

Careers Newsletter



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What's On

Upcoming Events

Girls Who Build – Let's talk tools of the trade with ADCO's Apprentice Carpenters & Site Supervisors

May 13, 2024

This session aims to empower young women to hear about the exciting Carpentry Apprenticeships and Site roles from our Women of ADCO. Learn about these roles and discover the vast array of career paths available in the dynamic construction industry. Hear inspiring stories from successful women in construction. Learn about carpentry apprenticeships and site supervisor roles, explore educational pathways, and connect with professionals and peers who share your interests and aspirations.

[Find out more](#)

NCW | Careers in Electricity, Gas and Renewables

May 13, 2024

In response to the skills shortages in Australia's energy sector, there is a critical need to focus on career pathway opportunities within electricity, renewables, and gas.

Enhancing career prospects requires the establishment of clear and accessible career pathways that not only attract new talent but also facilitate ongoing professional development and specialisation. Australia can ensure a continuous influx of skilled professionals by creating structured career progression plans, enhancing training structures, and increasing collaboration between educational institutions and industry leaders.

This focus will not only fill the current gaps but also sustain the innovation and growth necessary for the sector's long-term success.

This event is part of National Careers Week's industry information series, courtesy of the Career Industry Council of Australia and three Jobs and Skills Councils.

[Find out more](#)



ACU | Talk with Psychologists, Youth Workers and Social Workers

May 14, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on psychology, youth work and social work.

[Find out more](#)

NCW | Careers in Creative Arts and Culture

May 14, 2024

Join us to explore VET skills and career pathways within the Creative Arts and Culture sector. If you are interested in starting a career in the Creative Arts and Culture sector, join Katrina Higham from Service and Creative Skills Australia (SaCSA) to hear from industry peers on how their career pathways and journeys led them to being in such dynamic and creative industry. *This event is part of National Careers Week's industry information series, courtesy of the Career Industry Council of Australia and three Jobs and Skills Councils.*

[Find out more](#)

Camden Careers Expo

May 14, 2024

Now in its third year, the expo is proudly hosted by Camden Council in partnership with Training Services NSW and as part of National Careers Week. The expo welcomes job seekers, including school students or anyone wanting a career change, to connect with a range of industries offering tangible career pathways, study and training opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

WSU | Discover Western Webinar - For Parents: Your Role and How You Can Help Guide Them to University

May 14, 2024

Watch our webinar for Parents and Supporters to learn how you can support your child through their HSC and while they make those big decisions about their future. Discover university entry options, careers and courses, and pathways they can use should they not achieve their desired ATAR.

[Find out more](#)

Charles Sturt | Health and Community Services Explore Day

May 14, 2024

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 and want a health career that makes a real difference? Come to our Community Services and Health Explore Day!

Join leading industry and education providers for the ultimate health event. Explore our range of diverse community services and health courses.

Find out about careers from organisations and institutions across New South Wales. And learn from industry experts from the Central West and beyond.

[Find out more](#)



UQ Ready, Northern Rivers

May 14, 2024

Join us for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

- Get advice on maximising your ATAR score
- Understand QTAC preferencing
- Hear about our many student support services and accommodation options
- Know how to respond to a university offer, enrol, and plan your timetable
- Get tips for successfully transitioning to university

The information will be valuable to any high school student looking to go to any university. Where possible, a panel of UQ students will share their experiences and advice on making the most of your university experience.

[Find out more](#)

NCW | Careers in Retail, Hairdressing & Beauty and Floristry

May 15, 2024

Join us to explore VET skills and career pathways within Retail, Hairdressing & Beauty and Floristry

If you are interested in starting a career in the Retail, Hair & Beauty or Floristry sectors, join Katrina Higham from Service and Creative Skills Australia (SaCSA) to hear from industry peers on how their career pathways and journeys led them to being in such dynamic and creative industry.

This event is part of National Careers Week's industry information series, courtesy of the Career Industry Council of Australia and three Jobs and Skills Councils.

[Find out more](#)

Northwest Regional Career Expo 2024

May 15, 2024

Our Careers Expo was started in 1992 by Rotary Club of Tamworth First Light. Attendees benefited from a wide range of exhibitors from a large variety of industries providing valuable advice and information to help further their career and business development. The event continues to provide valuable access to local and interstate exhibitors for the community and schools from Tamworth and the surrounding region.

[Find out more](#)

Charles Sturt | Charles Sturt Advantage Information Session

May 15, 2024

Applications for the Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program are now open. Please join us for an online information session to learn more about our early offer program and ask any questions you have.

[Find out more](#)



ACU | Talk with Specialist Nurses

May 15, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on specialist nursing.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW | Law Admissions Test (LAT) Information Evening

May 15, 2024

Get all of your questions answered at our online 2024 LAT Information Evening. The Law Admission Test (LAT) is an entry requirement for all undergraduate law double degrees at UNSW. We'll cover how the LAT has worked for entry in the past, provide detailed program and faculty information, as well as key LAT dates for the year ahead.

We'll also be joined by some current students to answer general questions about the LAT and studying law at UNSW. Our LAT Information Evening is for Year 11 and 12 students and their parents, careers advisers and students currently studying at another university who are hoping to transfer to UNSW Bachelor of Laws in 2025.

