



Careers Newsletter

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It is the responsibility of the student to confirm all details with the appropriate institution.

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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=fZoyckJwVg&feature=youtu.be>

Crimson Education | Why Years 9 & 10 Matter – Pathways to Harvard, Oxford and Beyond

20 June 2020, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Are you a student in Year 9/10 and getting great marks at school?

Whether you already aim to study at world-leading universities or you want to make sure it's an option for you after school, then you need to know that what you do now matters.

Learn how you can start paving the way for you to gain admission to universities like Harvard and Oxford through the subjects you choose, your extracurricular activities and more.

In this webinar, international university experts from Crimson Education will cover:

- Why Aussie students study overseas
- An introduction to the US and UK application process
- Why your Year 9/10 academics matter
- Comparing the curriculums – IB vs ATAR
- Being strategic about your future subject choices
- How to stand out with your extracurriculars
- Affording overseas unis – scholarships, sport pathways and financial aid
- What current Ivy League students did while in high school

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/why-years-9-10-matter-pathways-to-harvard-oxford-and-beyond-aus-tickets-105673710914?aff=studyworkgrow>

UON | Joint Medical Program Info Session

23 June 2020, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (MD – JMP) is an innovative five year degree that will prepare you for an exciting and rewarding medical career.

There will be a presentation via webinar by A/Prof Amanda Dawson, Clinical Dean of the Central Coast Clinical School, as well as the chance to hear from current and past medical students and junior doctors. There will be an opportunity for questions at the end.

Find out more: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/future-students/central-coast-joint-medical-program-info-session-webinar>

CSU | Early Offer Program Webinar

23 June 2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

Join CSU for an online session and discover how you can get the advantage. We'll cover:

- the Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program
- the application process
- courses included in the program

We'll also give you loads of tips to help you prepare a strong application.

Find out more: <https://charlessturt.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rcOmvzrkpHtZlWpb8-P0J0oQ92L7lt4x4>

ACU | Education Live Q&A

24 June 2020, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Online

Have your questions about the new suite of undergraduate education programs for ACU answered by Professor Elizabeth Labone, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Education and Arts.

Find out more: <http://events.acu.edu.au/events/2020-acu-advisory-conference-education-live-q-a/event-summary-a20a2461346d428694c8be2711976270.aspx>

CQUni | TAFE Information Session Online

24 June 2020, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Online

Thinking about starting a TAFE qualification?

Discover more about your training options at our CQUni TAFE Information Session Online.

Have your questions answered by our teaching professionals and learn about our flexible study, pathway opportunities, apprenticeship information and how funding options may dramatically reduce the cost of your course.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/tafe-information-session2>

UC | Moving to Canberra: Your Accommodation Options Webinar

24 June 2020, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Online

Are you looking at moving to Canberra to study at the University of Canberra? Have you thought about where you will live? Join the Domestic Student Recruitment team and accommodation provider Unilodge to find out more about your accommodation options.

Find out more: <https://www.canberra.edu.au/events/Home/Event/170646>

University of Sydney | Meet Sydney Regional NSW

25 June 2020, 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Online

This information evening, targeted at students from regional NSW is an opportunity to hear from current students and alumni on their University of Sydney Experience, including choosing a course, admission schemes, scholarships, accommodation, student life, moving away from home and where a degree from the University of Sydney can take you in the future.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5OLgVjfbTumvdpS428Gc6w

UTS Business School | What Does Learning Look Like in our Bachelor Degrees?

30 June 2020, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Online

In this webinar, you will hear from academics and students from across our Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Management programs about how our lectures, tutorials, assessments, group work and exams are working, and the technology we are using to maximise the effectiveness of remote learning.

Find out more: https://utsmeet.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Vyu-gVSdRwO2QcaF0SfFNO

Careers 101: Get Career Smart with UOW

1 July 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

This webinar will explore the steps that are essential to help choose a degree that leads to satisfying and meaningful career for you as an individual.

