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Open Days & Info Sessions

iCanMed | Summer Holiday Study Plan: How to Catch Up on UCAT Prep

Sunday 20 November 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

In this webinar, Ray, iCanMed's education advisor, will share with you the techniques and timelines that are research-proven to help you best utilise your summer break for the most effective/efficient results with reference to the following points:

- Top tips on how to catch up on the prep that you have missed since April
- How to best organise your prep with the dos and don'ts of what gets you a UCAT score high enough to earn interview spots
- A summer holidays prep plan to get you up to scratch in terms of timeline and workload distribution
- An up-to-date mini mock test containing UCAT questions based on the 2022 exam
- Comprehensive teaching to help you learn how to solve questions correctly and prepare for the UCAT intelligently

Find out more: <https://www.bigmarker.com/icanmed/summer-study-plan-1>

ICMS | Parents' Information Evening

Thursday 24 November 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

International College of Management, Manly

As a parent, you play a vital role in your child's successful transition from school to higher education. We understand that choosing where and what to study can be a daunting and stressful decision – and not just for your school leaver. The ICMS Parents Information Evening will help you to support your school leaver as they navigate the complex tertiary admissions process.

Find out more: <https://www.icms.edu.au/event/parents-Information-Evening/>

UNSW | Portfolio Entry Info Evening

Thursday 1 December 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

You're so much more than an ATAR.

With UNSW Portfolio Entry, your pathway into uni is unique – just like you.

UNSW Portfolio Entry is now offered for more UNSW degrees in 2023, providing you with the opportunity to demonstrate your passion and talent, alongside your ATAR.

Join us online to hear from UNSW staff and academics about submitting an outstanding portfolio for a range of degrees across our Faculties for study at UNSW in 2023:

- Arts, Design & Architecture Portfolio Entry
- Business School – Bachelor of Information Systems Admissions Scheme (BISAS)
- Faculty of Engineering Admissions Scheme (FEAS)
- Medicine & Health Portfolio Entry

In this interactive session we will provide tips and examples on what you need to submit and how to apply and there will be an opportunity to get all your questions answered.

This info session is for students (and parents/caregivers) who have just completed their HSC and are considering their options for university next year.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/unsw-portfolio-entry-info-evening-tickets-451603567427>

ACAP | Online Information Sessions

Monday 5 December 2022, 6:00 pm - Thursday 8 December 2022, 8:00 pm

Online

In our online information sessions you'll hear from ACAP educators and Course Advisors about the various courses you could study, what it's like to be a student, the flexible learning options and pathways available, career outcomes, and more. These sessions are highly informative and include specific course information in your areas of interest.

Find out more: <https://info.acap.edu.au/361>

William Angliss | VET Info Series: Travel, Tourism & Aviation

Tuesday 6 December 2022, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

If you love to travel and want to work in a profession that will take you places, join our info session to see which course will bring you closer to your dream career.

What you'll learn:

- Course content
- Entry requirements
- Career pathways
- Graduate student outcomes
- How Angliss can support you
- A chance to ask the program leaders questions

Find out more: <https://www.angliss.edu.au/events-hub/vet-info-series-tourism/>

WEP | Student Exchange Info Session

Tuesday 6 December 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

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: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_93LgEuq7RgSLLd0wVj8sPg

ICAT | Open Days

Wednesday 7 December 2022, 11:00 am - Saturday 10 December 2022, 4:00 pm

Macleay College, Chippendale

Find out about ICAT courses on offer, view the campus and meet the lecturers. Staff will be on hand to answer your questions regarding fees, enrolments, and career pathways in the creative arts and technology industry.

Find out more: <https://www.icat.edu.au/open-days>

University of Sydney | Exercise Sports Science and Exercise Physiology: Fit for Life

Wednesday 14 December 2022, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

Did you know you can use exercise to improve health, well-being and fitness and help manage chronic conditions, disability and injuries? This is in addition to the careers you have probably heard about, improving sporting performance and servicing elite sport. Join us for this webinar to hear more about careers in this developing area.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_EWq9nJ8ERPOyAmfRA8m-2w

University of Sydney | Info Day

Friday 16 December 2022, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

The University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus

Start your journey to Sydney. Get personalised course advice before finalising your UAC preferences, along with information sessions and campus tours. This is your chance to experience Sydney.

