



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video below and sign up

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information.

Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

To register go to <https://www.jobjump.com.au/>

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

Parent information: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be>

Dalyell Scholars Program at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Parents

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 22, 2025

The Dalyell Scholars Program at the University of Sydney is designed for high-achieving undergraduate students with an ATAR of 98 or above (or equivalent). It offers a rich academic experience through accelerated study options, advanced units, mentoring, and professional skill development.

But what does this mean for your young person - and how does it differ from a standard degree?

Topics will include:

- What the Dalyell Program is and how it differs from other degrees
- Enrichment opportunities beyond the classroom
- The Dalyell student experience
- An alumni perspective on life after Dalyell

By the end of the session, we hope to give you a clear understanding of what it means to be a Dalyell Scholar and how this program can help your young person thrive at university and beyond.

[Find out more and register](#)

Henty Machinery Field Days

Organisation: Henty Machinery Field Days

Location: Henty Machinery Field Days

Date: September 23 to September 25, 2025

Henty Machinery Field Days is now regarded as southern Australia's single biggest agricultural event, showcasing the latest in machinery and farm equipment, outdoors and camping products, farm produce, agronomy, country lifestyle, government and health services, agribusiness and finance services.

In 2024, the event saw around 55,000 attend throughout the three days and showcased over \$250 million worth of machinery and technology from over 830 exhibitors on the 105ha site.

[Find out more and register](#)



Southern Cross University Northern Rivers Parent Information Evening

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Northern Rivers Campus

Date: September 23, 2025

Here at Southern Cross University, we are organising an exclusive session designed specifically for parents and students in Years 11 & 12 and encourage you to join us for an upcoming Parents Information Evening at Southern Cross University's Northern Rivers campus.

The session will cover a wide range of topics, including:

- How to apply
- Taking advantage of our early entry application
- Why SCU
- Scholarship opportunities
- Understanding costs
- Support services
- Uni life and global opportunities

[Find out more and register](#)

National Art School Bachelor of Fine Arts Online Information Session

Organisation: National Art School

Location: Online

Date: September 23, 2025

Join our webinar to find out what makes NAS different from all other Fine Art degrees.

The BFA degree is designed to impart the skills, knowledge and creative independence required to sustain a career as an artist. Our staff will talk you through undergraduate study options, the admissions process and then offer the chance for you to ask any questions you might have, so tune in.

[Find out more and register](#)

Western Wednesday Drop-In Session

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: September 24 to August 27, 2025

In 2025, Western is hosting a series of online drop-in sessions for you to chat with our Future Student Engagement Team. Drop in during any of our sessions to get your burning questions answered.

Ask about your dream degree, alternative entry pathways, scholarships, support services or any other Western-related topics.

[Find out more and register](#)

Westpac 2026 Young Technologists Scholarship Online Information Session

Organisation: Westpac

Location: Online

Date: September 25, 2025

The Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship is for talented and inquisitive high school graduates looking to strengthen their passion and expertise in technology and inspire good in the world of STEM.

Applications for Westpac Young Technologists Scholarships are open from 2 Sept 2025 - 13 Jan 2026 and are valued up to \$20,000 each. With a weeklong disruptive leaders program in Singapore and access to mentoring and networking opportunities, this scholarship is a unique opportunity to strengthen your passion and expertise in technology and inspire new ways of thinking.

Thinking of applying for a Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship, but have some unanswered questions? Register for the online information session that will cover everything from the eligibility criteria and funding guidelines to key attributes of a Westpac Scholar and tips to complete your application. You'll also get to hear from past scholars who can give you more insight into what to expect, and there will be time for Q&A at the end.

[Find out more and register](#)



Torrens University Parents and Students Info Sessions, Sydney

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Torrens Surry Hills Campus

Date: September 25, 2025

Mums and dads, do you have a teen who is thinking about going to uni next year? Come along to our on-campus information sessions for parents and students and have your questions answered about studying at Torrens University.

[Find out more and register](#)

Indigenous Futures at the University of Sydney: Last Chance for Scholarship Applications Webinar

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 25, 2025

As the scholarship application deadline approaches, this yarn will offer a final opportunity for you to ask any remaining questions regarding the scholarship applications. Don't miss this chance to ensure you're fully prepared!

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy Audition Technique Masterclass for Year 11 & 12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: September 27, 2025

Learn how to stand out in the audition room with this practical, performance-based masterclass. This workshop is designed to give students insider tips and hands-on coaching in the art of auditioning for stage and screen.

Highlights:

- Audition Preparation: Discover how to approach auditions with confidence and focus.
- Choosing Repertoire: Learn how to select the right material that showcases your strengths.
- Acting Techniques: Refine your delivery, physicality, and emotional connection.
- Performance Tips: Get expert advice on presentation, nerves, and professionalism.
- Mock Auditions: Put your skills to the test in a supportive environment.

This workshop is ideal for students in Years 11 and 12 interested in acting, music theatre, or performance.

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy Musical Theatre Audition Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: September 27, 2025

Ace your next audition with this specialised workshop focused on musical theatre performance. Students will select, rehearse, and present a 32-bar audition cut with expert coaching and feedback.

Highlights:

- Audition Song Selection: Choose a song that suits your voice and personality.
- Performance Coaching: Refine delivery, vocal technique, and character.
- Stage Presence: Build confidence and polish.
- Presentation Tips: Learn how to make a strong first impression.
- Mock Auditions: Perform in a supportive group setting.

Perfect for students passionate about music theatre. Bring sheet music or backing tracks if you have them, support and guidance provided throughout.

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy Contemporary Dance Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy



Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: September 27, 2025

Move, express, and connect in this dynamic dance workshop. Students will rotate through different styles commonly found in music theatre, focusing on storytelling through movement.

Highlights:

- Warm-Up & Technique: Build strength, flexibility, and movement control.
- Musicality: Learn how to move in response to music and rhythm.
- Performance Quality: Express emotion and story through dance.
- Supportive Space: Dance with confidence in a fun, inclusive environment.

Ideal for students interested in music theatre, movement, or performance. All experience levels welcome.

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy Ensemble Music Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: September 27, 2025

Feel the thrill of live music in this high-energy ensemble workshop. Students will rehearse and perform together in a band-style setting, exploring the power of improvisation and collaboration.

Highlights:

- Playing in a Group: Learn to listen and respond as a musician.
- Musical Arrangement: Experiment with dynamics, structure, and style.
- Improvisation Skills: Try your hand at solos, fills, and spontaneous moments.
- Live Performance Prep: Understand stagecraft and communication.
- Creative Expression: Make music together in a relaxed, fun environment.

This workshop welcomes instrumentalists and vocalists from any background. Bring your instrument if you have one, amps, mics, and drums provided.

Year 12 students who attend this workshop will have their audition requirement waived for entry into JMC's Music courses.

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy Music Production Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: September 27, 2025

Step into the producer's seat and learn how to make your own music from scratch. This workshop teaches students how to use digital audio workstations (DAWs) to create, record, and mix a basic demo.

Highlights:

- Intro to DAWs: Get familiar with programs like Ableton and Logic Pro.
- Beat Making: Learn to build rhythms, chords, and hooks.
- Editing Techniques: Refine your audio with basic tools and plugins.
- Song Structure: Arrange your demo from intro to outro.
- Creative Process: Explore how ideas become tracks.

Perfect for music lovers and aspiring producers, no gear or software knowledge needed.

Year 12 students who attend this workshop will have their audition requirement waived for entry into JMC's Music courses.

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy Songwriting Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: September 27, 2025



Find your voice and unlock your creativity in this group songwriting session. Students will explore the fundamentals of lyric writing, melody creation, and arranging songs.

Highlights:

- Song Structure: Learn how songs are built, from verse to chorus.
- Lyric Writing: Write words that connect with meaning and emotion.
- Melody Crafting: Experiment with melody and rhythm.
- Creative Collaboration: Work with peers to co-write or co-arrange.
- Basic Arranging: Explore how instruments and harmony support your song.

