



## Careers Newsletter

**14 October 2020**

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

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### **JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up**

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

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

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

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

Password – pius (lower case)

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

### **UOS | Indigenous Parent & Carer Info Session**

13 October 2020, 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Online

To support students who have received an early conditional offer through the Gadigal Program, parents and carers are invited to an information session with the University of Sydney. Join us and meet university staff and students, learn more about the support services available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students throughout their studies, and build a greater understanding of the university community through a live Q&A session.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_bpBmF4DxRTSyYNCF-qgGGw](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bpBmF4DxRTSyYNCF-qgGGw)

### **endota Wellness College | Virtual Info Sessions**

15 October 2020, 11:00 am

22 October 2020, 11:00 am

Online

Discover where the beauty and wellness industry can take you at a Virtual Info Session. Chat with the team, have your questions answered and follow your calling in Beauty Therapy, Remedial Massage or Salon Management.

What's Happening:

- Hear from our CEO and student liaison team
- Learn about life at eWC: morning meditation, yoga & 1:1 support
- Learn about our upcoming intakes
- Have your questions answered
- Find the right course for you
- Join our connected community

Find out more: <https://endotawellnesscollege.edu.au/whats-on/>

# *Liberating Education*

## **Crimson Education | The US Application Workshop with an Ivy League Former Admission Officer**

17 October 2020, 9:00 am

Online

Are you aiming to study in the US? Learn from Former Ivy League Admissions Officer and MIT graduate Ben Schwartz, to learn to create a strong profile for the US University Application to outshine the competition and make a memorable impression on Admission Officers.

Find out more: <https://app.livestorm.co/crimson-education/the-us-application-workshop-with-ivy-league-former-admission-officer-ben-schwartz>

## **UON | TAFE to Uni Webinar**

20 October 2020, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Online

Are you looking at studying a University degree after completing TAFE? We invite you to join us for our TAFE to Uni webinar via zoom.

Tune in to hear from our admissions staff and student ambassadors that will cover the following topics:

- Info about our University
- How to apply
- TAFE entry pathway
- Scholarships
- Support and services

Our student ambassadors will also share their experience about coming to Uni via the TAFE pathway. We will also be allocating time for you to ask questions to our staff. We hope that you can join us!

Find out more: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/future-students/tafe-to-uni-webinar>

## **Sydney Design School | Online Info Session**

21 October 2020, 6:00 pm

Online

Find out everything you need to know about our flexible courses and career support. Our Director, Amanda Grace will introduce you to our unique philosophy, passionate Educators and industry focused approach to learning.

Find out more: <https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/information-sessions/>

## **Crimson Education | The UK Application Explained, Hosted by A Crimson UK Strategy Consultant**

24 October 2020, 6:00 pm

Online

Imagine going straight from high school to studying among the famous halls of Oxford or Cambridge. Or maybe you want to live in the heart of London while learning at Imperial, LSE, King's or UCL. Whatever you're aiming to study, studying at a top UK uni gives you access to amazing employment opportunities and day trips to Europe.

Hosted by a Crimson UK Strategy Consultant Abbigail Colwyn, we'll take you through each stage of the UK application process from the fundamentals through to in-depth insights.

Find out more: <https://app.livestorm.co/crimson-education/the-uk-application-explained-hosted-by-a-crimson-uk-strategy-consultant>

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## **Crimson Education | Ivy League Face Off: Harvard vs Princeton vs UPenn**

25 October 2020, 9:00 am

Online

Looking to study at a prestigious Ivy League university in the US? Join Maddie (Harvard student), Seyoon (Princeton student) and Nathan (UPenn student) as they provide insight into what life is like on campus and why their universities are at the forefront of the world.

Find out more: <https://app.livestorm.co/crimson-education/ivy-league-face-off-harvard-vs-princeton-vs-upenn>

## **AIT | Virtual Open Day**

21 November 2020, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Online

Take the first step towards a creative career.

Join AIT for their Virtual Open Day to find out how you can convert your passion into a career you'll love in Film, Animation, Games, Digital Design or Mobile App Development.

