



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>

➤ **US COLLEGE INTENSIVE WITH FORMER STANFORD ADMISSIONS OFFICER**

4 July 2019, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

University of Technology Sydney, Broadway, Ultimo NSW, Australia

Learn exactly what US College Admissions Officers are looking for from Martin Walsh, a former Stanford Admissions Officer who has reviewed more than 5,000 applications!

This is a must-attend event for students in Years 10-12 who intend on applying to US Colleges.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-college-intensive-with-former-stanford-admissions-officer-syd-registration-63039360424?discount=STUDYWORKGROW>

➤ **NORTHERN SYDNEY APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP EXPO**

20 August 2019, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The Concourse, Victoria Avenue, Chatswood NSW, Australia

About the Expos –

The expo kicks off the recruitment process. Exhibitors get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

School Careers Advisers are on hand to meet career seekers and parents to discuss career options.

View a short video of the Western Sydney Apprenticeship & Traineeship Expo [here](#).
With a lot of Sydney's major infrastructure projects underway – Western Sydney Airport, road, as well as community, business and residential developments, there has never been a better time to start your journey on a rewarding career path.

This is the perfect chance to meet industry experts from a range of interesting fields and apply for apprenticeships, traineeships, jobs and further education from exhibitors representing industry, businesses, group training companies, registered training organisations and many more.

Find out more: <http://apprenticeshipandtraineeshipexpos.com.au/>

➤ LA TROBE UNIVERSITY | SYDNEY OPEN DAY

22 August 2019, 4:00 pm

La Trobe University - Sydney Campus, Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW, Australia

You'll need to register to attend Open Day

Explore our world and discover your future at Open Day 2019.

You may already know that we're ranked within the top [1.5% of universities worldwide](#), that our graduates [place second in Victoria for employer satisfaction](#) and that we offer a leading [career ready program](#) that's available to every La Trobe student.

But there's only so much you can learn from a website or a course guide.

Open Day is your chance to visit our campuses, step inside our world-class facilities, get up close and personal with our teaching staff, and gain a real taste of university life. Register to attend Open Day and see where La Trobe can take you.

Career Initiatives

Open Day isn't just your opportunity to learn about the course you want to study; it's also your chance to get a clear idea of what careers it can lead to.

Career readiness is a priority at La Trobe, which is why we've developed our unique [Career Ready Advantage](#) program. Make sure you drop into your campus's Career Ready Hub on Open Day for a chat with one of our friendly expert career advisers.

Competitions, food and fun

Throughout the day, our social team will be interacting with guests and giving you the chance to win a range of instant prizes.

More than Study

La Trobe's reputation for fun is perhaps no better demonstrated than with our huge range of [clubs and societies](#). These are formed around areas of common interests or study, providing students the chance to immerse themselves in something they're passionate about whilst making new friends.

At Open Day, many of our clubs and societies will be on show – including those which support philanthropic causes and minority groups – offering opportunities for you to connect with a range of causes.

Find out more: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday>

➤ SYDNEY DESIGN SCHOOL | OPEN DAY

2 November 2019, 10:00 am

Sydney Design School, Oxley Street, St Leonards NSW, Australia

Immerse yourself in the exciting world of interior design and get creative building your own moodboard. Our Director, Amanda Grace, will be giving a 30 minute presentation at 10.45am covering everything you need to know about our career courses and flexible learning options. To attend, simply register your details below.

On the day you will:

- Create an inspiring interiors moodboard
- Attend a presentation from our Director about our courses
- Take the opportunity to talk to our Educators who all work in the professional world of design
- Explore work opportunities after you graduate in Interior Design and Decoration
- Discuss any questions you have with our course advisors
- Look around our state of the art studios

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

➤ TALENT 100 CAREERS SEMINAR: MEDICINE & ACING THE UCAT

16 June 2019, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm | Talent 100 Epping Learning Centre, Rawson Street, Epping NSW, Australia

If you've ever wanted to pursue in Medicine, this Careers Seminar is a must. We will show you what it takes to get into Medicine and succeed as a doctor. The presentation is divided into two parts: A Career in Medicine, and Acing the UCAT.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/talent-100-careers-seminar-medicine-acing-the-ucat-epping-tickets-60910414690>

