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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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Events

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

CSU Explore Day for Year 10, 11 & 12 Students, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: March 10, 2026

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12? Get a feel for uni life at our hands-on Explore Day!

Our Albury-Wodonga campus is where the outdoors and study meet. From water sports on the Murray to skiing in Falls Creek, you'll never be bored.

Explore Day features lots of workshops you can take part in, based on careers and courses you're interested in. You'll need to book a spot in any workshop you'd like to attend.

You'll be able to:

- talk to academics about courses and careers.
- attend tours of facilities and social spaces.
- enjoy a delicious morning tea on arrival and a free lunch.
- bring along your parents or carers, teachers and friends. All our buildings are accessible, so if you're a person with disabilities, you'll be able to take part in everything.

[Find out more](#)

National Fashion College Open Day, Sydney

Organisation: National Fashion College

Location: National Fashion College, Sydney Campus

Date: March 11, 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](#)

Pathways to Studying Law at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: March 11, 2026

Did you know, there are many pathways to studying law at the University of Sydney? Hear from a current students who joined the law community at Sydney through an alternate pathway, such as transferring or studying graduate entry law.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Year 12 Medicine Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales



Location: Online

Date: March 11 to January 1, 1970

Are you interested in a career in medicine?

Start your medical career at one of the top medical schools in the world.* Studying the Bachelor of Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine at UNSW will provide you with the theoretical understanding and practical experiences you need to launch your career as a medical professional.

UNSW's Medicine Information Evening for current year 12 students will provide insight into the dynamic blend of hands-on clinical experiences and research-focused learning that you will be immersed in as a UNSW Medicine student. You'll also find out detailed information on the application and admissions process for 2027 entry, including special entry schemes such as UNSW's Rural, Gateway and Indigenous Entry Schemes.

Join us online where you will hear from our expert panel of academic staff, current students and advisors, and get all of your UNSW Medicine questions answered.

*QS World University Rankings by Subject, 2025

The event will be recorded and sent to all who register.

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UTAS Discover Medicine Webinar

Organisation: University of Tasmania

Location: Online

Date: March 12, 2026

Considering medicine for 2027 entry? Join our course webinar facilitated by our Director of Medicine, Dr Anthea Dallas, to find out more about studying medicine in Tasmania.

We'll step through course features and curriculum (including interprofessional learning and clinical placements), student experience, campus locations, entry requirements, and key pathways and processes - including the Aboriginal Entry Pathway and Rural Application Process.

[Find out more](#)

AIE Information Evening for Future Students, Online

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Online

Date: March 12, 2026

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, film, 3D animation and



visual effects at the AIE Information Evening.

The evening will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. We will be showing off AIE student work and our staff and teachers will be available to chat with you about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career.

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UNSW College Open Day

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW College Campus

Date: March 14, 2026

Thinking about your options after high school?

At Open Day, explore how a UNSW College Diploma can help you progress straight into second year at UNSW Sydney – no compromises, no delays. With May, August and January intakes available, you won't have to wait long to start your UNSW journey.

At our Open Day, you'll get a taste of college life, immerse yourself in our vibrant community, and find out how a UNSW College Diploma can set you up for a lifetime of success.

[Find out more](#)

SEARCHERS and SPRAY! Free Community Day at the National Art School

Organisation: National Art School

Location: National Art School

Date: March 14, 2026

Join us at the National Art School on Saturday 14 March, for a free afternoon on campus celebrating SEARCHERS: Graffiti and Contemporary Art. Explore the exhibition, hear artists and thinkers in conversation, watch graffiti come alive in a live spray painting demonstration, make your own work in a drop-in workshop, and unwind at the bar with DJ Rosano Snooze. The Gallery stays open until 7pm.

This is a drop-in community day for students, families and visitors from across Sydney. Everyone is welcome.

RSVP: All activities are free. Please register your interest for each activity below.

- [Who speaks for culture? Panel Discussion.](#)
- [Spray in action! Live graffiti works on site.](#)
- [Make your mark! Family friendly art-making.](#)
- [Relax and unwind! NAS Bar with DJ Rosano Snooze.](#)

[Find out more](#)



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What you'll experience:

- **Explore your pathway to second year at university** - Learn how our Diplomas lead to the second year of a UNSW Sydney degree. We offer programs in Architecture, Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Media and Communications, and Science.
- **Get expert advice** - Chat 1:1 to our academics, admissions and support teams and get answers to your questions.
- **Get a taste of student life** - Hear from our students to learn what it's like to study at UNSW College. Plus get hands on with interactive activities, campus tours and live demonstrations on the day!

Program highlights:

- **Interactive academic workshops** - Meet your future teachers and get hands-on experience in Architecture, Business, Computer Science, Engineering, Maths, Media and Communications, and Science
- **Advisory zones** - Get one-on-one guidance from our Admissions, Enrolment, Future Students, UNSW Student Ambassadors and Applied degrees teams
- **Student life activities** - Take a campus tour, chat with student ambassadors, discover clubs and societies
- **New program: Applied Degrees** - Explore our new, industry-developed bachelor's degrees designed to ensure you graduate work-ready and world-class

Join us to learn more about Diploma pathways to help you gain entry to UNSW Sydney. Enjoy coffee and light snacks while you explore.

[Find out more](#)

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

High School Exchange Program | Live Information Session

Organisation: Student Exchange Australia New Zealand

Location: Online

Date: March 16, 2026

Join our live online information session to learn how a high school exchange program works, what daily life looks like for students overseas and how our team supports every step from preparation to return.

The session covers destinations, program options, eligibility, safety and wellbeing, scholarships, discounts and the application process. Parents gain clarity and reassurance. Students gain inspiration and a real sense of what an exchange experience can offer.

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Strategies for HSC Success Webinar – University of Newcastle and InspirationED

Organisation: InspirationED

Location: Online

Date: March 16, 2026

The University of Newcastle has partnered with InspirationED to host a practical, insight-packed webinar designed specifically for Year 11 and 12 students (and their parents).

Led by a Senior HSC Marker, this session delves into effective study techniques, exam hacks, and strategies for excelling in HSC assessment tasks. Whether you're beginning your HSC preparations or seeking to enhance your performance, this webinar is your gateway to unlocking academic success with expert insights and practical advice.

Students will also have the chance to hear from a current University of Newcastle Student Ambassador about their experiences studying and our [Early Entry Program](#).

[Find out more](#)

CSU Explore Day for Year 10, 11 & 12 Students, Bathurst

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus

Date: March 17, 2026

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12? Get a feel for uni life at our hands-on Explore Day!

Looking for the perfect blend of city meets country vibes? From cafés and wineries to festivals and galleries, you'll get the best of both worlds in Bathurst.

