



CAREERS NEWSLETTER 27 JULY, 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.



To contact Ms. Hall please email chall@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au or call 9414 4733.

Events

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

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](#)

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.

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[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](#)

UNSW Undergraduate Info Session

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: July 29, 2026

Whether you are looking to upskill, change careers, or take your first steps into higher education, the Future Students Support team are here to help you navigate your journey.

Everyone's path to university is unique. This event offers personalised, one-on-one support tailored to your background and goals. Each session is a short 20-minute consultation conducted via video or phone call, making it easy to get the answers you need from the comfort of home.

Select the category that best matches your needs, choose your preferred time and contact method, and let's get you started!

[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](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Port Macquarie

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Port Macquarie Campus

Date: August 2, 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](#)

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

JCU Exploring the World of Veterinary Science Webinar

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: Online

Date: August 4, 2026

Thinking about a future in Veterinary Science? Discover how you can transform your love for animals into a rewarding and impactful career.

This free webinar, hosted by JCU's College of Science and Engineering, is essential viewing for anyone considering the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours).

What you'll learn:

- How the course is structured and what makes studying Veterinary Science at JCU unique
- Placement opportunities and the specialist skills you'll gain in tropical and rural veterinary practice
- Real-world learning at JCU's Veterinary and Emergency Centre and Hospital, and Fletcherview Research Station
- Hear directly from academics and current Veterinary Science student about their experiences and advice
- Career pathways in veterinary clinics and hospitals, biosecurity and quarantine, research, pharmaceuticals, and wildlife conservation
- The application process, key dates, and expert tips to help you submit a strong application

[Find out more](#)

National Fashion College Open Day, Sydney

Organisation: National Fashion College



Location: National Fashion College, Sydney Campus

Date: August 5, 2026

Unlock a world of limitless possibilities at National Fashion College, where your fashion journey begins at our iconic Sydney Campus!

Step into a realm of unmatched creativity and immerse yourself in the forefront of fashion innovation. Our pioneering courses, dynamic internship opportunities, and exclusive access to the buzz of Australian, New York, and London Fashion Weeks will propel you into the heart of the global fashion scene. Get ready to be inspired, challenged, and transformed - we can't wait to welcome you!

If these times don't suit you, you can always [book in for a private appointment or tour instead](#).

[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](#)

STEM + X: Careers in Agriculture – Webinar for Students, Teachers & Parents

Organisation: Careers with STEM

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Careers in agriculture go far beyond the farm, spanning areas like biotechnology, environmental management, data science, policy, agribusiness, and global development. People with skills in these fields are now in high demand to help grow sustainable, nutritious and resilient food systems that improve the health of communities and the environment.

Join us for a free STEM + X career webinar, supported by The University of Queensland to hear from agriculture science students, graduates and lecturers who making an impact.

[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](#)

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.

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SCU National Marine Science Centre Open Day

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Southern Cross University Coffs Harbour Campus, National Marine Science Centre

Date: August 9, 2026

Join us on Sunday 9 August at Southern Cross University's [National Marine Science Centre \(NMSC\)](#) and experience what it's like to study at Southern Cross.

Explore how a degree in Marine Science opens the door to exciting careers in Australia and overseas. Take a guided tour of our facilities, including cutting-edge laboratories and the aquarium. Get up close with incredible marine species, meet our dedicated staff and current students, and learn more about the real-world experience you'll gain during your studies.

[Book your spot](#) today and check in on the day for your chance to [win a MacBook Neo*!](#)

Located on the shores of the Solitary Islands Marine Park – where tropical and temperate currents converge – the NMSC offers a truly unique environment for hands-on learning, research and discovery.

[Find out more](#)

SCU Open Day 2026, Coffs Harbour

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour Campus

Date: August 9, 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.

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FUTURE EVENTS

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](#)

Central Coast Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Mingara Recreation Club

Date: August 11, 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.

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[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](#)

Future Choices Expo for Young People with Disability, Hunter

Organisation: Career Links



Location: TBC

Date: August 13, 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](#)

Conservation Science Careers Webinar

Organisation: Bush Heritage Australia

Location: Online

Date: August 14, 2026

All interested secondary school students and university undergraduates are invited to join Bush Heritage Australia's online event on the eve of National Science Week 2026 - Conservation Science Careers.

This virtual event offers the opportunity for students to connect with, learn from and be inspired by field professionals in conservation science.

Individual students are welcome to register, along with course managers or subject teachers who would like to bring a class or group together to join the event.

[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](#)

AIM August Open Day, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Sydney Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Discover where your creativity can take you at the Australian Institute of Music's Sydney August Open Day.

Immerse yourself in our vibrant campus community, explore our studios and performance spaces, and see firsthand how AIM supports the growth of future artists and industry leaders.

Throughout the day, you'll have plenty of opportunities to meet our academics, hear from current



students and alumni, and join interactive workshops covering our variety of courses. You'll walk away with a strong understanding of our courses, the career paths they lead to, and how AIM's hands-on approach gives students real industry experience from day one. Whether you're exploring your options or set on making your start in music, Sydney Open Day is your chance to discover how AIM can turn your passion into a lifelong career.

[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

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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

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[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](#)

The Coolest Careers in Finance You've Never Heard Of Panel Event

Organisation: INCO Academy

Location: Canva Space, Surry Hills & Online

Date: August 19, 2026

INCO Academy is hosting a free hybrid careers event for young people who think finance is all spreadsheets and suits, and are ready to be proven wrong. It brings together professionals whose careers span everything from shaping city skylines and funding the green transition to building start-ups and driving innovation in banking. They'll share what their jobs really involve, how they got there, and the advice they wish they'd had early on.

It's designed for young people still at school, studying at TAFE or university, or simply figuring out what's next, and it's a chance to discover career paths they never knew existed. The evening includes a panel chat, a relaxed Q&A, snacks, and time to network with speakers and other young people



exploring similar paths.

INCO Academy runs the event as part of [EnterFinance](#), a free career exploration program which supports young people to explore pathways in financial services, opening doors to a side of the industry most people never see.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Co-op Program Scholarship | 2026 Co-op Chat | What is Co-op?