➤ FIRE AND RESCUE NSW | RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSION

17 June 2019, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm | NSW Teachers Federation Conference Centre, Reservoir Street, Surry Hills NSW, Australia

Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) recruitment information sessions are designed to inform potential candidates about the recruitment process, including the Physical Aptitude Test (PAT). The sessions also give candidates the chance to hear from current firefighters about the rewarding career offered by FRNSW.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/recruitment-information-sessions-2019-tickets-61914406657>

➤ AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF MUSIC | OPEN DAY – SYDNEY

27 July 2019, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm | Australian Institute of Music, Foveaux Street, Surry Hills NSW, Australia

AIM OPEN DAY 2019 is the perfect opportunity to discover our range of unique and specialised degree programs. Meet teachers, students and alumni, chat to industry experts and explore your course options with our friendly admissions advising staff.

- **Discover** | See our vibrant campus come to life with free performance workshops, demonstrations, displays, career overview talks and more!
- **Get Involved** | Enjoy live performances, and experience a range of fun interactive activities. Plus take part in our industry feedback panel sessions.
- **Find Out More** | AIM OPEN DAY 2019 is the perfect opportunity to discover our range of unique and specialised degree programs. Meet teachers, students and alumni, chat to industry experts and explore your course options with our friendly admissions advising staff.

Full schedule of the day's events and workshops coming soon.

Find out more: <https://www.aim.edu.au/events/open-day-2019>

➤ **CREATIVE CAREERS EXPO – CAMPBELLTOWN**

14 June 2019, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Campbelltown Arts Centre, Art Gallery Road, Campbelltown NSW, Australia

The Creative Careers Expo is the only one of its kind in Australia. Our 2019 program is packed with inspirational artist talks and information stalls from tertiary institutions, and provides an amazing opportunity to inspire, prepare, inform and facilitate young people considering post-school pathways in the arts and creative industries.

Find out more: <https://www.artshub.com.au/whats-on/sydney/festivals-and-programs/creative-careers-expo-238753>

➤ **TAFE NSW | INFOFEST 2019**

24 June 2019, 8:00 am - 28 June 2019, 5:00 pm

TAFE NSW has over 1,200 courses, diplomas and degrees, so whether you're looking to get qualified faster, change careers, get a promotion or just gain the skills to be your own boss, you can explore your options at InfoFest.

At InfoFest 2019, you can attend information sessions with teachers and have your questions answered regarding your course or enrolment. You'll also get the opportunity to tour the campus and view our state-of-the-art facilities, guided by friendly and informative staff, happy to assist you with course information, help finalise your enrolment, or provide you with great career advice.

Find out more: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/infofest>

➤ **SOAR AVIATION SYDNEY – COURSE INFO SESSION**

[13 June 2019](#), 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm & [15 June 2019](#), 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm | Soar Aviation - Bankstown Airport Sydney, Rearwin Place, Bankstown Aerodrome NSW, Australia

Start your career as a pilot today! Explore the AVI50215 Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilots License -Aeroplane) course in further detail, at our Soar Aviation Bankstown Airport information Session.

This information session is an opportunity to discuss your career goals in aviation, and learn why the Soar Aviation course is the right choice for you.

➤ **ACU | PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS – NORTH SYDNEY**

8 August 2019, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus, 40 Edward Street, North Sydney NSW, Australia

Is your teen thinking about tertiary study? Do you want to know how you can support them on their journey to university?

Hear from staff and students, learn about the application process and discover how ACU can help you and your teen get ready for university.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2019/august/parent-information-sessions-north-sydney>

➤ **WRITERS UNLEASHED FESTIVAL**

17 August 2019, 8:30 am - 6:00 pm | Tradies Gympie, Kingsway, Gympie NSW, Australia

The Writers Unleashed festival is an exciting day with some fabulous Australian authors, speaking on an array of topics and styles, for both the writer and reader alike. With three rooms running concurrently, there is plenty to choose from.

