



Careers Newsletter

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ATAR Notes | Free Online Lectures

April 8 to April 24, 2024

Join thousands of students that tune in to our online 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](#)

UniMelb | UniMelb 101: A webinar for NSW and ACT students

April 9, 2024

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 majors and breadth subjects
- Our Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) Access Melbourne which takes into consideration your personal circumstances in your application – you may even be eligible for guaranteed entry
- The new Narrm Scholarship Program for eligible Access Melbourne recipients which offers a relocation allowance and tailored enrichment program to help you with the cost of moving and to build your connections and make the most of your time at Melbourne
- 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 peer mentoring.

You'll also hear from some of our current students who have made the move from New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and be able to ask them questions about their experience.

[Find out more](#)

ACU | Talk with Innovative Teachers

April 9, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on the future of education.



[Find out more](#)

ACU | Talk with Lawyers and Human Rights Advocates

April 10, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on working in law and human rights.

[Find out more](#)

WSU | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Future Students Information Evenings

April 10 to April 11, 2024

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

Upcoming Events:

- Wednesday 10 April | 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Campbelltown campus
- Thursday 11 April | 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Penrith (Kingswood) Campus

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Your path to Sydney – Year 10 subject selection evening

April 11, 2024

Join us online for a fun and informative session that's tailored for Year 10 students to help you navigate the subject selection process and prepare for your journey to university.

Our expert staff, current University of Sydney students and a UAC representative will discuss important topics such as: what to consider when selecting your subjects for Year 11 and 12, the impact subject selection can have on adjustment factors, what the ATAR is and how it's calculated, prerequisites and assumed knowledge, tips for admission and scholarships, and key insights from our current students on their subject selection experiences and transition into university. The session will finish with a live Q&A.

This webinar is suitable for current Year 10 students and both the parents/caregivers and teachers of Year 10 students.

[Find out more](#)

AIE | Industry Experience Day

April 11 to April 17, 2024

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](#)

Ocean Youth Summit

April 11 to April 12, 2024

We're super excited that the inaugural Ocean Youth Summit 2024 is just around the corner! The very first Ocean Youth Summit's primary aims are to:

1. Showcase and create youth-led stories and solutions for ocean health,



2. Build the capacity of the next generation to make and influence sustainable choices to reduce our impacts on the ocean and,
3. Have fun, meet like-minded people and get inspired to take positive action for our one and only blue home!

The Summit promises to be full of inspiration and motivation to save our ocean with Young Australian of the Year 2023 Lottie Dalziel, Sustainable Ocean Plan Taskforce member Jordan Dwyer, Ocean Youth Ambassador and Climate Week Program Manager Emily Rowland, Farmwall Founder Indiana Rhind, and Climate Advocate Kal Glanznig, just to name a few of our amazing youth ocean advocates and entrepreneurs. More speakers and panellists will be announced over the coming weeks.

Day 1 is about showcasing youth-led stories and solutions for our ocean. There'll be keynote talks, panel discussions with experts and thought leaders, and an afternoon of interactive workshops including making underwater films, learning about the microscopic critters in our harbour, creating a collaborative vision for the ocean we want, upcycling destructive fishing gear and more.

Day 2 is about creating youth-led stories and solutions for our ocean. Youth climate advocate Kal Glanznig will open up this session, sharing his insights from the COPs as well as how young people can show us all how it's done! We'll also be guided by the wonderful staff at Ocean Impact Organisation to create our own solutions to the wicked challenges our ocean faces.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle | Campus Tours

April 12, 2024

If you're thinking about study at the University of Newcastle, let our Student Ambassadors show you some of our must-see teaching and learning spaces. 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!

Campus tour locations and times:

- Callaghan and Ourimbah: starting at 10:00am
- Central Coast Clinical School: starting at 12:00pm
- NUSpace: starting at 2:00pm
- Q Building: starting at 3:00pm

[Find out more](#)

AIM | School Holiday HSC Masterclass

April 12, 2024

AIM's HSC Performance Workshop is designed exclusively for Year 12 Music 1 and 2 students who are interested in improving and polishing their performance works for their assessments, trial performances and HSC.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Autumn School Holiday Program: Ancient Greek Myths

April 15 to April 19, 2024

Explore the myths of ancient Greece this school holidays with archaeologists and ancient historians from the Chau Chak Wing Museum as we take you on a journey through the collection of vases, statues and other works of art from ancient Greece.

