-hour days for two weeks straight, and then have two weeks off at home. Some workers find the extended time off one of the most appealing parts of this arrangement.

The trade-off is that the work periods can be demanding, and being away from home for weeks at a time affects relationships, routines, and personal life. It's a lifestyle that suits some people well and doesn't suit others at all.

Part-time and casual work

Part-time work involves fewer hours than a full-time role, often with a consistent schedule. Casual work is more flexible, where shifts are offered as needed and hours can vary significantly week to week.

Both arrangements are common in retail, food service, and customer-facing industries. These roles often work alongside other commitments like study or family responsibilities.

The flexibility can be a genuine advantage, but casual work in particular can mean less predictability around income and hours.

Freelance and self-employed work

Freelancers and self-employed workers set their own schedules rather than working set hours for a single employer. Designers, photographers, tradespeople, and consultants often work this way.

The appeal is flexibility and independence. The reality is that it also requires a lot of self-discipline.

Without a manager setting deadlines or a roster determining your hours, the responsibility for managing time and finding work sits entirely with you. Income can also be inconsistent, particularly when starting out.

The compressed work week

A compressed work week means fitting full-time hours into fewer days. A common version is four 10-hour days instead of five eight-hour days, giving an extra day off each week.

This arrangement is less widespread but exists in industries like technology, professional services, and some healthcare settings. The longer daily hours can be tiring, but for many people the additional day off each week is worth it.

There's more to work than the standard week



The 9-5 is just one way to work, and for a lot of careers, it's not even the most common one. Different industries run on different schedules, and the way people structure their working lives varies enormously.

Knowing that these patterns exist, and understanding roughly what they involve, is a useful starting point for thinking about the kinds of careers and lifestyles that might appeal to you down the track. If you want to explore different careers and what they actually involve, check out our [jobs and careers section](#).

3 interesting careers in the alpaca industry

If someone asked you to picture a farming career, you'd probably think of cattle, sheep, maybe some wheat fields. Alpacas? Probably not. But the alpaca industry is a legitimate, growing commercial sector, and it has a surprisingly broad range of careers hiding in plain sight.

A bigger industry than you'd think

Australia has more than 350,000 alpacas and is the second largest alpaca producer in the world. Farms supply commercial markets with fibre, meat, and stud genetics, and also place animals as pets and herd guardians. Alpaca fleece sits alongside cashmere and merino as one of the world's premium natural fibres, and right now, international demand outstrips what local producers can actually supply. There's also an environmental angle worth knowing about. Alpacas have soft padded feet instead of hooves, which causes far less damage to fragile soils, and they produce less methane than sheep or cattle. As global consumers pay more attention to where their products come from, that sustainability story is becoming a genuine industry asset.

Fibre Classer

After shearing, someone needs to assess what's actually been produced. That's where a Fibre Classer comes in. They examine each fleece for characteristics like micron (how fine the fibre is), colour, length, and brightness, then sort similar fleeces into bales ready for processing or sale.

In Australia, Classers complete a dedicated training course in alpaca wool classing and apply a registered ID to every bale they assess. It's essentially a quality guarantee that ties each bale back to the person who signed off on it. It's a role that sits at the intersection of agriculture and quality control, and one that directly shapes the value of what a farm produces.

Camelid Veterinarian

A Camelid Veterinarian is a vet who specialises in animals like alpacas and llamas. They handle medical care and treatment, support producers with herd health decisions, and help keep animals productive and well. Because alpacas are physiologically different from most livestock, the role calls for specific knowledge that goes beyond a general vet degree.

It's a niche within an already skilled profession, but that's also part of the appeal. As the industry grows, so does the need for vets who actually know their way around a camelid.

Alpaca Stud Breeder

A Stud Breeder's job is to improve a herd's genetic quality over time. They select animals for breeding based on traits like fleece fineness, body conformation, reproductive performance, and fibre density, with the goal of producing offspring that consistently meet high standards. It's a role driven by data and patience in equal measure.

Many stud operations also handle animal sales, fleece production, and export, so there's a real business management dimension to it too. It's less "working the land" and more running a specialised operation with a long-term vision.