Find out more: <https://info.ait.edu.au/open-day>

## **ACU | Transitioning to University Webinar**

2 December 2020, 5:00 pm

Online

Making the leap from high school to university can be daunting. In this session you will hear from students who have made that transition and get their tips for making the most of uni.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2020/december/transitioning-to-university>

## **ACU | Parent and Carer Session – How to Support Your Teen in Deciding on Further Study**

16 December 2020, 5:00 pm

Online

You play a big part in helping your teen choose a university. Let us relieve some of the pressure by giving you the tools you need to support them and ensure that ACU is the right fit.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2020/december/parent-and-carer-session-how-to-support-your-teen-in-deciding-on-further-study>

## **WSU | Discover Western: Your HSC True Reward Offer**

18 December 2020, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Online

Have you received an early offer from Western's HSC True Reward Program? Do you want to know about what Western Sydney University can offer you? Our live information session will take you through the unlimited possibilities available at Western, including university life, the admissions and acceptance process and what you should do next to ensure future success!

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/western-webinars.html>

## **ACU | Know Your Options – Facebook Messenger Q&A (NSW and ACT)**

18 December 2020, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Online

Do you have questions about your study options? We're running online chats through Facebook Messenger so you can talk one-on-one with an ACU team member about your studies. Get the personalised advice you need to make your study decision.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2020/december/know-your-options-facebook-messenger-qa-nsw-and-act>

## **ACU | Know Your Options – North Sydney Campus**

18 December 2020, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

Come along to Know Your Options, an event where you can learn about alternative entry and admission pathways, chat to our staff about your course and career path and explore our campus.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2020/december/know-your-options-north-sydney-campus>

## **CQUni | Change of Preference Online Chat**

19 December 2020, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Online

Didn't get the ATAR you need or changed your mind about what course you want to study in 2021? We're here to help.

Join our Online Chat Session to speak with our expert team and discover your options. Get guidance on how to change your preferences and learn more about CQUni's alternative pathways.

All you need to do is head over to our CQUniversity Facebook page and send us a message during the session and you'll receive real-time answers to all your questions.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/change-of-preference-online-chat>

## **WSU | Discover Western: What Can I Do with My ATAR Results?**

19 December 2020, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Online

Now that you have your ATAR results, how do you understand them and decide on the best course for you? We explain your options going forward.

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/western-webinars.html>

## **ACU | Know Your Options – Blacktown Campus**

19 December 2020, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Australian Catholic University, Blacktown Campus

Come along to Know Your Options, an event where you can learn about alternative entry and admission pathways, chat to our staff about your course and career path, and explore our campus.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2020/december/know-your-options-blacktown-campus>

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## **WSU | Discover Western: Course Decision Session**

23 December 2020, 10:00 am

Online

So you've received offers into more than one course? Are you unsure which offer to accept? Join our live information session to hear about what Western Sydney University can offer you and ask all of your course-related questions

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/western-webinars.html>

## **UN Youth | Gender Equality, Empowering Humanity Summit**

24 October 2020, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm (AEST)

Online

Join us online for UN Youth Australia's one day Gender Equality, Empowering Humanity summit in collaboration with UN Women Australia.

You'll hear speeches and participate in Q&A sessions with incredible guest speakers Janelle Weissman (Executive Director of UN Women Australia) and Zahra Al Hilaly (Australia's representative on the UN Women Beijing +25 Youth Task force).

You'll also participate in workshops and an Interactive Problem Solving (IPS) activity all centred on understanding the current state of gender equality worldwide and the UN's involvement in advocating for gender equality.

Find out more: <https://unyouth.org.au/event/gender-equality-empowering-humanity/>

## **University of Notre Dame The Fr PJ McGuire Scholarship**

Value: \$2,500 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: September 7, 2020 – November 26, 2020

The purpose of the Scholarship is to support students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, with a preference for Kimberley students, studying at the Broome, Fremantle or Sydney Campus of The University of Notre Dame Australia.

