



## 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>

### ➤ **INDIGENOUS CAREERS IN GOVERNMENT EXPO**

1 August 2019, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

National Centre of Indigenous Excellence, Redfern

The Indigenous Careers in Government Expo is an opportunity to have a yarn and:

- hear about Indigenous Career Pathways, including Internships and Graduate roles
- meet Indigenous Graduates and Employees sharing their stories
- participate in Speaker Sessions
- connect with a variety of Government departments and gain understanding of the diverse roles across the sectors
- build your professional networks and learn more about Indigenous Careers in Government

Find out more: <https://www.indigenouscareers.gov.au/indigenous-careers-government-expo>

### ➤ **WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY | PENRITH CAMPUS TOUR**

2 August 2019, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Western Sydney University Penrith Campus

Come and explore all Western Sydney University has to offer. On the first Friday of each month we open our doors to prospective students, their family and the general public. Take one of our guided Campus Tours and see what life at Western is really like.

You'll take a tour of our lecture theatres and teaching facilities, stroll through our campus libraries, take in our various food outlets and have the opportunity to learn more about the various degrees on offer, course selection, living on campus and university life.

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/campus-tours.html>

### ➤ **NSW POLICE RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSION – PARRAMATTA**

10 August 2019, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

NSW Police Headquarters - The Curtis Cheng Centre

Come and join us for an information session about the NSW Police Force recruitment process.

There will be speakers from the NSW Police Force and Charles Sturt University who will provide an overview of the academic and professional suitability requirements for entry into the NSW Police Force including information on the University Certificate in Workforce Essentials (UCWE) and the Police Academy. Recruitment Officers will be on hand to discuss your current or future application and to answer specific questions relating to the process.

Physical Training Instructors will also be available to discuss the physical testing standards, medical requirements and tips for training.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-police-recruitment-information-session-parramatta-tickets-59935754455>

### ➤ **SAE | MASTER OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES WEBINAR**

14 August 2019, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Online

SAE's Master of Creative Industries can help creators like you become a leader in your field.

This unique course offers a flexible and interdisciplinary online learning experience whilst fostering collaboration with like-minded creative peers across the SAE network. You'll also get unlimited access to SAE's state-of-the-art facilities and equipment across Australia and the world. The Master's webinar gives you an insight into the program and how SAE can help you realise your creative potential.

Find out more: <https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/webinar-master-of-creative-industries/?date=2019-08-14&id=1127>

### ➤ **ANU | WEBINAR: MANAGEMENT AT ANU**

15 August 2019, 4:00 pm Online

Join staff from the Research School of Management at the ANU College of Business and Economics for this exclusive webinar to learn about:

- An in depth look into the suite of Management programs we offer at the ANU including the MBA
- Information on our teaching and research strengths in Management
- Our engagement with industry and the opportunities available to students studying Management

Our academic staff will be available live to answer any questions you may have!

Find out more: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/webinar-management-at-anu>

### ➤ **ANU | WEBINAR: DEEP DIVE INTO ANU ENGINEERING DEGREES**

22 August 2019, 5:00 pm Online

Have you ever wondered what sets apart engineering at ANU from other universities?

Join the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science for a live webinar, where we will provide you with detailed information about our engineering degrees, unique courses, program structure and career outcomes.

Most importantly you will be able to directly interact with our course convenors, academics, students and staff and ask any questions you may have about studying at the #1 university in Australia.

Find out more: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/webinar-deep-dive-into-anu-engineering-degrees>

### ➤ **TORRENS UNIVERSITY | VIRTUAL OPEN DAY**

27 August 2019, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Online

Join Torrens University at Open Day online!

Virtual Open Day is a customised event that is designed for you to get a feel for the Torrens online study environment and decide whether it's right for you.

Get all your questions answered from the comfort of your own home.

**Chat:** Live chat directly with Academics and Course & Career Advisors. Meet students in our virtual lounge and get all your questions answered.

**Explore courses:** Explore online study options in Business, Education, Design, Technology, Hospitality & Health.

**Resources:** Gain access to our video and resource library and explore the virtual campus!

Don't miss Torrens' Virtual Open Day to find out everything you want to know about what it's like to study at Torrens University Australia.

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

### ➤ **PLANNING AHEAD: YOUR US & UK APPLICATION TIMELINE**

28 August 2019, 6:30 pm - Northside Conference Centre

Are you in Year 9, 10 or 11 and thinking about applying to universities like Harvard, Stanford, Oxford or Cambridge?