[Find out more](#)

BiG Day In, Parramatta

May 15, 2024

Join us on Wednesday 15 May for 2024 BiG Day In Parramatta. Bring your Year 9-12 students along to WSU CBD Campus to hear from presenters from Westpac, Microsoft, Google, Wisetech Global & more to come so they can learn where a STEM career can take them.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Life of a veterinarian

May 15, 2024

Are you passionate about making a difference to the health, welfare and conservation of animals around the world? Home to the #1 veterinary school in Australia, and #23 in the world, the University of Sydney leads in veterinary education, animal science and research, fostering a vibrant community of scholars and practitioners.

Join this session to discover what an average day for a veterinarian is like and how you can pursue studies in veterinary medicine, as well as the many research and placement opportunities available to you.

[Find out more](#)

Girls Who Build – Let's talk tools of the trade with ADCO's Project Engineers

May 15, 2024

This session aims to empower young women to hear about the exciting Project Engineering roles from our Women of ADCO. Learn about these roles and discover the vast array of career paths available in the dynamic construction industry. Hear inspiring stories from successful women in construction. Learn about carpentry apprenticeships and site supervisor roles, explore educational pathways, and connect with professionals and peers who share your interests and aspirations.

[Find out more](#)



NCW | Careers in Automotive

May 16, 2024

The automotive industry offers a range of career opportunities, with entry points available for varying different levels of education.

This session will explore the latest trends impacting the industry, how these translate to strong career opportunities and the types of roles that are in demand, what they earn and how to commence the journey toward achieving them.

This event is part of National Careers Week's industry information series, courtesy of the Career Industry Council of Australia and three Jobs and Skills Councils.

[Find out more](#)

Total College | Virtual Open Day

May 16, 2024

Are you inspired by the challenge of feeding the world's growing population? How would you like a career that grows with you and can take you anywhere in Australia? Get started on your path at Total.

Total College provides industry-relevant skills and knowledge, to prepare students for careers in a range of primary industries and agriculture including beef cattle, dairying, horse breeding, rural business management, sheep production, poultry, cropping, precision farming, general agriculture, related rural business, and natural resource management.

Join this session to

- hear from students about what the courses are like,
- see what student life on campus is like,
- learn about careers in agriculture and primary industries,
- virtually explore Total college and farm,
- find out how you can apply for a course

[Find out more](#)

Aged Care Career Expo

May 16, 2024

Discover how to start your career in aged care! Working in aged care makes a real difference to people's lives. Get advice on jobs available, areas you can specialise in and qualifications needed. Talk to service providers and employers in the aged care sector.

Presentations will also offer insights into:

- Overview of aged care career
- Why aged care?
- Courses to start in aged care

Free to attend. Light Refreshments will be provided.

The Aged Care Career Expo is Brought to you by Your Side, Ku-ring-gai, Mosman, City of Ryde and Willoughby Councils.

[Find out more](#)



Newcastle & Lake Macquarie Career Expo 2024

May 16, 2024

The Newcastle & Lake Macquarie Career Expo is proudly presented by Career Links, on behalf of the Career Advisors Association.

This leading Career Expo is attracting a record number of local and interstate exhibitors including major universities, leading training colleges and employers.

[Find out more](#)

Girls Who Build – Let's talk tools of the trade with ADCO's Graduates & Cadets

May 16, 2024

This session aims to empower young women to hear about the exciting Graduate and Cadet programs from our Women of ADCO. Learn about these roles and discover the vast array of career paths available in the dynamic construction industry. Hear inspiring stories from successful women in construction. Learn about carpentry apprenticeships and site supervisor roles, explore educational pathways, and connect with professionals and peers who share your interests and aspirations.

[Find out more](#)

William Angliss Institute | Industry Insights: Event Management & Career Pathways Q&A

May 16, 2024

Want to know about the creative, fast-paced events industry?

Join us as we interview former Event Manager and now Industry Trainer and Author, Effie Steriopoulos, as she shares insights into the occupation and event roles in this space, her own experiences, career pathways, skills needed and more to thrive in the event management industry.

[Find out more](#)

William Angliss Institute | Industry Insights: Tourism & Career Pathways Q&A

May 16, 2024

Ever wondered about working as a Tour Guide or in the tourism industry?

Join us as we speak to Tour Guide, Industry Trainer and William Angliss Institute alumni, John O'Donnell, learning about his journey in the industry, the sorts of career opportunities available in the tourism space, the types of places you could work at, skills needed and more.

[Find out more](#)

William Angliss Institute | Industry Insights: Aviation & Career Pathways Q&A

May 17, 2024

Join us as we interview former Cabin Crew member and now Industry Trainer Michelle Hemsley to learn more about the role and her journey with Emirates Airlines, Virgin Australia and more.

Explore different career options and hear about the pathway of becoming a Cabin Crew member, which skills you'll need and the experiences that count towards this exciting profession.

[Find out more](#)



WSU | Unlocking Careers in Sport and Health - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Experience Day

May 17, 2024

This on campus event for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander High School students in years 9-12, raises knowledge and aspiration for Careers in Sport and Health.

Students will participate in their choice of practical workshops, a Q&A Yarn Up with Indigenous industry professionals to gain insights into their work, education journey and careers.

All attendees will receive a free Western Sports Pack.