To be eligible for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- a. Be and state that he/she identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and is recognised by his/her community as a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- b. Be enrolled or accepted for enrolment in an Undergraduate, Postgraduate or VET course at The University of Notre Dame Australia;
- c. Be undertaking their studies internally; and
- d. Be able to demonstrate that their educational opportunities are limited due to adverse circumstances as set out in the Selection Criteria.

[Find out more](#)

## **ACN Nursing and Midwifery Scholarships: Undergraduate**

Value: Up to \$30,000

Open/Closing Dates: September 7, 2020 – October 25, 2020

ACN is proud to support Australia's nursing and midwifery workforce by administering undergraduate scholarships on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health.

If you are passionate about nursing or midwifery and have been thinking of commencing or progressing your career in this area, this is the perfect opportunity for you.

You can pursue your career goals through a scholarship for a Diploma of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery.

To be eligible for a scholarship applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Australian Citizen or permanent resident of Australia
  - Enrolled or intending to enrol in an accredited nursing or midwifery course that results in a nationally recognised and accredited undergraduate/entry level nursing or midwifery course.
- Examples of these courses are as follows:

- Diploma of Nursing
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Midwifery

Courses must be provided by an Australian registered training organisation or university.

[Find out more](#)

## **ACN Aged Care Scholarships: Undergraduate**

Value: Up to \$20,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: September 7, 2020 – November 8, 2020

ACN is proud to support Australia's aged care workforce by administering undergraduate aged care scholarships on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Health.

If you are passionate about aged care and have been thinking of commencing or progressing your career in this area, this is the perfect opportunity for you.

You can pursue your career goals through a scholarship for a Certificate IV in Aged Care, Diploma of Nursing or Advanced Diploma of Nursing.

To be eligible for a scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Australian Citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- Undertaking a course, which commences or is continuing in semester one 2021 in the following:
  - Certificate IV in Aged Care

- Diploma of Nursing
- Advanced Diploma of Nursing

Courses must be provided by an Australian registered training organisation or university.

[Find out more](#)

## **Charlie Bell Scholarship**

Value: Up to \$30,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: September 14, 2020 – November 6, 2020

In recognition of the contribution made by the former McDonald's Corporation CEO, Charlie Bell, a scholarship for future leaders has been created in his name recognising Charlie's commitment towards the provision of ongoing learning and education.

To be eligible to apply for the Scholarship, applicants must:

- Gain acceptance to or be enrolled in, an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at an Australian University;
- Be available to commence university or continue university, as the case may be, in Semester 1, 2021;
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident;
- In respect of one of the awards, an applicant must be employed by McDonald's or its franchisees; and
- Not have been a previous award recipient of the Charlie Bell Scholarship for Future Leaders
- If an applicant is aged under 18 years, parental consent is required to validate the Scholarship application.

[Find out more](#)

## **WSU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Scholarship**

Value: \$5,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2020 – February 5, 2021

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Scholarships aim to encourage academically gifted Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are either commencing or continuing their tertiary education at the University.

Applicants must:

- be an identified Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- be able to demonstrate financial or other hardship based on the [Equity Criteria](#)
- be applying for any undergraduate degree at the University with an ATAR of 65 or above (or equivalent via the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry Program) or



- be currently enrolled in an undergraduate degree and have maintained a minimum GPA of 4 (pass average)

[Find out more](#)

## **Cec Spence Memorial UNE Country Scholarship**

Value: \$7,500 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2020 – January 4, 2021

The Cec Spence Memorial UNE Country Scholarship recognises the generosity and commitment that Cec Spence demonstrated during this lifetime in supporting students attending UNE.

Who can apply?

- The applicant must be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident as defined by the Commonwealth
- Open to applicants who are completing Year 12 and gap year/s students who are commencing university study for the first time
- An ATAR of at least 86.30 is required
- The applicant's residential address must be either regional or remote as defined by the Government Remoteness Tool

[Find out more](#)

## **Macquarie Accommodation Scholarship (MAS)**

Value: \$11,024 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2020 – February 19, 2021

The Macquarie Accommodation Scholarship is designed to support regional or rural recipients whose opportunities to study at university may have been hampered by situations out of their control.

