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JobJump: <https://www.jobjump.com.au/> The password to register is: kh

*Students and parents can sign up to Jobjump.

School Careers Website: <http://www.killarahighcareers.com/>

Careers Bullseyes: <https://myfuture.edu.au/footer/assist-others/career-bullseye-posters#/>

Articles of Interest:

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/new-tertiary-institute-to-bridge-gap-between-university-and-tafe-20210318-p57bxi.html>

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/mark-scott-to-be-next-vice-chancellor-of-sydney-university-20210312-p57a2h.html>

<https://www.smh.com.au/business/small-business/there-s-ad-after-ad-after-ad-alarm-over-shortage-of-hairdressers-and-barbers-20210317-p57biy.html>

Killara High School Portal For Medicine/Dentistry Entry:

For students interested in studying medicine/dentistry you can login into Killara High School's Portal (student and parent access):

Link: <http://icanmed.com.au/killara>

Password: KILLARAMEDDENT

Year 12 student information:

If you haven't done so yet, please join the Year 12 Careers 2021 Google Classroom. We put updated information on there for all types of career information including university scholarships, early entry and open days as well as information about apprenticeship and job opportunities.

Year 12 Careers 2021 Google Classroom code: dtv3waq

Open Days & Info Sessions

University of Sydney | Which Music Degree is Right for Me? **Macquarie | Year 10 Subject Selection Online Information Session**

5 May 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

What's my favourite subject? What subjects am I good at? What subjects should I take to prepare for my dream degree?

If you've found yourself asking these questions when selecting your HSC subjects, you're not alone. To help you find answers about how to choose your subjects for Years 11 and 12, join us for our Year 10 Subject Selection Online Information Session on Wednesday 5 May 2021 at 6pm.

This event will feature a series of short talks on the importance of informed subject selection, how your choice of subjects can help you at uni and how admission to Macquarie works. You'll also have the opportunity to ask questions.

It's never too early to plan for your future. Join our Year 10 Subject Selection Online Information Session, which will assist you to plan your HSC journey.

Parents are welcome to register and join the session also.

Find out more: <https://page.mq.edu.au/Year10InfoSessionReg.html>

SAE | Info Nights

Byron Bay: 6 May 2021, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sydney: 6 May 2021, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Find your true calling with the leading global specialist in creative media education.

We're opening the doors to our state-of-the-art Byron Bay and Sydney campuses as an opportunity for you to check out the facilities and equipment, meet with lecturers and ask any questions you might have about studying at SAE before the next intake in May.

Register for Byron Bay:

<https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/info-night-byron-bay-campus-may-6-2021/?date=2021-05-06&id=759>

Register for Sydney:

<https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/info-night-sydney-campus-may-6-2021/?date=2021-05-06&id=722>

Basair | Pilot Career Seminar

10 May 2021, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Bankstown Airport

In this free & interactive Pilot Career Seminar, you'll learn everything you need to know about a career as a Commercial Pilot.

Find out more: <http://www.basair.com.au/Events/Register/169>

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Macquarie | Q&A Series

11 May 2021, 5:00 pm - 29 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Join us for our online Q&A Series! Each session will focus on a different area of study or our early entry programs. You'll hear from our Student Ambassadors, who are current students studying at Macquarie University and have the opportunity to ask your questions.

Register for the topics that interest you:

- 11 May – Commerce
- 18 May – Law
- 25 May – Psychology
- 1 June – How to apply for Macquarie Leaders and Achievers and early entry schemes
- 8 June – Arts
- 15 June – Education
- 22 June – Science
- 29 June – Medicine and Health

Find out more: https://macquarie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hjtv00ItS8igVUyXmswpLw

AIM | Info Session: Careers in Music

11 May 2021, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Australian Institute of Music, Surry Hills

Join us on campus for our next information evening dedicated to highlighting the career opportunities within the music industry. Held at AIM Sydney, register now to find out how you can get started on a career in music and how The Australian Institute of Music can help get you there.

