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What's On

Upcoming Events

CGA Open Evening, Surry Hills

September 9, 2024

Are you seeking a dynamic alternative to traditional schooling or intrigued by the possibilities of online education?

Join us at this exclusive in-person event to explore why Crimson Global Academy could be an excellent choice for your child.

Discover first-hand CGA's personalised learning approach which empowers students to excel—whether they're aspiring athletes, academically driven, or thrive in inclusive environments.

- Learn how an online learning environment benefits athletic, ambitious, and neurodiverse students
- Connect directly with CGA's expert educators and get your questions answered
- Gain insight into life at CGA: online classes, flexible timetables, international curricula, and our incredible global community.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Evening

September 10, 2024

Don't miss the opportunity to join us at the Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Evening, in-person, for tailored feedback and valuable insights to elevate your portfolio to support your application.



Your portfolio is a key part of your application to study a [Bachelor of Visual Arts](#) or [Bachelor of Visual Arts and Bachelor of Advanced Studies](#) at the University of Sydney.

As part of the Portfolio Evening, you'll be able to speak with our experienced staff to:

- gain personalised, one-on-one feedback and advice on your current portfolio and how to enhance your submission
- receive information about our degrees, specialised facilities, and student opportunities inside and outside the classroom.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie: Empowering Women in Finance & Tech

September 10, 2024

At Macquarie Bank, we're not just looking at the future; we're actively shaping it. We aim to foster a more equitable tomorrow by increasing the representation of women, gender diverse, and non-binary individuals in the banking and technology sectors.

Join us for an exclusive event crafted to inspire and guide Year 9 and 10 female students. This event is designed to illuminate the myriad of career paths available and demonstrate how subject choices can optimise future opportunities.

Our goal is to shed light on the diversity of roles within the banking and technology sectors. We want to empower you to understand how your choices today can open doors for tomorrow. You will also gain insights into the variety of university degrees and career paths that can lead to a rewarding career at Macquarie.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Mastering the art of success: Prepare for the future of work with Sydney's Bachelor of Arts

September 11, 2024

Discover the Bachelor of Arts degree that will provide you with an outstanding liberal arts education. Find out how studying arts and social sciences at Sydney will prepare you to meet the challenges of the modern workforce, where expertise, inventiveness, logic and critical thinking come to the fore.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie | Year 12 webinar series – Transitioning from school to uni

September 11, 2024

Making the transition from school to uni can sometimes be overwhelming. We'll be sharing some insights and providing tips and tricks on how to make the transition not only smooth, but fun! You'll learn about uni life and hear about our extensive range of support services, which all exist to help you thrive during your studies.

[Find out more](#)



WSU | School of Nursing & Midwifery – Immersion Days

September 11 to September 17, 2024

Join us at one of our campuses to learn about our undergraduate nursing and midwifery programs and the various entry pathways. You will also have the opportunity to explore our Clinical Practice Units, participate in interactive activities and take part in a guided campus tour.

Parramatta South Campus

Wednesday 11th September 2024

10:00am - 12:30pm

Hawkesbury Campus

Tuesday 17th September 2024

10:00am - 12:30pm

[Find out more](#)

Launch your Career in the Visitor Economy

September 12, 2024

Launch your Career (LyC) provides students with current and comprehensive career information, whilst connecting students with industry, jobs, training, and relevant programs. Increased exposure to the world of work leads to better outcomes for students when selecting a career pathway and has been shown to increase student engagement at school. The Visitor Economy encompasses all the elements that make for a successful visitor destination, including tourism experiences, cultural events, accommodation, retail, dining, food and beverage, guiding and adventure tours, events and music festivals, restaurants, cafes and bars, airlines, cruise ships and transport. The Visitor Economy is a major driver of economic growth and prosperity, providing jobs and contributing billions of dollars to the economy.

This webinar will provide students with a personal experience to engage with industry leaders and guest panellists who will share their career stories.

To register, complete the form by 10 September.

[Find out more](#)

NIDA September Spring Holiday Courses 2024 – NSW

September 16 to October 13, 2024

NIDA's Holiday Program offers fun and engaging skills-based training for all ages and aspirations. From 3-week Residency programs to 1-day short courses for adults, children and young people, we have something to offer everyone.

[Find out more](#)



WSU | Finding Your Place at Western

September 17, 2024

Join us for 'Finding Your Place at Western', a webinar designed for future university students who may feel unsure or hesitant about pursuing higher education.

