

CAREERS NEWSLETTER 18 AUGUST, 2026



INVITATION TO JOIN JOB JUMP

We warmly encourage all **parents and students** to register for **Job Jump**, an excellent careers platform that supports young people as they explore future pathways.

Job Jump provides:

Up-to-date information on tertiary study options, ATARs, apprenticeships, and TAFE pathways.

Tools to create a resume, helping students present their strengths professionally.

Customised news alerts so families stay informed about important deadlines and opportunities.

Both parents and students can benefit from clear guidance and timely updates as they plan— whether that's choosing senior subjects, exploring university courses, or considering vocational training.

To register, simply visit:

<https://www.jobjump.com.au/register> and visit Careers 2026 on Canvas to access sign up details.

We hope you find Job Jump a valuable resource in supporting informed and confident career decision-making.

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



To contact Ms. Hall please email chall@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au or call 9414 4733.

Events

This Week's Events

Newcastle Ask Us Anything: Early Entry, UAC and Getting into Uni Webinar

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: August 20, 2026

Need help with your University of Newcastle Early Entry Program Application? Thinking about university but not sure where to start? Join our free online session designed specifically for regional and remote students.

We'll walk you through making an Early Entry Programs application, UAC applications, key dates, scholarships, accommodation and support services. Whether you're ready to apply or just exploring your options, this is your chance to get answers to your questions and learn how to make the most of your pathway to university.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Co-op Program Scholarship | 2026 Co-op Chat | What is Co-op?

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: August 20, 2026

Discover Co-op: What It Is, Why It Matters and How It Can Shape Your Future

Curious about the UNSW Co-op Program and where it could take you? Join us for an engaging session exploring what Co-op involves, the benefits of becoming a Scholar and how the program can support your academic, professional and personal development.

Whether you are just beginning to explore your options or already considering an application, this session will give you valuable insights into the Co-op experience and help you decide whether the program is right for you.

Then, join us for our second session on 16 September, where we will walk you through the application process and share practical tips to help you submit a strong application.

[Find out more](#)

QTAC Student Information Night 2026

Organisation: Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre

Location: Online

Date: August 20, 2026

Thinking of applying through QTAC? Join us for a live online session designed to give you the inside edge on submitting a successful application.

Whether you're applying straight from Year 12, returning to study, or changing direction, QTAC experts will walk you through key tips for a successful application.

This session is perfect for students (and parents!) wanting to feel confident and prepared throughout the QTAC process. Don't miss your chance to get insider advice straight from the source.

[Find out more](#)

Galaxy Games Festival

Organisation: Liquid Cat Studio



Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: August 22, 2026

Join us for Macquarie University's premier games fest, co-designed and co-run by Game Development students and educators. We are partnering with Women In Computing Society at Macquarie University to bring you this event.

This event welcomes emerging game developers and anyone interested in broadening their understanding about what the games industry encompasses, and exploring how the various aspects and fields of game development come together to create a refined, finished product.

We bring student showcases and presentations, and guest speakers from various areas of games and adjacent industries coming in to share their insights.

[Find out more](#)

Collarts Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Collarts, Sydney Campus

Date: August 22, 2026

At Collarts, our Open Day is all about making this process simple and hands-on. Information sessions, workshops and the chance to chat with students, teachers and leaders are an important part of learning more about what sets us apart from the rest.

We invite you to come and experience life at Collarts: from our passion for creativity, close community, industry-level facilities, expert faculty, and more.

From guided tours to live demonstrations, here are some of the activities you can catch at the next Collarts Open Day:

- **Guided tours:** Experience our campuses firsthand with guided tours led by our enthusiastic Student Ambassadors.
- **Info hubs:** Our info hubs provide convenient drop-in spaces where you can have direct conversations with Program Leaders, Academics, and students about your desired course.
- **Demonstrations:** Demonstrations are your chance to see our course content come to life. They allow you to be actively involved in projects and see our cutting-edge equipment in action, so you can get a firsthand preview of what studying at Collarts is really like.
- **Displays:** Our campus displays are positioned throughout different areas of our campuses, offering a showcase of our community's achievements and journeys.

If you have specific accessibility needs or require additional assistance, please contact Collarts in advance, and they will do their best to assist you.

[Find out more](#)

Le Cordon Bleu Sydney Open Day 2026

Organisation: Le Cordon Bleu Australia

Location: Le Cordon Bleu, Sydney Campus

Date: August 22, 2026

Now is your chance to discover how Le Cordon Bleu Australia can help kickstart your career in cuisine, pâtisserie, hotel management, restaurant management or business.

Marvel at our chef lecturers who will host cooking demonstrations in cuisine and pâtisserie and see first-hand why our culinary courses are elite.

There will also be information seminars which will provide you with a Le Cordon Bleu overview, as well as our program content and structure. Plus, you'll get to chat with our sales representatives and discover how our Industry Engagement team assists you with your learning, every step of the way.

[Find out more](#)



CAD (Computer Aided Design) for Youth aged 14+

Organisation: Inner West Council Libraries

Location: Marrickville Pavilion

Date: August 23, 2026

Youth will learn the basics of digital design.

Learn the fundamentals of 3D design with Autodesk Fusion 360 in this hands-on CAD course for youth. Students will explore sketching, modelling, and creative problem-solving while designing real-world projects. Perfect for youth aged 14+ starting to learn!

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Bathurst

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more](#)

Hunter Science Festival

Organisation: Newcastle Museum

Location: Newcastle Museum

Date: August 23, 2026

Packed with free science and entertainment for families! This year the festival will feature an outdoor stage so everyone can see the science shows! It's a big day of stage performances from Fizzics Education, The Bubble Laboratory, The Pretty Amazing Jono and HMRI Poo Palace researchers.

[Find out more](#)

Science in the Scrub – Family Fun Day in Western Sydney Parklands

Organisation: Greater Sydney Parklands

Location: Lizard Log Amphitheatre, Western Sydney Parklands

Date: August 23, 2026

Join us on Sunday 23 August for Science in the Scrub – a free family fun day out at Western Sydney Parklands!

Lizard Log will transform into a pop-up village of scientific wonder this National Science Week, with live science shows, hands-on experiments, native animals and over 30 stalls to explore. Don't miss the life-sized roaming dinosaur and your chance to meet real-life scientists at this special event.

Event highlights include:

- **Amelie the Singing Blue-Banded Bee** – Join Amelie's interactive nature-themed performances.
- **UNSW Science Village** – Explore hands-on STEM activities, including the Engineering Makerbus, Physics Playground, science scavenger hunts and interactive exhibits.



- **Meet Ginger and the Baby Dinosaurs** – Meet Ginger the life-sized roaming dinosaur and get your photo taken with newly hatched baby dinosaurs.
- **Indigenous Science Village** – Discover Indigenous scientific knowledge through bush foods, medicinal plants, seaweed science and hands-on STEM activities with NISEP.
- **Australian National Maritime Museum Ocean Lab** – Explore marine science with microscopes, preserved specimens and ocean-inspired experiments.
- **Creative Science Live Show** – A fun-filled liquid nitrogen science spectacular packed with experiments, laughs and audience participation.
- **Bug Hunt Citizen Science Project** – Investigate insects and discover how you can contribute to real-world scientific research.
- **Wildlife Encounters** – Meet frogs, bats, birds, reptiles and other native Australian animals.
- **Giant Bubble Station** – Create giant bubbles, foam clouds and hands-on bubble experiments.

[Find out more](#)

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Newcastle Ma & Morley Scholarship Information Session – Gosford

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Gosford Campus

Date: August 24, 2026

The [Ma & Morley Scholarship](#) is the University's flagship Scholarship Program, taking up to 30 Scholars in four categories each year. Applications are now open and close at midnight on Sunday 6 September.

The Ma & Morley Program team are hosting several information sessions for prospective applicants to learn more about this life-changing opportunity. We'll walk you through the Program, share what makes it unique, and guide you step-by-step through the application process. You'll also have plenty of time to ask any questions about your application.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Education Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: August 24, 2026

With [courses](#) available across early childhood, primary and secondary teaching, our friendly education academics will explain what it's really like to study at CQU. You'll learn about our strong local networks, the [support services](#) that help you succeed, and how CQU prepares you for a rewarding career in the classroom.

