



Opportunity and Growth

Careers Newsletter

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JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

To register go to <https://www.jobjump.com.au/>

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

Parent information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be>

NAS | Bachelor of Fine Art Webinar

Tuesday 11 October 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Join our BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) webinar to find out what makes the National Art School (NAS) program, designed to impart the skills, knowledge and creative independence required to sustain a career as an artist, different from all other Fine Art degrees.

The webinar is hosted by the Future Students Advisor, with a presentation by the Head of Undergraduate Studies and insights from two of our BFA graduates. We will talk you through the admissions process, interview and portfolio presentation preparation, and you will be able to ask any questions you might have about the course.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bachelor-of-fine-art-webinar-tickets-427734564597>

AgCAREERSTART – Steps to starting your Gap Year

Wednesday 12 October 2022, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Online

Ready to start your AgCAREERSTART gap year?

With the application deadline looming on October 18th, join AgCAREERSTART for their webinar to answer any questions you might have about the application process and the AgCAREERSTART program.

In this webinar, they'll cover topics such as:

- Final application checklist
- What happens next?
- How will I know if I've made it into the program?

- How to have a successful AgCAREERSTART interview
- When will I commence on farm?
- What will I need to pack?

This webinar will be recorded and published for later viewing

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1752455555094430/>

University of Newcastle | Campus Tours

Friday 14 October 2022, 10:00 am - Friday 9 December 2022, 4:00 pm

University of Newcastle, Various Campuses

Let our Student Ambassadors show you some of our must-see teaching and learning spaces, their favourite study spots, and of course – where to get the best coffee on campus. Not only will you get a personalised tour, but an opportunity to ask as many questions as you have about what uni life is really like!

Find out more: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/campus-tours>

NDIS | NSW and ACT Pathways to Post School Life

Tuesday 18 October 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

The National Disability Insurance Agency would like to invite NSW and ACT students with a disability in Years 10-12, their parents, carers and education professionals to attend a virtual information session on building skills and paving a pathway to post-school life.

This session will provide an opportunity to discuss NDIS-funded supports and other assistance to help young people to build skills to prepare for their transition, and to support them in the achievement of their employment and other goals, post-school.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-and-act-pathways-to-post-school-life-tickets-418317989367>

iCanMed | Free UCAT Webinar

Thursday 27 October 2022, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

iCanMed is determined to help students avoid making the same mistakes that over 20,000 students have made in previous years that have led them to fail not only the UCAT but, more importantly, get into their dream course.

In this 2-hour workshop, we will:

- Discuss the key 'speed bumps' that 2022 UCAT candidates experienced in their exam
- Teach proven ways to significantly boost your question-solving speed without reducing your accuracy
- Break down the question types found in the 2022 UCAT exam
- Perform a live demonstration of how each question type can be best solved
- Provide a timeline to maximise your UCAT preparation

Find out more: https://www.bigmarker.com/icanmed/solve-UCAT-2?utm_bmc_r_source=website

Ocean Youth Sydney 2023 Information Session

Monday 31 October 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Find out about the Ocean Youth Sydney 2023 program and what you need to do to book your spot.

Find out more: <https://events.humanitix.com/ocean-youth-2023-information-session>

University of Sydney | Bachelor of Engineering: School of Electrical and Information Engineering

Wednesday 2 November 2022, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

The School of Electrical and Information Engineering offers programs in Electrical Engineering and Software Engineering. These deal with the design of electrical, electronic and software-based systems, with an emphasis on addressing major societal problems including clean energy and healthcare, through expertise in electronics, communications, sensing, artificial intelligence computing and software.

This talk will explain what electrical engineers do, our specialisations in Computer Engineering, Intelligent Information Engineering, Internet of Things, Power Engineering, Telecommunications Engineering, and career paths.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CqJHRUI9QeCt9wf5_LG6Sw

The Hotel School | Information Evening

Tuesday 8 November 2022, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

The Hotel School Sydney

Are you passionate about a career in hospitality and tourism? Join us to explore how you can start an exciting global career within the hospitality, hotel and tourism industry by attending our Information Evening event on 8 November.