Throughout the workshops, you'll be able to:

- Handle ancient Greek artefacts
- Discover how archaeologists learn about the past
- Hear ancient mythological stories of gods, goddesses and heroes
- Make your own ferocious monster
- Help decorate an ancient Greek vase with your favourite mythological scene

These activities are perfect for children aged 6-12. Parents/guardians are required to stay with children throughout the session.

[Find out more](#)



Discover Health Sciences at ACU North Sydney

April 16, 2024

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

Take part in hands-on workshops, tour our facilities and hear from current students about a rewarding career as a health professional.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie | Experience Days

April 16 to April 19, 2024

Make the most of the April school holidays by spending 'a day in the life' of a uni student!

Our Experience Macquarie Days give you the opportunity to attend information sessions and interactive workshops, tour our state-of-the-art facilities and learning spaces, and explore our campus with a Macquarie student guide. You'll have the flexibility to structure your day around your interests – the choice is yours.

Whether you're certain about your future path or you're still exploring your options, these taster days will give you a feel for university life, connect you with students just like you, and maybe even get you thinking about fields of study that you're yet to consider.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Dr Karl's Great Moments in Science

April 16, 2024

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's Dr Karl here to explain! Get ready for mind-bending facts, science-stuffed stories, and puns faster than the speed of light.

Find out how Flat Earthers are trying to pull a Swiftie on you, how earworms get in your brain, and why the NSW Government can fine you for simply waving to your family. Plus, what's 'Earth Overshoot Day' and does it involve basketballs?

Find out as Karl slam dunks his way through the science and gives us electric car solutions (not problems!) to powering Australia.

Bring your questions for the Q&A!

[Find out more](#)

Discover Teaching and Social Work at ACU Strathfield

April 17, 2024

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

Take part in hands-on workshops, tour our facilities and hear from current students about a rewarding career as a teacher or social worker.

[Find out more](#)

ACU | Talk with Cyber Experts

April 17, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on working in cybersecurity and software development.

[Find out more](#)

ACU | Talk with Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists

April 18, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on working in occupational therapy and speech pathology.

[Find out more](#)



SAE | Info Nights

Sydney: April 18, 2024

Byron Bay: April 18, 2024

SAE Info Night will give you an opportunity to chat to our lecturers 1:1, as well as learn all about what SAE has to offer.

There will be a general SAE overview about all our courses available, as well as our student support initiatives and services!

[Find out more](#)

ATSE | STEM Beyond School – New South Wales

April 22, 2024

STEM Beyond School is a professional engagement program for secondary school Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) teachers and educators across Australia, facilitated by the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering (ATSE).

STEM Beyond School is an initiative by the STELR team, which links teachers with professionals from a range of fields within STEM industries, with the goal of giving educators the most up-to-date understanding of industry trends, opportunities and needs for future employees.

STEM teachers and educators are invited to The School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences (BABS) tour the facility and explore upcoming innovations.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW | Year 10 & 11 Experience Days

April 22 to April 24, 2024

Join us on campus for a day and discover what it's like to be a UNSW student. Find your dream degree by exploring study areas that interest you.

- Choose from +45 different workshops
- Connect with current students & experts
- Explore UNSW's vibrant campus lifestyle
- Enjoy a free lunch from our delicious food trucks

[Find out more](#)

WSU | School of Nursing & Midwifery - Immersion Days

April 30 to May 3, 2024

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

Parramatta Campus

Tuesday 30th April 2024

10:00am – 12:30pm

Campbelltown Campus

Wednesday 1st May

10:00am – 12:30pm

Hawkesbury Campus

Thursday 2nd May

10:00am – 12:30pm

Liverpool Campus

Friday 3rd May

10:00am – 12:30pm

[Find out more](#)

UNE | Open Day 2024

May 3, 2024

Open Day is a great opportunity to visit our Armidale campus, chat with staff and students to learn more about the courses on offer, check out the facilities, attend talks and information sessions, and get taste of uni life.



Talk one-on-one with lecturers, unit coordinators and students about your study options and career pathways, and learn everything you need to know about applying to UNE, the Early Entry program, and scholarships from our friendly Future Students Team.

[Find out more](#)

ANU | Early Entry Application Q&A

May 7, 2024

An opportunity to get your last minute questions about our direct entry application answered by staff from admissions and accommodation before applications close on 13 May 2024. They will answer commonly asked questions, and there will be time for you to ask your own – come prepared with any questions you might have!

