



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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Cobar Defence Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force Location: Cobar RSL Date: April 3, 2025 Consider a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force. Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you? Find out more and register

Albury Defence Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force Location: Albury ADF Careers Centre Date: April 3, 2025 Consider a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force. Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you? Find out more and register

Blacktown Exercise Sports and Technology Hub (BEST) guided tour

Organisation: Australian Catholic University **Location:** ACU Blacktown Campus **Date:** April 3, 2025 Did you want to take a deeper dive into Sport and Exercise Science or High Performance Sport at ACU?

Join us for a discipline-specific guided visit at the BEST Hub, a \$100m state of-the-art health and performance facility at the Blacktown International Sports Park.

You'll be shown around the facility by expert academic staff, meet current students and see our cutting-edge biomechanical and exercise physiology labs in action.

Find out more and register





Condobolin Defence Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force Location: Condobolin RSL Date: April 4, 2025 Consider a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force. Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you? Find out more and register

UNSW College Open Day

Organisation: University of New South Wales Location: UNSW College Campus Date: April 5, 2025 Thinking about your options after high school? Discover how UNSW College can help you progress straight into second year at UNSW Sydney – no compromises, no delays. With May and August '25 intakes available, you won't have to wait long to start your UNSW journey. At our Open Day, you'll get a taste of college life, immerse yourself in our vibrant community, and find out how a UNSW College Diploma can set you up for a lifetime of success.

Find out more and register

Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online

Organisation: National Institute of Education

Location: Online

Date: April 5, 2025

If you are in Years 10, 11, 12, or you may be older and considering sitting the UCAT in the future, then this program is for you. The Simulated UCAT Workshop program is ideal and often a necessary step towards effective and efficient preparation for the UCAT.

The workshop is primarily designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test and also for participants to gain a better understanding of their own level of preparedness for the test. The program runs over one full day of UCAT training, and Part 2, which is a 3-hour session for students and parents. <u>Find out more and register</u>

Open Day, April

Organisation: Sydney Design School Location: Sydney Design School Date: April 5, 2025 If you're considering studying with us, our Open Day is a great way to get to know us better. Explore our studios, browse through our Graduate Exhibition, meet students and Educators, watch a live Info Session and get creative making a mood board or digital model. Find out more and register

Bullecourt Barracks A Night in the Army Reserve

Organisation: Australian Defence Force Location: Bullecourt Barracks Date: April 8, 2025 Consider serving locally in the Army Reserve. You will be part of something exciting, challenging and rewarding while giving back to the community, learning new skills and receiving tax-free pay! Join ADF Careers at the upcoming A Night in the Army Reserve and speak with current serving personnel about the roles on offer.

On the night you will have the chance to check out:

• Military Vehicles





- Static Military Displays
- Interactive Military Displays
- Learn more about the Army Reserves

Find out more and register

Macquarie Future of Health Information Sessions

Organisation: Macquarie University Location: Online

Date: April 8 to April 10, 2025

Join us for Macquarie Future of Health and connect with thought leaders, industry professionals and academic experts. You'll discuss the future of healthcare, engage in dynamic discussions and explore emerging trends and cutting-edge innovations.

Register for one or more of the sessions below to hear from a range of industry experts, explore healthcare trends and learn more about how Macquarie's suite of healthcare courses meets current and future demands. <u>Find out more and register</u>

Central Coast Future Pathways Expo 2025

Organisation: Central Coast Group Training **Location:** The Entertainment Grounds

Date: April 8, 2025

Are you ready to take the next step toward your dream career? The Central Coast Future Pathways Expo is the ultimate event for job seekers, career changers, and students exploring their future opportunities!

Open to the public for the first time - this is your chance to connect with leading employers, industry professionals, training providers and engage in some hands-on experiences, all under one roof.

Whether you're just starting out or looking for a fresh start, the Future Pathways Expo will inspire and guide you toward the career of your dreams.

Find out more and register

Applying to UTS: UAC info session

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney Location: Online Date: April 9, 2025 Thinking about studying at UTS? This session will walk you through the application process via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Learn about key dates, entry requirements, preferences, offers, and important tips to maximise your chances of getting into your preferred course. Plus, get your questions answered by UTS experts.

Find out more and register

Sydney Defence Careers Information Session

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Wollongong Defence Careers Information Session

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Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you? <u>Find out more and register</u>

Callaghan Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle Location: UON Callaghan Campus

Date: April 11, 2025

Come and explore the vibrant atmosphere of The University of Newcastle's Callaghan Campus in Australia. This inperson event is a fantastic opportunity to get a firsthand experience of our beautiful campus.