The single biggest mistake Australian students make is leaving the application too late.

Many students try to start their overseas application during a busy Year 12. With a steady stream of exams, many students simply don't have time to put together every element of their US or UK application.

At this event, expert speakers from Crimson Education will use successful student case studies to map out all the steps you can take to give yourself the best chance of gaining admission to top US & UK universities.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/planning-ahead-your-us-uk-application-timeline-syd-registration-65144649400>

### ➤ **INSPIRING APPRENTICES IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR**

18 September 2019, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Bowman Hall, Campbell Street, Blacktown

This is an opportunity for male and female school students to interact informally with industry professionals and employers in a speed career networking activity and by visiting information tables over light refreshments.

The intent of this event is:

- To broaden school students' awareness of career options and pathways in the Construction/Built Environment sector
- To inspire students to embrace their potential through various education pathways
- To promote construction related Apprenticeship and other pathways to young people (Including domestic construction, commercial, civil, plumbing, electrical, landscaping, bricklaying)

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/inspiring-apprentices-in-the-construction-sector-tickets-64580251270>

### ➤ **INTUITIVE INK WORKSHOP BY LAURA BRIGHT**

3 August 2019, 2:00 pm - 3:50 pm

THE SPACE Gallery, Rosebery

During this three hour class, you will learn a variety of alcohol ink techniques demonstrated by Laura herself, the process of letting go and allowing your intuition to drive you in your creative process and create a variety of your very own alcohol ink paintings on Yupo paper that you can take home with you.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/intuitive-ink-workshop-by-laura-bright-tickets-63098042945>

### ➤ **NATIONAL SKILLS WEEK 2019 – NSW LAUNCH**

27 August 2019, 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Four Seasons Hotel, The Rocks

Join Skills One for a celebration of the diversity and talent that can be found in Vocational Education and Training.

This event should not be missed! 3 hours of spectacular food and beverage, entertainment, surprises, networking and a silent auction. The event will be used to support the Galvin Foundation which provides scholarships for Vocational Students to undertake global experiences and opportunities in their studies.

Find out more:

<https://nationalskillsweeknsw.simpletix.com/SimpleTixExpress/Events/EventSectionDetail.aspx>

### ➤ **NEW SPACE-FOCUSSED SHORT COURSES AT SWINBURNE**

Swinburne University is preparing to launch two new short courses that are focussed on the space industry. They will be aimed at researchers, consultants, entrepreneurs and legal professionals looking to work in and with these fast-growing industries. The two new courses will be “Space Applications in the Australian Context” and “Space Regulatory Frameworks”. They are the first of their kind to be offered by an Australian University. The space industry is growing in importance globally. Opportunities in this industry include artificial intelligence, robotics, big data analytics and next-generation communications.

Swinburne will be launching the new courses in August.

Read more about the new courses [here](#).

### ➤ **NICHOLAS PURCELL STUDIO SCHOLARSHIP FOR CREATIVE PRACTICE**

Value: \$3,500

Open/Closing Dates: 01/07/2019 – 30/11/2019

This scholarship celebrates the creative arts. Nicholas Purcell Studio believes in supporting high achieving students in the creative practices through a scholarship aimed to recognise, support, enrich and reward these students.

Selection criteria

1. Enrolled into any Higher Education institution studying any creative practice degree either full-time or part-time.
2. Evidence of Undergraduate academic record.
3. Applicants to include online link to their work.
4. Applicants to outline what they would use their prize winnings for ie to purchase paint etc.
5. Applications will be evaluated on the strength of their work.

[Find out more.](#)

### ➤ **MONASH RELOCATION GRANT**

Value: \$2,000 Open/Closing Dates: 05/08/2019 – 11/10/2019

Do you live outside Victoria? You may be eligible for this grant if you have a low income, are an Indigenous Australian, or attend an under-represented school. Recipients will receive \$2000 to assist with relocation costs. Submit a scholarship application through VTAC now.

**You must be one of the following:**

- An Australian citizen
- A New Zealand citizen
- Australian permanent resident
- Australian humanitarian visa holder

**You must meet the following criteria:**

- Commencing an on-campus undergraduate degree at a Monash campus in Australia
- A current interstate resident, as demonstrated by the address on your VTAC scholarship application
- Have a low income, attend a [Monash listed under-represented school](#), or are an [Indigenous Australian](#)

[Find out more.](#)

### ➤ **WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP**

Value: \$5,000 per year

Open/Closing Dates: 18/04/2019 – 13/03/2020

The Opportunity Scholarships aim to assist individuals in the Western Sydney region who face economic, social or other disadvantage which makes university participation very difficult.

