

What's On in the Next Few Weeks

[NIE | Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online](#)

May 20, 2023

If you are in Yrs. 10, 11, 12, or you may be older and considering sitting the UCAT in the future, then this program is for you. The Simulated UCAT Workshop program is ideal and often a necessary step towards effective and efficient preparation for the UCAT.

This event will be conducted by the National Institute of Education in partnership in partnership with UCAT Preparation Australia, and MICAS (Medical Interviews and Career Advice Services).

The workshop is primarily designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test and also for participants to gain a better understanding of their own level of preparedness for the test.

[Find out more](#)

[Griffith | Creative Arts Open Day 2023](#)

May 21, 2023

Designed for those thinking of a creative career, the Creative Arts Open Day is best way to discover the variety of degree options from design, visual and creative arts, music and performing arts, film and animation, industrial design and architecture.

[Find out more](#)

[CQUni | Online Chat Session](#)

May 23, 2023

We see you planning your next study move, and we know there's a lot to consider, so we're here to help.

Have your questions answered at our online chat session. Chat with our staff about your course of interest, student support services, or anything else you'd like to know about studying with CQUniversity.

[Find out more](#)

[ADF | Army Reserve Information Session, Cairns](#)

May 23, 2023

Want to serve without the full-time commitment of joining the Australia Defence Force? Look to the Army Reserve.

You'll receive tax-free pay in part time roles that you can do one night a week, one weekend a month or a few weeks a year.

To find out more about the Army Reserve, join us for a local info session where you can speak with current serving members about their own experiences.

[Find out more](#)

[ACU | Entry and Pathways for Year 12 Students Webinar](#)

May 23, 2023

ACU has a range of pathways and entry programs available to Year 12 students. In this webinar, our Future Students team will explain our various options and the eligibility criteria for each one, and you'll hear from current students about their journeys.

[Find out more](#)

[ADF | Defence Careers Information Session, Brisbane](#)

May 24, 2023

Are you interested to learn about the wide range of roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force?

Join us at an upcoming info session and speak with current serving members about their own experiences. You'll have the chance to ask any questions you have about Australian Defence Force careers and opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

[Clusters PD – Using Clusters to find a Vocational Pathway](#)

May 25, 2023

Join Lucy from Study Work Grow to find out how you can use the Career Clusters to support students who are thinking about vocational pathways.

Using the Career Clusters as part of the conversation can open up ideas and help students think beyond the most obvious choices. They can also be useful when talking to students about how their careers might progress down the track.

This will be an interactive session of one hour, with time for questions at the end.

[Find out more](#)

[The Townsville Youth Innovation Festival](#)

May 26, 2023

The Big Fish Innovators Network and the Australian School of Entrepreneurship with support from Townsville City Council and TAFE Queensland invites you to the Townsville Youth Innovation Festival.

The Townsville Youth Innovation Festival features interactive sessions, a keynote presentation and group workshops full of creativity and innovation. The one-day festival will develop the

skills and mindset they need to become entrepreneurs, innovators, creatives, scientists and small business owners.

The Festival is designed for secondary school students (Grade 7 to 12) and young adults (17 to 21 years).

[Find out more](#)

Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo 2023

May 26 to May 27, 2023

Queensland's largest Careers & Employment Event is open on May 26 & 27, 2023 at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. The Expo will host over 130 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

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

[Find out more](#)

JMC Academy | May Open Day, Brisbane

May 27, 2023

Register for our Free Open Day! This is your chance to see our multi-million dollar world-class facilities.

Things to do at Open Day:

- Tour our world-class facilities and tech
- Explore your creative future in our hands-on workshops
- Meet our current students and industry expert lecturers
- Check out live student performances
- See creativity come to life with course demonstrations
- Build your creative network

[Find out more](#)

AIE | Online Campus Day

May 27, 2023

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day on Sat 27 May 2023. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer – from beginners to professional mastery, and;

- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

[Find out more](#)

Important Future Events

[BiG Day In Brisbane](#)

May 30, 2023

Join us at University of Queensland on 30 May 2023 for BiG Day In Brisbane 2023. Bring your Year 9-12 students to hear presenters from BHP, Technology One, Wisetech Global, Defence Force Recruiting, Adobe, Woolworths, TCS and more to learn about where a career in technology can take you.

[Find out more](#)

[UQ | Career Pulse](#)

May 31, 2023

Explore the exciting career paths open to you at UQ's free, career-focused event for high school students.

You're invited to participate in our engaging and interactive career-focused sessions run by our academic staff.

You'll have the chance to identify your strengths and interests, and find out how to turn these into a fulfilling career. It's also the perfect opportunity to see UQ's beautiful St Lucia campus and check out our state-of-the-art facilities too.

[Find out more](#)

[Gold Coast Careers Festival 2023](#)

June 1 to June 3, 2023

The Gold Coast Careers Festival is your opportunity to meet local employers, as well as education and training providers all under one roof. Whether you're a high school student, parent, career changer or returning to the workforce, the Careers Festival provides all of the information you need to plan your future career.

