

## ACAP Info Night, Brisbane

**Organisation:** ACAP University College

**Location:** ACAP University College, Brisbane Campus

**Date:** April 23, 2026

Join us on campus and discover how ACAP can help you make a real difference in the lives of others.

Find out about our degrees in psychology, social work, counselling, criminology, coaching and law, as well as the career paths available to you.

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

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

[Find out more](#)

## SAE University College Info Night, Brisbane

**Organisation:** SAE University College

**Location:** SAE University College, Brisbane Campus

**Date:** April 23, 2026

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

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

[Find out more](#)

## SCU Year 11 & 12 Masterclass, Gold Coast

**Organisation:** Southern Cross University

**Location:** Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** April 27, 2026

Join us for Masterclass Day where you will take a deep dive into different study areas of your choice. Meet our students and academics, experience our campus facilities and learn more about university life on this interactive and fun day!

What can I expect?

- Live like a University student for the day and elect two interactive workshops in your preferred areas of study
- Experience our state-of-the-art campus facilities
- Meet inspiring people, from academics to current students

Schools must register on behalf of students. **Registrations close Monday, 6th April.**

[Find out more](#)

## UQ Ready – Information Session for High School Students, Gold Coast

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Broadbeach Cultural Centre

**Date:** April 28, 2026

Join us for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

- Get advice on maximising your ATAR score and preparing for university.
- Understand the QTAC process, from application to offer.
- Hear about our diverse student support services, including mentoring, accommodation, neurodiversity support and more.
- Learn how to enrol and plan your timetable.
- Get tips for successfully transitioning from school to university.
- Hear about UQ's vibrant and inclusive campus culture.

The information will be valuable to any high school student looking to go to any university.

[Find out more](#)

## UQ Ready – Information Session for High School Students, Cairns

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort

**Date:** April 29, 2026

Join us for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

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## QIMR Berghofer High School Seminar Series: Psychology

**Organisation:** QIMR Berghofer

**Location:** QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute

**Date:** April 29, 2026

Our scientists love sharing their knowledge with the next generation of researchers. Each year, we host the High School Seminar Series where students can hear about the latest medical research discoveries, tour our state-of-the-art laboratories and investigate careers in science, all at no cost!

At the series, students will:

- engage with leading scientists as they share their latest research;
- tour a QIMR Berghofer laboratory;
- have their questions answered about careers in science and medical research.

Certificates of participation are available for teachers.

Teachers must complete and submit the form online to reserve seats in an upcoming session for their students.

[Find out more](#)

## Property vs Construction at Bond University – Information Session for Future Students

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Brisbane Campus

**Date:** April 29, 2026

Join us for an engaging and informative evening exploring the Bachelor of Construction Practice and the Bachelor of Property. This session will unpack the key differences between each degree, the skills you'll develop, and the diverse career pathways they can lead to across the construction and property industries.

The session will be led by Dr Matthew Moorhead and Dr Valentah Manase, Assistant

Professors in the Faculty of Society and Design, who will share insights from their academic and industry experience.

Whether you're a high school student considering your future study options or a parent wanting to better understand career opportunities in construction and property, this session will help you make an informed and confident decision about the next step.

[Find out more](#)

## QUT Senior Subject Selection and Post-school Pathways Webinar for Teachers & Parents

**Organisation:** Queensland University of Technology

**Location:** Online

**Date:** April 30, 2026

Subject selection can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, teachers and parents can turn it into a positive, empowering experience. Join our free webinar to discover practical strategies, real-world examples, and resources designed to make these conversations easier and more effective.

This webinar is designed for teachers and parents supporting Year 9 and 10 students as they make subject choices that shape future study and career pathways. We've developed resources to help adults guide these conversations confidently, because informed decisions start with clear, practical tools.

[Find out more](#)

## Criminal Law and Procedure – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** April 30 to May 1, 2026

A career in law can be intellectually challenging, personally fulfilling, and financially rewarding. Learning from Assistant Professor Dr Matthew Raj, Faculty of Law academic and Founder and Director of the Bond Criminal Law Clinic, this [Learn for Credit](#) course will immerse you in the study of criminal law.

Gain practical insight into the exciting world of criminal law, including going to court, criminal offences, criminal defences, and the powers relied upon by police.

Students will participate in practical group work preparing advice, and refining their writing skills and oral presentation skills by preparing submissions in a moot court.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshops, or complete the full course through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

**Registrations close Thursday 23 April, 2026.**

[Find out more](#)

## Positive Psychology – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** May 1, 2026

Are you ready to unlock the secrets to a happier, more fulfilling life? This [Learn for Credit](#) course will introduce students to the principles and concepts of positive psychology and how they relate to wellbeing. Students will dive into the science of happiness, explore the strengths and virtues that lead to positive life outcomes, and learn how to develop and enhance these qualities.

Students will gain skills and knowledge in self-assessment, gratitude journalling, goal setting, mindfulness, and self-development practice.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshops, or complete the full course

through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

**Registrations close Friday 24 April, 2026.**

[Find out more](#)

## Literature and Philosophy for Global Challenges – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** May 1, 2026

Are you curious about how the stories we tell influence politics, education, and society? Do you love reading, writing, and thinking deeply about human nature and global issues? This immersive [Learn for Credit](#) course invites you to challenge dominant narratives and discover how literature and philosophy can inspire real-world change.

Through engaging online modules and a dynamic on-campus workshop, you'll explore big thinkers, and dive into cutting-edge ideas from psychology, anthropology, and economics. You'll learn to read "dangerously", critiquing texts, questioning assumptions, and imagining more hopeful futures.

Whether you're passionate about English, Philosophy, or global politics, this course will sharpen your critical thinking, deepen your understanding of human nature, and empower you to become a thoughtful changemaker.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshops, or complete the full course through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

**Registration closes Friday 24 April, 2026.**

[Find out more](#)

## Cybercrime and Cybersecurity – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** May 2 to May 9, 2026

Delve into the minds of a cybercriminal by learning the fundamentals of cybercrime including what motivates those who commit cyber attacks through this [Learn for Credit](#) course.

In this course, you will gain a foundational understanding of the regulation and frameworks designed to protect individuals and organisations from cybercrime and the evolution of criminal activities. Delivered as a series of online modules and two-day practical workshop, you will learn from a current Investigator for the Queensland Police Service and Cyber Crime Group and teaching fellow at Bond Business School, Graeme Edwards.

During the course you will learn about the emerging and exciting careers in cybersecurity, along with how to protect yourself and organisations and respond to a cyber attack.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshops, or complete the full course through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

**Registration closes Friday 24 April, 2026.**

[Find out more](#)

## ACU Talk with Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 6, 2026

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

Hear authentic stories from those who've walked the path you're considering. Our alumni share real insights about their careers post-graduation, while current students offer a

genuine look at campus life and coursework. Whether you're certain about your direction or just starting to explore possibilities, these conversations will provide the clarity you need. No matter where you are in your decision-making journey, you'll gain valuable perspectives on what studying and working in your chosen field truly involves.

[Find out more](#)

## University of Newcastle Joint Medical Program Online Information Session

**Organisation:** University of Newcastle

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 6, 2026

The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (The JMP®) is an innovative five-year degree jointly delivered by the University of Newcastle and University of New England and supported by Hunter New England Local Health District and Central Coast Local Health District.

Our students' graduate work-ready, with a key role shaping and improving future health care for individuals and communities.

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

[Find out more](#)

## Criminology Experience Day at Bond University

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** May 7, 2026

Step into the world of crime, justice, and criminal behaviour at Bond University's Criminology Experience Day!

Returning on Thursday, 7 May, this immersive event gives you the opportunity to explore the field of criminology and criminal justice, uncovering how society responds to crime and the complexities of criminal behaviour.

Meet leading criminology academics, engage in interactive sessions, and discover how a criminology degree can lead to careers in law enforcement, social work, policy reform and more. Gain valuable insights into the real-world applications of criminology and how it shapes our justice system.

There's no better way to explore your passion than by experiencing it firsthand. This free event is open to Year 10, 11, and 12 students, plus one parent per student.

[Find out more](#)

## ACU Talk with Teachers and Educators

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 7, 2026

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## QUT Gals in ICT Day 2026

**Organisation:** Queensland University of Technology

**Location:** Queensland University of Technology, Gardens Point Campus

**Date:** May 7, 2026

Celebrate International Girls in ICT Day with QUT and Cisco through a tailored, hands-on tech experience for students in Years 8–12.

Students in Years 8–9 will take part in an inclusive program for all genders, using the Ikigai framework to explore their values, interests and strengths, and connect these to future technology pathways. This session helps younger students see how their personal motivations can align with emerging tech careers.

