



## Careers Newsletter

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### **JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up**

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

To register go to <https://www.jobjump.com.au/>

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

**Parent information:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be>

### [NIE | UCAT and Pathways into Medicine Information Session](#)

15 February 2021, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Online

The National Institute of Education (NIE) is proud to present a free information seminar all about UCAT and the undergraduate pathways into medicine, dentistry, and some other health science programs. The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the below topics and more.

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students, and parents to find out about the UCAT and to have their questions answered.

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- UCAT vs GAMSAT – How is UCAT different?
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate medical school interview explained and medical school interview preparation advice
- Gap Year
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Q & A

Find out more: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ttsMyEKxTZGwAGVKzk2ksQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ttsMyEKxTZGwAGVKzk2ksQ)

### Endeavour College | Studying Complementary Medicine Webinar

16 February 2021, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Online

Our Bachelor of Complementary Medicine is our 100% online course that provides students with a comprehensive grounding and foundation knowledge across natural medicine modalities.

This webinar will cover:

- The ins and outs of studying online
- Study plans and timetabling
- A look at our Learning Management System (LMS)
- Career outcomes
- Q&As

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/studying-complementary-medicine-session5/>

### WEP | Student Exchange Info Session

17 February 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Imagine making friends from all over the world, learning about yourself and the world around you and seeing sights you could only dream of! Find out more about your student exchange opportunities at WEP's online info session.

Find out more: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_o0VyUtlTk2Bbs-T6aINLw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_o0VyUtlTk2Bbs-T6aINLw)

### Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session

17 February 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Study for a UNSW degree and graduate as an Officer in the Australian Defence Force.

Would you like the opportunity to undertake military training while earning a degree? All without debt – in fact, we'll pay you!

Join us for a virtual info session to speak with current serving military personnel and learn more about the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Find out more: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/sq3l48k>

### How to Start a Social Impact Business and Change the World

17 February 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Social Entrepreneurs are the greatest force of change, job creation and community impact.

In this webinar you will learn:

- The difference between Entrepreneurship, Social Innovation, and Social Entrepreneurship
- How to define your passion and mission as a change-maker
- How to create an impact in alignment to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals
- Who are the Social Impact Leaders and what lessons we can learn from them and implement in your social enterprise
- How to turn global challenges into successful business solutions
- How to identify the best Business & Revenue Model
- How to become an Unstoppable Global Leader
- How to start & scale a business with Purpose + Power + Profit
- and the Skills & Tools to Start your 1st Social Enterprise

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/how-to-start-a-social-impact-business-and-change-the-world-tickets-131760179243>

### [Navy Careers Virtual Information Session](#)

22 February 2021, 8:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Online

For a career with adventure, travel and a lifestyle like no other, consider joining the Navy. Consider a dynamic and fulfilling career like no other and work alongside like-minded, expertly trained personnel as a member of the Royal Australian Navy. Speak with serving members about career opportunities at our upcoming virtual info session. Find out more: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/9sggzjz>

### [ACU | Making a Difference with Community Engagement](#)

18 March 2021, 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Online

What sets our students apart is that they make a difference through the world around them through community engagement opportunities offered at ACU. Join our webinar to find out what community engagement is, the opportunities available and how it can improve employability.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2021/march/making-a-difference-with-community-engagement>

### [WSU | Discover Western: Exploring Western, Early Offer Programs, Pathways & More](#)

25 March 2021, 5:00 pm

Online

Are you unsure about what you want to do and what a university course has to offer? This Discover Western webinar will support you to make informed decisions and navigate through Western courses, early offer and pathway programs – and all the benefits of studying with us.

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/western-webinars.html>

### [Sydney Design School | Information Session](#)

31 March 2021, 6:00 pm

Sydney Design School, St Leonards

If you're passionate about becoming a professional Interior Designer or Interior Decorator then join us for our next free event and find out more about our world-class accredited courses.

Find out everything you need to know about our flexible courses and career support. Our Director, Amanda Grace will introduce you to our unique philosophy, passionate Educators and industry focused approach to learning.