Ideal for students who love music, poetry, or performance. No instrument or theory knowledge required, just bring your ideas and passion for songwriting.

Year 12 students who attend this workshop will have their audition requirement waived for entry into JMC's Music courses.

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy Studio Recording and Mixing Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: September 27, 2025

Go behind the glass and into the studio in this hands-on audio production workshop. Students will explore the technical and creative process of recording and mixing music in a professional studio environment.

Highlights:

- Studio Equipment 101: Learn the purpose and function of studio gear and software.
- Microphone Techniques: Discover the art of mic placement and sound capture.
- Tracking a Session: Participate in recording live instruments and vocals.
- Mixing Basics: Shape sound through EQ, panning, and levels.
- Industry Insight: Understand the roles of producers, engineers, and artists.

Perfect for students interested in music production, audio engineering, or studio work. No experience needed, just curiosity and a good pair of ears.

[Find out more and register](#)

ANSTO Science Discovery Tour

Organisation: ANSTO

Location: ANSTO Discovery Centre

Date: September 27, 2025

This tour provides an in-depth look into the world of nuclear science and the work ANSTO does in the areas of health, the environment and delivering solutions for industry.

Subject to availability, we will visit Australia's only nuclear reactor OPAL, the Australian Centre for Neutron Scattering, the ANSTO Nuclear Medicine facility and the Centre for Accelerator Science.

[Find out more and register](#)

ANSTO Lego EV3 – Mission to Space – Beginners Workshop for Ages 9-14

Organisation: ANSTO

Location: ANSTO Discovery Centre, Lucas Heights

Date: September 29, 2025

Calling all future space explorers and tech geniuses! Are you ready for an epic, top-secret mission? Join us for a thrilling adventure where you become scientists and engineers, programming your very own EV3 robots to tackle space-themed challenges!

Dive into an action-packed day filled with hands-on STEM activities that spark creativity, teamwork, and out-of-the-box thinking. Work on our awesome Challenge Mat - a space playground where your ideas come to life as you find exciting solutions to real space problems.



This workshop is perfect for beginners, with our expert facilitator guiding you from basic to advanced programming at your own pace.

Gear up for a day of building, coding, and conquering space challenges! Become the commander of your own LEGO robot and see if you've got what it takes to explore the final frontier!

[Find out more and register](#)

Academy of Music and Performing Arts Classical Performance & Composition Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

Date: September 29, 2025

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites aspiring Classical musicians and Composers aged 16 and over to join us on campus for a day of music!

Attendees will have the chance to sit in on a performance class, participate in workshops/Q&As facilitated by AMPA's music faculty and experience what studying music is like at AMPA. Experience a day in the life of an AMPA music student to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit your future.

Parents also welcome to attend.

[Find out more and register](#)

William Angliss Institute Scholarship-Ready Online Information Session

Organisation: William Angliss Institute

Location: Online

Date: September 29, 2025

Attending this session is strongly encouraged before you apply for scholarships at William Angliss Institute. By attending, you'll receive a rundown of the application process, scholarship requirements, some key dates, and ways to improve your application.

Scholarship applications for Semester 1, 2026 are open between Monday 15th of September and will close on Sunday 26th of October.

[Find out more and register](#)

Western Sydney University Free Online HSC Study Sessions for Year 12 Students

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: September 29 to October 3, 2025

From Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October 2025, Western Sydney University will be offering a range of online study sessions to assist Year 12 students in their preparations for the HSC.

These will be delivered by highly qualified senior teachers with 24 free sessions across 15 key HSC subject areas, with sessions that include content analysis, tips and strategies, and a detailed exploration of key syllabus and curriculum areas.

Students also have the opportunity to sit a practice exam and deconstruction, with feedback and advice from experts.

[Find out more and register](#)

Academy of Music and Performing Arts Dance Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Performing Arts Centre, Alexandria

Date: September 29, 2025

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites dancers to join us on campus for a day of dance. Register and bring your friends along and get ready to move!

Dancers will have a chance to participate in contemporary & improvisation classes facilitated by AMPA's inspiring faculty and experience what studying dance full-time is like at AMPA. A Q&A with the program's Head of Dance will allow aspiring dancers, choreographers, and dance teachers, to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit their future careers.



[Find out more and register](#)

University of New South Wales Future Creators' Day for Year 10 & 11 Students

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: University of New South Wales, Paddington Campus

Date: September 30, 2025

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

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

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

[Find out more and register](#)

ACAP University College Strategies to Survive Your End-of-Year Exams – Online Session for Year 12 Students

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: Online

Date: September 30, 2025

Calm and Conquer is your virtual toolkit for navigating the challenges of Year 12 exams with confidence and composure. Led by Alessandro Digiaco – who brings his unique perspective as a former secondary teacher, current school counsellor and ACAP academic – these tailored sessions deliver evidence-based strategies that work in the real world.

- Understanding stress: Uncover how stress affects us physically and mentally.
- Practical tips to manage stress: Simple methods you can use right away to reduce anxiety and improve focus when studying gets intense.
- Effective study techniques: Learn how to maximise what you remember without burning out.
- Exam-day prep & reset: Strategies to manage nerves and perform at your best when it really counts.

[Find out more and register](#)

LEGO EV3 – Bluetooth and Data Logging Masterclass Workshop for Students Aged 12-16 interested in Robotics

Organisation: ANSTO

Location: ANSTO Discovery Centre, Lucas Heights

Date: September 30, 2025

Master workshop featuring “LEGO EV3 for Education” robotics kits.

Do you already have experience with LEGO EV3 or Spike and ready for the next level? Learn advanced functions such as Bluetooth and data logging and enjoy racing your robot in the Bluetooth Relay, calculate its top speed, and be the last one standing in Bluetooth Battle Arena. A fun and technical day to suit the keen coder and mathematician.

Additional information:

- Please arrive 5 minutes before the start of the workshop at the ANSTO Discovery Centre to sign-in. The workshop starts at 9:30 am sharp.
- Workshop includes a recess and lunch break outside (weather permitting). Please bring a bag with sunscreen, snacks/food, a hat and drink bottle.
- All workshops are delivered by accredited educators with experience in science, engineering, programming and robotics.



- Contact the ANSTO Discovery Centre on (02) 9717 3090 or education@ansto.gov.au if you have any questions.
- Creative Kids Vouchers accepted. Please email education@ansto.gov.au to redeem.

[Find out more and register](#)

Sydney Design School Interior Decoration Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School, North Sydney

Date: September 30 to October 1, 2025

Be inspired. Be creative. If you love interiors magazines and beautifully styled spaces, this fun two day workshop is for you. It's perfect for any interiors enthusiast who wants to decorate their home with skill and confidence.

Perhaps you're considering a career in interiors? This beginners workshop will give you a taste of the Certificate IV in Interior Decoration course and you'll get a feel for our School and the passion of our Educators.

Get hands on as you learn how to put together a full interior decoration scheme for a living space in your own home. Plan the layout, select furniture and lighting, explore colour schemes and create a sample board of your ideas.

[Find out more and register](#)

Academy of Music and Performing Arts Music Theatre Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

Date: October 1, 2025

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites aspiring Music Theatre majors aged 16 and over to join us on campus for a day of music!

Attendees will have the chance to sit in on a performance class, participate in workshops/Q&As facilitated by AMPA's music faculty and experience what studying music is like at AMPA. Experience a day in the life of an AMPA music student to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit your future.

Parents also welcome to attend.

[Find out more and register](#)

ICMS City Campus in Pop-in Sessions for Future Students

Organisation: International College of Management Sydney

Location: International College of Management Sydney, City Campus

Date: October 1 to October 3, 2025

Embark on a journey of discovery at the ICMS City Campus. Book in a time with our Student Advisors to explore our undergraduate and postgraduate courses in management, fashion, business, sport, information technology, and more – all conveniently situated in the vibrant heart of the Sydney central business district.