Find out more: <http://shirewritersfestival.weebly.com/>

➤ 'SURVIVING YEAR 12' SEMINAR

27 June 2019, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Oxford Falls Grammar School, Oxford Falls Road, Oxford Falls NSW, Australia

The 'Surviving Year 12' seminar is designed to prepare parents and students for final school years by providing practical tips and strategies from applied psychological research.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dr-michael-carr-gregg-surviving-year-12-tickets-60798782796>

➤ NBMC BARISTA TRAINING

19 June 2019, 9:30 am - 26 June 2019, 3:00 pm

Northern Beaches Community College, Pittwater Road, North Narrabeen NSW, Australia
Become a coffee connoisseur and learn to make at least 9 different coffees to the national quality standard (piccolo latte, short and long macchiato, cappuccino, short black and many more). Learn about appearance, aroma, body, flavour, taste, strength, volume, and of course, how to froth the milk.

Find out more: https://nbmc.nsw.edu.au/course/Barista_Training

➤ FASHION ILLUSTRATION FOR BEGINNERS

Do you have an interest in the fashion world? Sydney Community College is offering a Fashion Illustration for Beginners course.

This course is a practical course in fashion illustration where students are exposed to techniques and skills through demonstration and then practicing example with one-on-one guidance and tuition.

Subjects covered range from basic fashion head and body, through to fabric rendering and presentation.

The course runs over 4 sessions from Tuesday 25 June to Tuesday 16 July, from 6.00pm – 9.00pm. If you are interested and want to find out more or enrol, check the course details out [here](#).

➤ CDU EQUITY AWARD

Open/Closing Dates: 01/06/2019 – 02/08/2019

Value: \$500

This award helps to provide financial support to students who may face challenges when completing their studies and to further develop the equitable and inclusive environment at Charles Darwin University.

Eligibility criteria:

- Must be enrolled in a Higher Education undergraduate course
- Must be enrolled full-time for the duration of the scholarship
- Must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or holder of an Australian permanent resident visa or permanent humanitarian visa

Selection criteria: Your written statement must address each of the selection criteria in order to rank in the selection process. **Essential**

- Demonstrate a financial, cultural or social disadvantage
- Demonstrate any challenges faced in relation to study
- Outline career or progression intentions on completion of the course

Desirable

- Demonstrate residence in or strong connections with Regional or Remote locations in Australia

[Find out more](#)

➤ **ANDY THOMAS SCHOLARSHIP**

Open/Closing Dates: 06/08/2019 – 28/09/2019

Value: \$6,000 per year

The University of Adelaide will offer one scholarship to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic merit and is enrolling in a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Mechanical) program.

To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- are Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia
- qualify for their year 12 certificate at an Australian School and have obtained an outstanding ATAR score (including the Equity Scheme adjustment factors only, where this is applicable)
- have applied through SATAC for admission to a Commonwealth Supported Place in an undergraduate Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Mechanical) program at the University of Adelaide and are eligible to receive an offer of a place in that program
- are commencing post secondary studies for the first time.

Applications are by invitation only.

[Find out more](#)

➤ **MELBOURNE CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP**

Open/Closing Dates: 05/08/2019 – 30/09/2019

Value: \$17,500 - \$32,500

This scholarship is awarded to talented students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement during their Australian Year 12 or International Baccalaureate (IB).

To be eligible for this scholarship, you need to:

- either:
 - be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or a New Zealand citizen, and have completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate in Australia, or
 - be an Australian citizen and have completed an Australian Year 12 or the International Baccalaureate outside Australia.
- have applied for a University of Melbourne undergraduate course via [VTAC](#) for commencement in the year following completion of Australian Year 12 or International Baccalaureate
- not have previously undertaken any tertiary studies (excluding extension studies completed as part of a Year 12 program), and
- satisfy the prerequisites for a University of Melbourne course and:
 - have achieved an ATAR of at least 99.90, or
 - intend to undertake the Bachelor of Music and have achieved an ATAR of at least 99.85 and achieved an audition score of A+ , or
 - be of Indigenous Australian descent and have achieved an ATAR of at least 90.00

The Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship is guaranteed to all eligible students.

