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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

Monash Discover VTAC, Equity Schemes & Scholarships

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: September 3, 2026

Want to apply for university but not sure where to start? Get all your questions answered at our Equity Schemes and Scholarships Applications online information session.

Find out more about submitting course preferences, how difficult circumstances translate into Equity Schemes eligibility, and considerations when applying for scholarships through VTAC.

[Find out more](#)

Collarts Open Day 2026, Online

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Online

Date: September 3, 2026

At Collarts, Open Day is designed to help you understand what it's really like to study online, explore our learning experience, meet the people who will support you, and discover how flexible online study can fit around your life while keeping you connected to a creative community.

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

Here are some of the experiences you can take part in during Open Day.

- Take a guided walkthrough of the Collarts Online learning environment and see how your study experience comes together. You'll gain a clear understanding of how online study works and what to expect as a student.
- Connect with academics, Online Learning Tutors and Student Success Advisors. These sessions provide an opportunity to ask questions about courses, study options, career outcomes and student support. You will learn more about the people who will guide and support you throughout your studies.
- See examples of
- learning activities, projects and creative work from across our disciplines. See how students apply their learning through authentic industry-focused projects and gain insight into the types of experiences that form part of a Collarts online study.
- Hear directly from current students and graduates about their experiences studying online. Learn how they balanced study with work and life commitments, built creative networks, developed their skills and progressed towards their career goals.
- Discover how Collarts Online helps students stay connected throughout their studies. Learn about study groups, live sessions, student communities, one-on-one support and the range of services available to help you succeed from your first week through to graduation.

[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](#)

[Newcastle Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Organisation: Australian Government

Location: Newcastle ADF Careers Centre

Date: September 3, 2026



Consider a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force. Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you?

[Find out more](#)

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](#)

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](#)

Wodonga TAFE Logic Campus Open Day

Organisation: Wodonga TAFE

Location: Wodonga TAFE Logic Campus

Date: September 5, 2026

Step inside the Logic Campus for a hands-on open day where future careers and powerful machines come together.

Join us on Saturday 5 September 2026, 9am–1:30pm at our facility in Barnawartha North – whether



you're exploring training options, looking for your next career move, or just want to see what we do up close.

What's on:

- Hop into the operator's seat on earthmoving equipment — excavators, skid steers, cranes, and more
- Ride-along truck experience with a licensed instructor
- Forklift games — bowling and basketball, because training should be fun
- Motorsport workshop tours through the MTA facility next door
- Free woodfired pizza, fairy floss, snowcones, and barista coffee
- Industry partners and employers on site across transport, logistics, automotive, and civil construction
- Trainers, instructors, and support staff available to walk you through study pathways, enrolment, and licensing

This is a practical, no-pressure way to see Wodonga TAFE's Logic Campus in action and talk to the people who work and train here every day.

[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](#)

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](#)

Wodonga TAFE Motorsports Training Australia Open Day 2026

Organisation: Wodonga TAFE

Location: Wodonga TAFE

Date: September 5, 2026

Ever wanted to get your hands on a high-performance race car? Come and see what studying at Motorsports Training Australia actually looks like.

Join us on Saturday 5 September 2026, 9am–1:30pm at our facility in Barnawartha North for a hands-on open day packed with tours, demos, and real conversations with students, graduates, and



industry partners.

On the day:

- Tour our world-class workshop, dyno, and on-site race track
- Get up close with real race cars used in competition across Australia
- Hear from current students and alumni who've turned their passion into a career
- Connect with industry partners on-site discussing real employment opportunities
- View on-campus accommodation managed by UniLodge - ideal if you're considering relocating to study!

MTA graduates are working in Supercars, Formula 2, NASCAR, and their own businesses. Students travel from across Australia and New Zealand to train here.

[Find out more](#)

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Basair Pilot Career Seminar, Sydney

Organisation: Basair Aviation College

Location: Bankstown Airport

Date: September 7, 2026

Do you dream of taking to the skies and achieving your wildest aviation dreams?

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[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](#)

ADF Engineering Careers Information Session Melbourne/online

Organisation: Australian Defence Force



Location: Melbourne ADF Careers Centre

Date: September 9, 2026

Consider an Engineering career in the Navy, Army or Air Force and work at the peak of your profession on formidable military assets such as warships, tanks, fighter aircraft and all the systems that control them.

Join us for an info session and speak with current serving military personnel to hear about their own experiences and advice and what opportunities are available to you.

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](#)

Flight Centre Travel Academy Information Session Online

Organisation: Flight Centre

Location: Online

Date: September 9, 2026

Where could a career in travel take you?

You're invited to our Flight Centre Travel Academy Info Night — an evening designed to inspire, inform and open doors to exciting career pathways in travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation and events.