[Find out more](#)

BDO's High School Leaver Program information session

Organisation: BDO Australia

Location: Online

Date: August 25, 2026

Join BDO Australia and Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand (CA ANZ) to discover a different way to start your career. Our High School Leavers Program offers students the opportunity to step straight into a full-time permanent role, earn an income, gain real-world experience and complete the CA ANZ Fundamentals Pathway at the same time, without going to university.

In this free online information session, you'll learn how students can build professional skills, work towards becoming a Chartered Accountant with a recognised qualification and start their careers



from day one.

We'll cover:

- How the High School Leavers Program works
- The types of roles available at BDO and what participants do day to day
- The CA ANZ Fundamentals Pathway and how students combine work and study
- The support available, including funded study, study leave, mentoring and professional development
- The benefits of earning an income while gaining practical experience
- How this pathway differs from the traditional university experience.

[Find out more](#)

South Western Sydney & Macarthur Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Liverpool Catholic Club

Date: August 25, 2026

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts.

The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

[Find out more](#)

Wagga Wagga Defence Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Wagga Wagga Army Reserve Depot

Date: August 25, 2026

Are you interested to learn about the wide range of roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force? Join us at an upcoming info session and speak with current serving members about their own experiences. You'll have the chance to ask any questions you have about Australian Defence Force careers and opportunities.

It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

Please arrive no later than 15 minutes early to allow time for check-in. Due to building access restrictions, late arrivals will not be permitted entry after the session begins.

[Find out more](#)

ADF Wollongong Trade Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Wollongong ADF Careers Centre, Level 2

Date: August 25, 2026

Apply your existing trade skills or receive world-class training in order to work with formidable military assets and enjoy the many benefits of a career in the Australian Defence Force.

To find out more about available trade roles, come along to an info session and speak with current serving personnel.

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Tamworth Defence Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: IBIS Styles Tamworth

Date: August 25, 2026

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Newcastle Ma & Morley Scholarship Information Session – Callaghan

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus

Date: August 25, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

Admission to medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 26, 2026

Join us ahead of Open Day to explore pathways to medicine at the University of Sydney.

Learn about admission requirements, application dates and timelines, and the assessment process.

We'll share details of the options available, whether you're applying to commence your studies after high-school, or after completing a bachelor's degree.

Through a live Q&A with our specialist staff, you'll have your questions answered ahead of Open Day, so you can arrive informed, have meaningful conversations with our team, and make the most of your time exploring our learning facilities.

[Find out more](#)

Study medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 26, 2026

Join us ahead of Open Day to discover what it's like to study medicine at the University of Sydney and learn how we prepare future doctors to make a meaningful impact in Australia and around the world. Through a live Q&A with our specialist staff you'll have your questions answered ahead of Open Day, so you can arrive informed, have meaningful conversations with our team, and make the most of your time exploring our learning facilities.

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GOTAFE Careers & Futures Expo Wodonga

Organisation: Wodonga TAFE

Location: Wodonga TAFE

Date: August 27, 2026

Thinking about the future? Whatever stage of the journey you're at, the Careers & Futures Expo can provide you with important information to help guide you on your path.

- **Meet with teachers:** Explore your future study options and experience what it's really like to be a TAFE student.
- **Connect with industry:** Discover real job outcomes and career pathways through industry experts and employers.
- **Chat with students:** Hear their stories and learn how TAFE can take you all the way to university and beyond.
- **Explore our facilities:** Join tours and interactive activities for a taster of the hands-on training we deliver, and what awaits beyond.

[Find out more](#)

Study law at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 27, 2026

Join us ahead of Open Day to explore what it's like to study Law at the University of Sydney.

Our law degrees equip you for a rewarding and intellectually challenging career in legal practice, combined with expertise in an additional discipline of your choice.

In this webinar, we'll take you through the student experience and outline the pathways to studying law at Sydney, including our undergraduate combined law degrees, transfer options, and the Juris Doctor.

You'll have the opportunity to ask questions during a live Q&A with our specialist team, helping you make the most of Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

Wodonga TAFE Careers & Futures Expo

Organisation: Wodonga TAFE

Location: Wodonga TAFE

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Say Yes to the Trades Expo

Organisation: Superior Training Centre

Location: Entertainment Park, Bankstown Aerodrome

Date: August 27, 2026



Say Yes to the Trades Expo is a trade-focused event designed for high school students who are curious about hands-on careers and the opportunities available in Australia's growing trade industries. The event brings together training providers, employers, and industry professionals to give students a practical introduction to careers in trades such as electrical, air conditioning and refrigeration, and metal fabrication.

Students attending the event can explore different career pathways, speak directly with employers and industry representatives, and gain a better understanding of what it's like to work in a skilled trade. Exhibitors will showcase tools, equipment, and technologies used in the industry, helping students see how these careers operate in the real world.

In addition to learning about training and employment opportunities, attendees will also be able to enjoy the entertainment facilities at the venue, making the day both informative and fun. The event is designed to inspire students, answer questions about entering the trades, and help them take their first steps toward a practical and rewarding career.

If you're considering a future in the trades or simply want to explore your options, Say Yes to the Trades is the perfect place to start.

[Find out more](#)

ADF Trade Careers Virtual Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Online

Date: August 27, 2026

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It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

[Find out more](#)

Sydney West Careers & Employment Expo 2026

Organisation: Kym Jones Exhibitions

Location: Sydney Showground

Date: August 28 to August 29, 2025

The Sydney West Careers & Employment Expo will be at the Sydney Showground - Hall 4. The Expo will showcase over 80 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses, and workers seeking new opportunities.

The Expo is packed with free advice, where you can:

- Talk with over 80 training organisations and employers
- Gain free career advice
- Discover jobs of the future
- Talk with leading organisations about training and apprenticeships
- Experience the free career seminars
- Learn how to write a winning resume

If you're looking for a job, career change, or course, or you're a school student looking for a career path, you can't afford to miss the Expo.

[Find out more](#)



Torrens University Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Torrens University, Surry Hills Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Come and meet our academics and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about early entry, scholarships, entry pathways and our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and see firsthand how exciting studying in Sydney can be.

- Talk to our academics and Future Student Advisors about choosing courses, scholarships and the application process.
- Embark on a guided tour of our campus facilities and get a feel of our recreational spaces, teaching spaces and more.
- Meet our current students and find out what their experiences studying at Torrens University is like.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Join us at the University of Sydney Open Day. Experience our vibrant student life on campus, hear from academics and current students and discover what makes us different.

[Find out more](#)

UTS Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: University of Technology Sydney, City Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Discover UTS. What you can expect at Open Day:

- Ask questions about admissions, pathways and study options
- Attend course information sessions
- Speak with academics and current students
- Explore labs and learning spaces
- Learn about scholarships, accommodation and support services
- Join guided campus and facility tours
- Discover clubs, societies and student communities

[Find out more](#)

Notre Dame Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: University of Notre Dame Australia

Location: University of Notre Dame, Sydney Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Notre Dame's Open Day is your chance to explore what university life is all about! You'll discover study options, career pathways and our student support services. Plus, you'll experience an exciting program filled with activities for future students.

Whether you're in Year 10, 11 or 12, or a graduate thinking about postgrad study, our Open Day is open to everyone – including pathways and international students, who can chat with our dedicated team. Learn about scholarships and financial assistance to make your journey affordable.

[Find out more](#)



University of Newcastle Open Day 2026, Central Coast

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Ourimbah & Gosford Campuses

Date: August 29, 2026

Open Day is packed with everything you need to know about going to the University of Newcastle.

Participate in degree presentations, info sessions and tours of the campus.

Enjoy a hands-on experience with our program activations, and ask our student ambassadors questions about uni life.

[Find out more](#)

Avondale Lake Macquarie Open Day 2026

Organisation: Avondale University

Location: Avondale University, Lake Macquarie Campus

Date: August 30, 2026

Find out why Avondale University is ranks #1 in NSW for overall experience, learner engagement, student support, skills development and teaching quality

What to expect:

- Imagine being a student at Avondale University with interactive campus tours of our state of the art facilities and onsite accommodation
- Chat to current students about community, social life, sport and clubs
- Learn all about our courses and how to apply from our awesome staff who are here to help you reach your dreams
- Live entertainment, giveaways and of course free food!

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Orange

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Orange Campus

Date: August 30, 2026

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FUTURE EVENTS

Monash Information Evening – Webinar

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: September 1, 2026

Choosing a university is a big decision.