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: August 20, 2026

Discover Co-op: What It Is, Why It Matters and How It Can Shape Your Future

Curious about the UNSW Co-op Program and where it could take you? Join us for an engaging session exploring what Co-op involves, the benefits of becoming a Scholar and how the program can support your academic, professional and personal development.

Whether you are just beginning to explore your options or already considering an application, this session will give you valuable insights into the Co-op experience and help you decide whether the program is right for you.

Then, join us for our second session on 16 September, where we will walk you through the application process and share practical tips to help you submit a strong application.

[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](#)

Galaxy Games Festival

Organisation: Liquid Cat Studio

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: August 22, 2026

Join us for Macquarie University's premier games fest, co-designed and co-run by Game Development students and educators. We are partnering with Women In Computing Society at Macquarie University to bring you this event.

This event welcomes emerging game developers and anyone interested in broadening their understanding about what the games industry encompasses, and exploring how the various aspects and fields of game development come together to create a refined, finished product.

We bring student showcases and presentations, and guest speakers from various areas of games and adjacent industries coming in to share their insights.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Bathurst

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

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CQU Education Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

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

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Liverpool Catholic Club

Date: August 25, 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](#)

Study medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 26, 2026

Join us ahead of Open Day to discover what it's like to study medicine at the University of Sydney and learn how we prepare future doctors to make a meaningful impact in Australia and around the world. Through a live Q&A with our specialist staff you'll have your questions answered ahead of Open Day, so you can arrive informed, have meaningful conversations with our team, and make the most of your time exploring our learning facilities.

[Find out more](#)

Admissions to Medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 26, 2026

Join us ahead of Open Day to explore pathways to medicine at the University of Sydney.

Learn about admission requirements, application dates and timelines, and the assessment process.

We'll share details of the options available, whether you're applying to commence your studies after high-school, or after completing a bachelor's degree.

Through a live Q&A with our specialist staff, you'll have your questions answered ahead of Open Day, so you can arrive informed, have meaningful conversations with our team, and make the most of your time exploring our learning facilities.

[Find out more](#)

Study law at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 27, 2026

Join us ahead of Open Day to explore what it's like to study Law at the University of Sydney.

Our law degrees equip you for a rewarding and intellectually challenging career in legal practice, combined with expertise in an additional discipline of your choice.

In this webinar, we'll take you through the student experience and outline the pathways to studying law at Sydney, including our undergraduate combined law degrees, transfer options, and the Juris Doctor.

You'll have the opportunity to ask questions during a live Q&A with our specialist team, helping you make the most of Open Day.

[Find out more](#)



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](#)

Wodonga TAFE Careers & Futures Expo

Organisation: Wodonga TAFE

Location: Wodonga TAFE

Date: August 27, 2026

Thinking about the future? Whatever stage of the journey you're at, the Careers & Futures Expo can provide you with important information to help guide you on your path.

- **Meet with teachers:** Explore your future study options and experience what it's really like to be a TAFE student.
- **Connect with industry:** Discover real job outcomes and career pathways through industry experts and employers.



- **Chat with students:** Hear their stories and learn how TAFE can take you all the way to university and beyond.
- **Explore our facilities:** Join tours and interactive activities for a taster of the hands-on training we deliver, and what awaits beyond.

[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](#)

Torrens University Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Torrens University, Surry Hills Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Come and meet our academics and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about early entry, scholarships, entry pathways and our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and see firsthand how exciting studying in Sydney can be.

- Talk to our academics and Future Student Advisors about choosing courses, scholarships and the application process.
- Embark on a guided tour of our campus facilities and get a feel of our recreational spaces, teaching spaces and more.
- Meet our current students and find out what their experiences studying at Torrens University is like.

[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](#)

Monash Information Evening – Webinar

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: September 1, 2026

Choosing a university is a big decision.

Join our Monash webinar to have your questions answered and get the key details you need to plan your next step.

You'll discover what it's like to study at Monash, and hear about our courses, accommodation, scholarships, support services and campus life. You'll also gain insights about moving to Monash and settling in.

This session is ideal if you're:

- Considering moving from interstate, or
- From regional or rural Victoria, or
- Live in Melbourne and are keen to know more about Monash.

Register now to secure your place.

[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Virtual Open Day 2026

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 1 to September 2, 2026

Ready for the next step on your career journey? Join us online as our academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

- Business, Education, Health, Hospitality, Technology and Higher Degrees by Research:
Tuesday 1 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)
- Design: Wednesday 2 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)

[Find out more](#)

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Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Tradies Gynea

Date: September 1, 2026



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Location: Online

Date: September 1, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

UOW Regional Open Evenings – Bega Valley

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Bega Valley Campus

Date: September 1 to August 1, 2026

Regional Open Evenings are taking place at our Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, and Shoalhaven campuses on Tuesday, 1 September from 3:30-6:30pm. Register and attend for information on study in 2027.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Regional Open Evenings – Eurobodalla

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Eurobodalla Campus

Date: September 1 to August 1, 2026

Regional Open Evenings are taking place at our Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, and Shoalhaven campuses on Tuesday, 1 September from 3:30-6:30pm. Register and attend for information on study in 2027.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Regional Open Evenings – Shoalhaven

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Shoalhaven Campus

Date: September 1 to August 1, 2026

Regional Open Evenings are taking place at our Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, and Shoalhaven campuses on Tuesday, 1 September from 3:30-6:30pm. Register and attend for information on study in 2027.

[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
- Live entertainment, giveaways and of course free food!

[Find out more](#)

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](#)

Study medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

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Through a live Q&A with our specialist team, you'll gain valuable insights into your study options and ask any questions you may have as you consider your future in medicine.

[Find out more](#)

Admissions to Medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

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[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

Discover your path in health – wherever you're from to wherever you're going.

Open to Careers Advisers, teachers, parents, and students in Years 9–12 interested in exploring careers in allied health, medicine, nursing, midwifery, pharmacy, paramedicine, Aboriginal health, caring, and more.