Register now to plan your schedule and get the most out of Info Day. We look forward to seeing you on campus!

Find out more: <https://infoday.sydney.edu.au/>

UTS | Info Day

Friday 16 December 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

University of Technology Sydney

UTS Info Day is your chance to explore your course and pathways options.

Speak 1-1 with UTS staff, attend an info session or join a campus tour to discover more about your options at UTS.

Find out more: <https://events.humanitix.com/uts-info-day>

Torrens University | Open Day

Saturday 21 January 2023, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Torrens University Australia, Ultimo Campus

Open Day gives you a taste of what we do and how we do it. Meet our academics, talk to current students and tour our campuses. We're here to help you turn your dream into your career.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/open-day/>

Workshops and Courses

NIDA | Acting 101

Monday 12 December 2022, 9:30 am - Friday 16 December 2022, 4:30 pm

NIDA - National Institute of Dramatic Art, Kensington

Sharpen your performance skills through a comprehensive workshop with a theatre practitioner drawing on NIDA acting techniques. Develop key principles of actor training, and extend into characterisation and scenework. Interpret, rehearse and present some of the most exciting writing produced for young people today.

Find out more: <https://www.open.nida.edu.au/course/OHNA1112>

Notre Dame | A Day in the Life of a Uni Student

Thursday 15 December 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

The University of Notre Dame, Sydney

You can explore student life by taking part in a variety of taster lectures, workshops and activities at either of our two Sydney Campuses.

On our Broadway Campus, get a taste of our Arts & Sciences, Business, Education, Law and Philosophy & Theology programs. On our Darlinghurst Campus, you'll discover the labs, consult rooms and simulated wards for our Nursing and Medicine programs.

No matter which location you choose, there will also be plenty of time to chat one-on-one with academics, staff and current students, take a guided campus tour and enjoy tasty treats. Our friendly Student Advisors will also be available for personalised Advice Sessions to help you understand your UAC preferences, provide specific course advice and share insights into the application process.

Find out more: <https://events.nd.edu.au/aditlsyd2022>

CCE | Years 10-12 Course: Essay Writing

Monday 16 January 2023, 8:30 am - Tuesday 17 January 2023, 4:30 pm

Sydney TBC

This two-day Essay Writing course focuses on the essay form and related critical thinking, language and punctuation skills for students in Years 10 – 12. The course is relevant to a range of subjects that require the writing of essays for assignments and exams.

Find out more: <https://cce.sydney.edu.au/course/ESH2>

Quantum Computing School Summer Camp

Monday 16 January 2023, 9:00 am - Friday 20 January 2023, 5:00 pm

Online

Applications open soon for the 2023 SQA Quantum Computing Summer Camp – delivered by Qubit by Qubit (QxQ), a leading educational organisation in quantum, in collaboration with Sydney Quantum Academy (SQA).

Join us to dive into quantum computing during our 1-week summer camp designed for high school students. Learn about the fascinating world of quantum physics, to explore quantum phenomena like superposition and entanglement.

The summer camp includes special workshops where you'll learn how to code quantum gates and circuits – the building blocks of quantum algorithms using IBM's quantum coding language, Qiskit. Held virtually on 16-20 January 2023 with a bonus day in person, the summer camp will be open to Australian high school students (9-12) and recent school leavers.

No prior quantum or coding knowledge is required or expected, and there are many full scholarships available! Scholarships are prioritised for students underrepresented in STEM.

Find out more: <https://sydneyquantum.org/programs/schools/>

ACU | Western Civilisation Program Summer School

Wednesday 18 January 2023, 12:30 pm - Friday 20 January 2023, 5:00 pm

Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

The Western Civilisation Program Summer School is a 3-day academic retreat for high school students going into Years 11 and 12 who have an interest in the liberal arts and humanities.

Led by ACU's Western Civilisation Program academics, students will engage in critical discussions about great books of the western tradition, gaining invaluable critical thinking, communication, and reading skills – all while having fun and meeting like-minded students.

The Summer School will include:

- lectures and discussions
- Year 12 exam and study skills workshops
- games, activities, socialising and more

This program is excellent preparation for your Year 12 exams and university study.

Come along and get an insight into what it's like to study ACU's Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation), and hear from current students about their experience of the program.