The successful applicants for this scholarship will be:

- Able to demonstrate financial hardship. Applicants need to be in receipt of Youth Allowance or other means tested Commonwealth support.
- Relocating from a regional or rural area to study at Macquarie University.
- Studying as an internal student

Consideration is also given to applicants who, in addition to financial hardship, demonstrate any of the following:

- Capacity to triumph over hardship
- Indigenous background
- Carer responsibilities
- Geographic Disadvantage



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- Non English speaking background
- Long term medical condition or
- Ongoing effects of abuse

[Find out more](#)

## **Macquarie Education Costs Scholarship (MECS)**

Value: \$5,512 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2020 – February 19, 2021

The Macquarie Education Costs Scholarship is an undergraduate equity scholarship awarded on the basis of need. It is designed to support recipients whose opportunities to study at university may have been hampered by situations out of their control.

All successful applicants will be able to demonstrate financial hardship. Applicants need to be in receipt of Youth Allowance or other means tested Commonwealth support. Consideration is also given to applicants who, in addition to financial hardship, demonstrate any of the following:

- Capacity to triumph over hardship
- Indigenous background
- Carer responsibilities
- Geographic Disadvantage
- Non English speaking background
- Long term medical condition or
- Ongoing effects of abuse

These scholarships are available for any undergraduate course and students can apply at any stage of their course. Students who have a completed Bachelor degree or higher award at a tertiary institution will not be considered for Macquarie equity scholarships.

[Find out more](#)

## **Macquarie Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hearing Health Scholarship**

Value: \$5,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: September 21, 2020 – January 8, 2021

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hearing Health Cochlear Scholarship is generously funded by Cochlear Limited. It is open to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students commencing in the first year of the Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences in 2021.

To be eligible, students must be:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Commencing in the first year of the Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences in 2021

[Find out more](#)

## UNE William McIlrath Rural Scholarship

Value: \$10,000 AUD in the first year, \$4,000 AUD annually thereafter

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2020 – January 4, 2021

The William McIlrath Rural Scholarship is established to encourage and assist rural and regional students to undertake a full-time undergraduate degree at the University of New England.

Who can apply?

- The applicant must be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident as defined by the Commonwealth
- Open to applicants who are completing Year 12 and gap year/s students who are commencing university study for the first time
- An ATAR of at least 86.3 is required
- The applicant must be able to demonstrate financial need
- The applicant's residential address must be either regional or remote as defined by the [Government Remoteness Tool](#)
- The applicant is enrolling in any of the following UNE Schools:
  - School of Science and Technology
  - School of Environmental and Rural Science
  - School of Rural Medicine
  - School of Health
  - School of Education
  - School of Law and
  - UNE Business School.

[Find out more](#)

## A Call to Action Competition

The Museum of Australian Democracy is accepting submissions of original music videos by students K-12 for their song *A Call to Action*.

The video is required to demonstrate democracy in action in your school or community. You may wish to create the video as a class project, or with a few friends. Tell us what democracy means to you in a creative way.

**Entries are open until Wednesday 25 November.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.moadoph.gov.au/learning/competitions-and-challenges/#>

## International Songwriting Competition

The International Songwriting Competition (ISC) is an annual song contest whose mission is to provide the opportunity for both aspiring and established songwriters to have their songs heard in a professional, international arena.

Amateur and professional songwriters and musicians of any age from around the world are invited to participate. 71 winners will share in cash, prizes, recognition and exposure.

**Entries have been extended until Wednesday 4 November.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://songwritingcompetition.com/>

## Australian Photography Photographer of the Year Competition

*Australian Photography* is searching for Australia and New Zealand's most amazing amateur photographers. With the best entries showcased and celebrated in a special issue of *Australian Photography* magazine in 2021 and \$30,000 in cash and prizes up for grabs, there are plenty of great reasons to get involved.