Explore Day features lots of workshops you can take part in, based on careers and courses you're interested in. You'll need to book a spot in any workshop you'd like to attend.

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- talk to academics about courses and careers.
- attend tours of facilities and social spaces.
- enjoy a delicious morning tea on arrival and a free lunch.
- bring along your parents or carers, teachers and friends. All our buildings are accessible, so if you're a person with disabilities, you'll be able to take part in everything.

[Find out more](#)

UQ Medicine Information Evening, Online

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: Online

Date: March 18, 2026

Attend our information session to learn about studying medicine at The University of Queensland (UQ).

Hear from UQ Medical School staff, UQ alumni and current students on the changing medical climate, how to apply for medicine at UQ, and tips for success.

What's involved:



- Learn about admission requirements and how to apply for the Doctor of Medicine (MD).
- Gain insight into UQ's MD program structure, clinical placements, learning experiences and student support.
- Explore entry pathways, including partnerships with CQUniversity and UniSQ.
- Hear from UQ Medical School academics about UQ's new medical pathway.
- Hear insights from recent graduates and current students.
- Participate in an interactive Q&A with alumni and current students.

[Find out more](#)

Study Biomedicine and Health at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: March 18, 2026

Wondering about a career in health or biomedicine? Or a path that leads to—research, medicine, public health, or something entirely new?

Join our webinar to uncover the possibilities with the Bachelor of Biomedicine and Health, delivered at the heart of a world-class health and research hub at Westmead. Learn how this degree opens doors to careers in health, hospital services, and public health, and serves as a pathway to medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and allied health programs. Discover how this degree opens doors to exciting careers and future study options.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Aviation Information Session

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: March 18, 2026

Are you interested in a career in aviation? Join UNSW online on Wednesday 18 March from 6–7pm AEDT for an interactive webinar with Q&A.

As air traffic continues to increase, the industry needs more airline pilots and aviation professionals to meet demand. Hear from UNSW Aviation staff and students and find out how you can kick start your career in this important industry.

Discover the exciting world of aviation at UNSW as our speakers delve into their personal experiences and share their insights into the broad range of career opportunities in the aviation sector.

Connect with our staff and students during the Q&A to discover the diverse range of student experience opportunities on offer at UNSW and get all your questions answered.

[Find out more](#)

UniMelb Hansen Scholarship Program Information Session, Online

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Online

Date: March 19, 2026

Talented year 12 students, parents, careers practitioners, and other support people are invited to join us for an information evening to learn more about the University's most generous undergraduate scholarship: the [Hansen Scholarship](#).

As a Hansen Scholar, you'll join a program that nurtures potential and provides a place where your ambition can grow, offering you access to a high-quality university education that might otherwise feel out of reach. Valued at up to \$108,000, this scholarship offers a fully funded place to call home at Little Hall for three years. Alongside the close-knit residential community, tailored mentoring, extracurricular activities and focused financial support will set you up for success.



In this one-hour session, we'll cover:

- Benefits of the program including the fully-funded offerings of Little Hall
- Eligibility and selection criteria
- Timelines and the application process
- Tips and advice on submitting a competitive application

You'll hear from a current Hansen Scholar who will share their experiences about the program and be available to answer your questions. A recording of the session will be made available for registrants who can not tune in on the night.

[Find out more](#)

A Place for Everyone: A Beginners guide to roles in the screen industry

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: March 21, 2026

This session is an introduction to the industry and the crew careers. Crew or Below The Line workers are the people who make the magic happen.

[Find out more](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

Griffith Pathways to Medicine Information Session, Online

Organisation: Griffith University

Location: Online

Date: March 24, 2026

Embark on your journey to a rewarding medical career at Griffith University with our Pathways to Medicine online information session.

Get clear, first-hand advice from Griffith admissions experts, medical teaching staff, and current students who have successfully navigated the same pathways - helping you understand your options and apply with confidence.

Discover all you need to know about studying medicine at Griffith, from choosing the right undergraduate degree to understanding admissions processes and pathway options.

Why attend?

- Explore the different pathways into Griffith's Doctor of Medicine
- Learn which undergraduate degrees can lead to medicine
- Understand how GUMSAA and GEMSAS are used in the selection process
- Get guidance on the Rural Priority Access Scheme
- Hear real experiences and tips from current Griffith medical students
- Ask your questions during a live Q&A session

[Find out more](#)

Your Passport to an International Career: Bachelor of International Studies at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: March 25, 2026

Ever dreamt of making a global impact? In Sydney's Bachelor of International Studies you will dive into the world's most challenging issues and gear up for a career that knows no borders - be it in business, diplomacy, policy-making, or advocating in a global civil society.

Join our webinar and discover how our degree can help you navigate the global arena. Don't just watch the world change - be the change!



[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Open Day

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: March 28, 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](#)

CSU Medicine Information Night for Future Students

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: April 1, 2026

Pursue a rewarding career. Make a difference in your community. Get all the info you need to study our independently accredited Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine.

Whether you're in high school, looking for a career change, or keen to take the next step in your health career – our online information night is for you! Parents, carers, and career advisers are also welcome to join.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Callaghan Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Come and explore the vibrant atmosphere of the University of Newcastle's Callaghan Campus in Australia. This in-person event is a fantastic opportunity to get a firsthand experience of our beautiful campus.

During the tour, our Student Ambassadors will take you through the various facilities and landmarks, showcasing the state-of-the-art classrooms, modern libraries, cutting-edge research centers, and stunning outdoor spaces.

Whether you are a prospective student, a parent or carer, or simply curious about our university, this tour will give you an insight into the vibrant campus life and the endless opportunities that await you at The University of Newcastle.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle NUSpace Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: NUSpace, The University of Newcastle

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting in-person tour of NUSpace, at the University of Newcastle. Get ready to explore the state-of-the-art facilities and vibrant campus atmosphere.

During the tour, you'll have the opportunity to discover the latest technologies, interactive classrooms, and collaborative study areas that make NUSpace a hub of creativity and learning. Our knowledgeable staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Located on Auckland Street, NUSpace is easily accessible and offers a vibrant and inclusive community. Whether you're a prospective student, parent, or simply curious about the future of education, this tour is perfect for you.

[Find out more](#)



University of Newcastle Q Building Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Q Building, The University of Newcastle

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting tour of the Q Building at the University of Newcastle! Explore the state-of-the-art facilities and immerse yourself in the vibrant campus atmosphere.