The program is fully funded and open to students in Years 11 and 12 from across Australia. Travel bursaries are available for students who live more than 500km from Sydney.

Registration closes Thursday 1 December.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/faculties-directorates-and-staff/faculty-of-education-and-arts/national-school-of-arts-and-humanities/western-civilisation-program/summer-school-program>

Sydney Design School | Designer for a Day Workshop

Thursday 19 January 2023, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Sydney Design School, St Leonards

Curious about what it might be like to work as an Interior Designer? We have developed the perfect one day workshop for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to find out more. You'll get hands on in our St Leonard's studios experimenting with colour and materials. Find out what it takes to become a professional Interior Designer and understand what an average day looks like on the job! You'll even jump into our 3D design studios to create your own interior space.

Find out more: <https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/designer-for-a-day-workshop/>

Quantum Australia 2023

Tuesday 21 February 2023, 9:00 am - Thursday 23 February 2023, 5:30 pm

Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park & Online

Quantum Australia Conference and Careers Fair will be held on 21 to 23 February 2023 in Sydney and online.

Australia's premier quantum industry event presented by Sydney Quantum Academy returns in 2023. The three-day online and in-person program will explore the theme '*Building the foundations for a quantum economy*'.

Join prominent quantum experts from across the globe for thought-provoking panels and presentations on the industry's latest developments and innovative collaborations.

Conference speakers and panellists will cover the state of the nation, cyber security, sustainability, quantum chemistry, commercialisation, software and hardware, the role of government and much more.

A [Careers Fair](#) will also provide potential employers with a unique opportunity to engage with Australia's in-demand emerging talent, early career researchers and students.

Find out more: <https://quantum-australia.com/quantum-australia>

Scholarships

Youth Development Scholarships 2023

Value: \$1,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: September 5, 2022 – November 30, 2022

We know there are many bright, ambitious students who want to excel in their studies. But focusing on school is not always easy, especially if you're facing challenges with your health, caring duties, home life, or the cost of education and training.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Rural and Regional Agriculture Scholarship

Value: \$3,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: November 2, 2022 – March 19, 2023

The Rural and Regional Agriculture Scholarship aims to relieve some of the financial pressure associated with relocating from home, for the purposes of obtaining a tertiary education.

[Find out more](#)

UNE The Duncan Family Scholarship in Pharmacy

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2022 – January 2, 2023

To support financially disadvantaged students studying the Bachelor of Pharmacy at UNE.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Accommodation Scholarship

Value: Accommodation fee remission

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2022 – March 1, 2023

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander full-time undergraduate students living away from their home and community. The scholarship covers the cost of accommodation provided students are on campus.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Sciences Po Dual Degree Equity Scholarship

Value: \$15,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: October 18, 2022 – January 25, 2023

This scholarship aims to provide support to students studying a Sciences Po dual degree who are experiencing disadvantage or hardship.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Harvard Crimson Global Essay Competition

The Harvard Crimson Global Essay Competition provides a platform for young, ambitious high school students to exercise their writing skills in a non-traditional environment.

This competition encourages students to challenge themselves and explore different writing styles to ultimately strengthen their writing skills.

Here's what you stand to win:

- Gain a head start on your career with an exclusive Harvard Crimson internship and a Letter of Recommendation
- Achieve global recognition as a top writer by having your essay published on the official HCGEC website and endorsed by The Harvard Crimson
- Receive generous cash prizes
- Reach individual goals with Crimson credits by Crimson Education
- Earn Harvard Merch

Registrations close 19 January 2023.

Find out more and register here: <https://www.essaycomp.org/>

The Short Story Challenge

The 17th Annual Short Story Challenge is a creative writing competition open to writers around the world. There are four rounds of competition, where writers are placed randomly in groups and are assigned a genre, subject, and character assignment, then given a short amount of time to write a story. Feedback from the judges is provided for every submission, there are thousands in cash and prizes for the winners, and the writers retain all the rights to the stories they create. Sound like fun? Join the competition!

The first round begins on 20 January 2023.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.nycmidnight.com/ssc>

Work Experience

Work Experience with Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo

Taronga Western Plains Zoo offers school work experience opportunities for students in Years 10-12 who are interested in pursuing a career in zoo keeping and animal care.