Students in Years 10–12 will participate in a dedicated program for female students, focused on exploring ICT study and career options through Cisco Networking Academy activities, connections with inspiring women in industry, and real-world insights from QUT tech ambassadors, supporting confident subject and post-school decision-making.

Teachers must register on behalf of groups of up to 10 students.

[Find out more](#)

## Construction, Project Management & Property Experience Day at Bond University

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** May 8, 2026

Explore the fast-paced world of urban development, construction, and property at Bond University's Construction, Project Management & Property Experience Day!

Returning on Friday, 8 May, 2026, this immersive event gives you the opportunity to gain valuable insights into Construction Management, Quantity Surveying, Project Management, Valuation, and Property Development - fields that are shaping Australia's future and unlocking exciting career opportunities.

Throughout the day, you'll hear from industry experts, discover real-world career pathways in our Salary & Career Insights Panel, and be inspired by Bond alumni sharing their journeys. Experience hands-on activities in our Experiential Showcase, engage with our Office of Future Students and Career Development Centre, and explore our world-class campus on a guided tour.

If you're considering a future in the built environment industry, this is your chance to see where your passion can take you.

This free event is open to Year 10, 11, and 12 students, plus one parent per student.

[Find out more](#)

## UQ Ready – Information Session for High School Students, Bundaberg

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Brothers Sports Club Bundaberg

**Date:** May 12, 2026

Join us for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

- Get advice on maximising your ATAR score and preparing for university.
- Understand the QTAC process, from application to offer.
- Hear about our diverse student support services, including mentoring, accommodation, neurodiversity support and more.
- Learn how to enrol and plan your timetable.
- Get tips for successfully transitioning from school to university.

- Hear about UQ's vibrant and inclusive campus culture.

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[Find out more](#)

## Gladstone Careers Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Communities of Gladstone Supporting Youth

**Location:** Gladstone Entertainment and Convention Centre

**Date:** May 12, 2026

This year, the 2026 Gladstone Careers Expo will be coordinated by Communities of Gladstone Supporting Youth Inc (COGSY) and the Rotary Club of South Gladstone. This important community event provides the perfect platform for students, graduates and jobs seekers wanting to learn more about specific career and education pathways and employment opportunities.

The Gladstone Careers Expo event is held annually and features a wide range of information and trades demonstration stalls. Students are provided an opportunity to speak with trained staff in various fields to get a real understanding about potential further study options, industries and occupations.

[Find out more](#)

## Bundaberg Careers Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Jobs Bundaberg

**Location:** Bundaberg Multiplex Sport & Convention Centre

**Date:** May 13, 2026

This free community event is designed to enhance education, training, and employment outcomes in the Bundaberg Region. It attracts over 2,000 attendees and features more than 80 exhibitors in a one-day showcase.

- Network with peers & like-minded job seekers
- Discover new employment prospects and opportunities
- Uncover the many career pathways available to you
- Connect directly with employers and businesses

[Find out more](#)

## ACU Talk with Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 13, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

## Capricorn MEGA Careers Expo 2026

**Organisation:** CQUniversity

**Location:** CQUniversity, Rockhampton North Campus

**Date:** May 14, 2026

CQUniversity is excited to be partnering with Advance Rockhampton, Rockhampton Manufacturing Hub, and Workforce Australia to deliver the Capricorn MEGA Careers Expo in

2026.

The Capricorn MEGA Careers Expo is a free event, offering a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing, or upgrading their career, and is open to local schools and the general public. Bringing together a wide range of exhibitors including tertiary education institutes, apprenticeship and traineeship providers, resource and civil construction organisations, and an array of local businesses. It's your chance to engage with the future workforce.

[Find out more](#)

## ACU Talk with Law, Criminology and Business Professionals

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 14, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

## A Place for Everyone: A Beginner's Guide to Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

**Organisation:** Screen Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 16, 2026

This session is an introduction to the screen industry and crew careers. Crew and Below The Line workers are the people who make the magic happen. Join us for a fun and informative session to learn more about upcoming roles within crew.

[Find out more](#)

## Griffith Creative Arts Open Day 2026

**Organisation:** Griffith University

**Location:** Griffith University, South Bank Campus

**Date:** May 17, 2026

Explore a world of creative expression and innovation, as we showcase our vibrant community of artists, designers, performers, filmmakers and more.

Immerse yourself in interactive workshops, exhibitions, tours and demonstrations across a spectrum of disciplines—from visual arts and design, to music, performance, film and screen.

This is your chance to connect with our passionate teachers, explore our cutting-edge facilities and meet some of our current students. You'll discover how studying at Griffith can unlock your potential and find a rewarding career path that nurtures your skills and creative vision.

[Find out more](#)

## Gold Coast Careers Festival 2026

**Organisation:** Experience Gold Coast

**Location:** Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre

**Date:** May 20 to May 21, 2026

The Gold Coast Careers Festival is one of the largest events of its kind in Queensland,

drawing thousands of visitors each year. Whether you're a high school student, parent, career changer or job seeker, the Gold Coast Careers Festival provides access to a diverse collective of educators, career specialists, industry experts, guest speakers and employers through an informative, interactive and engaging experience.

[Find out more](#)

## UQ Ready – Information Session for High School Students, Toowoomba

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Toowoomba Golf Club

**Date:** May 20, 2026

Join us for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

- Get advice on maximising your ATAR score and preparing for university.
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## ACU Talk with Arts Students and Graduates

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 20, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

## UniSC Headstart Information Evening for High School Students, Sunshine Coast

**Organisation:** University of the Sunshine Coast

**Location:** University of the Sunshine Coast, Sunshine Coast Campus, Lecture Theatre 7

**Date:** May 20, 2026

Join us at our Headstart Information Evening where we'll take you through everything you need to know about the program. [Headstart](#) gives school students in Year 10, 11 or 12 a real university experience, allowing you to study first-year uni subjects and possibly receive credit to take time off your degree.

UniSC will cover the cost of the first course and additional courses are only \$400, so you'll also save money on your full degree!

You'll also hear from Headstart students who will talk about their experience and provide tips for what to expect.

[Find out more](#)

## UniSC Headstart Information Evening for High School Students, Fraser Coast

**Organisation:** University of the Sunshine Coast

**Location:** University of the Sunshine Coast, Fraser Coast Campus FCB.1.04 Lecture Theatre

**Date:** May 20, 2026

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## UniSC Headstart Information Evening for High School Students, Moreton Bay

**Organisation:** University of the Sunshine Coast

**Location:** University of the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay Campus, MBA1 Auditorium

**Date:** May 21, 2026

Join us at our Headstart Information Evening where we'll take you through everything you need to know about the program. [Headstart](#) gives school students in Year 10, 11 or 12 a real university experience, allowing you to study first-year uni subjects and possibly receive credit to take time off your degree.

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## ACU Talk with Biomedicine and Nutrition Experts

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 21, 2026

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

[Find out more](#)

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

**Organisation:** Claire Pech Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 21, 2026

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

make subject selections that support motivation, confidence, and success.

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

## UQ Ready – Information Session for High School Students, Townsville

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Rydges Southbank Townsville

**Date:** May 26, 2026

Join us for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

- Get advice on maximising your ATAR score and preparing for university.
- Understand the QTAC process, from application to offer.
- Hear about our diverse student support services, including mentoring, accommodation, neurodiversity support and more.
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[Find out more](#)

## The Education Fair for Parents, Brisbane

**Organisation:** Shore Media

**Location:** Nissan Arena

**Date:** May 26, 2026

Bringing together providers from every stage of a child's learning journey under one roof, the Education Fair is a one-stop shop for families actively planning their child's education. From early learning and child care to tutoring and tertiary, it is an unmissable event for anyone looking at education options in southeast Queensland.

Sectors at the Education Fair include:

- Child care, early learning and kindy
- Distance learning
- Private schools
- State schools
- Boarding schools
- Tutoring and extended learning
- Special needs education and support
- Childhood development
- Kids' sports and activities
- Homeschooling

[Find out more](#)

## UniSC Headstart Information Evening for High School Students, Online

**Organisation:** University of the Sunshine Coast

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 27, 2026

Join us at our Headstart Information Evening where we'll take you through everything you need to know about the program. [Headstart](#) gives school students in Year 10, 11 or 12 a real university experience, allowing you to study first-year uni subjects and possibly receive credit to take time off your degree.

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also save money on your full degree!

You'll also hear from Headstart students who will talk about their experience and provide tips for what to expect.

[Find out more](#)

## Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Kym Jones Exhibitions

**Location:** Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

**Date:** May 28 to May 30, 2026

Queensland's largest Careers & Employment Event is open on May 28 to 30, 2026 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Expo will host over 160 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses, and workers seeking new opportunities.