[Find out more](#)

➤ UN YOUTH | VOICE COMPETITION

Voice is a unique public speaking competition for students in Year 7-10, running throughout Terms 3 & 4. Voice invites you to solve issues that affect your community, nation and the world. From homelessness to climate change we want to hear you pitch your big ideas.

Why compete in Voice?

- Develop skills in public speaking and research.
- Hone your ability to think on your feet, assisting you in leadership positions or debating competition in the future.
- Build an increased knowledge about areas pertinent to you as students.
- A chance to meet likeminded and engaged young people.

Find more information about your state/territory competition here:

- [Australian Capital Territory](#)
- [Queensland](#)
- [New South Wales](#)
- [South Australia](#)
- [Tasmania](#)
- [Victoria](#)
- [Western Australia](#)

Registrations for this year haven't opened yet, but keep an eye on the [UN Youth Facebook](#) page to find out when they do.

Find out more about the national competition [here](#).

➤ MSLEXIA FICTION COMPETITION

The Mslexia fiction competitions have opened for 2019. There are three categories to enter:

- [Short Story](#)
- [Adult Novel](#)
- [Flash Fiction](#)

The competitions are open to women from all countries. As well as cash prizes, Mslexia also offer publication, mentoring, writing retreats, manuscript feedback and personal introductions to editors and literary agents for winners and finalists.

Entries in all categories are open until Monday 30 September.

Find out more and enter: <https://mslexia.co.uk/competitions/>

➤ MOBILEMUSTER SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Do you have a passion for the environment? MobileMuster wants you to create a one minute film encouraging your community to recycle their old phones.

It can be live action, stop-motion, picture story or a combination. Any genre can be used – documentary, comedy, musical, horror, romance, sci-fi.

Entry is free and is open to all primary and secondary school students in Australia.

Entries are open until 12.00pm on Monday 23 September.

Find out more and enter: <https://www.mobilemuster.com.au/competition/>

➤ EUCALYPT PHOTO COMPETITION

The Threatened Species Recovery Hub is holding a photo competition to celebrate the beauty and diversity of Australia's eucalypts. We are looking for submissions in three categories:

1. Trees
2. Flowers and nuts
3. Features (bark, foliage or anything else of artistic merit)

The best photos will be included in the National Action Plan for Australian Eucalypts, an online photo exhibition and in other materials that promote the findings of the assessment and the national action plan.

Entries are open until Monday 22 June.

Find out more and enter: <http://www.nespthreatenedspecies.edu.au/news/eucalypt-photo-competition>

➤ THE DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NONFICTION PRIZE

The Deakin University Nonfiction Prize is a unique development award to foster talented writers aged 30 and under writing longform nonfiction.

Entries between 5,000 and 10,000 words are welcome across all nonfiction genres, including memoir, journalism, essay, and creative nonfiction.

Entries close 11.59pm on Sunday 1 September.

Find out more and enter here: <https://expressmedia.org.au/programs/the-nonfiction-prize/>

➤ QANTAS GROUP PILOT ACADEMY

Estimates suggest that 790,000 more pilots will be required globally over the next 20 years. To meet this growing demand, Qantas Group will be opening their Pilot Academy in Toowoomba in September.

The Qantas Group Pilot Academy aims to produce industry-ready pilots with a strong focus on safety and quality of training, delivered in an inclusive and supportive environment. Training will be facilitated by Flight Training Adelaide (FTA) with support from the Qantas Group to provide an outstanding student experience.

Qantas will also be offering a scholarship program to make a number of grants available. These range from covering the cost of accommodation through to full training.

If you're born to fly and serious about a career in aviation, applications for the first intake are now open.

Find out more and apply: <https://www.qantas.com/au/en/about-us/our-company/pilot-academy.html>

➤ BUNDANON TRUST ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

The Bundanon Trust Artist-in-Residence program is open to emerging and established arts professionals from Australia and overseas, working in all disciplines. This includes artists, writers, performers, producers, directors, composers, curators and educators. Residencies can be for research and development or for the creation of new work.