During the tour, our Student Ambassadors will take you through the various facilities and landmarks, showcasing the state-of-the-art classrooms, modern libraries, cutting-edge research centres, and stunning outdoor spaces. Whether you are a prospective student, a parent or carer, or simply curious about our university, this tour will give you an insight into the vibrant campus life and the endless opportunities that await you at The University of Newcastle.

Find out more and register

Ourimbah Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle **Location:** UON Ourimbah Campus **Date:** April 11, 2025

Come and explore the vibrant atmosphere of The University of Newcastle's Ourimbah Campus in Australia. This inperson event is a fantastic opportunity to get a firsthand experience of our beautiful campus.

During the tour, you will have the opportunity to explore the cutting-edge facilities, including modern classrooms, research labs, and collaborative spaces. Our knowledgeable guides will share insights about the various academic programs, student support services, and extracurricular activities available at Ourimbah Campus.

Whether you are a prospective student, a parent or carer, or simply curious about the university experience, this tour is an ideal way to get a firsthand look at everything Ourimbah Campus has to offer.

Find out more and register

Central Coast Clinical School Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Central Coast Clinical School

Date: April 11, 2025

Join us for an exciting in-person tour of the Central Coast Clinical School! This event is a fantastic opportunity to explore our state-of-the-art facilities and learn more about the cutting-edge medical education and research happening on campus.

During the tour, our Student Ambassadors will take you through the various labs, study spaces, library and much more.

Find out more and register

NUSpace Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle **Location:** NUSpace, UON City Campus

Date: April 11, 2025

Join us for an exciting in-person tour of NU Space, located at The University of Newcastle in Newcastle, NSW, Australia. Get ready to explore the state-of-the-art facilities and vibrant campus atmosphere.

During the tour, you'll have the opportunity to discover the latest technologies, interactive classrooms, and collaborative study areas that make NUSpace a hub of creativity and learning. Our knowledgeable staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Located on Auckland Street, NUSpace is easily accessible and offers a vibrant and inclusive community. Whether you're a prospective student, parent, or simply curious about the future of education, this tour is perfect for you.

Find out more and register



Q Building Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle Location: Q Building, UON City Campus Date: April 11, 2025 Join us for an exciting tour of the Q Building at The University of Newcastle! Explore the state-of-the-art facilities and immerse yourself in the vibrant campus atmosphere. This in-person event is your chance to discover the cutting-edge technology and innovative spaces that make the Q Building a hub of creativity and learning. Whether you're a prospective student or simply curious about the university, this tour is the perfect chance to see what makes our campus special.

Find out more and register

Holiday Workshop – Songwriting, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: April 14, 2025

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

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

Find out more and register

Holiday Workshop – Performance, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: April 14, 2025

AIM's new school holiday workshop is designed for high school students interested in music performance. Created for students in Years 9-12, the workshops provide incredible opportunities to experience playing and performing music, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators.

Learn, practice and perform contemporary and classic pop, rock and soul tunes, under the expertise of Australia's leading music mentors.

Find out more and register

Future Creators' Day

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW Paddington Campus

Date: April 14, 2025

Future Creators' Day is a hands-on experience for Year 10 and 11 students passionate about creativity, design, and visual storytelling. Hosted by UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture, this event is the perfect opportunity to explore future study and career paths in the creative industries.

Join us on campus for a day of immersive workshops led by expert academics and industry professionals. Get a taste of our newly offered Game Art specialisation, along with workshops in Animation, Painting, Textiles & Fashion Design, Object Design, and Graphic Design. Whether you're interested in digital art, interactive storytelling, or traditional design disciplines, this event is designed to help you develop your skills and discover your creative potential.

Connect with like-minded students, experience university life, and gain insights into studying at UNSW. Future Creators' Day is your chance to turn your creative passion into a future career.

Find out more and register





School Holiday 'Out There' Sailing Program

Organisation: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Location: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

Date: April 14 to April 17, 2025

The 'Out There' School Holiday Sailing Program is for participants who are 12-17 years old looking to try a new activity, have some fun and engage with others whilst sailing.

This four-day program will include a variety of sailing activities that are focused on having fun and learning basic sailing skills. Sessions will be conducted on a mix of Club vessels, including the RPAYC's fleet of Elliott 7 Keelboats, Pacer Dinghies, Windsurf and SUP Boards, Hobie-Cat dinghies and Powerboats.