[Find out more](#)

BiG Day In, Parramatta

May 15, 2024

Join us on Wednesday 15 May for 2024 BiG Day In Parramatta. Bring your Year 9-12 students along to WSU CBD Campus to hear from presenters from Westpac, Microsoft, Google, Wisetech Global & more to come so they can learn where a STEM career can take them.

[Find out more](#)

Greater Western Sydney Careers Market 2024

May 22 to May 23, 2024

This event offers exhibitors the opportunity to speak to thousands of Greater Western Sydney high school students and careers advisers as these students explore career paths and further education options available to them.

Organisations such as Universities, Registered Training Organisations (RTO), Apprenticeship Centre's, Group training Organisations, Private Colleges, Professional Associations and Employers attend this event to inform students about everything they need to know, covering all questions about careers and educational options after high school.

[Find out more](#)

HSC and Careers Expo 2024

May 30 to June 1, 2024

The HSC and Careers Expo celebrates its 16th year in 2024!

Our exhibitors include:

- universities, TAFE colleges and training providers
- providers of HSC resources, information and services
- organisations with apprenticeship information and opportunities
- organisations with employment opportunities
- organisations with cadetship opportunities
- career advisers and student support services
- providers of tutoring services, lecture and study skills programs
- providers of international exchange and GAP year programs
- providers of youth services and programs

Attend seminars on topics including:

- HSC subjects
- Subject selection advice for Year 10 students
- Tertiary courses
- Careers
- Employment opportunities
- Study advice



- Gap year options

[Find out more](#)

Charles Sturt | EngFest 2024

June 3 to June 6, 2024

EngFest is Charles Sturt's annual celebration of civil engineering, with exhibitions and presentations of student works and research, school visits and information sessions, a careers expo, industry networking, professional development events and more.

It brings together students, cadet and professional civil engineers, researchers, representatives of Engineers Australia, interested members of the public and school students. [Find out more](#)

YES (Young Entrepreneur Summit) Sydney

June 14, 2024

Led by young leaders, for young leaders, YES (Young Entrepreneur Summit) is Australia's Premier Youth Leadership Day. It's a one-day, interactive summit designed to inspire and empower a generation of brave, creative and entrepreneurial young leaders.

YES is a super high energy, action-packed event for Primary School and Secondary School students that features keynote presentations, panel discussions and interactive group workshops on a whole range of 'adulting skills' such as leadership, public speaking, financial literacy, ideation, collaboration and team work.

[Find out more](#)

ACPE | Open Day 2024

June 22, 2024

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

[Find out more](#)

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2024

June 27 to June 29, 2024

Western Sydney Careers Expo celebrates its 14th year in 2024!

Our exhibitors include:

- universities, TAFE colleges and training providers
- providers of HSC resources, information and services
- organisations with apprenticeship information and opportunities
- organisations with employment opportunities
- organisations with cadetship opportunities
- career advisers and student support services
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UNSW Co-op Program

Opens: May 1, 2024

Closes: September 30, 2024

A Co-op Program scholarship provides industry training, professional development, networking and financial support for selected undergraduate students in the disciplines of Business, Engineering, and Science. Today, it is the largest and most prestigious scholarship program of its type in Australia and a leader in career development learning. There are over 300 current Co-op scholars who join more than 3,500 UNSW Co-op Alumni. The experience and networks our scholars develop enrich their time at university and give them an invaluable head start upon entering the work force.

[Find out more](#)

Anthem Essay Contest

Opens: March 11, 2024

Closes: May 31, 2024

The Ayn Rand Institute has hosted annual essay contests on Ayn Rand's fiction since 1985, awarding over \$2.2 million in total prizes to students worldwide. Enter the *Anthem* contest today for a chance to win up to \$2,000! Select one of three prompts about *Anthem* and write an essay in response to it. This contest will require you to reflect on philosophic themes, form your own opinion, and argue a thesis with evidence and clarity.

[Find out more](#)

The Fountainhead Essay Contest - Summer Round

Opens: March 11, 2024

Closes: June 7, 2024

The Ayn Rand Institute has hosted annual essay contests on Ayn Rand's fiction since 1985, awarding over \$2.2 million in total prizes to students worldwide. Enter *The Fountainhead* contest today for a chance to win up to \$25,000!

Winning essays must demonstrate an outstanding grasp of the philosophic meaning of *The Fountainhead*. Every three months there is a new seasonal entry round, with its own unique essay prompt. You may compete in any or all of these entry rounds.