Applications for 2020 residencies close on Monday 29 July.

Find out more and apply: <https://bundanon.com.au/residencies/2020-residencies/>

➤ DEFENCE FORCE FIT PREP PROGRAM

For women who are looking to enter the defence force, but require additional support and development with fitness, confidence, and resilience, there is an alternative pathway.

You can apply to join the Female Initial Training Preparation (FIT Prep), which will help get you to the fitness levels required to undertake recruit training. This enlistment pathway has been developed for female candidates over the age of 18, seeking general entry full-time roles.

FIT Prep is a seven week course that guides you through fitness activities and basic army skills, and helps to strengthen your confidence, mental resilience and independence.

It is run at the Army Recruit Training Centre in Kapooka on these upcoming dates:

- 25 Jun – 12 Aug 19
- 23 Jul – 09 Sep 19
- 27 Aug – 14 Oct 19
- 24 Sep – 04 Nov 19

To find out more about the entry pathways available for women to the Defence Force, visit their website [here](#).

You can also check out various information sessions that are held for women looking to join the Defence Force [here](#).

➤ **CERTIFICATE IV IN INTERIOR DECORATION**

Have you ever thought about being an interior decorator? You can study a Certificate IV in Interior Decoration to help achieve your dream career.

A career in interior decoration could entail styling, colour selection, planning and arranging spaces, and consulting with clients about their wants and needs. If you think you have a flair for design and the latest trends (or maybe you love to watch *The Block*) this could be the course for you.

There are a variety of training providers that offer this course around Australia. You can find out more about the course and where you can study it on the MySkills website [here](#).

➤ **BACHELOR OF COASTAL AND MARINE SCIENCE**

The University of Newcastle is launching the Bachelor of Coastal and Marine Science in 2020. If you love the ocean, the environment or science, this might be the course for you. Learn about the importance that the marine environment plays in our lives.

As part of the degree, you'll have access to world-class facilities and participate in field and laboratory work to help develop your analytical, research and communication skills. You'll also have the opportunity to engage in work-integrated learning and gain recognised certifications such as a boat license, radio operator license, and drone and remotely operated vehicle operation.

Find out more about the Bachelor of Coastal and Marine Science [here](#).

➤ **PHOTOSHOP WEEK 2019**

CreativeLive is hosting a series of online workshops during their Photoshop Week from June 12 to 14. There are a total of 17 workshops that will help you learn the insides and out of Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom and enhance your photography work.

The workshops are all hosted online, so there is no need to travel, and anyone can participate.

You can purchase the whole bundle of 17 workshops for USD\$199, or purchase individual workshops that you might be interested in. After purchasing you have unlimited access to the workshops at any time.

Find out more and sign up [here](#).

➤ UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE | GRADUATE DEGREE PACKAGES

The University of Melbourne now offers Graduate Degree Packages. This means that, depending on your results at the end of year 12, you may be offered a place in one of their graduate degrees as part of your undergraduate application.

This means you can start your undergraduate degree and know that there is a guaranteed place in the graduate program for you once you finish. But they also offer the flexibility for you to withdraw from the package if you change your mind after completing your undergraduate degree.

For example, if you leave school with an ATAR of 96.00 and above, you'll be able to enrol in a Bachelor of Science/Master of Engineering pathway. Your Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) in the Master of Engineering is therefore secured.

The ATAR score you need varies from 95.00 to 99.85 depending on which course you would like to enrol in. If you'd like to check out a full list of the packages available and the score you will need, you can view that [here](#).

You can apply for a Graduate Degree Package through VTAC.

Read more about the Graduate Degree Packages [here](#).

➤ 5 TIPS FOR YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

What is subject selection?

Essentially, it's where you get to choose (finally hooray), the subjects you would like to study and the ones you'd like to drop.

Sounds great, doesn't it? But making big decisions isn't always easy, so here's a few tips to get you started.

Compulsory subjects / units

If you're not sure if there are any compulsory subjects you'll need to do at your high school, now is the time to check that out.