[Find out more](#)

Girls Who Build – Let’s talk tools of the trade with ADCO’s Estimators & Contract Administrators

May 17, 2024

This session aims to empower young women to hear about the exciting Estimator and Contract Administrator roles from our Women of ADCO. Learn about these roles and discover the vast array of career paths available in the dynamic construction industry. Hear inspiring stories from successful women in construction. Learn about carpentry apprenticeships and site supervisor roles, explore educational pathways, and connect with professionals and peers who share your interests and aspirations.

[Find out more](#)

Hunter Valley Career Expo 2024

May 17, 2024

Make sure that you plan your visit to the Hunter Valley Career Expo so that you are able to gather as much information as you can about the careers and jobs you are interested in. You will be able to talk to people who are working in many different types of jobs. There will be representatives from employer and professional associations, TAFE, Universities, other training providers and employment agencies.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Music Portfolio Evening

May 17, 2024

Make your application stand out and join us at our Music Portfolio Evening on Friday 17 May. We encourage you to take this opportunity to receive tailored advice from our academic staff and gain valuable insights to elevate your portfolio, which is a crucial element of your application to study a Bachelor of Music (Composition), Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Composition), Bachelor of Music Composition for Creative Industries Program, and Bachelor of Music Contemporary Music Practice Program at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

At this event, you’ll receive personalised feedback on your music portfolio, speak directly with our staff, tour our iconic campus and learn about our courses and submission processes.

[Find out more](#)



NCW | Careers in Hospitality and Tourism

May 17, 2024

Join us to explore VET skills and career pathways within the Hospitality and Tourism sector.

If you are interested in starting a career in the Hospitality and Tourism sector, join Katrina

Higham from Service and Creative Skills Australia (SaCSA) to hear from industry peers on how

their career pathways and journeys led them to being in such dynamic and creative industry.

This event is part of National Careers Week's industry information series, courtesy of the Career Industry Council of Australia and three Jobs and Skills Councils.

[Find out more](#)

NCI | Careers in Clean Energy: Charting the course to Net Zero

May 17, 2024

This session is being presented by the National Careers Institute, the Premier Partner of National Careers Week.

Join us for a panel discussion on Australia's clean energy sector.

The clean energy sector is in a period of extraordinary growth as Australia accelerates

towards a fully clean energy power system. A panel will discuss the varied careers in clean

energy and their lived experience in their career journeys. At the conclusion of the discussion

attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session.

[Find out more](#)

The Hotel School | Industry Insights, Central Coast

May 18, 2024

Join us for an exclusive behind the scenes look at life working in the hotel and event industry.

Gain insights of Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific through the eyes of a hospitality and events

professional. Find out what it is like to work in this dynamic environment by immersing

yourself in the behind the scenes operations of a luxury hotel.

You are invited to this unique, fully interactive experience where you will meet professionals

of key hotel departments and have an opportunity to understand their roles. This event is

perfect for those wanting a better understanding of the complexities and depth of hospitality careers.

[Find out more](#)

Charles Sturt | Dubbo Experience Day

May 21, 2024

Get hands-on at our Dubbo campus, where you'll get to take a closer look at different course

areas, chat with current students and lecturers, and get one-on-one advice from experienced

professionals.

[Find out more](#)

Greater Western Sydney Careers Market 2024

May 22 to May 23, 2024

This event offers exhibitors the opportunity to speak to thousands of Greater Western Sydney

high school students and careers advisers as these students explore career paths and further

education options available to them.



Organisations such as Universities, Registered Training Organisations (RTO), Apprenticeship Centre's, Group training Organisations, Private Colleges, Professional Associations and Employers attend this event to inform students about everything they need to know, covering all questions about careers and educational options after high school.

[Find out more](#)

RMIT | New Career Ahead: Explore the Possibilities Series 3/3

May 22, 2024

What is it like to work in a particular job? Or a particular sector?

In our third and final workshop, equip yourself with the tools to explore your career ideas and leverage valuable resources to make informed decisions. Whether it's your first job, a change, or a transition, good research gives a more complete picture of opportunities and uncovers new ideas.

Gain clarity and confidence and take the next steps in your career journey as we cover:

- What labour market information is and benefits it can provide.
- Practical tools and resources available to help you delve further into your career ideas.
- Actionable steps to keep your exploration moving forwards and yourself on track.

You can either opt to attend this session online or in person at RMIT University Melbourne City Campus. The general public and RMIT students are welcome to attend.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Year 12 Information Evening

May 22 to May 23, 2024

Explore our iconic campus and learn more about university entry, scholarships, study options and more at our information evening for Year 12 students and their caregivers. Don't miss this opportunity to explore your options and ask any questions you have about joining the Sydney student community next year.

Our on-campus event will include a tour, course advice exhibition and information sessions on curriculum, scholarships, student support, campus life and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander study pathways. If you can't make it in person, don't worry – our online session will cover everything you need to know!

On campus

Wednesday 22 May, 4 – 7 pm

Online

Thursday 23 May, 6 – 7:30 pm

[Find out more](#)

UNSW | Arts, Design & Architecture Information Evening

May 22, 2024

Are you interested in a career in Arts, Design & Architecture? Join us online where you will hear from our Dean, Professor Claire Annesley, as well as a panel of current students, and get all of your UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture questions answered. Learn about our degrees, careers, admission pathways, scholarships and more!