The Expo is packed with free advice, where you can:

- Talk with over 160 training organisations and employers
- Gain free career advice
- Discover jobs of the future
- Experience the free career seminars
- Enjoy the "Try a Skill" Zone
- Find your ideal role at the Australian Defence Force display

If you're looking for a job, career change, or course, or you're a school student looking for a career path, you can't afford to miss the Expo.

[Find out more](#)

## Year 12 & Beyond – With ADHD

**Organisation:** Claire Pech Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** May 28, 2026

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

**This webinar is designed for students and navigating Year 12 with ADHD.** Year 12 can feel overwhelming — for both students and parents. Planning ahead is often difficult for students with ADHD, and the administrative load of applications, deadlines and information can quickly become confusing. In this webinar, we simplify the **Early Entry process** — explaining what it is, what to prioritise, and how families can plan ahead with greater confidence.

[Find out more](#)

## Communication Experience Day at Bond University

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** May 28, 2026

Love telling stories, influencing opinions or understanding how messages shape the world around us? Communication is a dynamic and fast-evolving field that goes far beyond social media. It is about creating compelling narratives, engaging diverse audiences, building trust and reputations and persuading people to think, feel and act.

Join us on Thursday, 28 May, 2026 for the Communication: Journalism, Social Media, Public Relations & Advertising Experience Day, where you'll learn how communication connects ideas, people and industries.

Communication can be a career in itself or core skill set across a wide range of professions, including:

- Journalists researching, writing and telling impactful stories across digital, broadcast and print platforms.

- Public relations professionals managing brand reputations and strategic communication with the public and media.
- Advertising professionals developing creative campaigns that connect with audiences and influence behaviour.
- Social media and content specialists creating engaging content and strategies for brands and organisations.
- Communication professionals applying communication theories to understand how messages are created, received and interpreted in society.

Studies in Journalism, Social Media, Public Relations or Advertising can open doors to exciting careers in media and communication. Bond's Experience Day will give you a taste of what a career in this field might look like.

This free event is open to Year 10, 11, and 12 students, plus one parent per student.

[Find out more](#)

## Psychology Experience Day at Bond University

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** May 29, 2026

Unlock the mysteries of the mind at Bond University's Psychology Experience Day! Returning on Friday, 29 May, this immersive event offers you the chance to explore the fascinating world of psychology and discover what it's like to study in one of Australia's leading psychology programs.

Engage in hands-on activities that delve into human behaviour, social interactions, and the connection between psychology and technology. Connect with expert academics who are leading psychologists, learn about Bond's APAC-accredited programs, and explore pathways to further study, including guaranteed entry into fourth-year psychology at the Bond University School of Psychology.

There's no better way to ignite your passion than by experiencing it firsthand. This free event is open to Year 10, 11 and 12 students, plus one parent per student.

[Find out more](#)

## QUT Year 9-10 Advice Night

**Organisation:** Queensland University of Technology

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 2, 2026

Are you in Year 9 or 10 and starting to think about life after school? Curious about what uni is really like?

Join us online for the QUT Year 9-10 Advice Night and start exploring your future study and career pathways. You will discover the range of study areas available at QUT, learn how university entry works and the pathways available, and find out what makes uni different from school.

You will also hear from current QUT students who will share their real experiences of uni life – from choosing subjects to balancing study, friends and fun.

[Find out more](#)

## Architecture Experience Day at Bond University

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** June 4, 2026

Step into the world of architectural design and bring your creativity to life at Bond University's Architecture Experience Day!

Returning on Thursday, 4 June, this immersive event invites you to explore the award-winning Abedian School of Architecture and experience what it's like to study in one of Australia's most innovative design environments.

Get hands-on with activities like Sketch & Design, Fabrication & Robotics Demonstrations, and Model Making, as well as touring our cutting-edge student spaces and fabrication labs. Connect with our expert academic staff, discover our unique studio culture, and see how Bond's personalised learning experience, with small class sizes and direct access to award-winning architects, can help shape your future.

There's no better way to explore your passion than by experiencing it firsthand. This free event is open to Year 10, 11, and 12 students, plus one parent per student.

[Find out more](#)

## Cairns Careers Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Business Liaison Association

**Location:** Cairns Showgrounds

**Date:** June 4, 2026

The Cairns Careers Expo brings together a vast range of education and career providers to inspire our community and high school students with their decision-making. Our exhibitors consist of a large cross-section of vocational providers, apprenticeship and traineeship providers, strong industry representation, and tertiary/university institutions who will be there to answer all your questions.

This Expo is the only event of its kind in Far North Queensland — and it is also open to the general public, parents, job seekers, and those looking for information on a career change. We welcome you to come along.

[Find out more](#)

## Health Experience Day at Bond University

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** June 6, 2026

Discover what it's like to manage the care of real patients from start to finish through Bond's Health Experience Day. This free event is your opportunity to consult with clinical doctors, physiotherapists, dietitians, occupational therapists, biomedical and exercise scientists, and other allied health professionals, to gain a deeper understanding of the different career options available in the health sciences.

You will take on the fictional role of healthcare advisor, working with patients to consolidate all their primary and allied health practitioner's assessments, and will provide the next steps going forward in the management of these patients. Working with the health team and individual patients, you'll determine the optimal courses of treatment for the best outcome.

[Find out more](#)

## SCU Gold Coast Mock Trial for Year 11 & 12 Students

**Organisation:** Southern Cross University

**Location:** Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** June 11, 2026

Join us at the 2026 Gold Coast Mock Trial, where you will experience an evening immersed in the world of law with an interactive mock trial.

- Connect with our inspiring Law academics and be assessed by local real-life judges and magistrates
- Compete for the title of 2026 champion and the coveted winning trophy
- Experience a realistic courtroom setting, and get a glimpse into university life
- Develop legal skills as you prepare for a relevant case in class, with guidance from Southern Cross University
- Explore our campuses and experience our state-of-the-art facilities

The Mock Trial is open to Year 11 and 12 students with an interest in the legal system, offering them a chance to step into individual roles such as a Barrister, Court Officer or

witness. Each school selects a team of six students to participate, and family and friends are invited to come and spectate.

**Registrations close Thursday 26th April.**

[Find out more](#)

## UQ Ready – Information Session for High School Students, Logan

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Logan Entertainment Centre

**Date:** June 16, 2026

Join us for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

- Get advice on maximising your ATAR score and preparing for university.
- Understand the QTAC process, from application to offer.
- Hear about our diverse student support services, including mentoring, accommodation, neurodiversity support and more.
- Learn how to enrol and plan your timetable.
- Get tips for successfully transitioning from school to university.
- Hear about UQ's vibrant and inclusive campus culture.

The information will be valuable to any high school student looking to go to any university.

[Find out more](#)

## UQ Ready – Information Session for High School Students, Sunshine Coast

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Maroochy Surf Club

**Date:** June 17, 2026

Join us for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

- Get advice on maximising your ATAR score and preparing for university.
- Understand the QTAC process, from application to offer.
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## Fraser Coast Industry and Careers Showcase 2026

**Organisation:** Jobs Fraser Coast

**Location:** Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park

**Date:** June 18, 2026

As a student or jobseeker, the Fraser Coast Industry & Careers Showcase offers you the opportunity to create your future! From career ideas, real jobs or a new career path you get to talk with the region's employers about job opportunities in a range of sectors like healthcare, agriculture, defence, education, hospitality, manufacturing, construction and more! Plus, you'll enjoy engaging with region's leading training institutions and universities, uncovering all the pathways to your dream job.

[Find out more](#)

## You Can Get In: How to Job Hunt for Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

**Organisation:** Screen Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 20, 2026

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

[Find out more](#)

## UQ Ready – Information Session for High School Students, Rockhampton

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Rockhampton Leagues Club

**Date:** June 24, 2026

Join us for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

- Get advice on maximising your ATAR score and preparing for university.
- Understand the QTAC process, from application to offer.
- Hear about our diverse student support services, including mentoring, accommodation, neurodiversity support and more.
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## UQ Ready – Information Session for High School Students, Ipswich

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Brothers Leagues Club Ipswich

**Date:** June 24, 2026

Join us for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

- Get advice on maximising your ATAR score and preparing for university.
- Understand the QTAC process, from application to offer.
- Hear about our diverse student support services, including mentoring, accommodation, neurodiversity support and more.
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[Find out more](#)

## It Takes a Spark STEM Conference for Year 4-10 Students and Teachers, Brisbane

**Organisation:** Intuyu Consulting Pty Ltd

**Location:** Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell Campus

**Date:** June 25, 2026

The It Takes a Spark! STEM Conference inspires and engages forward thinking Year 4 to 10 students, Teachers and Education Leaders in STEM.

The program is different to many conferences namely it is intended for both Teachers and Students to attend. This parallel learning experience facilitates shared knowledge and collaboration between Teachers and their Students.