Applicants must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- reside in or have undertaken their Higher School Certificate (HSC) in [Western Sydney](#)
- demonstrate academic potential through a minimum ATAR of 80 or equivalent
- be able to demonstrate financial or other hardship
- be applying for any undergraduate degree at the University OR be currently enrolled in a full-time or part-time undergraduate degree and have maintained a minimum Grade Point Average of 5 (credit average)
- Non-current school leaver applicants will be considered on the basis of work experience and educational qualifications

[Find out more.](#)

### ➤ **INTERNATIONAL SONGWRITING COMPETITION**

The International Songwriting Competition is now on!

ISC is an opportunity for both amateur and professional musicians and songwriters to gain international exposure and win some great prizes. The competition has one of the most prestigious judging panels, including artists such as Coldplay, Dua Lipa and The Script. Artists from all around the world are invited to enter for their chance to win. Previous winners include Vance Joy, Gotye, Bastille and Kate Miller-Heidke. **Entries are open until Wednesday 18 September.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://songwritingcompetition.com>

### ➤ **CRC CARE HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY COMPETITION**

The CRC CARE High School Essay Competition aims to inspire young students to recognise the importance of a clean environment to our wellbeing and to understand how easily human activities can jeopardise environmental sustainability. CRC CARE performs scientific research to help stop or clean up contamination of our soil, water and air. Your essay can help! Entries are open to Australian school students in Years 7 to 12. The best essay on each topic, judged on its writing quality, interest, newsworthiness, and scientific accuracy, will receive a cash prize and a trip to Adelaide for the CleanUp 2019 conference gala dinner (prizewinners must be accompanied to the gala dinner by a parent/legal guardian, at their parent/guardian's own expense).

To enter, download the entry form and write an essay of 500 to 1000 words from either of two categories:

- The Dr Roneal Naidu award on chemical contamination and its effect on food quality and human health (\$1000 prize)
- The CRC CARE award for writing on contamination of our planet: how can we ensure a clean and safe environment for future generations? (\$500 prize).

**Entries are open until Thursday 22 August.**

Find out more and enter [here](#).

### ➤ **WIN A VIP EXPERIENCE AT ADFA OPEN DAY**

Enter now for your chance to win a unique two-day trip of discovery to Australia's only Tri-Service academic and military training establishment – includes flights and accommodation. On top of a personalised opportunity to spend 23 – 24 August exploring ADFA and learning everything you need to know about living and studying at the Academy, you'll also enjoy:

- Free flights and accommodation
- VIP tour + meet and greet
- Hands-on equipment experience

**The competition is open until Wednesday 31 July.**

If you are aged between 16 – 22 and thinking about joining the defence force, this could be the opportunity for you. All you need to do is enter online [here](#).

## CAREERS & JOBS

### ➤ NATIONAL SKILLS WEEK 2019

National Skills Week is on again in 2019, running from Monday 26 to Sunday 1 August. National Skills Week is a time to promote and celebrate careers and pathways in Vocational Training and Education (VET). The theme for 2019 is *Succeed Your Way*.

There are events held across Australia that you can attend to learn more about training, pathways and career outcomes. Hear stories from people who have achieved their goals. Their website is also full of information and videos that you can watch to learn more about VET.

You can also head over to the SkillsOne website to check out hundreds of videos about trades and skills.

*“National Skills Week is an exciting opportunity to celebrate and reflect on how important Vocational Education and Training (VET) is to our nation and the lives of individual Australians.”*

**Senator The Hon. Simon Birmingham**

Minister for Education and Training

You can visit the National Skills Week website here: <http://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au/>

### ➤ YOUNG ARTISTS NEEDED FOR WALK THE WALLS FESTIVAL

Walk the Walls is a three-day festival that will involve artists revitalising graffitied and vandalised parts of Cronulla by producing new and spectacular street art.

The Sutherland Shire Council is currently taking expressions of interest from young artists who would like to be involved in this event. You will have the opportunity to work alongside a professional artist and other young artists to produce a mural at festival.

This year the festival will run from Friday 8 to Sunday 10 November.

Find out more about how you can apply [here](#).

### ➤ APPRENTICE TECHNICIAN WITH TESLA

MEGT have partnered with Tesla to offer two Apprentice Technician positions in Sydney.