[Find out more](#)

[2023 Aviation Expo](#)

June 3, 2023

The Aviation Australia Expo in Brisbane showcases the burgeoning aerospace industry, with a significant focus on aviation skills development, careers and employment opportunities.

The Aircraft Experience Zone will once again be a major attraction, featuring a range of iconic aircraft that visitors will have the unique opportunity to experience up close.

The Aviation Expo also features dozens of exhibitors from the aviation, defence and education industries who will inspire and educate visitors about how to launch into a career in aviation.

There are many activities for visitors to experience, including cabin crew evacuations, avionics demonstrations, insight into an operational hangar environment, roving entertainment and careers seminars.

[Find out more](#)

YES (Young Entrepreneur Summit) Cairns

June 5, 2023

Run by young people, for young people, YES (Young Entrepreneur Summit) is a one-day, interactive summit designed to inspire and empower a generation of brave, creative and entrepreneurial young leaders. This particular event has been designed for primary school students (Grade 4 to 6) and secondary school students (Grade 7 to 9).

At YES, attendees can expect to participate in a variety of engaging activities, including keynote presentations, panel discussions, and interactive group workshops focused on essential life skills such as public speaking, entrepreneurship, networking, financial literacy, ideation, and collaboration and teamwork.

[Find out more](#)

JCU | Heroes in Health 2023, Cairns

June 5 to June 6, 2023

Get a sneak peek of what it's really like to be in a healthcare career at Heroes in Health. This two-day program is a joint collaboration between JCU and the Cairns Hospital that offers a unique opportunity to explore Medical, Nursing and Allied Health careers.

From this two-day program you'll gain unique insights into a career in health. You'll go behind the scenes at the Cairns Hospital, with opportunities to speak directly with health professionals including doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and pharmacists about their profession in the healthcare industry and their career journeys so far.

If you're in Year 11 or 12 in the geographical area of Cairns and the surrounding regions you can apply to be a part of Heroes in Health.

To help with your career goals, JCU Advisors will also be on hand to provide information about courses and university life.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

[Scholarships for Underrepresented Students in Australia](#)

We believe that education is a journey that should be accessible to all. Recognising the importance of diversity and inclusivity, lots of organisations and universities have established scholarship opportunities to support students from underrepresented backgrounds. These scholarships aim to empower students from diverse backgrounds, ensuring that their potential is realised and their dreams are within reach. In this article, we'll explore some of the scholarship opportunities available for different underrepresented groups.

Indigenous Scholarships

Australia's rich indigenous heritage is celebrated through various scholarships designed to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. These scholarships aim to create pathways for Indigenous students to excel academically and pursue their aspirations. Some examples include:

- [The Charlie Perkins Scholarship](#) supports outstanding Indigenous students in pursuing postgraduate studies at leading UK universities.
- [The Australian Indigenous Education Foundation \(AIEF\)](#) offers scholarships to Indigenous high school and university students, providing financial assistance, mentoring, and personal support throughout their educational journey.

Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Recognising the talents and potential of students with disabilities, scholarships have been established to remove barriers and create equal opportunities. These scholarships provide financial support and resources to help students overcome challenges. For instance:

- The [Maple Scholarship Program](#) supports students with disabilities and those working in the disability sector, providing funding for education-related expenses.
- [Vision Australia's Further Education Bursaries](#) provide adaptive technology to help students who are blind or have low vision to fully participate and succeed in their chosen studies.

Scholarships for Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds

Many scholarships are dedicated to supporting students from disadvantaged backgrounds, ensuring they have the opportunity to pursue their educational goals. These scholarships provide financial aid, mentorship, and guidance. Examples include:

- [The Smith Family Learning for Life Program](#) assists disadvantaged students with financial support, mentoring, and access to extra-curricular opportunities.

- [The Pinnacle Foundation](#) provide educational scholarships, mentoring and opportunities for young LGBTIQ+ Australians to realise their full potential and overcome challenges arising from their identity.

Scholarships can play a vital role in fostering inclusivity and diversity in education. They can empower underrepresented students and open doors to a world of opportunities that might otherwise be inaccessible. We encourage anyone to explore the scholarship opportunities available – you never know what might be out there.

You can find more scholarships on our database [here](#).

Getting Ready for Work

[How Will AI Change the World of Work?](#)

Artificial intelligence is a huge trend these days – each week it seems like there are bigger and better programs, doing everything from writing articles to creating images and even [helping with early detection of cancer](#). But with this comes a hint of fear. Is AI going to completely change the world of work?

It might seem all doom and gloom, but the reality is far from it. In this blog, we'll explore how AI is changing the world of work and offer some valuable tips on how you can prepare and adapt to thrive in this new era.

The Rise of AI in the Workplace

AI is transforming industries across the globe, revolutionising the way we work, communicate, and interact. According to the [World Economic Forum](#), it's estimated that by 2027, nearly half of all workplace tasks will be performed by machines.

