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Open Days & Info Sessions

[Lattitude Info Session](#)

Tuesday 1 June 2021, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Online

Join our next information session, get your questions answered and see what's possible working and volunteering abroad with Lattitude. We're looking forward to what's ahead and ready to answer your questions. Make 2022 not just better than 2020 and 2021, but your best year yet!

Session is online via Zoom at **5.30pm New Zealand Time**

Find out more: lattitude.org/info-session-may-june-2021/

[AFL SportsReady | Discover how a school-based traineeship landed me my dream job](#)

Wednesday 2 June 2021, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online

In the spirit of National Reconciliation Week, we want to highlight the impact traineeships can have on communities and the future careers of young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

In this free webinar, we follow the career journey of two Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander former trainees that launched their careers through a school-based traineeship. What you'll discover, is not only did the traineeship help set them up for life-long professional skills and a rewarding career, but it also brought a positive impact to their communities and their families, emphasising this is one of the most rewarding parts of the program.

By attending this webinar, you will also hear from one of our Indigenous mentor's and understand the role they play in helping a young person succeed in their traineeship.

Find out more: aflsportsready.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_55ISyLlhTUOIh15LwGVView

[UNSW | Accommodation - Which option is best for you?](#)

Thursday 3 June 2021, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Online

Moving to Sydney to study at UNSW, but unsure about accommodation?

This webinar will provide you with an overview of the types of accommodation available on and off-campus, delivered by Student Support Advisors, Student Accommodation staff, and current UNSW students. There will be an opportunity at the end to ask questions.

Find out more: www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/accommodation-which-option-best-you

SCCE | Exchange Webinar

Tuesday 8 June 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Tuesday 29 June 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Wednesday 14 July 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Tuesday 10 August 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Tuesday 31 August 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Wednesday 15 September 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Online

At SCCE, we understand that there is a lot to consider when going on exchange, which is why we are happy to offer these regular online information webinars to teach you all about your student exchange options.

Our online sessions go for approximately 30 minutes. They will guide you through everything from you need to know about our programs. There is also time at the end of the presentation to ask questions, providing a wonderful opportunity to interact with both our staff and other future exchange students.

Register here - <https://scce.clickmeeting.com/>

WEP | Returned Student Q&A

Tuesday 8 June 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Wednesday 8 September 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Wednesday 10 November 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Imagine making friends from all over the world, learning about yourself and the world around you and seeing sights you could only dream of! Hear from students who have returned from a WEP gap year and learn about your options.

Find out more: <https://wep.org.au/lets-talk/sessions/>

UNSW | Degrees & Scholarships Information Evenings

Tuesday 15 June 2021, 6:00 pm - Thursday 17 June 2021, 7:00 pm

The Roundhouse, Anzac Parade, Kensington NSW, Australia

This event shares what you need to know about applying for a UNSW degree as a Year 12 student.

Registrations are now open to Year 12s and parents for UNSW's Degrees & Scholarships Information Evenings. Join us at our Kensington campus as we cover everything to know about finding the right degree for you at UNSW.

For those who are regional and interstate, there's a dedicated online Year 12 Degrees & Scholarships Information Evening on Wednesday, 16 June (6pm-7pm) to help prepare you for studying in Sydney, covering what you need to know when applying for your dream degree. Register [here](#).

WEP | Student Exchange Info Session

Thursday 24 June 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tuesday 27 July 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Thursday 12 August 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tuesday 24 August 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tuesday 19 October 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Thursday 2 December 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Imagine making friends from all over the world, learning about yourself and the world around you and seeing sights you could only dream of! Find out more about your student exchange opportunities at WEP's online info session.

Find out more: <https://wep.org.au/lets-talk/sessions/>

Charles Sturt Advantage Info Session

Monday 2 August 2021, 6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Online

Join us for an info session to find out all there is to know about this year's program. Learn about the application process, courses that you can apply for, key dates and tips on writing a good application. If you're a Year 12 student, parent or career adviser, this one is for you!

Find out more: charlessturt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QkNJ0cyESXmO76YPSgsFbw

Pathways to ACU

Wednesday 15 December 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Online

If you didn't receive the ATAR you wanted, don't worry, there's more than one way into university. We'll take you through the entry pathways to ACU, including diplomas and Foundation Studies that can give you access straight into the second year of your preferred bachelor degree.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2021/december/pathways-to-acu>

Scholarships

Youth Off the Streets National Scholarship Program

Value: \$6,000

Open/Closing Dates: March 1, 2021 – June 4, 2021

The National Scholarship Program celebrates the talents and strengths of young people across Australia who exhibit extraordinary promise – but who lack the support and resources to fulfill their potential.

Who can apply?

