



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>

[ACU | Advisory Conference 2023, New South Wales](#)

April 4, 2023

Advisory Conference is your exclusive opportunity to discover Australian Catholic University's (ACU) latest initiatives while experiencing our campuses firsthand.

Join us on campus to network with current students and academic staff. You are also invited to attend our accompanying webinar series, which will offer timely updates on course changes and entry programs.

[Find out more](#)

[AIT | Info Night](#)

April 4, 2023

Join us at our Sydney or Melbourne campus for an information night. These nights are a great opportunity to tour our facilities and check out our award-winning campuses, including our brand-new post-production studios, green screen rooms and student games rooms.

You'll also meet some of our academic and admissions team, catch live demos from our current students plus book a campus tour and see first-hand what it's like to be a student at AIT.

Learn about our courses in film, 2D and 3D animation, game design, and IT and what you can expect after you graduate.

[Find out more](#)

[ADF | Indigenous Pathways Virtual Information Session](#)

April 4, 2023

Join the thousands of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander personnel who enjoy financial security, rewarding work and personal development in jobs that proudly represent their communities.

Join us for a virtual info session to learn about Indigenous opportunities in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

[Find out more](#)

[ADF | Defence Careers Information Session, Sydney](#)

April 4, 2023

Wondering whether a job in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) is the right fit for you?

Come along to an upcoming info session where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and learn everything you want to know regarding job roles in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

You'll have the chance to speak with current serving members to see if an ADF career is the one for you.

[Find out more](#)



[University of Sydney | Life of a Marine Scientist](#)

April 5, 2023

Have you wondered what a day in the life of a marine scientist is like? Join this session to find out what an average day of work might be like in the field of marine and climate science, and learn about how you can work in this field.

Explore this fascinating field and hear how our leading academics and researchers are working to solve big issues in the field, including reversing the damage to our coral reefs, how we address the impact of meteorological events and climate change, the importance of our mangroves and aquatic environments, and much more.

[Find out more](#)

[University of Sydney | Studying Chinese at Sydney: Options, benefits and opportunities](#)

April 5, 2023

This webinar is for students considering Chinese Studies at university, from beginners to native speakers and everyone in between. Meet our Chinese Studies lecturers plus past and present students, and hear about how Chinese Studies can open doors for you. We'll cover FAQs such as "Why study a foreign language?" and "Why is Sydney the best choice for language study?".

By the end, you'll understand the wide variety of options we offer, the main differences between high school and university study, and the kinds of careers available to students of Chinese. You'll also hear about cross-institutional study options with overseas universities, and our friendly lecturers and students will answer any questions you have.

[Find out more](#)

[UniMelb 101: A webinar for NSW and ACT students](#)

April 5, 2023

Always wondered what it's like to study at the University of Melbourne? Excited to live and learn in Australia's cultural capital?

If you're from New South Wales or the Australian Capital Territory, this is your chance to learn what life is like at UniMelb and how to navigate the move from interstate. In this specially designed information session we'll cover:

- How our Melbourne curriculum supports you to explore your passions, follow your curiosity and find your path through our wide range of breadth subjects and majors
- Our University Accommodation options and student life initiatives to support you in making Melbourne your new home and feeling welcomed by our community
- How you can take advantage of opportunities in and out of the classroom, such as concurrent diplomas, work-integrated learning and internships, exchange programs, and our competitive scholarships
- Access Melbourne, our special entry access scheme that offers guaranteed entry to eligible students from rural and regional areas, and those with a disadvantaged financial background.

You'll also hear from some of our current students who have made the move from NSW or the ACT to Melbourne, and be able to ask them questions about their experience.

[Find out more](#)

[UOW | Online Parents & Students Info Evening](#)

April 5, 2023



Find out about our courses, Early Admission, ATAR and selection rank, important dates, scholarships, accommodation, upcoming events, student life and more at one of our Year 12 information evenings. You will also have the opportunity to get your questions answered by course experts and our current students who are studying right now!

[Find out more](#)

[**Sydney Design School | Info Session**](#)

April 5, 2023

Find out everything you need to know about our flexible courses and career support. Our Director, Amanda Grace will introduce you to our unique philosophy, passionate Educators and industry focused approach to learning.

You can now join an on campus session live online via Zoom if you are unable to attend.

[Find out more](#)

[**ADF | Gap Year Information Session, Sydney**](#)

April 5, 2023

Experience a Gap Year like no other with the Australian Defence Force. You'll grow and develop in a dynamic, supportive and people focused environment.

Join us for an info session and speak with current serving personnel to learn about the challenges and rewards on offer.

[Find out more](#)

[**ATAR Notes | Free Online HSC Lectures**](#)

April 11 to April 14, 2023

Join thousands of students that tune in to our live-streamed lectures.

- Tune in to heaps of lectures delivered by recent elite year 12 graduates
- Ask questions live and get immediate answers
- Come back and rewatch any time, download slides for your own study and more

Sessions in this series cover a huge range of subjects. You can register now for all available sessions – don't miss out!