- Explore the City Campus during the day, when you can get real insights from current students
- Chat one-on-one with the ICMS team about flexible study options, courses and pathways
- Get a real feel for what studying at the City Campus is like
- Bring a parent or friend along for support
- Find out about scholarships and alternate entry pathways like Early Entry, Leadership and the Elite Athlete and Performer entry programs
- Learn about our Work Integrated Learning (industry training) program
- Speak personally to our admissions team

[Find out more and register](#)

Discover Teaching & Psychology at ACU Strathfield Campus

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Strathfield Campus, 25A Barker Rd, Strathfield NSW 2135

Date: October 1, 2025



Are you passionate about shaping young minds or helping others thrive? Take part in hands-on workshops where you'll gain practical insights into what it's really like to work as a teacher or psychologist. Tour our facilities and hear firsthand from current students about their rewarding journeys and experiences in these impactful fields.

Whether you're interested in becoming a teacher or pursuing a career in psychology, this event will give you a closer look at how ACU can help you make a difference in the lives of others.

This free event is designed for high school students in Years 10 to 12, however anyone, including parents and caregivers, are welcome to attend and participate in select sessions.

Places are limited – be sure to register to guarantee your spot.

Morning tea is provided.

Parents/carers

Parents and carers are welcome to attend too - we even have a specific session just for you!

Parents/carers attending with their teenager must [complete a separate registration](#).

[Find out more and register](#)

Macquarie University Teen Business Builders Camp for Year 9-11 Students

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: October 1 to October 3, 2025

Have an idea that could be the next big thing? Whether it's a product, app, service, or social impact initiative, the MQBS Business Builders Camp will give you the tools, mentorship, and confidence to turn it into something real.

This 3-day, non-residential holiday camp is a mini accelerator program tailored for high school students who already have a business idea and want to test, validate, and build it with expert support. Co-designed and delivered by the Macquarie Business School and MQ Incubator, it's a unique opportunity to experience real-world entrepreneurship in a fast-paced, highly practical environment.

Over three days, you'll work closely with startup coaches and real founders to:

- Discover how to validate your idea through customer interviews and feedback loops
- Learn Lean Startup principles and build a Minimum Viable Product (MVP)
- Get hands-on with prototyping, business model design, and pitch development
- Gain insight into real-world startup journeys and what it takes to succeed
- Pitch your idea in front of judges, parents, and invited guests at a closing showcase event

Who it's for:

- Students in Years 9–11
- You must have an idea you're already working on, even if it's rough!
- You're curious, motivated, and ready to learn, build and grow

[Find out more and register](#)

Stop Motion Animation Half-Day Workshop for Beginners Aged 8-13

Organisation: ANSTO

Location: ANSTO Discovery Centre, Lucas Heights

Date: October 1, 2025

This is a beginner's class for those with little to no experience in creating Stop Motion Animations. Children will design their own backgrounds and film and edit movies starring their own toys and imaginations!

Learn movie-making techniques (claymation and stop-frame animations) used in TV favourites such as Wallace and Gromit, Morph, Pingu, and Shaun the Sheep.

Check out videos of the WeDo, Stop Motion and MicroBits workshops here: <https://goo.gl/tkPihH>.

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Digital Art Holiday Workshop for Students Aged 14+ at CDW Studios – Online

Organisation: CDW Studios

Location: Online

Date: October 1, 2025

Join our free holiday workshop and learn from top artists as they introduce you to visual effects and entertainment design - level up your drawing skills in a fun, interactive, full day workshop!

Participants will get an introductory insight to the industry whilst learning techniques that they can apply straight away. Perfect for beginners who wish to learn more as well as more experienced artists who want to push their work to the next level. These courses are a fantastic starting point for those who are curious about venturing into the competitive world of visual effects and entertainment design.

This workshop is aimed at students 14 and above with a passion for drawing.

Spots are limited, so take this rare opportunity to learn from professional artists in a fun, engaging environment!

[Find out more and register](#)

Academy of Music and Performing Arts Contemporary Music Performance & Music Production Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

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JMC Academy Game Design Workshop using Unreal Engine for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2025

Step into the world of virtual environments with this interactive game design workshop. Students will use Unreal Engine to design immersive spaces and explore the building blocks of great level design.

Highlights:

- Unreal Engine Basics: Get introduced to the interface, tools, and navigation.
- Environment Design: Learn how to create visually compelling and functional spaces.
- Game Mechanics: Understand how layout and design influence player experience.
- Creative Expression: Build a space that tells a story through design.

This session is perfect for creative thinkers in Years 10-12 who are curious about game design and interactive media. No coding experience is needed, just a love of games and imagination.

Year 12 students will leave this workshop with a piece of work that can be added to their portfolio for submission into JMC's Game Design courses.

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy 3D Animation Workshop in Autodesk Maya for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2025

Get a crash course in 3D animation with this hands-on workshop in Autodesk Maya. Students will learn how to pose, light, and render a pre-rigged model to create a final animation-ready shot.

Highlights:

- Posing for Animation: Discover how to create dynamic, readable poses.
- Lighting Principles: Learn to light your scene using professional techniques.
- Understanding Maya: Get familiar with the Maya interface and basic workflow.
- Creative Direction: Explore how mood and style can be communicated through lighting and pose.

Ideal for students in Years 10-12 interested in 3D art, animation, or game design. No prior Maya experience required, this is a beginner-friendly introduction.

Year 12 students will leave this workshop with a piece of work that can be added to their portfolio for submission into JMC's Animation courses.

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy Illustration-Focused Animation Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2025

Dive into the world of character design with this illustration-focused animation workshop. Students will learn how to create a professional character turnaround that can be used in animation production.

Highlights:

- Character Concepting: Explore ideas and influences to create an original character.
- Turnaround Structure: Learn how to draw your character from multiple angles (front, side, back).
- Proportion & Anatomy: Build skills in structure, scale, and consistency.
- Expression Sheets: Add personality and emotion to your character with expressive poses.
- Industry Insight: Understand how turnarounds are used in animation pipelines.

This workshop is perfect for students in Years 10-12 with a passion for drawing and storytelling through design.

Year 12 students will leave this workshop with a piece of work that can be added to their portfolio for submission into JMC's Animation courses.



[Find out more and register](#)

Australian Institute of Music Holiday Workshop for Year 9-12 Students – The Songwriter's Toolkit, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2025

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

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

[Find out more and register](#)

Australian Institute of Music Holiday Workshop for Year 9-12 Students – Mastering Performance, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2025

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

Over the course of the workshop, students will work with two professional musicians, Adrianna Cicchitelli & Gian Timothy Gho, to expand their performance skills in a collaborative and inspiring environment. They will workshop communication in an ensemble, chart reading, rhythm, pitch, dynamic, improvisation, stylistic interpretation and performance. Under their guidance, they will use these new rehearsal and performance techniques to create a small set of diverse songs in collaboration with other students in the class to present a performance for family and friends.

[Find out more and register](#)

Discover Business at Australian Catholic University in North Sydney for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU North Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2025

In today's fast-paced world, where technology and AI are reshaping industries, are you ready to take on the challenges of the modern business world? Discover how ACU can help you become a business leader, entrepreneur or social innovator in the modern global economy.

At this event, you'll take part in a hands-on workshop with current students and staff to learn how ACU can kickstart your career in business.

You'll explore the unique opportunities we offer, from working with cutting-edge technology and machine learning to making valuable industry connections, engaging with the community, and even studying abroad.

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy Screen Acting Workshop for Year 11 & 12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: October 4, 2025

Step into the spotlight and discover what it takes to perform on screen in a professional film and television setting.

This immersive workshop introduces the art of screen acting and offers students the chance to bring a scripted scene to life on a live TV set.