Find out more and register

Discover Law, Criminology and Human Rights at ACU Blacktown

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Blacktown Campus

Date: April 14, 2025

All rise! Aspiring lawyers, criminologists, and human rights advocates, it's time to sharpen your analytical skills and discover the excitement of the courtroom. Join us for interactive workshops designed to give you a taste of what it's like to study law, criminology, and human rights at ACU.

Dive into hands-on sessions where you'll test your courtroom strategies, unravel criminal cases, and explore the critical thinking skills needed to succeed in these fast-paced fields. Plus, engage in a dynamic and interactive human rights session, preparing you with valuable insights into the complexities of human rights law and the importance of advocacy.

Whether you're interested in the legal system, criminology, or human rights, this event will give you an exciting taste of your future career path.

Find out more and register

Experience Macquarie Days

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie Wallumattagal Campus

Date: April 15 to April 16, 2025

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 and register

Experience UTS Day

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney Location: UTS City Campus Date: April 16, 2025 Experience UTS Day is on this April school holidays! Hosted on campus, choose your workshops and experience UTS. Find out more and register

Designing My Career – School Holiday Bootcamp for Teenagers

Organisation: Impactify Location: Oakhill College, Castle Hill Date: April 24 to April 25, 2025 This workshop focuses on helping young people design a career that they'll love (from the inside-out) whilst also teaching valuable employability skills in order to bring their career aspirations to life!





What can you expect to gain from this workshop?

- A new perspective on how to design your career & life
- Awareness of strengths
- Awareness of interests
- Awareness of motivators/values
- Awareness of 3+ jobs/career pathways that align with you
- A vision for your future career & life
- Creation of a powerful resume
- Opportunity to develop your communication & confidence
- Authentic feedback from peers & industry to propel success
- Clear next best steps for designing your career & life

Find out more and register

Discover Health Sciences at ACU North Sydney

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU North Sydney Campus

Date: April 24, 2025

Are you ready to explore a career that makes a real difference? Discover what it's like to study nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy or speech pathology at ACU North Sydney.

Take part in hands-on workshops where you'll get a feel for the practical skills you'll develop as a future healthcare professional.

Tour our campus and experience our state-of-the-art, fully functional simulation wards, where you'll get a behindthe-scenes look at the innovative training that makes ACU health sciences graduates highly sought after by employers.

Find out more and register

HSC Shakespeare Seminars with USYD

Organisation: Bell Shakespeare

Location: The Neilson Nutshell, Pier 2/3

Date: April 30 to May 2, 2025

Join us at the Neilson Nutshell at Pier 2/3, or access digital recordings, for our series of live HSC Shakespeare Seminars in partnership with the University of Sydney.

Presented onsite at Pier 2/3 in The Neilson Nutshell, each seminar will feature Bell Shakespeare artists in conversation with a leading academic from the University of Sydney presenting illuminating and engaging content on each play. Actors from Bell Shakespeare will perform key scenes and soliloquies to demonstrate ideas presented and key content from each play.

Part performance, part interactive seminar, these sessions are designed to directly link to NSW HSC modules and give students the edge in upcoming exams. Combining live performance, academic analysis and illuminating dramatic insights in conversation, seminars will be presented in a dynamic format showing the interplay between text and drama.

Sessions for 2025 include:

- Wednesday 30 April 2025, 10am 12pm The Tempest / Hag-Seed
- Thursday 1 May 2025, 10am 12pm Henry IV Part 1
- Friday 2 May 2025, 10am 12pm Richard III / Looking For Richard

Find out more and register

Open Day 2025 Organisation: University of New England





Location: UNE Armidale Campus

Date: May 2, 2025

Whether you're exploring study options, wanting to experience our vibrant campus life, or looking to meet our passionate academics, Open Day is your chance to discover how UNE can help shape your future. With facility tours, information sessions and interactive activities, there's no better way to experience a taste of life at UNE. Visit us and experience the community that sets us apart from other universities. From the moment you arrive, you'll see why UNE is more than a university—it's a place where lifelong connections begin. Find out more and register

Year 10 Taster Day – Northern Rivers

Organisation: Southern Cross University Location: SCU Lismore Campus Date: May 2, 2025 Join us for Taster Day, where you will expe

Join us for Taster Day, where you will experience University life through dynamic and interactive sessions. Meet our inspiring students and experience our campus facilities and learn more about university life on this fun day!