Connect with universities, training providers, peak bodies and health employers to explore study pathways and career opportunities. Meet health students, graduates and professionals, take part in



hands-on activities, and gain real insights into a wide range of health careers. The event includes an interactive expo, hands-on workshops and the popular Chat Corner, all running simultaneously. To fully experience all aspects of the event you attend for the entire scheduled time, rotating through allocated sessions.

[Find out more](#)

National Art School Open Day 2026

Organisation: National Art School

Location: National Art School

Date: September 5, 2026

The National Art School is Australia's leading independent fine art school, with a hands-on studio-based teaching model that has delivered a rich tradition of art practice and world-renowned alumni for over 100 years. On the frontier of arts education, NAS provides a progressive and holistic approach to study, and we invite the public to join us on Open Day to share in our creative community.

Discover what life is like for students at the National Art School by participating in studio demonstrations, meeting with academic staff, visiting the NAS Gallery and student exhibition spaces across campus.

[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

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.

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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](#)

Macquarie Incubator & Young Wisdom Student Startup Bootcamp for Years 9-10

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: September 11, 2026

We're thrilled to invite a group of your students and an accompanying staff member to our multi award-winning incubator for a full-day of entrepreneurial skills and confidence-building alongside peers from a range of Sydney schools.

In thought-provoking discussions and workshops, students and educators will gain an understanding of the skills, people, and resources leveraged by innovators and entrepreneurs to effect positive, sustainable change in the world.

Participants will build entrepreneurial skills and self-efficacy through: empathising with one another, identifying problems worth solving, designing solutions worth testing, and persuasively pitching new ideas - all on the same day!

Please note: *Only teachers/school staff should register for this event (we don't need you to provide student details or have them register themselves)*

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie [EX]plore Science Extension Conference

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: September 14, 2026

Macquarie University is hosting a full-day conference showcasing the research of Year 12 HSC



Science Extension students Monday 14 September.

Designed as an authentic research experience, the event brings together school students, undergraduates and PhD researchers to share a passion for science through presentations, posters, networking opportunities and Faculty of Science lab tours. Prizes will be awarded for outstanding presentations.

Year 12 students can register independently and will present their work at the conference (applications close 21 August), while Year 10 and 11 students must be registered by a teacher.

[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](#)

[Astronomy Open Night by Macquarie University](#)

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: September 19, 2026

Sydney's most spectacular night of science and stargazing returns this September. Whether you're a lifelong astronomy enthusiast or simply curious about the universe, Astronomy Open Night offers an unforgettable evening for all ages.

Discover exciting new highlights, including The Big Cosmic Q&A, where you can put your questions to our experts, and So You Like Science – What Now?, a special session for students planning their next steps after high school. You can also explore our new experimental short film festival, Stories Across Worlds, featuring works from the Archival Futures Collective. Register ASAP as tickets sell out fast!

[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](#)

AIM Music Theatre Audition Workshop, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Sydney Campus

Date: September 29 to September 30, 2026

If the stage is where you're headed, this is how you get there.

AIM's Sydney Music Theatre Audition Workshop is an immersive two-day experience for high school students who are serious about turning their passion into a career.

Working directly with the industry professionals who teach our Bachelor of Music Theatre, you'll build your skills, refine your repertoire, and walk away with the confidence and feedback you need to nail your audition.

[Find out more](#)

Create for a Day at SAE Sydney

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2026

This October school holidays, SAE University College Sydney is opening its doors for Create for a Day: a one-day, hands-on experience where you'll step into the studio, lab or production space and start creating.

Choose from:

- Animation
- Audio
- Computer Science
- Design
- Film
- Games
- Songwriting & Electronic Music Production
- VFX

Create for a Day lets you skip the textbooks and jump straight into building, recording, designing,



coding or filming, all guided by lecturers who work in the industry.

By the end of the day, you'll walk away with your own finished project and a certificate of participation, plus a clearer idea of what studying at SAE is really like and where your skills could take you in the future.

Open to students in Years 10-12 and young creatives up to age 21.

[Find out more](#)

HSC Workshop: Visual Arts Induction, Marrickville

Organisation: Inner West Council Libraries

Location: Marrickville Library and Pavilion

Date: October 18, 2026

An essential presentation for students in Year 11 beginning the HSC Visual Arts Course in Term 4.

Visual Arts teachers are also welcome!

This session unpacks the dual role students will play as both artist and critic, offering a clear understanding of what lies ahead - from developing the HSC Body of Work to preparing for the HSC Written Exam, with practical advice on how to navigate course content, Case Studies, time management in preparing for school-based assessments and external exams. This induction equips students with tools to start strong and stay on track throughout the HSC Visual Arts journey. Visual Arts teachers are welcome to attend and bring a group of students or come along for their own professional development.

BYO pens, highlighters, clipboard, notebook and water bottle. A workbook will be provided.

[Find out more](#)

Beginner Shakuhachi Workshop for ages 16+

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Date: November 7, 2026

If you've always wanted to try the shakuhachi, now's your chance!

Shakuhachi Master Bronwyn Kirkpatrick will present this workshop and demonstration introducing shakuhachi, the traditional Japanese bamboo flute.

The demonstration/workshop is open to anyone 16 years of age and over and no prior musical experience is necessary.

It will interest students who feel drawn to Asian music and philosophies and people who want to find out more about the shakuhachi and its tradition. It may also be of particular interest to flute and recorder students who are exploring contemporary techniques on their instruments, as many of these techniques are similar to traditional shakuhachi techniques.

The demonstration will include the history of the shakuhachi and performances of different styles of music, from Zen Buddhist to contemporary. There will also be plenty of opportunity to try it out for yourselves! In the workshop, we will work on making sound and improving tone. We will learn to read basic Japanese notation and to play some simple Japanese folk songs.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

UNSW Yiu-Cheung Medical Gateway Scholarship

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Sydney

Value: AU\$10,000

Open Date: July 1, 2026

Close Date: September 30, 2026



[Find out more](#)

UNSW Mike Cannon-Brookes Endowed Scholarship

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: New South Wales

Value: 100% tuition remission + AU\$10,000 per year

Open Date: July 1, 2026

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

FH Reuter Undergraduate Scholarship in Food Science

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: New South Wales

Value: \$10,000 per year

Open Date: July 9, 2026

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Pitch for Impact: Transform your Future!