Highlights:



- On-Screen Performance Techniques: Learn how to act for the camera, including movement, eye lines, and presence.
- Scripted Sitcom Shoot: Collaborate with student filmmakers to rehearse and shoot a short sitcom scene.
- Working on Set: Experience the energy and structure of a live TV set environment.
- Character Development: Explore how to build believable characters for screen.
- Practical Collaboration: Work in teams with film students and fellow performers.

This workshop is ideal for students in Years 11 and 12 interested in acting, film, and screen production.

[Find out more and register](#)

School Holiday 'Out There' Sailing Program for Young People Aged 12-17

Organisation: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

Location: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

Date: October 7 to October 10, 2025

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

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

[Find out more and register](#)

HSC Study Session for Year 12 Students with Dymocks Tutoring

Organisation: International College of Management Sydney

Location: ICMS Manly Campus

Date: October 8 to October 9, 2025

Are you a current Year 12 student stressed about your upcoming HSC exams? Don't be! ICMS, in collaboration with Dymocks Tutoring, is thrilled to invite you to our free revision days on 8 and 9 October 2025.

Throughout the day, you'll have the incredible opportunity to attend up to three sessions run by expert tutors from Dymocks. These sessions are designed to cover a range of subjects, including English, Mathematics, and Business Studies.

Whether you're looking for a comprehensive review of all modules, seeking valuable tips and tricks, or in need of practical guidance on how to excel in the HSC exam, this event is tailored to meet your needs.

[Find out more and register](#)

Campion College Study Camp for Year 11 & 12 Students

Organisation: Campion College

Location: Campion College Toongabbie

Date: October 8 to October 10, 2025

Looking for the perfect place to focus on your studies during the school holidays? Campion College's Study Camp is a brand-new initiative launching in 2025, designed to help Year 11 & 12 students make the most of their time away from school. With 6–8 hours of study each full day, a peaceful and focused environment, and the chance to connect with like-minded peers, this camp provides the ideal setting to stay on track with your academic goals.

But it's not all work! Between study sessions, enjoy fun activities to help you recharge, nutritious meals and snacks, and comfortable on-campus accommodation with 8–9 hours of sleep each night. There will also be opportunities for reflective discussions, offering encouragement and perspective during this important time. On the final night, students will join Campion College students, faculty and staff for Formal Hall – a special evening featuring a two-course meal and guest talk in the college's Grand Hall.

To ensure a focused and supportive experience, Study Camp will be limited to 30 students.

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy Design Portfolio Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy



Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: October 11, 2025

Turn your creative work into a polished, professional portfolio in this focused design session. Students will receive expert guidance on how to present their art, photography, or design work for course applications or creative jobs.

Highlights:

- Portfolio Planning: Learn what makes a great creative portfolio.
- Digital Templates: Access tools and templates to build your layout.
- Curating Your Work: Get help selecting your strongest pieces.
- Visual Storytelling: Discover how to communicate your creative identity.
- Constructive Feedback: Receive tailored advice on how to improve.

Best suited for students interested in design, visual arts, or media. Bring your school or personal creative work, physical or digital.

Year 12 students will leave this workshop with a piece of work that can be added to their portfolio for submission into JMC's Design courses.

[Find out more and register](#)

JMC Academy Entertainment Business Management Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: October 11, 2025

Join us for a high-energy, hands-on day of creativity and collaboration! In the morning, your team will dream up an original festival concept, complete with a theme, mood board, and headline act. In the afternoon, you'll bring it to life with a name, lineup, poster design, and a social media campaign. We'll end with team showcases and fun awards like "Most Epic Lineup" and "Best Poster Design."

Morning Session: Dream It – Festival Concept & Artist Identity

In small teams, you'll:

- Dream up a wild and original festival idea (music, arts, or both!)
- Design a mood board for your headline act (real or fictional)
- Explore your festival's theme, target audience, and overall look & feel

Afternoon Session: Build It – Planning & Promotion

Now it's time to bring your idea to life. Teams will:

- Choose a location, lineup, name, and overall vibe
- Design a festival logo and gig poster
- Plan a simple but punchy social media campaign to generate buzz

Wrap-Up: Team Presentations & Awards

We'll finish the day with team showcases and some fun awards like:

- "Most Epic Lineup"
- "Best Poster Design"

[Find out more and register](#)

SAE University College Create for a Day – Creative Workshops for Students in Year 10 and Up

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE Sydney, Adelaide & Perth Campuses

Date: October 11, 2025

SAE invites future creators to Create for a Day, a one-day, hands-on workshop designed to expand your skills and get you working on inspiring creative projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Film, Games, Music and Design. Discover what it means to be a creative professional in state-of-the-art facilities with industry experts by your side. On the day, attendees will learn valuable practical and collaborative skills as they work towards building a creative piece of work, which they will take home with them at the end of the day.

[Find out more and register](#)

National Fashion College Styling Workshop for Ages 16+



Organisation: National Fashion College

Location: NFC Sydney Campus

Date: October 11, 2025

You're officially invited to the National Fashion College's Styling Workshop, hosted at their incredible Sydney Campus. Taught by one of Tiffany & Co's National Stylists, Emma Read, you're not going to want to miss this! Attendees will also work on two street-style photo shoots with a renowned fashion photographer, as well as learn about:

- Styling celebrities and talent
- E-commerce styling
- Social media and content styling

By the end of the day you'll leave with a portfolio of digital images and receive a certificate of completion. This experience is recommended for guests aged 16 and older.

[Find out more and register](#)

Charles Sturt University Deadly Pathways Festival for First Nations Students in Wagga Wagga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Wagga Wagga Campus

Date: October 16, 2025

Deadly Pathways Festivals are back in 2025! Join us for a high-energy day full of activity, inspiration and celebration of First Nations success.

- Meet First Nations role models in science, technology and health.
- Engage in insightful workshops led by Charles Sturt academics, and dive into hands-on activities that will ignite your curiosity and passion for learning.
- Find out about support for entry and success as a future student at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy featured entertainment by comedian Andy Saunders and talented musicians.

[Find out more and register](#)

Architecture Club at Sydney Opera House – Regenerate with Nature

Organisation: Sydney Opera House

Location: Sydney Opera House Centre for Creativity

Date: October 18, 2025

Inspired by the unique design genius of architect Jørn Utzon and the Sydney Opera House, get creative through a series of fun and playful design exercises for beginners or design lovers, whilst learning about the architectural history of the Sydney Opera House.

This workshop looks at the biomimicry of the Sydney Opera House and architecture's connections to the landscapes around us. What elements in nature could be combined with the buildings to create one regenerative system?

Recommended for both adults and young people 12 and over. Children aged 15 years and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

[Find out more and register](#)

Experience Engineering! for Female and Non-binary Students in Years 7-10

Organisation: Engineers Australia

Location: WSU Kingswood Campus

Date: October 24, 2025

Experience Engineering! is designed to capture the imagination of female and non-binary students in Years 7-10. They will discover how they can use their Maths, Science and Technical knowledge combined with their creativity and communication skills to solve set tasks and problems. This is what Engineering is all about!

The activities are devised by our Engineering Universities and delivered by current Engineering students - with the assistance of Engineers.

[Find out more and register](#)



University of New South Wales Water Research Laboratory Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW Water Research Laboratory

Date: October 25, 2025

Ever wanted to know why rips form in the surf? Or what happens to all the sand on the beach in a storm? What amount of water does it take for a car to float? How are dams, harbours and breakwalls designed? And how, exactly, do these things get tested anyway?

Based on Sydney's Northern Beaches at Manly Vale, the [UNSW Water Research Laboratory](#) (WRL) is one of the biggest scientific and engineering facilities in Australia, tucked away below Manly Dam.

Come tour our massive labs, meet the experts, and see engineering and science at work.

[Find out more and register](#)

Southern Cross University Year 11 & 12 Masterclass Experience Day – Northern Rivers

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Lismore Campus

Date: November 13, 2025

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

What can I expect?