At Western Sydney University, we believe in embracing diversity and providing support for all students, regardless of background or circumstance. In this webinar, we will showcase our range of personal and academic support services, clubs and societies, LGBTQ+ Ally Network, and other resources available to ensure all students can thrive in their university journey.

Discover how you can navigate university life with confidence and success at Western. All are welcome to join us in breaking down barriers and building a more inclusive community at Western Sydney University.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Scholarships at Sydney

September 18, 2024

At the University of Sydney, we offer over \$135 million worth of scholarships every year. We're dedicated to supporting you throughout your time at university and offer a variety of scholarships for domestic undergraduate students. To make the process easier and more accessible, we've created a centralised form where you can be considered for a scholarship through one simple application.

Additionally, some of our scholarships require no application at all! In this webinar you will learn about the scholarships we offer, find out about your eligibility, get tips on writing a strong scholarship application and have your questions answered by our team.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Your Passport to an International Career: Bachelor of International Studies

September 18, 2024

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](#)

University of Sydney | Online Open Night

September 19, 2024

Domestic students living in regional or interstate areas are invited to the University of Sydney's online Open Night.

Find out about the new Regional and Remote Entry Scheme, the single scholarship application process, and other University of Sydney highlights.

You'll then have the chance to join dedicated breakout rooms and chat with staff from our faculties, admissions, scholarships, and accommodation, and have all your questions answered about life in Sydney.

[Find out more](#)



Important Future Events

NAS Spring Weekend Workshops

September 21 to September 22, 2024

Learn from Australia's leading art educators at the NAS Spring Weekend Workshops on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 September. Courses on offer include:

- Introduction to Classical Oil Painting
- Screenprinting Basics
- Composition, Colour and Abstraction
- Experimental Drawing
- Digital Photography: From Studio to Streetscape
- Figurative and Portrait Drawing for Beginners
- Drawing with Threads and Textiles
- Build Your Professional Arts Practice
- A Weekend on the Wheel
- Handbuilding in Clay

[Find out more](#)

ACPE | Open Day 2024

September 28, 2024

Exploring your study options for a career in the sport industry? Join us on campus. See where you will study, meet our students and lecturers, and participate in info sessions and practical sessions to take the next step with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

WSU | Bizfluencers Workshop

September 30, 2024

Bizfluencers is an exciting school holiday workshop program offered by the School of Business at Western Sydney University, targeted at high school students in Years 9 – 10. The program aims to connect aspiring Business Influencers ('Bizfluencers') with business leaders, researchers and practitioners in the 1PSQ Business Lab to explore the future of business.

Registration closes Monday, 16 September 2024.

[Find out more](#)

WSU | Free Online HSC Study Sessions

September 30 to October 4, 2024

From Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October 2024, Western Sydney University will be offering a range of online study sessions to assist Year 12 students in their preparations for the HSC.

Delivered by highly qualified senior teachers with 24 free sessions across 15 key HSC subject areas, the sessions will include content analysis, tips and strategies, and a detailed exploration of key syllabus and curriculum areas.



Students also have the opportunity to sit a practice exam and deconstruction, with feedback and advice from experts.

[Find out more](#)

Tocal College | Open Day

October 4, 2024

October 11, 2024

Our College Open Days are a wonderful opportunity to visit Tocal and experience first hand all that it can offer students who are eager for a rewarding career in agriculture, agribusiness or horse breeding and training.

Open Days provide prospective students, their families and carers an ideal forum to visit the College and get a feel for what life as a student is really like.

Each day's activities include:

- an overview of full-time courses,
- a description of career opportunities,
- information on fees and financial assistance,
- inspection of College campus facilities,
- tour of Tocal's commercial farms and training facilities,
- opportunities to chat with staff and also undertake an informal interview (if desired).

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | 2024 School of Project Management Spring Camp

October 4, 2024

The School of Project Management at the University of Sydney is hosting a Spring Camp on Friday 4 October 2024, for students in Years 10-12.

This in-person event provides a deep dive into project management, career paths, and degree insights. Hear from industry experts, academics, students and alumni.

Past programs included tours to Google, Atlassian, and Western Sydney Airport.

[Find out more](#)

CQC²T Open Day

October 7, 2024

Showcasing the state-of-the-art facilities at the UNSW Kensington Campus, the Centre for Quantum Computation and Communication Technology (CQC²T) is opening our doors this September school holidays. Visit our Centre to be introduced to quantum physics and for many your first taste of university life.