This in-person event is your chance to discover the cutting-edge technology and innovative spaces that make the Q Building a hub of creativity and learning.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to get a firsthand experience of the Q Building. Whether you're a prospective student or simply curious about the university, this tour is the perfect chance to see what makes our campus special.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Ourimbah Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Ourimbah Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Come and explore the vibrant atmosphere of the University of Newcastle's Ourimbah Campus on the Central Coast. This in-person event is a fantastic opportunity to get a firsthand experience of our beautiful campus.

During the tour, you will explore the cutting-edge facilities, including modern classrooms, research labs, and collaborative spaces. Our knowledgeable guides will share insights about the various academic programs, student support services, and extracurricular activities available at Ourimbah Campus.

Whether you are a prospective student, a parent or carer, or simply curious about the university experience, this tour is an ideal way to get a firsthand look at everything Ourimbah Campus has to offer.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Central Coast Clinical School Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Central Coast Clinical School

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting in-person tour of the Central Coast Clinical School. This event is a fantastic opportunity to explore our state-of-the-art facilities and learn more about the cutting-edge medical education and research happening on campus.

During the tour, our Student Ambassadors will take you through the various labs, study spaces, library and much more.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to explore our Central Coast Clinical School. We look forward to welcoming you!

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Gosford Central Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Gosford Central Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting in-person tour of the Central Coast Campus - Gosford Central! This event is a fantastic opportunity to explore our state-of-the-art facilities and learn more about the cutting-edge education facilities happening on campus.

During the tour, our Student Ambassadors will take you through the study spaces and much more



the new campus has to offer.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to explore our new Central Coast Campus - Gosford Central. We look forward to welcoming you!

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU North Sydney: Allied Health and Nursing

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for Discover Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Speech Pathology – a hands-on practical event designed for students in Years 10 – 12.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at our interactive, fully-functional simulation wards and labs, where you can step into the shoes of a future health professional. Take part in interactive activities, meet current students, and hear how ACU prepares graduates to care, lead, and advocate for others.

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU North Sydney: Law, Criminology and Business

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Dream of changing the world? Ready to lead with purpose?

Join us for Discover Law, Criminology and Business at ACU North Sydney. You'll dive into hands-on workshops, explore our campus, and hear from current students about how they're studying to become ethical lawyers, strategic business leaders, and change-makers in criminal justice.

Free for students in Years 10 – 12.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Year 10 & 11 Experience Days

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW Sydney, Kensington Campus

Date: April 13 to April 15, 2026

Join us on campus for a UNSW Experience Day to discover what it's like to be a UNSW student. You'll explore different skills and pathways through interactive workshops about study areas you're interested in.

- Choose from 40+ different workshops
- Connect with current students & alumni
- Explore UNSW's buzzing campus lifestyle
- Enjoy a free lunch from our delicious food trucks

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Workshop Areas Include:

- **Business & Commerce:** Banking & Finance, Economics, Information Systems, Entrepreneurship
- **Engineering:** Biomedical, Chemical, Electrical, Materials Science, Space & Aerospace
- **Humanities & Social Sciences:** History, Politics, Philosophy and Economics
- **Law & Criminal Justice:** Legal studies and criminology
- Plus many more specialised areas

You'll need to select one morning and one afternoon workshop to attend on your chosen day.

Workshops may fill up quickly, so have backup options ready.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Interior Design Business Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: April 14 to April 15, 2026

If you've always wanted to run your own creative business but lack the tools to get started our Interior Design Business Workshop is perfect for you. Be inspired and energised by passionate Interior Designers who run their own successful practices and gain clear insights into your motivation and key business drivers.

On day one you'll drill down into what makes your offer unique, identify your target audience and develop marketing and pricing strategies. Then on day two get into the nitty gritty of contracts, fee proposals and how to successfully manage a design project, including scope creep and price objections. You'll finish the workshop exploring and discussing tactics to set yourself apart and get noticed.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Interior Decoration Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: April 15 to April 16, 2026

Be inspired. Be creative. If you love interiors magazines and beautifully styled spaces, this fun two day workshop is for you. It's perfect for any interiors enthusiast who wants to decorate their home with skill and confidence.

This beginners workshop will give you a taste of the Certificate IV in Interior Decoration course and you'll get a feel for our School and the passion of our Educators.

Get hands on as you learn how to put together a full interior decoration scheme for a living space in your own home. Plan the layout, select furniture and lighting, explore colour schemes and create a sample board of your ideas.

[Find out more](#)

You Can Get In: How to job hunt for entry level roles in the screen industry

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: April 18, 2026

The screen industry recruits through friends and recommendations. The good news about this is that everyone, initially, doesn't know anyone. We'll cover how to create a screen ready CV, the role of crew agencies, credits and how to find work.



[Find out more](#)

ACAP Info Night, Sydney

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP University College, Sydney Campus

Date: April 23, 2026

Join us on campus and discover how ACAP can help you make a real difference in the lives of others. Find out about our degrees in psychology, social work, counselling, criminology, coaching and law, as well as the career paths available to you.

ACAP's degrees of difference have been shaping futures for over four decades. As a global leader in the vast field of applied psychology, our professionally accredited qualifications contribute to societal well-being, embodying values of integrity, equity, and social justice.

Join our on-campus info night and discover our industry-driven programs, meet our industry experts and see how ACAP can help you achieve a career that'll make a real degree of difference.

[Find out more](#)

SAE University College Info Night, Sydney

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Sydney Campus

Date: April 23, 2026

Just make the first move in your dream career – join us at your local SAE campus for Info Night!

This is your chance to get a feel for the vibe at an SAE campus. Explore our creative and technology courses, meet industry experts and chat to the campus teams about student life. You can even take a tour of our facilities and check out some of the awesome student projects on display.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – For Educators: HSC True Reward, Pathways & Early Offers

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: April 27, 2026

This webinar is for Principals, Careers Advisers and Teachers, covering details about our HSC True Reward Early Entry Program, Alternate Pathways, Scholarships and more.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Parents and Carers Info Session – Newcastle

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Q Building, The University of Newcastle

Date: April 28, 2026

If you have a child who is currently completing senior studies, come visit us for our Parents and Carers Info Session.

Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to hear from University staff and current students, with a presentation touching on areas such as:

- Our different entry schemes, such as the Early Entry Program, Schools Recommendation Scheme & Year 12 Subject Spotlight
- Our campus locations, accommodation, scholarships and more
- Student experience and support services available

Following this, there will be an opportunity for Q&As if you had any specific inquiries.

Students are welcome to attend as well!