Photographer of the Year includes six portfolio categories, three single-image categories and our new Creative category.

**Entries are open until Sunday 8 November.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.australianphotography.com/poty>

## On Demand STEM Careers Webinars

Interested in a career in STEM in your future? Careers with STEM has a YouTube channel with informative videos, interviewing real scientists to get a peek into what their careers are like and how they got there.

Take a look at their videos here: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlx\\_1IC\\_f-vD2v0nifs3NuMmi\\_YNY\\_vFg](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlx_1IC_f-vD2v0nifs3NuMmi_YNY_vFg)

## In-demand roles for 12 October 2020

This week, as we begin to approach the end of the year, demand for Christmas casuals is continuing. There was strong growth across the country in retail positions.

If you'd like to find out more about getting a job over the summer, check out our blogs on [reasons why you should get one](#) and [5 tips to help you prepare for one](#).

Here are the roles with the strongest growth by location:

NSW – [Primary School Teacher](#) (199 jobs)

VIC – [Retail Sales Assistant](#) (868 jobs)

QLD – [Personal Carer](#) (1,808 jobs)

ACT – [Data Engineer](#) (176 jobs)

WA – [Receptionist](#) (1,419 jobs)

SA – [Cleaner](#) (478 jobs)

TAS – [Dental Assistant](#) (21 jobs)

NT – [Branch Manager](#) (133 jobs)

Source: [Seek Australia](#)

## [Proud to be a Chef Program](#)

The Proud to be a Chef program recognises, develops and supports apprentice chefs to become the culinary leaders of tomorrow.

Proud to be a Chef is a diverse and fast-paced mentoring programme led by 3 inspirational Australian mentors. 32 finalists from across Australia will participate in an all-expenses paid 4-day culinary journey in February 2021.

To apply, you'll need create an original recipe and tell us why you are passionate about food and cookery, where you would like your apprenticeship to take you and what you are hoping to get out of the mentoring program.

To be eligible for entry you must be:

- An apprentice chef aged 18 years or older as of 21 February 2020
- Enrolled in a Government recognised cooking course at the date of entry into the competition
- A resident of Australia
- Successful applicants may be subject to reference checks as part of the entry criteria

**Entries are open until Saturday 14 November.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.proudtobeachef.com/au/en.html>

## [New Health Science Majors at UTS](#)

From 2021, UTS is introducing a new series of majors to their Bachelor of Health Science degree. You can now choose to study Health Promotion, Indigenous Health or Public Health as part of your course.

If you have an interest in increasing the health and wellbeing of people from around the world, the Bachelor of Health Science could be a great degree for you.

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Find out what health science at UTS is all about here: <https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/health/whats-it-really/course-experience/health-science/whats-health-science-all-about-anyway>

## **UTS Galuwa Experience Online**

Are you an indigenous student looking to study at UTS? Their Galuwa Experience hub has moved online, meaning you can find out all about the degrees, pathways and student life at UTS from the comfort of your own home.

The new online hub is packed with info about courses, video recordings of previous Galuwa Experience Days, scholarships, and pathway programs to help you get into UTS.

Check it out here: <https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/indigenous-australians/getting-uts/galuwa-experience>

## **Byrnecut Apprenticeship Program**

Byrnecut is an equal opportunity employer that offers a diverse range of apprenticeships in the mining industry. With apprentices Australia wide, Byrnecut provides excellent training and learning opportunities to many young and mature aged people, with many progressing on to full time roles upon completion.

Byrnecut apprentices are rotated through various mine sites, gaining valuable skills and experience working alongside mining professionals. All apprentices also receive off the job training via a registered training organisation (RTO), who deliver all training and assessments.

On successful completion of the apprenticeship, a nationally recognised qualification Certificate III in the specific trade will be issued.

Byrnecut are always keen to hear from enthusiastic potential Mobile Plant Mechanics, Automotive Electricians and Electrical apprentices. Resumes are accepted at any time, so please forward yours to [appadmin@byrnecut.com.au](mailto:appadmin@byrnecut.com.au).