The day begins with an outstanding keynote speaker to engage and inspire educators and students, followed by the engaging STEM Expo hands-on activity area. You will then move into preselected Digi-Design Mini Workshops, Problem Solvers Design Challenges with

Teachers also having the option to attend Teacher only Mini-Master Classes.

[Find out more](#)

## Voyages to the Underworld: UQ Centre for Western Civilisation 2026 Winter School

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

**Date:** June 29 to July 1, 2026

Join us for a unique 3-day experience where you will study the underworlds of the *Odyssey*, *Aeneid*, *Georgics*, and Dante's *Inferno*. You'll learn about the historical contexts of these works and how these stories still influence us today.

What's involved:

- work with UQ experts to understand the power of the human imagination
- analyse key passages and themes in the work of Dante, Homer, and Virgil
- enjoy a ghost tour of the Toowong Cemetery delivered by Ghost Tours Australia
- take part in a workshop on presentation skills and performing poetry, run by a professional theatre company
- view Jean Cocteau's *Orphée*, a reimagining of the Orpheus myth set in 1950s Paris.

Open to high school students in Year 11 and Year 12. The Winter School is free to attend. Interstate applicants are welcome. Accommodation and full-board during the Winter School are provided, and travel subsidies for students who are travelling from over 400 km away from Brisbane are available.

[Find out more](#)

## Creative Writing – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** June 29 to June 30, 2026

In this [Learn for Credit](#) course you will harness your creative flair and passion for writing. Develop your writing skills by exploring a range of approaches, styles and genres to help you find and tell compelling stories.

You will receive guidance from an experienced freelance journalist, author, lecturer, and content creator to learn how to draft a story from an idea through to completion.

Gain a practical insight into the basics of creative writing; learn how to find, develop and refine your voice; and critique your own work before strengthening your skills in writing intuitively from a short story prompt.

Students will also complete a two-day practical workshop where they will learn how to critique work and improve writing with the goal of applying this to their own writing. This is achieved through a close analysis and exercises around the short story *American Hustler*, the inspiration behind *Inventing Anna*. Students will also strengthen their intuitive writing skills through a short story prompt. The goal of this exercise is to write from the 'gut' to allow information to flow freely, while following the guidelines learnt around plotting and planning a story with interesting characters.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshops, or complete the full course through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

**Registration closes Monday 22 June, 2026.**

[Find out more](#)

## QUT Future You Summit for Year 11 & 12 Students

**Organisation:** Queensland University of Technology

**Location:** Queensland University of Technology, Gardens Point Campus

**Date:** June 30 to July 3, 2026

The QUT Future You Summit is more than a university experience. It empowers Queensland Year 11 and 12 students to explore who they want to become and how QUT can help them get there.

Over four days, participants connect with academics, industry professionals and alumni, tackle real-world challenges, and build clarity, confidence and meaningful future pathways. Spanning all QUT study areas, the program gives students the chance to experience different disciplines, discover new strengths and visualise life as a QUT student.

This immersive summit blends academic discovery, personal growth and future-readiness. A registration fee applies to support delivery of the program and included activities.

Applicants wishing to be considered for a fee waiver due to financial hardship should email [highschool.engage@qut.edu.au](mailto:highschool.engage@qut.edu.au).

Applications for the summit **open 2 March** and **close 30 March**.

[Find out more](#)

## UQ Year 11 International Baccalaureate Research Skills Program

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

**Date:** July 1, 2026

The International Baccalaureate Research Skills Program (IBRSP) provides comprehensive development in core research skills for Year 11 IB students.

IBRSP will provide comprehensive development in core research skills in:

- scientific literacy and research question development
- statistical analyses and presentation of scientific data (using Microsoft Excel)
- written scientific communication.

While IBRSP is delivered primarily in biological and environmental sciences contexts, the skills you'll develop are transferrable across disciplines and will be immediately relevant to the IB Extended Essay.

You must be in Year 11 IB studies. Interstate and international applicants are welcome.

Complete and submit the online application form by **Sunday 24 May 2026**.

[Find out more](#)

## Scholarships

### Monash Achieving Potential Support Scholarships

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** AU\$6,000 per year

**Open Date:** August 3, 2026

**Close Date:** October 9, 2026

[Find out more](#)

### University of Sydney Extended Bachelor Program Scholarship for Indigenous Students

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** Up to AU\$8,500 per year

**Close Date:** No closing date

[Find out more](#)

### ANU Kim Jackson Scholarship for Women in Engineering

**Organisation:** Australian National University

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** AU\$25,000 per year  
**Open Date:** March 11, 2026  
**Close Date:** May 8, 2026  
[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition 2026

**Organisation:** Business Educators Australasia Inc.  
**Location:** Australia  
**Value:** Up to AU\$1,500  
**Close Date:** September 7, 2026  
[Find out more](#)

### Think Science! Competition

**Organisation:** Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation  
**Location:** Australia  
**Value:** AU\$10,000 in prizes  
**Close Date:** July 3, 2026  
[Find out more](#)

## Weekly Posts

### Jobs & Careers

#### Why do we work?

Why do we work? It sounds like a simple question, but the answer is more interesting than you might think. Most of us will [spend around one third of our lives at work](#), so it's worth taking a moment to understand what actually drives people to do it, and what that might mean for the career choices you make.

#### Money is the obvious answer

Let's be honest, the main common reason people work is to earn money. We need it for rent or a mortgage, food, transport, bills, and everything else that keeps life running. Having an income also means you can save, take holidays, and eventually retire.... ideally before you're too tired to enjoy it.

That said, money alone is rarely enough to make someone feel good about how they spend their days. If the pay is fine but everything else about a job is miserable, most people don't stick around for long.

Remember that not everyone is lucky enough to be able to work; and if you can't work for some reason, that's OK too. Not working doesn't de-value you as a person, and it doesn't mean you shouldn't be able to have a good quality of life.

#### Work can give you a sense of purpose

A lot of people find that their job becomes part of how they see themselves. That's not a bad thing. When your work feels meaningful, when you can see that what you do actually matters to someone, it tends to boost your confidence and self-worth in a way that's hard to get elsewhere.

This doesn't just apply to obviously "important" jobs like doctors or teachers. A mechanic who keeps people safe on the road, a chef who makes someone's birthday unforgettable, a graphic designer who helps a small business look professional, your purpose turns up in all

kinds of work.

### **You never stop learning**

School is where formal learning happens, but it's far from the only place you grow intellectually. Most jobs involve picking up new skills, solving problems you haven't seen before, and getting better at things over time. For some careers like software developers, healthcare professionals, and data scientists for example, ongoing learning is a job requirement in order to keep up with new developments, tools, and consumer demands. That process keeps life interesting. It's also why people who've been in a role for years can still find it engaging, the work keeps changing, and so do they.

### **Work connects you to other people**

Humans are social. We function better when we feel part of a team, a community, a shared goal, or something else. Work gives many people exactly that. Friendships formed at work can be surprisingly strong, partly because you spend so much time together and partly because you're often working through challenges side by side.

Research backs this up too, [people who feel connected to their colleagues tend to be both happier and more productive](#). That's not a coincidence.

### **You contribute more than you might realise**

When you earn a wage and pay tax, that money flows back into the community. Your taxes fund hospitals, schools, roads, emergency services, and support for people who aren't able to work. It's easy to see tax as something that gets taken from you, but it's also something you're actively contributing. Your work, whatever it is, helps keep things running for everyone.

### **Work helps you keep growing as a person**

There's a cumulative effect to all of this. When you're learning, connecting with others, contributing to something, and being challenged regularly, it changes you - slowly and mostly in ways you don't notice at the time. You become more patient, more capable of handling setbacks, more confident in your own abilities. Work, at its best, is one of the main ways people continue to develop well into adulthood.

That doesn't mean every job will feel like a personal development programme. Some days are just long and dull. But the best careers tend to offer a mix of challenge, connection, and meaning; not just a pay cheque.

### **It can make you feel important**

Like we mentioned above, because work is such a big part of our lives, it's often closely tied to our identity (or how we think about ourselves). When we receive positive feedback at work or feel like the things we do make a difference, that increases our self-esteem and can make us feel valued.

### **Some people love what they do**

People who love what they do will often find their career very rewarding, regardless of whether the money is good. It doesn't matter what the job is; it could be teaching kids, looking after people, writing novels, coding apps, growing food, building things...anything at all! And people are passionate about all kinds of jobs, even if they might seem strange or boring to others.

### **It stops you getting bored**

Years and years ago people didn't have structured work. Their "job" each day was to hunt and gather food, make clothes, move to new areas, build shelters, and look after their children. But now we have houses built for us, we buy our food from the supermarket, we don't move about as much, and our children go to school - so without work, what would we do all day?