[Find out more](#)

Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest - Summer Round

Opens: March 11, 2024

Closes: June 14, 2024

The Ayn Rand Institute has hosted annual essay contests on Ayn Rand's fiction since 1985, awarding over \$2.2 million in total prizes to students worldwide. Enter the *Atlas Shrugged* contest today for a chance to win up to \$25,000!

Atlas Shrugged is a mystery novel like no other. You enter a world where scientists, entrepreneurs, artists, and inventors are inexplicably vanishing—where the world is crumbling.

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[Find out more](#)

[Virtual open day top tips](#)

Open days are an opportunity to answer any questions and find out everything else you need to know about university *before* you enrol. If you can't go along in person to an on-campus open day, or the institution you'd like to check out isn't offering one, virtual or online open days can be really valuable as well.

We have some top tips for virtual open days that could help you make the most of these events. But first, let's take a look at what virtual open days are and why they're so useful.

Deep dive with virtual open days



You might be feeling a little disappointed that you can't get to the campuses in person, but there are benefits to virtual open days too.

You can explore more options than you might have otherwise since you won't have to travel, and you could even attend different events on the same day – even if the campus is all the way on the other side of the country (or world).

If you miss out on the in-person open day, realise afterwards that you didn't get all the information you needed first time around, or want to revisit part of the experience later on to help you make up your mind, you can. Virtual open days often have lots of recorded information sessions and tours so you can watch the videos even after the event is over.

You won't have to worry about early starts, traffic jams, navigating through cities, finding parking spots, or what to wear.

What to expect from virtual open days

Online events are becoming better and better all the time, and offer a new and innovative way for universities and other organisations to showcase all the great things they can offer. Here are some of the things you might be able to expect at a virtual open day:

- A tour of the campus and facilities (maybe even the city or surrounding areas)
- A look at the accommodation options on offer
- Meet and chat to staff (teaching and admin), as well as current students
- Talk to experts about the courses you're interested in
- Explore your study options and career outcomes
- Learn about the application process
- Look at alternative entry pathways
- Get answers to all the questions you might have
- Understand the finance options available, including scholarships, welfare, and more.

Top tips for virtual open days

If you're not sure where to start, then here are our top tips to ensure you get the most out of all that virtual open days have to offer.

Organise your schedule of events

Research which universities are hosting virtual open days and which ones you'd most like to attend. Make a note of the dates and register (you might not be able to get access on the day if you don't). Put time aside in your calendar for these events so you don't double book yourself.

Read through any introductory emails. These will ensure that you know which platforms are going to be used and how to access them. Plus, they could help you plan your days and be more prepared when it rolls around. Note down the courses and departments you're most interested in for each university – it could help you stay focused when the event starts and ensure you don't miss the most useful bits.

Make sure you have the equipment you'll need (including reliable internet connection) all set up before the open days start.

Prep the important questions

Write down any general questions you might have; these could be relevant to every university and you can ask the same questions at each open day. Then you'll easily be able to compare the answers later. If you have any questions about specific courses, make a note of those too.

You can ask questions about *any* aspect of university life, so it's great to make the most of this opportunity. If you forget to ask something or you think of something later, don't stress – you can always contact the uni afterwards.

Having a mental block about what you should be asking? Here are a couple of example questions that might inspire you:

- How many places are available in the course?
- How many hours a week are there of lectures/classes, and what's the recommended amount of self-directed study?
- What study modes are available for this course (on-campus, online, or mixed)?



- Will this course provide any hands-on industry experience, e.g. work experience or internships?
- What exactly does the course cover and what are my career outcomes if I complete this degree?
- Can you recommend another course that might be a better fit for me and my goals?
- What assessment methods are used?
- I'm looking at similar courses elsewhere, so why should I choose your course over another university?
- Are there part-time job opportunities available at the uni, or would it be possible to complete this degree while working part-time?
- What societies are available at university and which are the most popular ones?
- Is a place in your accommodation guaranteed?
- What's the best way to get around the campus and city?
- What student support services are available?
- Which is the most popular accommodation option and why?
- What's the social life like?

Don't be embarrassed to ask any questions you have – that's what this experience is all about!

Watch the welcome talk first

You might be tempted to skip the intro or welcoming talk and head straight to the campus tour or department you're interested in.

But we recommend taking the time to watch this bit first. It's designed to answer some of the questions you might have about the uni, let you know about their special features and qualities, and they could give you some tips about the best way to get the most out of their open day.

Take advantage of all that's on offer

Deciding on a the right uni and course for you is an important step, so open days are definitely worth your time and your attention.