Join our Monash webinar to have your questions answered and get the key details you need to plan



your next step.

You'll discover what it's like to study at Monash, and hear about our courses, accommodation, scholarships, support services and campus life. You'll also gain insights about moving to Monash and settling in.

This session is ideal if you're:

- Considering moving from interstate, or
- From regional or rural Victoria, or
- Live in Melbourne and are keen to know more about Monash.

Register now to secure your place.

[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Virtual Open Day 2026

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 1 to September 2, 2026

Ready for the next step on your career journey? Join us online as our academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

- Business, Education, Health, Hospitality, Technology and Higher Degrees by Research:
Tuesday 1 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)
- Design: Wednesday 2 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)

[Find out more](#)

Sutherland Shire Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

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Location: Tradies Gynea

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[Find out more](#)



UOW Regional Open Evenings – Bega Valley

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Bega Valley Campus

Date: September 1 to August 1, 2026

Regional Open Evenings are taking place at our Bega Valley, Eurobodalla, and Shoalhaven campuses on Tuesday, 1 September from 3:30-6:30pm. Register and attend for information on study in 2027.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Regional Open Evenings – Eurobodalla

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Eurobodalla Campus

Date: September 1 to August 1, 2026

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UOW Regional Open Evenings – Shoalhaven

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Shoalhaven Campus

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Fab Lab Intro to Making Module: 2D Design and Laser Cutting for ages 14+

Organisation: Lake Mac Arts and Culture

Location: Lake Mac Libraries Fab Lab

Date: September 1 to September 8, 2026

Master the art of 2D design and laser cutting to create custom projects with precision and creativity! Join us for the Intro to Making Module: 2D Design and Laser Cutting, where you'll explore the fundamentals of digital design and fabrication. Over two hands-on Tuesday evening sessions, you'll learn how to create vector-based designs using Inkscape and use a laser cutter to bring them to life. From engraving to precise cuts, discover the potential of laser cutting for personal projects, prototyping, and creative applications.

[Find out more](#)

Avondale Sydney Nursing Open Day 2026

Organisation: Avondale University

Location: Avondale University, Sydney Campus

Date: September 2, 2026

Find out why our Nursing degree is ranked #1 in Australia for overall experience by Good Universities Guide in 2026 and why we are the #1 University for graduate employment.

What to expect:

- Experience interactive campus tours of our state of the art facilities
- Chat to current students about community, social life, sport and clubs
- Learn all about our courses and how to apply from our awesome staff who are here to help you reach your dreams
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Study biomedical engineering at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Discover how biomedical engineers improve lives by designing technologies and explore how to make a real-world difference.

[Find out more](#)

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[Find out more](#)

Rural Health Pathways Showcase for High School Students, Teachers & Parents

Organisation: Rural Doctors Network

Location: ICC Darling Harbour

Date: September 3, 2026

Discover your path in health – wherever you're from to wherever you're going.

Open to Careers Advisers, teachers, parents, and students in Years 9–12 interested in exploring careers in allied health, medicine, nursing, midwifery, pharmacy, paramedicine, Aboriginal health, caring, and more.

Connect with universities, training providers, peak bodies and health employers to explore study pathways and career opportunities. Meet health students, graduates and professionals, take part in hands-on activities, and gain real insights into a wide range of health careers.

The event includes an interactive expo, hands-on workshops and the popular Chat Corner, all running simultaneously. To fully experience all aspects of the event you attend for the entire scheduled time, rotating through allocated sessions.

[Find out more](#)

Crafting & Coding Animatronics for ages 13-18

Organisation: Woollahra Municipal Council

Location: Paddington Library

Date: September 3, 2026

Code and craft moving creations in this hands-on animatronics workshop.



Using VEX IQ systems and cardboard, participants will begin by coding existing animatronics to move, then design and build their own moving feature, such as limbs, eyes, eyelids, ears or a mouth, and program it to respond to sensory input.

As the workshop uses VEX IQ motors and sensors, participants will not be able to take home the electronic components of their creations.

All experience levels are welcome. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

[Find out more](#)

UTS Elite Athlete Program Information Evening

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: UTS Moore Park Campus, Level 5

Date: September 3, 2026

Learn about the UTS Elite Athlete Program, meet current athletes, and explore your sporting pathway. UTS EAP supports students competing at elite and emerging levels of sport while undertaking university study. Through scholarships and tailored support, the program helps student-athletes manage the demands of both high-performance sport and academic life.

Each year, we support more than 300 athletes across 45+ sports, from state and national representatives through to world champions and Olympians!

What to Expect:

- On the night, you'll have the opportunity to:
- Ask questions about eligibility, applications and pathways into the program
- Learn about the scholarships, support services and opportunities available through the UTS EAP
- Meet current UTS student-athletes and hear about their experiences balancing sport and study
- Connect with representatives from UTS's high-performance sporting clubs

[Find out more](#)

National Art School Open Day 2026

Organisation: National Art School

Location: National Art School

Date: September 5, 2026

The National Art School is Australia's leading independent fine art school, with a hands-on studio-based teaching model that has delivered a rich tradition of art practice and world-renowned alumni for over 100 years. On the frontier of arts education, NAS provides a progressive and holistic approach to study, and we invite the public to join us on Open Day to share in our creative community.

Discover what life is like for students at the National Art School by participating in studio demonstrations, meeting with academic staff, visiting the NAS Gallery and student exhibition spaces across campus.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, North Sydney

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

Date: September 5, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested



in.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: University of New South Wales, Kensington Campus

Date: September 5, 2026

Open Day is an opportunity for future students, family, alumni and community members to explore everything a university has to offer, so they can make an informed decision about their future. Whether you're starting uni soon, considering postgraduate studies or just curious, UNSW Open Day is a chance to discover UNSW and find out everything the University has to offer. At UNSW Open Day, we'll help you find your unique path to uni, and you'll discover the progress you could make as one of Australia's most employable graduates.

There will be more than 200 sessions available to help you explore your study options, tour our buzzing campuses, enjoy the free food – you'll get expert advice and have fun while you're at it.

[Find out more](#)

Massey University International Online Open Day

Organisation: Massey University

Location: Online

Date: September 5, 2026

Join us in New Zealand. Each year, more than 5,000 international students from over 100 countries find a warm welcome at Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University.

During the event, you'll hear from our academics, current students and support staff as they share insights into studying at Massey and answer some of the most common questions from future international students.

During the event, we'll cover topics including:

- Courses and qualifications available including graduate outcomes
- Our campuses in New Zealand and accommodation options
- What makes Massey unique
- Student life in New Zealand
- Student support services including careers
- Admission and enrolment support
- Fees and funding

You'll also have the opportunity to connect with Massey staff and ask questions about your study options, helping you choose the qualification that's right for your interests and career goals.

Whether you're just starting to explore university or have applied already, you'll leave with a better understanding of what studying at Massey is like and the next steps to begin your journey.

We can't wait to welcome you to Massey University's 2026 International Online Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Year 12 HSC Revision Webinars

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: September 7 to September 10, 2026

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone.

Join our free online webinars from 7 - 10 September 2026. They are live, expert-led sessions designed to help you walk into your exams feeling prepared.

Can't attend live? Register anyway – recordings are available to registered attendees for one week after each webinar.



[Find out more](#)

Western Sydney Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre

Date: September 8, 2026

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts.

The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

[Find out more](#)

Exploring oral health at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 9, 2026

Discover the University of Sydney's Bachelor of Oral Health and the rewarding careers it leads to. Learn about course structure, entry pathways, and professional outcomes. Explore a first-in-Australia initiative supporting Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students to pursue careers in oral health.

[Find out more](#)

Ag Vision 2026

Organisation: Grow Our Own (GOO)

Location: Yanco Agricultural High School

Date: September 9, 2026

Ag Vision Yanco 2026 aims to promote agricultural careers to 500 Year 9-11 students from 30+ schools in the Riverina-Murray region.

40 hands on workshops highlighting various topics in agriculture will be delivered by local industry representatives, of which students can pre-register for 5 different sessions.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie Incubator & Young Wisdom Student Startup Bootcamp for Years 9-10

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: September 11, 2026

We're thrilled to invite a group of your students and an accompanying staff member to our multi award-winning incubator for a full-day of entrepreneurial skills and confidence-building alongside peers from a range of Sydney schools.