- Students aged 16 to 21 inclusive as at 20 September on the year of nomination.
- Citizens or permanent residents of Australia or New Zealand (evidence will be required).
- Students with a clear need for financial assistance.
- Students studying in Australia for the two year period of the program.

[Find out more](#)

Bond Indigenous Scholarship

Value: Up to 100% tuition remission

Open/Closing Dates: April 1, 2021 – September 5, 2021

Through the generous support of corporate sponsors, and from other funds made available to the University, Bond offers a number of scholarships to Indigenous Australians.

These scholarships, valued up to 50% of tuition fees for any single undergraduate degree (excluding the Medical Program) or 100% tuition for any diploma program, are awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who have demonstrated extracurricular involvement, leadership potential and academic achievements.

Eligibility:

- This scholarship is available to new commencing students at Bond University in the following year, January semester.
- Available to Australian citizens who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (as defined by ABSTUDY).
- Applicants must have successfully completed, or be currently completing Year 12 at an Australian High School.
- Applicants must meet the prerequisites and the admissions entry standards for their chosen program.

[Find out more](#)

[Bond Transformer Scholarship](#)

Value: Up to 50% tuition remission

Open/Closing Dates: April 1, 2021 – September 5, 2021

Two Transformer Scholarships are awarded annually to students beginning their Bachelor's degree or Master's degree study at Bond University in the following year, January semester. Transformer Scholarships offer up to 50% tuition remission for any single undergraduate Bachelor's degree or postgraduate Master's degree program (excluding the Bond Medical Program) and are awarded to students who have high potential to affect real change through participation in the Transformer program.

Learn more about the [Transformer program](#).

The Transformer Scholarship is open to all students applying for any single undergraduate Bachelor's degree or postgraduate Master's degree (excluding the Bond Medical Program). Applicants for the Transformer Scholarship must provide evidence that they meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Strong leadership skills, community involvement and demonstrated potential to affect change;
- Extensive involvement in extracurricular activities; and
- Applicants must also meet the entry requirements for their chosen program of study.

[Find out more](#)

Careers & Jobs

[Focus on what comes next](#) – new article

Sometimes, holding tight to a far off [goal](#) can actually just get in the way.

There's a growing trend where we focus not on a distant dream, but on whatever needs to happen next. It comes from the [Chaos Theory of Careers](#), which thrives on the fact that we don't know what's coming. Rather than fixing plans that we have very little control of, instead we focus on making career decisions that will suit us best in the short term.

Whilst you're still at school, this could be [choosing subjects](#) that you enjoy studying rather than ones that you think could get you the best ATAR. Or it could be planning a different post high school pathway than you imagined a few years ago – perhaps you'd like to go to TAFE or get an [apprenticeship](#) and start working right away. Maybe that [Gap Year](#) is more appealing than ever but you want to get the most out of it.

Read the article - <https://studyworkgrow.com.au/2021/05/25/focus-on-what-comes-next/>

Further Learning

[Year 12 early offers for guaranteed entry to Bond in 2022](#)

In a disrupted world, Year 12 students have shown incredible resilience in adapting to the ongoing challenges presented by the events of recent years.

Year 12 students can be assessed now for a guaranteed offer from Bond University for 2022 entry conditional on the completion of Year 12. Applications will be assessed based on their first semester Year 12 results and meeting any subject prerequisite requirements for their program.

Find out more: <https://bond.edu.au/year-12-entry>

Want to know more about early entry to university? Find this program and heaps of others in our new 2022 Early Entry [PDF Guide](#) and [Handbook](#).

Influencer Marketing Course

Interested in a career in Marketing and Advertising? Get specialised experience and education in the field of Influencer Marketing with Scrunch's Influencer Marketing Course.

Join Scrunch co-founder Danielle Lewis, where she will cover:

- What is Influencer Marketing?
- Set up a framework to keep track of your campaign
- Map out your Influencer Marketing strategy
- Discover the influencers that align to your strategy
- Craft your outreach emails
- Negotiate with your influencers
- Brief and contract your influencers
- Send your product
- QA and approve your content
- Mid-campaign tips
- Measure your results
- Learn and apply to your next campaign

Plus get access to bonus resources:

- Training workbook
- Influencer Strategy Template
- Influencer Campaign Tracking Template
- Influencer Brief and Contract Template
- Influencer Agency Briefing Template
- Influencer Rate Guide
- Influencer Outreach Templates

Use the discount code STUDENT for 20% off the course.

Find out more here: <https://scrunch.com/influencer-marketing-course/>

University of Tasmania Schools Recommendation Program opening 31st May

Year 12 students can submit their free application to the 2022 Schools Recommendation Program at the University of Tasmania from 31st May 2021. Rather than an ATAR, students are assessed based on the school's recommendation and their year 11 results.

The program is open to most of our undergraduate degrees, and early offers will be issued from July.