[Find out more](#)

[**NAS | Autumn School Holiday Workshops**](#)

April 11 to April 21, 2023

Have fun making art in the Autumn school holidays! Our on-campus workshops cater to young people from ages 6–16, opportunities to engage with creative experiences of all kinds in a nurturing studio environment and taught by talented artist-educators.

[Find out more](#)

[**ADF | Army Reserve Information Session, Sydney**](#)

April 11, 2023

Experience flexible commitment in an Army Reserve role with new challenges, experiences, friendships and tax-free pay!

Whether you're looking for additional training and experiences to complement your current trade or profession or are looking to give back to your Country in a meaningful way, the Army Reserve has plenty to offer.

Come to the upcoming information session to speak with current serving members about their own experiences and advice.

[Find out more](#)



[AIE | Industry Experience Day](#)

April 12 to April 18, 2023

AIE's Industry Experience Day is a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Students will get the opportunity to learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and will be able to get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools.

The sessions are run by industry professionals who have worked on some blockbuster games and films. Everything is provided for you to participate in the hands-on workshops and you will be using the same software that is used in the industry.

[Find out more](#)

[Creative Studio: ESSA](#)

April 12 to April 14, 2023

Collage and animate in this three-day Creative Studio workshop with mixed media artist, Essa, and bring your art to life with GIF creations.

Inspired by the Powerhouse collection, participants will collaborate to design and transform collages into shareable GIF animations.

Essa's love for collaging bold, colourful and playful mixed media is informed by their approach to the weaving of abstract concepts. An artist based on Gadigal Land and recent graduate of D&AD Shift with Google, Essa aims to bring their practice into spaces of learning, where autonomy, reflection and curiosity spark imagination.

Each participant will be provided with an iPad and other relevant resources for the duration of the three-day workshop.

Recommended for high school students in grades 7–12.

[Find out more](#)

[Bond Business School | Year 12 Extension Program – Maths Stream](#)

April 13 to April 14, 2023

Get a head start on your studies with the Bond Business School Year 12 Extension Program, which comprises fast-paced and fun two-day workshops designed to prepare you for university life. Facilitated by our world-class academics, the Extension Program offers an enriching opportunity that supports the existing Year 12 curriculum across areas such as business and maths. Faced with real-world situations, participants will hone their skills, problem solve, and work collaboratively with their peers. The Extension Program is free of charge to students.

Upon the successful completion of a two-day Extension Program workshop, eligible students will receive early entry into their program of choice, and will be able to apply for one of six part-fee (25% and 50%) scholarships or a \$5,000 bursary.

[Find out more](#)

[Bond | Year 12 Extension Program](#)

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Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive an early offer into their chosen degree, subject to meeting the academic entry requirements.

Top performing students from the days will be awarded one of six part-fee scholarships exclusive to the Year 12 Extension Program.

Mathematics stream

Thursday, 13 April and Friday, 14 April, 2023

Business stream

Wednesday, 26 April and Thursday, 27 April, 2023

Friday, 5 May and Saturday, 6 May, 2023

[Find out more](#)

[ADF | Trade Careers Information Session, Albury](#)

April 13, 2023

A trade role in the Australian Defence Force will see you working on some of the world's most advanced military technology and equipment.

Learn about trade careers in the ADF and the comprehensive training they provide. Join us for an info session and speak with current serving members about their own experience and advice.

[Find out more](#)

[WEP | Student Exchange Info Session](#)

April 13, 2023

Imagine making friends from all over the world, learning about yourself and the world around you and seeing sights you could only dream of! Find out more about your student exchange opportunities at WEP's online info session.

[Find out more](#)

[ADF | Navy Careers Information Session, Wollongong](#)

April 13, 2023

The Australian Navy offers a multitude of career opportunities in trades, hospitality, logistics, aviation, healthcare, engineering – and much more.

Find out about serving, living and learning in the Navy by joining us for an information session. Speak with current serving members about their own experiences and advice and discover how the Navy can shape your career.

[Find out more](#)



[UOW | Bachelor of Arts in Western Civilisation – Liberal Arts School](#)

April 14, 2023

The Bachelor of Arts in Western Civilisation Liberal Arts School is an immersive on-campus experience that will give you an insight into studying the Bachelor of Arts in Western Civilisation and the diverse career opportunities in the Liberal Arts.

Open to high school students in years 11 and 12, the program will include intellectually stimulating workshops lead by academic experts as well as fun social activities.

Applications close on Monday, 27 March, 2023. Spaces are limited.

[Find out more](#)

[AIM | School Holiday Songwriter Workshop](#)

April 14, 2023

Created for students in Years 9-12, AIM's new high school music workshops provide incredible opportunities to explore songwriting, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators.

This songwriting workshop is essential for any high school students curious about writing songs and performing and is a golden opportunity to work with incredibly accomplished songwriters. Join us these school holidays and discover the songwriter and performer you were born to become.