In thought-provoking discussions and workshops, students and educators will gain an understanding of the skills, people, and resources leveraged by innovators and entrepreneurs to effect positive, sustainable change in the world.

Participants will build entrepreneurial skills and self-efficacy through: empathising with one another, identifying problems worth solving, designing solutions worth testing, and persuasively pitching new ideas - all on the same day!

Please note: *Only teachers/school staff should register for this event (we don't need you to provide student details or have them register themselves)*

[Find out more](#)



Macquarie [EX]plore Science Extension Conference

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: September 14, 2026

Macquarie University is hosting a full-day conference showcasing the research of Year 12 HSC Science Extension students Monday 14 September.

Designed as an authentic research experience, the event brings together school students, undergraduates and PhD researchers to share a passion for science through presentations, posters, networking opportunities and Faculty of Science lab tours. Prizes will be awarded for outstanding presentations.

Year 12 students can register independently and will present their work at the conference (applications close 21 August), while Year 10 and 11 students must be registered by a teacher.

[Find out more](#)

Prepare for the future of work with Sydney's Bachelor of Arts – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 16, 2026

Discover how the Bachelor of Arts at the University of Sydney can set you up for success. Learn how this flexible degree equips you with the critical thinking, creativity and communication skills needed to thrive in a rapidly changing workforce. Explore your interests, build in-demand capabilities, and prepare for a future full of opportunities in arts and social sciences.

[Find out more](#)

SCU Future Leaders Workshop, Northern Rivers

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Southern Cross University, Lismore Campus

Date: September 17, 2026

Join us for Future Leaders, a free full-day workshop facilitated by world record-breaking pilot and leadership development speaker, Lachie Smart. With engaging content, practical activities, and a supportive environment, the event aims to inspire students to unlock their potential, lead with confidence, and make a positive impact in their schools and communities.

This event is for Year 11 and 12 students; specifically student representatives, aspiring school leaders and anyone wanting to enhance their confidence and resilience in leadership.

- Explore our campus and experience our state-of-the-art campus facilities.
- Through interactive activities, develop strategic plans and acquire essential leadership skills.
- Meet current Southern Cross University students and network with us throughout the day.
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[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Open Day

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: September 19, 2026

Step inside our world of design and get to know us. Explore our studios, check out amazing student work, meet the inspiring team, get creative making a mood board.

[Find out more](#)

Astronomy Open Night by Macquarie University

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: September 19, 2026

Sydney's most spectacular night of science and stargazing returns this September. Whether you're a lifelong astronomy enthusiast or simply curious about the universe, Astronomy Open Night offers an unforgettable evening for all ages.

Discover exciting new highlights, including The Big Cosmic Q&A, where you can put your questions to our experts, and So You Like Science – What Now?, a special session for students planning their next steps after high school. You can also explore our new experimental short film festival, Stories Across Worlds, featuring works from the Archival Futures Collective. Register ASAP as tickets sell out fast!

[Find out more](#)

Coding With Care: The Power of Compassion in the Classroom – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: September 22, 2026

When people think about programming, compassion is not one of the first words that comes to mind. Yet for Lecturer Charanya Ramakrishnan, it has become the most powerful tool in her teaching practices.

Charanya will share how she has integrated care and empathy into introductory computing units, a space often defined by logic and precision rather than human connection. By embedding a deeper level of care and empathy into her practice, Charanya creates classrooms where students feel supported, valued, and confident to take risks.

This talk will explore how small, intentional changes can significantly impact not only student success but also the establishment of a culture of trust and belonging within classrooms.

This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.

[Find out more](#)



Discover Sport & Exercise at UTS

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: University of Technology Sydney, Moore Park Campus

Date: September 22, 2026

Join us for an exclusive evening at the UTS Moore Park campus and discover where a degree in sport and exercise can take you.

Hear from leading academics and current students, explore exciting study pathways and career opportunities, and experience the cutting-edge facilities shaping the next generation of sport professionals.

Whether you're interested in performance, health, or the science behind sport, this is your chance to see what's possible. Places are limited, so secure your spot early.

[Find out more](#)

AIM Music Theatre Audition Workshop, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Sydney Campus

Date: September 29 to September 30, 2026

If the stage is where you're headed, this is how you get there.

AIM's Sydney Music Theatre Audition Workshop is an immersive two-day experience for high school students who are serious about turning their passion into a career.

Working directly with the industry professionals who teach our Bachelor of Music Theatre, you'll build your skills, refine your repertoire, and walk away with the confidence and feedback you need to nail your audition.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Security: Cyber Security Experience Day for High school girls (Years 7- 8) in Sydney 2026

Organisation: Australian Women in Security Network (AWSN)

Location: Westpac Sydney

Date: September 29, 2026

Ever wondered who keeps the internet safe?

Who stops hackers in their tracks? Who protects your data? Who's behind the scenes keeping the digital world running?

IT COULD BE YOU!

Whether you are a total beginner or just curious about how the digital world really works, this is your chance to find out. Spend a day at Westpac Sydney, get hands-on with real cyber security challenges, and hear from the people actually doing this for a living. This experience day is designed to immerse high school girls in the world of cybersecurity through a mix of interactive workshops, hands-on activities, and career insights.

Focus on foundational cybersecurity concepts through engaging and interactive workshops.

The day will also feature talks from cybersecurity professionals, offering students insights into potential career paths and helping them make informed decisions about their futures in this dynamic field.

[Find out more](#)

Create for a Day at SAE Sydney

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2026

This October school holidays, SAE University College Sydney is opening its doors for Create for a Day: a one-day, hands-on experience where you'll step into the studio, lab or production space and start



creating.

Choose from:

- Animation
- Audio
- Computer Science
- Design
- Film
- Games
- Songwriting & Electronic Music Production
- VFX

Create for a Day lets you skip the textbooks and jump straight into building, recording, designing, coding or filming, all guided by lecturers who work in the industry.

By the end of the day, you'll walk away with your own finished project and a certificate of participation, plus a clearer idea of what studying at SAE is really like and where your skills could take you in the future.

Open to students in Years 10-12 and young creatives up to age 21.

[Find out more](#)

HSC Workshop: Visual Arts Induction, Marrickville

Organisation: Inner West Council Libraries

Location: Marrickville Library and Pavilion

Date: October 18, 2026

An essential presentation for students in Year 11 beginning the HSC Visual Arts Course in Term 4. Visual Arts teachers are also welcome!

This session unpacks the dual role students will play as both artist and critic, offering a clear understanding of what lies ahead - from developing the HSC Body of Work to preparing for the HSC Written Exam, with practical advice on how to navigate course content, Case Studies, time management in preparing for school-based assessments and external exams. This induction equips students with tools to start strong and stay on track throughout the HSC Visual Arts journey. Visual Arts teachers are welcome to attend and bring a group of students or come along for their own professional development.

BYO pens, highlighters, clipboard, notebook and water bottle. A workbook will be provided.

[Find out more](#)

SCU Future Leaders Workshop, Coffs Harbour

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour Campus

Date: October 21, 2026

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campus.

[Find out more](#)

Yr 12 & Beyond with ADHD – Webinar for Year 12 Students and Parents

Organisation: ADHD Webinars

Location: Online

Date: October 29, 2026

Designed to help Year 12 students and parents navigate the transition to tertiary study or employment with practical ADHD management strategies. It offers actionable guidance on post-school options, strengths and interests, accommodations, and setting up tailored support systems.

[Find out more](#)

Griffith Employment + Career Expo 2026

Organisation: Griffith Business Chamber

Location: Griffith Regional Sports Centre

Date: October 30, 2026

Discover a range of career and education opportunities at the Griffith Business Chamber Careers and Employment Expo.

Want to explore a new industry, switch careers, or find a job?

Bring your resume, apply for jobs, get helpful tips from the experts and connect with local businesses and training providers!

There'll be a jobs board available on the day as well as short presentations about what local employers are looking for, further education opportunities, resume & interview tips, apprenticeship advice and more!

[Find out more](#)

Procrastination & ADHD – Webinar for Year 10, 11, 12 Students and Parents

Organisation: ADHD Webinars

Location: Online

Date: November 5, 2026

A practical session focusing on why ADHD brains procrastinate and how students in Years 10–12 can overcome executive dysfunction. Attendees will learn evidence-based study tools, time-management hacks, and task-initiation techniques.