Working alongside dedicated and experienced Tesla Technicians, you will gain valuable hands on experience working with this amazing product that is revolutionising the automotive industry, and be on your way to building a successful career in a booming industry.

As a first year Apprentice Technician, your duties will include:

- Maintaining the workshop
- Basic service work and inspection of new cars
- Updating and maintaining records and expenses
- Maintaining vehicle cleanliness
- Complete in-depth brand training
- Attending TAFE once a week and working towards Cert 3 Auto Electrical

If you are interested, find out more and apply [here](#).

### ➤ 2020 BLUESCOPE APPRENTICESHIPS

Applications are now open for Apprenticeships starting in January 2020 with BlueScope in Port Kembla. They are currently seeking applications for Engineering (Mechanical) and Electrical apprenticeships.

You will earn a nationally recognised qualification while completing on-the-job training, and get paid for it.

Applications are open until Sunday 18 August.

Find out more and apply for the Engineering Apprenticeship [here](#).

Find out more and apply for the Electrical Apprenticeship [here](#).

### ➤ STUDY UNI AT HIGH SCHOOL

Some Universities have programs that allow high school students to take University Units whilst you're still at high school.

They're designed to do a few things:

- Encourage you to pursue a tertiary education
- Get a taste for a course and see whether you like it (or not)
- Ease your transition from Year 12 into Uni

Some of the courses will even give you credits towards your first year at Uni, that could mean you have less work to do once you get there.

**Courses available include:**

**High Performing Students Program UoN** – designed to give exceptional high school students the opportunity to get a 'taste' of tertiary education by undertaking first year university courses while still at school. It's delivered at Merewether High School but is open to students from all schools in the region.

Benefits include:

- individual learning plans
- career discussions
- industry visits

You'll enrol in University of Newcastle courses and become university students. With access to University facilities, including the libraries and educational technologies – such as Blackboard. Courses are 15 weeks long, cost \$400 and on successful completion, students are eligible for a credit transfer in a relevant university degree program.

Dates for 2020 haven't been uploaded yet, but expression of interest for next year will be required in early February 2020, keep an eye on the website for updates. This year [Expression of Interest Forms](#) were due by Friday 8 February 2019.

There are no age restrictions for enrolment but you'll have to show you're mature and committed.

**UNSW – High School Computing** for year 10, 11 or 12 students who'd like to get a head-start into the world of coding and programming. You'll complete the course alongside your school work and get a feel for university – while starting to build your degree. You don't need any prior experience – this short course is developed for high school students who have an interest in computer science, engineering and robotics.

Complete the course and go on to enrol in a UNSW Bachelor of Engineering or Science degree, you will not have to undertake the equivalent first year course COMP1511\*, which means you'll be able to undertake an additional elective course of your choice. In principle, this means that you can start your computing degree before finishing high school.

Courses run from February – June. **Applications close early February.**

**ACU – Uni Step-Up** allows students to study a first-year unit while you're still in Year 11 or Year 12. Study options are available in [NSW](#). Credit is given to students who enter ACU in the future, choosing a relevant path of study. Contact 02 9701 4606 for more information or to register your interest.

**Macquarie – Gifted and Talented Entry Program** giving Year 10 high achieving students the opportunity to enrol at Macquarie while still at high school.

If you successfully complete your unit/s with the necessary GPA, the door could be opened to an early offer for a Macquarie University degree.

You'll also get a head start on everyone else with completed units already under your belt.

**Applications for 2020 open in September 2019.**

**Uni Melbourne – Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program** is an academic enrichment program designed to support high achieving Victorian Year 11 and Year 12, and *select secondary students living close to the New South Wales and South Australian borders.*

Experience university life and take part in a range of academic events and activities, plus get a head start on your future studies and career.

When you finish your secondary studies, you could also be offered a guaranteed place in an undergraduate degree, financial assistance to move to Melbourne, and an overseas scholarship during your studies. **Applications open Monday 2 September 2019.**

If you're interested in getting a head start on Uni, or you just want to find out if you'll like it, you can read more about the programs and how to apply on the links provided.

### ➤ **VOLUNTEER AT THE COLOR RUN**

Volunteering at the Happiest 5k on the planet is a great day out and an awesome way to meet other people like yourself, plus you'll bag yourself a super-cool volunteer t-shirt! You'll also be looked after with food, drinks and loads of colorful fun.