[Find out more](#)

[AIM | School Holiday Performance Workshop](#)

April 14, 2023

AIM's new school holiday workshop is designed for high school students interested in music performance.

Created for students in Years 9-12, the workshops provide incredible opportunities to experience playing and performing music, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators.

[Find out more](#)

[Create for a Day at SAE](#)

April 15 to April 29, 2023

SAE Institute is opening its doors this April for a one-day program, designed to expand your skills and get you working on inspiring creative projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, Music Production, or Songwriting.

Don't miss out on your chance to experience life as an SAE student and discover what it means to be a creative professional, in state-of-the-art facilities with industry experts by your side.

During the workshop, attendees will learn valuable practical and collaborative skills to build a creative piece of work! They will also receive a certificate of participation to acknowledge the creative project they have undertaken.

Due to the level of workshop content, this event is open to school students aged 15 years and above (Year 10 and over).

[Find out more](#)

[Endeavour College | Natural Health Open Day](#)

April 15, 2023

Open Day is a unique opportunity to see your local campus first-hand and chat one-on-one with experts before you take the plunge and enrol.

We are opening our campus doors for Open Day on Saturday 15 April. Why not see what student life with



Endeavour College looks like? Tour the facilities, learn about student life, and chat to our team of academics and admissions advisers on the day. Friends and family are welcome to accompany you.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Regional Residential Program

April 17 to April 21, 2023

Regional NSW Year 12 students are invited to join us on campus in the April school holidays. This is your opportunity to explore the campus and prepare for future study at the University of Sydney. Supported by current students and faculty staff, this will be an immersive experience where you will:

- participate in workshops and information sessions to plan and prepare for HSC studies
- navigate your pathway and study options
- gain an experience of life as a University of Sydney student
- meet and chat with current University of Sydney students
- sightsee around Sydney!

The University will organise and cover the cost of travel, accommodation, food and experiences related to the residential event. Places are limited, so get in quick!

[Find out more](#)

UNSW | Year 10 & 11 Experience Days

April 18 to April 20, 2023

Join us on campus for a day and discover what it's like to be a UNSW student.

This is your opportunity to get hands-on experience in the areas of study that interest you. Once you pick what day you'd like to attend, you'll build your own fun-packed schedule: choose two workshops, attend inspirational talks from some of UNSW's leading thinkers and innovators, and connect with attendees and current students in our Student Experience Zone surrounded by food trucks, live music and student stalls.

[Find out more](#)

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Upon the successful completion of a two-day Extension Program workshop, eligible students will receive early entry into their program of choice, and will be able to apply for one of six part-fee (25% and 50%) scholarships or a \$5,000 bursary.

The Business Stream will run on two dates:

- Wednesday, 26 April and Thursday, 27 April, 2023
- Friday, 5 May and Saturday, 6 May, 2023

[Find out more](#)

Bond | Virtual Open Day

April 29, 2023

Can't make it to campus? No problem – our Virtual Open Day experience makes it possible to get to know us at the click of a button. Tune into Virtual Open Day at any time and watch as we dive deeper into our faculties, go behind the scenes of student life, and chat with some amazing Bondies in this unmissable snapshot of the Bond University experience.



[Find out more](#)

What you need to know about Co-op Scholarships

Successfully applying for a co-op scholarship could do much more for you than simply covering your costs.

Premium scholarships with extra value

[Scholarships](#) are generally sums of money donated to applicants who meet the eligibility requirements specific to that scholarship. There are thousands available in Australia.

They could really make a difference to your tertiary education experience by removing financial pressure and other barriers that could otherwise prevent you from achieving your goals. Or they could help you start your working life with less debt than you'd otherwise have.

How great is that?

Co-op Scholarships go the extra mile. Not only do they provide some financial benefit (or in some cases *a lot*), they could also provide you with amazing extras such as:

- Mentoring
- Leadership and development programs
- Work experience
- Paid internships
- Tuition fees paid
- Guaranteed accommodation
- Access to workshops and special events
- Networking

Who can apply for a Co-op Scholarship?

Each scholarship is unique to the institution or provider, so you'll have to check that you'll meet the eligibility requirements before you spend time applying.

Co-op scholarships are generally open to high achievers. If you think that doesn't sound like you, it's still worth checking – merit isn't just given for amazing academic results, although it is often a pre-requisite.

Some scholarships will accept applications from people who've been recommended by their school for their outstanding contributions. Others want to reward individuals who've worked hard and made a difference with community involvement, or perhaps have shown great potential with their leadership abilities.

Competitive but worth the rewards

These esteemed scholarships are highly sought after, so the applications can be highly competitive – but they are definitely worth your time applying.

Many of these programs have a 100% success rate for employment upon graduation.

You might receive an income while you're still studying at uni, as some internships are salaried.

If you don't leave university with a job already lined up, the fact that you received a Co-op Scholarship will look fantastic on your resume, could appeal to potential employers, and may have provided you with relevant work experience and useful industry contacts.