Of course, there are other, more fun ways to spend the day, like going to the movies, but these things usually cost money, so you couldn't afford to do them if you didn't work anyway.

### **Work is about more than money**

Understanding *why* you want to work is a great first step toward figuring out *what* you want to do. If you're ready to start exploring, head to our [Jobs & Careers](#) section for ideas, career profiles, and practical advice to help you find a direction that suits you.

## **How to get through fire service recruitment**

Becoming a [firefighter](#) is a highly sought-after career in Australia and New Zealand. The role offers real purpose, physical challenge, community impact, and great camaraderie, so it's no surprise that fire services across the country receive thousands of applications every time recruitment opens.

What surprises many people is just how long and involved the process actually is. The process can take anywhere from 6 to 12 months and involves multiple phases of testing. If you're serious about getting in, it pays to know exactly what you're walking into, and be prepared.

### **What the process generally looks like**

The recruitment process typically includes aptitude tests, psychological and personality assessments, physical ability tests, a panel interview, and a thorough medical examination. Most services also require a current [First Aid certificate](#), a valid driver's licence, and a clean criminal record before you can progress. Each stage is pass/fail, meaning you must succeed at one step before you're invited to the next.

The [aptitude test](#) is designed to ensure that you'll be able to handle the written component of the recruit training course, the last step before you become a firefighter. They usually include literacy (reading), numeracy (maths), abstract reasoning, and mechanical reasoning components, which measure your general abilities such as problem solving, critical thinking, deduction, and logical reasoning.

Physical testing comes in two parts at most services. The first is an aerobic fitness test, often a shuttle run or beep test. The second physical stage is usually a series of simulated task assessments, which are practical, timed, and designed to reflect real on-the-job demands. In South Australia, for example, [the PAT 2](#) requires candidates to complete 11 simulated on-the-job tasks within 32 minutes, and all gender identities complete the same test to the same standard.

### **What's different in each state and territory**

Each fire service runs its own recruitment campaign on its own timeline, and the specific tests and providers vary. So you should always check the official sites for each service for information about their recruitment process and dates, as well any specific eligibility criteria. Things can change frequently and recruitment windows are often short, so applying with outdated knowledge could cost you your place in the process.

### **Victoria**

[Fire Rescue Victoria](#) (FRV) received a large number of applications in its 2024 intake, which ran for just 7 days, and will not open for new applications until 2026, although the dates haven't yet been confirmed. [Entry requirements](#) include:

- Being an Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident
- Holding a [driver's license](#) for at least 2 years by the time of applying ([green \(P2\) probationary licences](#) are OK)
- Complying with the [criminal history](#) and [driving history](#) policies
- Undergoing a nationally coordinated [criminal history check](#)

- Obtaining a medical clearance from your doctor prior to undertaking the physical assessment

Their full [recruitment process](#) is 11 stages and you'll need to pass them all. If your application is successful and you receive an offer of employment, you'll then need to undertake a [20-week recruit training course](#) at the FRV Training Academy in Melbourne, as well as obtain a [Heavy Rigid licence](#).

### **New South Wales**

[Fire and Rescue NSW](#) (FRNSW) have a [7-step recruitment process](#). They also have the [Indigenous Fire and Rescue Employment Strategy](#) (IFARES) to support First Nations applicants. To be eligible to apply, you'll need:

- HSC or equivalent higher education qualification
- Australian or New Zealand citizenship or Australian permanent residency
- A current [C class drivers' licence](#) (minimum [Provisional P2](#))
- Willingness to obtain a [Medium Rigid \(MR\) heavy vehicle licence](#) at your own cost

Successfully progressing through the recruitment process means you'll receive a formal employment letter, after which you'll need to complete the 13-week [FRNSW Recruit Course](#) in Sydney.

### **Western Australia**

The [Department of Fire and Emergency Services](#) (DFES) in Western Australia have a [5-stage recruitment process](#) - women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. You'll need to:

- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen
- Have a current [First Aid Certificate](#)
- Have a current unrestricted [Manual C Class vehicle license](#)

If you're successful in the first stage, within 5 months of your application you'll also need to obtain:

- WA or National [Heavy Rigid \(HR\) vehicle license](#) that allows you to operate manual HR vehicles with a synchromesh gearbox
- [Advanced First Aid Certificate](#)
- [Advanced Resuscitation and Oxygen Therapy Certification](#)
- [Australian National Police Certificate](#)
- [Working with Children Check](#)

If you're selected to attend the [Trainee Firefighter School](#), you'll be offered a temporary contract to undertake a 15-week intensive training course at the Western Australia Fire and Emergency Services Academy in Perth.

### **Queensland**

[Queensland Fire and Rescue](#) (QFR) have a [10-step recruitment process](#) to complete, including a variety of physical, cognitive, and psychological tests, as well as a criminal history check and interview. You'll need to meet the following mandatory requirements before you can apply:

- [Manual C class driver licence](#) held for at least 1 year, OR [manual medium rigid \(MR\) driver licence](#)
- Physically, mentally, and medically fit
- Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency
- Successful completion of Year 12 or equivalent
- Minimum 2 years full-time equivalent general paid work experience
- Eligible to hold a current valid [Working with Children Blue Card](#)

If you are a successful applicant and receive an offer of employment, you'll then need to complete the intensive 16-week Recruit Course at the School of Fire and Emergency Services Training (SFEST) in Brisbane.

## South Australia

SA's [Metropolitan Fire Service](#) (MFS) has a 10-stage recruitment process for aspiring firefighters. To be eligible to apply, you must:

- Hold a current and valid [C Class driver's licence](#)
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Meet the [Medical Standards](#)

Importantly, you will need to submit images of any tattoos you have, as "visible tattoos must not be excessive or offensive to recognised standards of decency or reflect adversely on the professional image the community expects from employees serving in the MFS".

If you successfully make it through the selection process, you'll then need to complete the [16-week Recruit Course](#) at the Angle Park Training Centre in Adelaide.

## Australian Capital Territory

[ACT Fire & Rescue](#) (ACTF&R) applicants have to successfully pass each of the 7 stages of the recruitment process. Before you can apply, you'll need to meet these mandatory requirements:

- Be an Australian citizen or have permanent residency
- Hold a current Australian [C Class licence](#) with no restrictions (no P plates) and confirmation of completion of a [Heavy Vehicle Knowledge Assessment](#), OR hold a current Australian [MR Class driving licence](#) with no restrictions (no P plates)
- Provide medical consent to participate in physical abilities testing
- Hold current [ACT Working with Vulnerable People](#) registration
- Undergo a [National Police Check](#)

If you accept an offer of employment, you are then required to attend the 20-week [Recruit Training Program](#) at the ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) Hume Training Centre in Canberra.

## Tasmania

To join the [Tasmania Fire Service](#) (TFS) you'll need to pass the [9-stage recruitment journey](#). Before you apply, make sure you can fulfil their mandatory requirements:

- Meet the medical and fitness requirements of the TFS
- Able to work effectively at heights and in confined spaces
- Hold a current [manual driver's licence](#) with no restrictions
- Satisfy a pre-employment criminal history check

Candidates who successfully complete the application process will become a member of the [Firefighter Development Program](#), conducted over a period of 15 weeks predominantly at the Cambridge Training Complex in Hobart.

## Northern Territory

The [Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service](#) (NTFRS) have 5 steps in their recruitment process, including an hour long panel interview. Here are some of the essential criteria you'll need to meet before applying:

- Successful completion of Year 12 or a recognised tertiary or trade qualification
- The ability to meet the health, fitness, and academic standards of the recruit selection program
- Must possess a manual [Medium Rigid \(MR\) driver's licence](#) as recognised by the NT Government, a minimum of 1 week prior to the commencement of the Recruit Course
- Have a current [First Aid Certificate](#) or equivalent
- Have no significant criminal history

On appointment as a recruit firefighter, you will undertake a nominal 20-week recruit course at the NTFRS training complex in Darwin.

## New Zealand

[Fire and Emergency New Zealand](#) (FENZ) recruitment process consists of 8 steps and includes an online application, aptitude testing, a practical assessment centre, and a panel interview. To be eligible to apply you'll need to:

- Be a New Zealand or Australian citizen or have New Zealand permanent residency
- Be 18 years of age to apply
- Pass police checks
- Pass medical checks

New recruits then need to successfully complete the paid 12-week live-in Recruit Training Course at FENZ's National Training Centre in Rotorua, after which you'll graduate as an operational firefighter.

### **How to prepare**

The candidates who progress tend to have one thing in common they prepared specifically, not generally. Here's what that looks like in practice.

### **For the aptitude test**

Find out which testing platform your target service uses and practise with materials from that specific provider. If your abstract reasoning is strong but your numerical skills are shaky, focus more of your preparation time on your weaker areas.