This is a science-led day filled with talks and tours of our labs including practical demonstrations and an opportunity to speak to those currently working in this exciting field. This is the perfect opportunity for students contemplating STEM careers, with a passion for physics, maths, engineering or coding.

[Find out more](#)



NIE | Future Doctors Australia, Sydney

October 10 to October 13, 2024

Gaining medical work experience is essential for young people considering a career in medicine. It provides insight into the field, helps develop skills and attributes, and provides networking opportunities. However, obtaining medical work experience can be challenging due to various restrictions such as limited opportunities, safety concerns, and confidentiality issues.

That's why NIE has developed the "Future Doctors Australia" program. It is an engaging and high-impact 4-day program that provides young people with a unique opportunity to gain medical work experience in a safe and structured environment. Participants will have the opportunity to spend time with current junior and senior medical students. They will also have the rare opportunity to spend time with more senior clinicians and various medical specialists. You will get to learn about clinical specialist's relevant fields of work, ask them questions, and learn some hands-on skills from them.

- Over 15 hours of face-to-face interaction with leading specialists and clinicians
- Meet current medical students
- Develop advanced communication and team working skills
- Create new friendships with like-minded, highly driven young individuals
- Learn about the admission process into various medical universities in Australia
- Morning tea and lunch included

[Find out more](#)

AABT Open Day, Sydney CBD Campus

October 12, 2024

To learn more about our courses, the Australian Academy of Beauty Dermal and Laser holds regular open events.

If you would like to attend the next College tour and open night, please register - note all prospective Diploma students *must* attend an Information evening prior to enrolment. Bookings are essential.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Grand Challenge 2024: Towards Net Zero

November 6, 2024

In The Grand Challenge, students in Years 9 & 10 will spend a fast and fun day learning about a real-life global problem before ideating, developing and pitching their own solutions to their peers and STEM experts for a chance to win prizes. This event is powered by Future Anything and the Faculty of Science, University of Sydney.

[Find out more](#)



Newcastle 2024 Campus Experience Days

November 25 to December 6, 2024

Our Campus Experience Days aim to support student's understanding of career options, increase aspirations to attend university and provide an opportunity to experience university life and study areas. Throughout the day your students will have the chance to hear from current university students and academics, participate in hands-on activities from a variety of study areas, and take a tour around campus.

Please note that given the popularity of these campus experience days priority will be given to students in Years 9-10 dependent on demand.

Places for each day are limited, therefore we will work off a first in, first served basis for bookings. We will do our best to accommodate all bookings, however in the event the days are oversubscribed we will develop a waitlist based on the order of response.

- Week 1, Monday 25 November to Friday 29 November – Central Coast campuses, 9am – 2pm
- Week 2, Monday 2 December to Friday 6 December – Newcastle campuses, 9am – 2pm

Reach out to your region representative to register your interest.

[Find out more](#)

Discover AI Magic with IT at ACU North Sydney

November 26, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Participate in interactive AI activities, chat with current students and learn what it's like studying a degree in IT at ACU.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Exercise and Sports Science at ACU Blacktown

November 27, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Experience the range of cutting-edge equipment for training and rehabilitation that you will have access to as part of a sport and exercise science degree with ACU.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Law and Criminology at ACU North Sydney

November 28, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Aspiring lawyers will have the chance to develop their analytical and courtroom skills in our law and criminology workshops. These hands-on activities will provide you with an insight into the Australian legal system and its functions.

[Find out more](#)



University of Sydney | Gadalung Program 2024

December 2 to December 6, 2024

The Gadalung Program is a week-long residential program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11-12 in 2025, who want to explore their future at university.

This program gives students the chance to experience university life, explore world-class facilities and meet current university students and staff. Students will learn useful skills for their final years at school and get a heads up for their future at university and beyond.

There is no cost for the schools or families of students who participate in the Gadalung Program. The University of Sydney will pay for travel, meals, accommodation and all other expenses associated with the program.

This program is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students commencing Years 11 and 12 in 2025. **Applications are now open and will close 11:59 pm Sunday 15 September.**

[Find out more](#)

Free Money

Scholarships

Monash Humanitarian Scholarship

Value: Full course fees plus up to \$30,000 allowance

Open date: August 1, 2024

Closing date: November 29, 2024

Are you an asylum seeker on a bridging visa? If you are a high-achieving student with the ambition to change your future, you may be eligible for the Monash Humanitarian Scholarship. You will receive 100% international student funding for the Monash undergraduate degree of your choice plus a yearly allowance of \$6000.