Learn about our Diploma of Travel and Tourism and flexible study programs

 Gain real industry insights and career advice

Discover job pathways across travel, tourism, hospitality, aviation & events

Hear student stories and connect with industry professionals

Enjoy an evening full of travel inspiration and networking opportunities

[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](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

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](#)



CDW Studios Online Information Session

Organisation: CDW Studios

Location: Online

Date: September 16, 2026

Discover our industry-recognised pathway into the entertainment design industry!

This free online session is designed for anyone interested in building a creative career in the entertainment design industry, becoming a professional artist for games, movies, animation and VFX.

[Find out more](#)

ADF Sydney Officer & Management Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Parramatta ADF Careers Centre

Date: September 16, 2026

We're always on the lookout for people with ambition and potential to lead and manage Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel in fields including (but not limited to) aviation, engineering, healthcare and combat.

As an Officer in the ADF you will have the opportunity to see more of Australia-and the world-make friends for life and experience a unique culture of teamwork, adventure and fitness.

Join us for an info session to hear from current serving members about what it takes to become an Officer in the ADF.

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](#)

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](#)

UNSW Aviation Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of New South Wales



Location: UNSW Aviation Flying Operations Unit, Bankstown Airport

Date: September 19, 2026

Are you passionate about flying or curious about a career in aviation? Join UNSW for an unforgettable experience at their Aviation Open Day, held at the state-of-the-art Bankstown Airport flight training facility.

What to expect:

- Explore the fleet of Diamond DA-40 and Piper Seminole PA44 aircraft up close
- Experience cutting-edge flight simulators
- Chat with expert instructors and current students
- Tour the facilities and get a feel for life at UNSW Aviation
- Ask anything - UNSW is here to help you navigate your aviation journey

Whether you're dreaming of becoming a pilot or just want to learn more about aviation, this is your chance to get inspired and informed.

[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](#)

Women in Defence Virtual Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Online

Date: September 22, 2026



Consider a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force and work alongside likeminded, supportive, proud serving men and women.

Tune in for a virtual info session to speak with current serving women in Defence to learn more.

Spaces are limited, so register ASAP!

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Careers 2040: STEM Careers Reimagined

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Museum of Contemporary Art Australia

Date: September 23, 2026

From climate resilience and clean energy to AI, biotechnology and advanced manufacturing, tomorrow's challenges need people who can think across disciplines and create solutions in unexpected ways.

Join leading scientists, engineers and industry professionals as they share how curiosity, lifelong learning and a willingness to embrace new challenges have shaped their careers in unexpected ways. Through an inspiring keynote, interactive panel discussion and networking session, you'll hear firsthand how postgraduate study can support career progression, professional growth and new opportunities.

Whether you're looking to broaden your expertise, explore emerging industries or rethink what's possible in your career, leave inspired by the opportunities shaping the future of STEM.

[Find out more](#)

WSU Free Online HSC Study Sessions for Year 12 Students

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: September 28 to October 7, 2026

From Monday 28th September to Wednesday 7th October 2026, 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 22 free sessions across 14 key HSC subject areas, with sessions that included content analysis, tips and strategies, and a detailed exploration of key syllabus and curriculum areas.

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

[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](#)

Quantum Tech Camp for Year 9-12 Students and Teachers

Organisation: Sydney Quantum Academy

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus OR Online



Date: September 29 to October 1, 2026

Now in its fifth year, Quantum Tech Camp is a free three-day program for students in Years 9-12 who want to explore one of the world's most exciting emerging technologies.

Through interactive activities, coding and problem-solving challenges, you'll learn the fundamentals of quantum computing and experiment with concepts such as superposition, entanglement and quantum randomness. No prior knowledge of quantum physics or coding is required.

Beginners will be supported through hands-on activities, while students with coding experience can explore more advanced programming challenges using Python.

You'll also meet Australian quantum researchers and mentors, connect with like-minded students from across Australia, and discover study and career pathways in quantum technology.

In 2026 the Camp is free to attend, but spaces are limited.

SQA is committed to making this event accessible to everyone. If you require any accommodations, please let them know in advance by sending an email to: info.sqa@sydney.edu.au.

[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](#)

[Basair Pilot Career Seminar, Sydney](#)

Organisation: Basair Aviation College

Location: Bankstown Airport

Date: October 12, 2026

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[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](#)

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](#)

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](#)



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Organisation: Basair Aviation College

Location: Bankstown Airport

Date: November 9, 2026

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[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](#)

SAE Online Info Session: IT & Computer Science

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: Online

Date: December 1, 2026

From software development and cyber security to cloud computing and AI, technology careers are evolving fast. At SAE's Online Info Session: IT & Computer Science, you'll explore our complete range of technology courses, including our new Information Technology qualifications launching in February 2027, alongside our established Computer Science and Cyber Security pathways.