- Live like a University student for the day and participate in 6 interactive workshops across different and exciting areas of study
- Experience our state-of-the-art campus facilities
- Ask questions to our current students about university life

Each school can bring up to 30 students. **Registrations close 14th April**. Find out more and register

May 2025 Open Day, Sydney

Organisation: JMC Academy Location: JMC Sydney Campus Date: May 3, 2025 This is your chance to see our multi-million dollar world-class facilities.

- Explore your creative future and learn about our courses
- Meet our current students and industry expert lecturers
- Check out live student performances
- Tour our world-class facilities and tech
- Speak to us about the admissions process
- Get hands-on with our interactive activations

Find out more and register

BiG Day In, Newcastle

Organisation: ACS Foundation **Location:** UON Callaghan Campus

Date: May 7, 2025

Join us in the Great Hall at University of Newcastle Callaghan Campus on Wednesday 7 May for the 2025 Big Day In Newcastle. Learning where a career in technology can take you from organisations such as Defence Force Recruiting, Westpac, Wisetech Global, Mudbath, Microsoft & loads more. Speak to exhibitors in the breaks about internships, cadetships, work experience, traineeships & more! <u>Find out more and register</u>

Health and Community Services Explore Day

Organisation: Charles Sturt University Location: CSU Orange Campus Date: May 13, 2025 Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 and want a health career that makes a real difference? Join us for Orange Health and Community Services Explore Day.





You'll learn from industry speakers, get one-to-one advice at our expo hub and take part in two immersive workshops.

What to expect:

- Hear from health industry experts at guest speaker sessions. •
- Get hands-on in health workshops in our world-class learning facilities.
- Have your course and career questions answered.
- Talk one-to-one with industry providers and course experts at the expo hub.
- Discover everything you need to know about studying health and community services.

Find out more and register

Northwest Regional Career Expo 2025

Organisation: Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light Location: Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre Date: May 14, 2025

Our Careers Expo was started in 1992 by Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light. Attendees benefited from a wide range of exhibitors from a large variety of industries providing valuable advice and information to help further their career and business development. The event continues to provide valuable access to local and interstate exhibitors for the community and schools from Tamworth and the surrounding region. Find out more and register

Newcastle & Lake Macquarie Career Expo 2025

Organisation: Career Links Location: Newcastle Racecourse

Date: May 15, 2025

The largest Career Expo for transitioning secondary students in the region welcomes years 10, 11 and 12 students accompanied by their Career Advisers and teachers, parents, guardians and support people.

The expo attracts a record number of local and interstate exhibitors including major universities, leading training colleges, businesses, industry representatives and community organisations.

Find out more and register

Hunter Valley Career Expo 2025

Organisation: Hunter Valley Career Expo Location: Maitland Basketball Stadium

Date: May 16, 2025

Make sure that you plan your visit to the Hunter Valley Career Expo so that you are able to gather as much information as you can about the careers and jobs you are interested in.

You will be able to talk to people who are working in many different types of jobs. There will be representatives from employer and professional associations, TAFEs, universities, other training providers and employment agencies.

Find out more and register

Greater Western Sydney Careers Market 2025

Organisation: Brett Carter Events Location: Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre Date: May 21 to May 22, 2025

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 and register





Year 12 & Beyond – With ADHD

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers Location: Online Date: May 21 to May 29, 2025

Hosted by Claire Pech, CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and Amanda Krulis, endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

Targeted to parents of students with ADHD in Year 12, this webinar will share insights and practical solutions for managing this critical year and beyond and making meaningful career decisions. Topics covered:

- Understanding the characteristics of ADHD, debunking unhelpful myths
- Exploring the similarities & differences between ADHD at School vs. Tertiary
- Considerations for choosing further studies after Year 12
- Evaluating potential action plans & pathway options
- Understanding what adjustments/supports are available after 12 Year
- Creating insight & self-awareness around current ADHD status
- Essentials of Executive Functions, impact & creating a tailored toolkit for success
- Identifying & harnessing ADHD strengths
- Managing technology with ADHD
- Career planning with ADHD
- Strategies for parents to support their kids
- Q&A

Webinar dates

Wednesday 21 May, 7.00pm - 8:30pm AEST Thursday 29 May, 7.00pm - 8:30pm AEST <u>Find out more and register</u>

Open Day, Sydney

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment **Location:** AIE Sydney Campus

Date: May 24, 2025

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day. It's is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff and students. The day will cover everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