[Find out more](#)



Discover Western Webinar – Your Pathway from TAFE to University

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: April 28, 2026

This webinar is for current or former TAFE or Vocational Education students to learn about Western's Vocational Pathways. Your studies may make you eligible for entry to Western, and you may even be eligible for credit towards your degree! Our knowledgeable staff will talk you through your options.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney On-campus Info Night 2026

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Seymour Centre, University of Sydney, Camperdown/Darlington Campus

Date: April 29, 2026

Are you in Years 10 to 12 and ready to explore your future? Join us for an information night to discover how the University of Sydney can help you shape the future you want.

Connect with current students and alumni, each representing a diverse range of degrees and pathways to higher education, and discover what life is really like as a university student. Plus, University staff and a UAC representative will be available to answer your questions and guide you through your options.

[Find out more](#)

UNE Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of New England

Location: University of New England, Armidale Campus

Date: May 1, 2026

Thinking about uni after school? Come and see what UNE has to offer.

Open Day gives you a real sense of university life. You can weigh up your options, check out campus, and meet the people who'll be teaching you. You'll get to tour facilities, sit in on information sessions, and try out some interactive activities. You'll also have the opportunity to ask lecturers all your questions about courses, what to expect, or what it's like to study in your area of interest. You'll experience the community side of UNE too. From the moment you arrive, you'll see why students consistently rate us highly for social equity and overall experience.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – For Parents and Supporters: Your Role and How You Can Help Guide Them to University

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: May 4, 2026

This webinar is for Parents and Supporters to learn how they can support their child through their HSC and while they make those big decisions about their future. Discover university entry options, careers and courses, and pathways they can explore should they not achieve their desired ATAR.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Parents and Carers Information Webinar

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 5, 2026

We will be hosting an information webinar touching on key topics for parents and carers in



supporting their students considering studying at University.

Presentation topics:

- Insights into data surrounding student success outcomes
- Admissions pathways (options, key dates)
- Application preferencing via UAC and Early Entry
- On-campus accommodation information and how to apply
- Support services available to students

The session will be approx. 1 hour including 15mins for Q&A.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

Curious about where your study could take you? Join our Talk with Industry Series - a range of online Q&A sessions connecting you directly with ACU students and graduates across diverse fields.

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No matter where you are in your decision-making journey, you'll gain valuable perspectives on what studying and working in your chosen field truly involves.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Joint Medical Program Online Information Session

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (The JMP[®]) is an innovative five-year degree jointly delivered by the University of Newcastle and University of New England and supported by Hunter New England Local Health District and Central Coast Local Health District. Our students' graduate work-ready, with a key role shaping and improving future health care for individuals and communities.

We offer a range of pathway options to help you apply to study within The JMP[®]. Join us for the Joint Medical Program Info Session Webinar to find out more about these pathways, including Rural and Remote Admissions Scheme (RRAS), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Miroma Bunbilla Program and Excellence through Equity Pathway to Medicine (ETE), as well as an overview of the program, admission criteria, study locations and best of all, first-hand experience from current students and academics who teach into the program.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 13, 2026

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ACU Talk with Law, Criminology and Business Professionals

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 14, 2026

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A Place for Everyone: A Beginners guide to entry level roles in the screen industry

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 16, 2026

This session is an introduction to the industry and the crew careers. Crew or Below The Line workers are the people who make the magic happen.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Year 10 Subject Selection Webinar

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 20, 2026

Our student ambassadors will share key Year 10 Subject Selection information and share their stories and experiences with subject selection and transition to University studies.

Presentation topics:

- Subject selection process (our 3 simple steps on how to select your subjects)
- Subject selection resources, case studies and examples
- What if I don't know what I want to do or change my mind?
- What can you study at the University of Newcastle?
- Differences between school life and university life
- Pathways to University
- Ask a Student platform

The session will be approx. 1 hour including 15 mins for Q&A.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Arts Students and Graduates

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 20, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Biomedicine and Nutrition Experts

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 21, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

Year 10 Subject Choices with ADHD – Webinar for Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 21, 2026

Getting through the final school years with ADHD can be challenging — and choosing subjects that don't suit your strengths or learning style can make it even harder. This webinar is designed to help parents of students with ADHD in Year 10 understand how to make subject selections that support motivation, confidence, and success.

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](#)

HSC and Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: Winx Stand, Randwick Racecourse

Date: May 28 to May 30, 2026

The HSC and Careers Expo 2026 is Sydney's longest running education and career event, designed to help high school students, parents, teachers, and jobseekers explore study and employment pathways. It brings together universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers, and career advisers in one location to provide practical information about courses, apprenticeships, and career options.

The event aims to support informed decision-making about future study and work choices through exhibits and HSC seminar presentations.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – For Year 10-12 Students: Pathways, Alternative Entry and Early Offers

Organisation: Western Sydney University



Location: Online

Date: June 9, 2026

This webinar is aimed at students in Years 10-12. We will explore and explain our HSC True Reward Early Offer Program, Alternative Entry Pathways and more.

[Find out more](#)

Northern Beaches Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Youth Up Front

Location: Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills

Date: June 18, 2026

For over two decades, this premier event has connected thousands of secondary students with leading education, training, and employment providers, helping them navigate their future pathways.

We strive to provide access to a wide variety of universities, private colleges, vocational education providers, traineeship providers, gap year providers, and other career and transition services for:

- Senior school students in Years 10, 11, and 12
- Families, support workers, and carers for senior school students
- School, VET, and university staff who support transitioning students
- Services and providers who need information, links, and resources to assist transitioning students

This event is free to attend, however registration is essential for planning. Registered schools will receive a copy of the Risk Management document to support their school excursion and copies of the Careers Expo preparation booklet for students prior to the expo.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

Youth Off the Streets National Scholarship Program

Organisation: Youth Off the Streets

Location: Australia, New Zealand

Value: AU\$6,000

Open Date: March 9, 2026

Close Date: May 15, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Adelaide University Online Grant

Organisation: Adelaide University

Location: Australia

Value: AU\$1,500

Open Date: January 19, 2026

Close Date: March 15, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Harmony Day Poster Competition 2026

Organisation: Moving Forward Together

Location: Australia

Value: Up to AU\$250

Close Date: April 15, 2026

[Find out more](#)



Tax, Super + You Competition

Organisation: Australian Taxation Office

Location: Australia

Value: AU\$1,000

Close Date: September 4, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

SUBJECT SELECTION

Where business can take you

Business isn't just about profit. It's about creating value, managing resources, and making informed decisions that affect teams, companies, and communities. By studying business, you gain a toolkit of skills that can be applied in almost any career, giving you flexibility and choice in your future.

The skills you build studying business

One of the biggest advantages of studying business is the broad set of transferable skills you develop along the way.

Analytical thinking and problem solving

Business teaches you to examine data, identify patterns, and make decisions based on evidence. You'll learn how to evaluate options, consider risks, and plan steps to reach goals. These skills are highly valued in industries that rely on strategy, project management, and decision making.