[Find out more](#)

Basair Pilot Career Seminar, Sydney

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Location: Bankstown Airport

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Scholarships

UNSW John Shaw Memorial Scholarship in Planning

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: New South Wales

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open Date: August 7, 2026

Close Date: December 18, 2026

[Find out more](#)



Neil Eric Cowd Memorial Scholarship at SCU

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: New South Wales, Queensland

Value: Up to \$20,000 AUD

Close Date: February 14, 2027

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Art Competition 2027

Organisation: RSL NSW

Location: New South Wales

Value: See details

Close Date: October 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Pens Against Poverty Writing Competition for Years 3-10

Organisation: Pens Against Poverty

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: September 11, 2026

[Find out more](#)

NASA Space Apps Challenge

Organisation: National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Location: All, United States

Value: See details

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

The Rhiza Edge Short Story Competition for 2026

Organisation: Rhiza Press

Location: Australia, New Zealand

Value: See details

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

2026 Mayoral Creative Writing Prize, Blacktown NSW

Organisation: Blacktown City Council

Location: Sydney

Value: Up to \$200 AUD per student and \$100 for their school

Close Date: September 14, 2026

[Find out more](#)

2026 Cabonne Women Writers Open Writing Competition

Organisation: Arts OutWest

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: September 11, 2026



[Find out more](#)

The Tom Collins Poetry Prize 2026

Organisation: Fellowship of Australian Writers Western Australia

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$1,000 AUD

Close Date: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

King of the Ranges Bush Poetry Competition

Organisation: King of the Ranges

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$150 AUD

Close Date: September 4, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Fisher's Ghost Writing Prize 2026 Campbelltown, NSW

Organisation: Campbelltown City Council

Location: New South Wales

Value: Up to \$100 AUD for school students

Close Date: September 7, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Experiences

Calmsley Hill City Farm Work Experience

Organisation: Calmsley Hill City Farm

Location: Sydney

[Find out more](#)

Pocket City Farms Volunteer

Organisation: Pocket City Farms

Location: Sydney

[Find out more](#)

Supanova Comic Con & Gaming – Event Volunteers for ages 16+

Organisation: Supanova Expo Pty Ltd

Location: Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

UNIVERSITY

Finding your way into engineering courses

You know you like maths, or building things, or solving problems that actually matter. You've picked your subjects in high school. Engineering feels like the obvious next step and you're feeling confident about your path. But the entry requirements for your dream course could feel a little daunting.

Engineering courses can have high [selection ranks](#), as they're often popular, and perhaps the entry scores seem higher than what you're expecting.



If you're really determined then now's the time to knuckle down to some serious studying but remember, the courses that you've look at so far - they're not the only door into an engineering career. In this article we'll take a quick look at back-up options and Plan B's that could still get you into engineering.

Why study engineering?

Engineering isn't one thing. It's dozens of different careers hiding under one name.

- You could design bridges that thousands of people cross every day.
- You could build the batteries that power electric cars.
- You could work on robots, water systems, aircraft, or even roller coasters.
- Engineers are needed almost everywhere, in most industries, so jobs tend to be easier to find than in a lot of other fields.
- Pay is often above average too, especially once you've got a few years of experience behind you.

If you like working out how things fit together, and you don't mind a bit of maths along the way, engineering gives you a lot of options.

Understanding ATAR and NCEA entry scores

If you're in Australia applying for university here, your selection rank is calculated from your ATAR. If you're in New Zealand, it's calculated from your NCEA results. Both work a bit differently, so it helps to know what you're actually looking at.

ATAR (Australia): engineering courses usually sit somewhere between an ATAR of about 75 and 95, although there are [engineering degrees who offered places to students with ATARs of 58.00](#) - so it can pay to research all your options. A maths subject is typically required, and physics is generally expected too, especially for mechanical, electrical or aerospace streams.

NCEA (New Zealand): you'll need [University Entrance](#), and most engineering degrees ask for at least 14 credits at NCEA Level 3 in both calculus and physics. While a higher rank score doesn't guarantee a place, it could make your application stronger, especially for competitive courses including some engineering programs.

In either country, the entry requirements aren't fixed forever. They'll vary depending on how many students apply each year as well as how many places are available, so again it's worth checking your options and keep the information updated.

Give your entry scores a little push

Before you write off any course completely, even if the entry score is very high, check what else could help your application.

Lots of universities offer adjustment factors or equity schemes. These could lower the score you need slightly if your school results, background, or personal circumstances suggest you haven't had the easiest run; or give your selection rank a little boost that gets you over the line. It's always worth checking whether you qualify, if you're eligible it would be a shame to miss out. Contact the future students team or faculty directly if you're not sure about anything or can't find the most up to date information.