AIE's Open Day will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

Find out more and register

BiG Day In, Parramatta

Organisation: ACS Foundation Location: WSU Parramatta City Campus Date: May 28, 2025

Join us at Parramatta CBD Campus Western Sydney University for BiG Day In Parramatta – hear from organisations including Microsoft, Google, Westpac, Wisetech Global & more to come about where a STEM career can take you. <u>Find out more and register</u>

HSC and Careers Expo 2025

Organisation: Resources for Courses Location: Royal Randwick Racecourse





Date: May 29 to May 31, 2025

The HSC and Careers Expo 2025 will be held on Thursday 29 May, Friday 30 May and Saturday 31 May, 9am-3pm at the Royal Randwick Racecourse.

On Thursday and Friday, students can attend seminars on subjects including English and Maths plus presentations on subject selection for Year 10 students, information on applying through UAC and the ATAR. Seating at the seminars is on a first come, first served basis.

Find out more and register

Online Campus Day

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Online

Date: June 7, 2025

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

Find out more and register

Year 11 & 12 Masterclass – Coffs Harbour

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Coffs Harbour Campus

Date: June 20, 2025

Join us for Masterclass Day where you will take a deep dive into different study areas of your choice. Meet our students and academics, experience our campus facilities and learn more about university life on this interactive and fun day!

What can I expect?

- Live like a University student for the day and elect two interactive workshops in your preferred areas of study
- Experience our state-of-the-art campus facilities
- Meet inspiring people, from academics to current students

Registrations close 5th May.

Find out more and register

Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music Location: AIM Sydney Campus Date: June 21, 2025

Join us for Open Day, and experience everything AIM has to offer. Register to save your spot today! See our campus, get course advice, experience live performances, meet our academics and students, and get involved in activities that will give you a taste of student life here at AIM.

Whether you're ready to study now, or in five years, Open Day is open to all and a fantastic opportunity to discover how the Australian Institute of Music can help turn your passion for music into a career. Find out more and register

UTS Tech Fest

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney





Location: UTS City Campus **Date:** June 23 to July 4, 2025

Are you a high school student dreaming of a career in tech? Come and feed your curiosity at Tech Fest.

- Explore the study and career possibilities in Engineering and IT. Whether it's cybersecurity, civil engineering, robotics, or artificial intelligence, see the exciting opportunities in these areas and how you can be part of the next big thing!
- Hear from current students about their study journeys and career aspirations. Get an insight into the life of an engineering or IT student at UTS and discover the student societies you could join.
- We'll take you behind the scenes with exclusive lab tours. See how cutting-edge tech brings new ideas to life.

Find out more and register

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2025

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: Sydney Olympic Park **Date:** June 26 to June 28, 2025

The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2025 will be held on Thursday 26 June, Friday 27 June and Saturday 28 June, 9am-3pm at Sydney Olympic Park.

On Thursday and Friday, students can attend seminars on subjects including English and Maths plus presentations on subject selection for Year 10 students, information on applying through UAC and the ATAR. Seating at the seminars is on a first come, first served basis.

Find out more and register

Open Day 2025, Wollongong

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Wollongong Campus

Date: June 28, 2025

The University of Wollongong (UOW) Open Day is the perfect opportunity to visit our amazing Wollongong campus, speak with our staff and students, and see why UOW is ranked as one of the best universities for student experience.

Whether you are looking at your next steps after Year 12, or you finished school some time ago and are looking for a pathway into university, Open Day is for you.

Find out more and register

Scholarships

CoLab Industry Scholarship

Organisation: Bond University Location: Australia Value: 25% tuition fee waiver Open Date: May 1, 2025 Close Date: August 28, 2025 Find out more

Competitions

Anzac Day Schools' Awards

Organisation: Department of Veterans' Affairs Location: Australia Value: Up to \$5,000 Open Date: October 1, 2024



Close Date: May 29, 2025 Find out more

Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition 2025

Organisation: Business Educators Australasia Inc. Location: Australia Value: Up to \$1,500 Open Date: March 10, 2025 Close Date: September 12, 2025 Find out more

Money

How should I spend my scholarship money?

Once you've overcome the hurdles of applying for and receiving a scholarship, the next step is deciding what to spend the money on. If this is your first foray into financial freedom, the temptation can be nearly overwhelming. Late night Uber Eats spree? Update your wardrobe for the new semester? Plus there's that phone upgrade you've had your eye on for a while...