There are several volunteer roles you can be joining in the fun with:

- General Helpers
- Packet Pick-up
- Color Zone

You can currently register as a volunteer for Color Run events in the Gold Coast, Perth, Sydney and Melbourne.

Find out more and apply here: <https://thecolorrun.com.au/volunteer>

### **,LOP000000 ARE YOU MOVING AWAY TO STUDY?**

If you are moving away from home to begin your study, you may be entitled to claim Fare Allowance from Centrelink.

Fare Allowance can help you cover the costs of transport if you need to travel for your study. If you study on campus, you can use the allowance for all of these:

- 1 trip from your home to your place of study per year
- 1 trip from your place of study to your home per year
- 1 additional return trip home per year once you've received your payment for over 6 months for tertiary study.

To get Fares Allowance you must be both:

- a tertiary student
- getting Youth Allowance, Austudy or Pensioner Education Supplement.

You can read more about Fare Allowance and find out if you're eligible [here](#).

### **ATAR PREP | 5 TIPS**

Exams might not start until Term 4, but it's probably not the best idea to leave everything until then.

If you're not already organised and started your revision already, here's some ideas of how you can start preparing for your exams now.

#### **1. Forward Planning**

Check and then double check all your exam dates, deadlines for course work to be submitted, and uni application key dates.

Put them in your diary / calendar. Set reminders if you think you'll need them.

Don't leave yourself open to be ambushed by last minute deadlines popping up.

#### **2. Work smarter not harder**

Speak to your teachers and find out where you should be focusing your efforts.

Make a revision / study plan to make sure nothing is left undone.

Stick to the plan.

Leave time for recreation, all work and no play isn't realistic or particularly helpful – you could burn-out before the exams.

#### **3. Practise**

Find past HSC exams and as part of your revision time, do the tests.

You'll find out if there are any gaps in your knowledge that you need to address *before* you get into the exam. In addition, you'll be familiarising yourself with the papers, get used to reading the questions properly and make sure you can complete an exam within the allocated time.

It'll help you revise, and if you get nervous about exams, it could help relieve some of that anxiety about them.

### 4. Mix it up

Study intensively for short periods. Take breaks. Have time out to relax and enjoy hobbies or do extra-curricular events.

Or, do something useful like research Universities and courses, apprenticeships, TAFE etc., and get a head start on your application(s). Look for scholarships and other financial aids that you could apply for. Investigate accommodation options.

Use your time wisely and you could not only get a break from school work, but you could reduce the stressors as you get closer to exam time.

### 5. Stay healthy

Had your flu jab yet? If not, maybe that could go on your to do list.

Make sure you look after yourself physically and mentally – stay hydrated, eat well (treat yourself from time to time too), get enough sleep and some exercise.

Don't let things build up, talk to someone and get help if you're struggling or anxious. There are lots of people ready to help you.

And lastly, **don't panic**. You might feel like there is a lot of pressure on you right now, but your life will not be defined by your ATAR / OP results.

### ➤ NESA 2019 HSC INFORMATION

For students in NSW in Years 11 and 12, NESA have a host of information available to help ensure you don't miss out on anything important.

All the [2019 HSC Key Dates](#) are listed, including exam dates, links to [HSC showcases and exhibitions](#) of student work.

Exams start in Term 4 from Thursday **17 October** 2019 and the last exams are on Monday **11 November** 2019.

Your **HSC results** will be released on Tuesday 17 December 2019.

They've also released the [2019 HSC Exam Timetable](#), which tells you:

- how to access your personalised exam timetable online from NESA
- what the HSC rules are
- what you're allowed to take into each exam, so make sure you check what you can take in for your subjects

And there's an overall exam timetable if you want to see when your exams are taking place.

### ➤ NEW MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR HSC IN 2020

Starting from 2020, high school students in New South Wales will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC.

Students will need to complete a series of short online reading, writing and numeracy tests and achieve a minimum Level 3 or 4 to meet the minimum standard. You can attempt each test twice a year starting in Year 10.

The standard will be introduced to help improve the literacy and numeracy of students, and ensure that they have the basic skills required for life after school. For example, regardless of your plans for after school, you are going to need some math skills to make sure you get a good deal on your mobile phone plan.

Year 12 students in 2020 don't need to sit the reading, writing or numeracy tests if they achieved Band 8 or above in the respective 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN tests. From 2021 and onwards, it will be compulsory to complete the online tests.