Look at courses close to your dream degree

If your Year 12 results really don't seem like they'll stack up, take a look sideways instead of giving up.

For example, if a software, aerospace or biomedical engineering course is your first choice but the entry score feels out of reach, add it to your preferences then look at some alternatives - just in case. A few other routes lead to a similar place:



- **A related degree with a lower cut-off**, like computer science, mechatronics, or general engineering, can often be transferred across once you've built up strong results in your first year.
- **A diploma pathway** is not just a fallback option. Completing a one or two-year diploma before moving straight into the second year of the full degree could be a pathway worth exploring and you'd still be learning all the right things (and maybe earning credits towards future units).
- **A bridging or foundation year** is built for students who are talented but haven't quite hit the score yet, and it leads straight into the full degree.
- **A different specialisation within engineering**, such as mechanical or electrical, can share a lot of first-year content with software or aerospace streams, giving you the option to move across once you're enrolled, or pursue a postgraduate qualification down the track.
- Look at **vocational pathways** where you'll be learning on the job and can upskill later with some work experience already under your belt.

None of these options are second-best. Plenty of engineers started out on one of these routes and ended up doing exactly the same job as someone who went straight into an engineering degree with top marks.

An easy way to start comparing all engineering degrees (and pathways) in Australia is on [Course Seeker](#) or [Study New Zealand](#) if you're looking for study options in New Zealand.

Your path in doesn't have to be straight

Results day doesn't have to be the moment your engineering ambitions are decided forever. If your score doesn't match up to your first preference, you can change your preferences then wait and see if you get an offer in future rounds. You could also look at other routes like bridging courses, diplomas, and related degrees that are perfect for exactly for this situation.

If you want to find out more about how alternative routes actually work, head over to our [pathways](#) page or even see what [apprenticeships and traineeships](#) have to offer. Whether you're still choosing subjects or waiting on results or offers, there's no harm in exploring all of your options and having a back up in mind.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

What actually happens if you don't pass a competency during an apprenticeship

During an apprenticeship, you're not marked against other students or given a score out of a hundred. You're assessed on whether you can carry out a specific task, called a competency, to the standard expected in the workplace.

How apprenticeship assessment works

Rather than an overall grade, you're assessed on each competency separately. Not being marked competent means much the same thing as not passing something, since you weren't able to complete the task to the standard required. Where it differs is what happens next. You're either marked competent, meaning you've demonstrated the skill properly, or not yet competent, often shortened to NYC, meaning you haven't demonstrated it to that level yet.

Because each unit is assessed on its own, a reassessment isn't something you have to ask permission for or hope you're granted, it's built into how the system works. An NYC result also doesn't get averaged into an overall mark the way a failed test might drag down a final grade. It simply flags that one specific unit needs another attempt.

An NYC result usually comes down to one of a few things: a missed step, evidence that wasn't detailed enough, or one part of the task that wasn't fully covered. Workplace tasks often have several specific requirements attached to them, and all of those requirements generally need to be



met, even if most of the task was done well. Trades and industries rely on a consistent level of quality before someone is signed off to work independently, both for the person doing the job and for the people affected by it, and this system exists to make sure that happens.

What happens after a not yet competent result

When you're marked not yet competent, your Registered Training Organisation, or [RTO](#), is required to give you feedback that explains why. This feedback should point to the specific part of the task or unit you didn't demonstrate, so you know exactly what to focus on before trying again.

An NYC result only applies to that specific unit. Apprenticeships are broken into separate units, so if you're marked competent in nine out of ten and not yet competent in one, only that one unit needs to be reassessed. Competency you've already demonstrated in other units stays in place.

Whether it shows up on your record

An NYC result is a normal step within the assessment process. Once you're reassessed as competent, it generally doesn't appear on your final qualification or statement of attainment. Your official record reflects the final outcome for each unit, regardless of how many attempts it took to get there.

Support before you try again

RTOs typically offer support before a reassessment rather than leaving you to work it out alone. Depending on your RTO and employer, this could include:

- Additional training or a refresher session on the specific skill
- One-on-one time with a trainer or assessor to go over what needs improving
- Extra practice opportunities in the workplace with your employer or supervisor
- Access to resources or materials to fill any knowledge gaps

Your employer is often involved in this too, since a lot of your practical skills are built and observed on the job.

What to do if you disagree with an NYC result

If you don't agree with a not yet competent result, you're entitled to raise it. RTOs are required to have a clear appeals process that lets you challenge an assessment decision, and they need to make that process easy to find and understand.