Sadly, we have some bad news: there are definitely more important things you should spend the cash on. After all, the reason you applied in the first place was to help with the costs of your education, right? Let's take a look at some of the best ways to spend your scholarship money.

Before you spend a cent...

First things first: make sure you read the scholarship's terms and conditions very carefully. Some scholarships will have specific rules about what you must spend the money on. If your scholarship has strict requirements, *don't* try and spend it on something else – you'll just end up in a world of trouble.

Wise ways to spend your scholarship money

Free to spend the money on whatever you'd like? Here are some of our top suggestions.

Tuition fees

One of the biggest costs of higher education is tuition and course fees. So it just makes sense to use your scholarship funds to cover as much of it as possible. The top benefit is not having to worry about acquiring student loans and stressing about paying them back once you graduate.

Education expenses

Outside of tuition, there are probably lots of other things you'll need to buy for your educational journey too: textbooks, a laptop or tablet, stationery, special tools or equipment... This can all gradually add up to quite a bit of money – so why not put some of your scholarship towards these expenses?

Accommodation and living

If you're moving out of home to study, you're going to need somewhere to live – and you're going to have to pay for it too. Your scholarship can help take some of the pressure off the cost of living, covering rent, utilities, meals, furniture, appliances, or other living essentials.

Travel expenses

On the other hand, if you need to commute to classes, you might like to use your scholarship money to cover these costs instead. Put down a deposit on a car, use it to fly home and see family on the holidays, or use it to pay for fuel or public transport fares.





Invest in yourself

Studying can take up a lot of your day. And if you work too, you might find yourself with even less free time. If you don't need the money for anything else, use it to support your own health and wellbeing. You might like to pay for a gym membership, use it to cover medical appointments, or invest in a hobby to enjoy on your days off.

Put it away

If you don't currently have a steady source of income, it might be best to open up a savings account and just store the money away. That way you can feel secure knowing you've got money to cover emergencies. Or you could even use it as motivation to study hard and save it for a big celebration when you graduate (like an overseas trip).

Budgeting is still important

No matter how you decide to spend (or save) the money, having a budget is still important. It might be tedious, but it will keep you from overspending and teach you good habits for the future. You might like to check out some <u>easy ways to save money as a student</u>.

Find out more

At the end of the day, how you choose to spend the money comes down to your personal circumstances. Whether or not you already have an income, your living costs, and your lifestyle can all come into play when deciding the best course of action. Don't forget you can always ask for advice from your parents, friends, or the student support team at your university.

Ready to apply for a scholarship? <u>Take a look at our scholarships database</u> to search for opportunities, or <u>read more</u> <u>blogs about taking control of your money</u>.

Work Experience

Work experience ideas for students who love animals

Are you a high school student with a passion for animals? Finding work experience that aligns with your interests can be both exciting and valuable for your future. Whether you're considering a career in veterinary science, animal conservation, or just love being around furry, feathery, or scaly friends, gaining hands-on experience now can give you a head start.

Let's explore some work experience opportunities that would be perfect for animal enthusiasts.

Local animal shelter volunteer

Animal shelters are always looking for dedicated volunteers to help care for the animals waiting for their forever homes. This is a fantastic way to gain experience while making a real difference. As a volunteer, you might:

- Help with daily feeding and care routines
- Clean enclosures and exercise areas
- Spend time socialising animals through play and attention
- Assist with adoption events and community education

Most shelters welcome volunteers from age 14-16 upward, though you might need a parent to volunteer alongside you if you're under 16.

Veterinary clinic experience

Want to explore a career in animal healthcare? Approaching local veterinary clinics about work experience opportunities could be your perfect next step. During your placement, you could:

- Observe veterinarians and vet nurses as they work
- Learn about animal handling and basic care procedures
- Help with reception duties and appointment scheduling
- Gain insight into the day-to-day running of an animal healthcare facility

Many clinics offer structured work experience programs for high school students, so it's worth calling around to find out what's available in your area.





Pet store assistant

Working at a pet store can provide valuable experience with different types of animals while developing customer service skills. In this role, you might:

- Care for store animals including feeding, cleaning, and health monitoring
- Help customers choose the right pets and supplies for their needs
- Learn about various species and their specific care requirements
- Assist with stock management and store maintenance

This could be a great part-time or casual job option for weekends or school holidays if you're old enough for employment.