[Find out more](#)

Beginner Shakuhachi Workshop for ages 16+

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Date: November 7, 2026

If you've always wanted to try the shakuhachi, now's your chance!

Shakuhachi Master Bronwyn Kirkpatrick will present this workshop and demonstration introducing shakuhachi, the traditional Japanese bamboo flute.

The demonstration/workshop is open to anyone 16 years of age and over and no prior musical experience is necessary.

It will interest students who feel drawn to Asian music and philosophies and people who want to find out more about the shakuhachi and its tradition. It may also be of particular interest to flute and recorder students who are exploring contemporary techniques on their instruments, as many of these techniques are similar to traditional shakuhachi techniques.

The demonstration will include the history of the shakuhachi and performances of different styles of music, from Zen Buddhist to contemporary. There will also be plenty of opportunity to try it out for



yourselves! In the workshop, we will work on making sound and improving tone. We will learn to read basic Japanese notation and to play some simple Japanese folk songs.

[Find out more](#)

Camden Careers and Jobs Expo

Organisation: Camden Council

Location: Camden Civic Centre

Date: November 19, 2026

This free event brings together job seekers, exhibitors, students, and industry leaders for a day packed with opportunities. Whether you're launching your career, switching industries, or looking to advance your skills, this is the event you don't want to miss!

- For Job Seekers: Discover a wide range of job opportunities, connect with employers, and explore career paths that could change your future.
- For Exhibitors: This is your chance to showcase your business, engage with potential candidates, and promote your training programs to an eager audience.
- For Students/Schools: Explore endless career pathways, network with employers, and find out about study and training options to kickstart your journey post school.

There is no cost to exhibit or for schools to bring students; however, registration is required.

[Find out more](#)

Year 11 & Beyond with ADHD – Starting Strong in the Senior Years

Organisation: ADHD Webinars

Location: Online

Date: November 26, 2026

Focuses on setting senior students up for success as they enter their final school year and look ahead to future pathways. This webinar for parents, senior high school students and career practitioners covers strategies for managing workload stress, building independence, and planning post-school transitions.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

FSG Geotechnics and Foundations Indigenous Scholarship at SCU

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Gold Coast, Lismore

Value: \$15,000 AUD

Close Date: February 14, 2027

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Vanessa Hardman Memorial Endowed Law Scholarship

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: New South Wales

Value: AU\$5,500

Open Date: July 7, 2026

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

ANZ Indigenous Undergraduate Scholarship at SCU

Organisation: Southern Cross University



Location: Coffs Harbour, Gold Coast, Lismore

Value: \$15,00 AUD

Close Date: February 14, 2027

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Blue Ocean Student Entrepreneur Competition

Organisation: Blue Ocean

Location: All

Value: Up to US\$1,000

Close Date: February 21, 2027

[Find out more](#)

OzKids Writing and Art Competition

Organisation: OzKids

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Griffith University Gold Coast Schools Science Competition

Organisation: Griffith University

Location: New South Wales, Queensland

Value: See details

Close Date: August 26, 2026

[Find out more](#)

AI for SDGs – Global Youth AI Future Innovation Competition

Organisation: UNU Global AI Network

Location: All

Value: See details

Close Date: September 15, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Global Integrated Flood and Drought Management Competition for Youth-Led projects

Organisation: World Meteorological Organization

Location: All

Value: See details

Close Date: August 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Wharton Global High School Investment Competition

Organisation: University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Location: All

Value: See details

Close Date: September 11, 2026

[Find out more](#)



Experiences

JOBS & CAREERS

The scientists behind the food you eat

Every packet, carton, and takeaway container on the shelf has been through the hands of several scientists before it reaches you. From the way a product is designed to how it's tested, processed, and checked for safety, there's a surprising amount of science behind something as ordinary as breakfast. Here's a look at five careers doing that work.

Food Technologist

Turning a recipe that works in a small kitchen into something that can be made safely and consistently at scale is the job of a Food Technologist. That means choosing the right processing methods, such as heat treatment, freezing, or packaging systems, and solving the problems that come up when a product behaves differently in a full production line than it did in early testing. Food Technologists work closely with engineers and production teams, and they're often the ones adapting existing products or developing new ones in response to changing tastes, such as plant-based alternatives.

Entry usually comes through a qualification in food technology or food science, which typically includes a strong practical or laboratory component alongside the theory. Some people also move into the role from an engineering or production background and specialise once they're working in food manufacturing.

Sensory Scientist

A Sensory Scientist studies how people actually experience food and drink, covering taste, smell, texture, and appearance. Much of the work involves designing and running tests, from training panels of tasters to describe products using precise and consistent language, to running broader consumer trials and interpreting the results with statistical methods. That information then feeds back to product developers, helping them understand exactly what needs to change if a product isn't landing the way it should.

Most Sensory Scientists come from a science background, often food science, psychology, or chemistry, and then build specific training in sensory evaluation methods on top of that. It's a role that suits someone who's naturally curious about why people like what they like, not just what's in a product.

Food Microbiologist

Food Microbiologists study the bacteria, yeasts, and moulds that show up in food, and the work splits into two quite different directions. One side is about safety, testing for harmful organisms and investigating contamination issues before they become a problem. The other is about the beneficial microbes behind fermented foods like yoghurt, cheese, and sourdough, where understanding the science means being able to improve flavour, texture, and shelf life on purpose rather than by accident.

Getting into the role usually means a qualification in microbiology or a related biological science, often starting out in a laboratory-based position within a food safety team before moving into more specialised research work.

Nutritional Scientist

Rather than working directly with patients, a Nutritional Scientist researches how food and nutrients affect the body more broadly, often through studies that look at diet and health outcomes across a population. That research could inform food labelling guidelines, support new product formulations,



or feed into public health policy, depending on where the role sits.

This is a distinct pathway from clinical dietetics, which involves direct patient care and usually requires separate accreditation. A Nutritional Scientist role typically starts with a qualification in nutrition science, which overlaps closely with biology and biochemistry, and can lead into industry research, academia, or government health roles.

Food Safety Auditor

A Food Safety Auditor inspects production facilities and processes to check they're meeting safety and quality standards, reviewing documentation, identifying risk points, and working with manufacturers to fix issues before they become bigger problems. It's a role that combines scientific knowledge with a sharp eye for detail, since a single overlooked step in a process can affect an entire batch of product.

Many Food Safety Auditors start out in quality assurance roles within food manufacturing, often with a qualification in food science or microbiology, and move into auditing once they've built up practical experience and additional certification in food safety standards.

What you'd need to get started

All five of these careers build on a foundation of science subjects at school, particularly chemistry and biology, alongside a genuine curiosity about how things work at a small scale. Comfort with detailed, methodical work matters across the board, whether that's running a lab test correctly or documenting a production process accurately.

Communication also turns up more than you'd expect. Scientific findings only create change if someone can explain them clearly to a product developer, a production manager, or a regulator who isn't a scientist themselves, so being able to translate technical detail into something practical is genuinely useful across every one of these roles.

If you're interested in exploring more careers, head to our [jobs and careers page](#) for more.

JOB SPOTLIGHTS

How to become a Civil Engineer

Civil Engineers design and oversee the infrastructure that connects and sustains communities, from roads and bridges to water systems, drainage networks, and public transport corridors. They work across the full timeline of a project, from initial concept and design through to construction oversight and long-term maintenance planning.

If you enjoy solving complex technical problems, want to see your work take physical shape in the world around you, and are drawn to building the systems people rely on every day, engineering could be the right direction.

What skills do I need as a Civil Engineer?

- Analytical & logical thinker
- Strong mathematical ability
- Technical problem-solver
- Clear communicator
- Collaborative & team-focused
- Attention to detail
- Project management ability
- Adaptable under pressure

What do Civil Engineers do?

A large part of your work begins with analysis and design. You'll assess sites, model structural and



hydraulic systems, and develop engineering solutions that meet safety standards, regulatory requirements, and the practical needs of the project. This involves specialist software for modelling and analysis, and a solid understanding of how materials and systems behave under different conditions. Before any physical work begins, you'll prepare technical drawings, specifications, and reports that contractors and construction teams will work from.