More accessible than it looks



You don't need to grow up on a farm to find a place in this industry. Fibre Classers complete a dedicated training course. Camelid Vets build on a veterinary degree with specialised experience over time. Stud Breeders often start small, gradually building a herd while deepening their knowledge of genetics and animal husbandry. Work experience on an alpaca farm is also a practical starting point for any of these paths, and it's something you could look into while you're still at school.

If you're curious about careers in agriculture and primary industries, take a look at what else is out there on our [Jobs & Careers](#) page.

Subject Selection

Where the performing arts can take you

Performing arts is a broad field. Depending on your school, it might mean drama, music, dance, or any number of other disciplines that fall under the creative arts umbrella. What connects them is that each asks you to develop a deep understanding of your craft, communicate with an audience, and collaborate with others under real pressure. Those experiences build a set of skills that carry well beyond the stage, the studio, or the rehearsal room.

The skills you build studying performing arts

Communication and expression

Performing arts teaches you to communicate with intention. Whether you're delivering dialogue, interpreting a musical score, or conveying emotion through movement, you're constantly working on how to make ideas land with an audience. That ability to express yourself clearly and compellingly is one

of the most transferable things the subject develops.

Collaboration

Almost nothing in performing arts happens alone. Productions, ensembles, and choreographed works all require people to listen, adapt, and contribute to something larger than themselves. Working through creative disagreement, supporting others in their roles, and committing to a shared outcome are skills that translate directly into team-based work environments.

Discipline and resilience

Mastering a performance skill takes consistent, focused effort over a long period of time. Performing arts students learn how to practise deliberately, handle constructive criticism, and keep working through difficulty. Performing in front of an audience, particularly when things don't go to plan, builds a kind of composure that's genuinely difficult to develop elsewhere.

Creative problem solving

Interpreting a script, arranging a piece of music, or developing a movement sequence all involve making creative decisions within constraints. Performing arts teaches you to think flexibly, generate ideas, and find solutions that aren't always obvious from the outset.

Performing arts in a changing world

Across many industries, the skills that performing arts develops are becoming more recognised as genuinely valuable in professional settings. Employers are increasingly looking for people who can communicate with clarity and confidence, work effectively in teams, think on their feet, and adapt when circumstances change. These are qualities that performing arts builds in a concrete, practiced way, not just in theory.

As workplaces become more collaborative and communication-heavy, people who have trained in a



performance discipline often find that what they developed in rehearsal rooms and on stage has real currency in a wide range of roles. The connection between artistic training and professional capability is better understood now than it once was, and that's reflected in the breadth of careers that performing arts graduates move into.

Careers directly related to performing arts

Performance and production

The most immediate pathway from performing arts leads into the industry itself. Actors, Musicians, and Dancers work across theatre, film, television, live events, and independent productions. These careers are competitive and often involve building a portfolio of work over time, but they remain the clearest expression of what the subject is about.

Behind the performance, there's an equally broad range of production roles. Stage Managers coordinate the technical and logistical elements of live productions. Sound Designers, Lighting Technicians, and Set Designers shape the environment in which performance takes place. Choreographers and Musical Directors lead the creative process for others. These roles often require a combination of artistic understanding and technical skill, and many are accessible through vocational pathways as well as university study.

Education and community arts

Performing arts teachers work in schools across all year levels, helping students develop creative skills and confidence. This pathway typically requires a university teaching qualification with a specialisation in creative arts or music education.

Beyond formal education, community arts practitioners work in a wide range of settings, running

programs in hospitals, correctional facilities, aged care, youth services, and community centres. These roles use performance and creative practice as tools for engagement, expression, and wellbeing. They often sit within the community services or arts administration sectors and can be entered through a variety of study pathways.

Careers where performing arts gives you an edge

Media and communications

The performing arts develop exactly the skills that media and communications roles demand. Journalists, presenters, and broadcasters rely on the ability to communicate clearly under pressure and connect with an audience quickly. Public relations and corporate communications roles similarly require people who can craft a message, read a room, and adapt their delivery to different contexts.

Content creation is another area where performing arts experience is a genuine asset. Whether it's presenting, scriptwriting, directing, or producing, people with a background in performance tend to understand instinctively how to make content engaging.

Business and events

Event Managers and Production Coordinators draw heavily on the organisational, collaborative, and problem-solving skills that performing arts builds. Managing a live event involves coordinating multiple moving parts, communicating clearly across different teams, and staying composed when things shift unexpectedly, all things that performing arts practitioners are well practised in.

