



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>

➤ **DEFENCE FORCE INFORMATION SESSIONS – NSW – AUGUST**

August 6

[Sydney Army Reserve Information Session](#)

Tuesday | 6.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

August 13

[Sydney Engineering Careers Information Session](#)

Tuesday | 6.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

August 15

[Sydney Navy Careers Information Session](#)

Thursday | 6.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

August 19

[Sydney Defence Force Careers Information Session](#)

Monday | 6.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

August 20

[Sydney Pathways Information Session](#)

Tuesday | 6.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

➤ **DEAKIN UNIVERSITY | CASPER WEBINAR**

13 August 2019, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Students applying for initial teacher education degrees at Deakin University must also successfully complete the CASPer test – an online situational judgement test that measures non-academic suitability for teaching.

Hear from a current Deakin teaching student and staff from the School of Education about:

- How CASPer works and what to expect on test day
- Helpful tips on how to prepare for the CASPer test
- Upcoming CASPer dates, how to sign up and reserve a test
- Test day tech tips.

Find out more: <https://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/casper-webinar>

➤ **ICANMED FREE PARENT SEMINAR: GUIDE TO MED SCHOOL ENTRY**

18 August 2019, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

The University of Notre Dame, Sydney

This parents-only seminar is a 2.5-hour session that covers all aspects of medical and dental entry (especially UCAT, interview, medical applications, and the academic challenges of Year 12), as well as a quick overview of medicine as a profession.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/icanmed-free-parent-seminar-syd-complete-guide-to-successful-meddent-entry-year-11-below-tickets-63217484197>

➤ **WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE ONLINE INFO SESSION**

25 September 2019, 6:00 pm Online

Imagine making friends from all over the world, learning about yourself and the world around you and seeing sights you could only dream of!

Find out more about your high school student exchange options at WEP's info session.

Find out more: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jua0OlsjQpOFexPaoNl1qA

➤ **SYDNEY SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2019**

6 August 2019, 10:00 am - 18 August 2019, 3:00 pm

Sydney Science Festival celebrates and showcases Sydney's diverse and multidisciplinary science and innovation community through a program of talks by leading researchers, hands-on workshops, exhibitions and events exploring all areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The Festival brings together cultural and research institutions, museums, universities and communities across greater Sydney and invites them to discover, discuss and debate science.

Find out more: <https://sydneyscience.com.au/2019/>

➤ **MATRIX EDUCATION | UCAT PREPARATION MASTERCLASS**

23 September 2019, 4:30 pm - 27 September 2019, 7:30 pm

Matrix Education - Sydney City Campus

From engaging theory lessons, effective exam strategies and techniques and the latest UCAT resources – it's all here at the UCAT Masterclass. Matrix Education will equip you with the logical, analytical and critical thinking skills to solve even the trickiest questions easily and quickly.

Find out more: <https://www.matrix.edu.au/ucat-courses/>

➤ **SEA SHEPHERD – OCEAN DEFENCE TOUR, SYDNEY**

25 October 2019, 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

The Freedom Hub, Waterloo

Celebrate 42 years of frontline marine conservation by attending Sea Shepherd Australia's Ocean Defence Tour. Join Captain Peter Hammarstedt for an inside look at our campaigns to protect marine wildlife all around the world.

Find out more: <http://www.seashepherd.org.au/odt>

➤ **SIMULATED UCAT DAY WORKSHOPS**

Are you in year 10, 11 or 12 and considering career in medicine or dentistry? You may benefit from attending one of NIE's Simulated UCAT Day Workshops.

The events will be conducted by the National Institute of Education in partnership with UCAT Preparation Australia, MICAS (Medical Interviews and Career Advise Services) and PTI (Pro Training Tutorial Institute).

The workshop is designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test. Students will spend the day with one of NIE's specialist teachers in the field and will be able to ask questions and address any concerns they may have about the test. Students will also be able to undertake a practice test, and receive an introduction to UCAT Medical Interviews.

See a full list of dates and locations, and enrol here: <https://www.nie.edu.au/ucat-courses/simulated-ucat-day-workshop>

➤ **LEARN FRENCH ONLINE**

La Maison de Ste Claire offers a 12-week online French language course. It is a full immersion program where you will not only learn the French language, but also French culture, regions, gastronomy, wine, cinema and the French way of living.