Usually this starts with speaking to your trainer or assessor directly, since that conversation often clarifies exactly what was expected and why the result was given. If that doesn't resolve things, most RTOs have a formal appeal or review step, where someone other than the original assessor looks at the decision again. Your RTO should be able to tell you their specific timeframes and how to lodge an appeal, and this information is usually available on their website or in your enrolment documents. If a dispute with your RTO still can't be resolved, [ASQA](#) is the national regulator for vocational education and training and can direct you to services that assist with provider disputes.

How long reassessment takes

There's no fixed timeframe that applies to every RTO. As a general guide, some providers can arrange a reassessment within a couple of weeks if the gap is small, while others require a set assessment period or a certain amount of extra training first. These timelines vary significantly between providers and qualifications, so there's no guarantee your experience will match this, and it's best to ask your RTO directly what their process looks like.

If it happens more than once

A single not yet competent result on one unit is a normal part of working through an apprenticeship and doesn't put your training contract at risk on its own. The system is built around the expectation that most people need more than one attempt to reach a professional standard.



Repeated not yet competent results on the same unit, without improvement between attempts, are treated differently. At that point, your RTO and employer will usually sit down with you to work out what's getting in the way, whether that's a different approach to training, more time, or an alternative way of demonstrating the skill. If the gaps continue without progress, it can eventually affect your training contract, since both your RTO and employer need to see you working toward what's required over the course of your apprenticeship.

If you want to learn more about how apprenticeships work day to day, check out our [apprenticeships and traineeships](#) section.

What it means for a VET qualification to have a “core” vs “elective” structure

Every VET qualification is a mix of units you have to complete and units you choose. A Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician is built from [27 core units and 2 electives](#). A Certificate III in Hospitality is [6 core units and 9 electives](#). Depending on which one you're looking at, your electives might barely matter, or they might shape most of your training. Here's why that split exists, and what it means once you're the one picking.

What core and elective units actually mean

Core units are the ones everyone has to complete. They cover what's considered essential to the job, things like safety procedures and foundational techniques that don't change no matter where a graduate ends up working.

Electives come from a defined list attached to the same qualification, though the rules aren't always as closed as they look. Some qualifications let a provider bring in a unit from a different training package altogether, as long as it's still relevant to the job outcome. Some electives carry prerequisites too, so you can't always complete them in whatever order suits you.

How this compares to subject electives at school

There's a loose parallel at school: subjects everyone takes, plus a few you pick yourself. VET electives sit inside tighter boundaries though. They're tied directly to the qualification's job outcome, not a broad spread of unrelated subjects, and missing a core unit means not finishing the qualification at all.

Why the ratio is so different between qualifications

A good comparison to draw is between Electrotechnology and Hospitality, both qualifications sit at the same [AQF level](#), Certificate III. But how much of each one is fixed versus chosen comes down to the work itself.

Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician

Get electrical work wrong and you're looking at electrocution, fire, or serious equipment damage. That risk sits underneath the whole trade, which is why the core has to cover baseline safety and technique no matter which specialisation someone ends up in. This qualification locks in 27 core units, covering circuit theory, installation basics, and workplace safety. What's left is small, and measured a little differently: electives are chosen to hit a required points value rather than a simple headcount, which in practice usually works out to just two or three units.

Certificate III in Hospitality

Hospitality carries a lot less of that risk. A wrong drink order or a scheduling mix-up isn't in the same category as a mistake made wiring a building. The core here is just 6 units, covering customer service and safety, and the other 9 electives let you specialise almost straight away, into food and beverage, accommodation, or gaming, depending on where you're headed.



Who actually decides this

None of this comes from an individual training provider. Every qualification sits within a [training package](#), built by one of [ten Jobs and Skills Councils](#), industry-led groups made up of employers, unions, and training providers from that sector. They develop training packages against standards set by Skills Ministers, who hold the formal authority to endorse them nationally. That's why a Certificate III in Electrotechnology looks the same no matter who delivers it, even though the electives on offer can shift slightly between providers.

What the split actually means for you

The more elective-heavy a qualification is, the more your choices shape your training overall. In the electrician example, most of the course is locked in either way, but the two or three electives you do get still point toward a specific specialisation, solar and battery work sets up a different accreditation path to data and fibre cabling, so they're still worth picking with some direction in mind. In hospitality, electives shape most of what you walk away with, and two students can finish the same qualification with meaningfully different skills.

Do you need to know what you want straight away?

Not usually. Most qualifications don't make you lock in every elective before you start, and plenty of students pick broader, more general electives early, then narrow down later in the course. The qualification itself is the bigger decision, and the electives are a smaller choice sitting inside it, so if you're picking electives within a Certificate III in Hospitality, you've already chosen hospitality as a direction, and the elective just decides which part of it you lean toward.

If you're not sure yet, go broad. General customer service skills carry across food and beverage, accommodation, and gaming alike, and keep more doors open than a narrow, job-specific elective would.