Take notes. You might think you'll remember every detail, but after you attend your third or fourth virtual open day, all the details will probably start to blur together. You'll thank yourself later, trust us.

Attend the virtual campus and accommodation tours. No, it's not exactly the same as being there, but with amazing technology like 3D and 360° footage, you could get a really great sense of what the university is like. You might even tour some areas that you might not have had access to in person, and you won't get lost in the process.

Universities are selling themselves on open days, so there's bound to be some great videos, presented in a fun and easy to understand way, and there may even be interactive segments too. Watch and participate as much as possible and you'll get much more value from your experience.

You could even ask a parent/carer, sibling, or friend to watch with you, then discuss it with them afterwards.

Talk time is important too

Take part in any webinars, Q&A sessions, or sign up for other options like one-on-one zoom chats. Or use the live chat features to engage with staff and current students. You'll sign off knowing you have every ounce of information possible and have answers to all your questions.

If you don't get any answers first-hand, they will still probably tell you where to find relevant information on their website or in other sessions. You could take note of any phone numbers or email addresses that might be handy if you have more questions later on.

Don't forget to follow up

Once you've attended a virtual open day, it's time to weigh up your options and decide how you feel about what you've seen.

Love it? Great! Add it to your list of preferences and start thinking about getting your application ready.

Hate it? That's OK too – it means you can cross that course or university off your list.

Still not sure? Put it on your maybe list. If you don't fill up all your preferences in your application or change your mind, you can come back to these options and reassess them later on.



Need more information?

At Study Work Grow we aim to make your life easier, so we've done all the research for you. You can find a list of open days, both virtual and in-person, happening in our [events calendar](#). Plus, keep an eye out for our annual Open Day Planner (coming soon), with all the institutions, events, dates, times, and links listed in one place.

You can also read more about university courses, pathways, and life on our website [here](#).

[Why an apprenticeship might be right for you](#)

Are you at a crossroads in your career journey, wondering which path to take next? Have you considered the often-overlooked option of apprenticeships? They offer a unique blend of hands-on experience, practical skills development, and academic learning. Let's take a look at the benefits of apprenticeships and explore why this path might be right for you.

What makes apprenticeships unique?

Before knowing whether an apprenticeship is right for you, we need to look at what they offer. Here are some of the benefits of apprenticeships.

Hands-on experience

One of the main advantages of apprenticeships is the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in your chosen field from day one. Unlike traditional classroom learning, where theoretical knowledge is the focus, apprenticeships provide real-world exposure to the challenges and responsibilities of the job.

Earn while you learn

How does it sound to be paid to learn...pretty great, right? Instead of accumulating student loan debt or relying on financial aid, apprentices receive a paycheck for their work. This helps offset the cost of living and allows you to support yourself financially while you learn.

Practical skills development

This sounds the same as hands-on experience, but there's a difference. Apprenticeships focus on developing practical skills that are directly applicable to the workplace, both technical and transferable. Whether it's mastering a specific tool or honing the art of communication, apprenticeships are great at preparing you for any career.

Industry connections

One of the lesser-known benefits of apprenticeships is the opportunity to build valuable connections within your industry. Throughout your apprenticeship, you'll have the chance to work alongside experienced professionals, mentors, and fellow apprentices who can offer guidance, support, and networking opportunities.

How do I know if an apprenticeship is right for me?

Now that we've covered their benefits, here are some questions you can ask yourself to see if an apprenticeship might be right for you.

Are you interested in hands-on learning?

If you prefer learning by doing rather than reading, an apprenticeship might be a good fit. They offer practical, real-world experience in your chosen field from day one.

Do you learn best in a structured environment?

Apprenticeships typically follow a structured training program that combines on-the-job learning with classroom instruction. If you thrive in environments with clear expectations and a defined pathway, an apprenticeship could be suitable for you.

Are you ready to start working and earning a wage?

Unlike traditional academic programs, apprenticeships offer the opportunity to earn while you learn. If you're eager to enter the workforce and start making money, an apprenticeship may be the right choice. Just remember that this also comes with all the responsibilities of a job too, like showing up on time, trying your hardest, and following instructions.



Do you have a specific career goal in mind?

Apprenticeships are often tailored to specific industries or trades, such as construction, healthcare, information technology, and more. If you have a clear idea of the career path you want to pursue and there are apprenticeship opportunities available in that field, this could be your best option.

Are you willing to commit to a longer-term training program?

Most apprenticeships require a commitment of several years to complete, during which you'll work full-time while also attending classes or training sessions. So ensure you're prepared to invest the time and effort required to complete the program.