Our expert staff from UOW's Careers Service will explain the framework for good career planning, and demonstrate how you can access our CareerSmart Discovery Tool and other resources to better understand the study and work you're most suited to.

Find out more: https://uow-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TupyDMAVSBW-KYDsN0viKg

AIE | My Journey into 3D Simulation

16 June 2020, 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

AIE Alumni, Madeleine James, talks about her journey into a career in 3D simulation.

Find out more: <https://aie.edu.au/workshop/my-journey-into-3d-simulation-madeleine-james/>

UNSW | Experience UNSW Engineering Online

30 June 2020, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Online

Experience the innovative and creative ways that engineers solve real-world challenges at our online Experience UNSW Engineering event!

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We invite high school students in Years 10 – 12 to join us to get a taste of the variety of engineering disciplines and careers available to you.

You'll get a chance to choose a session that matches your interest, have your questions answered, hear from current students and find out more about degrees and exciting opportunities on offer at one of Australia's leading universities.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/livestream-experience-unsw-engineering>

University of Sydney | HSC Preparation Workshops

6 July 2020, 8:30 am - 17 July 2020, 4:30 pm

The University of Sydney Business School

The HSC syllabus has changed. The University of Sydney has responded, with an all-new program of over 60 HSC preparatory courses led by brilliant educators who will get you focused on the content that matters.

Each intensive HSC holiday workshop is a valuable complement to your school studies. Students receive a solid induction into HSC exam technique, and critical subject-matter knowledge.

Subjects include:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- Mathematics
- Business Studies
- Economics
- Legal Studies
- Physics
- Study and Essay Skills

Find out more: <https://cce.sydney.edu.au/courses/hsc-preparation>

Engineering Your Life

13 July 2020, 8:00 am - 17 July 2020, 3:00 pm

Online

To go some way to address the loss of face to face experiences, site visits and careers fairs, Engineers Australia, our Industry Partners and Universities in NSW & ACT have decided to go digital.

The Virtual Site will have a mix of on-demand content – videos, downloadable information, games – you will be able to watch/read/play at your leisure.

Each morning there will be two live online presentations with Q&A where you will meet Engineers from companies and projects that represent the incredible variety of areas where Engineers are

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involved. You will learn more about what Engineers actually do and the amazing opportunities ahead for you.

Our key Engineering Universities, UAC and alternate Engineering pathways will be on show for the week – with opportunities to speak with students & academics about their uni and their courses every afternoon.

Find out more:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDsE7pNKgSpgeXFkZG1FBo9viUWME004DT7OX2TEs5nCZE1A/viewform>

Griffith Connect Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship Program

Value: \$24,000

Open/Closing Dates: July 13, 2020 – August 7, 2020

This program gives principals from each of our partner schools the opportunity to nominate one academically gifted student for a prestigious Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship.

If you have a Year 12 student who will be applying for university and demonstrates leadership, civic responsibility and social awareness, consider nominating them.

To be eligible for this scholarship program, students must be a current Year 12 student in a Griffith Connect partner school and be either:

- an Australian citizen or Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder
- an Australian permanent resident, New Zealand citizen or international student completing Years 11 and 12 in Australia

AND:

- not have undertaken/commenced any tertiary study, with the exception of those undertaken as part of Year 11-12 studies (e.g. Enhanced Studies Program, GUESTS)
- will be applying for a tertiary place through QTAC or UAC
- meet the eligibility criteria for degree program and receive and accept an admission offer
- be able to demonstrate high academic achievement that will see the applicant receive a Queensland ATAR no lower than 95.50 or equivalent NSW ATAR
- demonstrate:
 - leadership ability
 - civic responsibility
 - social awareness.

[Find out more](#)

FYA Future Communities Challenge

Do you ever look around you and think, 'this could be better'? Maybe something at home, in your local community or even bigger than that. The Future Communities Challenge is your chance to explore something that has been bothering you and your opportunity to do something about it your way!