[Find out more](#)

Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

Value: \$20,000 AUD

Open date: September 2, 2024

Closing date: January 13, 2025

The Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship was made for talented and inquisitive high school graduates looking to strengthen their passion and expertise in technology to innovate and create new opportunities and inspire good in the world of STEM.

[Find out more](#)



ECU Greg Benjamin WAAPA Music Entrance Scholarship

Value: \$10,000 AUD

Open date: June 28, 2024

Closing date: March 30, 2025

The Greg Benjamin WAAPA Music Entrance Scholarship is awarded to an exceptional Piano student in the jazz or classical discipline. Students auditioning in 2024 for a place in the Bachelor of Music course in Piano (jazz or classical) for 2025 will be considered for the Scholarship throughout the audition process. The successful recipient will be advised at the time of receiving their offer from WAAPA.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

The Diamond Challenge

Value: Up to \$12,000 USD

Open date: September 18, 2024

Closing date: January 16, 2025

The Diamond Challenge, a philanthropic education initiative by Horn Entrepreneurship at the University of Delaware, offers free open-access resources for students, educators, and entrepreneurship practitioners. Participation in the Diamond Challenge involves both learning from the pursuit of new ideas and the creation, submission, and presentation of original business and social venture concepts.

[Find out more](#)

FLICKERFEST 2025 FlickerUp Competition

Open date: June 17, 2024

Closing date: November 20, 2024

FLICKERFEST, Australia's premier international short film festival, will be held at Sydney's famous Bondi Beach in January 2025. The Festival in 2025 will celebrate 34 years of screening the best short films from Australia and around the world in competitions and special showcases.

FlickerUp 2025 competition is an Australian Youth & Schools Competition which screens at Flickerfest – open to films from students enrolled in secondary schools in Australia, & individuals 18 years & under. Films to be under 35mins, completed in the last 2 years.

[Find out more](#)

Little Stories Big Ideas Flash Fiction Competition (Term 3)

Value: See perks

Closing date: September 20, 2024

Little Stories, Big Ideas is a flash fiction competition for Australian Secondary School Students. The competition runs four times per year, and is free to enter. Each quarterly competition will have a theme.

[Find out more](#)



New England Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Fiction (Youth Award)

Value: \$150 AUD

Open date: June 17, 2024

Closing date: September 27, 2024

The Thunderbolt Prize is a prestigious, nationally recognised, literary award for crime writers in Australia.

This category, part of the national crime fiction prize, is open to writers under 18 years who write a fictional story (2,500 words), a non-fiction article (2,500 words) or 60-line poem about crime.

[Find out more](#)

Study

University

[How to be ready for university](#)

So, you're thinking about heading off to university next year? Exciting times ahead! But we know it can feel a bit overwhelming too. Don't worry – we've got your back. Here's a step-by-step guide to help you prepare and be ready for university.

Research your options

First things first: figure out what and where you want to study. It's a big decision, so take your time and explore your options.

- Look into different courses and universities. What subjects interest you? Which unis offer the best programs in those areas?
- Attend university [open days](#) (virtual or in-person) to get a feel for campus life and ask questions.
- Talk to current uni students or recent graduates about their experiences.

Remember, it's okay if you're not 100% sure yet. Many students change their minds or switch courses later on.

Get your studies sorted

Your high school grades can play a big role in university admissions, so it's important to stay focused on your studies.

- Keep your grades up, especially in subjects related to your intended course of study.
- If you're struggling in any subjects, don't be afraid to ask for help. Talk to your teachers or consider getting a tutor.
- Start preparing early for any required entrance exams.



And while we're on the topic of study, another tip is to start building good study habits now. University-level work can be quite different from high school, so having good habits now can set you up for success.

- Practice time management. Try using a planner or digital calendar to organise your tasks and deadlines.
- Learn to study independently. University often involves more self-directed learning than high school.
- Work on your note-taking skills. Try different methods to find what works best for you.

Build your life skills

University isn't just about academics – it's also about learning to be independent. You'll have a lot more freedom as an adult, but a lot more responsibilities too. Here's what we recommend:

- If you don't already, start doing your own laundry and cooking some basic meals.
- Learn to [budget](#). Start tracking your spending and saving habits.
- Practice using public transportation if you'll need it to get to uni.

Start thinking about accommodation

If you're planning to move away from home for university, start thinking about where you'll live.

- Research different [accommodation options](#): on-campus housing, shared houses, or staying with relatives.
- Consider the pros and cons of each option, including cost, location, and lifestyle.
- Make sure you know how you're going to pay and that you'll have enough money.