What does this mean for us? We've heard that lots of jobs that require repetitive manual tasks are those most likely to be replaced by automation. But on the other hand, there's a boom of job opportunities that require uniquely human skills such as creativity, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence. Advancement in AI technology is creating new jobs too, particularly in fields such as data science, machine learning, and robotics.

It's not that there will be *less* jobs in the future – the jobs of the future will simply *look different* to how they do today. Just like how there are already [plenty of jobs that no longer exist](#), replaced by jobs that were unheard of just a few decades ago (think things like influencers and software developers).

Embrace AI as an Enabler, Not a Competitor

Rather than fearing AI as a threat to your job, it's important to view it as a tool that can complement your work instead. There have been [similar concerns throughout history](#) that technology will replace people entirely, but today we would hardly be able to imagine a world without these technologies.

AI is great at automating repetitive tasks, which frees us up to focus on higher-level thinking, problem solving, and innovation. This means you can spend more time at work doing the really important things, and [increase your productivity](#). It can also eliminate some undesirable jobs that *nobody* wants to do, whether it's because they're simply boring or downright unsafe.

Developing Essential Skills for the AI Era

As AI becomes more prevalent, [certain skills will be in high demand](#). To prepare for the future of work, developing these skills will become even more important, such as:

- **Digital Literacy:** Understanding how to use technology is already important, but will be even more so in the future. Start to familiarise yourself with AI applications, algorithms, and basic programming concepts.
- **Creativity and Innovation:** As much as it might seem like it, AI can't replicate human imagination and creativity. Nurturing your creativity and embracing innovation will allow you to bring unique perspectives and value to future (and current) jobs.
- **Critical Thinking and Problem Solving:** AI may excel at processing large amounts of data, but it's human intelligence that can interpret, analyse, and make informed decisions based on that data.
- **Human-Centric Skills:** While AI is great at automation and data processing, it lacks the emotional intelligence, empathy, and social skills that make us uniquely human. Interpersonal communication, collaboration, and leadership skills will become increasingly valuable in a work environment that blends AI and human interactions.

Looking for the Positives

AI is changing the future of work, but it's not something to fear – in fact, there are so many ways [we can use AI to make the world a better place](#). By understanding the impact of AI on the job market and developing the skills needed to work alongside AI technologies, you can prepare for success no matter what the future might hold.

[20 Jobs that Don't Exist Anymore](#)

Humans are constantly inventing and innovating, so it makes sense that the way we live and the world around us is also constantly changing. Change or progress can sometimes mean that jobs that existed in the past don't exist anymore. Either we just don't require that function any more, or we've developed alternatives.

Here are 20 examples of jobs that don't exist anymore.

Carriage Makers

These skilled craftsmen used to make the carriages towed by horses, but were replaced by automobiles and trains.

Slubber Doffers

Usually children, they worked in textile mills and removed the empty bobbins from the looms all day.

Pin Setters

Before bowling alleys became automated in the 1950s, it was the job of young teens to run out and reset the pins after each bowler's turn.

Knocker-Uppers

Also known as human alarm clocks, these workers were around from 400BC until after the industrial revolution. Their job was to head out each morning and knock on their paying customers' doors or window using a baton or long stick to get the occupants up in time for work each day.

Lamp Lighters

Before electricity was invented and commonly available, they were needed to go around and light the street lamps by hand every single day.

Switchboard Operators

Originally replacing telegraphists, these workers connected callers to the number they wanted to connect with right up until the 1960s.

Resurrectionists or "Body Snatchers"

Had the gruesome job of (illegally) digging up recently buried bodies for anatomists to use for medical research.

Projectionists

Were the people responsible for operating film projectors in cinemas, including changing the film reels when they saw cues on screen. Modern day projectors are digital and operators just need to press play or set a timer.

Signalmen

Worked on the railways before automated systems were created. They did a variety of jobs that ensured that trains ran on time without having accidents.

Camera Film Developers

Digital cameras as we know them today only became popular in the mid-to-late 1990s. Before then, most cameras contained film that needed developing before you could see the images. Some film developers are still around today, but most photographers who use camera film process their images themselves in darkrooms.

Lift Operators

Up until the 1970s you'd often be met in a lift by an operator who might have to manually open and close the doors, control the speed of the lift, and announce what or who was located on each floor as the car approached it.

Linotype Operators

Responsible for operating the Linotype machines that revolutionised the printing and factory industries worked between 1886 right up until the late 1960s. They had to accurately type each line of text that formed the metal strips for printing.

Human Computers

This was the name given to the people who performed complex calculations before computers and calculators took over the roles. [Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan](#) are three Human Computers whose secret work enabled NASA space expeditions between 1940 and 1960.

Clock Keepers

Their job was to track time using basic maths skills to ensure the accuracy of clocks and other time keeping devices.

Lectors

Read aloud to factory workers, keeping them entertained during their long and boring shifts.