During construction, you'll move between the office and the site, reviewing progress, resolving technical issues as they emerge, and making sure work is being carried out to the required standards. You'll liaise regularly with construction managers, architects, planners, and clients, translating technical requirements into practical guidance and flagging problems before they become costly. The ability to communicate complex engineering information clearly to people without an engineering background is a skill that you'll have to develop quickly and use constantly. Beyond individual projects, civil engineers contribute to feasibility studies, environmental assessments, and long-term infrastructure planning. With experience, many develop expertise in a particular area such as structural engineering, transportation, hydraulics, or geotechnical engineering. Others move into project management or technical leadership, overseeing teams of engineers across large and complex programs.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Civil Engineers work for engineering consultancies, construction and infrastructure firms, local and state government agencies, and large resource and utilities companies. The public sector offers roles in roads, water, and urban infrastructure, while the private sector spans consultancies working across multiple clients and contractors delivering major projects. The breadth of industries that employ civil engineers is one of the practical strengths of the qualification.

Hours are above average, particularly during active project delivery phases when deadlines are tight and technical issues require prompt resolution. The role is primarily office-based, with regular site visits that vary in frequency depending on the project stage. Some roles involve travel to regional or remote locations, particularly in infrastructure and resources. Flexibility is moderate, with hybrid arrangements increasingly common for office-based work.

The physical demands are generally low to moderate, though site visits require appropriate safety gear and awareness of working environments. Salaries are above average, and the profession has a strong outlook driven by sustained government investment in infrastructure, urban growth, and the ongoing transition to renewable energy systems.

How to become a Civil Engineer

- **Complete an accredited engineering degree:** A bachelor's degree in civil engineering is the standard entry point. Accreditation by the relevant professional engineering body is important, as it underpins your path to professional recognition later in your career. Some programs offer combined degrees or honours pathways that can strengthen your graduate prospects.
- **Gain practical experience during your studies:** Vacation work, cadetships, and internships with engineering consultancies or government infrastructure agencies are valuable and often competitive. Getting onto a real project while still studying gives you context for what you're learning and builds relationships that can lead to graduate roles.
- **Work toward professional recognition:** After graduating, engineers typically work toward chartered or professionally recognised status through their professional body. This involves a period of supervised practice and a competency assessment, and it's the benchmark that signals full professional standing in the industry.
- **Build technical depth and breadth:** Early in your career, seek exposure to different project types and engineering disciplines. The engineers who progress fastest tend to be those who
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- develop technical depth in one area while maintaining enough breadth to work effectively across a project team.

From here, you could move into senior engineering roles with responsibility for complex projects, pursue chartered status and take on technical leadership, specialise in a particular discipline such as structural, hydraulic, or transport engineering, or transition into project management, infrastructure advisory, or executive roles within large organisations.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as a Civil Engineer, here are some practical steps:

- Prioritise mathematics and physics, as these subjects form the technical foundation of engineering study and are prerequisites for most civil engineering degree programs
- Look for engineering enrichment programs, competitions, or workshops run by universities or professional engineering bodies, many of which are open to secondary students and give you a taste of real engineering thinking
- Seek work experience with a local engineering consultancy or government infrastructure team to see how civil engineers spend their time and what kinds of projects they work on day to day

Find out more about alternative careers on [our Job Spotlights page](#).

JOBS & CAREERS, PATHWAYS

How to make the most of National Science Week 2026

National Science Week began in 1997, growing out of an earlier initiative called Australian Science in Schools Week that had been running since 1984. It was originally held in May, but moved to its current August slot in 2002 and has stayed there ever since. Today it's delivered through a partnership between the federal government, universities, schools, museums, research organisations like CSIRO, and community groups, alongside major partners such as Questacon and the ABC. More than two thousand events are registered each year, reaching an estimated three million Australians in some form.

This year's theme: Seeds of Science

Each year, National Science Week is built around a theme, and for 2026 it's Seeds of Science: Nurturing knowledge for all. Just like a seed needs the right conditions to grow, knowledge grows when it's shared, questioned, and applied to real problems. The theme focuses on that process itself: how ideas start small, get shared, and eventually turn into something useful.

How to find events near you

The easiest way to find out what's happening is through the [official National Science Week website](#), which has a search tool built specifically for this. You can filter events by your state and by topic, covering areas such as:

- Agriculture
- Chemistry and materials
- Energy and transport
- Environment and nature
- Health and medical
- Indigenous knowledge
- Innovation and technology
- Space and astronomy

The site also runs its own national programs you can join without leaving home, on top of the usual in-person talks, workshops, and exhibitions. SCINEMA is an international science film festival that



screens as part of the week, with programs ranging from short animations to full length documentaries, and it's free to watch. Brain Break offers quick activities designed to fit into a lesson or a work break, for anyone who'd rather dip in for ten minutes than commit to a whole event. When choosing what to attend, think about whether you'd rather do something hands-on or watch something, whether it's free or ticketed, and whether it actually connects to something you're curious about rather than picking the first thing that shows up.

Science Week beyond the classroom

Plenty of schools run their own activities during the week, but a lot of the most interesting events happen outside school hours, run by universities, museums, research institutions, and community organisations independently of any school involvement. Many science centres and observatories run their own dedicated Science Week programs too, worth checking even if you've never thought of yourself as someone who visits museums.

Going looking for something specific to you, rather than only experiencing whatever your school happens to organise, opens up a lot more options. If there's a field you're curious about that your school doesn't really touch on, there's a decent chance someone, somewhere, is running an event on it that week.

How Science Week connects to your future

It's easy to treat a science event as a one-off day out, but the fields you're exposed to during the week could inform decisions you make later, like which subjects to pick or what direction you want to explore after school. Sitting in on a talk about an area you'd never really considered, or finding out a field you assumed was boring turns out to be interesting, can shift how you think about your future well before you're locked into anything.

Using Science Week as a career exploration tool

If you want to get more out of the week than just attending, there are a few ways to use it more deliberately. Talking directly to the researchers or professionals running an event is one of the simplest ways to find out what a field actually involves day to day, beyond what you'd get from a textbook. Events connected to specific industries, such as those run by research organisations or companies, can also give you a more realistic sense of how a subject translates into actual work. And because the week often covers areas that don't get much airtime in the school curriculum, such as quantum sensing or aquaculture, it's a chance to test your interest in something before you'd ever get the option to study it formally.

Science Week isn't just for science people

If science hasn't exactly clicked for you at school, National Science Week tends to present it very differently to how it shows up in the classroom. There's no test at the end, no marks, and no requirement to already understand the theory before you're allowed to find something interesting. A lot of events lean into hands-on activities, direct conversations with people working in the field, and topics that connect science to everyday life, rather than sticking strictly to a curriculum. Plenty of students who feel disengaged from science in class find themselves interested in it once it's presented this way. If your only experience of science has been sitting through lessons that didn't grab you, this week is a low stakes opportunity to see whether the subject itself was the problem, or just the way it was being taught.

Making the most of it

There's no need to attend a dozen events to get value out of National Science Week. Picking even one or two things that interest you, whether that's a local workshop, a SCINEMA screening, or a museum exhibition, is enough to get something out of it. Go in with a bit of curiosity rather than an



obligation to tick boxes, and use it as a chance to explore ideas you wouldn't normally have access to.

If something you discover during the week sparks a real interest, our [jobs and careers section](#) is a good place to start looking at how different fields and industries translate into actual career paths.

STUDY

The benefits of accelerating a subject in high school

Year 12 has a reputation for being stressful, and for many students, that reputation is well earned. Exams, assignments, and the pressure to perform as well as making post school decisions and getting "life ready" can all land at once.

[Accelerating a subject, which means studying it ahead of your year level](#), is one way for some students to take a bit of that pressure off. It isn't the right choice for everyone, but for the right student, it could help senior school feel far more manageable. Here's a closer look at some of the benefits for the right candidates.

A lighter workload in year 12

Studying five or six senior subjects all at once, alongside exams and assessments for every one of them, is a lot to juggle. One of the clearest benefits of acceleration is that it spreads your workload across more years instead of cramming it all into your final one. If you complete a senior subject in year 10 or 11, you won't need to study it again in year 12. That leaves more time and mental energy for your remaining subjects.

Room to take on more subjects

Acceleration also opens the door to studying a wider range of subjects than you otherwise could. If you're keen to tackle the maximum number of subjects completing any of those subjects sooner could free up a space for competing subjects in your timetable down the track.

This could be particularly useful for students who want to keep multiple pathways open, such as combining sciences with a language, or humanities with mathematics. Rather than having to choose between subjects you love, acceleration sometimes lets you fit more of them in over your whole schooling, rather than squeezing them into just two years.