How to actually choose

Check a few things before settling on electives:

- Which job outcomes an elective is actually linked to, most course outlines list this
- Whether it's a listed prerequisite for anything you might want to study next
- Whether your specific provider even offers it, not every provider runs every option on a qualification's full list

If you're curious about how a VET qualification could fit into your own plans, our [vocational education](#) resources have more to help you weigh it up.

JOB SPOTLIGHTS

How to become an Access Consultant

Access Consultants advise on the design and modification of buildings and spaces to ensure they meet accessibility standards, helping to create environments that work for people with disability. They review architectural plans, conduct audits of existing buildings, and guide design teams on how to meet their legal obligations and build more inclusively from the outset.

For people who care about fairness in their environment and want their work to make a practical difference to how others experience the world, this is a career with real purpose.

What skills do I need as an Access Consultant?

- Empathy & advocacy mindset
- Attention to detail
- Strong communicator
- Knowledge of building regulations



- Analytical thinker
- Report writing ability
- Collaborative approach
- Comfortable with legislation

What do Access Consultants do?

Much of your work begins at the design stage, before a building is even constructed. You'll review architectural drawings and plans to identify where access requirements haven't been met, and advise the design team on how to address them. This might involve assessing the placement of ramps, lifts, doorways, signage, and amenities against the relevant standards, and writing up your recommendations in a clear report that the project team can act on.

Day to day, you'll also conduct audits of existing buildings, visiting sites to assess how well they accommodate people with disability and document what needs to change. These audits require you to move methodically through a space, checking each element against a detailed set of criteria. You'll then prepare reports outlining your findings and advising on what works, what doesn't, and what steps the building owner needs to take to achieve compliance.

Periodically you'll work on more complex or sensitive projects, such as heritage buildings where accessibility improvements need to be balanced against conservation requirements, or public infrastructure where the stakes of getting it wrong are particularly high. Some Access Consultants develop areas of speciality around particular building types, specific user groups, or the development of policy and standards. Others work independently, building a consulting practice around audit and advisory work.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Access Consultants work for building consultancies, architecture and planning firms, local and state government agencies, and disability advocacy organisations. Some work as independent consultants, taking on audit and advisory work across a range of clients and project types. The role sits at the intersection of the built environment and disability inclusion, which means you'll encounter a wide variety of workplaces and project contexts.

Work is primarily office-based, with regular site visits to conduct audits or attend design meetings. The balance between desk work and fieldwork varies depending on your caseload, but most Access Consultants spend time in both settings on a regular basis. Hours are generally average, and the role offers moderate flexibility, particularly for those who work independently or in consultancy settings where project-based work allows for some variation in how and when tasks are completed.

Salaries are above average, reflecting the technical knowledge and regulatory expertise the role requires. This is a small and specialised field, so opportunities are more concentrated than in broader built environment professions. However, demand for accessibility expertise has grown steadily as awareness of inclusive design has increased and regulatory requirements have become more stringent. The outlook for the field remains positive.

How to become an Access Consultant

- **Study a relevant foundation discipline:** Most Access Consultants enter the field through a background in architecture, building surveying, or occupational therapy. Each brings a different lens to the work, and all are legitimate starting points. A degree or diploma in one of these areas gives you the technical grounding the role requires.
- **Build practical experience in the built environment:** Before moving into access consulting specifically, it helps to have hands-on experience in construction, design, or health and community services. This gives you a working understanding of how buildings are designed and used, which makes your advisory work more grounded and credible.



- **Develop specialist knowledge in accessibility:** Learn the relevant building codes, standards, and legislation that govern accessibility in the built environment. Many Access Consultants pursue additional qualifications or training specifically in access and inclusion to formalise this knowledge and signal their expertise to clients.
- **Seek out access-focused work experience:** Look for opportunities with architecture or building consultancy firms that handle compliance work, or with organisations focused on disability advocacy and universal design. Even junior involvement in audit or reporting work builds the practical skills and professional contacts you'll need to establish yourself in the field.

From here, you could move into senior consulting roles managing complex or high-profile projects, develop expertise in policy and standards development, contribute to the review of accessibility legislation, or build an independent practice around audit and advisory work.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as an Access Consultant, here are some practical steps:

- Start noticing how buildings and public spaces work for people with different needs, paying attention to what makes environments easy or difficult to navigate for someone using a wheelchair, a guide dog, or a hearing aid
- Look for work experience with architecture firms, building consultancies, or disability advocacy organisations to get an early understanding of how accessibility is approached in professional settings
- Study subjects like design and technology, legal studies, or health, which build the combination of technical and social understanding that access consulting draws on

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

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Getting through high school finals in one piece

Finals are coming up, and it could feel like everything is happening at once even though you've been expecting it. There's revision to do, exams to sit, and on top of that, big questions about what comes next. University? An apprenticeship? A job? As well as doing all the life admin that comes with entering adulthood, it's a lot to carry.