Financial literacy

Understanding budgets, markets, and financial statements is at the heart of business. You'll learn how money flows within organisations, how to manage resources effectively, and how to interpret financial information, skills that are useful in almost any career.

Adaptability and creativity

The business world changes quickly, and the ability to respond to new situations, generate innovative solutions, and embrace new opportunities is essential. Studying business helps you develop these qualities, preparing you for careers that require flexibility and problem solving.

Strategic thinking

Business encourages you to look ahead, anticipate challenges, and consider multiple outcomes. By thinking strategically, you learn how to plan projects, make decisions that align with goals, and evaluate the impact of your actions on people and resources.

Is business right for you?

Business might be the right subject for you if you like planning, analysing, or leading projects. You might enjoy business if you:

- Enjoy solving problems and making decisions that matter
- Like understanding how people, organisations, and markets interact
- Are interested in creating value, improving processes, or leading teams
- Enjoy working with others and communicating ideas clearly

This section helps you reflect on whether business aligns with your interests and strengths, and why it could feel rewarding to study.

Business careers

Some career pathways build directly on what you will study in business.



Management and leadership

managers guide teams, projects, and operations to achieve goals. roles can include project managers, operations managers and, team leaders, all of which require planning, coordination, and strategic thinking. Careers in management and leadership exist across every industry so there are endless possibilities.

Finance and accounting

Finance and accounting careers rely on strong numerical and analytical skills along with business knowledge. Accountants, financial analysts, and auditors help organisations manage money, assess performance, and make informed decisions.

Marketing and sales

If you enjoy communication, persuasion, and understanding what people want, marketing and sales could be a good fit. Marketing executives, brand managers, and business development professionals work to promote products, attract customers, and drive growth.

Where could it take you?

Studying business helps you understand how organisations operate, how people make decisions, and how markets function. It develops analytical thinking, problem solving, and strategic planning, skills that are valuable in almost every sector.

If you're interested in how organisations work and motivated to make decisions that have real impact, studying business could be the starting point for a flexible and rewarding career.

Ready to discover more about study and career options? [Explore other comprehensive guides and resources on our website here.](#)

JOBS & CAREERS

Weird and wonderful ag careers you'll love

The agricultural industry is so much bigger (and sometimes stranger) than a farmer on their tractor or whatever childhood image you've probably got in your head. It's more like a giant ecosystem, where every role, no matter how unusual, plays a part in keeping the whole thing running. Here are twelve careers that prove ag is one of the most diverse industries around.

Bovine hoof trimmer

Think of a [hoof trimmer](#) as a podiatrist for cows. Their job is to trim and care for the hooves of cattle, which, just like our toenails, can become overgrown, cracked, or infected if left unattended. Healthy hooves mean healthier, happier, and more productive animals.

It's hands-on, physical work that requires knowledge of animal anatomy, patience, and a strong stomach. You'll need to be confident working closely with large animals. If you want a real-world look at this job, search for [Nate the Hoof Guy](#) on YouTube, but be warned, it's not for the faint-hearted.

A certificate in animal studies or an apprenticeship with an experienced trimmer is a great way in. There are also specific [courses for hoof care practitioners](#) if you'd like to brush up on your skills.

Farrier

Similar to a bovine hoof trimmer, farriers shoe horses and make sure their hooves are in tip top condition. That means measuring, shaping, and fitting metal horseshoes to keep a horse's hooves protected and properly balanced. It's a skilled trade with ancient roots. Farriery has been around for thousands of years, but it's still very much in demand today, especially near racing and equestrian communities.

You'll need physical strength, metalworking skills, and an easy way with horses. Most farriers



complete a formal apprenticeship, and in many countries there are registered trade programmes specifically for this role.

There are professional bodies in most states and territories around Australia ([Queensland](#), [New South Wales](#), [Victoria](#), [Tasmania](#), [South Australia](#), [Western Australia](#)), as well as in [New Zealand](#) and [internationally](#).

Breeding technician

A [breeding technician](#) assists with the reproduction of livestock; cattle, pigs, sheep, and horses among them. This often involves artificial insemination and careful record-keeping to help farmers improve the genetics of their herds over time.

You'll need strong biology knowledge, attention to detail, and comfort working with animals in close quarters. Certificate and diploma programmes in animal reproduction are common pathways.

Grain sampler

Before grain is bought or sold, someone has to test it. A [grain sampler](#) collects samples from silos, trucks, and storage facilities and tests them for moisture content, purity, and quality. It sounds straightforward, but the data they gather determines the price a farmer gets paid, so accuracy really matters.

Good maths skills, attention to detail, and basic chemistry knowledge are all useful here. Entry-level positions often provide on-the-job training, with qualifications in agriculture or food science being an advantage.

Milk recorder

[Milk recorders](#) visit dairy farms to measure and record the milk output and composition from individual cows. This data helps farmers track the health and productivity of their herd, a bit like a regular check-up, but for a whole paddock of cows. It's a great entry point into the dairy industry and often involves early starts.

You'll need solid numeracy skills and comfort around livestock. Most training is provided on the job, though agricultural certificates are helpful. And you'll definitely need a drivers license to get between farms.

Hydroponic farmer

Hydroponic farmers grow plants without soil, using nutrient-rich water solutions instead. It's a method that's booming globally because it uses less water, can be done indoors, and produces crops faster than traditional farming. You could be growing lettuce, herbs, strawberries — even cannabis in places where it's legally farmed.

Science skills (especially chemistry and biology) are a big asset here, along with problem-solving and a love of systems. TAFE and vocational courses in horticulture or controlled-environment agriculture are common starting points. But you could also start your own hydroponic system in your own back yard.

[Aeroponic farming](#) is also a possible next generation farming method that uses no soil, 90% less water, and takes up less space. Worth checking out if you're considering a future in ag or want to be a grower in an urban area.

Crocodile egg collector

This is exactly what it sounds like — and yes, it's a real job. Perfect if you're an adrenalin junkie with but loves the ag industry. Crocodile egg collectors venture into the wild (or into farming enclosures) to harvest crocodile eggs, which are then raised on commercial farms. It requires confidence, quick thinking, and a cool head. Crocodile farming is a significant industry in northern Australia and parts of Africa and Asia.



Wildlife management qualifications and experience working with reptiles are helpful pathways into this role. You'll also need nerves of steel and quick reflexes.

Crocodile farmer

Crocodile farms raise these reptiles for their skin (used in luxury leather goods) and their meat, which is sold in restaurants and supermarkets. It's a highly regulated industry that requires knowledge of animal husbandry, health and safety, and relevant legal frameworks. Farmers must balance animal welfare with production goals, it's a serious and specialist operation.