Find out more here: <https://www.byrnecut.com.au/careers/apprentices/>

## **Cadets, Apprentices and Trainees at Wollongong City Council**

Wollongong City Council provides opportunities each year open to people of all ages, background and experience, to enter the workforce through a range of entry-level employment and education pathways. This includes apprenticeships, traineeships, school-based traineeships and cadetships.

Applications for their next intake are now open. They have a huge variety of roles available, including:

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- Apprentice Formwork Carpenter
- Cadet Building Surveying
- Cadet Civil Engineering
- Cadet Data Science and Cybersecurity
- Cadet Environmental Science
- Cadet Communications
- Trainee Arborist
- Trainee Community Services
- Trainee Horticulturalist
- Trainee Information Technology
- Trainee Revenue Administration
- Trainee Waste Operations

**Applications are open until Thursday 22 October.**

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/your-council/jobs-at-council/cadets-apprentices-trainees>

## **Australian Defence Force Cyber Gap Program**

The Department of Defence has partnered with the Australian Digital Transformation Agency to provide a crucial career development opportunity — the Australian Defence Force Cyber Gap Program.

The Australian Defence Force Cyber Gap Program runs for 12 months and is for Australian citizens who are living in Australia and are already enrolled in or about to commence cyber-related studies.

During the program you'll get:

- work experience in cyber-related roles
- professional membership to the Australian Computer Society
- networking opportunities with a range of Defence cyber subject matter experts, as well as peer networking with participants of various government digital programs
- your course fees, textbooks and stationery costs covered, as well as an academic allowance to assist with your other costs
- travel costs for the screening and recruitment process, your work experience placements and any other Defence engagement travel opportunities
- cyber security career mentoring sessions
- guidance preparing professional cyber job applications.

In order to apply, you can be working towards any eligible qualification at the Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Graduate Certificate levels, either part-time or full-time. See the full list of eligible qualifications [here](#).

**Applications are open until Friday 30 October.**

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.dta.gov.au/help-and-advice/learning-and-development/start-your-digital-career-government/australian-defence-force-cyber-gap-program>

## [Join the Australian Youth Orchestra in 2021](#)

The Australian Youth Orchestra provides specialised training opportunities to inspire excellence in Australia's best young classical musicians, composers and arts administrators aged 12–30 years; from the emerging, gifted, school-aged student, to those on a verge of a professional career.

Applications for AYO's 2021 instrumental programs are now open.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.ayo.com.au/content/register-your-interest/gk474o>

## [5 Tips to help you prepare for a Summer Job](#)

Are you planning on working over the summer holidays this year? If so, the start of Term 4 is the ideal time to prepare yourself and start applying for jobs if you haven't already got started.

Adverts for [Christmas Casuals](#) are already popping up and some of the closing dates are as early as mid-October. Businesses like to know they've got staff lined up and it gives them a chance to organise rosters, training, uniforms, and paperwork etc, so lots of the closing dates could be earlier than you might expect.

**Our 5 top tips that could help you to prepare are:**

### **1. [Start preparing right now](#)**

- a. Decide how much time you'll have available to work during your holidays.
- b. Create or update your resume.
- c. Start your search and get applications in for any suitable jobs as soon as possible.

By "suitable" we mean that they're:

- Nearby and you'll be able to get yourself there and home ok and on time
- You can commit to the hours, and
- You're confident that it's a role you can see yourself doing for the whole summer (and maybe beyond if you're lucky).

### **2. [Your resume and cover letter definitely do matter](#)**

Your CV and cover letter are likely to be the first contact you'll have with the organisation hiring you, and making a great first impression could really count in your favour.

Ensure all your details are up to date, that your skills and experience are all listed, and remember to show a little bit of your personality.

Also it pays to take a little extra time to tailor your applications to each specific job you're applying for.

### **3. [Find the right opportunities](#)**

Start your search early, if you leave it until the end of Term 4 lots of vacancies may already be closed. Work out what kinds of jobs and hours you're willing to do, then look for positions that match your requirements.