Do you value mentorship and on-the-job support?

If you appreciate the opportunity to learn from others and receive hands-on support as you develop your skills, an apprenticeship definitely offers these perks. But don't forget that other educational programs and courses can include opportunities for mentorship too, like internships, cadetships, and even work experience.

Are you open to continuous learning and growth?

Apprenticeships offer the chance to continually learn and improve your skills as you progress through the program and advance in your career. If you're motivated to pursue lifelong learning and adapt to new challenges and opportunities, an apprenticeship can provide a solid foundation for your professional development.

Find out more

Want to learn more about apprenticeships? You can read lots of other blogs on our website [here](#).

[How to become a Dog Trainer](#)

Dog trainers use their knowledge of our canine friends to teach them to obey commands and behave properly. They have extensive knowledge of different dog breeds, behaviour, physiology, and needs. There are many areas to specialise in, such as working with dogs with behavioural issues, training police dogs and customs dogs, training seeing eye dogs, training companion dogs for people with mental illness and disability, working with dogs in film and television, and more.

If you have a passion for animals, are patient and confident, and want a job that can be extremely rewarding, becoming a dog trainer could be perfect for you.

What skills do I need as a dog trainer?

- Fit & healthy
- Patient & kind
- Loves animals
- Confident & reliable
- Good communicator
- Resilient & can make tough decisions
- Outgoing & energetic
- Empathetic & sensitive

What tasks can I expect to do?

- Teach dogs to obey specific commands, both verbal & non-verbal
- Socialise dogs with other animals & people
- Train dogs for specific needs, such as seeing eye dogs & police dogs
- Identify problematic behaviour in dogs & find ways to correct it
- Advise owners on ways to reinforce training
- Train dogs to take part in competitions



- Monitor dogs' health & report any concerns
- Work with a variety of different dog breeds, sizes & temperaments

What industries do dog trainers typically work in?

- Arts & Recreation Services
- Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing
- Other Services

What Career Cluster do dog trainers fit into?

Because the work involves specialised knowledge and hands-on skills, most dog trainers typically belong to the [Maker Cluster](#).

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

There are lots of opportunities for part-time work for dog trainers, so this job is great for those looking for a bit of extra flexibility. Because most of the work requires you to be hands-on, remote work opportunities are limited, but can be done either at a specialised clinic or even from your home.

Most dog trainers earn an average wage throughout their career.

You will be on your feet a lot and need to be relatively strong to handle larger dogs. Most importantly, you'll need to be OK working with animals that might be aggressive or scared and potentially lash out. You might also have to assist owners in making some tough decisions for dogs who cannot be helped.

How to become a dog trainer

To become a dog trainer, you typically need to complete a relevant vocational training program, which can often be done as an apprenticeship. The training typically involves learning about animal behaviour, nutrition, health, and welfare, as well as practical skills such as handling, grooming, and training animals.

Some employers may also require certification or licensing in specific areas, such as handling of aggressive dogs or veterinary assisting.

If you're in high school now and are thinking of a career as a dog trainer in the future, here are some steps you could take:

- Try teaching a few new tricks to your family pet. See if you have the patience to stick with it until they learn.
- Find work experience or volunteer opportunities that allow you to work with animals, such as at a vet clinic, zoo, animal shelter, or even on a farm.
- Consider taking short courses and workshops to build on your skills and knowledge, or talk to a dog trainer and find out what the job is like.

Find out more here:

- [Australian Association of Professional Dog Trainers](#)
- [Association of Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand](#)
- [Guild of Dog Trainers](#) (UK)
- [Association of Pet Dog Trainers Ireland](#)
- [The Association of Professional Dog Trainers](#) (US)
- [Canadian Association of Professional Dog Trainers](#)

Similar careers to dog trainer

- Animal Groomer
- Veterinarian
- Zookeeper
- Biologist
- Veterinary Nurse
- Farmer
- Conservationist
- Animal Carer

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



[Inspiring teen bosses](#)

If you think only old people get to be rich, think again. There are tons of amazing young people out there turning their dreams into a reality. We've gathered a list of some inspiring teen bosses that might help spark your passion.

Bath bomb sisters

Teenage sisters Isabel and Caroline Bercaw were a bit disappointed in the quality of the bath bombs they were buying; so they took matters into their own hands and tried making their own. From their start mixing up bath bombs in the kitchen sink, they're now in charge of a business that has sold over 10 million bath bombs to suppliers and customers all over the world.

The girls credit their family for the help and support that led to their success.