If you or your child are interested in applying, speak to your school careers adviser who will liaise with Taronga on your behalf.

Work experience undertaken at Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo allows students to:

- Observe and participate in a variety of work being done in the field of zoo keeping, animal care and education
- Undertake supervised work appropriate to the student's skill level
- Ask questions about a zoo workplace
- Gain skills related to being at work at the zoo
- Investigate training and employment opportunities with Taronga

Students will be exposed to a wide range of duties from the very interesting to the very routine, and may include:

- Cleaning (anything from windows to animal poo!)
- Preparing and distributing food for the animals
- Observing and recording animal behavioural information
- Assisting with keeper talks
- General administrative duties

Places in Taronga Western Plains Zoo work experience program are very competitive.

Applications for 2023 will remain open until Friday March 3rd, 2023 or until program reaches capacity.

[Learn more](#)

Work Experience with Taronga Zoo Sydney

Taronga Zoo Sydney offers school work experience opportunities for students in years 10 – 12 who are interested in pursuing a career in zoo keeping, animal care, tourism or zoo horticulture.

Work experience undertaken at Taronga Zoo Sydney allows students to:

- Observe a variety of work being done in the fields of zoo keeping, animal care, zoo horticulture or guest services and education
- Undertake supervised work appropriate to the student's skill level
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Careers & Jobs

Smart Reasons to Get a Summer Job

After a hectic school year and with everything else that's gone on this year, you'd be forgiven to counting down to some time out and looking forward to winding down.

Getting a summer job could be the last thing on your mind.

If you give the benefits of a summer job some thought, you might just change your mind and start reaching for the classifieds. We've put together a list of 10 reasons why you might like find some employment over the summer months.

10 Smart Reasons to Get a Summer Job

1. Feel more **confident** applying for jobs and attending interviews
2. Help you build an impressive **resume** which could make you stand out to future employers, or make your uni application more competitive
3. **Learn** all kinds of new skills – some you might not even realise you’re doing, like prioritising and multi-tasking
4. Gain **insight** into different jobs, find out if there’s something you’d like to explore further, or put it on the “no thanks” list
5. Getting a job during high school *will* give you an **advantage** over people who wait until after graduation to land a job
6. Develop and practise **life skills** including, time management, patience, communication, customer service, people skills, collaboration, team work, good work ethic, leadership, and problem solving
7. **Professional networking** – this could guarantee you a job to come back to in future, or secure you a part time job while you study, get you a great reference, or through word of mouth could get you an even bigger and shinier job offer.
8. Earn your own **spending money** to do with exactly as you’d like, help out at home, or put towards your savings for a car, gap year or uni expenses.
9. Get familiar with entitlements, taxes, banking, budgeting and other essential parts of **becoming an adult**
10. Getting a summer job could help you assert your independence, **boost** your self-confidence, help you to learn more about your capabilities, and might even [give you some ideas about what you want \(or don’t want\) to do next](#).

Every job is valuable

You might think that showing up to work flipping burgers or serving up ice creams won’t benefit you much at all, but aside from earning some cash, it could teach you how to motivate yourself (getting up each day to do something you’re not mad about), work hard, prioritise tasks, and achieve goals. Plus you could make new friends and have some fun along the way.

At the end of the day life is all about balance. So there’s no need to find a job that has you slaving away from sun-up till sun-down, seven days a week. Something part time and flexible will give you all the benefits, plus allow you the time you’d like to enjoy the summer break.

It’s not too late, but lots of employers have already started advertising and filling positions so you might like to get organised soon.

Further Learning

Rise Challenge

Rise is a program that finds brilliant people who need opportunity and supports them for life as they work to serve others.

The program starts at ages 15–17 and offers access to benefits that last a lifetime including scholarships, mentorship, access to career development opportunities, funding, and more as Global Winners work toward solving humanity’s most pressing problems.

Everyone who applies joins a global community of leaders and gains access to free online courses and opportunities from our partners around the world.

Applications to the program are free, and there is no cost to Rise Global Winners or their families to participate in the Rise program.

Applications are open now and close 25 January 2023.

Find out more: <https://www.risefortheworld.org/>

UNSW GIE FEAS Program

The GIE FEAS Program is a new alternate pathway program for female-identifying high school students in Year 11 and 12 (school year 2023) who will be applying for an eligible engineering degree at UNSW Sydney and expecting an ATAR within the FEAS eligibility* range.