Find out more: <https://aim.edu.au/events/aim-info-session-sydney/>

University of Sydney | Design Computing Portfolio Pathway

12 May 2021, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

In this webinar we'll give you the chance to hear from the experts who will be assessing your portfolios as they take you through the dos and don'ts for an exceptional submission. You can ask them how to select your works, the best way to present them and how to communicate your passion for design computing.

Successful applicants will be given 5 extra points on their ATAR for the Bachelor of Design Computing and Bachelor of Design Computing/Bachelor of Advanced Studies at Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SC0vxRfBRoWBLbUA4KKAQg

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University of Sydney | Sydney Law School Student Panel

19 May 2021, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

In this panel discussion we'll hear from some of our current students and ask why they decided to study law at Sydney. They'll also share their experience of what it is like studying at Sydney Law School and the opportunities they're most looking forward to taking advantage of.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hp7pWk-vQwy7MgkX9EUAew

UOW | Information Evenings

Dubbo: 27 May 2021, 6:00 pm

Liverpool: 31 May 2021, 5:30 pm

Shoalhaven: 31 May 2021, 6:00 pm

Bega: 1 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Batemans Bay: 2 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Wollongong: 8 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Southern Highlands: 9 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Sutherland Shire: 10 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Wagga Wagga: 15 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Albury: 17 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Orange: 21 June 2021, 5:30 pm

Macarthur: 22 June 2021, 6:00 pm

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UOW Information Evenings are designed for students and parents who would like to know more about studying at UOW.

You probably know what degree you're interested in, the ATAR you need – and we're more than happy to go through this with you – but we know that you'll need to know where you're going to live, how much it will cost, how will you make friends and more. We know because we asked the exact same questions when we were in year 12!

We'll also talk about:

- UOW Early Admission
- Your ATAR and selection rank (and what it means)
- Important dates and key things to remember for UAC applications
- Our Scholarships
- Opportunities for high-achievers
- UOW's global sports programs
- Student accommodation
- The degrees and opportunities available for you at UOW
- Your options if you don't get the ATAR you need
- Clubs & Societies and Student Life

Find out more: <https://mkto.uow.edu.au/Information-Evenings.html>

WSU | Online Short Courses Information Session

2 June 2021, 5:00 pm

Online

Whether you're looking to upskill, pursue a new career or challenge yourself by learning something new, our range of Online Short Courses are ready for you. With courses available in Health, Information Technology, and Environmental Sustainability, there's a range of options for you to explore.

To find out more about Online Short Courses offered at Western, please attend our Online Short Courses Information Session on Wednesday 2 June at 5pm.

Find out more: https://wsustudents.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b9gBxZWIUn2OsS

University of Newcastle | 2021 Parent Webinar

8 June 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Sam Doherty, the senior manager of Admissions, will be running a live University of Newcastle Parent Webinar, covering key topics such as how to apply to university and the various entry schemes that are available for your child.

Find out more: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/future-students/2021-parent-webinar>

UAC Digital | Let's Chat – Studying at a Regional University

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16 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Hear our regional institutions discuss the benefits and considerations of studying at a university outside metropolitan areas.

We'll also discuss:

- entry pathways and applying
- scholarships
- accommodation
- available student support
- adjustment factors
- life at a regional uni.

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/regionaluni>

UAC Digital | Let's Chat – Early Entry

17 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

While the ATAR is still the main selection tool used by most unis, there are other ways for you to show that you're ready to succeed at uni. Many institutions have one or more early offer schemes for Year 12 students. Through these schemes, institutions assess you using criteria other than (or in addition to) your ATAR.

We'll give you an overview of the Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) and discuss:

- how to apply
- whether you're guaranteed early entry if you apply
- other universities' direct early entry schemes
- how many early entry schemes you can apply for.

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/earlyentry-43>

AIE | Information Evening

17 June 2021, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Ultimo & Online

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 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.

Student work will be on display and our teachers will be available to speak with you one on one about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career.

Find out more: https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/information-evening/

UAC Digital | Let's Chat – Business, Commerce and Economics

23 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

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In this session we'll give HSC students and their parents the information they need when applying for a Business, Commerce or Economics degree. We'll be joined by university experts to discuss:

- which HSC courses are recommended for these degrees
- available degrees and majors
- entry requirements
- the differences between commerce and economics degrees
- what to do if you don't meet your dream course's entry requirements.