The online program means you can learn from anywhere at anytime, and includes:

- The Online French Course (comprehensive and interactive).
- The weekly French Webinar for online French lessons (flipped class) to complement the learning process of above (a small group of 10 students).
- The weekly Live chat Private Tuition.
- French Writing: corrected and returned.
- A series of Interactive eBooks via the Apple platform.

Find out more about the course here: <https://www.maisondestclaire.com/online-courses>

➤ **MEDENTRY ONLINE UCAT PREPARATION COURSE**

MedEntry is a company that offers a comprehensive online UCAT preparation course. Through their online learning platform you will have access to hundreds of resources, including ten full-length practise exams.

Being fully online gives you the flexibility to study for the UCAT from anywhere at anytime.

They also have a MedEntry Smartphone App, allowing you to study on-the-go.

Check out all the details here: <https://www.medentry.edu.au/our-services/ucat-packages/online>

➤ NATIONAL QUESTACON INVENTION CONVENTION

The National *Invention Convention* is an all-expenses paid, five day workshop held in Canberra every January. This program gives 25 delegates aged 14-18 from all around Australia the opportunity to play, make and create with Questacon, designing and developing a prototype that solves a real world problem.

Use tools, tech and materials, work with local mentors and entrepreneurs, and forge friendships that last a lifetime.

The National *Invention Convention* is open to 14-18 year olds attending an Australian secondary school. Please note that if you've already participated in a National *Invention Convention* then unfortunately you are not eligible to apply. If you've been part of a regional *Invention Convention* please do apply.

Applications are open until Monday 30 September.

Find out more and apply

here: <https://www.questacon.edu.au/outreach/programmes/questacon-smart-skills-initiative/questacon-invention-convention>

➤ HSC COWORKS

HSC CoWorks offer a HSC preparation program for students in years 11 & 12, with locations in Bondi Junction, Chatswood, Dee Why and Mosman, as well as an online option. By attending 2 sessions per week, students will have access to the following:

- Support with essay writing, exam performance, study techniques as well as individual subject specific challenges which they are having.
- We relate to your child's individual HSC challenges and ensure that they are making weekly progress towards their HSC goals.
- A focus on critical thinking skills which will support success both in the exam room and well beyond the HSC.
- Build skills of self-motivation, collaboration and resilience.
- A personalised service and lots of "wow" moments for students and parents.

Applications for their 2020 program (starting in October 2019) are open now.

Find out more and enrol here: <https://hsccoworks.com.au/>

➤ CHOOSI FUTURES GRANT PROGRAM

Value: \$5,000

Open/Closing Dates: July 1, 2019 – October 31, 2019

The Choosi Futures Grant Program offers financial assistance to those studying the health, fitness and medical disciplines to help them, help others lead healthy lives.

1. To be eligible, you must be enrolled full-time in an accredited Australian Education Institution and be studying for a certificate, diploma, degree or traineeship in any of the following areas:
 - Medicine
 - Health Sciences & Healthcare industry
 - Specialist healthcare
2. Only citizens or permanent residents of Australia can apply.
3. You must have reached 18 years of age to enter.

[Find out more](#)

➤ THE NEW ENGLAND ILLUSTRATION PRIZE

The New England Illustration Prize is open for entries. The prize is for both emerging and established illustrators in Australia and gives them a chance to expand their careers. This year's theme is 'A Cosy Day In'. The works can be in any medium and the Prize is open to all Australian residents over the age of 18. Prizes include:

- First Prize: publishing contract with Christmas Press for their 2020 Christmas Anthology 'A Cosy Christmas' worth \$350.
- Second Prize: \$250 sponsored by Little Pink Dog Books
- Third Prize: \$150 sponsored by Granny Fi's Toy Cupboard

Entries are open until Friday 16 August.

Find out more and enter here: <http://www.newc.org.au/illustration-prize.html>

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.reflexfiction.com/flash-fiction/>

➤ THE PORTRAIT COMPETITION

The Online Portrait Competition is a national competition that awards and promotes photography excellence in all forms of analogue and digital photography, with a focus on portraiture.

Entries are welcome from all around Australia in two categories: Open and Amateur. The Open category is open to Professionals who earn a full time or part time income from photography. The Amateur category can only be entered by people who earn under \$2000 per year in income from photography.