In other words, you'll definitely be ahead of the pack.



There are benefits to just applying for a Co-op scholarship

Putting yourself forward for Co-op Scholarships and completing the application will give you invaluable experience in completing intricate applications and doing well at interviews.

Your confidence could receive a little boost knowing that you're considered eligible, that your application was considered, and that you put yourself outside your comfort zone and survived intact.

In some cases, if your application isn't successful but the panel were impressed by your application, they could suggest alternative scholarships and programs to apply for.

Even if you don't exactly meet the eligibility requirements but you're close, you've excelled in some areas and your application really stands out, providers might just bend the rules for an outstanding candidate...it could be you.

So what's the catch?

If you're granted one of these highly prized Co-op Scholarships you'll be expected to take your studies seriously.

You'll have to make sure you stay on track and achieve your predicted ATAR results (or better).

Once you've enrolled at university and started your course, you'll have to maintain the required GPA in order to keep the scholarship. You might even have to comply with other requirements, e.g.:

- Help out at orientation week
- Commit to helping out on campus
- Active involvement within your chosen department
- Attending all additional programs and events that you're entitled to

Get help finding out more about Co-op Scholarship programs

Each year at Study Work Grow, we do the research for you and put it all in one easy to read place. Keep an eye out for our updated Co-op Scholarships Guide, coming soon.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about Co-op Scholarships

What ATAR do I need to be eligible for a Co-op scholarship?

It really depends on the institution. For example, at [UNSW](#) you'll need a predicted ATAR of 96 or above to apply, whereas at [UniSQ](#) if you have a predicted ATAR of 88 you could be eligible.

Some programs don't even specify an ATAR.

How are Co-op scholars selected?

The application process for each scholarship varies, but you'll often have to:

- Meet all the eligibility requirements
- Complete a special application form available from the institutions before the closing date
- Provide supporting evidence and recommendations
- Complete a personal statement, answer some questions, or prepare a video or other element of the application
- Attend and interview to be assessed

You should carefully read all of the application details for the Co-op Scholarship you're interested in applying for to make sure you know exactly what to do.

Can I defer my Co-op Scholarship?

Some scholarships allow you to defer, but it's unlikely Co-op Scholarships will because they are so competitive



and sought after – you'll need to check with the individual provider to confirm this though.

If you are successful in receiving a scholarship and then need to defer your enrolment, you might have to complete another application and go through the entire process the following year (if the institution allows for that).

Bookkeeping Traineeship Spotlight

Do you love working with numbers, solving problems, and helping people grow their businesses? You might like a career as a bookkeeper – and one of the best ways to get qualified is by completing a bookkeeping traineeship.

What is a career in bookkeeping?

As a bookkeeper, you'll be working as part of a team of accountants and other financial professionals. You'll be supporting customers and clients by doing tasks such as reconciling bank and pay accounts, monitoring cash flow, helping to prepare financial statements and invoices, and keeping thorough records of a client's financial activities.

If you've been working as a bookkeeper for a while and enjoy it, your skills and knowledge are a great pathway to becoming an accountant or financial manager as well.

What skills do I need for a career in bookkeeping?

You'll need to have good maths skills, as well as being a great communicator and problem solver. If you like indoors work, you'll be suited to a career as a bookkeeper.

Why should I consider a bookkeeping traineeship?

Traineeships are a great way to get your foot in the door with an employer and start building valuable skills. There are often lots of opportunities to continue working with your employer after your traineeship is complete, and even advance your career down the track.

As part of a bookkeeping traineeship, you will be doing real work for an employer while completing study with a TAFE or RTO. A bookkeeping traineeship can take anywhere between 1-2 years to complete, depending on whether you work and study full- or part-time.

Here are some common qualifications you might want to look into:

- [Certificate III in Accounts Administration](#)
- [Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping](#)
- [Diploma of Accounting](#)

There are tons of benefits to an traineeship, rather than just work or study alone, including:

- Getting paid while you learn – unlike uni, you can work and study without having to take on an insane work load.
- The opportunity to get hands-on experience, not just endless reading.
- The potential to connect with an employer and continue working with them after your traineeship is finished.
- Your qualification will be nationally recognised, meaning you can go anywhere with it.



Where can I find traineeship opportunities?

Just like searching for a job, there are lots of places you can go to find a traineeship. You can start your search on sites like [SEEK](#) and [Indeed](#). Take a look on social media like Facebook or LinkedIn to see if any local businesses are hiring. Sign up with an [Apprenticeship Network Provider or Group Training Organisation](#), or even go old fashioned and take a look in the local paper or give local businesses a call.

Here are some examples of the kinds of opportunities available:

- [Trainee Bookkeeper](#), Yarra Valley VIC
- [Trainee Bookkeeper](#), Gold Coast QLD
- [Bookkeeping/Accounting Traineeship](#), Perth WA
- [Accounting and Bookkeeping Trainee](#), Mildura VIC
- [Business Administration Assistant Traineeship](#), Townsville QLD

Accepting a Job and What's Involved

Congratulations, you've been offered a job! But what happens next? In this blog, we'll walk you through the process of job offers and accepting (or not), and getting ready for your first day.