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The Future Communities Challenge is a free to access program for young people 12-25, that will support you to grow an enterprising mindset, better understand the issues around you and how to creatively respond to them.

The challenge offers you a unique opportunity for you to lead your own learning and apply enterprise skills to the issues you care about most. These skills and the experience from the Challenge can be applied in your everyday life including communication, creativity and problem-solving.

The challenge starts on Monday 15 June and runs until Monday 31 August.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.fya.org.au/future-communities-challenge/>

Reef RADicals

Ahoy ocean lovers! Do you have a big idea to help protect the Great Barrier Reef? Are you a salty sea scholar, a trending 'Tuber, or an aspiring Attenborough?

Citizens of the Great Barrier Reef and James Cook University have joined forces to find our next generation of passionate and inspiring Reef RADicals. If you're a school kid in Years 1 to 8 we want you to brainstorm your biggest idea, action or solution for the Great Barrier Reef and share it with us in a 90 second video.

You could go in the running to win some great prizes.

Entries are open until Sunday 9 August.

Find out more and enter here: <https://citizensgbr.org/p/reef-radicals>

Design an Arcade Game Competition

Get involved in the Digital Technology Hub's Arcade Game competition. Students are invited to create an arcade game, film the game in use and submit their videos to be in the running to win some great prizes.

Your game needs to:

- involve skill and chance
- include a scoring system

Your game could:

- be constructed from recycled materials, adhesives such as sticky tape and non-toxic glue, stiff cardboard, corflute, plywood, marbles, string and other craft materials, or
- include electronic microcontroller boards and electrical components such as LEDs
- be digitally created using a computer program, for example Scratch, Tynker, Stencyl, Ruby or other programming environments, such as TaleBlazer.

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Entries are open until 5.00pm on Monday 15 June.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.digitaltechnologieshub.edu.au/students/challenges-and-competitions/design-an-arcade-game>

[QUT Match My Skills Quiz](#)

Want to go to uni, but not sure what to study?

Take QUT's Match My Skills quiz to see the career areas that are best suited to your skills and hobbies.

Find out more here: <https://match-my-skills.qut.edu.au/>

[Take a Graphic Design Course Online](#)

Interested in graphic design? Shaw Academy is offering their 4-week Graphic Design course for free. Learn all about the fundamentals of design and the industry-standard programs used by professionals.

Find out more and enrol here: <https://join.shawacademy.com/graphic-design-amp-shaw>

[RSPCA NSW School Holiday Program](#)

RSPCA NSW's School Holiday Program is an opportunity for children and teens to spend either a half or full day at an RSPCA NSW shelter or Care Centre.

During summer and winter school holidays, programs are held at the Hunter Shelter and Sydney Shelter. Participants will have a chance to get up close and personal with cats, dogs, ducks, pocket pets, and maybe even the occasional donkey.

Find out more and register your interest here: <https://www.rspcansw.org.au/what-we-do/education/school-holiday-program/>

[Resources to help with Year 10 subject selection](#)

STOP – before you do anything else, read the link below

We've put together some useful resources to help with your Year 10 subject selection option. First of all we recommend you read [Alan Finkel's \(Australian Chief Scientist\) advice to Julie in Year 10](#). It could put you in the right mind set and help you prioritise better.

The basics about subject selection

Confused about subject selection? Then read this short blog with [5 tips for Year 10 subject selection](#), it could help.

Need some extra help?

There are lots of experts (aside from your qualified and experience teachers and parents) out publishing information and tools that could help you make decisions; so you'll end up studying the subjects that are *right for you*.