Highlights of the session include:

- Find out more about course and flexible degree options
- Meet academic staff and current students
- Career guidance & Industry insights
- Scholarships and fees
- Personalised campus tours

Bring your parents or friends along and get all your questions answered.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-hotel-school-sydney-information-evening-tickets-419363526597>

University of Sydney | Pathways to Studying Law

Wednesday 16 November 2022, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

Did you know, there are many pathways to studying law at the University of Sydney? Hear from our panel of current students who have joined the law community at Sydney through alternate pathways, transferring or studying graduate entry law.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qNW12IyKT_enAnqQveDmYA

WEP | Returned Exchange Student Q&A

Wednesday 16 November 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

What's a WEP exchange really like? We've got a panel of returned students to answer your questions and share their personal exchange experiences.

Find out more:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_c9DiK1EPRqm3HdhaAXaQwg

NIE | Medical Interviews Preparation Workshop, Online

Saturday 5 November 2022, 10:00 am - Sunday 6 November 2022, 4:00 pm

Online

This unique NIE workshop program aims for students to gain an in-depth understanding and required knowledge of the medical interview processes for specific universities, including Multi-station Mini Interview (MMI), Structured, and Semi-structured panel interviews.

The workshop is structured and based on the models that are taught during our proven one-on-one personalised medical interview sessions. The workshop will allow each and every attendee to learn the required skills and practical understanding for the university from which they received an interview offer from.

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/product/44-umat-medical-interviews-preparation-workshop>

UOW The Dearden Family Transforming Futures Scholarship

Value: \$5,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: August 15, 2022 – December 9, 2022

Transforming Futures Scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated need such as financial or social disadvantage. There are a range of criteria that are looked at in determining this need such as low income, family background, living in a rural or isolated region, having a permanent disability, being a recent migrant from a non-English speaking country, and Indigenous Australians.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Marie Olive Armstrong Scholarship for Indigenous Students

Value: \$8,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: August 26, 2022 – November 7, 2022

This scholarship provides support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students undertaking studies in the fields of music, visual art, performance, dance, creative writing or poetry at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences or Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

[Find out more](#)

Healthy Poem Competition

The Literature Centre has partnered with Healthway to give young writers the chance to win some amazing vouchers to purchase a stack of books from our online bookshop!

To enter we're asking young people to write a poem on the theme of healthy eating. Any type of poem is accepted but must be no more than 20 lines. Judges will be looking for the most creative entries linked to the theme of healthy eating. Winners will receive vouchers to spend at The Literature Centre's online bookshop.

The winner will receive a \$150 voucher, the runner-up will receive a \$100 voucher and third place will receive a \$50 voucher.

The competition closes on November 2, 2022.

Find out more: <https://www.thelitcentre.org.au/news/healthy-poem-competition/57>

ANU 2022 STEM Challenges

Do you love STEM? Looking for resume fodder? Or do you just want to try your hand at something new?

Whatever your motivation the annual ANU STEM Challenge is a great opportunity for high school students to participate in fun and hands-on weekly challenges on a range of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) topics.

Registration is essential and will stay open throughout the activity period.

How it works

- You'll need to register to participate.
- Every Monday, challenges will be released by email to all registrants and will also be published on the [website](#). You'll have one week to complete each challenge, with answers/photos due on Sunday of the same week.
- Each of the challenges draws on a different element of STEM and may require you to take photos, answer questions or build/design something to complete the challenge.
- Each week, there will be multiple challenges with different STEM topics released, students can choose to do one or all of them.
- Only one submission per challenge will be accepted and counted for each participant.
- Each week, the submissions will be judged by a panel of ANU staff and voted on.
- Winners will be announced on the Monday following the submission deadline and will be notified by email and will also appear on our social media pages.

Prizes

- Winners will receive a Winner's Certificate and a prize pack.
- All registrants who submit at least one challenge over the 4 weeks of challenges will also receive a printable online Certificate of Participation from the Australian National University. The certificate of participation is not part of the AQF.

Week one challenges are already up and posted so you'll need to get your skates on if you'd like to register to participate in the remainder of the challenges and be in with a chance to win a prize.

Find out how to register and get started on the website:

<https://science.anu.edu.au/engagement/community-outreach/2022-stem-challenges>.

Grandshake Virtual Work Experiences

Grandshake offers a ton of awesome Virtual Work Experience programs for young people across Australia aged 14-19. These programs are a great way to get a taste of your dream career, all from your own home. And they help you learn some valuable skills along the way as well.

The programs run all year, during school and the holidays, so you can sign up to start at any time. The programs typically run for four weeks, with a 2-4 hour commitment per week. Best of all, they're totally free.