Are you happy?

Usually initial job offers will be verbal, either over the phone or via the recruiter.

Before you accept, make sure that you know all about the job, including salary, benefits, training and hours. Firm up all the details and make sure they're the same as what was advertised or discussed previously. If so, thank the employer and let them know that you'd be delighted to accept the position.

If you're not happy – maybe you've had a change of heart, something about the team or the organisation isn't sitting well with you, or they're refusing to provide written details or they're different to what was advertised – then it's perfectly OK to decline. Just remember to be polite (you don't want to burn any bridges), and thank them for the opportunity.

Ask for written confirmation

Even if it's just an email, get written confirmation of your offer, the terms and conditions, your start date, and any other important information.

Reply in writing to let your new employer know you're accepting the position. It's a great habit to start keeping written records of everything; you never know when you'll need them down the track.

Be ready to start

Pick up your uniform if you need one and make sure it fits. If there is no uniform, make sure what you're wearing is professional, fit for purpose, and meets any Workplace Health & Safety requirements.

Show up for any training that's required before you start.

Figure out how you'll get to work, know when you can take breaks, and take food with you if necessary.

Set your alarm for your first day (being late won't make a great impression!).

Things to remember on your first day

You might be asked to provide information for the Human Resources team to ensure that any contracts are drawn up correctly and that you'll get paid.

So even if you've completed some paperwork beforehand, it might be worth taking a long a few essentials when you start work, such as:

- ID (a driver's license, for example)
- Proof of address
- Emergency contact details
- Tax File Number



- Bank account details
- Superannuation fund details

Find out if your employer needs anything else to ensure your first day at work goes smoothly (and so will your first pay day).

Know your rights and responsibilities

Check with [Fair Work](#) and your new company's policies and procedures so that you're informed about what's OK and what's not.

You can read more blogs on finding, applying for, and securing work on our website [here](#).

Unravelling Colonial Legacies: Kickstarting Your Career in Postcolonial Studies

Are you passionate about understanding the effects of colonisation on societies and cultures? Intrigued by the rich and diverse narratives that emerge from this complex history? If so, a career in postcolonial studies might be perfect for you. In this blog, we'll guide you through the process of starting a career in postcolonial studies and discuss three exciting job opportunities in the field.

How to Start Your Career in Postcolonial Studies

To begin a career in postcolonial studies, you'll need a strong foundation in the subject. Pursuing an undergraduate degree in postcolonial studies, history, anthropology, or a related field is a great starting point. You may also consider taking courses or subjects in literature, sociology, and political science to further your understanding of postcolonial issues.

For more specialised and research-focused roles, consider pursuing a Master's or a PhD in postcolonial studies or a related field. This advanced education will equip you with the necessary skills to analyse, critique, and contribute to the ever-evolving discourse surrounding postcolonialism.

Three Jobs in Postcolonial Studies

Postcolonial Studies Professor

Expected Salary: \$60,000 – \$120,000 per year

Work Hours: Full-time, with flexibility for research and writing

Job Security: Tenure-track positions offer increased job security

Tasks: Teach courses in postcolonial studies, conduct research, publish academic articles, attend conferences, and mentor students

Cultural Program Coordinator

Expected Salary: \$40,000 – \$60,000 per year

Work Hours: Full-time, with occasional evenings and weekends for events

Job Security: Dependent on funding and performance

Tasks: Develop and implement cultural programs, organise events and workshops, liaise with community groups, promote postcolonial awareness, and manage budgets and resources



Museum Curator

Expected Salary: \$45,000 – \$80,000 per year

Work Hours: Full-time, with occasional evenings and weekends for events

Job Security: Moderate, dependent on funding and performance

Tasks: Acquire, research, and interpret postcolonial artefacts and artworks, design exhibitions, collaborate with other institutions, write exhibition texts, and engage with the public through lectures and presentations

A career in postcolonial studies allows you to delve into the fascinating world of history, culture, and politics, while also addressing the challenges faced by formerly colonised societies. Whether you're shaping young minds as a professor, connecting communities as a cultural program coordinator, or showcasing the diverse legacies of colonialism as a museum curator, you'll be contributing to the ongoing conversation about our shared global history. So if you're ready to embark on this exciting journey, dive into the world of postcolonial studies and start making a difference today!

You can find out more about future career options and pathways on our website [here](#).

The Skills You Could Learn From Work Experience

If you're contemplating getting some work experience, you might've read that most of your time will be spent observing. Understandably, you might be a bit confused about the skills you could be taking away.

Well, not *all* work experience will be watching and learning (and even it is, at least your observational and note taking skills will be top notch by the end of it). In reality, you'll probably be leaving your placement with new or improved technical skills that are specific to each job or industry.

Is that all?