Aircraft Listeners

Before radars were invented, listeners manned the acoustic mirrors which detected the sound and direction of approaching enemy aircraft.

Milkmen

Used to collect the milk from local dairy farmers and deliver it to the doors of their customers.

Dunny Men

Would collect “nightsoil” from the old-fashioned outhouse dunnies which have now been (thankfully) replaced by modern sewerage and septic systems.

Scribes

For centuries before the invention of printing, this was a job that required some education. Scribes would have to copy text word for word to duplicate books and historical documents.

Video Store Employee

Up until about 20 years ago VHS videos and DVDs were how most people enjoyed watching a movie outside of the cinema. With the onset of digital on-demand and streaming services, the good old video store that used to be in every suburb is no longer.

It’s not necessarily a bad thing

When you hear about jobs that don’t exist anymore, it’s easy to think it’s something negative, and it’s often reported that way in the news too.

But often it can be a good thing, as you won’t have to do some of the more repetitive, tiresome, labour intensive, or downright unpleasant jobs that you might have been offered years ago.

Remember too that when some roles are no longer required, a whole new suite of careers may be created along with the latest developments and changes to our lifestyles and environments.

Keep looking ahead

There are lots of people whose job it is to look at all the information and statistics to make predictions about the growth or decline of different jobs.

It’s a good idea to keep up to date with the latest news and statistics – it could be really helpful when you’re considering future careers. The results might also influence your subject selection at high school, as well as which pathway you choose once you leave school.

Find out more about the future of work

If you’d like to learn a bit more about what changes to the workforce might look like in the next 5 to 10 years and beyond, here are a few blogs you might like to read:

- [The Future of Work](#)
- [The Skills you’ll need for work in the future](#)
- [The changing world of work](#)

We’ll also let you know in our weekly [Job Spotlights](#) the anticipated future growth and where the jobs are most in demand.

The [National Skills Commission](#) produce lots of reports and information about Australia's future workforce. They also have a really handy tool called [NERO](#) that you could keep your eye on – you can sign up to receive updates every few months too.

The [Labour Market Insights](#) website also provides lots of useful information about careers and their predicted growth.

Work Experience

[Preparing for Work Experience](#)

Thinking about a career, but not sure if it's going to be the right fit? Work experience is a great way to get a taste of a job and build some important skills. So if you're thinking of going on work experience, this blog will provide you with practical tips and advice to help you prepare, and come out the other end feeling more secure about your career choices.

The Importance of Work Experience

Work experience can serve as a stepping stone towards your future career. It offers a glimpse into the real working world, helping you develop essential skills, gain industry insights, and make informed decisions about your future. By participating actively and preparing beforehand, you'll maximise the value of this experience and lay the foundation for your future career choices.

Research and Goal Setting

Before you begin your placement, do some research about the company or organisation you'll be joining. Familiarise yourself with their mission, values, and the work they do. This knowledge will demonstrate your enthusiasm and allow you to ask thoughtful questions. It's also a good idea to set specific goals for what you hope to achieve during your placement. Whether it's gaining exposure to a particular department or mastering a specific skill, having clear objectives will guide your efforts and make your experience more meaningful.

Dress Code and Professional Etiquette

First impressions matter, and dressing appropriately is an essential aspect of professional etiquette. Find out the dress code at the workplace and ensure your attire is clean, neat, and aligned with their expectations. Remember to maintain a professional demeanour throughout your work experience, including polite and respectful communication with colleagues, punctuality, and a positive attitude. These habits will demonstrate your enthusiasm and leave a lasting impression – and could net you a positive reference at the end of your placement.

Networking and Building Relationships

Work experience provides an excellent opportunity to network and build valuable professional relationships. Take the initiative to introduce yourself to colleagues, ask about their roles, and the journeys they took to get to where they are today. Actively participate in team activities and engage in conversations, showing genuine curiosity and eagerness to learn. Cultivating relationships within your chosen field can open doors to future opportunities and mentorship.

Embracing Challenges and Seeking Feedback

During your placement, you may encounter unfamiliar tasks or situations. Embrace these challenges as learning opportunities and push yourself beyond your comfort zone. At the same time, don't hesitate to ask for help or clarification when needed. Additionally, seek feedback from your supervisor or colleagues to gauge your progress and identify areas for improvement. This feedback will be invaluable in knowing the skills and knowledge you can work on in the future.

Reflecting and Learning from the Experience

Once your placement comes to an end, take time to reflect on the lessons you've learned and the skills you've acquired. Consider how this experience has shaped your understanding of your chosen career path and identify areas you'd like to explore further. Reflecting on your work experience will help you make informed decisions about your future studies and career aspirations.

By properly preparing, researching, embracing challenges, and building relationships, you'll maximise the benefits of your work experience placement. Remember, this experience could be a stepping stone to your future; stay positive, be proactive, and make the most of any opportunities that come your way.