And we'll give answers to the most commonly asked questions!

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/business>

WSU | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Future Students Information Evening, Parramatta South

20 July 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Western Sydney University, Parramatta Campus

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Future Students Information Evenings at Western Sydney University are an opportunity to hear about what courses are on offer and how Western can help you during your studies. Learn about the different pathways to study, the support services available, scholarships on offer and life on campus.

Find out more:

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-information-evenings.html>

CQUni | Interactive Virtual Open Day

31 July 2021, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Online

Join us online in the comfort of your living room and connect with CQUni's teaching staff, discover our huge range of TAFE and university courses, and learn more about our outstanding range of online and on campus support services.

Visit course booths and browse course flyers and videos to find out about careers, practical learning opportunities and what you will study in the course. Chat directly with course lecturers, attend webinars and get support on topics like applying, fees and scholarships, support and more. Plus, our team will be available to chat directly with you to provide career advice and scout out the best study options for you.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/open-day/interactive-virtual-open-day-july>

CQUni | Open Sessions

26 August 2021, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

CQUniversity, Sydney Campus

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Join us for one of our study information sessions at our CQUniversity Sydney Campus where you will be able to learn more about the course you're interested in, connect with CQUni's teaching staff and explore our facilities.

You'll also be able to find out more about studying with CQUni and get support on topics like applying, fees and scholarships, support and more.

Plus, our team will be available to chat directly with you to provide career advice and scout out the best study options for you.

Information Sessions available at the Sydney Campus:

- Sonography
- Echocardiography
- Chiropractic

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/open-day/open-sessions-sydney>

WSU | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Future Students Information Evening, Online

7 September 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Online

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Future Students Information Evenings at Western Sydney University are an opportunity to hear about what courses are on offer and how Western can help you during your studies. Learn about the different pathways to study, the support services available, scholarships on offer and life on campus.

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Workshops & Courses

UNE Experience Day | Meat Science & CART

29 April 2021, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

University of New England, Armidale Campus

The Oorala Aboriginal Centre runs UNE Experience Days to assist Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10-12 to find out what university life and study is like.

Students will watch a butcher turn a beef carcass into food, discuss what muscles are the most tender and which ones are the toughest and why, how to ensure food is safe to eat and finally make and cook our own burgers for lunch!

Find out more:

<https://www.une.edu.au/connect/events/events/une-experience-day-meat-science-and-cart>

SAE | Film Masterclass

3 May 2021, 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

SAE Institute Sydney

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Are you an emerging filmmaker looking to break into the short film industry? Don't miss this exclusive masterclass where prominent industry experts will share their knowledge and give advice on how to get your big break into the world of short films.

Find out more:

<https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/sae-sydney-film-masterclass/?date=2021-05-03&id=1842>

UNE Experience Day | Theatre Studies

12 May 2021, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

University of New England, Armidale Campus

The Oorala Aboriginal Centre runs UNE Experience Days to assist Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10-12 to find out what university life and study is like.

Students will take part in hands-on workshops and practical sessions on drama skills, play building and the work of Indigenous playwrights. Plus, they will meet highly qualified academics to discuss what university life is like. Targeted workshops will provide participants with information on a range of degree options in theatre studies, history and drama teaching. The day will also include a visit to the Arts Theatre.

Find out more: <https://www.une.edu.au/connect/events/events/une-experience-day-theatre-studies>

La Trobe | Experience Clever. Albury-Wodonga

26 May 2021, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

La Trobe University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Get hands-on in workshops across one day and discover what being a uni student is really like. Bring your friends, partner or parents and find out what to expect at university.

You'll attend workshops, lectures, seminars and meet the academics who'll be teaching your course.

Our student ambassadors can give you the inside scoop on Life at La Trobe and what to expect when you study with us. The event is targeted at year 10, 11 and 12 students.