### **For the physical tests**

The beep test/shuttle run standard required by fire services is achievable with consistent cardio training, but you need to start well before the recruitment window opens, not just the week before.

For the simulated task assessment, read about the tasks and watch any preparation videos published by the relevant fire service. They're there to help you understand what's expected and how to prepare.

### **For the interview**

Be prepared for a behavioural interview format, which means questions like, "Tell me about a time you worked under pressure." Prepare real examples from your own life that demonstrate teamwork, problem-solving, communication, and composure. Practise saying them out loud, not just thinking through them in your head.

Read up about the interviews online and see what other tips you can find before you head in.

### **For the recruitment process**

Make sure you're committed to the time involved in all the training. Including before the recruitment period begins, during recruitment, and the duration of the recruit training course, the entire process can take anywhere between 6 to 12 months, so it requires a significant investment of your time and energy.

If for any reason your situation changes and you can no longer participate in or continue your training, keep in mind you might need to withdraw and re-apply in the following year.

### **Don't give up after a setback**

Many candidates sit the process more than once, for various reasons. That's not a sign of failure - it's a normal part of how competitive this field is.

If you don't progress in one intake, treat it as a training run. Find out where you fell short, address it specifically, and come back better prepared. The people who eventually get through are often those who refused to treat a single rejection as a full stop.

### **Start building your profile now**

If you're still at high school, you don't have to wait until recruitment opens to get started.

Fitness is the most obvious area you can easily work on. Building a strong aerobic base and

general strength now means you won't be scrambling to get fit under pressure when applications open. Some services even have dedicated fitness training guides and preparation resources, like [FRNSW's Fire Fit](#) or [FENZ's Practice Days](#).

Beyond the physical side, fire services look for people who are calm under pressure, communicate clearly, and work well in a team. You can develop all of those qualities through team sports, school leadership roles, or community volunteering. Even casual work in customer-facing roles builds communication skills and resilience.

[St John Ambulance](#) youth programs, [State Emergency Service \(SES\) volunteering](#) (available from age 16 in most states), and [local surf lifesaving clubs](#) could all help you gain relevant experience that will give you real stories to draw on in a behavioural interview, as well as important skills. Some fire services also run cadet or youth programs, like the [NSW Rural Fire Service](#) and the [NTPFES Cadets Program](#). If you can't find information online, it's worth checking directly with your local station.

A [First Aid certificate](#) is a practical requirement for most applications, so getting qualified early is a straightforward win.

Remember, recruitment panels aren't just assessing what you can do on the day; they're looking for evidence of who you are over time.

### **Ready to explore careers in emergency services?**

If firefighting sounds like the career for you, start by visiting the official website for the fire service in your location and checking when recruitment is next expected to open.

In the meantime, you can [explore more jobs and careers](#) on our site to keep exploring where your future might take you.

## **Career opportunities in medicine beyond being a doctor**

If you're passionate about health and helping others, [becoming a doctor](#) is an incredible and rewarding career choice. But what if you don't get in on your first try? Or perhaps, you discover along the way that being a doctor isn't quite the path for you after all?

The good news is that the world of medicine and health is full of exciting career opportunities beyond the traditional doctor role. There are countless ways to get involved in healthcare and make a meaningful difference. In this blog, we'll highlight just a few of the alternative career pathways in medicine that you might want to consider.

### **Nursing**

[Nurses](#) are at the heart of healthcare, providing direct care to patients, assisting with treatments, and being advocates for health and well-being. Whether you're interested in working in hospitals, clinics, or in the community, there are various specialties within nursing, including [midwifery](#), paediatric, emergency, mental health, NICU, oncology, and surgical nursing - just to name a few.

With the flexibility of nursing, you can work in diverse settings and have plenty of career development opportunities, such as becoming a nurse practitioner or a clinical nurse specialist.

### **Physical Therapy**

If you're interested in helping people recover from injuries, manage pain, or improve mobility, physiotherapy or occupational therapy could be the path for you. [Physiotherapists](#) work with patients to restore movement and function, often through exercise, massage, or other treatments. [Occupational therapists](#) focus on helping people develop or regain the skills needed for daily activities, using adaptive techniques, exercises, and assistive devices. Both careers offer the opportunity to work directly with people and make a meaningful impact on their quality of life without pursuing a full medical degree.

### **Pharmacy**

[Pharmacists](#) play a vital role in healthcare by ensuring patients receive the correct medications and advising them on how to use them safely. This is an excellent choice if you have an interest in drugs, their effects on the body, and providing personalised health advice.

Pharmacists work in hospitals, retail pharmacies, and even research settings, contributing to public health in many ways.

### **Paramedicine (Emergency Medical Services)**

For those who thrive in fast-paced environments and enjoy helping people in urgent situations, paramedicine can be a fulfilling career. [Paramedics](#) respond to emergencies, provide medical care on the spot, and transport patients to healthcare facilities when needed.

This is a hands-on role with a significant impact on saving lives and providing immediate support.

### **Medical Laboratory Science**

[Medical laboratory](#) technicians and scientists are essential in diagnosing and treating illnesses by analysing laboratory samples. If you enjoy working behind the scenes but still want to play a crucial role in patient care, this could be an ideal career. You'll work with cutting-edge technology to analyse blood, urine, and tissue samples, helping doctors diagnose conditions and track patients' progress.

Find out more about what it could be like working in a laboratory [here](#).

### **Health Administration and Management**

Health [administrators](#) manage hospitals, clinics, or public health organisations, ensuring that everything runs smoothly. This role might appeal to you if you're interested in healthcare but are more drawn to organisational, [leadership](#), and business tasks rather than direct patient care.

Health administrators help streamline healthcare systems and improve patient outcomes by managing resources, [budgets](#), and [staff](#).

### **Speech Therapy**

[Speech-language pathologists](#) (SLPs) work with patients who have speech, language, or swallowing disorders. If you have an interest in communication and enjoy working closely with individuals to make a significant difference in their lives, this could be a great option. You'll help people regain their ability to speak or swallow, often after an illness or injury.

### **Public Health and Epidemiology**

Public health professionals focus on improving health on a larger scale. If you're passionate about preventing illness and improving health outcomes for entire populations, a career in public health might be right for you.

This could involve roles in epidemiology, health policy, environmental health, or health education. Epidemiologists, for example, study disease patterns and help control outbreaks.

### **Biomedical Science and Research**

Biomedical scientists and researchers work in labs to understand diseases, develop new treatments, and advance medical knowledge. If you're more interested in discovering the science behind health conditions and exploring new ways to treat them, biomedical research is an exciting field with plenty of opportunities to make a real difference in medicine.

Examples of careers in this field include [Computational Biology](#) and [Data Science](#).

### **Radiography and Medical Imaging**

[Radiographers](#) or [medical imaging technologists](#) use imaging technology, like X-rays, MRIs, and CT scans, to help doctors diagnose and monitor illnesses. If you have an interest in technology and enjoy working in a healthcare environment, this can be an exciting role that

combines technical skills with patient care.

### **Dietetics and Nutrition**

[Dietitians](#) and nutritionists work with patients to develop healthy eating plans, manage diet-related health conditions, and promote overall well-being. If you have a passion for food and health and want to help others improve their lives through nutrition, this could be a career for you.

There are plenty of specialties within dietetics, including sports nutrition, paediatric nutrition, and clinical nutrition.

### **Alternative Therapies and Complementary Medicine**

While traditional medicine plays a big role in healthcare, many people also look to alternative therapies, like acupuncture, massage therapy, or naturopathy, to support their well-being. If you're interested in holistic health practices, this could be a pathway for you to explore.

Many practitioners work in [private settings](#) or as part of integrated healthcare teams.

### **You Don't Have to Stick to One Path**

It's easy to feel pressured to pick the "perfect" course before you even start university, but the truth is that many students change direction during their studies. Universities usually allow you to switch courses, move between related degrees, or adjust your major if your interests or goals shift.

For example, you might start in a general health or biomedical science degree and later transfer into medicine, or discover a passion for public health, research, or another healthcare field. These options mean you're not locked into one path and can explore different areas before committing. Staying open to change lets you make informed decisions while building experience and knowledge along the way.

### **Where to explore more**

The healthcare field is vast, and these are just a few options. There are many pathways into medicine, some requiring university degrees, others requiring vocational training or certifications. Here's where to start exploring:

- **Australia:** Visit the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#), [Australian Medical Association](#), [Primary Health Care Australia](#), and [Health Workforce Australia](#) for career insights and training information.
- **UK:** Check out the [NHS Careers website](#) for a comprehensive look at health professions and pathways into medicine.
- **New Zealand - Aotearoa:** Look into [Careers.govt.nz](#) and [Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora](#) for information on various health professions and study options.
- **Canada:** Visit [More than Medicine Nova Scotia](#), and [Health Canada](#) for information about careers and training requirements.
- **USA:** [US Dept of State Medical and Health](#), [Association of American Medical Colleges \(AAMC\)](#), [Nurse.org](#), and the [US Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) are great places to start exploring.
- **Other countries:** Many countries have government health websites or national healthcare organisations that can provide information on training and career paths in healthcare. Be sure to explore what's available in your country!