Wildlife rehabilitation volunteer

If you're more interested in wild animals, volunteering with a wildlife rehabilitation center might be something you'd like to consider. As a wildlife rehab volunteer, you could:

- Assist with feeding and caring for injured or orphaned wildlife
- Help prepare special diets and environments for different species
- Learn about conservation issues affecting local wildlife
- Support community education programs

Many wildlife centers have junior volunteer programs specifically designed for high school students.

Animal boarder or pet sitter

If you're looking for something more flexible, consider offering pet sitting or boarding services in your local community. This entrepreneurial option allows you to:

- Care for pets in their own homes or yours
- Set your own hours and rates
- Build relationships with different animals and their owners
- Develop responsibility and business skills

You could start small by offering services to neighbors and family friends, then expand as you gain experience and confidence.

Where to find opportunities

Ready to get started? Here are some ways to find animal-related work experience:

- Visit your local council website for volunteer opportunities
- Ask your school career advisor about established programs
- Check community noticeboards and social media groups
- Reach out to family and friends who work with animals
- Browse our Work Experience database for opportunities

Even if positions aren't advertised specifically for high school students, it's still worth asking if they'd consider taking you on for work experience.

Find out more

Want to explore more work experience options or learn about the benefits of gaining experience while still in school? <u>You can find plenty of information on our website here</u>.

Skills for Work, University

The power of portfolios

When applying for jobs or university courses, you might find you're asked to submit a portfolio alongside (or instead of) a resume or your academic results. But what exactly is a portfolio, and why does it matter? In this blog, we'll explore everything you need to know about portfolios, and provide some tips so you can start building your own right away.





What is a portfolio?

In simple terms, it's a collection of your best work and achievement - a showcase of your skills, accomplishments, and experiences that allows others to gain insights into your abilities.

Why are portfolios useful?

Portfolios are great because they provide a broader understanding of your capabilities beyond traditional grades and test scores. They allow universities and potential employers to assess your potential based on real work you've undertaken.

Different types of portfolios

Portfolios come in two primary forms: physical and digital, and each has its advantages.

Physical portfolios

As you might have guessed, these are tangible collections of your work and achievements. They can take the form of a physical binder, folder, or even a custom-made presentation book. They're well-suited for artistic and industrial disciplines, where the physical presence of your work matters, such as fine art, architecture, or fashion.

Digital portfolios

Digital portfolios, on the other hand, are virtual collections of your work and accomplishments, presented through online platforms or websites. They allow you to showcase multimedia content, including documents, images, videos, and interactive elements. They're highly versatile and are particularly valuable for fields that emphasise technology and digital skills, such as web development, graphic design, or digital marketing.

Which one should I choose?

The decision to create a physical or digital portfolio depends on your goals and the industry you're targeting. Physical portfolios can create a lasting impact in visual and hands-on fields, where the tactile experience matters. On the other hand, digital portfolios offer convenience and accessibility, making them ideal for showcasing techsavvy skills and reaching a broader audience online.

And there's nothing wrong with having one of each either!

Who might ask for a portfolio?

Portfolios are sometimes requested by universities during the admissions process, especially for creative or specialised programs, or for alternative entry pathways (including early entry).

In the professional world, industries such as design, marketing, media, technology, and engineering may require them when evaluating candidates for roles. And even if not explicitly asked for, having one can make you a more attractive candidate and set you apart from the competition.

What to include in a portfolio

To create an impactful portfolio, regardless of its form, you should try to include the following elements:

- Your best work: Choose samples that showcase your skills and achievements most effectively.
- **Reflections**: Add brief explanations or reflections on each piece, highlighting what you learned or gained from the experience.
- **Recommendations**: If possible, include letters of recommendation from teachers, supervisors, or mentors.
- **Resume**: Attach a resume that outlines your experiences and accomplishments.

When selecting work samples for your portfolio, consider the specific requirements and expectations of the job or course you're pursuing. For example, if you're applying for a graphic design position, focus on showcasing your design projects, visual communication skills, and proficiency with design software.

Start building your portfolio

If you're in high school and want to start building your portfolio, you can follow these steps:

• **Identify your passions**: Determine your interests and strengths to create a portfolio that aligns with your goals.





- **Gather your work**: Collect your best pieces, certificates, and awards that showcase your skills and achievements.
- Seek feedback: Share it with teachers, mentors, or friends to gain valuable insights and improve your presentation.
- Keep updating: As you progress, continue adding new accomplishments and works.

Building a portfolio is an ongoing process of growth and refinement. As you gain new skills, finish new projects, or receive feedback, continuously update and improve it. Regularly reassess the relevancy and impact of your work samples and make adjustments as needed.