Take care of your mental health

Preparing for such a big change can be stressful, so remember to look after your [mental health](#).

- Talk to friends, family, or a counsellor about any worries you have.
- Practice self-care activities like exercise, meditation, or hobbies you enjoy.
- Remember, it's normal to feel nervous about this transition.

Enjoy the journey

Remember, everyone's journey to university is different. What works for your friends might not work for you, and that's okay. The most important thing is to stay true to yourself and your goals. Preparing for university is a big task, but take it one step at a time and you'll get there before you know it.

Want to find out more about your future study options? We have heaps of other blogs on our website [here](#).



Study Tips

[Digital vs handwritten notes: Which is better for learning?](#)

In today's digital age, you're likely juggling between screens and paper in your daily school life. So you might be wondering: should I ditch my notebooks for a laptop, or is there still value in good old pen and paper? The truth is, both digital and handwritten notes have their strengths and weaknesses, and what works best can vary from student to student. Let's explore the digital vs handwritten notes debate and help you discover which method might be best for you.

The case for digital notes

Digital note-taking has become increasingly popular, and it's not hard to see why. Here are some of the advantages:

Organisation and searchability

One of the biggest perks of digital notes is how easy they are to organise. You can create folders, use tags, and even search for specific words or phrases. No more flipping through pages trying to find that one important point you jotted down weeks ago!

Editing and sharing

Digital notes are super easy to edit. You can add, delete, or move information around without creating a mess. Plus, sharing your notes with classmates is as simple as clicking a button – especially helpful for group projects or study sessions.

Multimedia integration

With digital notes, you can easily add images, links, videos, or even audio recordings to supplement your written information. This can be particularly useful for visual learners or when studying complex topics.

Accessibility

As long as you have your device with you (and let's be honest, when don't you?), you have access to all your notes. And with cloud storage, it's easier than ever to share files across all your different devices.

The power of handwritten notes

Despite the rise of technology, many students still prefer the old-school method of pen and paper. Here's why:

Better information retention

[Research has shown](#) that writing notes by hand can lead to better retention of information. The act of physically writing engages your brain in a different way than typing, which can help you remember things more easily.



Fewer distractions

Let's face it – when you're taking notes on a device, it's all too easy to get distracted by notifications, emails, or the temptation to quickly check social media. With pen and paper, you're more likely to stay focused on the task at hand.

More flexibility

Handwritten notes allow for more flexibility in terms of formatting. You can easily draw diagrams, use arrows to connect ideas, or jot down quick symbols that make sense to you. This can be especially helpful in subjects like maths or science.

No battery required

One of the most reliable aspects of handwritten notes is their simplicity. You never have to worry about your pencil running out of battery in the middle of class or your tablet freezing just as your teacher explains a crucial concept.

So, which is better?

The truth is, there's no one-size-fits-all answer. The best method for you depends on your personal learning style, the subject you're studying, and your specific needs. Here are a few things to consider:

1. **Your learning style:** If you're a visual learner, you might benefit from the multimedia capabilities of digital notes. If you find you learn better by doing, the physical act of writing might be more effective.
2. **The subject:** Some subjects, like history or English, might lend themselves well to typed notes. Others, like maths or chemistry, might be easier to tackle with handwritten notes.
3. **Your typing speed:** If you can type faster than you can write, digital notes might allow you to capture more information during class.
4. **Your organisational skills:** If you tend to lose papers or have messy handwriting, digital notes might be a better option for you.

Why not both?

Remember, you don't have to choose just one method. Many successful students use a combination of digital and handwritten notes. For example, you might take handwritten notes in class for better retention, then type them up later as a way to review and organise the information.



Tips for effective note-taking (regardless of method)

Whether you choose digital or handwritten notes (or a mix of both), here are some tips to help you take better notes:

1. Focus on key ideas rather than trying to write down everything word-for-word.
2. Use abbreviations and symbols to help you write faster.
3. Review and revise your notes regularly – don't just write them and forget them.
4. Try different note-taking methods (like the [Cornell method](#) or [mind mapping](#)) to see what works best for you.

The bottom line

At the end of the day, the best note-taking method is the one that helps you learn and retain information most effectively. Don't be afraid to experiment with different techniques until you find what works for you.

Want to learn more about study techniques and tips? Check out our other blogs [here](#).