Arts administrators and cultural program managers work within organisations that fund, promote, or deliver arts and cultural activities. These roles sit at the intersection of creative understanding and business management, and they're well suited to people who want to stay connected to the arts world without necessarily being on stage.



Where could it take you?

Performing arts develops communication, collaboration, discipline, and creative thinking in a way that few other subjects do. Whether you're drawn to performance itself, to the production side of the industry, to teaching and community work, or to a career in media or events, the skills built through this subject are broadly applicable and genuinely valued.

If you're passionate about your discipline and enjoy working with others toward a shared creative outcome, performing arts could be a strong foundation for a wide range of futures.

Trying to figure out which subjects are right for you? [Explore our subject selection resources here.](#)

People with Disability

Busting myths about hiring people with disability

There's a lot of outdated thinking floating around when it comes to hiring people with disability. Some of it gets passed on in hushed conversations. Some of it just sits quietly in the back of people's minds, shaping decisions without anyone really questioning it. But myths can do real damage. They keep talented people out of jobs they'd be brilliant at, and they stop employers from building the diverse, capable teams that actually perform better.

If you're a young person living with disability and wondering whether the working world has a place for you, the answer is a resounding yes. Let's look at the evidence.

Myth 1: People with disability can't do "real" work

This one has been around a long time, and it's completely false. Lots of people get in to jobs via different routes, which is sometimes what people living with a disability have to do. In reality they probably have to work harder to get into the same position as someone without a disability, meaning their resolve and

effort is more significant. Research backs this up. A survey by DuPont found that [employees with disability rated average or better safety \(97%\), attendance \(86%\), and performance of job duties \(90%\).](#)

In 2023, [Accenture reported](#) that companies that actively employ and support people with disability achieve 1.6 times more revenue, 2.6 times the net income, and twice the economic profit compared to businesses that do not.

These are not just feel-good statistics. That's business data.

Myth 2: Workplace adjustments are expensive

Employers often imagine that hiring someone with disability means expensive building works, specialist equipment, or complex new systems. In reality, most adjustments are surprisingly simple and cheap. According to the [Job Accommodation Network \(2025\)](#), 61% of accommodations like modifying an employee's work schedule or changing a company policy cost absolutely nothing. 33% of businesses reported one-time expenses such as providing an employee with screen-reading software, or installing an automatic door opener, which on average cost US\$300. Only 6% of businesses said accommodations for an employee(s) had ongoing costs with things like providing a sign language interpreter during meetings, with a median annual cost of US\$2,400.

Small investments like these could lead to improved productivity, and therefore morale across an entire team, not just for the person who needed the change.

Myth 3: People with disability are unreliable

This myth is often tied to assumptions about sick days or commitment. But again, the data says something quite different. A [Job Access report \(2023\)](#) reported that employees with disability may be less likely to leave a company than non-disabled workers, are more likely to arrive on time, and [less likely to take sick days.](#)



Reliability, loyalty, and dedication are qualities that any employer would value. And employers who look past this myth find those qualities in abundance.

Myth 4: It's hard to find qualified candidates with disability

Some employers assume that there simply aren't enough skilled candidates with disability to choose from. This isn't accurate either, it's more that the gap between supply and demand has been created by the barriers in the hiring process itself, not by a lack of talent. In the [UK in 2023, there were 9.8 million people of working age with disability, that's 23% of the total working-age population. Yet people with disability made up only 17% of the total UK workforce.](#)

Here in Australia in 2019, [youth unemployment was at 11.6%, it was more than double - 25%, for young people with a disability.](#) And [graduates with disability take 61.5% longer to gain full-time employment than other graduates](#)

That's a significant talent pool that's being under-utilised. Often, the issue is inaccessible job applications or unconscious bias in the hiring process, rather than the candidates themselves being under qualified.

Myth 5: Disability is always visible

When many people picture disability, they imagine a wheelchair. But disability comes in countless forms, many of which aren't visible at all. Chronic pain conditions, mental health conditions, autism, hearing loss, dyslexia, epilepsy, diabetes, are just a few examples of the [recognised disabilities in Australia](#) and other countries around the world. The biggest barrier for people with disability is often not the disability itself, but stigma and myths associated with them.

