



# In the Know with Careers

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If any student has questions about the opportunities below, please email me at [joanne.cupac@spc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:joanne.cupac@spc.nsw.edu.au) or book an appointment via the Canvas Careers homepage.

## **University**

### **Everything you need to know about the ATAR in (just over) 2 minutes**

This short video explains the ATAR in simple terms. The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a rank between 0.00 and 99.95 that shows a student's position compared with all students in their age group across NSW (generally aged 16–20). For example, an ATAR of 80.00 means you performed better than 80% of your age group and are in the top 20%. Universities use the ATAR to help select students for courses, although admission is usually based on a selection rank (ATAR plus any adjustment points). Some courses may also require additional selection criteria such as interviews, portfolios or tests.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNx5NVFPQk&t=1s>

### **UAC - What students want**

UAC's *Student Lifestyle and Learning Report 2026* summarises the views of more than 20,000 Year 12 students and highlights what they want from universities as they transition from school into further study, including the types of learning environments, opportunities and support services that matter most to them.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/what-students-want-from-uni>

### **Western Sydney University Entry via Pathways Programs**

Western Sydney University offers pathway programs through The College that provide an alternative entry route into many degrees. These programs support students in transitioning into university study and are available across areas including Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Business; Health and Medicine; and Science, Computing, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/the-college/courses>

### **The University of Sydney - Parramatta Info Night 2026**

25 March

Students in Years 10–12 can attend this information evening to explore study opportunities at the University of Sydney. Hear from current students and alumni, learn about admission requirements, pathways, scholarships and support services, and discover what university life is really like.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-university-of-sydney-parramatta-info-night-2026-tickets-1981399249493>

### **UTS 360 Virtual Tour**

Explore the University of Technology Sydney campus online through the UTS 360 Virtual Tour and discover its learning spaces and facilities from home. Headphones are recommended for the best experience.

<https://tour.uts.edu.au>

## **ANU Open Day**

28 March

Visit ANU Open Day to explore degrees, attend information sessions, speak with staff and students, tour the campus and learn more about accommodation and student life.

<https://study.anu.edu.au/events/anu-open-day>

## **ANU – Direct Entry Scheme Webinar**

19 March

This webinar explains how the ANU Direct Entry Scheme works, including eligibility requirements, key dates and the benefits of applying early for admission.

<https://study.anu.edu.au/events/why-apply-through-anu-direct-entry-scheme>

## **University of Newcastle – Joint Medical Program (JMP)**

Apply By 30 September

Students applying for the Joint Medical Program must sit the UCAT ANZ, apply to the program and submit an application through UAC. The program is highly competitive, with around 170 places available each year across the University of Newcastle and the University of New England.

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/joint-medical-program/how-to-apply>

## **Notre Dame University - Course Information Evening**

24 March

Attend this session to learn about Notre Dame's Early Offer Program, scholarships, course fees, alternative entry pathways and new programs, followed by a twilight campus tour.

[https://events.nd.edu.au/course\\_information\\_evening\\_sydney](https://events.nd.edu.au/course_information_evening_sydney)

## **UNSW Medicine Special Entry Schemes**

Find out about the different entry schemes available at UNSW, including:

- Gateway Entry Scheme
- Lateral Entry Scheme
- Rural Entry Scheme
- Students From Other Medical Schools

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/medicine-health/study-with-us/undergraduate/applying-to-medicine/special-entry-schemes>

## **UNSW Aviation Information Session**

18 March

Join this online session to learn about aviation study options at UNSW and explore career opportunities in the rapidly growing aviation industry.

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/unsw-aviation-information-session-0>

## **Bond University's Medical Program**

In today's complex healthcare environment, Bond's Medical Program will equip you with the fundamental knowledge, skills and attributes required to practice medicine safely and effectively. You'll graduate with the clinical, interpersonal, teamwork, and leadership skills required to deliver high-quality healthcare outcomes as well as an engrained commitment to care for yourself, your colleagues, and all community groups.

<https://bond.edu.au/program/medical-program-bachelor-of-medical-studies-doctor-of-medicine>

## **5 Steps to Study in the USA**

Whether you plan to pursue a short-term or full degree program in the United States, EducationUSA has the resources you need in 'Your Five Steps to U.S. Study'.

<https://educationusa.state.gov/your-5-steps-us-study>

## **Pathways into Medicine and Dentistry Live Webinar**

17 March

This free webinar explains the UCAT exam and outlines undergraduate pathways into medicine, dentistry and related health science programs.