[Find out more](#)



University of Sydney | ARTiculate Economics - Exploring Australia's balance of payments and trade dynamics in a global context

May 23, 2024

In this talk, Dr IKM Mokhtarul Wadud will discuss Australia's balance of payments (BOP) in the context of open economy macroeconomics. The talk will highlight how Australia's BOP has evolved over recent decades, with special emphasis on how the dynamics of comparative advantage in trade of certain products and associated changes in foreign investment have shaped the Australian BOP and the Australian economy over the years. The role of the mining boom and the Australian economy's growth trajectory in the post-GFC period will also be highlighted. Dr Wadud will also draw the implications of such dynamics for Australia's BOP components namely, the current, capital and financial accounts, with special reference to Australia's prospect as a trading nation.

The ARTiculate Talk Series aims to provide senior high school students with additional support complementing the curriculum to enrich their understanding in HSC subjects related to arts, humanities, languages and social sciences.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School | Open Day

May 25, 2024

Be open to creativity! We're opening our studios for a day of exploration. Meet our passionate Educators, view our exhibition space and get hands on building an interiors mood board or 3D model.

[Find out more](#)

AIE | Open Day

May 25, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day on **Sat 25 May 2024**. This event will be held at AIE Campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Adelaide from 10am to 3pm.

AIE's Open Day is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff and students. The day will cover 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.

AIE's Open Day will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

[Find out more](#)



Charles Sturt | Agriculture and Environmental Science Information Night

May 28, 2024

Discover everything you need to know about starting your future in agriculture or environmental sciences.

- Learn about our undergraduate courses and on-campus facilities in Wagga Wagga – including the 1,600 hectare Global Digital Farm, herbarium, phytotron plant growth chambers, rhizolysimeter, glasshouses, winery and vineyard.
- Find out about our environmental sciences facilities at Albury-Wodonga and Port Macquarie – including 80 hectares of grey water management, incorporating water harvesting, run-off management, reed beds and wetlands – where you'll get hands-on experience.
- Find out about career opportunities, support services, scholarships and more.
- Get to know our expert academics and have all your questions answered.
- Hear from current students about their study experiences and be inspired by our guest speakers, who will provide insight into the future of the agricultural industry in a changing world, including precision agriculture technology, and the role of sustainability.

Whether you're in high school, looking for a change or keen to take the next step in your career – this event is for you! Parents and career advisers are also welcome.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney College of the Arts | Portfolio Evening

May 28, 2024

Don't miss the opportunity to join us at the Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Evening, in-person, for tailored feedback and valuable insights to elevate your portfolio to support your application.

Your portfolio is a key part of your application to study a [Bachelor of Visual Arts](#) or [Bachelor of Visual Arts and Bachelor of Advanced Studies](#) at the University of Sydney.

As part of the Portfolio Evening, you'll be able to speak with our experienced staff to:

- gain personalised, one-on-one feedback and advice on your current portfolio and how to enhance your submission
- receive information about our degrees, specialised facilities, and student opportunities inside and outside the classroom.

[Find out more](#)



Important Future Events

HSC and Careers Expo 2024

May 30 to June 1, 2024

The HSC and Careers Expo celebrates its 16th year in 2024!

Our exhibitors include:

- universities, TAFE colleges and training providers
- providers of HSC resources, information and services
- organisations with apprenticeship information and opportunities
- organisations with employment opportunities
- organisations with cadetship opportunities
- career advisers and student support services
- providers of tutoring services, lecture and study skills programs
- providers of international exchange and GAP year programs
- providers of youth services and programs

Attend seminars on topics including:

- HSC subjects
- Subject selection advice for Year 10 students
- Tertiary courses
- Careers
- Employment opportunities
- Study advice
- Gap year options

[Find out more](#)

Charles Sturt | EngFest 2024

June 3 to June 6, 2024

EngFest is Charles Sturt's annual celebration of civil engineering, with exhibitions and presentations of student works and research, school visits and information sessions, a careers expo, industry networking, professional development events and more.

It brings together students, cadet and professional civil engineers, researchers, representatives of Engineers Australia, interested members of the public and school students.

[Find out more](#)

UNE | 2024 HSC Booster Days

June 12 to June 13, 2024

UNE and specialist lecturers will present various sessions jam packed with relevant information to assist Year 12 students reach their full potential and are aligned with the HSC Curriculum and designed to enhance discipline knowledge, as well as inspire the students in their learning areas.

[Find out more](#)



YLS (Young Leaders Summit) Sydney

June 14, 2024

Led by young leaders, for young leaders, YLS (Young Leaders Summit) is Australia's Premier Youth Leadership Day. It's a one-day, interactive summit designed to inspire and empower a generation of brave and creative young leaders.

YLS is a vibrant, leadership-centric summit that aims to cultivate a cadre of insightful, resilient and innovative young leaders. Broadening its scope to include all secondary students, YLS offers an invaluable experience not just for established young leaders but for every student. It is designed to inspire participants to embrace a leadership mindset and further develop their inherent leadership qualities.

[Find out more](#)

ACPE | Open Day 2024

June 22, 2024

Exploring your study options for a career in the sport industry? Join us on campus. See where you will study, meet our students and lecturers, and participate in info sessions and practical sessions to take the next step with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2024

June 27 to June 29, 2024

Western Sydney Careers Expo celebrates its 14th year in 2024!