Understanding disability more broadly helps break down that stigma. When you stop expecting disability to "look" a certain way, you start seeing people and their capabilities more clearly.

Myth 6: Hiring people with disability is legally complicated

Some employers shy away from hiring people with disability because they worry about getting something wrong legally. In reality, the law is designed to support both employees and employers. In Australia, the [Disability Discrimination Act](#) requires employers to make "reasonable adjustments" and the word reasonable carries real weight. Employers are not expected to do the impossible or the unaffordable. [Fair Work](#) is also a great place to research what other support is available. [Employment New Zealand](#) explains what employers can and cannot do, as well as what support is available. Support schemes also exist to help. The UK government's [Access to Work programme](#), for example, can provide funding for equipment, travel, and support workers, meaning much of the cost doesn't fall to the employer at all. Here in Australia [Job Access](#) is the best place to go for funding and other support.

The bigger picture

In the UK there were [5.6 million disabled people in employment in the UK in 2024](#). Which was an increase of 360,000 on the year before. The disability employment rate was 53.1%, compared to 81.6% for non-disabled people. Here in Australia out of 4.4 million people living with disability, the [labour force participation rate is 53.4%](#) (compared with 38.2% in New Zealand) which has remained similar to figures in 2003 and 2018. Unfortunately many people with disabilities still face additional barriers such as underemployment, with fewer full-time and contracted opportunities available.

The good news? Myths can be busted, bias can be unlearned, and attitudes are already shifting with more employers than ever saying their workplaces were more prepared to hire someone with disability.

What this means for you

That's a lot of statistics to take in, but if you're a young person living with disability, this matters. The working world needs what you have to offer, from your problem-solving skills and resilience, to your unique perspective. Many people with disability develop extraordinary adaptability simply through



navigating a world that wasn't always designed with them in mind. Those skills translate directly into the workplace.

You deserve a career that excites and challenges you, so don't let someone else's misconceptions become your ceiling. Explore your options, know your rights, and remember that the evidence is firmly on your side.

For more resources and inspiration head to our [resources for people with disability page](#) for more ideas to help you plan your next steps with confidence.

Study Tips

How to study through the year vs how to study for exams

Most students only open their textbooks when an exam is around the corner. That's understandable, but it means a lot of the learning that happens throughout the year doesn't really stick, and exam prep ends up being far harder than it needs to be. The good news is that studying through the year doesn't have to be intense, and it doesn't look the same as sitting down to cram before a test.

These two types of studying serve different purposes, and once you understand how they differ, both become a lot more manageable.

Studying through the year is about building understanding

When there's no exam on the horizon, the goal of studying isn't to memorise everything you've covered. It's to keep the material fresh and make sure you actually understand it before more content gets added on top.

For most students, this just means revisiting what was covered in class. Going back over your notes a day or two after a lesson, rewriting key ideas in your own words, or talking through a concept with a friend can all make a real difference to how well the information settles. None of that needs to take long.

The reason this matters is that most subjects are cumulative. New content builds on what came before, so if earlier concepts aren't solid, the later ones are harder to grasp. Regular, low-effort review helps prevent that backlog from building up.

If you want to go further, things like working through extra practice problems, doing your own reading around a topic, or testing yourself on what you've learned are all useful habits. But even just keeping on top of class content puts you in a better position than most.

Studying for an exam requires a different approach

Exam preparation is more focused and more deliberate. Where regular study is about keeping knowledge fresh, exam study is about making sure you can retrieve and apply that knowledge under pressure, in the specific format the exam uses.

This means your approach needs to shift. Rather than generally reviewing content, exam study involves identifying what's actually being assessed, practising the kinds of questions or tasks that are likely to come up, and working on any gaps before the exam date.

Past papers and practice questions are especially useful here because they replicate the conditions you'll face. Timed practice in particular helps you get comfortable working within exam constraints, and it shows you where your understanding is solid and where it needs more work.

It's also worth being strategic about where you spend your time. Not all content carries equal weight, so knowing which topics are most likely to be tested means you can focus your preparation where it counts most.

Why doing both makes exam time easier

If you've been reviewing your work consistently through the year, exam preparation shifts from learning material from scratch to sharpening what you already know. That's a much less stressful place to be in the weeks before a test.