Definitely not. There's way more to work experience.

Just applying for a position and turning up will guarantee that you have demonstrable talents to add to your resume.

Don't believe us? Here are just a few examples of skills you'll need at work and that you could develop when you sign up:

Problem solving

You won't be expected to problem solve at work experience, but finding solutions to how you'll get there each day, arrive on time, and organise your day are all examples of this skill.

Time management

Arriving on time, knuckling down, and getting tasks done are all a part of building this valuable skill.

Communication and other interpersonal skills

Having to work closely with your supervisor, other employees, and customers means your verbal and non-verbal communication skills will get a workout. In addition to honing your communication talents, you might find that your active listening, clarity, and diplomacy abilities are improved too.

Teamwork

Working well with other people, listening to them, following instructions, engaging, and adding value in the workplace are all demonstrable teamwork skills, highly desired by most employers.

Professionalism

This includes looking the part, taking the job seriously, trying your best, and using appropriate language.



Networking

Have you heard the phrase “it’s not what you know but who you know”? Well it’s very true in lots of aspects of life, so learning how to network could open up lots of opportunities for you.

Business etiquette

Watching and learning everything from how to write professional emails, the best way to answer the phone, when to step back from a situation, and how to remain professional in all situations are invaluable when you’re looking for paid work.

Initiative

If you finish a task and your supervisor is busy, wash up the mugs, do some filing, or ask around if there’s another job you can do to help out – just be proactive. Also, let your employer know if you have an idea about trying something new or different that could help get the job done.

Work ethic

Don’t complain, don’t slack off and take advantage of the fact you’re not at school, don’t take excessive breaks, and don’t spend time on your phone. Do try your best, give everything a go, and ask for help if you need it.

Willingness to learn

Be enthusiastic, show you’re ready to listen and learn, try new things, follow instructions, and don’t be a know-it-all.

Computer, technical or practical skills

You probably already have a great understanding of technology, but using it in a workplace environment, and using new programs, software and equipment will only expand your knowledge.

Customer service

Dealing with the public isn’t always easy, so learning how to handle tricky situations, keep customers happy, or just provide people with the information they need is a great skill to have in any industry.

Confidence and self-esteem

These might not sound like typical workplace skills, but they’re really important as you go through life. They’ll help you reach goals, take opportunities, challenge yourself, and ultimately help you move forward.

To get the most out of work experience...

Ask lots of questions at your placement to maximise the benefits from being there.

Think about the skills you gained from your work experience and make sure you add them to your resume or portfolio.

If you’re looking for more information, our updated [Work Experience Guide](#) is out now.



Canvas Art Award 2023

JMC is excited to launch the Canvas Award Art Competition for 2023, showcasing the incredible work of young artists and designers who are taking creativity to the next level.

If you are a high school student with a knack for drawing, painting or using creative digital mediums, we invite you to creatively interpret the below brief into an illustrated scene:

“What the world will look like in 10,000 years’ time and how humans will evolve to adapt?”

Your submission will have a human character situated within their relevant environment.

You must include a “pink iced doughnut” somewhere in your scenes (sprinkles are optional).

All artists are unique in their abilities, to reflect that we are opening the competition to various mediums. You can submit:

- Analogue Artwork
- Digital 2D Artwork
- 3D Artwork
- Comic Strip
- Interactive Novel
- Storyboard
- Any combination of the above

Entries are open to high school students from across Australia until Sunday 14 May.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/canvas-art-award-2023/>

3 Ways High School Students Can Make the Most of Their Holidays

Holidays are a great time for high school students to recharge, relax, and engage in activities that they enjoy.

But it can be easy to get caught up in doing nothing or wasting time on activities that don’t add value (like watching Netflix all day). It’s essential to use your holidays wisely to set yourself up for success in the upcoming term. Here are three things high school students can do to make the most of their holidays.

Pursue a passion project

One of the best ways to make the most of your holidays is to pursue a passion project. It could be anything that you’re interested in, like learning a new language, playing an instrument, coding, or cooking. Not only will this keep you engaged, but it can also add a new skill to your resume.

Read a lot

Reading is an excellent way to improve your language and comprehension skills, broaden your horizons, and enhance your imagination. You could read books on any topic you find fascinating, like biographies, fiction, or non-fiction. Additionally, reading academic articles in subjects you’ll study next term could help prepare you for class ahead of time.

Get ahead in your studies

You don’t have to wait until school starts to begin studying for next semester. You could get ahead by revising what you learned this term, learning new concepts that you’ll encounter in the upcoming term, and going over feedback on assignments and homework. Doing so will help you stay on top of your studies and be prepared for what’s coming next.

Want more?

We have heaps more study and wellbeing tips and exercises on our website [here](#).

Indigenous Student Support at University

Thinking about studying at university when you finish school, or already have an offer? Congratulations!



Going off to university is a big step in life, and it's normal to feel nervous or unsure. Leaving the support of family and community can be scary.