First of all see what information your school provides, if you think you need more guidance – check these out:

Tertiary Admission Centres (TACs)

- [QTAC's My Path – Year 10 Guide to Career Pathways and 2023 Tertiary Prerequisites](#) (you'll need to scroll down to find the link to download the entire 92 page document – or you can read it online)
- [UAC's Steps to Uni Guide](#) includes [Subject Compass](#) their subject selection tool, as well as their [Steps to Study For Year 10 Students 2020 Guide and top tips for choosing HSC courses](#).
- [VTAC's Year 10 Guide \(2019\)](#) and prerequisites for 2021 and 2022 study are available, you can [check back for updated information](#) later in the year.
- SATAC's page for [Students in Years 10 and 11](#)
- [TISC's University Admission Guide for 2023](#) information for current Year 10's
- UTAS have a page for [Years 7 to 10](#) to access relevant information

Universities

Lots of universities provide information about Year 10 subject selection and pathways to uni, here's a few that we've found.

- The University of Queensland's [Year 10 Subject Selection Guide](#)
- The University of Sydney's [Year 10 Guide 2021](#)
- Deakin's [Guide to University for Year 10 Students](#)
- ACU's [Year 10 Study Guide](#)
- Monash Uni's [Guide to Entry in 2023](#)
- Charles Sturt Uni's [Year 10 Student](#) page includes a careers quiz and [information about how to choose your future career](#)
- UWA's [Guide for Year 9, 10 and 11 Students](#)

Bear in mind most of this information may be geared towards getting you into a course at that particular uni, so it's probably worth checking prerequisites and advice available for specific courses and institutions you have in mind.

Calling the Future Students office at individual uni's with any questions could also be a great way to help you decide on subjects to take.

Education Departments

All education departments provide resources for Year 10 subject selection, but you're best speaking directly with your school for more detailed information.

It could be worth taking a peek at the information provided by other states too, they sometimes have resources you might find more appealing or informative.

- [QCAA's planning your pathway](#) page has loads of information about the Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan, including their [myQCE guide](#).

- [SACE Personal Learning Plan \(PLP\)](#) and [Subject Planner](#)
- NESA's [advice for students choosing HSC courses](#) and the [Student Pathways Plan](#)
- ACT's [Pathways Planning R Unit](#) is for Year 11 & 12 students but might provide some information.
- Speak with an [NTCET co-ordinator](#) for subject selection information
- Get a copy of WA's SCSA [Year 10 Information Handbook](#) and [WACE requirements](#) and [study options](#) in 2021.
- [Tasmania's Department of Education](#) have produced a [2020 Student Guide](#) which answer a lot of your questions.

Don't Let Coronavirus Spoil Your Gap Year

There's more to a gap year than overseas travel

If you've always planned for a [gap year](#) after high school but because of coronavirus craziness, you're not sure whether it's still possible or worth it.

The good news is, you can still plan.

So **don't** let coronavirus spoil your gap year fun. You could end up having an amazing time, maybe even better than the one you had originally planned. It could even change your ideas about which direction to take in life.

There are benefits to taking a gap year

1. Step off the hamster wheel

High school is intense, in particular Year 12.

And that's before you take into account pandemics and enforced remote learning.

Taking some time out before committing to another 3 or 4 (or more) years study be really valuable, providing you with some balance and mental wellbeing.

2. Get some personal growth happening

Take some time to explore the world outside of high school, delve a bit deeper into your own strengths and interests. Learn to be independent, get work experience and reaffirm your study choices for uni.

3. Taking a brain break could boost your academic outcomes

In 2010 a [study](#) of 904 Australian students at the University of Sydney concluded that gap years could help students gain skills, improve their motivation to study at university, improve their grades and didn't slow down their academic momentum.

Another study carried out at [Middlebury College \(USA\)](#) found that the students who took a gap year earned GPAs that were .15 to .25 points higher than predicted.

And a [further study](#) by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) found that students who took time out to work or travel after high school were "more likely to show a greater interest in returning to school after their time off than be opposed to it".

Can't travel abroad in your gap year, so what could you do?

Travel around Australia

Take in all the sights and visit all the landmarks that many Australians may never get to see. Travel far and wide, there is plenty to explore after all, learn about the cultural diversity that makes Australia what it is today.