### **Find the career that's right for you**

The healthcare sector offers a multitude of career paths, many of which don't require you to be a doctor. So if you're interested in medicine but aren't sure about the doctor route, explore these alternatives. You might find a role that perfectly matches your interests and skills—and still make a meaningful difference in people's lives. Whether you're working directly with patients, behind the scenes in labs, or helping to manage healthcare systems, there's a place for everyone in medicine.

Want to explore more different career options? [You can read heaps of other blogs on our website here.](#)

## University

### University Early Entry Programs in 2026

Year 12 is a big year. Actually, that's probably an understatement, as it might feel like everything is riding on the next twelve months. If you've heard people talking about early entry and wondered whether it might take some of the pressure off, you're in the right place. Here's how it works, and what's changing in 2026.

#### What is early entry?

Early entry is exactly what it sounds like. Instead of waiting until after your final exams to find out whether you've got a university place, some universities let you apply earlier in the year and you could receive an offer well before you've taken your final exams or the main offer rounds open.

Most early entry offers are conditional, meaning there are still requirements to meet, such as finishing Year 12 or getting a minimum ATAR. But the benefit is knowing you have a pathway secured ahead of the stressful exam period.

#### Who is eligible?

Eligibility varies between universities and programs, here are the most common things universities look at:

- Academic results or progress
- Community involvement such as volunteering
- Leadership roles like being school captain or a sports team leader
- Personal circumstances, for example if illness, financial hardship, or caring responsibilities have affected your studies.

If you're unsure whether you qualify for a particular program, it's best to contact the university directly and ask. Remember, they want students to apply so they'll be happy to hear from you.

#### What are the advantages?

There are more benefits than you might expect. Here a couple to consider.

Going into exams with an offer already in the bag could genuinely reduce your stress levels. Instead of wondering "what if?", you can focus all of your energy on doing your best. If you're planning to move away from home, you could also get a head start on things like applying for student accommodation, which can book out quickly.

Many early entry applications are free, unlike standard applications through Tertiary Admissions Centres which charge a fee. If you apply for Early Entry but don't end up accepting an offer, there's no penalty, and you can still go through the normal application process later in the year.

#### Conditional vs guaranteed offers

A conditional offer means your place is secured provided that you meet any stated requirements, like achieving a certain ATAR or completing specific subjects. The majority of early entry offers work this way.

Guaranteed offers are more rare and mean your place is locked in regardless of your final results (though there are still a couple of exceptions such as not completing Year 12 at all). Whichever type of offer you receive, be sure to read the fine print carefully before accepting.

#### Can I apply to more than one program?

Absolutely. You can apply to as many Early Entry programs as you like and there's no

downside to doing so, as long as you meet the eligibility criteria. Applying to one will never affect your chances with another.

If you receive multiple offers, take your time deciding, and remember to decline the ones you don't accept so other students can take your spot.

### **What's changing in 2026?**

Early Entry programs were originally introduced in response to COVID-19, offering an alternative pathway for Year 12 students whose studies had been significantly disrupted by the pandemic. At the time, it was a valuable lifeline during an unprecedented period of uncertainty. Now, with the pandemic well behind us there have been a few changes over the years.

In 2024, Australian universities adopted a recommendation under the Universities Accord that early offers to secondary school students should not be issued before September in the year prior to study. That means the timeline for receiving offers has been standardised to some extent, though applications often open several months earlier than that.

More significantly, some universities are beginning to rethink their early entry programs altogether. The [University of Technology Sydney](#) (UTS), for example, has recently announced that it will be retiring its Early Entry Program for undergraduate admissions from Autumn 2027.

There's also ongoing work behind the scenes from the [Australian Universities Accord](#) and [Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency](#) (TEQSA) on a national transparency framework for Australian universities. They want to shift the focus towards admission approaches that are fairer, more transparent, and more sustainable, with a stronger emphasis on widening access to higher education for students from all backgrounds, which is good news for everyone.

UTS is not the only university likely to review its approach in the coming years. The sector is evolving, and what's available today may look different by the time you're ready to apply. That's not a reason to panic, as there are more options and pathways to university than ever, it's just a reason to make sure that you stay informed.

### **So what should you do?**

If you're leaning towards going to university after Year 12, do your research on the institutions and the courses on offer. Check any current Early Entry programs directly with each university you're interested in. If you can't find information easily the Future Student teams are always happy to help, and keep your eye out for the updated [Early Entry Guide in Term 2, 2026](#). Dates, eligibility criteria, and the programs themselves can change from year to year (and sometimes mid-year too). Don't rely on information from a previous year or from a friend who applied two years ago.

Get your applications in as soon as possible. While some deadlines are in September, it is beneficial to apply as soon after programs open as possible, it'll help reduce your mental load so you can focus on studying, and it could help you to secure an offer for high-demand courses.

If a program has changed or closed by the time you're ready to apply, remember early entry is one path, not the only one. The world of university admissions is full of alternative entry options, special consideration schemes, pathway programs, and more. So do some more research, speak to the university directly, and see what your alternative pathways could be.

### **Find out more about uni applications and your options**

Whether you end up applying through early entry, the standard process, or an alternative pathway entirely, there's a route that works for you. Head to our [university study hub](#) to explore more about getting into uni and find the path that fits.

## Skills for Work

### References and referees: What's the difference?

When you start applying for jobs, a whole new vocabulary gets thrown at you. Cover letters, resumes, portfolios — and then someone asks for your references. Or is it your referees? The two words get mixed up constantly, but they mean different things. Understanding the distinction means you can handle both with confidence.

#### What is a referee?

A referee is a person. Specifically, it's someone you list on your resume or application who an employer can contact to ask about you. They're there to vouch for your skills, reliability, and attitude — to confirm that what you've written about yourself is accurate.

Your resume tells employers who you say you are. A referee tells them who someone else says you are. That outside perspective carries real weight.

Your referees don't need to write anything in advance. They just need to be ready in case a potential employer calls or emails them.

#### What is a reference?

A reference is a written document, usually a letter or statement, from someone you've worked for or alongside. It describes the work you did and says something about your abilities and character.

The key difference is that a reference is prepared ahead of time. Whereas referees are generally contacted in-person as part of a job application process when employers are trying to narrow down their top options. Once you have a reference, you can include it with any application without needing to contact that person again. That makes references particularly handy when someone has moved on, is hard to reach, or you'd prefer not to keep going back to them every time you apply for something new.

#### Who can be a referee?

This is where people often get stuck. The short answer, choose people who know your work and can speak positively about it.

Parents and close friends aren't ideal. Employers tend to assume they'll be biased, so their feedback carries less weight. Instead, think about people who've seen you in action in some kind of professional or semi-professional setting — a manager, a supervisor, a teacher, a coach, or a mentor.

If you've never had a paid job, that's completely fine. A teacher who knows you well, a sports coach, or someone who supervised your volunteer work can all make excellent referees.

What matters is that they can speak to your abilities and your work ethic.

#### Before you put someone's name down

**Always ask first** - this matters more than people realise. An employer might call your referee without much warning, and if that person has no idea who they're speaking with or why, it could reflect badly on you.

When you ask, give them a bit of context. Let them know the type of role you're applying for and what skills you're hoping they might mention. That way, they're prepared and their response will be much more useful.

Keep their contact details current, too. If a referee has changed jobs or phone numbers and an employer can't reach them, it can stall or even sink an application.

#### Getting a written reference

If you want a reference letter, the best time to ask is straight after a positive experience, whether it's at the end of a work placement, a volunteer role, or a job you're leaving on good terms. People are far more likely to say yes when the experience is fresh.

For a reference to carry credibility, it should ideally be on company letterhead and signed by

the person who wrote it. Employers sometimes follow up to verify that the reference is genuine, so keep that in mind.

No work history at all? You can ask for what's known as a character reference. This won't cover your professional skills, but it can tell an employer about your personality, reliability, and attitude - all things that matter, especially for entry-level roles.

### **Ready to take the next step?**

Building up your resume, finding the right referees, and gathering strong references all takes time, but it's worth getting into it early. Head over to our [Skills for Work](#) section for more practical advice on job applications, interview preparation, and everything else you need to land your first role.