Organisation: Lismore Campus, Southern Cross University

Location: Lismore

Value: Business Scholarship to Southern Cross University

Close Date: July 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)

UNE Seeds of Science Art Competition

Organisation: University of New England

Location: New South Wales

Value: See details

Close Date: July 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Chevron Nature in Focus Photography Competition

Organisation: Chevron Global

Location: Australia

Value: \$500 AUD

Close Date: September 7, 2026

[Find out more](#)

2026 Venie Holmgren Environmental Poetry Prize

Organisation: Holmgren Design

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$1,000 AUD

Close Date: August 3, 2026

[Find out more](#)



Prime Minister's Spelling Bee Years 3-8 in Australia

Organisation: News Pty Ltd

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: August 21, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Stories Of Life

Organisation: Stories of Life

Location: Australia

Value: \$50 AUD for under 17 category

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

International Dark Poets Prize V

Location: All

Value: £1,000 GBP

Close Date: July 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Experiences

Songlab Holiday Songwriting Workshop for 13-17 year olds

Organisation: Sydney Conservatorium of Music, University of Sydney

Location: Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Date: September 28, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

PATHWAYS, SUBJECT SELECTION

Accelerated learning in Year 10 and 11

Senior high school and subject selection are an exciting time when you get to specialise a bit more by narrowing down the subjects you're studying again. Accelerated learning is another area that might also be worth exploring. It's when you get the chance to study a subject units ahead of the year level they're generally designed to be studied in; allowing you to complete some senior subjects before Year 12.

In this blog, we'll explain what subject acceleration actually means, help you work out if it might suit you, and show you where to find the details for your state or territory.

What is subject acceleration?

Subject acceleration means studying course content earlier than most students your age. For example, a year 10 student might start a senior subject that's usually taught in year 11. It's different to just doing harder work in your normal class, which is called extension. Acceleration means moving ahead in the timeline, not just doing more difficult tasks at your current level.

Every state and territory in Australia has its own rules about how acceleration works, and schools usually need to approve it first. It's never something you can just sign up for on your own. A teacher, year coordinator, or careers advisor will usually be involved in the decision, along with your parents or carers, so they should be your first port of call to find out more and start discussions.



Who tends to benefit from acceleration?

Acceleration could suit you if you have already mastered most of the year level content and are asking for more. If you're regularly finishing work early, feeling bored in class, or seeking out extra challenges outside school, it might be worth exploring. Or, if you're considering studying the maximum number of subjects in senior high school and would like to spread the work load. Students who are strong, independent learners and who manage their time well often cope best with the faster pace.

It's also worth thinking about your motivation. Are you keen to accelerate because you genuinely love the subject and want to go deeper? Or is it because you feel you should, or because a friend is doing it? Acceleration works best when it's driven by curiosity and confidence, not by comparison or pressure.

When it's better to hold back

Not every capable student wants or needs to accelerate, and that's completely fine. You might learn best by exploring a subject in more depth at your own year level, rather than rushing ahead. In which case asking for extension work or just dedicating extra study time to those subjects might suit you better. Even if you are very strong academically and ready for the Year 11 and 12 units, if you're not always comfortable being in different environments or being out of your comfort zone, then accelerating subjects (especially if you have to go into other year levels to complete the learning) could be worth exploring further before committing.

There's no prize for getting there first. If accelerating would mean giving up subjects or extra curricular activities you enjoy, missing out on friendships in your year group, or would cause you lots of stress, it might not be worth it. Doing well and feeling good about your learning matters just as much as moving quickly through it.

This is exactly why it helps to talk to the adults around you before making a decision. Your teachers and careers advisors know the acceleration process at your school, and they can help you weigh up whether it fits your goals, your workload, and your wellbeing. They've seen many students go through this process before, so their advice is worth listening to.

How acceleration affects subject selection

If you're considering acceleration, it's worth thinking about how it fits into your overall subject selection, not just for this year, but right through to your senior years. Ask yourself:

- Does this subject lead somewhere you actually want to go, such as a particular course or career?
- Will accelerating this subject affect your other subject choices or timetable?
- Do you have support at home and school to manage the extra workload?
- What happens if you decide partway through that it isn't working out?

Getting clear answers to these questions before you commit could save a lot of stress later on.

How acceleration affects your ATAR

One of the biggest questions parents and students ask is whether a subject completed early still counts towards the ATAR later on. The good news is that in most of Australia, it does. Each state and territory has its own tertiary admissions body, and most of them allow results from an accelerated subject to count fully, in the same way as a subject completed in year 12.

- **New South Wales:** Your ATAR is based on an aggregate of scaled marks gathered over a rolling five-year period, so a course completed early counts the same as one finished in year 12. Details are available from the [Universities Admissions Centre \(UAC\)](https://www.universitiesadmissionscentre.edu.au/).



- Because rules are often reviewed and can change, it's always worth confirming the current details with your school and your state's admissions body before making any decisions final.

What if your school doesn't offer the subject?

Occasionally, if a subject you want to accelerate into isn't available at your school at all, particularly in smaller or regional schools, or there's a timetabling conflict; this doesn't necessarily mean you're out of options. [Distance education schools and virtual schools](#) may be an option worth exploring, they might be able to help you access subjects your own school can't offer. Letting you stay enrolled at your regular school while studying one or two extra subjects online. If this sounds like something that could work for you, ask your careers advisor or year coordinator whether your school has a partnership with one of these programs, or approach them directly for more information.

Rules vary across Australia

Because education is managed differently in each state and territory, the process for accelerating a subject depends on where you go to school. Here are the relevant education authorities to check for more detail:

- **New South Wales:** [NSW Department of Education – Students accelerating into a course\(s\)](#)

Your school will also have its own internal process, so these links are a good starting point before you have that conversation with your careers advisor or year coordinator.