Our exhibitors include:

- universities, TAFE colleges and training providers
- providers of HSC resources, information and services
- organisations with apprenticeship information and opportunities
- organisations with employment opportunities
- organisations with cadetship opportunities
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- Study advice
- Gap year options

[Find out more](#)



WSU | Open Day 2024

June 30, 2024

Open Day will be held Sunday, 30 June 2024 and is a great opportunity to discover all that Western has to offer.

Explore course options, meet academics and find out about our pathway options.

[Find out more](#)

The Hotel School | Sydney Open Campus 2024

July 6, 2024

Join us for a day filled with excitement and exploration at our University Open Campus, where you'll get to experience life as a student at The Hotel School. Here's what awaits you:

- Experience studying at THS firsthand by participating in a special Masterclass
- Meet The Hotel School team and explore our diverse range of courses and application process
- Discuss career opportunities with the Work Integrated Learning team
- Connect with our current students and fellow attendees
- Enjoy light refreshments

[Find out more](#)

Campion | Winter Program

July 9 to July 12, 2024

Join us for Winter Program, a unique opportunity designed for individuals who are earnestly contemplating enrolment at Campion College in 2024, 2025, or 2026.

Our immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. We have a fun-filled schedule including a bonfire night, movies, trivia, dancing and sports, as well as sample lectures from our history, literature, philosophy, theology and classics professors.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA | Dance Experience Day

July 10, 2024

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites dancers 16 & above to join us on campus for a day of dance. Register and bring your friends along and get ready to move! Dancers will have a chance to participate in contemporary & improvisation classes facilitated by AMPA's inspiring faculty and experience what studying dance full-time is like at AMPA. A Q&A with the program's Head of Dance will allow aspiring dancers, choreographers, and dance teachers, to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit their future careers.

[Find out more](#)



AMPA | Music Theatre/Classical Experience Day

July 10, 2024

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

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

[Find out more](#)

AMPA | Contemporary/Music Production/Composition

July 11, 2024

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

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

Parents also welcome to attend.

[Find out more](#)

Total College | Open Day

July 12, 2024

Our College Open Days are a wonderful opportunity to visit Total and experience first hand all that it can offer students who are eager for a rewarding career in agriculture, agribusiness or horse breeding and training.

Open Days provide prospective students, their families and carers an ideal forum to visit the College and get a feel for what life as a student is really like.

Each day's activities include:

- an overview of full-time courses,
- a description of career opportunities,
- information on fees and financial assistance,
- inspection of College campus facilities,
- tour of Total's commercial farms and training facilities,
- opportunities to chat with staff and also undertake an informal interview (if desired).

[Find out more](#)

AIT | Open Day

July 13, 2024

AIT's Open Day is perfect for those wanting to explore the endless opportunities available in the growing creative industries. This fun and interactive day is a great way to get further information on our curriculum, course requirements and study pathways. Our friendly staff & students will also be there to talk to and get advice from.



On the day you can expect to:

- Learn about our degrees in film, 2D and 3D animation, game design, and IT.
- Hear more about careers and study paths.
- Take a tour of our campus.
- Lunch included on the day.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Tahgara Program

July 15 to July 19, 2024

The Tahgara Program is an intensive week-long residential program at the University of Sydney, designed to prepare Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 12 students for their final exams and equip them for their journey into higher education.

Students attend workshops presented by exam markers, expert tutors, faculty academics, and university staff and students. Designed to build educational capacity and motivation, students participating in the Tahgara Program will experience an individually tailored program, guiding them through scholarship applications, university pathways, exam preparation, as well as receiving one-on-one subject specific tutoring.

There is no cost for the schools or families of students who participate in the Tahgara Program. The University of Sydney will pay for travel, meals, accommodation and all other expenses associated with the program.

This program is open to all Year 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from across Australia.

[Find out more](#)

UOW | Performance & Theatre School Holiday Workshops

July 17 to July 18, 2024

The University of Wollongong is excited to introduce a new selection of school holiday workshops offered on 17 & 18 July 2024 for students in Years 11/12. These workshops are led by award-winning playwright, screenwriter and UOW lecturer Mark Rogers, winner of Sydney Theatre Company's Patrick White Award. Two different workshops are available: Monologue Masterclass and Playwriting Masterclass.

Expressions of interest are open from Monday 29 April and close on Monday 20 May 2024.

[Find out more](#)

NIE | Future Doctors Australia, Sydney

July 18 to July 21, 2024

Gaining medical work experience is essential for young people considering a career in medicine. It provides insight into the field, helps develop skills and attributes, and provides networking opportunities. However, obtaining medical work experience can be challenging due to various restrictions such as limited opportunities, safety concerns, and confidentiality issues.



That's why NIE has developed the "Future Doctors Australia" program. It is an engaging and high-impact 4-day program that provides young people with a unique opportunity to gain medical work experience in a safe and structured environment. Participants will have the opportunity to spend time with current junior and senior medical students. They will also have the rare opportunity to spend time with more senior clinicians and various medical specialists. You will get to learn about clinical specialist's relevant fields of work, ask them questions, and learn some hands-on skills from them.