There are lots of places where casual summer jobs could be advertised, make a list of them, then keep checking over the next few weeks. There are a few ideas in the blog link above, as well as in our blogs from last year [40 places to apply for summer jobs](#) and [Looking for a Summer Job](#).



You can also search the [Study Work Grow Summer Jobs database](#) for opportunities near you. We'll be adding new opportunities over the next couple of weeks, so keep checking back.

#### **4. [Make sure you're work ready](#)**

Before you can start working and most importantly get paid, you'll need to make sure that you've got a few important things organised.

They include:

- Tax File Number (TFN)
- Bank Account
- Super Account

Do you know about your rights and responsibilities? Take some time to read about them before you sign any contracts. You could also brush up on some basic workplace health and safety guidelines if you have the time.

#### **5. [Put in some time and effort](#)**

It's best to assume that every job you apply for will receive tonnes more applications as well, so if you want to land a great job then you'll need to put in a bit of work that could give your application a boost and stand out.

Approach every application and interview with a positive and professional attitude. If you don't make an effort to write a personalised cover letter or complete the entire application, if you submit documents after deadlines or turn up to interviews late and unprepared, you won't be making the best impression on employers and could end up missing out on the job.

Remember to always follow up – even if it's just a “thank you for your time” message.

### **The benefits of a Summer Job**

For most people, the drive to get a Summer Job is all about earning some money, but there are plenty of other benefits to consider too.

If you're undecided about applying, or just need a little more motivation to start your search, our blog “[Why bother with a Summer Job?](#)” could give you a few more reasons to get cracking.

#### **[Spend your gap year as an au pair in Australia](#)**

Are you trying to decide what to do during your gap year in 2021, or how to best manage your expenses and still have time to study?

If you have some existing babysitting or childcare experience, why not consider being an au pair with us?

You can live with a host family, without worrying about rent or board, and earn some pocket money while you experience living somewhere new!

We're focused on matching aspiring au pairs who are Australian citizens or permanent residents with fantastic local families; connecting young country people with city families, and vice versa.

Visit our website today, to learn more information about becoming an au pair, and to get started on a whole new adventure: <https://www.homegrownhelp.com.au>

# *Liberating Education*

## Education is Not a Competition

When you're studying hard for your exams and assignments, it can be hard not to wonder how your friends and other students are doing. You might feel pressure to perform the best and get the highest marks.

But, as Chief Executive of SACE Professor Martin Westwell [has written in his blog](#), it's important to remember that education isn't a competition. And ironically, fighting your fellow students for the top spot can actually become counter-productive.

Research has been done from around the world that shows that the less students compare their performance to others, the higher their confidence levels.

Remember, once you leave school and go out into the world, it's not just about knowledge – being flexible, adaptable and eager to learn are much more important skills that you can carry with you throughout your whole life.

There are countless stories that show you don't have to be the best to be successful and happy – [Steve Jobs famously founded Apple in his garage as a college dropout](#).

So focus on yourself, set some achievable goals, and remember that being a successful student (and in life) isn't about being better than others – it's about being the best *you* can be.

## Job Spotlight

### How to Become an Aged Care Worker

#### **What do Aged Care Workers do?**

Aged Care workers help elderly people to live in happiness, comfort, and with dignity. By helping them to carry out activities and personal tasks they'd be unable to do – or struggle with – by themselves.

If you've got bucket-loads of compassion and patience, and you're looking for a career that will be active and rewarding working as an Aged Care Worker could be ideal for you.