Extending your learning in other ways

Some universities run accelerated/extension, or university at school programs that let capable senior secondary students study a first-year university subject alongside their normal school timetable. These are usually aimed at students in the final year or two of school, and results can sometimes count towards your final results or give you a head start if you go on to study at that university. If you complete some subjects early due to accelerated learning, you could also be eligible to do more university at school courses and gain credits towards your university entry or first year studies. These programs are different to accelerated subjects through your state/territory's education body, so always make sure to read all of the conditions and speak with your school before applying for these in addition to, or instead of, accelerated subjects.

Ready to explore your subject options?

Subject acceleration can be a great opportunity for the right student, but it's just one of many pathways worth exploring as you plan your studies. Before you make any decisions, have a chat with your school's careers advisor about what's genuinely right for you, not just what's available. If you'd like to learn more about the different study pathways open to you, take a look at the [study pathways](#) and [study tips](#) pages of our website for more guidance.

BANKING, TAX

Do you need to file a tax return as a young worker?

The information in this article relates to the 2025–26 financial year (1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026) and reflects current [Australian Taxation Office \(ATO\)](#) guidelines. The lodgement window is open now, with a deadline of 31 October 2026. Tax rules can change, so it's always worth checking the ATO's website directly if you're unsure about your specific situation.

What is a tax return?

A tax return is a form you lodge with the [ATO](#) that summarises how much you earned during the financial year and how much tax was taken out of your pay. The ATO uses that information to work



out whether you've paid the right amount of tax over the course of the year.

The financial year runs from 1 July to 30 June, so the 2025–26 return covers everything you earned between 1 July 2025 and 30 June 2026. The return is how the ATO reconciles what was collected throughout the year with what you actually owed, and in many cases for young workers, that reconciliation results in a refund.

You might actually be owed money

When you start a job, your employer withholds tax from each pay and sends it to the ATO on your behalf through a system called PAYG withholding. The amount withheld is calculated based on an estimate of what you'll earn over a full year. But if you only worked part of the year, picked up shifts casually, or earned less than expected, you may have had more tax withheld than you actually owed. Lodging a return is how you claim that money back. The ATO calculates the difference between what was withheld and what you actually owed, and if you overpaid, you get a refund. This applies even if your total income for the year was below the tax-free threshold of [\\$18,200](#), because tax can still be withheld from your pay regardless of what you ended up earning over the full year.

If you worked a part-time job for most of the year but your hours dropped significantly toward the end, there's a good chance your employer was withholding tax based on a higher projected income than you actually ended up with. For a lot of casual and part-time workers, getting that difference back is one of the more practical reasons to lodge even when it feels optional.

Do you need to lodge one?

Whether you need to lodge depends on your individual circumstances. The general rule is that if your taxable income exceeded \$18,200 for the year, you're required to lodge. But the more common trigger for young workers in part-time or casual roles is simpler: if any tax was withheld from your pay during the year, you'll likely need to lodge so the ATO can work out whether a refund is owed or your obligations are settled.

If you're under 18

There's a provision worth knowing about if you were under 18 on 30 June 2026. If your income came from a regular job as salary or wages, the standard \$18,200 threshold applies. But if any of your income during 2025–26 came from sources other than salary or wages, such as interest on savings, dividends, or payments not classified as employment income, the lodgement threshold drops to just \$416. This can catch young people off guard, particularly those who have money in savings accounts earning interest or who've received payments outside of a standard employment arrangement. You can check [Reason 4 of the ATO's 2026 lodgement guide](#) to see exactly how it applies to your situation.

Rather than trying to work all of this out on your own, the ATO has a [free online tool](#) that walks you through a series of questions and gives you a clear answer based on your circumstances. It now covers the 2025–26 year and is the most reliable way to check, since it accounts for the various combinations of income type, age, and residency that affect the result.

If you work out that you don't need to lodge, you still need to let the ATO know by submitting a [non-lodgement advice](#). This tells the ATO you've checked and confirmed a return isn't required. Skipping this step can result in the ATO assuming you simply missed your return and following up accordingly.

What about work through apps?

If you earn money doing deliveries, rideshare driving, odd jobs through apps like Airtasker, or any kind of freelance work, the tax rules are different to a standard job. There's no employer automatically taking tax out of your payments, so the full amount lands in your account and the responsibility for sorting out what you owe sits with you.



Whatever you earn this way needs to be reported as income in your tax return. That applies regardless of how often you did it or how much you made, and it includes income earned alongside a regular job. If you did a few months of delivery shifts on the side of your part-time work, both sources of income need to appear in your return.

It's also worth knowing that many major apps now report what their workers earn directly to the ATO. That means if you've been doing shifts through one of the bigger platforms, the ATO may already have some visibility of that income. Leaving it out of your return is more likely to create a problem than avoid one. If your situation involves several different income sources and you're not sure how to handle it, a registered tax agent can help sort it out.

How to lodge

The most accessible option for most young people is [myTax](#), the ATO's free online lodgement tool accessed through a myGov account. The myTax 2026 return is open now. Before you start, it helps to have a few things on hand: your tax file number, your income statement from your employer (available through myGov once your employer has finalised their reporting), and details of any other income received during the year. For most straightforward situations involving a single employer and simple income, the process is guided and relatively quick, with most returns processed within two weeks.

The ATO pre-fills a lot of information for you once it's been reported, including salary and wages data, bank interest, and government payments. Waiting a few weeks before lodging can mean more of that information is already filled in, which reduces the chance of needing to make corrections later.

The deadline for lodging your own return is **31 October 2026**. If you're expecting a refund, there's no reason to wait. If your situation is more complex or you'd prefer help, a registered tax agent can lodge on your behalf, though they do charge a fee. To access their extended lodgement program, which allows additional time beyond October, you'll need to engage one before the deadline.

What happens if you don't?

If you're required to lodge and don't, the ATO can issue a [failure to lodge penalty](#). It accumulates at a rate of one penalty unit for every 28 days the return is overdue, up to a maximum of five penalty units. The ATO generally issues a warning before applying a formal penalty, so you'd typically receive a notice to lodge first. But waiting for that notice isn't a useful approach. The longer a return stays outstanding, the more complicated things tend to get.