You can find more blogs and advice about preparing for work experience and search for opportunities on our website [here](#).

Competitions

[2023 Travel Photographer of the Year Competition](#)

The 2022 Travel Photographer of the Year awards (TPOTY) are now open.

TPOTY is truly global – wherever you live in the world and whether you are amateur or professional, beginner or expert, Travel Photographer of the Year is for you.

Submit your entries in a range of categories which reflect the breadth and diversity of travel photography, combined with the values of environment, diverse cultures, sustainability and conservation.

Entries are open until 1 October 2023.

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

The 2023 Next Gen Awards

With so many young people leading projects in their communities, the Next Gen Awards have been created as an opportunity to showcase our next generation of young innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders across the country.

Entries for this awards program are open to all Australian primary and high school students and teachers with six categories to acknowledge young people that are building their 21st-century skills as they work on projects to bring their ideas to life and make an impact in their communities.

The 2023 awards program features a myriad of opportunities for young people to build their skills, network with other young leaders, and connect with leading organisations across the country looking to support innovative young professionals.

If you are a young innovator, entrepreneur or leader currently enrolled in a primary or high school across the country, make sure to nominate now!

Applications open on the 15th of May 2023, and will **close on the 21st of August 2023.**

Find out more: <https://www.bopindustries.com/next-gen>

Submissions Open for UN Youth's Global Advocate

UN Youth's Global Advocate magazine consists of literary and artistic pieces produced by young, talented Australians selected for their unique point of view. After a successful two publications last year, we are excited to be back for a sixth issue!

The theme for the next issue is JOURNEYS, which will aim to explore the physical and metaphorical journeys that extend across cultures, peoples and borders that make us human beings.

We are after essays, articles, short fiction, letters, poems, opinions pieces, artwork and photography that explores the ways journeys shape our lives and form our own identities.

Pitches are now open to Australian youth between the ages of 12-15 and close on the 31st of May.

Find out more: <https://unyouth.org.au/event/nsw-global-advocate/>

Resources

[Exploring Vocational Education](#)

Are you thinking about your options for when you leave school? In this blog, we'll delve into the world of vocational education and why it might be the perfect choice for you. While university is often seen as the traditional route to employment after school, vocational education offers a unique and equally promising pathway to success. So, let's dive in and discover why vocational education might just be the right fit for you.

Embracing Your Passions and Strengths

Are you someone who loves getting hands-on, thrives in practical environments, or has a strong inclination towards a specific trade or skill? Vocational education allows you to explore and develop your passions and strengths. Whether it's automotive mechanics, culinary arts, graphic design, healthcare, or information technology, vocational programs provide specialised training that directly aligns with your interests, giving you a head start in pursuing a career you truly enjoy.

Real-World Experience

One of the unique aspects of vocational education is the emphasis on real-world experience. While theoretical knowledge has its place, vocational programs offer practical, industry-specific training that allows you to gain valuable hands-on experience. By working with professionals in your chosen field, you'll develop the skills employers are seeking, making you more marketable and ready to hit the ground running after graduation.

Career Readiness

Vocational education equips you with the skills and expertise required for immediate entry into the workforce. These programs are designed to meet industry demands, ensuring you have the knowledge and practical abilities necessary to excel in your chosen career. Additionally, many vocational institutions have strong connections with local businesses and industries, providing opportunities for traineeships, apprenticeships, and job placement assistance. This bridge between education and employment enhances your prospects right from the get-go.

Flexibility and Affordability

University education often comes with a significant time commitment and financial investment. In contrast, vocational education offers flexibility in terms of program length and structure. Whether you're looking for a short-term course or a longer program, vocational education allows you to choose what works best for you. Moreover, vocational programs are often more

cost-effective (and sometimes even [completely free](#)), saving you from the burden of extensive student loans and enabling you to enter the workforce sooner.

Meeting Industry Demands

As the workforce evolves, industries have an increasing demand for skilled professionals in various sectors. Vocational education addresses this need by focusing on specific industries, offering specialised training that directly aligns with emerging job opportunities. By pursuing vocational education, you position yourself as a valuable asset to employers seeking individuals with practical skills and industry-specific knowledge.

As you contemplate your future options, remember that vocational education is a pathway worth considering. It offers you a chance to embrace your passions, gain practical experience, and enter the workforce equipped with the skills and knowledge employers seek.

So take a moment to explore the vast array of vocational programs available. Contact local TAFEs and VET providers and gather information to make an informed decision. Remember, your journey is about finding the right path for you.

You can also learn more about vocational education and training on our website [here](#).

[5 Essential Budgeting Tips for Teenagers](#)

As a teenager, learning how to manage your money effectively is an essential life skill that can set you on the path to financial success. Budgeting not only helps you make the most of your earnings but also builds discipline and responsible financial habits. In this blog, we'll explore five budgeting tips specifically tailored for teenagers, empowering you to take control of your finances and pave the way for a secure future.