Find out more: <https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/information-sessions/>

### [Sydney Flight College | Open Day](#)

10 April 2021, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Sydney Flight College, Bankstown Aerodrome

Whether you are looking to learn to fly for fun, or even kick-start your professional flying career, look no further than SFC. We have been training pilots for over 50 years, and we love what we do.

Operating out of state-of-the-art headquarters at Bankstown Airport, this is your opportunity to view our facilities and fleet, sit in our aircraft, have a go on our full-motion flight simulator, and have an in-depth chat to our course advisors who will be able to answer all your aviation questions.

Find out more: <https://www.sfcaero.com.au/about-us/open-days>

### [AIT | Course Online Info Sessions](#)

12 April 2021, 6:00 pm - 16 April 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Join us for a Virtual Info Session to find out how you can convert your passion into a career you'll love in Film, Animation, Games, Digital Design or Mobile App Development.

Info Session Schedule:

- 2D | Monday, April 12 | 6.00pm
- Game Design | Tuesday, April 13 | 6.00pm
- 3D | Wednesday, April 14 | 6.00pm
- Film + Video | Thursday, April 15 | 6.00pm
- Mobile App Development & Games Programming | Friday, April 16 | 6.00pm

Find out more: <https://info.ait.edu.au/open-day>

### [AIE | Meet the Project Lead: Darcy Smith](#)

10 February 2021, 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Darcy Smith, game design expert and AIE alumni, speaks to us about his success managing major game projects, along with his journey transitioning to freelance games development.

Find out more: <https://aie.edu.au/workshop/meet-the-project-lead-darcy-smith/>

### [NIE | Simulated UCAT Day Workshop Online](#)

27 February 2021, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Online

If you are in Year 10, 11, 12, or perhaps you may be older and considering sitting the UCAT in the future, then this program is for you. The Simulated UCAT Workshop program is ideal and often a necessary step towards effective and efficient preparation for the UCAT.

The workshop is designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT. Students will spend the day with our specialist teachers and will be able to ask questions and address any concerns they may have about the test.

There is also a follow-up online session, run within a week of the full-day program. It will provide insightful and extremely valuable information about the application process into medicine and guidance for future planning strategies.

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/product/216-simulated-ucat-day-workshop>

### [AIE | Industry Experience Day](#)

13 April 2021, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Ultimo

AIE's Industry Experience Days are a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Students will get the opportunity to learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and will be able to get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools.

Find out more: [https://aie.edu.au/aie\\_event/industry-experience-day/](https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/industry-experience-day/)

#### [CCE | Year 10 Course: Preparing for Success](#)

14 April 2021, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Centre for Continuing Education, Newtown

This course for Year 10 students provides an introduction to study, language and writing skills necessary for success in a wide range of subjects in Years 10 and 11, and the Higher School Certificate.

The first session deals with study methods. Subsequent sessions deal with English language and writing skills, including punctuation and sentence structure, vocabulary, and essay writing.

Find out more: <https://cce.sydney.edu.au/course/Y10P>

#### [Rosemary Bishop Indigenous Education Scholarship](#)

Value: Full tuition and boarding

Open/Closing Dates: January 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021 [Find out more](#)

#### [Wool4School Design Competition](#)

Wool4School is an annual student design competition encouraging budding fashion designers to show the nation what they're made of.

Open to all Australian school students in high school, the Wool4School competition invites students in years 7 – 12 to design an outfit using a minimum of 70% wool. The outfit must contain a minimum of one piece with a maximum of four pieces and show the student's creative and innovative side.

Registration is open now; **the competition closes on 22 July.**

Find out more and register here: <https://www.wool4school.com/>

#### [Future Leaders Photography Prize 2021](#)

The Future Leaders Photography Prize is designed to recognize talented young photographers.

Year 12 students are invited to submit digital photographic work (one photograph for each student). The work submitted can be on any theme.

In 2021, the award winner will receive \$1,000. Where there is more than one winner the prize money will be shared.

**Entries are open until 31 May.**

Find out more: [http://www.futureleaders.com.au/awards/Photography\\_Prize\\_2021.pdf](http://www.futureleaders.com.au/awards/Photography_Prize_2021.pdf)

#### [Barbara Petchenik Children's World Map Drawing Competition](#)

The Barbara Petchenik Award was created by the International Cartographic Association in 1993 as a memorial for Barbara Petchenik, a past Vice president of the ICA and cartographer who worked through her life with maps related to children.