Missing the deadline on a prior year return can also push forward your deadline for the current year, so falling behind has a way of compounding. If you've missed a return from a previous year, lodging it as soon as possible is the right move. The ATO does take into account whether you acted promptly when deciding whether to apply or reduce a penalty, so getting on top of it quickly matters.

Tax is manageable once you know where you stand

The main thing that makes tax feel overwhelming for young workers is not knowing what applies to them. Once you understand your obligations, the process is straightforward for most people in simple employment situations, and for many casual or part-time workers, it means money back.

If you want to learn more about tax and managing your money as a young person, [we have plenty of other resources to help](#).

JOBS & CAREERS



3 Fulfilling Careers Working with Guide Dogs

A guide dog spends around ten months with a volunteer puppy raiser before starting the structured training that prepares them for real work. Turning that puppy into a working guide, and then matching them with the right person, involves several distinct careers, each combining hands-on dog work with directly supporting the client on the other end of the lead. Here's a look at three worth exploring.

Guide Dog Trainer

When a puppy returns from their time with a volunteer raiser, a Guide Dog Trainer takes over for the most intensive stage of their development. The first one to two weeks are spent on a temperament assessment, checking how each dog reacts to distractions like other animals, food, or crowded spaces. From there, a Trainer runs an intensive program over several months, teaching skills such as walking a straight line to a kerb, keeping extra space on their right to protect a future handler from obstacles, and navigating around obstacles altogether. Everything is taught through positive reinforcement, with the pace adjusted to suit each dog's personality.

It's a physically demanding job, with plenty of walking, bending, and time spent outdoors regardless of the weather. Most people enter through an 18-month to two-year cadetship rather than a university degree, and patience matters just as much as a solid read on canine body language.

Guide Dog Mobility Instructor

Once a dog is ready, someone still has to match them to the right person and teach the pair to actually work as a team, and that's where a Guide Dog Mobility Instructor comes in. Matching is based on a client's personality, mobility needs, and lifestyle, not just availability. Initial training with a client usually runs three to six weeks, followed by a few more days of support once they're back in their own home and routine, since a dog that performs well at a training centre still needs to adjust to a person's actual daily life.

Qualifying takes three to four years and combines an animal handling qualification with postgraduate study in orientation and mobility, the discipline behind helping someone travel safely through their environment. Because training has to fit around a client's life rather than the other way around, evening, weekend, and holiday work is common.

Puppy Development Advisor

Before a puppy ever reaches a Guide Dog Trainer, they spend their first year or so living with a volunteer Puppy Raiser, and a Puppy Development Advisor is the person guiding that entire stage. Advisors recruit and screen volunteers, run home assessments to check a household is a good fit, and then support each Puppy Raiser through weekly and later fortnightly training sessions, teaching them how to build a puppy's confidence, house manners, and social skills from the ground up. It's hands-on with dogs too, since Advisors track each puppy's temperament and development over time and flag anything that might affect their progress later on.

The role tends to draw on many of the same skills as a Guide Dog Trainer, including a solid grasp of positive reinforcement and the ability to read early signs of behavioural change, alongside the communication skills needed to guide volunteers who often have no prior dog training experience. It's a good fit for someone who enjoys teaching people as much as working with animals.

What you'd need to get started

None of these roles usually require a specific university degree to enter as a trainee. Cadetship and instructor programs are typically structured as paid, on-the-job training, which means you're learning the practical side of the work from day one rather than completing years of study beforehand.

That said, a background in animal science, nursing, psychology, or occupational therapy can work in



your favour when you apply, since each builds skills that overlap with the work in different ways. Animal science gives you a head start on reading behaviour, while nursing, psychology, and occupational therapy all build the kind of people skills that matter once you're working directly with clients or families.

Beyond your background, there's a set of baseline requirements you'll need to meet regardless of which of these roles you're aiming for:

- Being 18 years of age or older
- Holding a valid driver's licence
- Having a good level of physical fitness
- Having good vision and hearing
- Having a high degree of empathy

The driver's licence and fitness requirements exist because the work itself demands them. Trainers and Instructors travel between training centres, client homes, and public locations regularly, and a lot of the day-to-day work involves walking, bending, and being on your feet for extended periods. Empathy matters just as much, since even the dog-focused roles are ultimately working toward someone else's independence.

Background checks and clearances

Because this work involves vulnerable people as well as animals, the screening process is thorough, and it starts before you're even offered a position. Most guide dog organisations require a National Police Check as a standard part of recruitment, and if you've lived overseas for more than 12 months in the last 10 years, an International Police Check as well.

Once you're employed, the checks don't stop there. You'll usually need to hold a current Working With Children Check, given how often these roles bring you into contact with the public, including volunteers, families, and clients of all ages. Depending on the specific role and state that you live in, you may also need an additional check under the NDIS Worker Screening Checks or equivalent program.

These clearances aren't a one-off formality completed during recruitment and then forgotten. They're generally maintained for as long as you're employed in the role, which means renewing them periodically as part of the job rather than ticking a box once and moving on.

If you're interested in exploring more careers, head to our [jobs and careers page](#) for more.

STUDY TIPS

10 ways to study that aren't boring

Very few people would list studying as their favourite way to spend an afternoon. At some point, the hard yards still need to happen. The good news is that studying doesn't have to mean sitting at a desk with a textbook for hours on end.

There are plenty of ways to learn that are more engaging. Some get you out of the house, and a few barely feel like study at all once you're into them. Here are our top 10 ways to study that aren't boring.

Join homework clubs or study groups

Motivation doesn't show up on demand. Some days it's genuinely hard to sit down and study alone. Joining a homework club or study group solves part of that problem simply by putting you in a room with other people working toward the same goal, with a set time and place and a bit of friendly accountability that's harder to find on your own.

Study groups also work well because hearing how someone else has approached a topic, or where



they got stuck, often highlights gaps in your own understanding. It's a different kind of learning to sitting with your own notes, and for a lot of people, it's more enjoyable too.