- Over 15 hours of face-to-face interaction with leading specialists and clinicians
- Meet current medical students
- Develop advanced communication and team working skills
- Create new friendships with like-minded, highly driven young individuals
- Learn about the admission process into various medical universities in Australia
- Morning tea and lunch included

[Find out more](#)

Tocal College | Open Day

July 19, 2024

Our College Open Days are a wonderful opportunity to visit Tocal and experience first hand all that it can offer students who are eager for a rewarding career in agriculture, agribusiness or horse breeding and training. Open Days provide prospective students, their families and carers an ideal forum to visit the College and get a feel for what life as a student is really like.

Each day's activities include:

- an overview of full-time courses,
- a description of career opportunities,
- information on fees and financial assistance,
- inspection of College campus facilities,
- tour of Tocal's commercial farms and training facilities,
- opportunities to chat with staff and also undertake an informal interview (if desired).

[Find out more](#)

Charles Sturt | Open Day 2024

July 28 to August 25, 2024

What is Open Day? It's your opportunity to discover what life at Charles Sturt is all about.

Open Day isn't just for students – parents and carers are welcome too!

Be inspired by our academics, explore our facilities and chat to current students about what studying with us is really like. From information sessions and campus tours to free food, entertainment and giveaways – there's something for everyone.

- **Port Macquarie:** Sunday 28 July
- **Wagga Wagga:** Sunday 4 August
- **Albury-Wodonga:** Sunday 11 August
- **Bathurst:** Sunday 18 August
- **Orange:** Sunday 25 August

[Find out more](#)



Northern Rivers Careers Expo 2024

From July 30, 2024

Held annually in July, the Northern Rivers Careers Expo is the region's premier careers event. Showcasing Career Advice, Further Education, Jobs and Training, it is an opportunity for local school leavers, job seekers and workers to develop genuine long-term career prospects.

[Find out more](#)

SCU | Open Days 2024

August 4 to August 18, 2024

Want to check out Southern Cross University campuses in person? Come to our Open Days at the Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, and Coffs Harbour campuses in August 2024:

- Northern Rivers Campus – Sunday, August 4
- Coffs Harbour Campus – Sunday, August 11
- Gold Coast Campus – Sunday, August 18

[Find out more](#)

2024 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos

August 6 to September 10, 2024

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts.

The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

Upcoming events:

- **Parramatta & Hills District:** Tuesday 6 August | 3pm to 7pm | Wenty Leagues – Wentworthville
- **Central Coast:** Tuesday 13 August | 3pm to 7pm | Mingara Recreation Club – Tumby Umbi
- **Newcastle & Hunter:** Tuesday 20 August | 3pm to 7pm | NEX – Newcastle Exhibition & Convention Centre – Newcastle West
- **South Western Sydney/Macarthur:** Tuesday 27 August | 3pm to 7pm | Liverpool Catholic Club – Prestons
- **Western Sydney:** Tuesday 3 September | 3pm to 7pm | Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre – Cambridge Park
- **Sutherland Shire:** Tuesday 10 September | 3pm to 7pm | Tradies GyMEA – GyMEA

[Find out more](#)



Free Money

Scholarships

Global Footprints Scholarship

Opens: May 1, 2024

Closes: June 1, 2024

A Global Footprints Scholarship is a great opportunity to kickstart your career and drive your passion for sustainability. It gives young Australians like you the opportunity to travel the world, learn about sustainability and shape a better future for yourselves and the world. Scholarships are available for Agriculture, Horticulture and many Trades.

[Find out more](#)

Elevate: Boosting Women in STEM Scholarships

Opens: May 1, 2024

Closes: August 30, 2024

ATSE's *Elevate: Boosting women in STEM* program will award more than 500 undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships to women and non-binary people in STEM.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Future Leaders Photography Prize 2024

Opens: May 1, 2024

Closes: June 1, 2024

The Future Leaders Photography Prize is designed to recognize talented young photographers.

[Find out more](#)

Future Leaders Future Justice Award 2024

Opens: May 1, 2024

Closes: June 1, 2024

The Future Leaders Future Justice Award recognises Year 12 students who have shown leadership and initiative on intergenerational equity, future justice. Future justice is concerned with what those living today leave behind for future generations.

[Find out more](#)

Future Leaders Helen Handbury Leadership Award 2024

Opens: May 1, 2024

Closes: June 1, 2024

The Helen Handbury Leadership Awards mark the outstanding contribution that the late Mrs Helen Handbury has made to community development in rural and regional Australia. The Awards recognise Year 12 students in rural and regional Australia who have shown outstanding community leadership.



[Find out more](#)

Future Leaders Writing Prize 2024

Opens: May 1, 2024

Closes: June 1, 2024

The Future Leaders Writing Prize is designed to recognise and reward talented young writers. It aims to encourage expressive and creative writing.

[Find out more](#)

Study

University

[Student placements at university – Everything you need to know](#)

There has been [a bit of buzz in the news](#) recently about student placements. And if you're thinking of further study in the future, there's a chance you might have to take a placement as part of your course. But what are student placements? Why might you need to do one? And, importantly, are you paid for it? We're going to cover all that and more in this blog – let's take a look.

What is a student placement?

Student placements are a part of many degrees. They're known by a variety of different names, such as:

- Work integrated learning
- Vocational placements
- Industry placements
- Practicums

Essentially, they're a practical component of your studies – you go out into a real workplace and gain the experience you need for your future job.

In most cases, these placements are a mandatory part of a course. This means you need to complete one before you can graduate, just like you would a normal subject.

What are student placements for?