Set Clear Financial Goals

Having clear financial goals is the first step toward successful budgeting. Take some time to identify your short-term and long-term objectives. Are you saving for a specific item, like a new smartphone or a trip? Or do you have more long-term goals, such as saving for university or starting a small business? By defining your goals, you can allocate your money accordingly and stay motivated to stick to your budget.

Track Your Expenses

Keeping track of your expenses is crucial to understanding where your money goes and identifying areas where you can cut back or save. Make a habit of recording your spending – this can be through a budgeting app (such as [Mint](#) or [PocketGuard](#)) or even just in a simple notebook. Categorise your expenses, such as entertainment, transportation, or eating out, to

get a clear picture of your spending patterns. This practice will help you make informed decisions and make adjustments as needed.

Differentiate Between Needs and Wants

It's easy to get carried away with impulsive purchases, especially when you're bombarded with ads constantly. Learning to differentiate between needs and wants is vital for maintaining a balanced budget. Before making a purchase, ask yourself if it's a necessity or a desire. By focusing on what you need first, you can prioritise your spending and allocate any remaining funds toward your wants without jeopardising your financial stability.

Be Realistic

A budget acts as a roadmap for your finances, guiding you toward your goals. To create a realistic budget, start by calculating your income, including allowances, part-time job earnings, or any other sources. Next, list your regular expenses, such as school supplies, transportation costs, and personal items. Allocate a portion of your income toward savings and emergencies. Ensure your expenses don't exceed your income, and leave room for unexpected expenses. Regularly review and adjust your budget to stay on track.

Save and Invest Wisely

Saving money is not only about setting it aside; it's also about making it grow. Explore different savings options available to teenagers, such as opening a savings account or investing in low-risk ventures. We recommend you seek guidance from a trusted adult or financial advisor to understand the various investment opportunities suitable for your age and financial goals before setting out on your own. By starting early and developing good saving and investing habits, you'll set yourself up for a prosperous future.

Mastering budgeting as a teenager can have a profound impact on your financial wellbeing throughout your life. Remember, the earlier you start, the better off you'll be in the long run. Embrace these budgeting tips, and enjoy the journey toward financial independence and success.

You can find lots more info and advice on all things financial on the government's [Money Smart website](#), or check out some more budgeting tips for teenagers on our website [here](#).

[University Spotlight – Curtin University](#)

Find out what it's like to study at Curtin University in our latest university spotlight.

Campuses & Access

Curtin University's main campus is located in Bentley in Perth, around 15 minutes south-east of the CBD. The campus is easily accessible by both bus and train and has plenty of parking spaces for students travelling by car.

There are also other small campuses in the CBD, mainly focused on graduate courses, and a campus in Kalgoorlie focused on engineering and mining courses. Curtin also has an international presence in Malaysia, Singapore, Dubai, and Mauritius.

Most of the paths and buildings across the main campus are accessible by wheelchair, with major buildings containing lifts for access to upper floors.

Online Learning

Curtin offer a wide variety of courses to study fully online, mainly in arts, business, health, STEM, and education. Online students have full access to Curtin's online library system, as well as access to specialised support services for remote students.

Find out more about studying online at Curtin [here](#).

Study Options

Curtin offer undergraduate courses in all standard study areas, including one of Western Australia's only undergraduate-entry [medicine courses](#).

Curtin also offer [double degrees](#) in business, law, health sciences, humanities, and STEM disciplines.

The academic year is split across two semesters, running from late-February to early-November, with a month-long break between each semester. Curtin also offer study in shorter trimesters and optional study periods. Classes are not scheduled over the Christmas and New Year period. You can view the full academic calendar for the year [here](#).

The structure of most courses at Curtin is quite rigid, with subjects only offered in certain semesters and must be taken in a set order. You can find out more about specific courses and subjects [here](#).

Accommodation & Living

Curtin offer a variety of on-campus accommodation options at the Bentley campus, including both individual and shared options. They also offer one option at the Kalgoorlie campus. 2023 prices vary between \$210 to \$515 per week per person, depending on size and location. The fees for all accommodation options include all utility bills – electricity, water, and internet (Wi-Fi). Some options also include meal plans. Students staying at the Bentley campus also receive a free gym membership at Curtin Stadium.

Contracts are offered on a single semester or yearly basis. Students must reapply for accommodation at the end of their contract.

You can see all accommodation options and application processes [here](#).

Living off campus in Perth can get quite expensive (the [current median rental price](#) for an apartment in Bentley is \$430 per week), and rental options are generally highly competitive. More affordable options further away can mean a very long travel time to and from campus.

Campus & Teaching Facilities

There are several facilities located at Curtin's Bentley campus, including cafés and eateries, sporting and exercise facilities, shops, a bank, and more. Students can join a variety of clubs and participate in on-campus activities happening throughout the year. There is also an art gallery, theatre, and several gardens to enjoy.