What it can mean for your ATAR

This part varies depending on where you live, so it's worth checking the specific rules for your state or territory. That said, in most parts of Australia, subjects completed early can still count towards your ATAR calculation, the same as if you'd studied them in year 12. In New South Wales, for example, your ATAR is based on an aggregate of your best subject results, gathered over a period of up to five years, so accelerated subject units from year 10 counts just as much as units from year 12. In Victoria, VCE study scores from an accelerated subject are scaled in the year they're completed, and can still contribute fully to your ATAR later on.

Because these rules differ by state and can change over time, it's best to confirm the details with your school or your state's tertiary admissions centre before assuming how it will affect you. What tends to hold true everywhere, though, is that finishing a subject early means one less thing competing for your attention in your final exam season, which could make it easier to perform well across the board.

Experience high level studies earlier

Completing a senior subject early gives you a taste of what senior-level assessment feels like, including exam conditions and the pace of the work. This could help you to prepare for year 12, and get started feeling familiar with the level of work and expectations rather than overwhelmed, since



you'll have already been through it once.

Some students also use an accelerated subject to apply for university credit or advanced standing, particularly if they go on to study something related at the same institution. This won't apply to every subject or every university, so it's worth doing your research or asking universities directly if this matters to you. If uni credits are what you're interested in, you can explore university at school programs as well.

Which subjects are most commonly accelerated

Mathematics is one of the most popular subjects to accelerate, and schools often have dedicated pathways for it. This is partly because maths builds in a clear, structured way from one year to the next, so a student who is ahead can usually move into the next stage without much disruption. Some schools run maths acceleration from year 8 or 9 onwards, feeding into extension subjects in later years.

Content-heavy subjects such as biology, geography, business studies and psychology are also popular choices. These subjects don't rely as much on skills you build slowly over several years. Instead, they're more about learning and using information within a shorter space of time, which makes them easier to fit into a compressed schedule. Languages are another common option too, especially if you're already a fluent speaker or you've been learning the language outside school for years.

Subjects that are harder to accelerate

Not every subject lends itself to acceleration in the same way. Sciences like chemistry and physics tend to be trickier, since they rely on layers of practical skills and technical knowledge built up gradually, and rushing through them can leave gaps that show up later.

English is another subject schools might be cautious about accelerating. It usually requires a level of maturity in analysing texts and forming arguments that develops with age, and because it's a prerequisite for most university courses, many schools prefer students to take the extra time rather than fast-track it. Subjects built around a folio or ongoing creative process, such as visual arts, drama, music and design technology, can also be difficult to accelerate, since the skills involved are usually developed through sustained practice rather than compressed study.

None of this means these subjects are off-limits. It simply means your school may look more closely at your readiness before agreeing to accelerate in them, and it's worth asking directly what their approach is.

Who tends to do well with acceleration

Acceleration usually suits students who are already excelling in their current year level and are asking for more. If you'd just like to accelerate to keep up with someone else in your cohort, then it might not be the best option for you. If you're an independent learner who manages their time well, and really enjoys the subject (rather than just being good at it), then you might find accelerating subjects a rewarding rather than draining experience and it could be an option to consider.

It's worth being honest with yourself, if you're already stretched thin with commitments outside school, are running full steam to keep up with assignments and assessments in your current year level, or if the main reason you're considering acceleration is pressure from family or friends, it's worth pausing. Acceleration should feel like an opportunity, not another obligation on the pile.

Before you approach your school

If you think acceleration could work for you, you'll need to have approval and support from your school. It will help if you go into that first conversation prepared. Think about why you want to accelerate your chosen subject and be able to explain your reasoning. Show how you'll manage the increased workload around your other subjects and other commitments, as well as being able to let



them know what support you have in place and what extra support you'll need from them to succeed. It's also worth asking your school about their specific process, since requirements and timelines vary between schools as much as they do between states.

Talking to your careers advisor or a teacher you trust before you apply can help you go in with realistic expectations, rather than finding out partway through that it wasn't quite what you expected.

Ready to plan your subject pathway?

Acceleration can be an advantage for the right students, easing pressure later on and opening up more subject choices along the way. If you'd like to explore how it fits alongside your broader study options, visit our [study pathways section](#) for more guidance.

YOUTH

International Youth Day, not just a date on the calendar

Every year on 12 August, the world marks [International Youth Day](#). It's a day set up by the United Nations to celebrate young people, highlight the challenges they face, and along with all International Days it's also to "educate the public on issues of concern, to mobilise political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity". But it's also a reminder that young people aren't just the leaders of tomorrow. You're already shaping the world today, whether that's through school projects, community groups, or speaking up about things that matter to you.

What is International Youth Day?

International Youth Day was created by the United Nations in 1999. The goal was simple: give young people a voice and a spotlight, and get governments and communities thinking seriously about the issues facing under-25s. Right now, there are roughly [1.2 billion young people aged 15 to 24 around the world making up 16% of the global population](#). That's a huge number of people with a massive amount of potential.

Each year has a different theme, and for 2026 it's "Different Contexts, Common Aspirations." It's a way of pointing out that although young people live in different countries and often very different circumstances, most of you want similar things, like dignity, opportunity, a good education, meaningful work, and a liveable future. This year's theme pays special attention to young people in countries facing extra challenges, like poverty, climate change, war, or limited access to technology, while still recognising the leadership and creativity they bring to their communities.

Why does this day actually matter?

It's easy to see an "International Day" and think it's just symbolic. But days like this exist as an opportunity to get governments, schools, and organisations paying attention. When there's a global spotlight on youth issues, it becomes harder for decision-makers to ignore what young people are saying.

It also matters because your voice counts. Whether you're passionate about climate action, mental health, equal access to education, or something else entirely, this day is a reminder that these issues are being discussed on a world stage, and that you're allowed to be part of that conversation. In fact by getting involved you might inspire others and become one of the change makers.

How can you get involved?

You don't need to fly to a UN conference to take part. There are plenty of ways to mark the day, and to build on it afterwards.

- Join the online conversation using #YouthDay and share what matters to you.



- Look into youth councils, student representative committees, or advisory groups at your school or in your local council.
- Start or join a project that tackles an issue you care about, even something small like a fundraiser or an awareness campaign.
- Support youth-led organisations, either as a volunteer or by helping spread the word about their work.

The key is not to treat 12 August as a one-off. The organisations and causes you connect with this week will still be there next month, and next year.

Why youth work is worth your time now

Getting involved in advocacy, leadership, or community work while you're still at school isn't just good for the world. It's good for you too.

For a start, it builds real skills. Organising an event, running a campaign, or chairing a meeting teaches you things like public speaking, negotiation, and problem-solving, skills that don't always come up in the classroom. Universities and employers notice this kind of experience, because it shows initiative and follow-through, not just good grades.

It's also a great way to grow your network. When you volunteer or take on a leadership role, you meet adults working in fields you might be curious about; from journalists, policymakers, academics, and charity workers, to business owners. Those connections could turn into mentorships, references, work experience placements, or other opportunities down the track.

There's a confidence aspect to it too. Speaking up in a youth council meeting or leading a small project gives you practice at things that might feel daunting at first, like disagreeing respectfully or presenting an idea to a room of adults. The more you practise, the easier it gets, and that confidence tends to follow you into interviews, exams, and other high-pressure moments.

Finally, it gives you first-hand experience of how change actually happens. Reading about advocacy in a textbook is one thing. Sitting in a meeting where a decision gets made because you and other young people pushed for it is something else entirely. It's an experience and a feeling that can't really be replicated anywhere else.

Turn one day into a habit

International Youth Day is a great starting point, and if you're really passionate, it doesn't have to end there. The organisations, causes, and skills you discover this week could turn into something that shapes your resume, your university applications, and your sense of what you want to do with your future.

If you're not sure where to begin, volunteering is one of the easiest ways to get going. Head over to our [volunteering page](#) for inspiration and ideas, or check out the [Experiences database](#) to start searching for opportunities that match your interests and schedule, and start building experiences that last well beyond one day a year.

SUBJECT SELECTION

How to manage a heavy subject load without burning out

A heavy subject load isn't only about the number of subjects on your timetable. It's about how those subjects interact with each other, and with everything else going on in your life. Working out early which subjects and commitments matter most gives you something to fall back on if a term gets difficult later.