This year's competition is based on the theme "A map of my future world". Young people under 16 years of age from around the world are invited to enter the competition.

**Entries must be submitted by 15 September.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://icaci.org/petchenik/>

#### [Australian Geography Competition 2021](#)

The Australian Geography Competition is a contest for Australian secondary school students, assessing their geographical knowledge and skills.

In 2021, the Competition will be held in schools between Thursday 18 March and Wednesday 31 March. It consists of multiple-choice questions testing geographical knowledge and skills. Outstanding students at each age level win prizes which include book vouchers and special certificates, and medals for first in Australia.

**The deadline to enter is Sunday 28 February.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.geographycompetition.org.au/>

#### [International Mathematical Modeling Challenge \(IM<sup>2</sup>C\)](#)

The International Mathematical Modeling Challenge (IM<sup>2</sup>C) is a new team-based mathematical competition for Australian secondary students.

Operating in teams, comprising up to four students from the same school, participants must work collaboratively to solve a problem (set globally) by devising and applying an original mathematical model.

Constrained to a period of five consecutive days, teams unpack the given problem, hypothesise, test, and develop a working solution, before preparing and submitting a report on their solution to the

Australian judging panel. The best two solutions then progress to compete against the other participating countries on an international level.

The IM<sup>2</sup>C exists to support the real-world application of learning, build proficiency, encourage collaboration, and challenge students to use mathematics to make a real difference to the world around them.

**This year the competition will take place between 8 March – 30 March in Australia.**

Find out more here: <https://www.immchallenge.org.au/>

### [Fair Work Resources for Students and Young People](#)

Starting a new job or looking to get your foot in the door some time soon? You might be keen to learn about your rights and responsibilities as an employee.

The Fair Work Ombudsman has some great resources for young people and students who are starting a new job. These resources can help you prepare by knowing your rights, being ready for your first day, learning about issues that can arise, myths on unpaid work, and much more.

If you already have a job and are feeling like something isn't right, these resources can help as well. You can also check out their [Record My Hours](#) app to make it easy to keep track of your hours worked and other important information.

Take a look at the resources on the Fair Work website here: <https://www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/young-workers-and-students>

### [Arts Careers to Consider](#)

The arts is a huge industry, with heaps of different jobs and roles, and plenty of pathways to get into your dream career. We know all about the usual jobs – painter, designer, musician, etc. – but what about some of the more “out there” careers in the arts?

ArtsHub has spoken to artists and creatives from around Australia about their roles and how they got there, and some of them are surprising. Ever heard of becoming a book designer, voice coach, circus trainer, fight director, or audio describer? There are people out there doing these jobs right now!

Take a look at the full list and find out more about these different arts careers here: <https://www.artshub.com.au/education/news-article/career-advice/professional-development/richard-watts/so-you-want-my-arts-job-over-20-careers-to-consider-in-2021-261827>

### [University Disability Services](#)

For many high school students living with disabilities or ongoing health issues, the thought of heading off the university could seem like a massive challenge.

However, universities these days (as well as most other tertiary education providers), recognise some of the issues that you might be facing. You'll find that they offer a range of services that could help you to transition more easily into university life and succeed once you're settled in.

### **What help do university disability services offer?**

Different universities might offer different services, so it would be well worth your time [researching what's available](#) at all the campuses you're interested in studying at. Then, we recommend that you make contact with the teams working in those departments, ask them more questions, or even arrange to meet them.

Examples of some of the services offered around Australia include:

- Accessibility options
- Adjustments to assessments
- Special arrangements during exams
- Provision of specialised equipment and technology
- Advice, advocacy and on-site support

### **Who is eligible for help from these support services?**

Anyone who has a disability or chronic health condition may be eligible to apply for help from these university services. Lots of them also apply if you're the main carer of someone with a disability or long-term health issue.

Learning disabilities, mental health issues and injuries are also often included in the eligibility categories.