If you're a student who wants to make a difference in the world, has an interest in helping others and would love to learn how engineering can solve problems in disadvantaged communities, then this program is for you!

If you are a student in Years 7 to 10 (school year 2023), you can still register for the program however you will not be able to commence the program until you are in Year 11. You will be alerted by email when you become eligible for the program.

Please note you must be a member of the [GIE Club](#) to participate in the GIE FEAS Program.

Places in the program are capped at 100, so register now!

Find out more: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/engineering/study-with-us/girls-engineering-club/gie-feas-program>

**Most FEAS degrees require a minimum ATAR of 83.00.*

SciX@UNSW 2023

The SciX program supports Science Extension students and other keen high school students to complete their research projects.

UNSW have designed a set of tools, resources and equipment to help you investigate your chosen research topic. The research projects are overseen by academic research staff and are delivered primarily by research PhD students.

You'll be placed into a small group of students and focus on a particular research area and technique. Your group mentors will introduce you to research and tools at the frontier of scientific knowledge, supporting you in developing your individual hypothesis and carrying out an independent research project.

In addition to a one-week summer school, SciX offers you:

- online project-specific pre-work and readings
- online research skills training
- online programming training
- three Zoom Q&A opportunities in late November/early December, late February and early May

Registrations for SciX@UNSW 2023 will close at 11:59pm on Friday 16 December.

Find out more: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/science/study-with-us/scix-school-extension-program>

Resources

Youth at the Zoo

Taronga's Youth at the Zoo program (YATZ) gives teens the opportunity to learn more about how our Zoos operate, develop skills for the future and spend time with like-minded people who share a passion for animals and conservation.

The program is open to teens aged 13 – 19 years old. Members will have the opportunity to take part in a range of training programs, volunteer their time with our Guest Services team or at Special Events, take part in campaigns, interact with Zoo guests, attend Social Nights and so much more.

As our YATZ get older they can even put up their hand for additional responsibilities like training for our overnight programs, or becoming a Leader or Mentor for younger YATZ.

Find out more and express your interest in joining the program here: <https://taronga.org.au/work-at-taronga/youth-at-the-zoo>

Staying Safe at Schoolies

At the end of Year 12, you deserve your well earned celebration. Whatever you've got lined up, we hope you have an amazing time.

Although you probably don't need reminding, we've put together a few tips and resources you might like to read before you head off.

Your parents will also feel happier when you tell that that you've done your due diligence and are all prepared – winning!

Before Schoolies starts:

Planning ahead could help ensure that you have a drama free, full fun time.

- Leave a copy of your bank card details at home in case you lose it and have to cancel it, and take your bank contact details with you so that you can report lost or stolen cards
- Make sure you'll have enough money to cover all the essentials while you're away, including an emergency stash
- Know where you're staying and how you'll be getting there
- Plan a safe place you can store any important documents or valuables while you're away
- Remember your phone charger and make sure you have plenty of credit/data, so that you can stay in touch with home or call for help if you need to
- When you've booked your accommodation make sure your parents or carers have a copy of the details – they'll want to know where you are and it could be handy if you have any problems with your booking

What to pack

We've no doubt you'll take enough outfits to last (hopefully enough socks and jocks too), but you might also need:

- Your ID
- Phone charger
- A hat, sunscreen and mozzie repellent
- Some comfy shoes
- Small first aid kit – band aids and paracetamol at least
- Any medications or prescriptions you might need
- Snacks and emergency food; muesli bars, noodles, cup-a-soups for example
- A reusable water bottle is a good idea – staying hydrated is really important
- Sharing a room? You might want a sleep mask or ear plugs

Heading overseas?

Now that borders have opened back up and you can travel overseas again, remember these useful tips:

- Got all your vaccinations?
- Scan or take photos of your itinerary and travel documents, have a copy with you and leave a copy with someone at home too
- Get an international SIM card or make sure you have a way of contacting someone back home (international calls can be expensive!)
- Organise some travel insurance and make sure you keep a note of the phone number and your policy
- Know what you need to if there's an emergency

We also recommend you take a look at the resources on [Smart Traveller](#) for school leavers looking to head overseas for Schoolies.