Get your application in by 18 June to be eligible for a first round offer!

To find out more, head to: <https://www.utas.edu.au/study/schools-recommendation-program>

Hear from Catriona Walkderden as she shares her wisdom as a Global Technology Marketing professional

Cindy from the International Oyster Program recently interviewed *Cat Walkerden* – Vice President Global Technology Marketing.

Her career in technology spans almost two decades, serving markets globally at some of the world's most innovative technology organisations including Oracle, Sybase, Cisco, Optus, Whispir and most recently Logicalis.

Catriona's passion for story telling, led her into a Marketing career and she loves to write and share customer stories and blogs whenever possible.

Cat's tips:

1. Fake it 'til you make it
2. Be confident
3. Do not be afraid to ask questions
4. Be vulnerable
5. Do the things that 'Light You Up'

To help you build your career, Cindy has made the International Oyster Program course FREE for all Study Work Grow members.

You can use this link to register here – braintree.thinkific.com/courses/international-oyster-program-SWG

Work Experience

Work Experience Guide from Study Work Grow

Learn about what you can do on work experience, and work out how to get it. The Guide covers all the things you need to know about finding meaningful work experience and making the most of it.

For the first time, we've also covered virtual work experience and alternatives to work experience you can explore if it isn't an option for you.

Members can login and [get the guide here](#).

Grandshake Systems and Signals Operator Virtual Work Experience

As a Systems Operator you will pioneer a new signalling system and transform how Australia's train networks run every day. You'll discover how signalling systems operate to keep railways running safely and smoothly, analyse different data sets and translate them into real-world projects, and gain exclusive industry knowledge. Along the way, you'll learn to communicate strategically with peer Operators and key stakeholders, and engage with practical problem solving. Wrap up your experience by pitching your design to your mentors and leading industry experts at Inland Rail.

[Find out more](#)

Resources

[YMCA Canberra Space Squad](#)

The Space Squad program is Australia's best residential holiday program for students in years 2 – 12. It is designed to ignite and fuel that spark of passion for space and STEM-based careers, robotics, engineering and astronomy.

Across 5 action-packed days, we plunge our cadets into the space industry where they will learn about space exploration and science, they will meet engineers, astronomers and astrophysicists. They will gaze at stars, visit technology and space centres, build and launch rockets, fly drones and code rovers.

Upcoming camps include:

- **28 June – 2 July:** Youth Camp (Grades 6-9)
- **5 – 9 July:** Air & Space Female Cadet Camp (Ages 15-18)
- **20 – 24 September:** Junior Camp (Grades 2-6) *no overnight
- **27 September – 1 October:** SciScouts Camp

Registrations are open until Sunday 20 June.

Find out more and register here: <https://ymcacanberra.org.au/youth/space-squad/>

[4 tips to get smart about money](#)

By the time you leave high school and often before, it's important to learn how to manage your money and make decisions that make financial sense for your situation.

If you can budget, manage your money, make wise decisions about your spending and saving habits, then you're well on your way to being financially literate.

Here are our 4 top tips:

1. Set up a bank account

Even if you don't have much money coming in, it's a great idea to have your own bank account and debit card so that you're ready when you do start earning.

You'll also have somewhere safe to put pocket money and monetary gifts that you might receive, instead of risking it dropping out of your pocket at school, going through the washing machine, or tempting you to buy something you don't really need.

2. Find a job

Once you start earning your own money, you'll appreciate it's value much more.

It could encourage you to make better decisions about what you buy, when you know how long it took you to earn it.

3. Do a budgeting challenge

You may not have seen [Teenage Boss](#), it's a show where teens in a household are allowed to take over the family budget for a month.

Perhaps you could do something similar at home?

Speak to your parents and work out:

- Your household monthly income
- Household monthly outgoings (that's *all* the bills from food and electricity, to rates and school shoes)
- Decide on a target figure that you'd like to save
- Work on how you can implement changes to reach your target

You could write meal plans and cook in bulk, find free activities to do in your spare time, or recycle all your cans and bottles for extra cash.

4. Start saving

You could just start saving today; it's simple. Figure out how much money you already have, or how much you get every week and commit to setting aside a percentage of that.

Make sure your money isn't too easy to get to, otherwise you could be more tempted to dip into it.

When you set up your bank account, talk to the bank about a savings plan as well. They can give you lots of ideas about the best way to save for you, including where your savings will get the most interest.

The money you put away could help you buy a car, go towards uni, or pay for your gap year.

More money tips

You can find heaps more useful resources and tips on money in the [Money Matters](#) section of our website.

[Gap Year Programs and COVID-19](#)

Thinking about planning a Gap Year but unsure about how your plans may be interrupted?