Take a look at some of the programs you can explore:

- [Communication and Sustainability Cadet](#)
- [Junior Environmental Planner](#)
- [Civil Construction Cadet](#)
- [Systems and Signals Operator](#)
- [Junior Digital Engineer](#)
- [Drone Pilot](#)
- [Electrical Technician](#)

[Learn more](#)

Is Your Resume Summer Ready?

Before you start applying for jobs, it's a good idea to make sure that you have a resume ready to go and that it's up to date and that's going to appeal to potential employers.

Getting your resume summer ready

If you already have a resume, but you haven't looked at it since you last applied for a job, or you were nagged to get one sorted – it could well be due for a refresh.

- Check your contact and personal details are correct
- Add in any recent jobs you haven't listed yet (including voluntary and community work)
- Update and skills, awards, achievements that you've accomplished lately
- List a couple of hobbies – the more relevant they are to the jobs you're looking for the better

Take some time to review your skills and attributes section too.

Don't forget that if you're applying for a particular job, it's a good idea to edit your CV to reflect what the employer is looking for. **Never** make things up, but it's amazing how a little re-wording could make you more appealing as a prospective employee.

Creating a resume

If you don't have a resume and you'll be applying for your first job, no problem, you've got some time to prepare one.

Remember to include:

- Your name, age and contact details
- Education details, including the names of your schools and a list of subjects you've studied
- Any other jobs that you've had, including volunteer work or work experience
- A list of your skills – don't be shy
- Awards or achievements you've received
- A couple of your hobbies and interests

Keep it brief, simple, honest, and easy to read.

These blogs "[It's all about the resume](#)" and "[Create your resume](#)" have a few more tips and ideas.

Or head over to the [Super Simple Resume Builder](#) to get your CV whipped up in no time.

Customise the details

Your resume and cover letter will what gets you through the door and into an interview, so you've got to make them relevant and stand out.

If you're just planning on going around to businesses handing over your resume, keep it short and sweet. It's still worth writing a shiny cover letter too, just a few sentences letting the business know why you'd be an amazing addition to their team.

Applying for specific jobs? You'll need to address skills or other criteria listed in the advert (remember, for entry level jobs the bar shouldn't be set too high, so don't be afraid to blow your own trumpet).

If you really don't think you have many of the skills or experience they're looking for, but you're still keen on the job – say that in the cover letter. Tell them you're really keen to learn. It could make a difference.

Summer Season Jobs at Thredbo

Thredbo is Australia's best snow resort and premier year round adventure destination. Open 365 days a year, they are home to the country's longest ski runs, the country's only lift-accessed mountain bike trails and the finest alpine hiking trails, showcasing the best of the Australian Alps.

A summer season in Thredbo is unforgettable, making every moment sparkle for our guests while enjoying Australia's Alpine Playground.

Whether you're looking for a career or a summer break, Thredbo offers a range of roles and shifts to suit everyone.

Want to know more about the jobs on offer, perks or the recruitment process? Head over to their page <https://www.thredbo.com.au/about-thredbo/jobs/> for all the information, and get your applications ready.

UNSW Indigenous Pre-programs

UNSW's Indigenous Pre-programs offer a holistic pre-entry university experience for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The programs are both an alternative entry pathway to UNSW and a degree-specific preparatory program, meaning you can hit the ground running on day one of your degree.

UNSW run Indigenous Pre-Programs in the areas of Business, Education, Law, Medicine, Social Work, or Science & Engineering.

The next program will run from 21 November – 9 December at the Kensington campus.

Find out more: <https://www.indigenous.unsw.edu.au/future-students/pathways-unsu/indigenous-pre-programs>

University offers and your options explained

For those of you planning on heading off to university, or for parents with children heading off, the wait for your ATAR results is nearly over and the next chapter of your lives is about to begin.

Hopefully your exams will go really well, your ATAR score will be what you expected (or better) and you'll get an offer for your first preference. But if that's not the case, you've still got time and options on your hands, so don't stress.

[Check out our offers flowchart on our website](#), which could be helpful if you need to reassess what to do after the main round of offers are over.

Changing your Preferences

If you're still struggling with some aspects of [changing preferences](#) and the offers system, you can download our apply to uni guide [here](#). Alternatively, you can contact your tertiary admissions centre ([UAC](#), [QTAC](#), [VTAC](#), [SATAC](#), [TISC](#) or [UTAS](#)) directly for more advice. There's loads of information on their websites or give the future students team a call.