The winner in each category will receive a \$7,500 prize, with other prizes available for other winning entries.

The top 30 entries will also be chosen to enter the Print Competition held later in the year. Only entrants into The Portrait Competition will be eligible for entry into the Print Competition.

Find out more and enter [here](#).

➤ THE IAN POTTER CULTURAL TRUST GRANTS

The Ian Potter Cultural Trust offers grants up to \$10,000 to assist talented emerging and early career artists to undertake international professional development opportunities to gain experience, develop networks and learn skills from leaders in their field.

The Cultural Trust funds nationally and across the spectrum of the arts: from visual arts, to community radio and design to literature, spanning traditional art forms through to experimental mediums.

The Trust primarily provides support for structured professional development and networking opportunities overseas such as:

- Residencies
- Mentorships
- Study tours which have a clear skills development focus
- Private lessons
- Internships
- Workshops
- Conferences and festivals.

Entries for the grant are open now, and close Tuesday 10 September.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.ianpotterculturaltrust.org.au/apply-for-a-grant/>

➤ 2020 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TRAINEESHIP INTAKE

Blacktown City Council has opened applications for their 2020 Business Administration Traineeship Intake. The 12 month traineeship combines work experience with Blacktown City Council and TAFE training, and successful trainees will receive a Certificate III in Business Administration (or equivalent) upon completion.

They are currently seeking 9 trainees to work in the following areas:

- Blacktown City Information Centre
- Building and Engineering
- Civil Asset Maintenance
- Community Development
- Development Services Unit
- Events and Sister Cities
- Key Venues
- Open Space Maintenance
- Property

If you are interested, you can find out more and apply [here](#).

➤ EARLY OFFER CLOSING DATES 2019

If you're interested in applying to Uni and receiving a conditional offer* before you've sat your exams, then there's still chance to apply to some of the early offer schemes around Australia.

* A "conditional offer" means it's based on your predicted ATAR / OP score. It's not guaranteed, you'll have to achieve your predicted or higher score to be able to accept the offer. Most offers from Uni, but not all, are issued on this proviso.

If you know where you want to study and what you want to do, then you could save yourself some stress by knowing you already have an offer in the pipeline and an application in. Then you can knuckle down to getting the best ATAR you possibly can.

Here are the closing dates:

(Universities are listed in alphabetical order)

Australian Catholic University's [Community Achiever Program \(CAP\)](#) closing dates for each campus are:

Ballarat - Wednesday 28 August

North Sydney - Tuesday 3 September

Strathfield - Tuesday 10 September

To enrol in Campion College [Early Acceptance Scheme](#), you'll need to get your application in before the ATAR release date, we suggest you aim for **1 December 2019**.

La Trobe's [ASPIRE](#) program application closing date is **31 August 2019**.

Macquarie Uni's [Leaders and Achievers early entry scheme](#) closes **Monday 26 August 2019**.

Torrens Uni Early Entry Program for QLD & NSW students apply **before September 27, 2019**

University of New England [Early Entry](#) applications close **Friday 27 September 2019**.

The University of Notre Dame [Early Offer Program](#) applications close **31 July 2019**.

University of Sydney [Early Offer Year 12 \(E12\) Scheme](#) **Applications for E12 (via SRS) close on 30 September 2019.** They also offer the [Future Leaders Scheme nominations](#) open in **August 2019** and on time nominations close **30 September 2019.**

University of Wollongong's [Early Admission Program](#) applications open **1 August** and close **30 August 2019.**

Western Sydney University [HSC True Reward](#) are due to open soon and the application closing date will also be published. You'll have to [register your interest](#) if you'd like to be updated on when the applications open and close.

Not all Institutions have a program that you can apply to directly, but some have the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) which you can apply through via UAC. The closing date for SRS through [UAC](#) is **Monday 30 September 2019.** Participating institutions include:

- [Australian Catholic University \(ACU\)](#)
- [Australian National University \(ANU\)](#)
- [Charles Sturt University \(CSU\)](#)
- [International College of Management, Sydney \(ICMS\)](#)
- [Macquarie University](#)
- [National Art School \(NAS\)](#)
- [SAE Creative Media Institute \(SAE\)](#)
- [Top Education Institute \(TOP\)](#)
- [University of Canberra \(UC\)](#)
- [University of New England \(UNE\)](#)
- [University of Newcastle \(UON\)](#)
- [The University of Sydney](#)
- [University of Technology Sydney \(UTS\)](#)
- [Western Sydney University](#)

There's plenty more information on our [website](#) about early offers, if you'd like to read more about these programs.