Find out more: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/albury-wodonga-experience-clever>

UNE Experience Day | Poultry Hub & Bio-Medical Science

26 May 2021, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

University of New England, Armidale Campus

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By exploring UNE's Poultry Hub, students will learn about the difference between the egg and chicken meat industries and birds, what to look for in egg quality, check out a chicken diet and mill/grind the ingredients to make chicken pellets. In the afternoon students will move across to the School of Science & Technology to discuss the digestive process and the important role microbes play in it, examine the consequences of different food choices on digestion and microbial diversity and have a visual demonstration of the digestive system using ultrasound.

Find out more:

<https://www.une.edu.au/connect/events/events/une-experience-day-poultry-hub-bio-medical-science>

UNE Experience Day | Oorala & UNE GRASS

7 June 2021, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

University of New England, Armidale Campus

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Oorala has partnered with Growing Regional & Agricultural Students in Science (GRASS) UNE to create a unique focus on Indigenous Science, Archaeology and careers in Environmental and Rural Science.

Find out more: <https://www.une.edu.au/connect/events/events/une-experience-day-oorala-une-grass>

University of Sydney | International Science School Online

5 July 2021, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Online

Be inspired by talks from world-renowned scientists, go on virtual tours of cutting-edge research facilities, and take part in mind-expanding hands-on workshops and activities – all without leaving home! Are you currently in Year 11 or 12 and love science?

If so, you've got to apply for our amazing Professor Harry Messel International Science School (ISS) program – which for the first time ever is going virtual in 2021.

We've designed a completely digital program to excite your enthusiasm, ignite your interest and cultivate your curiosity for science.

There will also be several meet-ups online in smaller groups in June, on days and times to be announced closer to the event.

Applications close Friday 7 May.

Find out more:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/science/industry-and-community/community-engagement/international-science-school.html>

Scholarships

Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships Program (RRESP)

Value: Up to \$18,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: March 1, 2021 – November 30, 2021

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Tax, Super + You Competition

If you're a student in Year 7–12, we want you to unleash your creativity and find a new way to tell us about tax and super. This competition will not only give you an insight into the value of tax and super, but you have the chance to win a share of \$7,600 in prizes.

For your chance to become Australia's next tax and super creative genius, you must:

- be a student in Year 7–12
- be enrolled in the Australian education system
- only submit up to three entries per person/group
- complete a separate entry form to accompany each entry
- complete a separate photo consent form for each person shown in your entry
- comply with the [terms and conditions](#).

There is no entry fee.

Entries open Monday 24 May and close Friday 13 August.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.taxsuperandyou.gov.au/competition>

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SAETA Spring Poetry Festival

Students and teachers are invited to submit poems to this year's Spring Poetry Festival.

Spring Poetry Festival is open to students and teachers in Australian schools.

There are two prizes of \$50 each for the best entries from students in Years 11-12, and for the best entries from Year 10 and under.

The closing date for entries is Friday 6 August.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.aate.org.au/saeta-content/writers/spring-poetry-festival>

Write a Book in a Day Competition

Write a Book in a Day is a fun, creative and collaborative competition for students in years 5 to 12 and adult writing groups. Teams of up to ten have just twelve hours to write and illustrate a book from start to finish. To make it even more fun, unique parameters must be included in the story.

Choose a date between Tuesday 1 June and Tuesday 31 August 2021 to gather your team, either virtually using online tools or find a quiet space to get creative. Using the unique parameters and random words provided, craft your narrative and illustrations. Start writing at 8am and be sure to complete your book by 8pm that evening. Be sure to submit your book by 9pm.

Registrations open on Saturday 1 May.

Find out more and enter here: <https://writeabookinaday.com/>

Careers & Jobs

My Big Tomorrow

My Big Tomorrow is a resource designed to help young Australians realise bigger life choices.

Here you can discover your dream career, experience a day in the life of someone doing that job and find out how they got there.

My Big Tomorrow is also a valuable tool for educators and parents. Here you will find the information, tools and resources necessary to help young Australians achieve bigger outcomes.