## **People with Disability, Study**

### **Do you need to apply for special consideration?**

Special consideration is there to give students a fair chance when circumstances beyond their control affect performance. It is not about gaining an advantage. Instead, it's about support so that unexpected events, illnesses, or personal challenges don't unfairly affect your results. Understanding how it works, when it's appropriate, and how to apply both at school and university can give you confidence and reduce stress. Knowing what options are available helps you focus on your learning without worrying that life's hurdles will derail your efforts.

### **What counts as special consideration?**

Special consideration can cover a wide range of situations. Short-term issues like being sick on the day of an exam, having a family emergency, or facing transport problems can all qualify. Ongoing challenges such as long-term illness, mental health difficulties, or other personal circumstances may also be considered. Most of the time, schools and universities require documentation, such as a medical certificate, a counsellor's note, or official records, to support your request.

It's important to be honest about the impact these circumstances have had. Special consideration isn't for situations where you simply feel unprepared or overwhelmed by your own choices; it's for unexpected events that genuinely affect your ability to perform.

### **When you should apply**

You should consider applying for special consideration if your performance in an assessment has been affected by circumstances beyond your control. Special consideration can help ensure you're not penalised for something outside your control. Applying is common, and it's nothing to be embarrassed about. Many students face unexpected events, and schools and universities expect to receive these requests. Recognising when it's appropriate and acting early is a responsible approach.

### **How to apply in school**

If you think you need special consideration at school, the first step is to speak with a teacher, tutor, or guidance counsellor. They can explain the specific process and forms required at your school. Most schools will ask you to submit a form and attach supporting documentation, such as a doctor's certificate or a note from a counsellor.

It's best to apply as early as possible. Even if the assessment has already been missed or affected, submitting your request promptly increases the chances it will be considered fairly. Keep records of emails, forms, and any supporting documents, and make sure you understand your school's deadlines and requirements. Clear communication and organisation make the process smoother and reduce unnecessary stress.

## How to apply in university

Universities usually have a formal process for special consideration, and it often happens through an online system rather than directly through a lecturer. This means you normally submit a request through a student portal or dedicated form where you explain what happened and identify the assessment that was affected. The request is then reviewed by an academic or administrative team rather than just one teacher.

The outcome can vary depending on the situation. Some students may receive an extension on an assignment, while others might be offered a deferred exam, an alternative assessment, or an adjustment to the way their work is evaluated.

Because every university runs the process slightly differently, it's important to read the specifics at your institution before applying. For example, James Cook University outlines its process through its special consideration policy, which explains the types of circumstances that may be considered, the documentation required, and the possible outcomes for affected assessments. [You can see how their process works here](#).

## Tips for planning ahead

Although you can't predict every challenge, being prepared can make situations easier to manage. Keep important documents organised, especially medical certificates or notes from support staff that may be relevant if you need to apply for special consideration.

If something happens that could affect your ability to complete an assessment, communicate early with your teachers or course coordinators. They may be able to guide you through the process or suggest the best steps to take.

Staying aware of key deadlines also helps. Some institutions require special consideration applications to be submitted within a certain number of days after the assessment, so acting quickly is important.

Applying for special consideration is a normal part of academic life. It exists because schools and universities recognise that students sometimes face circumstances beyond their control. Seeking support when you genuinely need it is a responsible decision. It shows that you are taking your education seriously and making an effort to handle challenges appropriately.

If you want more information on your study options, [check out the other blogs on our website here](#).

## Job Spotlights

### The Wanderers: Careers that take you around the world

Many people picture a workplace as somewhere you go every day, with the same building, the same desk, maybe the same slightly-too-warm or too-cold office. But for a surprising number of professionals, their workplace changes constantly. They're also available to work in a range of environments, from remote mining camps, to backstage at an international sports competition. These are the Wanderers, people whose expertise is needed in different places, and whose careers are built around being where the work is.

Does that sound like the life for you? It's worth knowing what you're actually signing up for, the opportunities and exciting parts as well as the challenges.

### Who are the wanderers?

The range of careers that involve travel as a core feature is much wider than most people realise.

A [sports physiotherapist](#) (Guardian) might travel with an elite athletics team to competitions across multiple countries, treating injuries and keeping athletes in peak condition. A [mining equipment technician](#) (Maker) could spend weeks at a time maintaining machinery on a remote site that's only accessible by small plane. A [film location manager](#) (Coordinator) might spend weeks scouting and coordinating shoots across different cities or even continents, making sure everything is in place before the cameras roll.

Then there are the less obvious ones. A [humanitarian logistics specialist](#) (Coordinator) organises the delivery of food, medicine, and supplies into crisis zones — which means moving constantly as the situation demands. [Event planners](#) (Innovators) might have to travel around their state, country, or even overseas to organise the fine details of conferences, concert, or special occasions. A remote area nurse (Guardian) works on short placements in hospitals that are short-staffed, often in rural or underserved communities far from any city.

Informers travel too. An [environmental consultant](#) might assess ecosystems, coastlines, or construction sites in dozens of different regions throughout the year. A corporate trainer might fly from country to country running leadership workshops for big companies. A [forensic accountant](#) could be sent wherever their firm has clients. Linkers, like international student recruitment officers, spend significant parts of the year visiting schools and universities around the world. [News team producers](#) need to be wherever the news is happening around the world too.

The need for mobile expertise, even in these technologically driven times, shows up across every kind of industry and Cluster.

### **The real pros**

The obvious benefits are the ones you'd expect; exploring new places, having new experiences, meeting lots of people, living a kind of life that doesn't fit neatly into a routine. But there are some less obvious advantages worth thinking about.

Travelling professionals tend to build unusually strong networks. When you've worked in ten different settings, you'll know people everywhere. That can open doors in ways that a long career at a single organisation simply doesn't.

There's also a different kind of confidence that comes from being the person who parachutes in and gets things done. You become highly adaptable. You get good at reading new environments quickly, figuring out who the key people are, and making things work in conditions you didn't plan for. Those are skills that employers across almost every industry will pay well for.

Many people also find that travel sharpens their sense of what matters to them. When you're regularly taken out of your comfort zone, you learn a lot about yourself.

### **The challenges people don't always mention**

Let's be honest, there are aspects to travelling for work that lots of online material might gloss over, the logistical grind is real.

Living out of a bag can be exhausting after a while. The romance of hotels wears off for lots of people. You'll miss things at home — birthdays, weekends with friends, the simple pleasure of sleeping in your own bed. Relationships can be strained if the people in your life aren't set up to handle your absence, and maintaining friendships takes deliberate effort when you're rarely in the same place.

There's also a less-discussed issue around professional identity. When your workplace keeps changing, you might not always get the chance to build strong professional relationships or feel rooted in your own organisation's team. Some people thrive on that. Others could find it isolating over time.

Not to mention the travel itself isn't always the glamorous kind. Yes work might pay for business class seats for a long-haul trip, but that level of luxury might not always be the case. Think long drives on dirt roads, delayed domestic flights, or overnight transfers between remote sites. The destination is the job — not a holiday.

### **Financial pros and cons**

Money is another area worth thinking about carefully. Some travelling roles pay very well — remote mining jobs, for example, often come with higher wages to compensate for the difficult conditions. But other roles, particularly in humanitarian or community health work, may not. Whilst your company will generally foot the bill for travel, accommodation, and basic living expenses on your trips, there are costs that come with a mobile lifestyle. They

could add up quickly too, from replacing gear, covering gaps between contracts, or flying home for an emergency. The people who manage this best tend to treat their finances like a safety net, building it up during the busy periods so it can keep them afloat when things slow down.

### **A surprising thing to consider**

Here's something most people don't think about when they're imagining a travelling career: your home base matters enormously. Unlike a regular job where you and your employer are in the same city, a mobile role could mean you're hired by a company or organisation located far from where you actually live. That can create complications around tax, insurance, and legal employment arrangements, not to mention time zones. You could be working at midnight if the office meeting is scheduled for 9am.

That means thinking carefully about where you live, and making sure you have the structure and the people around you — to keep everything running smoothly when you're away and can bring you back to reality when you get home.

### **Is the Wanderers lifestyle for you?**

If you think you could meet all the potential challenges head on, then travelling roles could work for you. You'll also need to enjoy variety, handle uncertainty easily, able to problem solve in all situations, and keep things on an even keel at home. If you can deal with all of that, a travelling career could be deeply rewarding. The key is going in with realistic expectations — and making sure you've built the personal foundations that will hold you steady when the work takes you far from home.

It's always worth considering a plan B or think about alternative investments. What if something like Covid or poor health prevents you from travelling. Having a back up plan will mean you can handle it all without drama.

### **Explore your options**

Curious about which careers might take you places? Browse our [Jobs and Careers](#) page for more ideas on how to find work that fits the kind of life you want to build.

For educators looking to inspire students, the [Ponder Pathways module](#) gives you everything you need to run a Job of the Week program with impact for 40 weeks a year with 4 themes.