Choosing your load with intention

When you're selecting subjects, it's tempting to pick based on reputation or what everyone else is doing. A more useful approach is to think about how the subjects will sit together, and which ones



you're doing for a specific reason versus which ones you're doing out of interest or general credit. A few things worth considering when building your combination:

- Which subjects are prerequisites for a course or pathway you're aiming for, versus subjects chosen for interest
- How many subjects have heavy ongoing assessment (essays, reports, practicals) versus mostly exam-based assessment
- Whether any subjects share similar skills, which can work in your favour, or similar weak points, which can add pressure in the same areas
- Whether your school allows any flexibility to spread particularly demanding subjects across different terms or semesters

Sorting this out at selection time gives you a clearer sense of where to focus if things get busy later.

Matching your load to your other commitments

What counts as heavy isn't fixed. A combination that suits one student might tip another into constantly playing catch-up, depending on what else is happening around school. If you're working part-time, playing competitive sport, or juggling other regular commitments, those hours need to be accounted for just as seriously as your subjects.

Map out a typical week, including everything outside of school, and be honest about how much time is actually left for study. Note which outside commitments are fixed and which have some flexibility, the same way you did with your subjects.

Structuring your week around it

Once your subjects are locked in, the biggest shift is moving away from giving each subject equal time by default. A few subjects will demand more consistent attention than others, and your weekly structure should reflect that, with extra weight given to the ones tied most closely to your goals.

Map out assessment and exam dates across every subject at once, not one subject at a time. Looking at each subject on its own can hide the fact that three assignments are due in the same week, something that's easy to miss when you're only looking at one subject's timeline. With the full picture in front of you, you can allocate your time based on what's coming up, rather than splitting your week evenly and hoping it balances out.

Staying ahead instead of catching up

Small delays add up quickly with several demanding subjects running at once. Falling a few days behind in one often means borrowing time from another, which then falls behind too.

Start tasks earlier than feels necessary, particularly where you know two or more subjects will collide later in the term. Using the lighter early weeks to get ahead makes those later assessment periods far less stressful. Breaking larger tasks into smaller pieces and spacing them out has the same effect, keeping things steady day to day rather than letting several large tasks land in the same week.

When something has to give

Even with good planning, a term can turn out heavier than expected once you're in it. If you're consistently behind and the usual fixes, starting earlier, restructuring your week, breaking tasks down, aren't enough, something else may need to be scaled back.

This is where knowing your prerequisite subjects from the start becomes useful. Protect your effort on subjects tied to your goals, and look elsewhere for what to cut, whether that's a subject chosen for interest rather than necessity, work hours reduced for a few weeks, or another commitment taking up more time than it's worth right now. It's usually better to scale back on something optional than to let a subject you actually need slide.

Knowing when to ask for help



Working out what to cut isn't something to figure out alone. If you're unsure whether a subject is required for your goals, or which commitment makes the most sense to scale back, talk to your teachers or year coordinator early rather than waiting until a deadline is close.

Teachers may be able to adjust the order of tasks, offer guidance on where to focus your effort, or point you toward extensions where appropriate. Coordinators and student wellbeing staff are often better placed to look at your full timetable and outside commitments, which is useful when the decision is less about one subject and more about the overall load. Raising a workload issue early usually means there are more options available, including ones you might not have considered alone.

Getting the balance right

A demanding subject load can work well when it's chosen with intention and structured properly once term starts. Being clear from the beginning about which subjects and commitments matter most makes it far easier to decide what to scale back if things become unmanageable.

Looking for more ways to build a study routine that works for you? Check out our [study section](#) for more.

STUDY

STEM resources worth knowing about

STEM spans coding, design, data, fieldwork and engineering, and the four areas overlap far more than a subject list on a timetable would suggest. A game designer leans on maths, a marine biologist leans on data analysis, and an electrician leans on physics, so the boundaries blur quickly once you look past the label. For the fuller picture of how it all connects and where it shows up in subjects you might not expect, we've got a [dedicated explainer on what counts as STEM](#). Everything below is for anyone curious enough to try something and see what sticks, whether or not you've already got your sights set on a science career.

Why it's worth a look

You don't need a favourite subject or a career decided to get something out of the list below. What you get instead is the kind of information you can't pick up any other way: whether building, coding or fieldwork actually holds your attention once you're doing it rather than reading about it. A three-day program or a single evening with a coding platform will tell you more about that than another year of wondering ever could.

Resources worth knowing about

There's a lot out there, so we've grouped it by what you're actually after: something to try tonight, a more structured experience, or a sense of where any of this could eventually lead.

Try it yourself

These don't need an application or a booking. Most are free and ready whenever you are.

- [Science Buddies](#) has a huge library of tested science and engineering projects for high schoolers, spanning everything from biology to computer science, so there's likely something in there matching whatever you're into.
- [CSIRO's resource library](#) offers free, curriculum-linked activities from Australia's national science agency, covering most STEM areas.
- [Scratch](#) is a free coding platform built for beginners, useful if you've never written a line of code and want to see what it's actually like.
- [Wolfram Alpha](#) is a computational tool that can work through maths, data and science questions.



- [The Smithsonian Science Education Center's free resources](#) cover a wide range of science topics in more depth, good for a genuine deep dive on something specific.
- [Queensland's engaging in STEM activities and resources hub](#) collects free, self-directed activities across a wide spread of topics and difficulty levels.
- [NSW's STEM video resource catalogue](#) is a free library of short videos explaining STEM concepts and real-world applications, useful if you learn better by watching than reading.

Programs and experiences

These involve more commitment, usually an application or a booking, but give you a much more hands-on sense of what STEM work is actually like.

- [The Science Experience](#) is a three-day program for year 9 and 10 students, run at more than 35 universities and tertiary institutions across the country, so there's likely one within reach wherever you live.
- [The National Science and Engineering Challenge](#) is a nationwide competition day for year 9 and 10 students, run by the University of Newcastle with Rotary clubs and universities around Australia, putting teams through hands-on science and engineering tasks.
- [SciX@UNSW](#) pairs senior students with a UNSW research group for an independent project, particularly suited to HSC Science Extension or IB independent research.
- [Curtin's STEM Outreach programs](#) cover workshops, holiday programs and robotics competitions for students in years 7 to 12 in Western Australia.
- [ECU's Summer of STEM](#) runs each January for students aged 14 to 18 at ECU's Joondalup and Bunbury campuses, introducing STEM disciplines before senior science subjects begin.
- [UNSW's SunSprint Model Solar Challenge](#) is a solar-powered model car competition open to all primary and high school students in NSW and ACT, run each Term 4.
- [RMIT's Young Women in Aerospace & Defence program](#) is a five-day school holiday program in Victoria giving high school girls hands-on experience with drones, gliders and industry tours in aerospace and defence.

Where it could lead

If you're wondering how any of this connects to an actual career, these are worth a look.

- [Careers with STEM](#) is a free magazine, website and job kits hub distributed to Australian high schools, showing the range of people and pathways working in STEM.
- [UNSW's STEM Careers hub](#) breaks down different STEM career areas and where they're headed, useful background if you want more than a job title.
- [myfuture](#) is the Australian Government's national career exploration platform, useful for mapping STEM interests against real study and career pathways.
- [The STEMOSPHERE](#) is an interactive careers map covering a huge range of STEM jobs, from mechatronics engineer to food scientist, including plenty you've probably never heard of.
- [UWA's Girls+ in Engineering program](#) runs on-campus events and school partnerships for girls in years 7 to 12 across Western Australia, aimed at demystifying engineering as a career.
- [UNSW's Young WIE Pathway program](#) builds a longer-term connection between school students and engineering as a possible direction.
- [Girls Who Code's Pathways program](#) is a free, six to seven-week virtual program open to Australian applicants, covering coding tracks from cybersecurity to game design with no experience required.

How to choose where to start

You don't need to work through this list in order, or try everything on it. If you like the idea of building or making something, Scratch or Science Buddies will get you moving tonight. If you want a



real sense of what studying or working in STEM actually feels like day to day, a program like The Science Experience or SciX@UNSW will tell you more in three days than a year of wondering ever will. And if direction is what you're really after, start with the careers-focused options instead. Whichever one you pick, the goal isn't to land on the perfect fit straight away. It's to rule things in or out with actual information instead of guesswork.

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