Discover your future at My Big Tomorrow here: <https://mybigtomorrow.com.au/>

Further Learning

UOW Dean's Scholar Program

The Dean's Scholar (DS) Program in the Faculty of the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities aims to provide an enriched educational experience for high-achieving, motivated students. The program is designed for students hoping to make contribution to fields of study through teaching or research, or as professionals.

The program offers many benefits and enriches your education through:

- Seminars and workshops
- Leadership opportunities
- Access to shared study area and work space

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- Moodle site
- Dean's Scholar coordinators, who can assist you to monitor your progress and provide insight to study options, including admission into an Honours program.
- Specialised Dean's Scholar subject to extend and enrich your learning journey

Find out more about the Dean's Scholar Program here:

<https://www.uow.edu.au/the-arts-social-sciences-humanities/current-students/deans-scholar/>

UTS Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship

Are you at the top of your game? With the Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT), you'll join a cohort of high achieving students who are passionate about using technology to drive business outcomes. The Bachelor of IT Co-operative Scholarship is a three-year IT course offered by the University of Technology Sydney. It is designed for high-achieving students who are looking to get something extra out of their degree.

Successful applicants not only receive up to \$49,500 in scholarship funding, you also get to complete two six-month industry placements, build professional networks, and access other benefits as part of your degree.

Visit

<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/bachelor-information-technology-co-operative-scholarship>.

All About ATARs: What Do You Need to Know?

If you're in your final year of school, it's difficult for you to get through a day without someone mentioning ATARs. But how much do you actually know about them?

To start with, ATAR stands for Australian Tertiary Entrance Rank, and the name actually gives you a lot of information about what it is and how it's used. When you break it down, it's a rank used for tertiary entrance (or selection into university and TAFE courses) in Australia. Let's take a closer look so that you can understand how it's calculated, what it's used for and why it shouldn't matter nearly as much as we think it does.

How is your ATAR calculated?

The first thing to notice is that an ATAR is a rank, not a score. Your ATAR tells you where you rank amongst all the other students in your state.

The education system in each state and territory varies, meaning that your ATAR will be calculated differently depending on where you're studying. However, the states and territories all follow very similar rules:

- There's at least one compulsory subject (usually English or an equivalent subject).
- Your teachers at school will write your assessment tasks throughout the year, and then at the end of the year everyone in the same state or territory completing the subject will sit the same external exam.
- You will get a score or ranking for each of your subjects. These results may be scaled up or down depending on how well the students doing the subject do in their other subjects, and then these scores will be put into a complex algorithm to give you an aggregate score.
- Your ATAR will be allocated based on where your aggregate score ranks compared with everyone else's aggregate score.

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So, if you get an ATAR of 87.00, that means your results put you in the top 13% of students for that year. An ATAR of 99.95 is the highest a student can achieve, and that means they're in the top 0.05% of the cohort for that year. It's important to note that because it's a rank, you can't simply equate it to the types of marks you usually get at school in assessment tasks. Just because you get an average of 90% on your tests at school doesn't mean that you should expect to get an ATAR of 90.00.

What is your ATAR used for?

The ATAR is the most efficient way for tertiary institutions to work out who will get an offer for their courses. Notice that I said the most efficient way, not the best way. We're moving towards more diverse ways of applying for courses, where students might need to complete different tasks like submitting a folio of work, attending an interview, or including a personal statement explaining why they are interested in the course. While these methods give tertiary institutions a better understanding of who is applying for their courses and a greater ability to choose students that would be a good fit for the course, they do make the process more time consuming and therefore more costly. If students are made an offer based purely on their ATAR, it's a much quicker and easier process to go through (at least in the initial stages of making offers).

To explain how it works, let me give you a simplified example. Imagine that a course has 50 places for the year. Students apply for the course, and they are ranked in order from the highest ATAR to the lowest. The tertiary institution will then offer places to the top 50 students on the list. If not all of the offers are accepted, then the remaining places will be offered to students lower on the list in subsequent offer rounds. The selection rank (that is, the ATAR once it's adjusted for any special consideration) of the student lowest on the list that is made an offer and accepts is the lowest selection rank listed for the course the following year on the relevant TAC (tertiary admission centre) website. This gives students an idea of what ATAR they might need the following year to be offered a place in the course.