"We're really lucky that we grew up surrounded by such smart people. We're super grateful that they believed in our idea and wanted to get on board with it."

Caroline Bercaw, co-founder of Da Bomb Bath Fizzers

[Read their full story here.](#)

JoJo bows

Young entertainer JoJo Siwa got her start on reality show *Dance Moms*, but it was her entrepreneurship that saw her real success. Originally striking a deal with Nickelodeon, JoJo now has her own brand, selling things from toys to shoes, as well as her biggest seller – her signature bows, of which she's sold more than 80 million worldwide. She's also an avid content creator.

"YouTube is what I'm invested in. YouTube is my life. I love YouTube. Next is TikTok. I love it because you can just make a dance video."

JoJo Siwa

[Read more about JoJo's journey here.](#)

AI for good

At just 17 years old, Richard Black founded California-based startup Halfcode, a company that uses Artificial Intelligence to develop smart technology to help people with disabilities. One of their products, smart glasses, is designed to help people with visual and hearing impairments. For Richard, the social aspect of his business is just as important as making money.

"I know for me personally, the social mission is what drives me and no matter what I will be doing in the future, I'll always be a social entrepreneur."

Richard Black, founder of Halfcode

[Read more about Richard's story here.](#)

Changing the way we browse

Working as an intern for Netscape when he was just 15, Blake Ross was frustrated by the web browser he had to use. So he decided to make his own. Today, Firefox is one of the most widely-used internet browsers, with nearly 200 million users each month. Blake has since developed other software and worked for Facebook, and is constantly pursuing his own passion for software innovation.

"We weren't trying to strike it rich with Firefox. It's open source and it's free. We weren't trying to take over the world; we had kind of modest goals, and it was OK if it failed. We



were a lot freer to make risky decisions. If you can afford to do things that way, it's just so much better. You're not thinking about venture capitalists or marketing or sales. Just product and users, all day every day."

Blake Ross, co-creator of Firefox

[Read more about Blake here.](#)

Want more?

There are heaps more stories of inspiring teen bosses making a difference in the world. You can see more here:

- [5 incredible teen entrepreneurs](#)
- [16 young and successful entrepreneurs who prove that age is nothing but a number](#)
- [Meet 9 inspiring young entrepreneurs](#)

Or you can read more about entrepreneurship and find ideas for starting your own business on our website [here](#).

Life maps – Why do you need one?

Most of us don't live life according to a map. We float from one thing to another, which is great, because it gives us the flexibility to go with the flow and make the most of opportunities. There is, however, a downside to making things up as you go.

If you ever want to achieve anything big, like a trip around the world, building your own home, or working for Apple, you're much more likely to get there if you know where you are going. Which is where life mapping comes in.

You are the one writing this story – you get to decide where your life is going to lead, so you need the skills to draw your map with confidence. There's no guarantee you'll follow this map exactly – in fact, it's highly likely that your map will change as you travel and grow. But it can still be a great reminder of your big goals and help you get back on track when you're feeling lost.

What is a life map?

A life map is a visual way of plotting out what's possible for your future. You have a starting place (where you are now) and one or more possible destinations (where you want to be) – then you need to fill in the gaps in between that tell you how you'll get from A to B.

You can come back to your life map anytime you have a decision to make about where you go next. Think of it as a tool you can use to keep you on track and heading in the right direction.

What should a life map include?

Here's an overview of the things you can include in your life map. Remember, there's no 'right' or 'wrong' when it comes to life mapping, so just use these suggestions as a guide instead of hard-and-fast rules.

Big goals – Your destination options

Is there anything you *must* do in your life? Any activity or challenge that you wouldn't feel complete without? Big goals can be skills you want to master, a career you'd love to have, places you want to visit, or things you want to achieve. Whatever your goals are, they can all go on your life map.

A roadmap – The paths you can choose from

It's not enough to know where you want to go; you also need to know the route you plan to take to get there. This means you need to know what steps you need to take to get to your goals, including how long they'll take and how much they'll cost, as well as what you'll need to do to get started.

Remember, there's more than one way to get to every destination, so don't just include the most obvious routes. Try to think outside the box and include multiple options, even if you don't think you'll need them (after all, you'll never know).

Ways of being – Your modes of transportation

If you want to live your life according to a set of principles, then you need to add that to your life map. Do you want a life full of adventure, or spirituality, or do you want a life of service? Do you want to be famous, or wealthy, or calm? You may already have a pretty established way of being, but if not, that's OK – you can pick one or two that speak to you.