The best thing to do is contact universities directly. They'll be able to tell you if you'll be eligible for assistance, what services and provisions may be offered, and how to make sure you can access them.

### **Find out what's available in your state**

For relevant information about the [services](#) offered in your state or with the university you'd like to study at, here are a few links to get you started.

#### **New South Wales**

[UAC](#)

[ACU](#)

[Charles Sturt University](#)

[Macquarie](#)

[SCU](#)

[The University of Newcastle](#)

[UNE](#)

[UNSW](#)

[Notre Dame](#)



[USYD](#)

[UTS](#)

[WSU](#)

[UOW](#)

### **Online study support is also available**

Even if you choose not to study on campus, or you're unable to, perhaps you could consider enrolling in an online learning course. Even with this option, you might find that there's still lots of help or consideration available to ensure that you can succeed.

For example, check out what Open Universities Australia offer in terms of [disability support](#). Or contact the university you'd like to enrol with and find out how they could help.

### **Ask the experts**

If you can't find the information you're looking for, you could also speak to other experts in the field and ask some questions. They may not know all the answers, but they can usually help to send you in the right direction.

Here's a few organisations to get you started:

- [National Disability Service](#)
- [Disability Services in your State or Territory](#)
- [Disability Services Australia](#)
- [ADCET](#)
- [NDCO](#)

### **Don't give up**

There really are lots of options designed to help you achieve your study goals. If you are feeling overwhelmed, ask for help.

Try talking to your school careers advisors, teachers or mentors. Speak to your family and friends about your concerns. Don't be embarrassed to ask for information or a little bit of extra help from universities and other institutions.

### **[Take a First Aid Course with St John Ambulance](#)**

Do you want to have the confidence and knowledge to act in an emergency situation? Whether it's in the workplace or around the house, basic first aid knowledge can help save lives – and it looks pretty good on your resume as well.

If you want to learn first aid, St John Ambulance has been offering first aid training for nearly 130 years. You can learn at one of their many locations across the country, or try their online first aid course from the comfort of your own home.

There are a variety of courses on offer, including providing basic first aid, learning CPR, first aid for remote situations, and sports injury management.

Find out more and enrol here: <http://stjohn.org.au/first-aid-training>

### [Torrens University Australia – Not too late to apply](#)

At Torrens University Australia, our next trimester commences on the 15th of February, so it's not too late to apply. Why study with us?

- We have removed ATAR as an entry requirement, for good
- Small class sizes
- Your own personal Success Coach to help you navigate university life
- A focus on practical, hands-on learning so you graduate job ready
- Industry experts as lecturers
- No exams (we're all about assessment and project-based learning)
- Flexible learning modes to suit your style: on campus, online classes or a hybrid of both
- Internships with leading brands, through our work-integrated learning programs
- Scholarships available

We offer courses in Business, Design, Health and Hospitality and have campuses across 4 states. Apply today.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/apply-online>

### [Your Pathway to Engineering – from TAFE NSW to UTS](#)

TAFE NSW are now offering a direct pathway into UTS' engineering courses through their Diploma of Engineering – Technical.

On successful completion of both the Diploma and an optional UTS Foundation Maths subject, students are able to receive 24 credit points (6 months of study) for a range of UTS engineering programs.

Best of all, the Diploma of Engineering – Technical is completely fee-free if you're eligible for JobTrainer. Find out more about JobTrainer and check your eligibility [here](#).

The course is available to study at both the Mount Druitt and Wetherill Park TAFE NSW campuses.

Find out more about the program here: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/course/-/c/c/MEM50212-01/Diploma-of-Engineering—Technical>

### [Thoroughbred Breeders Australia Fast Track Program](#)

Thoroughbred Breeders Australia has launched the Fast Track program to create a pathway for talented horse people to enter our industry.

If you are passionate about horses this is an incredible opportunity: you will be employed and mentored on a respected stud farm; gain a formal qualification, plus have the opportunity to learn from leaders in the global horse industry.

The 12-month program provides an accelerated introduction and learning experience that will help Fast Track graduates progress quickly in careers in the breeding industry.