➤ TAC OPENING DATES 2019

If you're looking at applying to Uni in 2020, and you want to apply through one of the Tertiary Admission Centres (TAC), you'll be able to get your applications started, or done, really soon.

Open dates

For Universities in New South Wales and the ACT, apply through [UAC](#) – they're already OPEN (they opened on 3 April this year).

There may be fee's associated with lodging applications through TACs. If you get your applications done soon, then you may be eligible for the "early bird" fees. It's worth doing if you want to save money as the early fee's can be significantly reduced.

We'll be posting more soon about the key dates you'll need to be aware of (closing dates, offers etc.), what else you can apply for through TAC's (admission schemes, financial aid and more), as well as how to apply.

Keep watching the [Study Work Grow](#) website for up to date information.

➤ **MANAGE YOUR PARENTS' ATAR ANXIETY**

This time of the year can be stressful for students, and their parents worrying doesn't help. If you feel under pressure from your parents, we have found a great blog about how you can help ease their anxiety.

Read the blog here: <https://clueylearning.com.au/blog/how-to-manage-your-parents-atar-anxiety/>

➤ **ATAR REVISION HELP**

With end of year exams looming, you might need a little extra help or motivation to get studying.

Past papers are a good way to practise. Here's a great resource for [past exam papers](#) in your state.

We've also found a few other courses or programs that may help.

▪ **NSW**

[Matrix Education](#) offer term-time and holiday HSC preparation courses.

[Talent 100](#) also offer in-term and holiday courses to help you with your HSC's.

The [University of Sydney](#) are running HSC Preparation courses for Years 10-12.

[InspirED](#) hold face-to-face events, have a study app and have simulated HSC exams to help you prepare.

[Prime Education](#) have HSC Exam Preparation courses too.

[Aurora College HSC Study days](#) offers online revision classes for all NSW Department of Education schools. They're for rural, remote or metropolitan students to connect and revise with other students from across the state. Experts, experienced teachers and HSC markers will present HSC examination advice and up to date information on course content.

[Cru Camps](#) have a range of study camps running from 28 September to 4 October. For Year 10, 11 and 12 students, to help you prepare for your HSC.

If there's nothing listed on this post for your state, then maybe try searching online, asking at school or in community groups.

You can look for exam revision resources (past papers, study tips etc.), workshops happening near you, or find tutors that could help you study better for your upcoming exams.

➤ **HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FEYNMAN TECHNIQUE?**

Did you know that you're much more likely to retain information if you have taught it to someone else?

The Feynman Technique draws on this fact to help you study more effectively, meaning you can spend less time repeating the same information and more time learning new concepts (or doing something else fun).

Read their blog to find out more about this technique and how it works

– <https://www.crimsoneducation.org/au/blog/feynman-technique>

➤ **TEENAGE VOLUNTEERING ABROAD**

Projects Abroad run a series of specialised overseas volunteering programs tailored specifically to teenagers aged 15-18. These programs are a great way to step outside your comfort zone and help make a difference in communities around the world. They have trips that run all throughout the year, with most designed to fit in around the school holidays. Trips run to a variety of countries all around the world. You can choose from a wide variety of volunteer activities, including education, medicine, sports, journalism, cultural immersion, and more.

You will be placed with other volunteers your age. Even if you have never been overseas before, Project Abroad staff will be with you every step of the way to make sure you have the best experience possible.

If you are interested, you can read more about the programs on offer

here: <https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/trip-format/high-school-specials/>

➤ **THE ESSENTIAL OPEN DAY CHECKLIST**

Once you've decided you'll be visiting some open days, here's our ultimate checklist to help you get organised and get the most out of each open day:

Before you go:

1. **List** which Uni's and courses you are interested in & the main criteria that appeal to you, e.g.:
 - Location
 - Reputation
 - Facilities
 - Career / internship opportunities
 - Course prerequisites
 - Alternative pathways on to that course
 - Core modules
 - Majors choices
 - Resources available
 - Contact hours per week
 - Additional hours of study required per week
 - Support services available
 - Career outcomes for that course
2. **Search** which open days are on, you can search online, or if you're a member of Study Work Grow you can check our events calendar or use the [Study Work Grow Open Day Guide 2019](#).
3. **Register** online (not all open days require you to register, but most will).
4. Add the dates to your **calendar** & set up reminders.
5. **Download** the programs, directions / transportation details, and a map of the campus (or print them off). Channel your inner show planning ninja – remember the way you planned your show bag route, it's the same idea.
6. **Highlight** the events that most interest you at each open day.