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

[Find out more and register](#)

Charles Sturt University Making It In Media Workshop for Year 9-12 Students in Bathurst

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Bathurst Campus

Date: November 14, 2025

Are you passionate about content creation, news, journalism, media, advertising or public relations? If you're a student in Years 9, 10, 11 or 12, join us for our free Making it in Media workshop!

Ever wondered what it's really like to host a podcast, write newsworthy articles or work in TV? In this exciting full-day workshop, you'll dive deep into the dynamic worlds of design and content creation, news and media, and strategic communication.

This interactive, hands-on experience invites you to collaborate with other students and explore the diverse majors you'll discover at Charles Sturt.

[Find out more and register](#)

National Art School In Person Portfolio Review Session

Organisation: National Art School

Location: National Art School, Darlinghurst

Date: November 18, 2025

Receive one-on-one feedback on your portfolio from a member of the NAS Academic Team.

Putting together a strong portfolio is one of the most important parts of your application to the National Art School. In this session, NAS lecturers will offer helpful advice to guide you through your portfolio preparation, plus provide personal feedback on your portfolio.

[Find out more and register](#)

Camden Careers and Jobs Expo 2025

Organisation: Camden Council

Location: Camden Civic Centre



Date: November 20, 2025

Hosted by Camden Council, this exciting 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.

[Find out more and register](#)

Architecture Club at Sydney Opera House – Experiment like an Architect

Organisation: Sydney Opera House

Location: Sydney Opera House Centre for Creativity

Date: November 22, 2025

Inspired by the unique design genius of architect Jørn Utzon and the Sydney Opera House, get creative through a series of fun and playful design exercises for beginners or design lovers, whilst learning about the architectural history of the Sydney Opera House.

This workshop will consider the way new materials can create new models and functions in architecture.

Participants will learn to play and test just like Utzon. What results can we create?

Recommended for both adults and young people 12 and over. Children aged 15 years and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

[Find out more and register](#)

Engineering Summer School – Experiences for Year 11 & 12 Students

Organisation: Engineers Australia

Location: Sydney

Date: December 7 to December 12, 2025

Engineering Summer School has been running for 33 years and supported by the Office of NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer. It is a collaboration between Engineers Australia, our Engineering Universities and Industry partners.

ESS2025 is for students sitting their HSC or equivalent in 2026. The aim of the week is to provide an insight into the vast number of areas where Engineers work, the numerous degrees available, and the amazing career opportunities both in Australia and globally.

ESS2025 is a fully residential program, allowing you to start building your networks as you find your "tribe". You will:

- Stay on campus at USYD
- Visit 5 key universities and 5 key organisations
- Meet loads of Engineers from wide and wild ranging areas

[Find out more and register](#)

La Trobe Humanitarian Scholarship for Refugee or Asylum Seeker Students

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: Victoria

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open Date: August 4, 2025

Close Date: December 1, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Boyce Family Scholarship for Bachelor of Business Students at the University of Newcastle

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: New South Wales



Value: \$24,000 AUD

Close Date: February 8, 2026

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle LGBTQIA+ Shaping Futures Scholarship

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Australia

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Close Date: February 8, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme for Indigenous Students in Health Courses

Organisation: Indigenous Allied Health Australia

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$15,000 AUD per year

Open Date: September 1, 2025

Close Date: October 30, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Deakin University Dawn Wade Foundation Scholarship for Students from Under-represented Australian Public Schools

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$25,268 AUD per year

Open Date: September 8, 2025

Close Date: January 7, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Find Your Path Competition for Year 3-7 Classes in Australia

Organisation: Future You

Location: Australia

Value: \$9,745.00 in total

Open Date: October 14, 2025

Close Date: November 28, 2025

[Find out more](#)

5 questions to get your teenager talking about their future (without mentioning careers)

Getting teenagers to open up about their future plans can feel impossible, especially when they clam up the moment you ask "What do you want to do when you leave school?" The problem isn't that they don't have thoughts about their future – it's that direct questions about careers can feel overwhelming and judgmental.

The secret is asking questions that explore their interests, values, and dreams without the pressure of having to declare a specific career path. These conversations often reveal much more about what might suit them than any formal career quiz, and they're actually enjoyable for both of you.

Question 1: If you could swap lives with anyone for a week, who would you choose?

This question is brilliant because it gets them thinking about different lifestyles and what appeals to them without any pressure to be realistic or practical.

What it reveals:

- Whether they're drawn to creativity, leadership, helping others, or adventure
- What kind of lifestyle appeals to them – busy and high-profile or quiet and meaningful
- Whether they value fame, money, impact, or something else entirely
- How they see success and what they find inspiring about other people



Listen for patterns in their choices. Are they consistently drawn to entrepreneurs, artists, scientists, or people who help others? Do they mention people who travel, work with their hands, or solve big problems?

Question 2: If you never had to worry about money, what would you do with your time?

This question removes the pressure of practical considerations and gets to the heart of what genuinely interests them. It's one of the best ways to understand their intrinsic motivations.

What it reveals:

- Their natural interests when external pressures are removed
- Whether they're motivated by helping others, creating things, solving problems, or learning
- How they balance personal interests with making a difference in the world
- Whether they prefer working alone, in small groups, or with lots of people
- What kind of pace and structure appeals to them

Pay attention to whether they talk about learning new skills, traveling, creating something, or focusing on relationships and community.

Question 3: What's one problem in the world that you want to solve?

This question taps into their values and the issues they care about, which often connects to meaningful career paths they haven't considered yet.

What it reveals:

- What social, environmental, or technological issues matter to them
- Whether they think locally or globally about problems
- How they approach problem-solving – through direct action, research, policy, or innovation
- Whether they're drawn to helping individuals or changing systems
- What kind of impact they want to have on the world

Their answer might point toward careers in healthcare, environmental science, social work, law, technology, education, or countless other fields that address the issues they care about.

Question 4: What's something you've learned recently that you found really interesting?

This question is less obvious but incredibly revealing. It shows you what captures their attention and how they like to learn, which are crucial factors in career satisfaction.

What it reveals:

- What subjects or topics genuinely engage them beyond school requirements
- How they prefer to learn – through videos, reading, hands-on experience, or discussion
- Whether they're drawn to practical skills, theoretical knowledge, or creative pursuits
- What they find worth spending their free time exploring
- How curious and self-directed they are as learners

Follow up by asking where they learned about it and what made it interesting to them. This often reveals learning styles and interests that can guide education and career choices.

Question 5: If you had to teach someone else something, what would you choose to teach them?

This question uncovers their existing skills and knowledge while also revealing what they value enough to pass on to others.

What it reveals:

- What skills or knowledge they feel confident about
- Whether they enjoy sharing knowledge and helping others learn
- What they consider important or valuable enough to teach
- How they prefer to communicate and connect with others
- Whether they see themselves as having expertise worth sharing

Their answer might range from practical skills like cooking or gaming to more abstract concepts like kindness or resilience. All of these reveal something about their strengths and interests.

Making the most of these conversations



The key to these questions is listening without immediately jumping to career suggestions. Let them talk, ask follow-up questions, and show genuine interest in their thoughts. The goal isn't to solve their career puzzle in one conversation – it's to understand them better and keep the dialogue flowing.

Some tips for success:

- Ask these questions during relaxed moments, not when they're stressed or busy
- Share your own answers too – it makes the conversation feel more balanced
- Don't immediately connect their answers to specific careers
- Ask follow-up questions that show you're genuinely curious
- Remember what they tell you and refer back to it in future conversations

These conversations work best when they happen naturally over time rather than feeling like a formal interview. Try asking one question during a car ride, another over dinner, and let the insights build up gradually. You'll be surprised how much you learn about your teenager's interests, values, and potential future directions.

Opening your first bank account for work: A step-by-step guide

Starting your first job is a big milestone. Along with the excitement of earning your own money, there's one important task to sort out before your first payday: opening a bank account.