The good news is you aren't on your own and looking after yourself and doing well in your exams aren't in competition with each other. In fact, they go hand in hand. Here are some practical ways to keep your body, mind and study routine on track over the coming weeks.

Sleep is not optional

It's tempting to think that an extra hour of revision at midnight is worth more than an extra hour of sleep. It usually isn't. Your brain needs sleep to store the information you've been cramming in. Without it, revision doesn't stick as well, and you'll find it harder to concentrate the next day. Try to get between 8 and 10 hours a night if you can. Set a rough bedtime and stick to it, even during exam week. It might be a good idea to turn off your phone or leave it another room too, avoid being disturbed and the temptation to scroll for hours. If your mind is racing with worry, write down what's bothering you before bed, getting it out of your head and onto paper can help you switch off and you'll have a reminder to sort it out the next day.

Fuel matters, so eat well

Food is fuel, and your brain uses a lot of it. Skipping meals is always a bad idea, no matter how stressed you are. Surviving on sugary snacks might give you a quick burst of energy, but it won't last.



You'll probably crash an hour later, right in the middle of your study session and be left feeling sluggish and low on energy the next day.

Try to eat regular meals and include protein (lean meat, fish, dairy, tofu, tempeh, lentils, and chickpeas are all great sources), wholegrains like whole oats, quinoa, brown rice and even pop corn are good options, and a mix of different fruit and vegetables. For example you could choose porridge, eggs, or wholegrain toast in the morning. Nuts, fruit, or yoghurt as a snack instead of biscuits. Wraps, salads, and pasta dishes could be great lunch options to try instead of going for deep fried options. Remember to drink plenty of water throughout the day too, since even mild dehydration can make it harder to concentrate and make you feel exhausted.

Move your body

Sitting at a desk for hours on end does nothing for your energy levels or your frame of mind. Taking just a short walk, a quick run, or ten minutes of stretching or doing some weights could clear your head and help you focus better afterwards. Exercise doesn't need to be a whole workout though (or a way to procrastinate). Getting up between study blocks and moving around the house counts too, if you add in some music and busting some moves could be really great for your energy levels and your mood.

Build a study routine that actually works

Good study habits matter more than the number of hours you put in, and it's never too late to get started. Some tips that could help:

- Break your revision into short blocks with proper breaks in between, rather than one long slog.
- Test yourself with practice questions instead of just re-reading notes. It's a much better way to check what you actually know and find out what you might need to work on.
- Study one subject at a time rather than jumping between several. It's easier for your brain to focus.
- Keep a simple to-do list each day so you know what you're aiming to cover and can tick things off as you go.

If something isn't working for you, change it. There's no single "correct" way to study. What works for your sibling or your friend might not work for you, and that's fine.

Make space for downtime

Rest isn't a reward you earn after all the work is done, it should be part of doing the work well. Schedule proper breaks, not just five minutes scrolling your phone, but time away from intensive learning altogether. See a friend, watch something you enjoy, read for fun, do some cooking, or just sit outside for a bit. Your brain needs the recovery time as much as it needs the study time.

Ask for help if you need it

If exam pressure is starting to feel like too much, that's not something to push through alone. Talk to a teacher, a parent, a school counsellor, or anyone else you trust. Asking for help isn't a sign that you're failing to cope. It's a sign that you know how to look after yourself, which is life skill that could serve you well in the years ahead.

The same goes for decisions about life after school, you don't have to have it all figured out right now. Careers advisors and teachers are there to help you weigh up your options, whether that's university, an apprenticeship, a gap year, or straight into work. And parents, carers, friends and lots of professionals are there to help answer any questions or direct you for everything else.

You are important

Exams matter, but so do you. Looking after your sleep, food, movement and study habits will help



you get through finals in better shape, both for the exams themselves and for whatever comes next. For more tips on looking after your wellbeing, check out our [Health & Wellbeing section](#) or for [study tips head over to the page](#) or [download the guide](#).

FUTURE OF WORK

9 reliable jobs that are AI-Proof

Some jobs are easy to imagine a computer or AI tool eventually doing. Others are much harder to picture that way, because so much of the work happens face-to-face, on your feet, or in situations where someone has to make the right call and stand by it. The nine jobs below fall into that second group. Each one depends on people showing up, adapting in the moment, and being the one responsible when something goes wrong or right.