Each campus has a dedicated library, and the Bentley campus has several study spaces, including a 24/7 computer lab. The campus also has lots of specialist teaching and learning facilities, including labs, clinics, simulated environments, and access to the latest technologies and equipment.

You can find out more about Curtin's on-campus facilities [here](#).

Student Support

Curtin offer a wide variety of dedicated student support services, including academic and study support, disability and inclusion support, support for LGBTQIA+ students, support for Indigenous students, health and wellbeing services, and childcare facilities and support on campus.

Information about support services can be accessed on their website [here](#).

Career Development & Industry Partnerships

Curtin offers a [career advice service](#) for all students, helping you to develop valuable skills and connecting you with employers.

[Industry learning](#) is also embedded into many of their courses, with options including internships, work integrated learning, and practical learning meaning you can gain professional work experience while you study.

Curtin also has strong [industry links](#), particularly in mining and agriculture, and networks and programs to support budding [entrepreneurs](#).

Information Accessibility

Curtin's university is modern and easy to navigate, with functionality that works across all major browsers. It has a handy search function and essential information about courses, scholarships, and support options are easy to find.

Tours & Information Sessions

You can take a virtual tour of the Bentley campus [here](#).

Curtin run both online and on campus information events for future students regularly throughout the year. You can view the upcoming calendar of events [here](#).

Next Steps

If you're interested in study at Curtin and want to find out more information, the best way to do this is to contact them, either by phone on 1300 222 888, or by submitting an [enquiry online](#).

Curtin also runs one Open Day a year, usually around March.

Workplace Spotlight

What is it Like to Work in a Bank?

Banks exist to help people and businesses with money. They keep our money safe, provide loans when we need money, help us pay for things, and offer advice on managing our finances. They also work closely with governments and other countries to ensure our economy stays stable.

Here are some common things you might find when working at a bank:

1. High customer interaction – you'll interact with clients regularly, assisting them with transactions, answering their questions, and providing necessary advice.
2. Technology is everywhere – banks rely a lot on technology for various tasks, such as processing transactions, managing customer data, and providing online banking services.
3. Security is key – you'll need to ensure that money, documentation, and customer information are handled carefully and safely.

Key Outcome

Provide financial services

The primary purpose of a bank is to provide financial services and facilitate the flow of funds in the economy.

Key Tasks

- Assist customers with account transactions and inquiries
- Evaluate loan applications
- Provide financial advice and guidance
- Develop and maintain customer relationships
- Conduct market research and analysis
- Implement and manage digital banking solutions

Industry

You can find banks in the financial and insurance services industry

Banks are generally found in the financial and insurance services industry. There are a few different kinds of banks, including retail banks, commercial banks, investment banks, and central banks.

Work Environment

You can expect regular hours and flexible work

Regular hours | Work on-site and from home | Jobs more common in metro areas | Moderate job growth

Bank opening hours generally align with regular business hours, typically Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. However, some positions may require longer hours, especially in investment banking or specific customer service roles that need to offer 24/7 service.

With advances in technology, some of the work at a bank can be done remotely, particularly customer service, digital banking support, and certain administrative tasks. However, certain positions that require a physical presence, such as cash handling, in-person customer interactions, or specific operational tasks, may still require on-site work. In some roles, you might even find yourself travelling to and from clients' homes and businesses.

Banks are generally found in all locations, but metropolitan areas tend to have a much higher concentration of banks than regional and remote areas.

The Career Clusters you'll find in a bank

People from all Clusters are needed for a bank to run effectively, but the most common Clusters you'll find are Informers and Linkers. As in any role, you might find yourself performing tasks across multiple Clusters.

What do Makers do in a bank?

Makers aren't as common in banks as other Clusters, but they are still needed for some important roles. This includes things like performing maintenance on vital systems and equipment (such as security systems and ATMs), helping with upkeep of a bank's physical facilities, or maintaining huge IT systems and databases.

- Maintenance Technicians
- IT Support Specialists

The role of a Linker in a bank

Linkers in banks are responsible for helping people find and use the bank's various services and answering any questions and complaints they might have. They are also responsible for creating

and maintaining strong relationships with customers and businesses. Other Linkers are in charge of promoting a bank's services to the public and creating marketing materials to procure more clients.

- Customer Service Officers
- Customer Relationship Managers
- Marketing Managers

Where you'll find Coordinators in a bank

Coordinators in a bank are responsible for planning and managing the day-to-day operations. They may manage workflow, monitor performance metrics, identify areas for improvement, and implement strategies to enhance operational effectiveness. Other Coordinators are responsible for handling administrative tasks, including scheduling meetings and events and maintaining records. Some Coordinators might assist with financial planning, budgeting, and reporting within the bank.

- Operations Coordinators
- Administration Officers
- Finance Managers

How do Informers work in a bank?

Informers in banks provide financial advice to a wide variety of clients, from people looking for a home loan to clients interested in investing and shares. Some Informers might perform market analysis, identifying financial trends and patterns. Other Informers might find themselves running educational programs to teach customers and the public about money management and finances.