If you've applied to a uni via direct entry, call their admissions team for some information about your options and what to do next.

Top Tips to Remember

- If you get an offer (even if it's not the one you'd really like), you can accept it so that you have it banked, then withdraw from it later if you receive another offer that suits you better.
- You can accept as many offers as you like, then choose the best option for you.
- Make sure that if you've accepted multiple offers, you check the census date, make your decision and let the universities know if you're going to withdraw **before** that all important date. Otherwise, you could end up being enrolled on more than one course and at multiple universities, then you may have to pay all the fees.
- When you have decided on the offer that's definitely the right one for you, the university should let you know all the details about how and when to enrol. So be sure to check your nominated email address that you supplied during applications. If you're unclear about anything, give the admissions office at the university a call and the staff will be able to help you out.

Good luck and best wishes from all the Study Work Grow team.

9 Study Tips for Term 4

Term 4 is that last long haul before you'll be rewarded with summer break and Christmas – that's worth getting excited about.

It also means exams, reports and preparing for next year. If you're in Year 12 with finals coming up, you might be feeling the pressure more than ever. Hopefully you've already started revising, but if not don't stress, there's still time.

Perhaps you've been putting it off because you're not sure where to start or it just feels completely overwhelming.

If you haven't already started, now's the time to knuckle down

Everyone is different, right down to the way that we learn and study.

- Perhaps you're a visual learner who needs to pictures, images, graphs and diagrams?
- Does recording your notes and listening to them over and over really help? In which case you're an auditory learner
- Or are you a verbal learner and who retains more when you read material?

Whichever way you learn best, [work out what it is](#), come up with a realistic schedule, then most importantly of all – stick to it.

If your goal is peak productivity, retention, and some of the zen that comes from feeling confident you know your stuff, here's a few study tips that could help you to get started.

1. Get into your groove

Nope, we don't mean put down your study notes and dance around your bedroom. We're talking about finding the best styles and times for you to study that give the maximum results.

When it comes to revision time, routine is a great way to get the most out of your study sessions without wearing yourself out.

Whether that's half an hour when you get home from school and then some exercise, followed by another hour and a half in the evening, then do it. If it's getting up at 5.30am and studying for 2 hours, do it. Work best in your free periods at school in the library? Great, schedule it in at every opportunity. Perhaps you're a night owl and find that hunkering down for an hour or two in the evening works best for you (just don't stay up all night and jeopardise your sleep).

Turn your preferred schedule into a habit. You'll give your body and mind chance to settle into the rhythm and you'll hopefully find it easier than studying randomly.

2. Focus on one thing at a time

Are you secretly confident that you're a multi-tasking guru and that a smartphone, tablet, laptop, music and social media going all at once just make you 'awesome'? You're not alone, many of us think the same.

In reality though (and there are countless university studies to prove it), we're actually far less effective when we're juggling multiple things at once. So turn off social, put your phone in a drawer and focus on the task in hand.

Ideally don't push yourself to focus for long periods – instead, find your sweet spot. You might study hard for 30 minutes & do something else for 10 – check your phone, listen to some music, get some exercise or have a drink & a snack. Then sit back down and focus for another 30 minutes.

If you're easily distracted and "forget" to get back to studying you could always set alarms to keep you on track.

If you can study for longer in one period then great, go for it. Find what works for you and helps you focus.

3. Check the syllabus

Think that sounds like a yawn fest? Well the secrets to getting good marks are all right there. If you understand the syllabus and the expectations for each subject, it will be easier to focus on studying the right things, rather than just studying everything in the subject textbook.

Another advantage is if there's a gap in your knowledge, you'll find out now rather in the middle of an exam. It's a great way to make your study more effective and it will feel a whole lot less overwhelming.

Syllabus = important stuff, textbooks = everything stuff.

Especially if you're unsure where to start revising, this could help you stuck in and get ahead faster too.

Remember to speak to your teachers, they'll help you access the right information and make sure that you understand it, they want you to do well.

4. Become a note-taking ninja

If you're not already an avid note-taker, now is an excellent time to boost this skill. After checking out the syllabus and getting clear on what's important, the next step is to make notes in a dedicated study folder. Making notes may seem old-school, but for lots of people the physical action of writing down information can help to cement it in your brain. Keep that folder with you in all study periods so that you can refer to it and add new notes as you come across them.

It's a great idea to *highlight the important ones*. Highlighting is another way to reinforce learning and help retain information. It'll also help cut down on the volume of information to read through during the rest of your revision time.