Get work experience and learn new skills

Take jobs anywhere, try as many different roles as you like and see which ones you like, and which ones you don't. You could try:

- Love kids? Try babysitting
- Want to be a teacher? How about trying some tutoring
- Interested in horticulture, get into some gardening or landscaping jobs
- Perhaps you're interested in a career in agriculture, fruit picking doesn't get much more hands on
- Thinking of a career in retail, fashion or commerce? You could work in a store
- There are jobs in the hospitality industry from bar tender or waitress to hotel receptionist
- And if you'd like a career in health, then look at aged or disability care for some rewarding experience
- Love being active? Head to the beach and apply to work as a lifeguard, or go up to the snow and see what's on offer there

There are skills and experience to be gained from every kind of job, you can also get some [networking](#) done too. References and job opportunities may be forthcoming if you make a good impression.

Sign up for a gap year in the [Australian Defence Force \(ADF\)](#)

You'll spend 12-months getting paid work experience in the Navy, Army or Air Force. There may also be opportunities for travel in Australia. You'll gain useful life skills and could make lifelong friends. Applications are open now, so why not find out what's possible.

To be eligible to apply, you must be an Australian citizen between 18 – 24 years. You'll need to have completed Year 12 (check subject prerequisites for the job you'd like) and have passed Year 10 English and Maths.

Find [volunteering opportunities](#)

Lots of organisations around Australia need volunteers and [you could get a lot out of the experience too](#).

Experience a [virtual internship](#)

Some companies who specialise in gap years abroad offer virtual internships. You can get practical experience and make a real difference to projects around the world, without leaving home. You could get a certificate of completion, receive recommendations, learn new skills and make virtual contacts.

Contact [gap year specialists](#) and learn about other opportunities

There are dozens of companies in Australia and around the world that specialise in provide gap year programs. Under normal circumstance they might help Australian students to travel overseas, or to help overseas travellers coming here to Australia.

Either way, they're experts in their field, and like the rest of the world – adapting quickly to the coronavirus pandemic. They might have ideas about programs that would suit you perfectly, many are offering online programs too.

While you're there, it won't hurt to a little research for your next gap year either.

Have a gap year plan

Don't be tempted to throw caution to the wind and see what happens.

Don't take a gap year simply to avoid choosing what or where to study.

And *don't* take a gap year because you're scared of making the next move.

Taking a gap year without planning could mean you lose an entire year being bored, spending too much time on Fortnite and achieving nothing.

Gap years look great on resumes and applications for university and jobs, *but only if* they show some value.

Remember there'll be more opportunities for gap years

If you're still feeling disheartened that you may not be able to go ahead with your big overseas plans, take heart. You can take a gap year after you graduate, or save up and go any time during your working life.

Need more tips and ideas?

Head over to our [Gap Year](#) page, there are blogs, articles and other resources that could be just what you need.

Then get planning.

[10 Famous People who took Gap Years](#)

If you or your parents need some convincing that a gap year is no bad thing, have a quick look at this list – it could help change your minds.

Celebrity gap years

There are tonnes of famous people who took [gap years](#), either before university or college, before they started their careers or later in life (only they're called career breaks then).

Here are some examples of 10 famous people who took gap years and went on to be hugely successful.

1. [Steve Jobs](#) the co-founder, chief executive and chairman of Apple dropped out of College to spend a year in India, he famously spent months meditating in the mountains and learning how to tap into what was important to him. He went home and revolutionised the world of technology with the invention of the Mac.
2. [Elon Musk](#) spent over a year travelling around Canada before he started College. He worked odd jobs which included weeding vegetable beds, shovelling out grain bins, chain sawing logs

and cleaning the boiler room of a lumber mill for eighteen dollars an hour. He went on to become one of the highest earning entrepreneurs of all time.