#### **About you:**

- Be positive, respectful and empathetic at all times
- Have the patience to communicate effectively with your clients, listen to them talk and be able to read between the lines
- A great multi-tasker who can switch between jobs and prioritise effortlessly
- Think on your feet, reacting appropriately and professionally in any situation
- You'll need a high level of stamina both physically and emotionally, to support, empower and advocate for your clients

#### **The job:**

- Carry out a variety of domestic duties and help your clients with mobility and personal hygiene
- Provide companionship and support (physical and emotional)
- Arrange social activities for your clients, help them to take part, get them there and back safely
- Run errands, engage with family members, ensuring clients are safe and well in all aspects of their lives

- Update records and reports in an accurate and timely manner
- Involve other professionals if you're concerned about a client's health and wellbeing

## **Lifestyle Impact: Medium – Low**

- Part Time opportunities: High (67% of Aged Care Workers work part time – Source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au))
- Average hours for full-time workers (average 43 per week)
- Aged Care Workers salary (average) \$57,500 per year (Source: [com.au](http://com.au))
- Future career growth: Very Strong (Source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au))
- Whilst this isn't a job where you can work from home, there are lots of part-time and flexible working opportunities. There's also a variety of places you could end up working, including in the community within your client's own home.

## **Aged Care Workers are most in demand in these locations:**

Due to our ageing population, there is already a huge demand for Aged Care Workers and it's predicted to keep on rising. Currently listed as the third most in demand career ([August 2020](#)), there are jobs within this sector Australia-wide.

## **How to become an Aged Care Worker in Australia**

Most employers prefer that you have a relevant qualification and the necessary checks to enter a career in Aged Care.

**Step 1** – Successfully complete Year 10 with a pass in English.

**Step 2** – Get some work experience in the field to see if it's a career you'd really love to do.

Experience will also look great on your resume when you're applying for jobs. You could volunteer at aged care facilities or within your community.

**Note:** This may not be an option during the pandemic as the health and wellbeing of vulnerable elderly is a priority. But there are still ways you can get involved and help to care for the elderly within the community, e.g. [Care Army](#), [Volunteer Australia](#), [BUPA](#), [Meals on Wheels](#)

**Step 3** – Find a course that will provide you with the necessary qualifications. E.g.:

[Certificate III in Community Services](#) with TAFE or another RTO

[Certificate III in Individual Support \(Ageing\)](#) with TAFE or another RTO

[Certificate IV in Ageing Support](#) with TAFE or another RTO

Some courses can be carried out as blended learning with the lessons online and practical placements on-site.

Or you could find a [traineeship](#) that will provide you with the qualifications and work experience whilst being paid. You might even be able to start a [traineeship while you're still at school](#).

**Note:** If you are under 18 and you'd like to apply for some these courses, your enrolment form may need to be signed by a parent or guardian. (Minimum age 16).

**Step 4** – You may have to complete practical training as an element of your qualification e.g. 120 hours within a community care and residential care setting, which you'll be assessed on.

**Step 5** – Obtaining a [National Police Check](#) may be a requirement of volunteering and work placements, you'll definitely need one before you can start working.

You might also be required to get a first aid certificate and do a [manual handling course](#).

If you'd like to be based in the community or care for the elderly in their own homes, you'll probably need a drivers' license too.

**Step 6** – Once you've started working and got some experience you can apply for various roles within Aged Care from operational to management positions. You could even train as a nurse or physical therapist.

Find out more here –

<https://www.acsa.asn.au/>

<https://ahha.asn.au/aged-care>

<https://www.agedcareguild.com.au/>

<https://acia.asn.au/>

## Similar Careers to Aged Care Worker

Disability Support Worker

[Registered Nurse](#)

[Pathology Collector](#)

[Early Childhood Worker](#)

[Dietitian](#)

Enrolled Nurse

Personal Carer

Housekeeper

[Cleaner](#)

[Occupational Therapist](#)

Find out more about [alternative careers](#).

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- **Do I need qualifications to become an Aged Care Worker?**

Whilst not always essential, it is highly recommended that you get a relevant qualification, and some employers could list it as essential criteria for job applications.

- **Where do Aged Care Workers work?**

Aged Care Workers could work in the community in day facilities, clinics or visiting private homes. They can also work in residential facilities and some hospital departments.

- **Is an Aged Care Worker a good job?**

Working in aged care could be great if you're looking for a stable and reliable career that can also offer room for growth. It is an ideal vocation for people who are compassionate and committed to helping elderly people live dignified lives.

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