Staying safe at Schoolies

- Make sure someone always knows where you are going and when to expect you back – ideally go out with at least one other person or in a group
- Have a way of staying in touch with your parents and contacting them in an emergency. Remember it's [FREE to use public pay phones across Australia](#) now. You could give your parents contact details to a couple of your friends going away with you (and their parents too if you know them).
- When you're out and about, stay with your friends and have a plan to meet up at a certain time and place if you get split up
- Be careful about who you tell where you are staying – you could arrange to meet new friends in a public place rather than at your accommodation – and who you let into your room
- Plan how you will get back to your accommodation and make sure you'll have enough money left at the end of the night to follow your plan
- If you're walking around late at night, stick to well-lit areas
- Don't leave your drinks unattended or accept drinks from strangers
- There's plenty of help around if you need it, so don't be afraid to ask police, security, emergency services, officials and volunteers

There's other tips about how to party safely and avoid potential dangers, plus what to do in an emergency [here](#).

Get more information and useful contact numbers if you're attending schoolies in [Victoria](#), [Queensland](#), or specifically [Gold Coast](#), [Byron Bay](#), [Airlie Beach](#), or [Bali](#).

Have fun!

OK, so we probably don't need to remind you about this one. But just keep in mind our top 3 recommendations for a great schoolies:

- Use your common sense
- Drink heaps of water
- Think twice about what you post on social media

You're bound to make some fantastic memories and have an absolute blast.

Job Spotlight

[How to become a Graphic Designer](#)

Graphic Designers are professionals who design and create images, typography, animations, and other forms of visual work for all types of media, from print to television.

Artistic and creative with a large splash of computer skills? If that describes you, then there's a good chance a career as a Graphic Designer would suit you.

About you:

- Creative and innovative
- A whiz with technology
- Great time management
- Excellent communication skills
- Knowledge of typography
- Attention to detail

The job:

- Meet with clients or art directors to understand project requirements, scope, and budget
- Advise strategies for targeting audiences
- Determine the message to be conveyed
- Design the images that convey the message or develop graphics for illustrations, websites, and logos
- Choose branding – font, colour palette, images, layout, etc.
- Present the project to the client/director
- Make edits if required
- Publish the work to a quality determined by the project

Lifestyle Impact: Low

- Part Time opportunities: Moderate – around 32% of Graphic Designers work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 42 hours a week, which is average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Graphic Designers' salary (median) \$58,200* per year (source: ato.gov.au). *Salaries can vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Very strong (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You will be doing most of your work indoors, using computers and other technology.

Graphic Designers are most in demand in these locations:

Many Graphic Designers work in metropolitan areas and capital cities, but using technology means there is also the possibility to work remotely or from home any where in the world. Most Graphic Designers work in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry.

How to become a Graphic Designer in Australia

While there are no formal qualifications necessary, having a VET or university qualification can boost your skills and employability.

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a focus on English and Maths. Arts and Design can also be beneficial.

Step 2 – Consider undertaking a relevant VET qualification, such as:

- [Certificate IV in Design](#)
- [Diploma of Graphic Design](#)
- [Advanced Diploma of Graphic Design](#)

Step 3 – Consider upskilling with a university-level qualification, such as a Bachelor of Design.

Step 4 – Get lots of hands-on experience and build up a portfolio of works to show to potential clients.

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

Find out more here –

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

<https://www.design.org.au/>

<http://australiandesignalliance.com/>

Similar Careers to Graphic Designer

Visual Artist
Web Designer
UX Designer
Illustrator
Curator
Signwriter
Photographer

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What options are there for career progression?

As your portfolio grows, you might attract bigger clients, and eventually work for some high profile brands and companies. You might even like to start your own design firm and employ others.

Do I need to go to university to become a Graphic Designer?

Not necessarily. VET qualifications are often satisfactory, and if you have an impressive portfolio, formal qualifications might not be necessary at all.

Where do Graphic Designers work?

Graphic Designers can work in private firms, where they are hired by companies or individuals, or in-house for a company. You could also work freelance or from your own home.

What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Graphic Designer?

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

1. Take short courses and workshops to build on your design skills. Learn about colour theory, typography, visual balance, and a variety of other design fundamentals.
2. See if you can find work experience in arts or design. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
3. Talk to a Graphic Designer 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 design.

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