Qualifications in agriculture, zoology, or business are all relevant pathways, and many people enter through hands-on work experience on an established farm.

Deer antler harvester

Deer antler is harvested in two forms. When it's still in its soft, early-growth "velvet" stage, and when its hard (shed or removed after growth). It's popular in traditional Chinese medicine and Asian markets. But it's also used in nutritional and sports supplements in western markets, used as natural and durable pet toys and chews, in animal feed, and also in the artisan crafts and decor industries. The process requires careful animal handling and must be done humanely and at the right time of year. It's a niche but growing area of the livestock industry.

As with any [livestock, for a career in deer farming](#), animal science knowledge and farm experience are your best starting points. There's opportunities in this industry here in Australia, in New Zealand and lots of other countries around the world.

Insect farmer

Insect farming is one of the fastest-growing areas in agriculture worldwide. Insects like mealworms, black soldier flies, and crickets are farmed as a sustainable source of protein in crop fertiliser, animal feed, pet food (for reptiles and amphibians mostly), and increasingly, human food products too. It's a science-meets-sustainability role that suits creative thinkers who aren't squeamish.

Biology and food science knowledge are useful. Short courses and vocational programmes in sustainable agriculture are increasingly covering this area.

Fruit fly wrangler

Fruit fly wranglers or [sterile insect technique \(SIT\) technicians](#) breed, sterilise, and release large numbers of fruit flies to reduce wild pest populations. It's a biological pest control method used to protect fruit crops without heavy pesticide use. Precise, science-driven work that has a massive impact on food production. Entomology (the study of insects) and agricultural science qualifications are relevant here.

Meat merchandiser

A [meat or carcass merchandiser](#) works in the meat processing industry supporting agribusiness.

Assessing and grading animal carcasses after slaughter to determine their value and best use. They need a detailed understanding of meat quality, anatomy, and food safety regulations. Think of them as quality controllers at one of the most important steps in the food supply chain.

Certificate programmes in meat processing or food technology are good starting points, and many employers offer structured on-the-job training.

Ready to explore further?

Agriculture is one of the most varied industries you can work in — and as you can see, you don't need to love tractors to find your place in it. Whether you're drawn to science, animals, technology, or even the unusual, there's likely a career in ag that suits you. Head to our [Jobs and Careers](#) page to explore more options and start thinking about what your path might look like.



SKILLS FOR WORK

The pros and cons of using AI to help you get a job

Artificial intelligence has quietly become part of almost every stage of the job-hunting process. From the moment you start searching for opportunities online to the point where you're sitting in an interview room, AI is involved. Often in ways you might not even realise. Understanding how to use it well, and where to hold back, is one of the more practical skills you can develop right now.

Finding jobs online

Job platforms like [Seek](#), [LinkedIn](#) (which as a professional networking and development platform isn't included in the under 16's social media ban), and [Indeed](#) all use AI to personalise what you see. The listings that appear at the top of your feed aren't random, they're shaped by your search history, profile details, and the kinds of roles other people similar to you have clicked on. This means the more complete and accurate your profile is, the better the recommendations you'll get.

You could also consider using AI tools directly to help with your search. Asking a chatbot to help you identify job titles that match a set of skills, or to explain what a particular role actually involves day-to-day. If you're not sure what career direction to head in, that kind of exploratory conversation can be genuinely useful. Although we always recommend that you speak with a careers advisor or trusted adult if you can.

Getting past ATS filters

Many employers, especially in larger organisations where hundreds or thousands of applications are received, use Applicant Tracking Systems (ATS). They use them to sort through applications before a human ever sees them. These systems scan your CV and cover letter for keywords, relevant experience, and formatting cues. If your application doesn't match what the system is looking for, it may never reach a recruiter.

This is where AI can help in a practical, time-saving way. You can paste a job description into a chatbot and ask it to identify the key skills and phrases the employer is looking for, then check whether your CV reflects those things. If it doesn't, you can adjust. This isn't dishonest, it's the same as reading a job ad carefully and tailoring your application, which is exactly what employers expect you to do. You're just using a tool to help you best identify what needs tailoring.

Just make sure your CV still sounds like you. ATS software is getting better at flagging applications that look templated or overly polished in ways that may not quite match the rest of the application. And a CV that reads like it was written by a committee won't help you stand out once it reaches an actual person.

Preparing for interviews

This is one of the most genuinely useful things AI can do for you right now. If you have an interview coming up, you can ask an AI tool to generate practice questions based on the job description, the company, or the type of role. You can then talk through your answers out loud, refine them, and go back and ask for feedback on whether your responses are clear and relevant.

Some tools will even conduct a mock interview with you in real time. Used consistently, this kind of practice could make a real difference to your interview outcomes. Not because it gives you a script, but because it helps you feel more confident going into the actual interview. They might also come up with some questions you hadn't thought about which give you the opportunity to practice handling that situation better.

That said, don't use AI to write out scripted answers that you plan to memorise and recite.

Interviewers are good at noticing when someone is recalling something or reading from a script rather than actually thinking. The goal of practice is to build confidence in your own thinking, not to replace it.



Where AI could become a problem

There are AI tools that claim to help you during a live interview, feeding you answers in real time through an earpiece or a hidden screen. This is cheating. Full stop. If you're caught, you won't just lose the job offer, you may be reported, and it could follow you. Employers talk to each other, especially in smaller industries.

Beyond the practical risk, there's a bigger issue. If you get a job by presenting a version of yourself that doesn't exist, you'll have to maintain that version every single day. That's not a foundation for a career you'll actually enjoy or be good at. The best outcome of any interview is that the employer gets an accurate picture of who you are and still wants to hire you.

AI-generated CVs and cover letters carry a similar risk if taken too far. According to a recent report, ["77% of employers surveyed had encounter AI-generated or AI-assisted job applications. In response, 47% have updated their interview techniques to include deeper questioning, and nearly a third have introduced practical tasks into their hiring processes. Fourteen percent have deployed AI detection tools"](#).

Just like we can when reading posts, blogs, or other content, many hiring managers can now identify content that's been heavily generated by AI. Particularly when it uses certain phrases or sentence structures. A cover letter that sounds like everyone else's is less likely to land you an interview, not more.

Getting the right balance

Employers need to be able trust the people they're hiring. So think of AI as a preparation tool, not a replacement for you. Sure you can use it to help you research, organise your thoughts, practise, and refine, but the person who shows up to the interview needs to be the same one who wrote the application, and they both need to be genuinely you.