Work

Job Spotlight

[How to become a Beekeeper](#)

Beekeepers, also known as Apiarists, play a vital role in our ecosystem by managing bee colonies, harvesting honey, and contributing to the pollination of plants. They do everything you can think of when it comes to bees – from building and maintaining hives, to moving them around for pollination, inspecting the colonies for signs of poor health, and even being called out to collect bee swarms.

If you're fascinated by bees and enjoy working with your hands, this job could offer a fulfilling and unique way to make a living.

What skills do I need as a Beekeeper?

- Attention to detail
- Patience & perseverance
- Physical stamina
- Problem-solving skills
- Basic knowledge of Biology & Ecology
- Hands-on skills
- Safety awareness
- Calm temperament



What does the job involve?

- Managing bee colonies and hives
- Monitoring the health of bees and diagnosing issues
- Harvesting honey, beeswax, and other bee products
- Ensuring hives are protected from pests and diseases
- Maintaining and repairing beekeeping equipment
- Collecting and processing honey for sale
- Transporting bees for pollination services
- Educating the public about bees and beekeeping
- Selling honey and other bee products at markets or online

What industries do Beekeepers typically work in?

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

What Career Cluster do Beekeepers belong to?

Beekeepers work with their hands as they monitor, build, fix, grow, and maintain, all of which are the core skillsets of the [Maker](#) Career Cluster.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

As a Beekeeper, your lifestyle will be closely tied to the seasonal cycles of nature. Spring and summer are the busiest times, as bees are active and producing honey. This means longer hours spent managing hives, harvesting honey, and ensuring the health of your bees. During the off-season in autumn and winter, you'll focus on maintenance, repairs, and preparing for the next season.

Beekeeping can be physically demanding, as it involves lifting heavy hives and spending long hours outdoors. However, it's also incredibly rewarding, especially for those who enjoy working independently and being close to nature. Many beekeepers run their own businesses, which offers flexibility but also requires strong time management and business skills.

How to become a Beekeeper

Becoming a Beekeeper can be a pretty straightforward process if you're passionate and committed to learning.

To become a beekeeper, you typically don't need formal qualifications, but having some experience with bees and knowledge of their biology can be very helpful. Finishing high school with a strong focus on the sciences, especially biology, will be a fantastic starting point, and university courses such as [Ecology and Conservation Biology](#) will broaden your knowledge of living organisms even further.

You can also take courses offered by agricultural colleges or beekeeping associations to deepen your understanding. These courses often cover topics such as bee biology, pest management, and the legal aspects of beekeeping.



What can I do right now to work towards this career?

If you're currently in high school and considering a career as a Beekeeper, here are some steps to help you explore the profession:

- **Learn about bees:** Read books, watch documentaries, and visit local beekeepers to learn more about bees and their role in the environment.
- **Join a beekeeping club:** Many communities have beekeeping clubs that welcome young enthusiasts. Joining one can provide valuable learning opportunities and connections.
- **Take a short course:** Look for short courses or workshops in beekeeping to get hands-on experience and see if it's something you're passionate about.

Where can I find more information?

Find out more here:

- [Queensland Beekeepers Association](#)
- [Australian Honey Bee Industry Council](#)
- [Australian Native Bee Association](#)
- [American Beekeeping Federation](#)
- [British Beekeepers Association](#)
- [International Federation of Beekeepers' Associations](#)
- [Bees for Development](#)
- [International Bee Research Association](#)
- [Japanese Honey Bee Association](#)
- [NBA New Zealand](#)

Similar careers to beekeeper

- Horticulturist
- [Agronomist](#)
- [Wildlife Biologist](#)
- Environmental Scientist
- [Farmer](#)
- [Gardener](#)
- Conservationist

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



Jobs & Careers

[Top jobs for people who love fashion](#)

Are you a fiend for fashion? Maybe you're a real sneakerhead, or maybe you dream of Vogue. No matter the case, if you're passionate about clothing and want to turn your enthusiasm into a career, you're in luck. This industry offers heaps of exciting roles that cater to different interests and skills.

From designing clothes to managing brands, here are our top jobs for fashion lovers.

1. Fashion Designer

If glitz and glamour is what attracts you about this industry, then look no further. Fashion designers are the creative minds behind clothing and accessories. Their role is to come up with concepts for new designs, select fabrics, and oversee the production process. If you have a flair for creativity and a strong sense of style, life as a designer can be a highly rewarding career.

How to get there: If you want to become a designer, it's recommended to pursue a degree in design, like this [Bachelor of Design \(Fashion\)](#), or a related field like visual arts. Building a great portfolio through [internships](#) and personal projects can also help showcase your talent and creativity.