Thankfully, universities across Australia offer specialised support for Indigenous students starting (and continuing) their studies.

What support can I get?

While the types of support offered can differ between universities, here are some of the typical things you can expect:

- Individual and group study support and tutoring
- Peer mentoring programs
- Culturally safe spaces to study and relax
- Alternative entry programs
- Advisors to help with uni and scholarship applications
- Career advice and services

Where can I find out more about the uni I want to go to?

We've gathered links here to each university's page on support for Indigenous students. Take a look at the list:

NSW

- [Australian Catholic University](#)
- [Charles Sturt University](#)
- [Macquarie University](#)
- [Southern Cross University](#)
- [University of New South Wales](#)
- [University of Newcastle](#)
- [University of Sydney](#)
- [University of Technology Sydney](#)
- [University of Wollongong](#)
- [Western Sydney University](#)

VIC

- [Deakin University](#)
- [Federation University](#)
- [La Trobe University](#)
- [Monash University](#)
- [RMIT](#)
- [Swinburne University of Technology](#)
- [University of Melbourne](#)
- [Victoria University](#)



QLD

- [Bond University](#)
- [CQUniversity](#)
- [Griffith University](#)
- [James Cook University](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology](#)
- [University of Queensland](#)
- [University of Southern Queensland](#)
- [University of the Sunshine Coast](#)

SA

- [Flinders University](#)
- [University of Adelaide](#)
- [University of South Australia](#)

WA

- [Curtin University](#)
- [Edith Cowan University](#)
- [Murdoch University](#)
- [University of Notre Dame](#)
- [University of Western Australia](#)

ACT

- [Australian National University](#)
- [University of Canberra](#)

TAS

- [University of Tasmania](#)

NT

- [Charles Darwin University](#)

The Careers Clusters in a fire station

Fire stations are central hubs where emergency services and other workers gather to prepare for and respond to incidents, such as fires, floods, rescue and recovery missions, and other disasters (both natural and man-made). They need to be equipped and ready 24/7, as emergencies can happen at any time. They also work with schools, businesses, and community to spread awareness and recovery strategies for fire and other disasters.

Here are some things you can expect when working at a fire station:

1. Preparedness is key – you'll need to be organised and on-the-ball to respond to emergencies at the drop of a hat.
2. A love of community – emergency service workers are an important part of the community, and work with all kinds of people every day.
3. It's not just emergencies – they perform other services too, like fire education and safety training, community and youth engagement, helping out at local events, and more.

Key Outcome

Respond to emergency situations



The key focus of fire stations is to ensure that emergency services workers can respond to calls for help in a timely manner.

Key Tasks

- Taking calls for help and dispatching workers
- Performing rescue, assistance, and recovery operations
- Maintaining trucks and equipment
- Liaising and educating the public on fire safety

Industry

You can find fire stations in the public administration and safety industry

Fire stations are found in the public administration and safety industry. Fire and emergency services are generally run and funded by the government.

Work Environment

You can expect shift work and on-site work

Shift work | Work on-site | Jobs in all locations, including metro, regional, and rural | Stable job growth

Fires and emergencies can happen any time of the day or night, and so the people working in fire stations need to be ready 24/7. Shift work is very common, though some office-based workers might work more regular hours. There is also lots of opportunity for volunteer-based work if you're unsure if you want to commit to a role full-time.

A lot of the work will be done either on-site, or travelling out to emergencies, so there is not much opportunity for remote work.

There are fire stations all across the country, from capital cities to tiny rural communities.

The Career Clusters you'll find in a fire station

People from all Clusters are needed for a fire station to run effectively, and sometimes you might find yourself doing work from across multiple Clusters.

What do Makers do in a fire station?

The Makers in a fire station are there to maintain and repair important equipment, such as fire trucks, oxygen tanks, extinguishers, and other tools. They are also the ones who drive fire trucks and other vehicles (including helicopters and planes) to and from emergencies. Some Makers install fire detection and prevention systems in homes and businesses.

- Vehicle/Maintenance Mechanics
- Electricians
- Truck Drivers/Pilots

The role of a Linker in a fire station

The Linkers in fire stations are responsible for responding to emergency calls, then dispatching other workers to the site of an emergency. They might also direct people to other helpful services in non-life threatening emergencies, and connect people who have experienced disaster or trauma with specialised help and assistance services.

- Emergency Services Operators
- Community Services Workers



Where you'll find Coordinators in a fire station

Coordinators are the people who are responsible for the behind-the-scenes management of a fire station. They will be ordering new equipment, managing rosters and pay, and hiring new workers. They also facilitate communication between departments and stations, plan community outreach events, and develop disaster prevention and recovery plans.

- Operational Managers
- Disaster Management Officers
- Human Resource Managers

How do Informers work in a fire station?

The Informers in a fire station are out in the community, running outreach and education programs in schools and businesses, teaching people about fire safety. They also help to train new workers and volunteers. Some Informers might gather data and write reports on the environmental, financial, and social impact of disasters and emergencies.