If you don't meet the minimum standard, you will not be able to receive a HSC. However, you don't need to meet the HSC minimum standard to:

- study HSC courses
- sit HSC exams
- receive HSC assessment and exam results
- receive an ATAR
- receive a Record of School Achievement.

You can read more about the upcoming changes

here: <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard>

You can also read about what each short test will involve and look at example questions

here: <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard/online-tests>

### ➤ **GAP YEAR WITH TOTALLY TRAVEL**

Totally Travel offers overseas holidays and volunteering experiences, including wildlife care, teaching English, and helping children in countries around the world.

You can experience local culture in a variety of countries across Asia, South America and Africa. The trips can vary in length from anywhere between 2 weeks and an entire year.

If you are interested you can find out more about the trips on offer

here: <https://www.totallytravel.com.au>

### ➤ **SCHOOLIES UNEARTHED**

Looking for a unique and exciting way to spend schoolies? Schoolies Unearthed offer amazing experiences to Vanuatu, Vietnam, Borneo and Nepal.

Go island hopping and spend your days relaxing at the beach, become involved in the local community, or challenge yourself to a trek through the Himalayas; these are all things you can experience through Schoolies Unearthed. Celebrate finishing school in a special way with friends both old and new.

Interested? Find out more here: <https://www.schooliesunearthed.com.au/>

## ➤ ATAR PREP | PAST PAPERS

A great way to revise, is to find past exam papers and do them.

**Why?** Because practise could really help you improve your performance in exams.

**Take it seriously:** Pretend you're in an exam, set the timer and get the questions answered. Then mark your papers to see how you've done.

If you can't find any resources that show the answers, you can go through your text books, use google, or ask a teacher to go over your practise papers for you.

That way you'll be able to focus on any areas that you still need to work on. If you're doing really well, it'll also give you a boost and allow you to spend more time on other subjects that you're maybe finding trickier.

### **Other benefits**

- Get familiar with the paper layout
- Practise answering all the questions within the allocated time
- Understand what the examiners will be looking for, which could help you revise more effectively

By the time you're actually heading into your exam, you might find you're not as nervous as usual, because you're more at ease with what's expected of you.

### **Past papers from Curriculum and Assessment Authorities:**

Here are the links to some of the past papers that we've found.

[Higher School Certificate Courses – NESA](#), [HSC Exam Past Papers – NESA](#), (NSW)

## **JOB SPOTLIGHT**

### ➤ INTERIOR DESIGNER

#### **What do they do?**

Interior Designers plan, design and coordinate the creation or renovation of spaces to live or work in. Incorporating individual clients' tastes, as well as functional purpose, into their designs (and budgets). Using elements of design, decoration, safety, traffic flow, building structure, building codes, ergonomics, spatial concepts, and psychology to complete a project.

Interior designers may be self-employed or work for design and architectural firms.

Collaborating with architects, builders, cabinet makers and other tradespeople, engineers and design consultants. Fields of specialisation include commercial interior design, industrial design, environmentally-friendly and ergonomic design, as well as film set design and construction.

If you love decorating rooms and positioning furniture, have a great eye for detail, colour and spatial arrangements, a career in interior design could be perfect for you.

#### **Duties:**

- Meeting with clients, architects and tradespeople to discuss the needs of the client
- Developing designs that meet the brief, are functional, appealing and appropriate for the space
- Incorporate building safety, planning, and other legal requirements

- Use design software to create models and visuals
- Prepare and administer tenders and contract documents
- Research and prepare plans, diagrams and sketches for interior constructions, materials, finishes, lighting and furnishing
- Select suppliers for materials and labour
- Estimate costs and submit quotes for client approval
- Inspect and supervise on-going work to ensure quality and safety standards, costs and deadlines are met
- Design exhibitions, commercial display stands or stage, film and television production sets.

### **Skills required:**

- People person
- Excellent communication skills, especially listening
- Creative and artistic
- Good at problem-solving and lateral thinking
- Work well independently and as part of a team
- Aptitude for technical drawing and illustration
- Spatial planning
- Project management
- Use of design software (e.g. AUTOCAD)

### **Pathways**

A degree from university or recognised interior design institution in applied design, interior design, interior architecture or spatial design (ensure the course covers documentation).

**or**

A TAFE Diploma in Interior Design and Decoration in conjunction with a TAFE Building and Drafting course.

To get into these courses you may need to a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education with English and mathematics.

You may also be required to attend an interview and submit a portfolio of design work.

**Average salary** average interior designer salary is AU\$60,060 per year, excluding bonuses.  
(Source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

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