2. Fashion Stylist

Stylists work on creating fashionable looks for clients, photoshoots, or events. They choose outfits, accessories, and often work with models to ensure everything looks perfect, so they really are the brains behind outfit coordination. This role is ideal if you enjoy putting together outfits and working closely with people.

How to get there: You can gain experience by working as an assistant to established stylists or even by starting out in retail. If you're serious about the job, you might like to consider studying a degree like a [Bachelor of Fashion Styling](#), and building a portfolio to show off your styling work.

3. Fashion Buyer

Buyers select and purchase clothing and accessories for retail stores. They have to analyse trends, forecast demand, and negotiate with suppliers to stock the latest items. This role is perfect for those who love the business side of fashion and have a keen eye for trends.

How to get there: A degree in [Fashion Merchandising](#), [Business](#), or a related field like [Marketing](#) is usually the backbone of this job. Experience in retail or as a buying assistant could also kickstart your career as a buyer.

4. Fashion Public Relations Manager

These specialist PR managers are in charge of managing the public image of brands and designers. They handle media relations, organise events, and craft press releases to promote their clients. This job requires excellent communication skills and a knack for building relationships, so if you're a people person it might be the perfect role for you.

How to get there: A degree in [Public Relations](#), [Communications](#), or [Fashion](#) is helpful. Gaining experience through [internships](#) or working with PR agencies can also be a really strong foundation to set you up for success.



5. Fashion Photographer

These photographers capture high-quality images of clothing, accessories, and models for magazines, ads, and online content. This role combines a passion for fashion with the art of photography, making it ideal for those who enjoy visual storytelling.

How to get there: Build a portfolio of your work and think about taking [photography courses](#) to improve your skills. If you really wanted to get ahead, you could even do a degree like this [Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Photography](#). Networking and gaining experience through freelance projects or [internships](#) will also help you get ahead in this competitive industry.

6. Fashion Illustrator

Fashion illustrators create artistic renderings of clothing and accessories. Their work is used in design presentations, marketing materials, and editorial content. If you have strong drawing skills and a love for fashion, this role allows you to bring designs to life on paper and combine your two passions.

How to get there: Pursue a degree in [Fashion Illustration](#), [Fine Arts](#), or a related field like [Fashion Design](#). You can also develop a portfolio of your illustrations and network with industry professionals to find opportunities.

7. Fashion Event Coordinator

Event coordinators in this field plan and execute fashion shows, product launches, and promotional events. They handle logistics, coordinate with vendors, and ensure everything runs smoothly. If you're organised, detail-oriented, and love the excitement of fashion events, this role could be a great fit.

How to get there: A degree in [Event Management](#), [Fashion](#), or a related field like [Business](#) can be advantageous. [Experience](#) in event planning and strong organisational skills can also help you succeed in this role.

Want more?

The fashion industry offers a diverse range of careers for those who are passionate about style and trends. Whether you're interested in designing clothes, styling clients, or managing events, there's a fashion job that can turn your love for fashion into a fulfilling career.

If you want more, we have heaps of [alternative careers](#) and tips about the world of work on our website [here](#).



Grow

Volunteering

[Tech for good: Volunteering opportunities in the digital world](#)

Are you a tech-savvy teen looking to make a difference in the world? Good news – your digital skills are in high demand. In today's increasingly connected world, there are tons of ways you can use your tech know-how to volunteer and support great causes. Let's explore some exciting opportunities where you can apply your digital skills to help others (and gain valuable experience along the way).

Why volunteer with tech?

Before we dive into the opportunities, let's consider why tech volunteering is such a great idea:

1. You're using skills you already have (and probably enjoy)
2. It's a chance to develop your abilities further
3. You can often volunteer remotely, fitting it around your schedule
4. It looks great on university and job applications
5. You're making a real difference to organisations that need your help

What kind of tech skills are needed?

Don't worry if you're not a coding genius (yet). There's a wide range of tech skills that organisations need help with, including:

- Web design and development
- Graphic design
- Social media management
- Data entry and analysis
- Basic IT support
- Video editing
- Digital marketing

Even if you're just getting started with these skills, many organisations will be happy for the help and will provide guidance along the way.

Where can you find tech volunteering opportunities?

Here are some great places to start your search:

1. [Catchafire](#): This platform connects skilled volunteers with nonprofits. They often have tech-related projects like website updates or social media strategy.
2. [UN Volunteers](#): They offer online volunteering opportunities, many of which involve tech skills.
3. [DoSomething.org](#): While not exclusively tech-focused, they often have digital campaigns that need volunteers.