Your experiences, your way of explaining things, your actual skills — these are what employers are trying to assess. AI can help you communicate those things more clearly. It can't manufacture them.

Ready to take the next step?

For more practical tips on finding jobs, writing applications, and navigating the world of work, head to our [Jobs & Careers page](#), or get a copy of the [Getting a Job Guide](#).

SUBJECT SELECTION, UNIVERSITY

[Environmental science vs ecology: What's the difference?](#)

If you care about climate change, wildlife, or protecting the planet, you might have come across both environmental science and ecology. They sound similar, and they are closely related, but they are not the same thing. Understanding the difference can help you choose the right course and career pathway after Year 12.

What is environmental science?

Environmental science is a broad field that studies the environment and the challenges affecting it. It brings together biology, chemistry, geography, earth science, and even social sciences to understand problems like pollution, climate change, water management, and sustainability.

Environmental scientists often look at the "big picture." They might analyse human activities and how they impact ecosystems, test soil or water samples for contamination, assess the environmental impact of new developments, or help design policy that reduces environmental harm.

Because it's interdisciplinary (meaning it covers multiple areas), environmental science suits students who enjoy a mix of subjects and are interested in both science and real-world problem solving.

What is ecology?

Ecology is a branch of biology that focuses specifically on how living organisms interact with each



other and their environment. Ecologists study plants, animals, ecosystems, and the relationships between them.

For example, an ecologist might research how a bushfire affects a local ecosystem, how invasive species impact native wildlife, or how changes in rainfall influence plant growth. Ecology tends to be more specialised and biology-focused than environmental science.

If you enjoy biology and are fascinated by ecosystems, wildlife, and natural systems, ecology might appeal to you.

So what are the main differences between environmental science and ecology?

Now that we know a bit about both these subject areas, let's explore what makes them different.

Scope and approach

Environmental science covers a wide range of environmental systems and human influences. It's designed to address complex environmental issues from multiple perspectives.

Ecology, meanwhile, concentrates specifically on living organisms and their relationships within ecosystems. It has a greater focus on in-depth research and understanding one particular area more deeply.

Type of work

Environmental science often leads to applied roles that involve environmental assessment, sustainability planning, or regulatory compliance. These graduates may work in environmental consulting, sustainability coordination, resource management, or environmental regulation. These roles frequently involve collaboration with government agencies, private companies, or community organisations.

Ecology is more closely aligned with research, conservation, and ecosystem management. These graduates are more likely to work in wildlife management, biodiversity assessment, conservation programs, or research institutions. Field-based roles are common, particularly in early career stages.

Academic focus

Environmental science degrees tend to include more diverse subjects across physical and social sciences.

Ecology pathways are typically more biology-intensive and may involve advanced statistics, population modelling, and long term ecological monitoring.

Study pathways

Environmental science is commonly offered as a standalone Bachelor's degree. Programs usually include laboratory work, field trips, and sometimes industry placements. This structure allows flexibility and exposure to different environmental sectors.

On the other hand, ecology is often studied as a major within a Bachelor of Science. Students typically complete core biology subjects before specialising in ecological theory, conservation biology, and research methods. Postgraduate study is also common for those pursuing scientific research careers.

Choosing between them

The decision comes down to the kind of work you see yourself doing. If you're interested in solving environmental problems across industries or influencing policy and planning, environmental science may align more closely with your goals.

If you're motivated by studying ecosystems in depth and contributing to conservation science, ecology may be a better fit.

Reviewing university course structures and speaking to academic advisers can provide clarity before



making your final decision.

And if you just want to explore some more of your options, [you can learn more about university and other degrees on our website here.](#)

HUMAN SKILLS

Setting milestones

So, you've sat down, done the thinking, and now you have a refined list of your dream goals. Now what?

When you're just looking at the end result, it might seem a bit scary and like a lot of work. How are you supposed to get from where you are now to your end goal? This is where milestones come in handy.

Think of milestones as almost like mini goals you complete along the way to your big goal. They are stepping stones to keep you on the right path, and can make the journey to your dream goal seem a bit less overwhelming.

Why should you set milestones?

As we just mentioned, milestones are a way of tracking progress towards your goal. It's unlikely that you'll be able to complete your entire goal in just one step. Milestones are the steps you take along the way.

Think of it like this. Say your goal is to get into your dream course at uni. What are the things you'll need to do along before you can achieve this goal? Maybe you'll need to pass a specific class, or earn a high enough ATAR. These are your milestones. You could even count things like finishing your applications on time.

If your goal is to save for a holiday, your milestones could be reaching certain amounts in your savings account (saving \$100, then \$500, then \$1,000, and so on).

Milestones are a great way of getting a sense of achievement as you work towards your goals. You deserve to be rewarded for all the hard work you put in, not just right at the end, so celebrating milestones is a good way to boost your enthusiasm too.

How to set milestones

Setting milestones is pretty simple. Once you've written down your end goal, sit back and just think about the steps you'll need to take to reach your goal. Pick out the most important steps, and these are your milestones. It's important when setting milestones for yourself that you pick them out to be frequent enough that you can get a sense of your progress and see how far away your goal is, but not so frequent that the milestone becomes meaningless.

A good rule of thumb for this is if you are hitting a milestone more than once a week every week then your milestones are too frequent.

The importance of planning

If you just mindlessly set a goal and don't think much more about it, chances are you won't achieve it. We know it can be frustrating, but sitting down and doing some planning before and after you set your goals can set you up for success in the long run. Milestones are a part of this planning.

Whatever your future goals are, we wish you the best in achieving them!

STUDY TIPS

ATAR calculators: What are they?

If you're in Year 12 in Australia, the biggest thing on your mind at the moment is probably your upcoming ATAR result. You won't receive it until December, but most universities start taking applications before your exams are even over. So when you haven't received your ATAR yet, how can you know if you're on the right track?



That's where ATAR calculators come in.

ATAR calculators take the results of any assessment you've done so far and use this raw information to estimate what your final ATAR might be. It's an easy way of seeing whether you're on track to get the ATAR you need for your course or future pathway.

Are the results from ATAR calculators accurate?

Most of the ATAR calculators out there use data gathered from previous years to give you an idea of where you might fall on the scale.

Because [assessment results and scaling change](#) from year to year, it's important to remember that the predicted ATAR you're given from a calculator **most likely won't be the same as your actual final ATAR**. However, they're still good to get a general idea of what to expect.

It also depends on the calculator you use. We put the same subjects and same scores into four different calculators, and they all came out with slightly different results:

Calculator	95 Score	90 Score	80 Score	70 Score	65 Score
ATAR Notes HSC	99.50	95.50	80.80	65.30	59.25
KIS Academics	99.50	95.55	79.60	60.90	52.25
Matrix	99.55	95.40	80.85	64.10	57.00
UAC ATAR Compass	99.50	95.70	81.40	65.20	58.40

Subjects used: English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Biology, Physics, Drama, Ancient History.