Passion is important

If you love studying a certain subject or you have your heart already set on a career, that's fantastic. Doing what you love will not only make you happier in both the long and short term, but you're more likely to do well at it too.

So if for example you love art, don't stop doing it in favour of another subject that you think typically scales better, just to boost your overall ATAR score.

You should definitely choose subjects that you enjoy, but be realistic about what the long term opportunities those subjects will give you and maybe compromise on one or two.

Research

Before you commit to which subjects you'll take next year, you really should do some reading. Whether you're planning on going on to study further, take up an apprenticeship or start working, you should find out what prospective institutions or employers will need from your high school education.

Keep your options open

Plans change, and what you love now might not be what you love in a couple of years' time. Try to choose some subjects that will give you flexibility, just in case you change your mind.

Challenge yourself

If you're looking at doing Maths or English and similar subjects where there are different levels, carefully consider going for the advanced / higher levels.

You may need to study the higher levels to get into the degree you want, and/or you may find it a bit easier once you get to uni if you've already covered more, BUT you will be competing against better students and the work will take up more of your brain space.

A few of our recommended **DON'Ts** when it comes to subject selection include:

- Don't just choose what you think are the easy options, you're wasting your opportunity to be and to do so much more
- Don't choose subjects to be with your friends or satisfy your parents' wishes
- Don't choose subjects because you think they'll scale well or lead to a well-paid career. You might end up hating your time at school and university and putting yourself behind rather than getting ahead
- Don't be unrealistic. E.g. don't choose chemistry and physics because you love animals and think being a vet would be nice. If you're not great at those subjects and are a bit squeamish anyway, you really need to find new and realistic ways to pursue your dream of working with animals.

Remember

Yes, it's a big decision, but Subject selection in Year 10 will not define the rest of your life.

Give it some thought, do the research and choose subjects that will help you to enjoy your last two years at school.

➤ YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION GUIDE | UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY 2020

If you're in Year 10 and have already identified the University of Sydney as being a University you're interested in attending, you might like to read their tips about subject selection in high school.

To get accepted on to lots of University courses, you'll need to have successfully completed certain (prerequisite) subjects in Years 11 & 12.

There's a great little careers guide as well. You can identify subjects that interest you now, see what potential careers they could lead to and what study areas at Uni you might like to think about.

Have a read of the [guide](#), it could help you choose your subjects more easily.

➤ UAC'S SUBJECT COMPASS

In Year 10, students finally get the chance to make choices about which subjects they'd like to study (and which ones you can finally drop).

Whilst that's great on most levels, actually making the decisions isn't always easy.

Choosing subjects that you like and that you're good at are the best ways to choose what you're going to study. But it's also important to bear in mind how your choices could help you on the pathway you choose after high school.

UAC have produced the [Subject Compass](#) that could help you make your decisions more easily.

You can start your search based on your interests, skills, the Uni course you think you'd like to do or the career you're interested in, or even your personality traits.

Once you've entered all your information, you'll end up with a list of HSC courses that best match your profile. It'll also tell you your ATAR eligibility based on those options.

It might even be worth a go if you're pretty certain which subjects you want to take, it could open your eyes to other combinations and pathways.

Read [tips and information](#) about how the Subject Compass works, as well as ATAR eligibility before you start your quiz.

Students from any state or territory can use this useful tool, but bear in mind it's designed to meet the requirements of Year 10 students in NSW.

➤ JOB SPOTLIGHT

Specialist Doctor

What do they do?

Specialists are fully qualified Medical Doctors who have decided on a particular area of medicine that they are passionate about and would like to focus on within their career.

If you're really interested in a specific area of medicine, have all the qualities of a great Doctor and are committed and passionate, then you might like to consider your options to specialise within the medical profession.