Then, before each exam, you can go back through your folder and scan **everything** you need to know at once.

5. Practising self-care IS a study tool

Sound like mum talking? Sorry – but she does have a point. So looking after your body and your mind might not help you ace exams alone, but just like a top athlete, racing car driver, or brain surgeon – if you're in top condition, then you're going to be able to perform at your best.

Staying up late and then drinking heaps of energy drinks and coffee isn't the way to succeed, no matter how 'cool' it might seem.

You need to get back to basics. Sleep (8-10 hours a night). Drink 2L of water a day (at least). *Exercise* (yeah!). And lastly, eat good food my young Padawan.

6. Practise, practise, practise

The thought of sitting your exams can be daunting for most people, and our bodies have sneaky ways of reacting to stress.

Do you feel nauseous, or have gut churning sensations in the lead up to exams, feel anxious, can't sleep, have low energy or suffer with headaches? Or do you feel fine up until you sit down and turn over the paper then freeze and panic you have forgotten everything?

They're completely normal reactions (thanks biology). So, how can you feel better about going into exams and make sure that all your hard work pays off when you start writing? The simplest way is practise.

Doing things repetitively not only helps us learn, it also gives us confidence and can help combat those pesky stress symptoms.

Find some practise exams online, or ask your teachers to provide you with previous years exams, and incorporate answering them as part of your revision strategy.

Once you've done a few you'll start to feel more comfortable and you could even introduce time limits, just like in a real exam scenario.

Familiarity with the kinds of questions you might get asked and the layout of the exams will set you up for success.

7. Check off some goals

Staying motivated through a gruelling schedule of school, study and sleep is hard.

Having something rewarding to look forward to can make it heaps easier to stay on track through the months ahead.

For some, it's the school formal or Schoolies (stay safe, OK?). And for others, it's a [gap-year](#) exploring new horizons with just a backpack. Whatever it is for you, make sure it's something that you really want and can keep focused on.

Long term goals should be the ultimate reward, but consider setting some short term goals too. For example, if you stick to your study schedule all week then how about a trip to the movies or just hang out with friends at the weekend? It could even be a little treat at the end of a study session before you hit the hay (and even though you're looking after yourself, it doesn't *always* have to be healthy).

8. Every little bit counts

If you lead a super busy life and you're struggling to schedule in big study sessions every day, don't be discouraged. Doing a little each day adds up to a whole heap at the end.

Conversely, if you don't study every day, the little study periods you missed will add up to a *lot* you haven't done.

You're in charge here – which option will you go for?

9. Have faith in yourself

You've got this! Get your revision schedule organised and get going.

You've been at school for 12 years – it's been an intensive learning curve and you're almost at the end. Just one more hurdle to go and you're off into the world to do your thing.

You've done heaps of exams before right? And you're OK – you'll be OK after these ones too.

Remember...

All in all – HSC or end of year exams DO mean a lot for your future. But they're not the 'be-all and end-all'.

Plenty of famous and amazing people who've greatly succeeded in life totally sucked at school and especially at exams. And even if you do fail, you can always go and do it again. So just chill, focus, and do the best you can.

But if you can 'kick-ass' at this the first time around by following the tips above, you'll be really thankful you did.

Kick-Start your Farming Future

If you're 18-25 and looking to start a career in a meaningful and exciting industry, an AgCAREERSTART gap-year could help you gain skills and knowledge to grow the farms of the future.

Over 10-12 months you will live in an exciting regional location, earn a nationally recognised qualification and build life-long industry connections.

- Get hands on experience
- Increase your confidence
- Work outdoors and discover rural and regional Australia

If you're thinking about a future in Agriculture or just fancy seeing what's out there in your Gap Year, this could be a great way to go about it. Find out more on the website <https://agcareerstart.com.au>.

Applications for 2023 close on October 18 2022.

Find out what it's like to work as a Royal Caribbean Cruise Director

If you love to travel, are great with people, and are looking for careers that will tick all of your boxes, have you considered careers at sea?

Cruise director Joff Eaton has 20 years experience in the Cruise industry.

He is currently onboard *Ovation of the Seas* for the remainder of the Australian summer – it's Australia's newest, biggest and most technologically advanced cruise ship – before he will head north to spend the European summer aboard *Independence of the Seas*.