Youth Worker

Youth Workers support young people through challenges like mental health, family breakdown, homelessness, or trouble at school. The job depends on trust, and trust is built through consistent, honest relationships over time. A Youth Worker has to read body language, adjust their approach person by person, and decide on the spot what a young person needs to stay safe. That combination of empathy and real-time decision-making isn't something a program can replicate. Getting into youth work usually means completing a vocational qualification in community services or youth work, though some roles may ask for a university degree in social work or welfare. A working with children check is also generally required.

Florist

Florists combine physical skill with an understanding of colour, season, and occasion. Every arrangement is shaped by a conversation, what the flowers are for, who they're going to, what feeling they need to capture, and that requires listening as much as it does technical ability. The hands-on work of sourcing, cutting, and arranging stems also means a Florist is working with a product that changes daily, which takes experience and constant small adjustments. Many Florists build their skills through on-the-job training, though a vocational qualification in floristry could help fast-track that learning and build credibility with employers.

Disability Support Worker

Disability Support Workers help people with daily tasks, from personal care to getting around the community, while building long-term relationships based on trust and respect. No two people need the same kind of support, and needs can shift from one day to the next. This role pairs physical care with the ability to read a situation and respond appropriately, something that depends entirely on being present with another person. A vocational qualification in individual support or disability is usually the starting point for this field, alongside background checks that are typically required before you can start work.

Risk Assessor

Risk Assessors evaluate workplaces, sites, or projects to identify hazards and figure out how likely they are to cause harm. The job is built on judgement: weighing up context, consequences, and the practical realities of a specific environment, then standing behind the recommendations that are made. If a Risk Assessor gets it wrong, people could get hurt, which is exactly why a qualified person needs to sign off on the call.

This role usually calls for a qualification or degree in work health and safety, engineering, or a related field. Employers may also expect some hands-on industry experience before taking on assessment responsibilities.



Electrician

Electricians work with wiring and electrical systems in homes, businesses, and industrial sites, environments that are rarely identical and often unpredictable. Older buildings, custom setups, and on-the-spot problem solving mean an Electrician has to adapt constantly, not just follow a fixed process. It's a licensed trade, and getting it wrong can have real safety consequences, so a qualified person needs to make the call on-site every time.

Becoming an Electrician means completing a formal apprenticeship that combines paid work with structured training, leading to a trade qualification. A license is then required before you can work unsupervised.

Veterinary Nurse

Veterinary Nurses support animals through check-ups, surgery, treatment, and recovery, often working alongside a veterinarian but also handling a lot of hands-on care independently. No two animals react the same way to being examined or treated, so a Veterinary Nurse has to read body language, stay calm around frightened or injured animals, and adjust their approach on the spot. It's also a role that involves supporting worried owners, which takes people skills as much as animal-handling skills.

Becoming a Veterinary Nurse usually means completing a vocational qualification in veterinary nursing, and some roles may prefer or require a university degree in veterinary technology or a related science field.

Aged Care Worker

Aged Care Workers support older people with daily living, health needs, and companionship. Much of the job is physical, but a large part of it is emotional too: building relationships, noticing subtle changes in someone's wellbeing, and adjusting care to suit an individual rather than a general routine. People in aged care often value consistency and connection with the same familiar person, which is central to why this work stays human.

A vocational qualification in aged care or individual support is the usual entry point, and background checks are typically required before starting.

Plumber

Plumbers install and repair water, gas, and drainage systems, work that almost always involves diagnosing a problem inside an existing, imperfect structure. No two houses or job sites are wired or plumbed exactly the same way, so a Plumber has to think through each situation individually rather than apply a standard fix. Because the work is licensed, someone has to take direct responsibility if something's been done wrong.

Like electrical work, plumbing is usually learned through a formal apprenticeship that leads to a trade qualification, followed by a license to practice independently.

Paramedic

Paramedics respond to medical emergencies, often with limited information and very little time to act. The role demands quick critical thinking, physical capability, and the ability to stay calm under pressure. Every case is different, and a Paramedic has to weigh up symptoms, environment, and risk in real time, then make a call that directly affects what happens to the person in front of them.

This career usually requires a university degree in paramedicine, which includes clinical placements to build the practical experience needed to work in the field.

Why these jobs hold up

What connects all nine roles is that they depend on people, not processes. They involve reading situations that change constantly, adapting on the spot, and being the one who's responsible when it



counts. Building skills like communication, adaptability, and sound judgement is one of the strongest moves you can make for your future, since those skills hold their value across almost any career path.

A quick note on "AI-proof"

No job is ever completely immune to change, technology has always reshaped the way we work, and AI will keep influencing how many roles get done. The jobs above are reliable because of how human-centred they are, but "AI-proof" is really shorthand for "built on the things AI struggles to replace" rather than a guarantee.

If you want to find out how different careers could suit you, check out our [jobs and careers](#) section.

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