If your school doesn't already run one for your subject, ask a teacher whether they'd support setting one up, or put the idea to a few classmates who seem to be in the same boat. Even an informal weekly catch-up at a library or someone's kitchen table can work just as well as a structured program, as long as everyone shows up ready to work.

Watch documentaries

If a good documentary is already your idea of a night in, there's no reason that can't double as study time. Searching out documentaries related to your subjects builds real-world context around what you're learning, and it tends to stick better than a page of notes because you're watching events unfold rather than reading a summary of them.

Fictional films can work just as well:

- A novel you're studying in English Literature might have a film adaptation
- A historical event you're covering might have been dramatised on screen
- A concept in science or geography, like climate systems or space exploration, might be the subject of a well-made documentary

Each of these can bring the material to life in a way that's hard to get from a textbook alone. The one thing to watch for is being honest with yourself about what actually counts. Sitting through any random show and calling it study won't hold up, so stick to content that's relevant and reliable.

Deep dive online

According to eSafety Commissioner research, Australian teens spend an average of 14.4 hours online each week. That's a significant chunk of time, and at least some of it could be redirected toward something useful, including:

- Video explainers on topics you're studying
- Practice exam questions
- Subject-specific forums where other students have worked through similar problems
- Recorded lectures or walkthroughs from other schools or open courses

Any of these can make a concept click faster than working through it alone. The obvious catch is staying on track. Scrolling social media or messaging your mates might happen on the same device, but it's not the same thing as productive study time. Setting a specific goal before you open the laptop, like finding three practice questions on a topic, can help keep the session focused.

Do projects or presentations

Putting together a project or presentation teaches you more than just the content you're researching. Along the way, you're also building creativity, analytical thinking, problem-solving, and communication, plus teamwork if it's a group task. All of these carry well beyond the subject you're studying.

If these kinds of tasks motivate you more than straight revision, there's no reason to wait for a school assignment to do one. You could write a blog, film a short video, draft a letter to a local politician or council, or design an infographic. Competitions can add an extra layer of challenge too, giving you a concrete goal to work toward and sometimes a prize at the end of it.

Go places

Not all learning happens in a classroom. Museums, libraries, galleries, and theatres are all designed with learning in mind, and educational talks or career events can offer a different angle on a subject than a textbook ever could.

If politics interests you, a tour of a government building or Parliament House puts the theory into a real setting. If law is more your area, sitting in on a public court hearing shows you how it actually



plays out in practice. Experiencing something first-hand tends to make it stick in a way that reading about it doesn't.

Sign up for things that interest you

Workshops, clubs, camps, short courses, microcredentials, and holiday programs are all worth looking into if a topic genuinely interests you. Some come with a cost, but plenty are free, and the return in terms of what you learn and who you meet can be well worth the time.

Finding them usually just takes a bit of digging:

- Council websites
- Social media
- Event platforms like Eventbrite or Humanitix
- Your teachers and parents
- The local paper or noticeboards at your nearest shopping centre

Our own events calendar is worth a look too, if you'd rather not search around for opportunities yourself.

Make it a game

Plenty of apps now exist purely to make learning feel more like a game, turning flashcards and quizzes into something closer to a challenge with levels and streaks than a study task. With so many free options available, there's little reason not to try a few and see what sticks.

If you'd rather step away from a screen altogether, board games and card games can do a similar job. Strategy games call on planning and logical thinking, while word and trivia games build recall and general knowledge without ever feeling like revision. Depending on what you choose, games can sharpen memory, focus, and reasoning, build confidence, and improve how quickly you process new information, all while giving you a legitimate reason to spend time with family or friends rather than studying alone.

Work smarter

Studying for hours in one sitting after a full day at school isn't appealing to most people, and it isn't always the most effective approach either. Spreading study out into smaller sessions can add up over a week without ever feeling like a big chunk of your day has disappeared. Time on the bus, a free period at school, or a few spare minutes while waiting for an appointment can all work. Short, regular sessions spaced out over several days also tend to help information stick better than one long cram, since you're revisiting the material instead of only seeing it once. The upside isn't just efficiency either. Studying in shorter bursts usually leaves more of your day free for the things you'd rather be doing, whether that's sport, time with friends, or simply switching off.

Teach others

If you've got a solid handle on a subject, tutoring other students is a way to earn some pocket money while reinforcing everything you already know. Explaining a concept to someone else forces you to organise your thinking clearly, and it's often the fastest way to find out where your own understanding has gaps.

Formal tutoring isn't the only option either. Sitting a parent, sibling, or friend down and talking them through something you've learned works just as well, and it costs nothing to try.

Gain skills

If a test is close, your time is probably better spent revising for it directly. But if you've got a bit of room to move, even just 10 minutes a day, picking up a new skill on the side can be worthwhile:

- Touch typing pays off well beyond school, since almost every subject and job eventually involves typing something up



- Coding, a new language, or learning to cook are all reasonable places to start
- None of them require a big time commitment to begin seeing progress

Picking up something new outside your usual subjects can be a welcome change of pace from exam-focused study.

Looking for more ideas?

If none of these quite fit the way you like to study, we've got plenty more ideas on our [study tips page](#) to help you find something that works.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience ideas for creative students

Finding work experience in the creative industries can be tricky. You probably won't find as many structured placements as you would in other fields, since a lot of creative work happens through small studios, freelancers, and informal networks rather than large organisations with set programs. That doesn't mean there are no opportunities available, there are still plenty of ways to build real skills and get genuine experience under your belt, even if it takes a bit more initiative to find them. Here are a few work experience ideas for creative students.

Help out at your local gallery

Galleries and museums often need extra hands, especially when they're setting up new exhibitions or running events. Volunteering at a gallery could involve:

- Setting up and arranging new exhibitions
- Welcoming and chatting with visitors
- Helping promote events on social media
- Learning about different art styles and artists directly from curators and staff
- Seeing how a gallery actually operates behind the scenes, from logistics to programming

Smaller, local galleries are usually the easiest place to start, since they tend to run on a small team and are often glad to have an extra pair of hands. Larger institutions can be worth approaching too, but expect a more formal application process and less flexibility around when you can help out.