He's shared some insights into his role, as well as some of the tricks of the trade, which you can read about here: <https://www.flightcentre.com.au/window-seat/secrets-rci-cruise-director>

How to become a Professional Dancer

Professional Dancers are highly skilled people who have made dance into a career. They'll often be found performing choreographed dance routines to all kinds of audiences, using their highly trained bodies and artistic abilities to convey stories and emotions. If they're not performing they might also be found working in advisory or teaching roles.

If you're physically fit, dedicated, you have a passion for and background in dance, then life as a professional dancer, or role within the dance industry, could be for you.

About you:

- Physically fit and flexible
- Excellent dancer
- Resilient and hard working
- A passion for dance and the arts
- Great communicator who can guide others
- Willing to work long hours and on holidays and weekends
- Positive and upbeat

The job:

- Performing choreographed and improvised dance routines
- Dancing on stage and screen for a wide variety of audiences
- Maintaining a rigorous training routine
- Choreographing new dances and routines
- Rehearsing and attending auditions
- Teaching others to dance, for both fun and professionally
- Advising on performances in festivals and shows
- Running your own dance studio or business

Lifestyle Impact: High

- Part Time opportunities: Very high – around 68% of Professional Dancers work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).

- Average hours for full-time workers: 46 hours a week, which is just above average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Professional Dancers' salary (average) \$14,222* per year (source: data.gov.au).
*Salaries greatly vary depending on your skills and experience, but for many professional dancers their dancing is only one of many jobs they have in order to make a living. Some dancers will of course make much more working full time, and if they're successful or business owners there's no upper limit to your earnings.
- Future career growth: Strong *overall growth in the Arts and Recreation industry is expected to increase by 10.1% to 2026 (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You will be doing work in a variety of environments, both indoors and outdoors.
- You may have to travel for work or be prepared to move to find new opportunities
- Dancing can take a heavy physical toll on your body after many years.
- As a Professional Dancer there may be times when you don't get booked for work and won't be making any money. It could be wise to have another job to fall back on (e.g. teaching dance).

Professional Dancers are most in demand in these locations:

This is a small occupation, with around 1,000 people working as Professional Dancers in Australia in 2016 (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au). Although you could end up working anywhere in the world, even in remote or regional locations, most Dancers are based in major cities, especially in locations where there is a lot of investments in the Arts. Most Professional Dancers work in the Arts and Recreation Services or Education and Training industries.

How to become a Professional Dancer

Although there is no set pathway to becoming a Professional Dancer, you can be sure that it will require a lot of hard work and dedication, often many years of formal training are essential to be successful.

Step 1 – Complete Year 10 with a focus on English and Dance.

Step 2 – Take dancing lessons or join a dance academy and work hard on your skills.

Consider whether you'd like to specialise in a particular form of dance, such as ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop, etc.

Step 3 – Consider taking a VET course to build on your skills and experience, such as:

- [Certificate IV in Dance](#)
- [Diploma of Professional Dance \(Performance\)](#)
- [Diploma of Dance Teaching and Management](#)

Step 4 – If you'd like to move into teaching roles, you might like to consider an undergraduate degree, such as a [Bachelor of Arts](#) majoring in Dance or Performance.

Step 5 – Once you have lots of experience, consider starting your own business or academy.

Find out more here –

<https://www.adatheatre.com.au/>

<https://www.atod.net.au/>

<https://ausdance.org.au>

<https://iadms.org>

Similar Careers to Professional Dancer

Dance Teacher	Choreographer
Actor	Performance Artist
Visual Artist	Costume Designer
Theatre Producer	Arts Administration

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**What options are there for career progression?**

You might start out performing in small roles in your local community or theatre, and if you're lucky work your way up to dancing on the world stage in front of thousands of people. You might also like to run your own dance studio or academy one day. Alternatively, you could move into a variety of other roles within the arts and associated organisations.

Do I need to go to university to become a Professional Dancer?

No, you do not need to go to university to become a Professional Dancer. You will need many years of formal training and could upskill with formal qualifications, but if you have the talent and dedication then it might not be necessary.

Where do Professional Dancers work?

Professional Dancers can work in a variety of environments. From training in dance studios and at home, to performing on stages, for television, in public places, at festivals and concerts, in schools, and more.

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

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

1. Start taking dance lessons and building on your skills as soon as possible. Competition for auditions can be intense and you'll need to be at your best to stand out from the crowd.
2. See if you can find work experience in the arts. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
3. Talk to a Professional Dancer to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in dance.

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