They might not seem like huge differences, but the lower your results are, the larger the gap becomes between estimates from different calculators.

What else are they useful for?

ATAR calculators can also be handy to see [how different subjects scale](#). We used the same results as above but changed to Standard English and Mathematics to see how the estimated ATAR would change:

Calculator	95 Score	90 Score	80 Score	70 Score	65 Score
ATAR Notes HSC	99.35	95.15	79.35	59.65	52.00
KIS Academics	99.30	95.40	79.25	59.25	49.85
Matrix	99.50	95.30	80.15	59.65	50.30
UAC ATAR Compass	99.35	95.30	80.30	61.00	51.95

By using the calculator, you get a good visualisation of how taking subjects that scale higher can raise your ATAR.

Where can I find one?

Here are some ATAR calculators we've found that you might want to take a look at:

- [ATAR Notes](#) (HSC, VCE, QCE, WACE, SACE)
- [KIS Academics](#) (HSC, VCE, QCE, WACE, IB)
- [Revise Online](#) (HSC, VCE, QCE, WACE)
- [Matrix](#) (HSC, VCE)
- [UAC ATAR Compass](#) (HSC)
- [Deakin University](#) (VCE)



- [Monash University](#) (VCE)
- [La Trobe University](#) (VCE)
- [Excel Academics](#) (QCE)
- [calcATAR](#) (SACE)

Important: We don't endorse any particular calculator here at Study Work Grow, and keep in mind that the result you get **might not be accurate and shouldn't be exclusively relied on.**

A final note

Remember that [your ATAR isn't everything!](#) If your ATAR isn't quite enough to get into your dream course, this doesn't mean you have to give up. There are lots of [alternative pathways](#) you can take to reach your goals.

You might even like to consider a pathway that doesn't require an ATAR, like studying a [VET course](#), doing an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#), or even [jumping into a job](#).

Want more information on your future pathways? [We have all that and much more on our website here.](#)

JOB SPOTLIGHTS

How to become an Outdoor Education Instructor

Outdoor Education Instructors take groups into wilderness areas to teach adventure skills, environmental knowledge, and teamwork through hands-on experiences. They lead activities like bushwalking, kayaking, rock climbing, and camping whilst helping participants develop confidence, resilience, and connection to the natural world. If you love the outdoors, enjoy working with people, and want to help others discover what they're capable of, this career combines adventure with meaningful impact.

What skills do I need as an Outdoor Education Instructor?

- Strong technical outdoor skills
- Excellent group management abilities
- Patient and encouraging communicator
- Risk assessment expertise
- First aid and emergency response
- Adaptable to changing conditions
- Environmental knowledge
- Calm decision-maker

What do Outdoor Education Instructors do?

Before a program begins, you're preparing equipment, checking weather forecasts, assessing route conditions, and reviewing participant information to understand any special needs or medical considerations. You'll plan activities that match the group's abilities and program goals, prepare contingency options if conditions change, and ensure all safety systems are in place.

During programs, you're leading activities whilst simultaneously teaching skills, managing group dynamics, and monitoring safety. You might spend a morning teaching navigation techniques, an afternoon facilitating a rock climbing session, and an evening running a reflection activity around a campfire. You're constantly reading how individuals are coping, adjusting challenges to stretch people appropriately, and creating moments where participants can surprise themselves with what they achieve.

Between programs, you're maintaining and repairing equipment, completing incident reports and program evaluations, undertaking professional development to expand your skill set, and potentially designing new programs or curricula. Many instructors work seasonally or across multiple centres, following weather patterns to where outdoor programs run. The role often involves mentoring



junior instructors, contributing to staff training, and staying current with industry standards and environmental management practices.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Outdoor Education Instructors work for outdoor education centres, schools, youth organisations, adventure tourism operators, and corporate training providers. Some work for residential camps that run multi-day programs, whilst others deliver day programs or specialised activities like climbing instruction or kayak guiding. The sector also includes those who work with specific populations such as at-risk youth, people with disabilities, or corporate leadership groups.

Your schedule follows program calendars, which typically means intensive periods during school terms and holiday camps, with quieter periods between. Multi-day programs mean sleeping out with groups, often for several consecutive nights before a break. You might run back-to-back five-day programs during peak season, then have extended time off during quieter months. Some instructors use off-seasons to travel, pursue personal adventures, or work at centres in different climate zones. The work is physically demanding. You're carrying equipment, demonstrating activities, and spending long days outdoors in all weather conditions. You need to maintain personal fitness and manage your energy across extended programs. Locations vary from bushland close to cities to remote wilderness areas accessed by hiking, boat, or small aircraft. Salaries are generally average, though senior instructors, program managers, and those with specialist qualifications can earn more. Many people are drawn to this work for the lifestyle and purpose rather than financial rewards. The sector continues to grow as schools and organisations recognise the value of experiential outdoor learning.

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- 1. Build your outdoor skills** Develop proficiency in activities like bushwalking, climbing, paddling, or cycling through personal experience and formal training. Many instructors start as participants in outdoor programs before transitioning to leadership roles.
- 2. Gain relevant qualifications** Complete a certificate, diploma, or degree in outdoor education, outdoor recreation, or outdoor leadership. These programs combine practical skill development with theory on facilitation, risk management, and program design. You'll also need current first aid qualifications, including wilderness or remote first aid.
- 3. Obtain activity-specific certifications** Pursue industry certifications for the activities you want to lead, such as climbing instructor, paddle guide, or bushwalking leader awards. These credentials demonstrate competence and are often required by employers or industry regulations.
- 4. Start with entry-level roles** Begin as an assistant instructor, activity guide, or camp counsellor to gain supervised experience. Work across different programs and participant groups to broaden your capabilities and discover where your strengths lie.

From here, you could progress to senior instructor or program coordinator roles, move into centre management, specialise in particular activities or participant groups, develop expertise in areas like environmental education or therapeutic programs, establish your own outdoor business, or transition into related fields like teaching, youth work, or adventure tourism.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as an Outdoor Education Instructor, here are some practical steps:

- Join outdoor clubs, Scouts, Cadets, or Duke of Edinburgh programs to build your skills and experience in bushcraft, navigation, and group expeditions
- Obtain your first aid certificate and consider completing bronze medallion or other rescue qualifications that demonstrate safety competence
- Volunteer as a leader or assistant with younger groups at camps or outdoor programs to



develop your facilitation and group management skills

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