You'll still need to do focused revision specific to the exam, but the bulk of the learning has already



happened. The time you put in throughout the year means the content isn't new to you, so exam prep can focus on consolidation and targeted practice rather than starting from zero.

The two approaches aren't separate things that compete for your time. Regular study throughout the year is what makes exam study more effective when it counts.

Getting the most out of both

The key difference comes down to purpose. Ongoing study is about understanding and retention. Exam study is about performance and preparation for a specific task.

Keeping that distinction in mind helps you approach each one more intentionally. When you're studying through the year, you don't need to treat every session like you're preparing for a test. And when exam time comes, you can focus on targeted preparation rather than trying to cover everything at once.

If you're looking for specific techniques to make your study sessions more effective, we've got plenty of resources to help over on our [study tips page](#).

University and Vocational Education

Student placements at university – Everything you need to know

If you're thinking about further study, there's a chance you might need to complete a placement as part of your course. But what exactly is a student placement? Why do so many courses require one? And, importantly, are you paid for it? We'll cover all that and more right here.

What is a student placement?

Student placements are a practical component of many courses. You go out into a real workplace and gain the experience you need for your future career. They go by a few different names, including:

- Work integrated learning
- Vocational placements
- Industry placements
- Practicums

In most cases, placements are a mandatory part of a course, meaning you need to complete one before you can graduate, just like any other subject.

What are student placements for?

Placements give you the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge you've built in the classroom in a real work environment. They're typically required in courses where hands-on experience is a regulatory or professional necessity before you can be considered qualified in your field.

They're also a genuinely useful way to test whether a particular career actually suits you before you're fully committed to it.

Which courses involve student placements?

You're most likely to encounter a mandatory placement in more hands-on courses. Common areas include:

- Medicine, dentistry, nursing & midwifery
- Allied health
- Social & community work
- Teaching & education
- Engineering
- Veterinary studies
- Law
- Many vocational courses

This list isn't exhaustive, and whether a placement is mandatory comes down to the specific course and



institution. Optional placements, like internships or work experience, are more common in areas such as business and arts.

Are student placements mandatory?

In most cases, yes. Certain qualifications require you to complete a set number of hours in a professional setting before you can graduate. How long a placement runs depends on your course and its professional requirements. It could be a few weeks, a full semester, or sometimes longer. Your course handbook should include all the details, including timing and expected hours.

Do you get paid to do a student placement?

In most cases, no. But the rules vary depending on where you're studying.

In Australia, student placements can be lawfully unpaid under the Fair Work Act, provided they meet a set of conditions. These include that there's a formal arrangement in place, the placement is a required part of your course, there's no employment contract between you and the host organisation, and your institution is approved to deliver the course. You can read the full criteria on the [Fair Work Ombudsman's website](#).

Some employers choose to pay students on placement, though this isn't the norm. If you're studying teaching, nursing, midwifery, or social work, you may be eligible for the Commonwealth Prac Payment, a government payment introduced in July 2025 to help domestic students cover costs during mandatory placements. In 2026, the rate is \$338.60 per week. It's means-tested, so not everyone will qualify. Check with your institution or visit the [Department of Education's website](#) for current eligibility details.

In New Zealand, mandatory placements that are part of a course are typically unpaid.

In the UK, students on placements required by their course are generally not entitled to pay, as long as the placement is under a year in length.

In the US, practicums and placements are typically unpaid provided the student receives academic credit as part of their course.

Rules in each region are subject to change, so it's always worth checking with your institution or the relevant authority in your area.

What placements add to your career

A placement isn't just a box to tick before graduation. It's often one of the most career-relevant things you'll do during your studies.

Because you're working in a real environment, you build a type of experience that classroom learning can't fully replicate. You start to understand how your industry actually operates, how decisions get made, and what professionals in your field deal with day to day. That context makes you more prepared and more confident when you eventually enter the workforce.

Placements also give you the chance to build a professional network before you've even graduated.

Many students stay in contact with supervisors and colleagues from their placement, and some go on to find paid work with the same organisation after completing their degree. At minimum, you come away with a referee who can speak to your practical abilities.