<https://www.nie.edu.au/ucat-free/free-ucat-information-sessions>

# **TAFE**

## **TAFE NSW for Schools**

TAFE NSW offers a wide range of courses for school students that develop practical, industry-relevant skills. With strong industry connections and teachers who bring real workplace experience into the classroom, students gain hands-on training that helps them become job-ready and prepared for employment, apprenticeships or further study.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/partnerships/Schools>

## **Sydney Trains 2027 Apprenticeship Expression of Interest**

Closes 30th June

Sydney Trains offers apprenticeships that combine paid employment with structured training, allowing participants to work towards a nationally recognised trade qualification. Opportunities are available across electrical, mechanical and telecommunications trades, and apprentices gain valuable hands-on experience while building a strong foundation for a long-term career in the rail industry.

<https://iworkfor.nsw.gov.au/job/expression-of-interest-sydney-trains-apprentices-2027-intake-562284>

## **Top tips from STEM apprentices**

Hear from five STEM apprentices who share their experiences and advice on entering the workforce through apprenticeships and alternative pathways into science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers.

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/top-tips-from-stem-apprentices/>

# **Private Colleges**

## **Sydney Design School Interior Decoration Workshop**

15 & 16 April

This two-day workshop is designed for anyone interested in interior decoration and styling. Participants will learn basic design principles, explore creative ideas and gain insight into the Certificate IV in Interior Decoration course while experiencing the learning environment at Sydney Design School.

<https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/workshop/>

## **SAE - Sydney Info Night**

23 April

Attend this information evening to explore SAE's courses in creative media and technology fields such as game development, film, animation and audio. Visitors can meet staff, view student work and tour the campus facilities while learning about study and career pathways in the creative industries.

<https://sae.edu.au/event/info-night-sydney/>

## **Australian Institute of Music - School Holiday Performance Workshop**

13 April

This one-day intensive workshop for students in Years 10–12 focuses on developing music performance skills. Participants will rehearse, collaborate with other musicians and receive guidance from industry mentors while gaining insight into professional music performance.

<https://aim.edu.au/whats-on/school-holiday-workshop-performance-sydney/>

## **AIBI Higher Education Sydney Open Day**

8 April

Attend the AIBI Higher Education Open Day to learn about bachelor programs in Cyber Security and Business, including Artificial Intelligence management. Visitors can tour the campus, learn about scholarships and speak with staff and students.

<https://aibi.edu.au/events-and-open-days/>

## **AIBI Webinar – Future of Work 2030: AI, Automation & the Rise of Digital Business Careers**

15 April

This webinar explores how artificial intelligence, automation and digital transformation are shaping future careers in business and technology. The session provides insights into emerging opportunities and the skills needed for future digital careers.

<https://aibi.edu.au/events-and-open-days/>

## **General**

### **Study Engineering - Resources for Students, Parents and Teachers**

Engineering is a diverse field focused on solving real-world problems and shaping technologies, infrastructure and innovations that impact everyday life. Engineers Australia provides resources for students, parents and teachers to help young people explore engineering pathways and develop an interest in STEM careers.

<https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/about-engineering/inspiring-future-engineers>

### **Careers at Council**

Local government offers a wide variety of career opportunities across areas such as planning, engineering, environmental management, community services and administration. This website provides information about the many roles available within councils and potential career pathways.

<https://www.careersatcouncil.com.au/career-areas/>

### **The Pros and Cons about an Accountancy Career**

A degree in accounting can lead to many different career pathways in business, finance and leadership. This article outlines the benefits and challenges of working in accounting and encourages students to consider whether the profession aligns with their interests and goals.

<https://au.prosple.com/career-planning/the-pros-and-cons-of-a-career-in-accountancy>

### **Where Can You Go With A Career In Agriculture?**

Agriculture offers a wide range of professional career opportunities across farming, science, technology and environmental management. This resource explores the many roles available within the sector and the important contribution agriculture makes to the Australian economy.

<https://agrifutures.com.au/our-industries/>

### **ADF Gap Year Gap Year Videos**

Explore the wide range of roles available through the Australian Defence Force Gap Year program. These videos showcase different career paths across the Navy, Army and Air Force and provide insight into life in the ADF.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLv0sCneyqGhee5nNS03odp62fGvJLjKj8>

### **Jetstar Recruitment Casual Cabin Crew – Get the Lowdown**

Jetstar is recruiting casual cabin crew across Australia. The role involves providing excellent customer service, working in a dynamic team environment and adapting to the fast-paced aviation industry while travelling to various destinations.

<https://altara.com.au/jobs/>