- Outreach Coordinators
- Educators/Trainers
- Researchers

What types of Innovators work in a fire station?

The Innovators in fire stations design and engineer new equipment to make firefighting and emergency operations safer and more efficient, and develop new fire safety strategies in consultation with businesses, community, and government. They also help design buildings to ensure they have appropriate fire escapes and exit routes and use fire-safe materials.

- Mechanical Engineers
- Fire Strategy Developers
- Civil Engineers/Architects

Where you'll find Guardians in a fire station

Guardians in fire stations are responsible for responding to calls for help, performing rescues, putting out fires, and assisting in life-threatening emergencies. They also need people to monitor and support the mental health and wellbeing of workers and community members who go through stress and trauma. Guardians may also help ensure businesses and homes comply with current fire safety guidelines and regulations.

- Emergency Services Workers
- Psychologists/Wellbeing Officers
- Compliance Officers

How do we expect working in a fire station to change in the future?

Unfortunately, the past few years have shown us the devastating effects of climate change and how natural disasters are becoming more frequent and severe. Fire and emergency services are vital to the protection and recovery of communities around the country, and will become even more important as the population grows and disasters worsen.

There are lots of new technologies that help firefighters and other workers do their jobs more safely and efficiently than ever, but people will always be needed to operate machinery, and provide human connection and support for people who have been through disaster.

How to become an Occupational Therapist

Occupational Therapists (OTs) are qualified health professionals who work with people of all ages if they've been sick, injured or disabled. OTs help their patients to adapt, develop or improve abilities that allow them to participate better in all aspects of life, including daily tasks, self-care, working and volunteering, as well as



participation in hobbies, interests and social events.

OTs might work in hospitals, specialist clinics or private offices, schools, care facilities, or out in the community. People who enjoy helping, are patient, good problem solvers and great with people from all walks of life could potentially enjoy a career as an Occupational Therapist.

About you:

- Patient, compassionate and empathetic
- Creative and good at problem solving
- Organised, great at time management with a flexible attitude
- Practical, fit, and observant
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Enthusiastic and a good motivator

The job:

- Conduct tests and assess patients' capabilities (mental, physical, developmental, etc.)
- Develop, plan and implement treatment programs to improve affected movements or functions
- Monitor and report on patients progress and help with the coordination of other services that might be needed
- Help children with special needs or disabilities to be integrated into education programs in schools
- Assess employees who've been injured or sick, help them return to work or find alternative duties they might be able to do
- Design and modify everyday environment of clients to allow for better access and independence
- Recommend and advise on the use of specialised equipment
- Assess the need for, develop and run health education programs including workplace health and safety
- Act as consultants to industry and government organisations, insurers, medical practitioners and employers
- Teach in academic institutions, generally at tertiary level

Lifestyle Impact: Moderate

- Part Time opportunities: High – around 40% of Occupational Therapists work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 41 hours a week, which is average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Occupational Therapists' salary (median) \$63,000* per year (source: ato.gov.au). *Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Moderate (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You can work in a variety of environments, including in hospitals, private clinics, aged care facilities, schools, workplaces, and even at a patient's home.
- The work can be stressful at times, working with people who may have been in serious accidents and suffering physical and mental trauma.

Occupational Therapists are most in demand in these locations:

Demand for Occupational Therapists is spread fairly evenly across Australia, with many Occupational Therapists working in capital cities. Most Occupational Therapists work in the Health Care and Social Assistance industry.

How to become an Occupational Therapist in Australia



You will need to complete relevant undergraduate studies, as well as register with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(Ahpra\)](#) to work as an Occupational Therapist.

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a focus on English and Maths. Biology and Health could also be useful.

Step 2 – Complete an Ahpra-approved program of study, usually a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy. You can see all of the currently approved programs [here](#).

Step 3 – Once you have finished your studies, apply for general registration as an Occupational Therapist. You can read more about this [here](#).

Step 4 – Start working as a qualified Occupational Therapist.

Step 5 – Keep your knowledge up to date with continuing professional development, and re-register with Ahpra each year.

Find out more here –

<https://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au>

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

Similar Careers to Occupational Therapist

General Practitioner

Registered Nurse

Enrolled Nurse

Massage Therapist

Midwife

Sonographer

Dentist

Optometrist

Osteopath

Podiatrist

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Do I need to go to university to become an Occupational Therapist?

Yes, you will need to complete an approved program of study (either at Bachelor or Master's level) and register with Ahpra to work as an Occupational Therapist in Australia.

Where do Occupational Therapists work?

Occupational Therapists can work in a variety of different environments, including hospitals (both public and private), specialist and private clinics, in aged care homes, workplaces, community centres, schools, and more.

What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become an Occupational Therapist?

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



1. Do volunteer work in your school or community to start building important skills. This will also look good on any future university and job applications.
2. See if you can find work experience in a health or care-based setting. 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 an Occupational Therapist 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 construction or as an Occupational Therapist.

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