Lots of Gap Year providers are aware that students are nervous about putting down a deposit but also anxious to make plans for late 2021 and 2022, but they are keen to reassure students that they're still

planning programs for destinations, including the UK and New Zealand. In fact, some programs have already sent ‘gappies’ to New Zealand this year. [From WEP:](#)

“WEP remains hopeful that programs departing in late 2021 will continue as planned. Our overseas partner organisations, coordinators and host families around the world are looking forward to welcoming the next generation of WEP students.”

Some even report that student applications are returning to pre-pandemic levels, and have advised that students should seriously consider lodging their applications so that they don’t miss out. [Letzlive suggest the following for Australian students:](#)

“Our advice to prospective applicants for July (for our New Zealand intake) and September (for our UK intake) 2021, and again for January 2022 (all destinations), is to lodge your application prior to the extended May 31st closing date.”

Many other programs are still accepting applications, and in just about all cases they’ll offer a refund or an alternate trip if yours doesn’t go ahead. Just **make 110% sure before you book** that they will definitely refund your money if something goes wrong. If your tour goes ahead and you get ill with COVID-19 while you’re away, your program’s insurance should cover any medical costs.

More than ever, it’s essential that you check the fine print before you agree to anything or hand over any money – remember to choose a reputable company and if you are at all concerned then don’t book, or you may never see your money again.

Some of the companies taking applications are:

- [Letzlive](#)
- [WEP](#)
- [Lattitude](#)
- [Southern Cross Cultural Exchange](#)

Job Spotlight

[How to become a Park Ranger](#)

Be a protector – of ecosystems, wildlife, and people

What do Park Rangers do?

Park Rangers are part of a team who work on the ground to monitor, preserve, and maintain State or national parks, scenic areas, historic sites, nature reserves, recreation areas or conservation reserves. They are guided by policies and laws and act to enforce those where necessary.

If you are passionate about conservation and education, love being outdoors and are great at communicating, this could be an ideal career to explore further.

About you:

- Excellent communication and leadership skills
- Physically fit, practical and resilient
- Passionate and well informed
- Flexible approach to work
- Great customer service and conflict resolution
- Enjoy outdoors work in all weather
- Organisational, project management and teamwork skills

The job:

- Patrol, monitor, and assess natural and recreational areas
- Identify and eradicate invasive and pest species
- Identify and protect endangered species
- Promote and maintain the parks assets
- Work to control fire, flood and other damage
- Build relationships and work co-operatively with indigenous owners and communities
- Grant permits, enforce laws and assist with research and volunteer projects
- Maintain and develop visitor facilities, boundaries and signage
- Respond to emergency situations
- Deliver information, reports, and education to visitors, schools and stakeholders

Lifestyle Impact: Medium

- Part Time opportunities: Low – only 19% of Park Rangers work part-time (source: joboutlook.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 41 hours a week, which is average (source: joboutlook.gov.au).
- Park Rangers' salary (average) \$80,000* per year (Source: com.au). *Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Strong (Source: joboutlook.gov.au).
- You'll likely be working weekends, holidays and other maybe even sometimes at night, and you'll need to be confident living and working in remote areas.

Park Rangers are most in demand in these locations:

This is a small industry, employing only 2,500 workers in 2016 although numbers are increasing annually (source: joboutlook.com.au). There are opportunities available for Park Rangers across Australia and most of the roles with Government Agencies.

Working as a Park Ranger you'll need to be active in the area you're employed which may mean living away from home or relocating, this may be to remote and regional areas.

How to become a Park Ranger in Australia

You can work as a Park Ranger without any formal qualifications Park Ranger in Australia, but a VET or other qualification in land or park management for example may improve your employment prospects.

Step 1 – Complete your high school certificate and consider taking subjects such as English, Biology, Chemistry, Geography, and History.

Step 2 – Consider studying a relevant qualification to boost your skills and employability. You could study a course such as a [Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management](#).

Step 3 – Volunteer to work on projects in park settings, get work experience with Park Rangers, or undertake your own projects locally. Tour guiding, gardening and landscaping, zoo keeping, seasonal firefighting and tourist information centre work could also provide you with valuable skills.

Step 4 – If you're really passionate consider a university degree such as [Bachelor of Environmental Management](#),
Or [Bachelor of Environmental Science \(Wildlife and Conservation Biology\)](#)

Step 5 – Once you have some experience under your belt, you can move into higher positions such as Ranger in Charge or more policy and planning positions within the organisation.

Find out more here –

<http://www.ranger.org.au/>

<https://queenslandranger.org/>

<https://www.sarangerassociation.org/>

<https://www.des.qld.gov.au/our-department/employment/park-rangers>

Similar Careers to Park Ranger

[Conservation Officer](#)

Environmental Consultants

Environmental Scientists

[Zookeepers](#)

[Tourist Guide](#)

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

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