How much do you need to worry about your ATAR?

It can feel like your ATAR is the most important number you'll ever come across. However, there are so many things clamoring for your attention as you finish high school, and my theory is that you should focus on the things you can affect or control, and forget about the rest.

The reality of the ATAR is that you can't control what you get. You could waste time thinking about it, putting numbers into ATAR calculators, and trying to guess what ATAR you might get, but the reality is that it's a ranking, and there's nothing you can do to make sure you achieve a certain number.

There are two things you can control that will have a much bigger impact on how well you do and whether or not you get into your dream course.

Firstly, you can maximise your ATAR by keeping up in class and preparing as effectively as possible for your assessment tasks and exams. In focusing on your work and making sure you understand the content, you're giving yourself the best chance of getting a good ATAR. Also, because English (or an English equivalent) will definitely be used in your ATAR calculation, make English a priority, particularly if it's not usually one of your best subjects.

Secondly, you can take the power away from your ATAR by making sure you spend time career planning and looking at the options available for tertiary study (if that's what you want to do). This way, you have a clear idea of the course you'd like to do, and even more importantly, an understanding of the pathways that can get you into your dream course or into a course that will allow you to work in the same (or a similar) field. If you do some research and know all the ways that you can end up in a career that you're going to love no matter what results you get, then your ATAR might determine which course you get into, but it won't determine whether or not you end up in a career that feels good to you. And isn't that the point anyway?

Don't let all the focus on ATARs distract you from what you're actually trying to achieve. By all means, do as well as you can and aim for an ATAR that will keep your options open. However, keep in mind that what you really want is to eventually be working in a career that truly interests you and makes you feel fulfilled, and the reality is that there is always another way to get where you want to go. So do your best, do your research, and continue your journey into a career that you'll love.

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Resources

What is Sketchnoting?

Do you struggle to read large pages full of text? Find writing notes in class a bit boring? Consider yourself more of a visual rather than verbal learner? Sketchnoting could be an interesting study technique for you to try out instead.

What is sketchnoting?

As the name implies, sketchnoting is a way of taking notes, but instead of writing just words, you incorporate pictures and graphics as well. The great thing about sketchnoting is that there isn't just one way to do it; you can experiment and find what works best for you. And it doesn't matter if you think you can't draw. Even using basic graphics like arrows, charts and thought bubbles counts as sketchnoting.

You can incorporate as many pictures and diagrams into your notes as you like. If you're a very visual learner, connecting pictures and graphics to short sentences can help to jog your memory easier, and make note taking more fun. Sometimes you might just want to pop in a little diagram here and there, and that's okay too.

What are the benefits of sketchnoting?

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Sketchnoting helps you to focus on what you're listening to or reading. You'll need to really concentrate to be able to condense the information into pictures.

Studies also show that drawing information as well as writing it down helps you remember it better. When you're going back over your notes later, the pictures and diagrams can work as a way to quickly jog your memory without having to read through lines of words.

Best of all, it allows you to be as creative as you like and can even be a bit of fun.

Where can I learn more?

If you want to find out more, you can read about sketchnoting in Verbal to Visual's blog here, which also includes some handy videos and pictures: <https://www.verbaltovisual.com/what-is-sketchnoting/>.

Or you can take this free online course to help you learn the basics: <https://sketchnoteclassroom.com/p/7-days-to-start-sketchnoting>.

And don't forget, you can find heaps of other great study tips on our website here: <https://studyworkgrow.com.au/grow/study-tips/>.

Spark their Future

Spark their Future is a resource developed by the Queensland Government to help parents connect with their children and help them find passion in their school and life.

By supporting their child's spark and unique interests, parents can help their child build resilience, enhanced sense of self and build relevance and meaning in their education. Through the site, you can find tips, information and support to help your child to get the most from their education.

Take a look here: <https://www.sparktheirfuture.qld.edu.au/>

UQ Soils for Science

Soils for Science is an Australian-first citizen science program dedicated to finding new antibiotics needed in the fight against the scourge of drug-resistant infections, better known as superbugs.