Fast Track is open to anyone aged 18 and over with an interest in horses, no matter what your equine background is. You don't ever have to have worked with thoroughbreds, but a basic level of horse handling experience is required and will be taken into account when assessing applications.

All the education and teaching provided to those enrolled in Fast Track is free to the trainee.

Applications are now open for the 2021 program, which will commence on 24 May.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.tbaus.com/fast-track-program/about-the-fast-track-program/>

#### [Volvo Apprenticeship Program](#)

The Volvo Apprenticeship Program provides school leavers and mature age students with an exciting and challenging opportunity to receive formal qualifications through extensive product training while in full-time employment.

The Volvo apprenticeship lasts for four years (three years block release at the Volvo Technical Center) and consists of a variety of workplace and off-the-job training. The off-the-job training will be undertaken at the dedicated Volvo Technical Centre. The training will be residential and delivered in 7 x 1 week blocks each year throughout the Program.

On completion, you will have achieved Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology.

Applications to the Volvo Apprenticeship Program are open now.

Find out more and apply here: <https://pub.s7.exacttarget.com/lkttwx3ibi1>

#### [Learn a Language with IML at UQ](#)

The Institute of Modern Languages (IML), part of the University of Queensland, offers courses in 30 languages.

If you're keen to travel the world one day, have friends or family that speak another language, or are just keen to learn, you can enrol now in one of their online courses.

Anyone over 16 years of age can enrol in an IML class, with courses starting at various times throughout the year.

Find out more and enrol here: <https://iml.uq.edu.au/>

### [Work Experience at AIE](#)

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) runs a Work Experience Program for students in years 10 to 12 throughout the year. Students can undertake work experience at their campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Adelaide.

The AIE Work Experience Program is a great way for students in to learn about the interactive entertainment and digital industries. The week will open the door to the range of career possibilities in the industry and allow students to get hands-on with the tools of the trade.

The Work Experience Program encompasses a range of activities including 3D animation, programming, QA testing and much more.

There is always plenty of interest in the AIE Work Experience Program, so make sure you register ASAP so you don't miss out.

[Learn more](#)

### [Defence Work Experience Program](#)

The Defence Work Experience Program is pleased to advise that they are undertaking planning for activities to take place in 2021.

As placements are planned and confirmed, they will be advertised through the "Placements" tab on the Defence Work Experience Website. We encourage you to check their website regularly throughout the year.

Defence is committed to providing a national work experience program designed to:

- demonstrate the wide variety of interesting careers available within Defence;
- ease the transition of students into the workplace; and
- contribute to the development of the skills of young Australians.

[Learn more](#)

### [Staying Active at Home](#)

Just because you might have to stay at home, doesn't mean you'll have to turn into a couch potato. Staying active is great for your physical and mental health but it's also a fantastic way to pass some time. There are tonnes of work out routines already available online, with more being added by the day, as well as free live streaming classes and free trials of apps.

- Join Thor actor Chris Hemsworth and an assortment of others working out on his [Centr app](#) with a free trial
- Get fit with Outlander star Sam Heughan on [My Peak Challenge](#)
- Join in with one of the free [Planet Fitness](#) videos on YouTube
- Train with [Freeletics](#)
- Try the [spell your name workout](#)
- Do some [yoga with Adriene](#)
- Try a [Les Mills trial for FREE](#) and access some of their older workout series online

- Have a go at a [hip-hop tabata class from Popsugar](#)
- Do a PT session with [Sydney Cummings](#)
- How about a [10 minute abdominal workout from HASfit](#) or choose from one of their other videos
- Check out [Cosmopolitan's list of 11 gym studios offering free online workouts](#)
- Take a look at WorkoutCave's [list of free home workouts](#)
- Check out more FREE fitness videos available on this [list of 50](#)

If none of those appeal to you how about one of these ideas:

- Hold a dance off challenge for members or your family, or get online and do it with your mates.
- Practise your ball skills in the backyard.
- Do some skipping to get your heart rate up. No skipping rope? See what you could use from around the house or your dad's shed as a substitute.
- Shoot some hoops.
- Lucky enough to have a pool? Do some laps and get competitive with yourself, see how many you can do in a set time.
- Get out the backyard cricket set and get your whole family playing.
- Set up exercise stations in your backyard, on the driveway or in a room in your house then do circuits, time yourself and see how many exercises you can do at each station. How many push-ups, sit-ups, jumping jacks, jump-rope turns, burpees, and step-ups can you do in 45 seconds? How about a minute? Keep track of how well you do and see how you improve over time.
- Mow the lawn for your parents.
- Get on [GoNoodle](#) and perfect some of the routines.