3. **Malia Obama** took a gap year in 2017 before she started at Harvard, she was lucky enough to travel extensively and get work experience at the US Embassy in Madrid, and with a film studio in New York.
4. **Prince William's** gap year consisted of British Army training exercises in Belize, working on dairy farms in England, visiting charities in Africa, and for ten weeks taught children in southern Chile. He also spent a fair bit of time scrubbing toilets (true story) and had a go at being a local DJ.
5. **JK Rowling** took a year out in 1991, she lived in Portugal teaching English at a night school while working on a novel – Harry Potter, later made her famous.
6. **Hugh Jackman** spent his gap year as a teaching assistant in the UK. He went on to become famous for his acting, not sure what that says about the kids in his class.
7. **Emma Watson** spent time working for a fashion brand and designing an ethically sourced clothing range.
8. **Gwyneth Paltrow** became fluent in Spanish after spending her gap year in a tiny village near Toledo in Spain.
9. **Bradley Cooper** learnt to speak French fluently after taking a year out in Aix-en-Provence.
10. **Ed Sheeran** took a year out at the height of his career to travel for a year, his success was not affected at all.

Taking a gap year could pay off

Taking a gap year [isn't a break from learning altogether](#), it's just a break from the traditional forms of learning like school and university.

But a gap year well spent could really benefit you, your resume, and your future studies.

You can read our blog [about alternative gap year ideas](#) if you're not able to travel overseas.

[Why sleep is so important](#)

We always talk about sleep being important for your mental and physical wellbeing, but truly it is. If you didn't eat for a week, then your body would suffer. [Don't get enough sleep and your brain suffers too.](#)

Getting enough sleep can help you to:

- Recharge
- Process information
- Allow your body to rest and repair
- Feel happier
- Think more clearly
- Concentrate better
- Provide you with the energy to complete tasks, and
- Make you more alert

Need help getting to sleep?

You could:

- Put your devices to bed at least 30 minutes before you go
- Make sure you get some exercise during the day
- Start and stick to a regular routine for bedtime and waking up
- Practise quiet & soothing activities before bed
- Avoid napping
- Create the perfect sleeping environment
- Stay away from dietary stimulants like sugar, coffee, coke, tea a few hours before you need to go to sleep

For more information about why you need great sleep, [how to ensure you get enough \(and it's good quality\)](#), or to talk someone about sleep issues the [Kids Helpline](#) offers lots more resources, as well as ways to get in touch with an expert.

Internships at Uni

Internships are a popular way for uni students to gain experience working in their chosen field. There are heaps of companies that offer internships to uni students and even graduates. Internships can be paid or unpaid, part- or full-time, and range from anywhere between a few weeks to a year in length.

Internships are common in industries like marketing, journalism and design – but you can find internships in almost every field.

If you're thinking of studying in the future, an internship is a great way to boost your learning by getting real-world experience.

Take a look at Pedestrian TV's Internship page to get a feel for what's on offer, and what employers are looking for: <https://www.pedestrian.tv/jobs/search/internshipwork-experience/>

Wellbeing Campaign for Indigenous Australians

Are you feeling isolated and upset while being stuck at home?

The NSW Government has partnered with NITV and IDENTITY Communications to create a video series for Indigenous Australians to support their mental and physical wellbeing during the current crisis.

There are four videos that cover important topics: Connection to Culture, Staying Healthy, Managing Stress and How to Keep the Mob Safe.

You can check out the first episode on YouTube here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IJV0BrZ9qQQ>

And watch NITV's *Over the Black Dot* if you want to see them on the telly.

Citizen Science Projects to Get Involved With

Do you want to make a change in the world? Well now you can – and you can do it from your couch. Check out some of the citizen science projects you can take a part in. They include wildlife spotting, identifying frogs and more.

Take a look at the projects here: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/science/2020-06-06/citizen-science-projects-ocean-odyssey/12292270>

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Join the ANSTO STEAM Club

The ANSTO STEAM Club provides students with an opportunity to learn scientific concepts and apply their knowledge in creative and ingenious ways to solve challenges.

The Club will give you fun and creative new challenges each week that you can do at home.