You can help find the next antibiotic by participating in Soils for Science. You will be sent a soil kit, which you use to collect a sample from your own backyard and send back for researchers to test. You get to see a detailed image of the microbes living in your soil, and maybe even make a new discovery.

Find out more and participate here: <https://imb.uq.edu.au/soilsforscience>

Job Spotlight

How to become a Brewer

Create delicious and wonderful drinks

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What do Brewers do?

Brewers create, produce and test beers and other alcoholic drinks. They can work in large-scale industrial breweries or small, boutique micro-breweries. They are in charge of selecting the ingredients for a drink, mixing and brewing them correctly, and testing the product before it goes out to the public.

If you are patient, have an interest in chemistry and food, like to experiment, and are prepared to put in some manual work, a career as a Brewer could be ideal for you.

About you:

- Creative and inventive
- Patient and hard-working
- Good problem solver
- Knowledge of basic food technology
- Good communicator and team leader
- Great sense of taste
- Good sense of personal hygiene
- Fit and prepared for hands-on work

The job:

- Creating recipes for new drinks
- Analysing samples during the brewing process
- Sourcing ingredients
- Testing products before they go to market
- Operating machinery and equipment
- Keeping workspaces and tools clean and sanitary
- Designing packaging and branding for products
- Maintaining and servicing equipment
- Supervising and directing other staff

Lifestyle Impact: Moderate

- Part Time opportunities: Low – 85% of Firefighters work full-time (source: joboutlook.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 44 hours a week, which is average (source: joboutlook.gov.au).
- Brewers' salary (average) \$60,000* per year (Source: seek.com.au). *Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.

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- Future career growth: Moderate (Source: joboutlook.gov.au).
- You will likely need to do some manual work, so being fit and healthy is an advantage.

Brewers are most in demand in these locations:

This is a very small industry, with only around 1200 workers in 2019 (source: joboutlook.com.au). Job openings can be competitive. There are opportunities available across the country, with the most in New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland, and above-average demand in South Australia and Tasmania.

You may be able to perform some duties remotely, but it is likely that most of your work will need to be done on-site.

How to become a Brewer in Australia

You don't need any formal qualifications to become a Brewer in Australia, but having some could open up more opportunities for you.

Step 1 – Consider completing your high school certificate and take subjects such as Maths and Chemistry.

Step 2 – Start brewing at home and start learning the basics of the trade. Get work experience in a brewery if possible. Do a short course or workshop.

Step 3 – Consider undertaking a relevant VET qualification to boost your prospects.

This could include courses such as a Certificate IV in Food Science and Technology, or a Certificate IV in Food Processing.

If you want to take your studies to the next level, you could also consider a university-level course such as a Bachelor of Science majoring in Food Technology, or a Graduate Diploma of Brewing.

Step 4 – Apply for a job in a commercial brewery, where you can expand on your skills and learn how to manufacture beverages on a large scale.

Step 5 – Consider starting up your own boutique brewery and making your own craft beverage.

Find out more here –

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

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

<https://australiancraftbeer.org.au/>

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Similar Careers to Brewer

Winemaker

Sommelier

Food Technologist

Food Scientist

Nutritionist

Dietician

Find out more about alternative careers.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do Brewers do?

Brewers are responsible for the creation and manufacture of alcoholic beverages such as beer and cider.

Which industries employ Brewers?

Brewers are most commonly found in the Manufacturing industry.

Do I need to go to university to become a Brewer?

No. You don't need a qualification to work as a Brewer in Australia, but having one can improve your prospects and open up more opportunities.

Where do Brewers work?

Brewers most commonly work in breweries and factories. These could be either small micro-breweries, up to large-scale commercial breweries.

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

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if a career as a Firefighter is right for you, here's a few things you could do right now:

1. Develop your passion for food and science. Get stuck in and learn as much as you can about the science behind the brewing process. You could even take a short course or workshop.
2. See if you can get work experience at a local brewery. This is a great way to start networking and making connections for the future.
3. Start trying to brew your own drinks at home. Refine the process and even experiment if you're brave enough. See if you can get friends and family to test out your creations.

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