Student placements are typically part of courses that require some form of hands-on experience. They give you the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge you've learned in the classroom in a real work environment. Often, courses have mandatory placements because it's a regulatory or professional requirement to be qualified for a particular career. Plus, they're also a great way to see if you enjoy a particular job, or if it might not be right for you. Many students also make connections with the employer who ran their placement and find paid work with them after they graduate.



Which courses involve student placements?

Like we mentioned above, you usually need to undertake a student placement in more practical courses. Here are some course areas you can expect to do a student placement in:

- Medicine, dentistry, nursing, and midwifery
- Allied health
- Social and community work
- Teaching and education
- Engineering
- Veterinary studies
- Law
- Many vocational courses

This list isn't exhaustive, and whether or not a placement is mandatory will come down to the individual educational institution.

Optional placements, such as internships or work experience, are typically more common in areas such as business and arts.

Are student placements mandatory?

In most cases, yes. Certain qualifications require you to complete a set amount of work or professional learning before you can graduate.

How long your placement runs depends on your course and professional requirements. They can vary in length from just a few weeks, up to an entire semester (or even a year). Sometimes you'll need to complete a set amount of hours over a designated period of time.

If a placement is a mandatory part of a course, this information should all be detailed in the course handbook, including when you need to complete it by, how long it's expected to be, and more.

Do you get paid to do a student placement?

Unfortunately, no.

In Australia, student placements can be unpaid according to the [Fair Work Ombudsman](#), as long as they meet the following rules:

- A formal arrangement has been made, either by the educational institution or the student
- There is no employment contract between the student and host organisation
- The placement is a requirement for the course
- The educational institution is approved to deliver placements

In [New Zealand](#), mandatory placements that are part of a course of learning are typically unpaid.

In [the UK](#), students undergoing placements as a required part of their course are not entitled to pay, unless the placement is greater than a year in length.

In [the US](#), practicums and placements are typically unpaid as long as the student receives academic credit towards their course.

Note that some employers may voluntarily elect to pay students on placements, but this is relatively uncommon. Students on placement may also be able to access other government financial support to offset the fact that they have less time for paid work than other students.



What makes them different from internships/work experience/etc.?

Student placement is a term typically used to describe a mandatory work placement a student must undertake as part of their course.

On the other hand, things like internships and work experience are usually optional or voluntary. But they still have many of the same benefits as a student placement, like applying your knowledge and skills in a work environment, and getting to experience a real workplace. Internships and work experience are generally done outside of your course, and many students undertake them during their holidays. Student placements, on the other hand, form part of your course and are completed during the hours you'd usually be in class.

In a student placement, you'll be expected to undertake the same tasks as any other employee. Conversely, interns and work experience students are typically only expected to observe or engage in work-shadowing.

How do I organise a student placement?

Your educational institution is generally the first place you should go to discuss your placement options. They are often able to connect you with potential organisations, fill out required paperwork, and guide you through the application process.

If you want to find a placement externally, make sure you do your research on the company, what they're offering, and what's expected of you before you apply.

Find out more

As always, get in touch with your chosen institution to learn more about your future study options. They'll be happy to answer any questions you might have about a particular course. We also have lots of other blogs you might be interested in on our website [here](#).

Short Courses

[All about microcredentials](#)

In the future world of work, your transferable skills will be more important than ever. Gone are the days of getting one qualification and being done for good – today, jobs are constantly evolving, which means our knowledge and skills need to as well. The popularity of microcredentials has exploded over the last few years to fill this need. They're a new take on learning; instead of a course taking you months or even years, microcredentials are designed to teach you something new in no time at all.

What is a microcredential?

Microcredentials are highly-tailored short courses, typically taught over the course of a few days or weeks, that teach skills and knowledge in specific areas. They are a great way to quickly learn new skills or refresh existing ones.

They're most commonly used as a way for employees to upskill if they're looking for a promotion or to pivot into a new role. But they're becoming more common in the wider education space as well, particularly as a way for students to learn valuable skills for their first job.



The National Microcredentials Framework

In Australia, the Department of Education, Skills and Employment has developed a National Microcredentials Framework, which you can read more about [here](#). Essentially, it means that providers and courses are regulated, so you can take a course without the risk of investing time, energy and money into a something that may or may not be recognised down the track.

The benefits of microcredentials

Wondering what the benefits of microcredentials are? Here are just a few.

They're short

One of the most obvious benefits of microcredentials is that they're short. You don't need to disrupt your work or social commitments to finish one. Employers love them too because it means they can upskill their employees without having to take time off.

They're cheap

Another benefit is that they're often low-cost. If you can't afford the fees for a vocational or university qualification just yet, microcredentials could be an affordable alternative that will get you into the jobs you'd like to do, even if they are starting positions for now.

They're a great way to update your skills and knowledge

Most importantly, microcredentials allow you to keep your skills and knowledge up to date in a rapidly changing world. Technology is advancing so fast that what you learn over a two- or three-year course might be obsolete by the time you finish. But with microcredentials, you can learn quickly and stay up to date.

They're industry-driven

Lots of microcredentials are industry-driven, which means that if they're not designed by professionals in the roles, they'll be approved by industry bodies and will therefore be recognised by lots of employers.

They can be used as a stepping stone to further study

Recognised as a stand alone qualification, some microcredentials may be "stacked" so that you'll end up with a higher-level outcome, and some courses might even count as credit towards other tertiary courses.