You will be experimenting and creating using common everyday items found around your home.

Anyone can join, but the program is designed for children between the ages of 8 and 13 years.

Best of all, it's completely free.

Find out more and join here: <https://www.ansto.gov.au/education/resources/ansto-steam-club>

Make a Game Without a Computer

Do you love gaming and want to make your own, but don't have the best knowledge of coding?

There is still a way you can get involved in game design – using paper prototypes. Making a paper prototype is a great way to get a solid foundation for your game. It's also cheap and fun.

Read more about paper prototypes on AIE's blog here: <https://aie.edu.au/articles/develop-your-game-design-skills-using-paper-prototypes/>

Meet the Engineering Student Bringing Affordable Robotics Kits to Schools

Chemical engineering student Marissa Thomas works with Robogals, running workshops in schools to get girls into STEM.

But she realised that a lot of schools couldn't afford the latest and greatest technology, including expensive robotics kits.

So she decided to take matters into her own hands and create her own.

Read more about her story here: <https://www.createdigital.org.au/engineering-student-affordable-robotics-kits/>

CQUni | Should I apply for a scholarship?

A lot of students wonder whether they should apply for a scholarship, and often they believe scholarships are only for those that are academically gifted or athletic. At CQUni, we have a range of scholarships to suit all different situations and circumstances, making it accessible for all students. To help you decide on whether you should apply for a scholarship, watch our short video and visit our FAQs.

Still have questions about CQUni? Make sure you keep in touch to receive more information from CQUniversity, or Book a Conversation with one of our dedicated team.

Find out more: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nklnL5iXXPA&feature=emb_logo

Job Spotlight

How to become a Graphic Designer

What do Graphic Designers do?

Graphic Designers create and design visual branding for their clients, such as logos, packaging designs, layouts, advertisements and more. They work with a variety of mediums, including drawing, photography and digital media.

If you are creative with an eye for design, love working with technology and have good customer service skills, this could be the perfect job for you.

About you:

- Creative with good attention to detail
- Strong IT skills and knowledge of industry-standard programs
- Able to communicate effectively with clients

The job:

- Determine the needs of clients
- Work through the design process with clients, from concept to completion
- Prepare final designs to be used in a variety of contexts e.g. for web, printing, etc.

Graphic Designer salary (average) \$53,686 per year

(Source: payscale.com)

Job growth as a Graphic Designer is strong (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

This is a fast-growing and competitive industry, so having a formal qualification and getting work experience can help boost your chances of finding work.

How to become a Graphic Designer in Australia

A degree isn't necessary for entry into this career, but a formal education is preferred by both employers and clients.

Step 1 – Study English and Maths at school and consider taking subjects such as art and technology.

Step 2 – Study a relevant degree at university, or get a VET qualification, such as:

[CSU's Bachelor of Creative Industries \(Design and Visual Arts\)](#)

[CQU's Bachelor of Digital Media](#)

[Monash's Bachelor of Design](#)

[TAFE NSW's Certificate IV in Design](#)

Step 3 – Undertake work experience or an internship to gain the required skills and become more appealing to employers. Keep an updated portfolio of your work.

Step 4 – Boost your credibility by becoming a member of an organisation such as the [Design Institute of Australia](#).

Step 5 – Keep up to date with the latest trends in design and upskill with short courses.

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

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- **How long does it take to become a Graphic Designer?**

It can take between 4 and 5 years from finishing school to become a Graphic Designer. This is the time it would usually take you to finish a relevant qualification and get some work experience under your belt.

- **Where do Graphic Designers work?**

Graphic Designers can work as part of a design studio, in-house for a company, or do freelance work. Some graphic designers work remotely.

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

Having a formal qualification can greatly improve your chances of finding work. VET qualifications are often sufficient and could take less time to complete.

- **Is Graphic Design a good career to aim for?**

If you are creative and love art and technology, Graphic Design could be a great option for you. There is strong growth for this career in the future as well.

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