If you've never done this before, it can seem complicated — but it doesn't have to be. This guide walks you through the process of getting your first everyday bank account, what to expect, and how to prepare.

Why you need a bank account

When you start work, your employer won't pay you in cash. In almost all cases, they'll transfer your wages straight into a bank account using direct deposit (also called EFT). This means you'll need:

- An **everyday transaction account** in your name
- A **BSB and account number** to give your employer

Once your pay starts coming in, having a bank account makes it easier to:

- Spend and save using a debit card or banking app
- Track your income and plan your budget
- Build good financial habits from day one

What type of account should you open?

Most banks offer accounts designed specifically for students or young people. These accounts are usually:

- Fee-free — no monthly or account-keeping charges.
- Simple to use — with banking apps and debit cards.
- Flexible — you can link them to a savings account or joint account later.

If you're under 18, banks may require a parent or carer to help set up the account — and they might limit certain features (like overdrafts or international transfers) for your protection.

What you'll need to open a bank account

To open an account in Australia, you'll need to prove your identity by passing a 100-point identification check. This is a legal requirement for all new bank customers, and it applies even if you're still at school.

Understanding the 100-point ID check

To prove that you are who you say you are, you'll need to provide documents to the bank. Each form of ID is worth a certain number of points, and you'll need enough to add up to at least 100 points.

Here's a breakdown of common forms of ID and how many points they're usually worth:

Document	Points
Australian Passport	70
Full Birth Certificate	70
Driver's Licence / Learner Permit	40–60
Medicare Card	25
Utility Bill (with your name & address)	25



At least one of your documents should be what's known as a **primary** form of ID (usually a passport, birth certificate, or licence).

If you don't have enough forms of ID to reach 100 points on your own, a parent may need to co-sign or bring extra documents with you.

Tip: Make sure the name and address on your documents match, and check whether your bank accepts copies or requires originals.

Choosing the right bank for you

All banks are slightly different, so it's worth comparing your options. Look for an account that includes:

- No fees (or waived fees for students)
- Access to a banking app
- Debit card with contactless payments
- Helpful customer service
- ATMs or branches near where you live or go to school

Some banks even offer tools to help with budgeting or saving goals, which can be handy once the pay starts landing.

Tip: Use your bank's website or visit a branch to explore their youth account options. Don't be afraid to ask questions — they're there to help.

How to open your account

You can usually open an account in one of two ways:

Online

Many banks let you set up a new account in about 10 to 15 minutes online. You'll be asked to:

- Enter your details (name, address, date of birth)
- Upload your ID documents
- Nominate a PIN for your card
- Agree to the terms and conditions

If you're under a certain age or don't have enough ID points, the bank might ask you to complete the process in a branch.

In a branch

If you'd rather talk to someone or need support with your documents, you can visit a local bank in-person. Make sure to bring:

- Your ID documents
- A parent/carer (if required)
- Any relevant forms the bank asks for

You'll usually receive your debit card in the mail within a week, or you might be given one on the spot.

Using your new bank account

Once your account is open, you can:

- Set up the banking app to track your spending
- Use your debit card to buy things or withdraw cash
- Set up automatic transfers to a savings account (if you want to build up some savings)
- Share your BSB and account number with your employer so they can pay you

Most banks will offer a few extras like spending insights, transaction history, and saving tips right inside their app.

Tip: Keep your card and PIN safe. Never share your PIN with anyone, and let your bank know immediately if you lose your card.

What if something goes wrong?

It's normal to make a few mistakes as you learn how to manage your money. If anything goes wrong, banks are there to help. You can:

- Freeze or cancel a lost card via the app or by calling the bank



- Report any suspicious transactions immediately
- Ask questions or request support — either online, over the phone, or in a branch

Learning how to use your account is just part of building financial confidence.

Final thoughts

Opening your first bank account is a key step towards independence. It's not just about getting paid — it's about learning how to manage money, stay secure, and build habits that will serve you for life.

If you take the time to prepare your ID, compare your options, and ask for help when you need it, the whole process is straightforward.

Need help?

- [Moneysmart.gov.au – Choosing a Bank Account](https://moneysmart.gov.au/choosing-a-bank-account)
- [Services Australia – Proof of ID](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/proof-of-id)
- Talk to a trusted adult, teacher, or careers advisor — they've all opened accounts before
- [Or read more blogs about money on our website here](#)

Why work experience in high school matters

The idea of spending your holidays or weekends in an office (especially without pay) might not sound too thrilling. But work experience could have a huge impact on your future career. It's not just about making the tea or filing papers, though you might do a bit of that too. It's about getting a proper taste of what working life is really like before you dive in headfirst.

Think of work experience as a trial run. You wouldn't buy a car without taking it for a test drive, would you? The same logic applies to your career choices.

Building skills that actually matter

When you step into a workplace, you're not just observing - you're learning skills that no textbook can teach you. Sure, you might know the theory behind teamwork from your PSHE lessons, but actually collaborating with colleagues on a real project? That's a completely different beast.

The Australian Industry Group found that work experience ranks as the second most important factor employers look for when hiring school leavers. Even more telling? The skills you'll develop like communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and time management are exactly what employers want most.

Your grades might get a boost too

Work experience could even help boost your academic performance. Students who do work experience are 17% more likely to achieve higher grades, according to research by the Australian Council for Educational Research in 2020.

Why? Because suddenly, that maths lesson about percentages makes sense when you're helping calculate profit margins. Or that English essay on communication becomes clearer when you've seen how important clear writing is in emails and reports. Work experience connects the dots between classroom theory and real-world application. Not to mention if you've discovered a career that interests or excites you, you may be more motivated to do well; particularly in subjects that you know will be useful to get you into the role.

Meeting people who matter

Work experience isn't just about the work itself, it's the people you'll meet may become equally important. The networks you'll start to form and connections you make could work to your advantage in many ways. Someone who takes you under their wing during your work experience, could become an important adviser in your life. The [CPD Group reported that students with mentors are 130% more likely to hold leadership positions later in their careers](#) and that 93% of workers who have been mentored report satisfaction with their career choices. That colleague who shows you the ropes, or the manager who gives you feedback? They could become also become valuable contacts who offer you a position or help you land your dream job years down the line. Plus, these professionals can give you insider knowledge about different career paths. They might tell you about roles you never knew existed or industries you hadn't considered.



Getting workplace-ready

There's a big difference between knowing how to behave at school and understanding professional etiquette. [Work experience could help you figure out those often unwritten rules before they really matter.](#)

Simple things like how to write a professional email, when it's appropriate to speak up in meetings, how to handle constructive criticism, or even [what to wear](#). These might seem minor, but they're the building blocks of professional confidence.

Employers recognise this too, with a high percentage of those surveyed believing that work experience improves a candidate's ability to adapt to new work environments.

The ripple effect on your future

Work experience creates a positive cycle, the skills you develop could make you feel more confident in job interviews. The connections you make might lead to recommendations. The understanding you gain allows you make career choices better suited to yourself. And the boost to your grades opens more doors at university level. It's not just about padding your CV (though that's certainly a bonus). Work experience give you the skills and qualities that could make employers want to hire you - showing that you understand what working life involves and have already proven you can handle it.

Ready to take the plunge?

Work experience might feel like just another thing on your already packed schedule, but it's an investment in your future self. Whether you're considering university, an apprenticeship, or jumping straight into work, the experience and connections you gain could serve you well.

Ready to find your perfect work experience placement? [Explore our work experience opportunities](#) and make a start.

Writing your elevator pitch

At some point, someone's going to ask you to tell them about yourself. It might be in a job interview, at a university open day, when you're introduced to a family friend who works in your dream industry, or even at a casual BBQ where someone mentions they're looking for weekend staff. Having a clear, confident way to introduce yourself isn't about being fake or rehearsed – it's about being prepared so you don't stumble through these moments or undersell yourself when opportunities arise.