- Financial Advisors
- Investment Bankers
- Market Analysts
- Financial Education Specialists

What types of Innovators work in a bank?

Innovators are the people who design and develop online banking processes and applications, making banking more accessible from anywhere in the world. Innovators can also be involved in designing and developing new banking products and services. They are also responsible for ensuring both physical and digital security is strong, and money and data are protected against attacks and fraud.

- Software Developers
- Product Developers
- Cyber Security Specialists

Where you'll find Guardians in a bank

Guardians are needed in banks to keep the premises safe and secure, particularly in cases where large amounts of money are stored on-site. Other Guardians ensure that banks are complying with any important financial laws and regulations to protect customers. In larger banks or banking organisations, there may be roles focused on employee health and wellness.

- Security Officers
- Compliance Officers
- Occupational Health and Wellness Coordinator

How do we expect working in a bank to change in the future?

The banking industry is increasingly relying on technology to improve efficiency, enhance customer experiences, and reduce costs. In the future, banks will likely invest more in digital transformation, automation, and artificial intelligence. In the past few decades, we have already seen a shift in the type of skills required in the industry, with a greater demand for employees with technology expertise – a trend that will likely continue.

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated the adoption of remote work in the banking industry. Many banks are beginning to offer more flexible working arrangements and remote work options.

The banking industry is subject to regulatory requirements and standards that can change over time. Banks will need to adapt to new challenges and regulations related to data privacy, cybersecurity, and anti-money laundering. This could result in changes to bank processes, policies, and systems, with a need for employees to stay up to date with regulatory changes.

Job Spotlight

How to become a Dog Groomer

Dog Groomers care for dogs of all ages, shapes and sizes. They are responsible for washing, clipping, grooming and styling their fur, as well as cleaning and clipping their claws, helping them live comfortably and look fabulous.

If you're great with human and canine customers, have a steady hand, and lots of patience, this career could be a match made in heaven.

About you:

- Excellent customer service skills
- Good work ethic
- Reasonably fit and healthy
- Tolerant and not too squeamish

- Great hand-eye coordination
- Confident using a variety of tools

The job:

- Work on dogs' ears, fur, and nails in a clean and safe environment and manner
- Clean and maintain equipment and working areas
- Make and record bookings
- Recommend products and treatments
- Care for animals whilst in your care

Lifestyle Impact: Low

- Part Time opportunities: High – around 65% of Dog Groomers work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 42 hours a week, which is average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Dog Groomers' salary (median) \$26,000* per year (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au). *Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Very strong (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You can work in a variety of environments, including in veterinary clinics, from a specialist pet salon, run a business from your own home, or operate a mobile dog grooming service and travel to customers.

Dog Groomers are most in demand in these locations:

Demand for Dog Groomers is spread evenly across Australia. Most Dog Groomers work in the Retail Trade industry.

How to become a Dog Groomer in Australia

There are no formal qualification requirements to become a Dog Groomer in Australia, but it is recommended to get some courses under your belt. While online courses are available, it would probably be worth finding courses where you can get hands on experience.

Step 1 – Get work experience with handling animals and grooming if possible while at high school.

Step 2 – Do short courses or workshops that will give you basic knowledge of canine health and anatomy, as well as precision grooming and styling techniques.

Step 3 – Undertake formal qualifications, such as:

- [Certificate II in Animal Care](#)
- [Certificate III in Animal Care Services](#)

Step 4 – Licensing isn't a legal requirement for Dog Groomers in Australia, but you could apply to become a member of the [Pet Industry Association of Australia](#); it could improve your business prospects and cover you from liability.

Step 5 – Start your own business, become a specialist dog breed groomer, or work towards qualifying as a certified Master Groomer.

Find out more here –

<https://www.piaa.net.au/>

<https://www.dgawa.com.au/about/>

Similar Careers to Dog Groomer

Business Owner

Pet Groomer

Dog Trainer

Professional Dog Handler

RSPCA Inspector

Animal Shelter Worker

Vet Nurse

Retail Worker

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How do I become a Dog Groomer?

There are no formal qualification requirements to become a Dog Groomer, but it is recommended that you do some training, as there's a lot to learn. You could complete a Certificate II in as little as 12 months.

What do Dog Groomers do?

Dog Groomers provide lots of services including brushing, clipping, styling, de-tangling, and thinning dogs' coats, as well as hygiene services such as toothbrushing, ear cleaning, and nail cleaning and trimming.

Where do Dog Groomers work?

Dog Groomers can work in kennels, shelters, pet stores, veterinary clinics, bespoke facilities, mobile "salons" or in their clients' homes.

Is Dog Grooming like being a hairdresser?

Not really, no. There are different skills and techniques required.

Do I need to be qualified to start my own pet grooming business?

In Australia there are currently no formal qualifications required, but obtaining recognised qualifications and practical knowledge of the industry could help keep your business do better, avoid injuring dogs, and prevent you from being sued.

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