Share your writing with the world

If writing is where your interest lies, there are plenty of places to showcase your work beyond the classroom.

- Magazines and literary journals that accept student submissions
- Local community newspapers, which are often short on content and open to contributions
- Online writing platforms and blogs
- Writing competitions, which double as a way to get feedback on your work
- Starting your own blog or newsletter, where you set the direction entirely

Submitting work for publication also teaches you something a school assignment doesn't, since you're writing for an actual audience and often working to an editor's feedback or a publication's specific style.

Discover theatre behind the scenes

Theatre isn't only about acting. A huge number of roles go into bringing a show to life, and most community theatres rely on volunteers to fill them. These roles can include:

- Lighting and sound design
- Costume and makeup



- Set building and design
- Stage management, coordinating everything that happens before and during a show
- Front of house duties, like ushering and ticketing

Technical and backstage roles in particular are worth considering if performing itself isn't your focus, since they build hands-on skills in areas like design, coordination, and problem-solving under pressure, all of which apply well beyond theatre.

Build your photography portfolio

A good eye and a camera, even one on a phone, is often enough to start building a photography portfolio. From there, you could:

- Photograph school events like sports days or formals
- Take photos at local community events or markets
- Shadow a professional photographer for a day to see how a shoot is actually run
- Enter photography competitions to test your work against a wider field
- Create a themed photo series exploring a single idea or location in depth

If you're photographing people in public, always get their permission first, and be upfront about what the photos might be used for. Editing your shots afterwards is worth practising too, since most professional photography work involves as much time behind a screen as behind a lens.

What's next?

Keep examples of everything you create, whether it's paid work or not. A folder of your best pieces, built up over time, is worth more to a future employer than a list of places you've volunteered. It's also worth keeping a running note of the skills you pick up along the way, since these are easy to forget by the time you sit down to update your resume.

If you're ready to start exploring creative pathways further, you can find more [work experience ideas and opportunities on our website](#).

JOB SPOTLIGHTS

How to become a Construction Manager

Construction Managers oversee the delivery of building and infrastructure projects, coordinating trades, materials, timelines, and budgets from the first day on site through to handover. They are the central point of accountability on a project, responsible for making sure everything comes together safely, on time, and within budget.

If you're a natural organiser who thrives in fast-moving environments, enjoys working with a wide range of people, and wants to see real, tangible results from your work, this career could suit you well.

What skills do I need as a Construction Manager?

- Organisational & planning ability
- Leadership under pressure
- Clear communicator
- Budget & schedule management
- Problem-solver
- Safety awareness
- Decision-making confidence
- Collaborative & team-focused



What do Construction Managers do?

Before construction begins, you're already deep in the planning process. You'll review project plans and specifications, develop detailed schedules, allocate resources, and identify potential risks before they become problems on site. You'll work through contracts with subcontractors, coordinate with engineers and architects, and make sure everyone involved understands what's expected of them and when.

On site, you're responsible for keeping everything moving. You'll monitor progress against the schedule, manage day-to-day issues as they arise, enforce safety requirements, and liaise constantly with trades, clients, and project stakeholders. When problems occur, whether that's a delayed material delivery, a design change, or a subcontractor issue, you're the one who needs to find a solution quickly and keep the project on track.

Away from the immediate pressure of delivery, you'll manage the financial side of projects, tracking costs, approving variations, and reporting to clients on progress. As projects wind down, you'll coordinate inspections, manage defects, and prepare for handover. Some Construction Managers develop expertise in particular project types such as commercial, residential, or civil infrastructure, or move into specialist areas like heritage construction or sustainable building.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Construction Managers work for building and construction companies, civil contractors, government infrastructure agencies, and property developers. Some work for large national firms delivering major projects, while others work with smaller regional builders on a broader mix of work. The industry spans residential housing, commercial development, civil infrastructure, and public works, so the type of employer and project can vary considerably.

Hours are above average, particularly during active construction phases when deadlines are pressing and multiple trades need to be coordinated simultaneously. The work is site-based, which means early starts are common and the environment changes as projects move through different stages. Flexibility is limited compared to office-based roles, and travel between sites is a regular part of the job for managers overseeing multiple projects.

The physical demands are moderate — you'll spend time on your feet moving around sites, though the role is primarily one of coordination and oversight rather than manual labour. Personal protective equipment is standard. Salaries are above average, and the sector has strong ongoing demand driven by infrastructure investment and continued residential and commercial development.

How to become a Construction Manager

- **Gain relevant qualifications:** Most Construction Managers enter the field through a degree in construction management, civil engineering, or a related discipline. Vocational qualifications in building and construction can also provide a pathway, particularly when combined with trade experience. Check what programs are available in your area, as entry requirements and pathways vary.
- **Start on site:** Practical experience is essential in this industry. Many people begin in site administration, trade, or labouring roles, building their understanding of how construction actually works before moving into coordination and management responsibilities. Cadet and graduate programs with construction firms are another common entry point.
- **Develop technical and commercial skills:** Construction management requires you to understand contracts, building codes, safety legislation, and project scheduling tools. Build this knowledge early, whether through your studies or on the job, as it underpins almost every decision you'll make in the role.
- **Build your site reputation:** The construction industry is relationship-driven. Reliability, clear communication, and the ability to keep a team working well under pressure are qualities



- that get noticed. Strong site managers tend to progress through demonstrated performance as much as formal qualifications.

From here, you could take on larger and more complex projects, move into senior or executive project management roles, specialise in a particular construction sector, transition into development or project advisory work, or establish your own contracting business.

What can I do right now?

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

- Look into school-based vocational programs in construction and the built environment, which can give you hands-on experience and a head start on industry qualifications before you finish school
- Visit construction sites with a parent or guardian to observe how projects are organised and ask about the range of roles involved, from trades to site management
- Develop your practical skills by taking on hands-on projects at home or school that involve planning, problem-solving, and working with materials

Find out more about alternative careers on [our Job Spotlights page](#).

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