#### [Join the AFS Global You Adventurer Virtual Program](#)

Would you like to make friends around the world from your home? AFS Global You Adventurer is here to help you do that!

This is a one-of-a-kind online program where you will learn about connecting with people across cultures and become part of a global community. In addition to having fun, you'll learn from AFS intercultural learning experts based on more than 70 years of experience running exchange programs and other education programs in more than 60 countries.

In this online program, you will explore:

- How you can stand for issues you really care about and help make the world a better place
- How to be part of a global community of people passionate about making a difference
- What makes differences between cultures important and beautiful
- Why we all need to build our empathy muscles
- How to avoid jumping to conclusions
- What to do about inequalities you encounter around you

...and more!

At the end, you'll receive the Global Competence Certificate issued by AFS acknowledging your new global skills.

Find out more and sign up here: <https://afs.org/adventurer>

#### [How to talk to your teen about their career](#)

If you're struggling to start the conversation with your young person about what they want to do once school is over, then you're not alone. Knowing what to say is tricky, and there could be

consequences if you get it wrong, but the evidence shows that parents are the most trusted source of information and advice when teens are trying to choose a post-school pathway.

In this article we've taken a look at what you should (and probably shouldn't) say, when you should say it, and how to know if your teen may need outside help to make their choices.

Read the full article here: <https://studyworkgrow.com.au/2021/02/03/how-to-talk-to-your-teen-about-their-career/>

### Transition to Work

The Transition to Work employment service helps young people aged 15-24 into work (including apprenticeships and training) or education.

Transition to Work participants receive intensive, pre-employment support to develop practical skills to get a job, connect with education or training, find local job opportunities and connect with relevant local community services.

To participate in Transition to Work you must be:

- Between 15-24 years old
- Either:
  - an Australian citizen, or
  - a holder of a permanent visa, New Zealand Special Category Visa, or Nominated Visa (including Temporary Protection Visa or Safe Haven Visa).

Find out more about the Transition to Work service and find a provider here:

<https://www.dese.gov.au/transition-work>

### How to become a Curator

*Grow and preserve valuable collections, create memorable experiences.*

#### **What do Curators do?**

Curators are responsible for the collections in Museums, Art Galleries, or other cultural and research institutions. In this job you could be finding and buying new items, cleaning artefacts, finding ways to preserve exhibits, as well as creating displays the most innovative, fun, appealing and educational ways possible for the public.

Are you passionate about art, culture, the environment or education? Or if you are creative and excited to share your passions in ways that will appeal to a wide range of people, then working as a Curator could be fantastic job for you.

#### **About you:**

- Natural storyteller, engaging and inventive with excellent communication skills
- Organised with an objective and methodical approach to work
- Pay attention to details and able to be critique your own work
- Excellent researching, IT and multi-media skills
- A team worker who's a decisive leader and can manage resources effectively

#### **The job:**

Your duties as a Curator will vary depending on where you're working and what type of role you choose to do, but on an average day you could expect to be:

- Finding and buying new collections
- Identifying and recording items, then researching them
- Exploring different ways to exhibit or preserve them
- Arranging restoration works

- Working with the public, doing presentations or answering questions
- Designing exhibitions or installations
- Writing grant applications and fundraising, keeping to a strict budget
- Managing staff and volunteers
- Preparing labels and cataloguing items and writing detailed records
- Creating educational and promotional material
- Collaborating with other museum professionals such as security staff, marketing, educators and outreach workers

**Lifestyle Impact: Low**

- Part Time opportunities: Good around 33% of curators work part-time (source: joboutlook.gov.au)
- Average hours for full-time workers: 42 hours a week (source: joboutlook.com.au),
- Curators salary (average) \$85,000\* per year (Source: seek.com.au) \*salaries vary between industries, your role, and depending on your skills and experience
- Future career growth: Moderate (Source: joboutlook.gov.au)
- Working in this field, there could be opportunities to travel, get out and about and work on site or go on buying or research trips. Some of your work could also be done remotely and online, meaning that you could work some of the time from home.