The most effective elevator pitches aren't one-size-fits-all scripts. They're flexible frameworks that you adapt based on your goal for each conversation and what the other person needs to know. Before you even think about what to say, you need to be clear about what you're hoping to achieve.

Start with your goal

Your elevator pitch changes depending on what you're trying to accomplish. Are you looking for a part-time job? Seeking advice about career paths? Hoping to find a mentor? Trying to get work experience? Each goal requires a different approach and emphasis.

Once you're clear on your objective, think about what information the other person actually needs to help you achieve it. A busy professional doesn't need your entire life story – they need the specific details that help them understand how they can assist you and why they should want to.

Finally, every good pitch ends with a clear ask. This isn't pushy; it's helpful. When someone knows exactly what you're hoping for, they can give you a straight answer rather than trying to guess what kind of help you need.

The basic structure that works

Whether you're channelling [Princeton's career development approach](#) or following the wisdom of Inigo Montoya's networking strategy, effective pitches tend to follow a similar pattern:

- A polite greeting and your name
- Your current situation and relevant context
- Why you're talking to this particular person
- Your specific ask or next step



This structure ensures you cover the essentials without rambling or leaving the other person confused about what you want from them.

For students seeking opportunities

When you're looking for internships, work experience, part-time jobs, or placement opportunities, your pitch should emphasise your eagerness to learn and any relevant experience you already have, even if it seems small.

"Hi, I'm Emma. I'm in Year 11 at Riverside High, and I'm really interested in marketing and communications. I've been helping my mum's small business with their social media for the past year, and I love seeing how different content performs with their audience. I'm looking for work experience opportunities where I could learn more about the industry – would it be possible to spend a day or two shadowing someone in your marketing team?"

This example works because Emma clearly states who she is, demonstrates some relevant experience (even though it's informal), shows genuine interest, and makes a specific, reasonable request. She's not asking for a job or long-term commitment, just an opportunity to learn.

For part-time work, you might adjust the approach:

"I'm Josh, and I'm starting Year 12 next term. I'm looking for weekend work that fits around my studies, ideally somewhere I can develop customer service skills since I'm planning to study business next year. I'm reliable, available most weekends, and I learn quickly. Are you currently hiring for any weekend positions?"

Josh's pitch is straightforward about his availability and limitations, but also connects his immediate need (weekend work) with his longer-term goals (business studies), showing he's thinking strategically about his experience.

For young entrepreneurs and business owners

If you've started your own business or have entrepreneurial experience, your pitch should highlight your initiative and what makes your venture unique, while being clear about what kind of support or opportunities you're seeking.

"Hi, I'm Alex. I'm 17 and I've been running a small photography business for the past two years, specialising in local events and family portraits. I've learned a lot about running a business, but I'm really interested in the commercial photography side of things. I'd love to learn more about what it takes to work with corporate clients – would you be open to a brief coffee chat about your experience in the industry?"

Alex's pitch works because it shows real business experience while being honest about what they still need to learn. The ask is specific and respectful of the other person's time.

For informational interviews

When you're seeking advice or information rather than immediate opportunities, your pitch should focus on your genuine interest in learning and make it clear you're not asking for a job (which helps people feel more comfortable saying yes).

"Hello, I'm Sam. I'm in my final year of school and I'm trying to learn more about careers in environmental consulting. I've been volunteering with local conservation groups and I'm fascinated by how science gets translated into policy recommendations. I'm not looking for work right now, but I'd really value 20 minutes of your time to understand what your typical day looks like and how you got into this field. Would that be possible?"

Sam's approach is effective because they demonstrate existing knowledge and involvement, clearly state they're not job hunting, and suggest a specific, brief time commitment. This makes it easy for the other person to say yes.

Adapting to your audience

The same basic information can be presented differently depending on who you're talking to. [Kent University's guide](#) emphasises matching your pitch to your listener's interests and background.

If you're talking to someone in your target industry, you can use more specific terminology and focus on relevant experiences. If you're speaking to a family friend who works in a completely different field, you might need to provide more context about what you're interested in and why.

Similarly, adjust your language for the setting. A formal networking event calls for a more polished approach than a casual conversation at a community barbecue, even if you're sharing essentially the same information.

The power of a clear ask

Many students hesitate to be direct about what they want, worried they'll seem pushy or demanding. In reality, people appreciate knowing how they can help. Vague requests like "I'd love any advice you might have" are much



harder to respond to than specific asks like "Could you recommend someone I could talk to about internships in your company?" or "Would you mind if I sent you my CV for feedback?"

Good asks are:

- Specific enough that the person knows exactly what you're requesting
- Reasonable given your relationship and their position
- Time-bound so they know the commitment involved
- Easy to say no to if it doesn't work for them

Remember, you're giving people the opportunity to help you, not putting them on the spot. Most professionals remember what it was like to be starting out and are genuinely happy to offer guidance when they can.

Practice until it feels natural

The difference between a good elevator pitch and an awkward one often comes down to delivery. Practice your key points until you can discuss them conversationally, without sounding like you're reciting a script.

Try your pitch with family members, friends, or teachers. Ask for feedback not just on the content, but on how natural and confident you sound. The goal is to feel comfortable talking about yourself and your goals so you can focus on the conversation rather than worrying about forgetting your lines.

You'll also discover through practice which parts of your pitch generate the most interest or questions. These insights help you refine your approach and emphasise the elements that resonate most with your audience.

Having a well-prepared elevator pitch isn't about being overly rehearsed – it's about being ready to make the most of unexpected opportunities. When you can clearly and confidently explain who you are and what you're looking for, doors start opening in ways you might not have anticipated.

Once you've developed your pitch, save it in a document on your computer where you can easily find and update it. But also print out a copy and stick it somewhere you'll see it regularly – on your bedroom wall, inside a school folder, or on your bathroom mirror. The more familiar you become with your key points, the more naturally you'll be able to adapt them for different situations.

Accommodation, University

Guaranteed accommodation at university

If you're thinking of moving away to go to university, one of the big things you'll need to sort out is accommodation. Leaving home without the prospect of somewhere to stay can be daunting, which is why some unis offer guaranteed accommodation.

This means that if you apply to study and are accepted, there will be a guaranteed room waiting for you when you start - so you can spend less time worrying about where you're going to live and more time preparing for student life.

Which universities offer guaranteed accommodation?

Currently there are only a handful of universities in Australia that offer guaranteed accommodation. There are often different eligibility requirements between universities, so make sure you read the fine print carefully to ensure you're eligible.

Here are the universities that currently offer guaranteed accommodation:

- [Australian National University](#)
- [Charles Sturt University](#)
- [University of Canberra](#)
- [University of Melbourne](#)
- [University of Newcastle](#)
- [Victoria University](#)

Want to find out more?

Learn more about [different accommodation options on our website here](#). Or if you're ready to start searching, you might like to check out our [directory of Australian uni accommodation providers here](#).



7 compelling arguments to get your parents on board with your gap year plans

So you've decided you want to take a gap year, but your parents aren't exactly thrilled about the idea. Maybe they're worried you'll never go back to study, or that you'll spend twelve months lounging around achieving nothing. Perhaps they're concerned about safety, costs, or whether you're just trying to avoid making "real" decisions about your future.

The good news is that most parent concerns about gap years come from genuine care and often outdated assumptions about what a gap year actually involves. Armed with the right information and a well-thought-out plan, you can have a productive conversation that addresses their worries whilst demonstrating that you've given this serious consideration.

Here are seven evidence-based arguments that can help shift the conversation from "absolutely not" to "let's talk about how to make this work."

You'll return to study more motivated and focused

One of the biggest fears parents have is that you'll lose momentum and never return to formal education, but research suggests the opposite is actually true. Students who take structured gap years typically return to university with clearer goals, better study habits, and higher motivation levels than those who go straight from school.