How to create a life map

Creating your life map may take a little time, but we're talking about fun stuff here and there's no 'right' or 'wrong', so there's no pressure. You don't have to show anyone your life map if you're not comfortable, so don't hold back – put everything on there.

Your life map can look however you want it to. It could be colourful or plain, include pictures and quotes, resemble a mood board, or just use text and descriptions. There are no rules to follow, and the most important thing is that end result works for you. At the end of this article you'll find a template you can use if you need a place to start, then follow these steps to fill it in:

Step 1 – Where are you right now?

Take a second to note down where you are – how old you are, where you live, the things you like, and the things that motivate you. You could also include your job (if you have one) or any activities you take part in, and estimate how you're going at school. This is your starting point, so it's good to be clear about where you are.

Step 2 – Choose your destinations

We recommend you try to cut it back to two or three destinations at this point – too many and your life map can become cluttered and unfocused. Once you have them, space them across your map. You may want to add some details here, like what kinds of things you'll be doing, where you'll live, what kind of house you'll live in, how much time you'll spend at work, who else is in your life, or even what kind of car you'll drive. Anything that's important to this goal should be included here – be specific.

Step 3 – Build your roadmap

For each destination, fill out a couple of routes that will get you there. If you need to finish school, get a VET qualification, or go to university, then include that along your pathway, and include details like how much the qualification will cost, and how long it will take to achieve. Most of the time you'll be able to come up with a couple of pathways that end up at the same place, so don't limit yourself to just the most obvious one. As you get further away from your starting point (and closer to your destination) you may find it more difficult to be specific, but that's OK. Just note down what you can. You may also need to branch out multiple times before you get to your destination, and that's fine too.

Step 4 – How are you going to get there?

We each have our own unique way of tackling life, and that's totally normal. Once you know where you are, where you're going, and the route you want to take, then you need to work out how you're going to make your way between the two.

For example, if you like to tackle life head-on, then you can factor that in – you may know that you'll complete your degree in the minimum time required, and are prepared to put in the hours. Or if you value balance, you may choose to combine study with part-time work and travel, taking longer to get there but seeing more on the way.

Once you have your life map, what's next?

Life maps aren't static – they're just a reflection of your thoughts and ideas at one moment in time. You can adjust your life map as you grow and change, or even scrap it completely if it doesn't make sense any more. Life can often change around us, outside of our control, and you may need to factor these changes into your map along the way.

If you want to increase your chances of reaching the destinations on your map, we recommend telling someone you trust about your plans – but if you don't feel comfortable, then you don't need to share it at all. We also recommend that you keep your life map somewhere safe and use it just like you would any other map. Refer to it when needed to keep yourself headed in the right direction.

Download the life map template



Need help starting your life map? We've created a handy template you can use. [Click here to download the PDF template.](#)

Find out more

You can find heaps more blogs and resources on study, work, and life on [Study Work Grow](#).

Personal Skills

[5 reasons to enter competitions](#)

There are tons of competitions out there, and if you're thinking of entering one, we've got some reasons why you should do it while you're still at school. Let's take a look.

Build important skills

By entering competitions, you're actually building up some pretty valuable skills. Having to stick to a deadline builds your time management skills. Writing and debating competitions are a great way to flex your communication skills. And even having the confidence to enter a competition in the first place is a skill in itself.

Looks great on your resume

We've [spoken a bit about this before](#) – if you haven't had any work experience yet and are struggling to think of things to put on your resume, competitions can look great. They can show employers what skills you've learned, as well as showing your interests and that you're willing to give things a go.

Find your strengths

Entering a variety of different competitions can help you really narrow down your strengths. You might find that you do really well in a STEM competition, spurring you on to enter even more competitions or picking STEM subjects to study at school. Competitions can also be a great way to show off your knowledge in a different environment to the classroom.

Be recognised for your talents

It always feels nice to get some recognition for things you're good at (and you might even win some cool prizes too). Even if you don't win, often you'll still receive feedback that can help you improve in the future, as well as feel good about the things you did right.

Because they're fun!

At the end of the day, a lot of competitions are just plain fun to participate in. You might find yourself designing a wacky new invention, working with your friends to start a business, or flexing your creative muscles. And you get the opportunity to meet new people and try new things, and in our books that's always a good thing.

Ready to enter now?

Hopefully these reasons have convinced you to go out and start looking for a competition (or two) to enter. You can search our competition database and find heaps of opportunities, both for school students and beyond, on our website [here](#).