**Curators are most in demand in these locations:**

This is a small profession, and at the moment a large proportion of Curators are employed in the ACT, although there are opportunities to be found Australia-wide – even in some of the more remote parts.

**How to become a Curator in Australia**

You'll need a relevant bachelor's degree or postgraduate qualification if you'd like to work as a Curator.

You can tailor your qualification to reflect your areas of interest such as arts, science, technology, natural history, cultural heritage, history, anthropology or archaeology for example, majoring in a relevant field.

**Step 1** – Choose high school subjects that reflect your interests and will help you to meet any university course prerequisites. You'll need English to demonstrate you've got the necessary communication skills. IT could come in very useful too.

**Step 2** – Complete relevant tertiary qualification e.g.:

[Bachelor of Art History and Curatorship at ANU](#)

[Bachelor of Art History and Curating at Monash](#)

[Bachelor of Arts Major Archaeology at USQ](#)

If you choose to do Zoology for example and there's no major that you think will qualify you to work as a curator; then follow your passions and if you're still keen to pursue this career after you graduate, you could look at completing a postgraduate qualification.

[Graduate Certificate in Art Curating at USYD](#)

[Graduate Diploma of Museum Studies at Deakin](#)

[Master of Art Curatorship at the University of Melbourne](#)

[Master of Art Curating at USYD](#)

[Master of Arts \(Curatorial & Museum Studies\) at Adelaide Uni](#)

Vocational Qualifications could also be a pathway into a university degree if you'd like to test the waters first. Your studies could count as credits towards your degree (you'll need to confirm with the universities though).

[Certificate IV in Arts Administration](#)

[Diploma of Visual Arts](#)

Remember, you may have the option of studying some courses online.

**Step 3** – Volunteering or getting relevant work experience is a great way to network and give your resume a boost. Once you have gained the necessary qualifications, you could also look at internships as a way of getting your foot in the door.

Find out more here –

<https://www.amaga.org.au/>

<https://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/index.php>

### **Similar Careers to Curator**

Producer

Artist

Archivist

Collections Manager

Travel Agent

[Tourism representative](#)

[Interpreter](#)

[Events Coordinator](#)

Find out more about alternative [careers](#).

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### **What do Curators do?**

Curators spend their days immersed in their passions. In this job you could be researching works of art, cultures or relics. Telling stories about collections that are both interesting and educational to your audiences. Finding and creating exhibitions as well as deciding on the themes and ideas that will introduce them. You might also have to do presentations and market your collection in other ways.

Some admin duties will be involved too. This could be anything from cataloguing items and applying for funds and grants, to budget reports and staff management.

#### **What industries employ curators?**

Curators can work in lots of industries including hospitality, tourism and conservation. However, the majority are employed in the Arts and Recreation Services, Public Administration, Safety as well as Education and Training. (Source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au))

#### **Do I need to go to university to become a Curator?**

Yes, you'll need a formal undergraduate or post graduate qualification in a related field to make you eligible to apply for positions as a Curator.

#### **Where do Curators work?**



Curated exhibitions are most commonly found in galleries and museums, but you could also be working with displays in a range of other locations. Zoos and aquariums, your local council building, hospital, or university. You might be working on projects in any number of public spaces such as parks, gardens or historical sites, retail areas, or hospitality venues. You could even be setting up exhibitions in disused shop fronts, abandoned storage areas, at the beach or in a residential home, it really depends on your role.

**What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Curator?**

If you're at high school and you'd like to find out if a career as a Curator is right for you and start learning skills and gaining experience, here's a few things you could try:

1. Study exhibitions in detail, look at the lighting, interactive elements, information available. Talk to curators and start to develop your own ideas and style.
2. Ask school if you can be the curator of an exhibition and make a portfolio of your work.
3. Volunteer at your local exhibition spaces, sign up for any experience days and workshops, ask them for a work experience placement.

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