The [Universities and Colleges Admissions Service](#) (UCAS) reports that students who defer entry often perform better academically because they've had time to develop maturity and clarify their goals. When you've spent a year working, volunteering, or travelling, sitting in a lecture theatre doesn't feel like an extension of school anymore – it feels like a choice you're actively making toward your future.

You can strengthen this argument by showing you've already started thinking about what you want to study and why. If your gap year experiences will directly relate to your intended course or career path, even better.

You'll gain real-world experience that enhances your university application

University admissions officers are increasingly looking for students who bring more than just good grades. A well-planned gap year provides exactly the kind of experiences that make applications stand out: leadership roles, cross-cultural competency, work experience, volunteer service, or specialised skills.

Many universities actively encourage gap years and some courses particularly value the maturity and perspective that gap year students bring. Medical schools, for instance, often look favourably on students who have gained healthcare experience or demonstrated commitment to service during their gap year.

The key is showing that your gap year will add value to your academic and career goals, not just provide a break from them. Research specific examples of how your planned activities align with your university or career aspirations, and present these connections clearly to your parents.

You'll develop independence and life skills in a supported way

Parents often worry about their children's readiness for independent adult life, but then resist opportunities for them to develop these skills gradually. A gap year offers the perfect middle ground – more independence than school provides, but with more support and flexibility than jumping straight into university or full-time work. Whether you're working locally, volunteering interstate, or travelling overseas, you'll be navigating real-world challenges like managing money, solving problems independently, and adapting to new environments. These aren't skills you can learn from textbooks, and developing them during a gap year means you'll be far better prepared for university life.

Point out specific life skills your gap year plans will develop: budgeting and financial management, time management without external structure, communication across cultural or professional contexts, or resilience in unfamiliar situations. These capabilities will serve you throughout your adult life, regardless of what career path you eventually choose.

You'll clarify your career direction and avoid costly course changes

Many students change courses or career directions during university, which can extend their study time and increase costs significantly. A gap year provides valuable opportunity to explore potential career paths before making expensive educational commitments.

Work experience, internships, or volunteer roles can help you understand what different careers actually involve day-to-day, rather than relying on assumptions or limited exposure. You might discover that a field you thought



you'd love isn't actually appealing in practice, or find yourself drawn to opportunities you hadn't previously considered.

This exploration can save both time and money in the long run. It's much better to spend a year discovering that marketing isn't for you than to realise this halfway through an expensive marketing degree. Many gap year programmes specifically include career exploration components, mentoring, or work placements designed to help young people make more informed decisions about their futures.

You'll build a global perspective that's increasingly valuable

Cultural competency and global awareness are becoming essential skills across most career fields. Whether through travel, international volunteering, or working with diverse communities locally, a gap year can provide exposure to different perspectives and ways of life.

This isn't just about personal growth – it's about developing skills that employers actively seek. The ability to work effectively across cultures, adapt to different environments, and understand global contexts are valuable in fields ranging from business and healthcare to education and technology.

If your gap year plans include international travel or work, research specific programmes that provide structured cultural immersion rather than just tourism. Organisations like [VolunteerHQ](#) or [BUNAC](#) offer programmes specifically designed to provide meaningful cultural exchange experiences. Even domestic gap year activities can build cultural competency if they involve working with diverse communities or in unfamiliar environments.

You'll return refreshed and avoid university burnout

Mental health awareness around academic pressure has increased significantly, and many parents are beginning to recognise the signs of student burnout and stress. If you've been struggling with motivation, anxiety around academic performance, or feeling overwhelmed by the pressure to immediately transition to university, a gap year might actually be protective of your long-term mental health.

A year away from formal academic pressures can provide much-needed perspective and restore enthusiasm for learning. Many students report feeling "burnt out" from years of assessment-focused education and benefit enormously from a break that allows them to rediscover their curiosity and motivation.

This argument is particularly strong if you can point to specific signs that you need a break: declining grades despite effort, loss of interest in subjects you used to enjoy, or persistent stress around school performance. Present a gap year as a proactive step toward ensuring your future academic success, rather than an avoidance strategy.

You have a specific, well-researched plan with clear goals

Perhaps the most compelling argument you can make is demonstrating that you've approached your gap year planning with maturity and thoroughness. Parents are much more likely to support plans that feel structured and purposeful rather than vague or impulsive.

Prepare a detailed proposal that includes your specific goals for the year, how you plan to achieve them, what safeguards you'll put in place, and how you'll measure success. Include research about programmes, costs, safety considerations, and backup plans if things don't go as expected.

Consider addressing practical concerns proactively: how you'll stay in touch, what you'll do if you face difficulties, how you'll maintain connections with universities or future opportunities, and what you'll do if your plans change. The more thoroughly you've thought through potential challenges, the more confidence your parents will have in your decision-making abilities.

Having the conversation

Present these arguments as part of a broader conversation about your goals and concerns, rather than as a confrontational debate you need to "win." Acknowledge that your parents' concerns come from a place of care, and show that you're willing to work together to address them.

Consider suggesting a trial period or compromise position – perhaps starting with a shorter programme or staying closer to home initially. Many families find that once parents see the positive impacts of gap year experiences, their comfort level with more adventurous plans increases significantly.

Remember that this conversation might take time. Your parents may need to adjust their expectations and do their own research about gap year benefits and safety considerations. Be patient, provide them with resources from



reputable organisations, and continue demonstrating through your planning process that you're approaching this decision maturely.

Most importantly, be prepared to listen to their concerns and incorporate their feedback into your planning. The goal isn't just to get permission for your gap year, but to embark on it with your family's support and confidence in your decision-making abilities.

Still not sure if a gap year is the right option for you? [You can take our gap year quiz or explore more blogs on our website here.](#)

How to become a Photographer

Photographers are skilled technical artists who are trained in the use of various kinds of equipment and techniques to produce high quality images of people, landscapes, animals, products, and other subjects.

If you're creative with a great eye for composition, and are prepared to put in long hours to obtain a single perfect image, this career could be perfect for you.

What skills do I need as a photographer?

- Creative and imaginative
- Excellent attention to detail
- Great communicator
- Technically skilled
- Flexible and adaptable
- Can work alone and in teams
- Patient and thorough
- Good time management

What does the job involve?

- Planning and executing photo shoots
- Setting up and calibrating equipment
- Directing subjects and composing shots
- Editing and retouching images using software
- Managing client relationships and expectations
- Meeting deadlines for publications
- Marketing your services and building your portfolio
- Maintaining and upgrading photography equipment

What industries do photographers typically work in?

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Arts and Recreation Services
- Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services

What Career Cluster do photographers belong to?

Photographers need to use a blend of creativity and imagination with advanced technical skills, so they usually fall into the [Innovator Cluster](#).

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

There is lots of opportunity for flexible working hours and travel as a photographer. But it can be hard to maintain a steady stream of clients and income, and many photographers may do other work on the side.

Most photographers earn an average salary throughout their careers.

Depending on the specific type of photography you specialise in, you can work in a huge variety of environments, from indoor studios to shooting on location.

How to become a photographer



Formal qualifications aren't essential to work as a photographer, but vocational or university study could help you develop your skills and open more opportunities. You'll need to build a strong portfolio of work to impress both potential employers and clients.

If you don't want to commit to a full degree, there are also many shorter courses and even weekend workshops you can take to build your skills or learn about new equipment.

What can I do right now to work towards this career?

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

- Join your school's photography club or take photography classes to gain experience and access to equipment
- Volunteer to photograph school events, local charities, or community organisations to build your portfolio
- Research different photography styles and famous photographers to inspire your own work

Where can I find more information?

- [Australian Photographic Society](#)
- [Photographic Society of New Zealand](#)
- [Association of Photographers](#) (UK)
- [Photographic Society of America](#)
- [Professional Photographers of Canada](#)

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- [Camera Operator](#)
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