From a resume perspective, placement experience tells employers something that academic results alone can't: that you've already functioned in a professional setting and handled real responsibilities.

What's the difference between a placement, an internship, and work experience?

Student placement is a term typically used for mandatory, course-required practical experience.

Internships and work experience, on the other hand, are usually optional or voluntary, and are often done outside of regular class time, such as during holidays.

In practice, the distinction isn't always rigid. What you'll be doing in any of these settings can vary a lot depending on the organisation and the role. Some placements involve substantial hands-on responsibility while others are more observational, and the same is true for internships.



What if something goes wrong?

Before your placement begins, make sure you understand what's expected of you, who your supervisor is, and what to do if you have concerns. Your institution should have a point of contact you can reach if issues come up during the placement.

If you feel unsafe, are being asked to do something unreasonable, or your experience doesn't match what was arranged, raise it with your institution as soon as possible. They have a responsibility to support you throughout the placement, not just organise it.

How do I organise a student placement?

Your institution is generally the first place to go. They can connect you with approved organisations, guide you through required paperwork, and support you through the process. If you want to source a placement externally, research the organisation carefully and make sure the arrangement meets your course requirements before committing.

Find out more

We have plenty of other articles covering study, work experience, and career planning on our [Study](#) and [Work](#) pages.

Banking and Budgeting

The 5 best ways to build a savings habit before you need one

Saving money is one of those habits that tends to feel less urgent until it suddenly becomes necessary. Building it early, before any real financial pressure kicks in, makes it significantly easier to maintain over time.

You don't need a large income or a complicated system to get started. The approaches below are practical at any income level, and useful whether you're just picking up your first few shifts or already trying to be more deliberate with your money.

Why it's worth starting early

Having savings set aside gives you options. It means unexpected expenses are easier to deal with, and

you're less likely to find yourself in a difficult position when something comes up that you weren't planning for.

There's also value in the habit itself. Like most habits, saving regularly gets easier the longer you do it. Building that routine while your financial responsibilities are still relatively small means it's already established by the time rent, bills, and bigger expenses become part of everyday life.

1. Try the 50/30/20 rule as a starting point

The 50/30/20 rule is one of the most commonly referenced budgeting frameworks around, and it's popular largely because it's simple. The idea is to divide your income into three categories: 50% toward needs, 30% toward wants, and 20% toward savings.

Needs are essentials like transport, food, and your phone plan. Wants are things you enjoy but could go without, like eating out or buying something new. The savings portion is what you put aside before other spending decisions come into play.

You don't need to follow the percentages exactly, and your situation may not always line up with them perfectly. Used as a rough guide rather than a strict rule, it gives you a useful structure for thinking about where your money goes, rather than just spending until it runs out.

2. Give your savings a purpose

Saving toward something specific tends to be easier to maintain than saving with no particular goal in mind. Without a clear reason to hold back, spending is usually the easier option.



The goal doesn't have to be large. It could be a car, a trip, a course, or simply a buffer so you're not

caught short waiting for payday. When there's something concrete to work toward, putting money aside starts to feel like progress rather than a restriction, and that makes it easier to stay consistent over time.

3. Keep your savings separate

One of the simplest things you can do is keep your savings in a different account from your everyday spending money. When everything sits in the same account, it's easy to lose track of what was intended to be set aside and what's actually available to spend.

A separate account creates a clear boundary between the two. You can see what you have to spend without needing to mentally subtract anything, and the money you've set aside is less likely to get gradually absorbed into day-to-day expenses.

4. Start smaller than you think you need to

There's a common assumption that saving is only worth doing once you're earning enough to put away a meaningful amount. In practice, the size of the contribution matters less at this stage than the consistency of making one.

Starting with whatever feels manageable and building from there is a more sustainable approach than waiting until income is higher. Once putting money aside feels like a normal part of getting paid, increasing the amount is a straightforward next step.

5. Automate it where you can

Saving manually every pay period means making the same decision over and over again, and there will be weeks where it's easier to skip. Setting up an automatic transfer on payday removes that decision entirely.

A set amount moves into your savings account before you've had a chance to factor it into your spending, and you simply adjust to what's left. It's a small thing to set up, but it makes saving consistent without needing to rely on motivation or memory each time you get paid.