Want to learn more?

If you're keen to explore more about potential future pathways, <u>you might like to check out some of the other</u> resources on our website.

Job Spotlights

Discover career pathways in Libraries and Archives

Libraries and archives are invaluable resources for individuals seeking knowledge and information. Libraries provide a wide range physical and digital resources, catering to the diverse interests and needs of the community. Archives organise and preserve historical records and documents, ensuring their accessibility for future generations. This pathway might be right for you if you are interested in preserving and organising information, helping others find what they need, and have a strong attention to detail.

What do careers in this pathway involve?

Both libraries and archives play a crucial role in preserving our collective knowledge and promoting lifelong learning in a friendly and welcoming environment. The field is evolving with digital technologies, creating new roles in digital preservation and online services.

While the number of traditional positions may not be growing rapidly, those with digital skills and adaptability will find opportunities as the field continues to change.

What are some important human skills for this pathway?

- Collaboration
- Communication
- Innovation
- Adaptability
- Digital Literacy

What are some of the tasks involved?

- Organise and file information
- Help people access information
- Preserve historical documents
- Teach others to find information
- Maintain detailed catalogues
- Archive digital files
- Source new materials
- Run community programs
- Develop archival systems

What kind of work environment and conditions can I expect?

You'll usually find people in the libraries and archives pathway working indoors. As online services expand, the opportunity for flexible and remote work is growing – though many roles still require an on-site presence. Most positions follow regular daytime hours, but public libraries often require some evening and weekend shifts to serve the community.





The Clusters in libraries and archives

Find out more about the kind of work people in each <u>Career Cluster</u> might do in this pathway.

Guardians

Guardians in this pathway monitor the preservation and ethical use of information and historical records.

Linkers

Linkers connect the community with library and archival services, resources, and educational programs.

Coordinators

Coordinators in this pathway manage library and archival operations, from acquisitions to public programs.

Informers

Informers are the backbone of this pathway, educating patrons on information literacy, research methods, and archival practices.

Makers

Makers are needed in this pathway to catalogue and maintain collections and assist patrons.

Innovators

Innovators in this pathway might develop new library technologies and information retrieval methods.

Where can a libraries and archives pathway take me?

Interested in a career in libraries and archives? There are many roles you might like to consider – here are just a few.

Entry level roles

These jobs can be started with little or no training or experience, and are great as a stepping stone towards more senior roles in the pathway.

Library Assistant

Help patrons find materials, check books in and out, and reshelve returned items.

Digitisation Technician

Scan and photograph historical documents to create digital copies for preservation and access.

Collections Assistant

Help maintain and catalogue special collections of rare or unique materials.

Mid-level roles

Once you have some further study or experience under your belt, you might like to consider moving into one of these roles.

Librarian

Select and organise library materials, create programs for patrons, and provide reference and research assistance.

Archivist

Appraise, process, catalogue, and preserve historical items while providing access to researchers.

Preservation Specialist

Implement conservation treatments and preventive measures to protect materials from deterioration.





Senior level roles

These jobs will require extensive further education or many years of experience, but are also highly rewarding.

Heritage Consultant

Provide expert advice on managing, preserving, and interpreting historical collections, buildings, and cultural sites.

Head of Technical Services

Oversee the acquisition, cataloguing, and processing of new library and archival materials.

Chief Conservator

Lead preservation and conservation efforts for collections and develop treatment plans for damaged materials.

Similar pathways

If these careers in libraries and archives aren't quite right for you, you might like to explore some other similar pathways instead.

Galleries and Museums

Curate, preserve, and exhibit art and historical artifacts.

Tertiary Education

Develop and deliver courses, conduct research, and support student learning.

Religion

Guide and inspire individuals in their spiritual beliefs and practices.

How can I build experience in this pathway?

If you're still in high school and want to find out if a career in libraries and archives is right for you, here are some activities you can do:

- Catalogue a small collection to understand archiving
- Study the Dewey Decimal system to understand library organisation
- Volunteer at your school, local library, or historical society

We recommend studying these subjects in high school:

- English
- Mathematics
- Society and Culture
- Legal Studies
- ICT

Here are some suggestions of places you might like to try and find work experience:

- Local historical societies, libraries, or museums
- Non-profit organisations focused on literacy or education
- Government agencies or departments related to cultural heritage or preservation
- Research institutions or universities with specialised collections or archives
- Digital media companies focused on digitising and preserving historical materials