7. Make a short **planner** for each event based around the workshops / talks / information sessions / tours you've identified – you don't want to make all the effort of going and miss out on something essential.
8. Make a list of **questions** you'd like answered.
9. Ask a friend, parent or sibling to come with you.

On the day

1. Make sure you get there early to make the most of the day. Wear comfy, practical clothes. Remember a pen and all your paperwork (or your phone if you've downloaded it all).
2. Attend all the events you have highlighted.
3. Speak with lecturers, current students and staff to ask about:
 - the course
 - career outcomes
 - Uni life
 - costs
 - the social scene
 - the realities of living and studying there
 - the pros and cons
 - useful hints and tips
4. Find out what support services are available to you – financial, study, mental health, health, etc.
5. Take a campus tour and see the facilities including libraries, cafes, banks, book stores, security services, etc.
6. Check out the accommodation options nearby.
7. See what social clubs and local activities are available for students.
8. Grab the freebies, enter the competitions and sample the food available.

After the open day

- Talk to the person you went with, see if their opinions and impressions tally with your own.
- Make some notes about the Uni; you have enough to remember with all your study and there's no point wasting your trip.
- If the open day confirmed your choice of Uni or course, then start your applications sooner rather than later. Starting while it's fresh in your mind means one less thing to worry about down the track when exams are looming.
- Follow the Uni on Facebook and keep up to date with what's going on.

For more information about Open Days, and to access a copy of a comprehensive list of all the Open Days happening in 2019, you can download the [Study Work Grow Open Day Guide 2019](#).

➤ JOB SPOTLIGHT

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

What do they do?

PR Officers (aka chief communications officer or corporate communications officer) are responsible for ensuring that communications within an organisation (between management, employees and shareholders), and outside of the organisation (to existing customers, target audience and press) are both positive and effective.

Their job is to make sure that the company's strategies, goals and achievements are understood by everyone in the organisation and the public. As well as creating a positive public image and reputation.

If you're a fantastic communicator (verbal, non-verbal, listening and written), with excellent people skills, and an analytical mind, this could be an exciting and challenging career for you to consider.

“Public relations specialists make flower arrangements of the facts, placing them so the wilted and less attractive petals are hidden by sturdy blooms.” – Alan Harrington

Duties:

- plan, develop and implement public relation strategies and marketing campaigns
- create effective communication with internal and external key people
- create opportunities for the company such as closing sponsorships, partnerships, advertising deals and media coverage
- creating media releases, manage relationships with media, prepare and publish online, social media and printed content
- write keynote speeches, press releases, and promotional materials
- write, edit and publish newsletters, in-house magazines, pamphlets and brochures
- advise and manage communications and organisation image in crisis situations
- monitor and react to public opinion
- prepare budgets and budget reports
- respond to enquiries from the public, media and other organisations
- prepare reports in accordance with organisational requirements
- make public presentations
- organise special events such as conferences, product launches, open days, visits, and exhibitions
- conduct internal communication courses, workshops and media training
- plan, develop and manage brand identity

Skills required:

- all round people person
- analytical skills
- excellent oral and written communication skills
- be able to write concisely and persuasively
- organised
- ability work to deadlines and under pressure
- good technology skills including design programs, social media platforms and a range of other hard and software

Pathways

Learn the basics of social media and office skills, gain experience and work your way up. Obtain a VET qualification such as a Diploma in Communications or Media and apply for entry level positions in this industry.

A University degree with a major in public relations, e.g. Bachelor of Communication (Public Relations), Bachelor of Media and Communication, or similar. A degree could allow you to apply for higher ranking jobs.

Average salary for Public Relations Managers \$115,648 per year (Source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

Job growth in this area is **strong** (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

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