Getting started

These approaches don't all need to be adopted at once. Picking one that feels relevant and sticking with it for a few weeks is a reasonable place to start, and building from there over time is easier than trying to overhaul everything in one go.

For more on managing your money, [check out our other articles on budgeting and finances.](#)

Job Spotlights

How to become a Materials Recycler

Materials Recyclers sort and process recyclable materials like paper, plastic, glass, and metal at recycling facilities, keeping valuable resources out of landfill and back in circulation. They operate machinery, assess material quality, and keep processing lines running efficiently.

If you're hands-on, environmentally conscious, and want a practical career where the impact of your work is visible every day, this could be a good fit.

What skills do I need as a Materials Recycler?

- Physically fit & active
- Keen eye for detail
- Environmentally conscious
- Machinery operation ability
- Reliable & punctual
- Works well in a team



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- Safety focused
- Follows processes accurately

What do Materials Recyclers do?

Before a shift begins, you check in on the day's processing targets, review any safety requirements, and make sure your equipment is in working order. Materials arrive at the facility in large volumes, and having a clear picture of what's coming through and what condition it's in helps you work efficiently and safely from the start.

During your shift, you sort and process incoming materials, operating machinery like conveyor systems, balers, and compactors. You monitor material quality as it moves through the line, identifying contamination and separating out anything that can't be processed. Accuracy matters here because poorly sorted material can compromise an entire batch. You also maintain records of volumes processed and flag any equipment issues as they arise.

Periodically, you'll carry out basic maintenance checks on machinery, participate in safety training, and contribute to audits of processing output. Some Materials Recyclers develop expertise in particular material streams, such as e-waste, construction materials, or organics, which can open up more specialised roles within the facility or across the broader waste management industry.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Materials Recyclers work at recycling facilities, materials recovery facilities, and waste processing plants. These are typically operated by local councils, private waste management companies, or specialist recycling businesses. The work is facility-based, which means you're generally working in one location rather than travelling between sites.

Shifts are structured and often follow a roster pattern, which can include early mornings, late afternoons, or rotating shifts depending on the facility and its operating hours. This kind of schedule suits people who prefer knowing exactly when they're working, though it does mean some flexibility around evenings and weekends may be required.

The work is physically demanding. You'll be on your feet for most of your shift, working in a busy industrial environment that can be noisy and dusty. Personal protective equipment is standard, and following safety procedures is a non-negotiable part of the job. Salaries are average, with opportunities to earn more as you take on additional responsibilities or move into supervisory roles. The outlook for the industry is positive, with growing focus on waste reduction and the circular economy driving steady demand for skilled workers in this space.

How to become a Materials Recycler

- **Finish school and look for entry-level roles:** Many people enter this field directly after school. Entry-level positions at recycling facilities or waste management companies often provide on-the-job training, so prior experience isn't always required. A willingness to learn, a responsible attitude, and physical fitness are what employers are most likely to look for.
- **Complete a Certificate III in Waste Management:** While not always mandatory, a Certificate III in Waste Management gives you a recognised qualification in the field and can make you a stronger candidate for roles with more responsibility. It covers practical skills like waste sorting, equipment operation, and environmental compliance, and can often be completed while you're working.
- **Build your practical skills on the job:** The most important learning in this role happens on the floor. As you gain experience operating different machinery, managing material streams, and understanding quality standards, you become more valuable to your employer and better positioned for advancement.
- **Pursue further training as you progress:** With experience, you could move into a leading hand or supervisor role, which may involve additional training in team leadership, safety management, or



facility operations. Some workers also pursue qualifications in environmental management or logistics as their careers develop.

From here, progression could take you into supervisory or plant management roles, or across into related areas like waste education, environmental compliance, or resource recovery consulting. The waste management industry is growing, and people who build genuine expertise on the ground are well placed to move into more senior positions over time.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as a Materials Recycler, here are some practical steps:

- Look into your school's vocational education options, as subjects or programs related to sustainability, construction, or environmental studies can give you a useful foundation and signal genuine interest to future employers
- Contact local recycling centres or waste management facilities to ask about work experience or volunteer opportunities, as getting time on the floor is the best way to understand what the work actually involves
- Pay attention to how recycling and waste systems work in your own community, including what can and can't be recycled and why, as this kind of knowledge is directly relevant to the role

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