4. [Develop for Good](#): This platform is for university students looking to use their tech skills to make a difference.
5. Local nonprofits: Don't forget to check with organisations in your own community. Many local charities need help with their websites or social media.

Examples of tech volunteering projects

Still not sure what tech volunteering might look like? Here are some real-world examples:

1. **Website makeovers**: Many small nonprofits have outdated websites. You could help them create a modern, mobile-friendly site that better showcases their work.
2. **Social media campaigns**: Help organisations reach more people by planning and running their social media accounts.
3. **Virtual tutoring**: Use your tech skills to tutor others online, whether it's teaching basic computer skills or more advanced topics.
4. **App development**: Some organisations need simple apps to help with their work. If you're learning app development, this could be a great project.
5. **Data visualisation**: Help organisations present their data in clear, engaging ways using tools like Tableau or even Excel.

Tips for successful tech volunteering

1. **Be realistic about your time**: Don't overcommit. It's better to do a small project well than to take on too much and struggle to complete it.
2. **Communicate clearly**: Make sure you understand what the organisation needs and keep them updated on your progress.
3. **Ask for help if you need it**: If you're stuck, don't be afraid to ask for guidance. Most organisations will appreciate your honesty and effort.
4. **Document your work**: Keep a record of what you do. It'll be useful for the organisation and great for your portfolio.
5. **Be patient**: Some organisations might move slower than you're used to. Remember, they're often juggling many priorities.

The impact of your work

When you volunteer your tech skills, you're not just padding your resume (though that's a nice bonus). You're helping organisations work more efficiently, reach more people, and ultimately make a bigger impact on the world. That website you build might help a charity raise more funds. That social media campaign you run could inspire more volunteers to join a cause.

Ready to start?

So, ready to put your tech skills to good use? Start exploring the opportunities out there and find a project that excites you. Remember, every small contribution can lead to big changes, and you'll build lots of valuable skills and connections along the way.

Want to learn more about volunteering? Check out our other blogs on our website [here](#).



Money

[5 more music scholarships you need to know about](#)

Are you a high school student who loves music and dreams of turning your passion into a career? Moving forward in music education can be expensive, but don't worry—there are lots of music scholarships available to help you out.

Whether you're into playing an instrument, singing, or composing, these opportunities can give you the financial boost you need. Here's a list of 5 music scholarships you should definitely check out.

1. Patricia Lucas Music Achievement

This scholarship, offered by the [University of Sydney](#), is perfect for talented high school students who want to continue their music education at university. It supports singing, oboe, violin, cello and clarinet students at the [Sydney Conservatorium of Music](#), and offers financial support to help cover tuition fees and other education costs.

Find out more and apply here: [Patricia Lucas Music Achievement](#)

2. The John Lennon Scholarship

Named after the legendary musician, the [John Lennon Scholarship](#) is open to students pursuing a career in music. Three scholarships totalling \$20,000 are presented annually for the best original songs in any musical genre. Over the past seventeen years, more than \$360,000 has been awarded to talented young musicians from colleges and universities throughout the United States, making this award one of the nation's most esteemed accolades for emerging songwriters.

Learn more and apply here: [John Lennon Scholarship](#)

3. The Davidson Fellowships

If you're a young musical prodigy, [the Davidson Fellowships](#) might be for you. This scholarship of up to \$50,000 offers awards to exceptional young people in various fields, including music. It's not just about money—it's also about recognising and supporting your talent.

Check out the details and apply here: [Davidson Fellowships](#)

4. The Drake Calleja Trust

The Drake Calleja Trust awards scholarships to instrumentalists, singers and accompanists of undergraduate, postgraduate and research level studying at music colleges and conservatoires in the UK. They award these opportunities annually, as well as providing regular performance opportunities. Scholarships can be used to cover fees, instrument purchase, masterclasses, competitions, recordings, concerts and other related activities.

Find out more here: [Drake Calleja Trust Scholarships](#)

5. The Berklee College of Music Scholarships

[Berklee College of Music](#) offers several scholarships for talented students who want to study music at their college. Not only do they offer places to those looking to enter the college, but they also support scholarships for continuing students. Placing for one of these awards could help cover a significant portion of your tuition fees, and enable you to pursue your dreams.

Learn more and apply here: [Berklee College of Music Scholarships](#)



Want more?

You can also [search our database](#) for tons more opportunities , or contact the university of your choice and ask about scholarships.

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