There are over 64 different medical specialties to choose from in Australia, and within some of those areas, you can specialise even further:

- Addiction Medicine
- Anaesthesia
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine / Paediatric emergency medicine
- General Practice
- Intensive care medicine / Paediatric intensive care medicine
- Medical administration
- Obstetrics and gynaecology includes: gynaecological oncology, maternal-foetal medicine, obstetrics & gynaecological ultrasound, reproductive endocrinology and infertility, urogynaecology
- Occupational and environmental medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Paediatrics and child health includes: clinical genetics, community child health, general paediatrics, neonatal and perinatal medicine, paediatric oncology, paediatric clinical pharmacology, paediatric emergency medicine, paediatric endocrinology, paediatric gastroenterology & hepatology, paediatric immunology & allergy, paediatric infectious diseases, paediatric intensive care medicine, paediatric medical oncology, paediatric nephrology, paediatric neurology, paediatric nuclear medicine, paediatric palliative care, paediatric rehabilitation medicine, paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine, paediatric rheumatology
- Pain medicine
- Palliative medicine
- Pathology – include: general, anatomical, chemical, haematology, immunology, microbiology, forensic
- Physician – includes: cardiology, clinical genetics, clinical pharmacology, endocrinology, gastroenterology & hepatology, general medicine, geriatric medicine, haematology, immunology & allergy, infectious diseases, medical oncology, nephrology, neurology, nuclear medicine, respiratory and sleep medicine, rheumatology.
- Psychiatry
- Public health medicine
- Radiation oncology
- Radiology – diagnostic radiology, diagnostic ultrasound, nuclear medicine

- Rehabilitation medicine
- Sexual health medicine
- Sport and exercise medicine
- Surgery including: cardio-thoracic, general, neurosurgery, orthopaedic, otolaryngology (head & neck), oral and maxillofacial, paediatric, plastic, urology, vascular

Duties: (vary widely according to speciality undertaken), examples of duties include:

- undertaking patient consultations and physical examinations
- admit or refer patients to hospitals
- consult other medical specialists
- using technical equipment to undertake laboratory tests and diagnostic procedures
- analysing test results and other medical information to make diagnoses
- assessing and planning treatment requirements
- prescribing, administering and monitoring medication, remedial and therapeutic treatment and procedures
- writing reports, referral letters, recording medical information and data
- reporting specified contagious and notifiable diseases to government health and immigration authorities
- organising workloads
- performing surgical procedures
- providing general pre- and post-operative care
- liaising daily with staff including other doctors, non-medical management staff and healthcare professionals
- promoting health education
- managing a department
- leading a medical team
- keeping GPs informed about the care of their patients
- teaching and supervising trainee doctors

Skills required:

- excellent communicators
- good leadership skills
- able to solve problems under stress and in emergency situations.
- compassionate
- attention to detail
- organisational skills
- good record keeping
- patience
- stamina to work long hours and handle emotional stress
- dexterity to work with medical equipment and tools

Pathway:

- Become a registered medical doctor (see pathways in the Study Work Grow Doctor job spotlight).
- Complete at least two years of postgraduate residency before they can enter a speciality training program (3-7years full-time) with an AMC accredited specialist college.

Inclusive Community

- Pass clinical, practical and exit exams, and other assessments to test the full range of skills and behaviours required as a doctor, such as communication and team work.
- Undertake vocational training in a public hospital, private hospital, or a regional, rural and community health settings. (The exception is general practice, where doctors undertake most of their training in designated private general practices in a community setting).
- Awarded a fellowship from the college.
- Apply for unrestricted Medicare provider number
- Apply for jobs within any medical institution to practise independently in the area of your specialty.

Average Salary:

As the jobs are so diverse, as are the institutions in which specialists practise, these figures are just a guide. They don't include overtime, bonuses etc.

Neurosurgeon: \$242,200 (range \$60,402 to \$502,004).

Anaesthesiologist: \$153,506 range \$51,583 to \$296,958.

Physician / doctor, cardiologist: \$120,000 range \$60,000 to \$400,000.

Obstetrician / Gynaecologist: \$109,113 range \$50,013 to \$391,486

Paediatrician: \$100,478 range \$51,555 to \$171,140

(Source: MEDIQ Financial Services)

Medical specialists \$160,340 (Source: au.indeed.com)

Radiologist \$154,783 (Source: payscale.com)

Emergency Room Doctor \$102,718 (Source: payscale.com)

Future growth: strong (joboutlook.gov.au)

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