What does a microcredential involve?

Just like other courses, each microcredential is structured differently, so you'll need to do some research before signing up.

Typically, they will consist of learning through live or pre-recorded seminars and other resources, and usually involve some sort of assessment or test to ensure you've taken the course content on board.

Once you're finished, you'll receive a digital badge or certificate to show you've successfully completed the course. You can add this to your digital portfolio, resume, or even show it off on platforms like LinkedIn.

There are different levels of courses, all the way from novice to expert, so you'll need to pay attention to the criteria to make sure you have any pre-existing knowledge that's required.



Want to know more?

It's easy to take microcredentials online. Here are some places you might be interested in looking at:

- [Coursera](#)
- [edX](#)
- [LinkedIn Learning](#)
- [Grandshake](#)
- [Microcredseeker](#)

Or you can read more about your study options on our website [here](#).

Work

Job Spotlight

[How to become a Flight Attendant](#)

Flight attendants, also known as cabin crew, are responsible for passengers' comfort and safety while onboard an aircraft. The job includes a wide variety of responsibilities and tasks, from serving food and drink to providing first aid. You'll be working in a fast-paced environment, meeting new people, and experiencing different cultures.

If you have great people skills and want a career that can take you all over the world, you might like to consider becoming a flight attendant.

What skills do I need as a flight attendant?

- Excellent communicator
- Neat & presentable
- Can remain calm under pressure
- Organised & efficient
- Adaptable & flexible
- Polite & helpful
- Can work in teams & independently
- Reliable & trustworthy

What does the job involve?

- Prepare aircraft for passengers to board
- Check tickets & direct passengers to their seats
- Perform safety demonstrations & checks
- Serve food & drink mid-flight
- Assist passengers with special needs
- Help passengers stow luggage
- Keep passengers calm & comfortable
- Perform emergency procedures if necessary



What industries do flight attendants typically work in?

- Transport, Postal & Warehousing
- Public Administration & Safety
- Administrative & Support Services

What Career Cluster do flight attendants belong to?

Because their job involves supporting customers to have great experiences, flight attendants are commonly strong [Linkers](#).

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

You will most likely need to work on weekends and holidays, as this is when many people travel, as well as late nights and early mornings. Of course, you'll also need to be prepared to spend a fair bit of time away from home.

There are many part-time roles available for flight attendants. Your roster is typically scheduled well in advance so you can plan around when you'll be at home and abroad.

Most flight attendants earn an average salary throughout their career.

How to become a flight attendant

To become a flight attendant, you will need to complete a rigorous training program that covers topics such as safety procedures, customer service, food service, and emergency response. This training is often provided by the airline that employs you, and includes both classroom instruction and hands-on experience. Additionally, you may need to undergo training in CPR and first aid, as well as pass a background check.

Certain airlines may also have particular physical requirements for flight attendants, such as height, weight, and body modification restrictions (e.g. tattoos, piercings, etc.). Being able to speak multiple languages is also often an advantage.

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

1. In many cases, you can get a head-start on desired qualifications (such as first aid) before you leave school.
2. See if you can find work experience or volunteer opportunities to start building important skills you need for the job.
3. Talk to a flight attendant to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in aviation or tourism.

Find out more here:

- [Qantas](#)
- [Jetstar](#)
- [Virgin Australia](#)
- [Air New Zealand](#)
- [British Airways](#)
- [Aer Lingus](#)
- [American Airlines](#)
- [Air Canada](#)



- [Emirates](#)
- [Etihad Airways](#)
- [Lufthansa](#)
- [Cathay Pacific](#)
- [Singapore Airlines](#)

Similar careers to flight attendant

- Pilot
- Tour Guide
- Air Traffic Controller
- Travel Agent
- Bus Driver
- Immigration Officer
- Hotel Manager
- Customer Service Representative

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

Skills for Work

[The importance of good email etiquette](#)

In a world of emojis, abbreviations, and instant communication, we are all used to sending messages that are short, sharp and to the point. So when we use email, why wouldn't it be the same? Well, there is actually something pretty important to consider: your email etiquette. But what is it, and why is it so important? Let's find out.

What is email etiquette?

Basically, email etiquette is a set of rules that you use when you're composing an email. You use these rules to make your email clear and professional. The rules can be different depending on who you're sending an email to, but generally provide a great base to work from, no matter who you're talking to.

Think of it a bit like sending a letter (old-fashioned, we know). If you just put a piece of paper in an envelope without saying who it's for, who it's from, or what it's about, it's probably going to be pretty confusing for the person who receives it (if it even makes it to the right person in the first place).

Why is email etiquette important?

Taking a few extra minutes to use good email etiquette makes it far more likely that people will respond positively to your emails. It shows that you're professional and polite, and your email is less likely to cause misunderstandings.



Here's an example of what *not* to do in your email:

To:	<input type="text" value="example@workplace.com"/>	
Cc:	<input type="text"/>	
Bcc:	<input type="text"/>	
Subject:	<input type="text" value="Why didnt I get the job?????"/>	

Hi,

i applied for a job with youre company and went for an interview but you guys hired someone else. why did you do this, i really need the money and thought i was pretty good in the interview

please respnod quickly!!!!

If you received an email like this, how do you think you would respond? Would you be inclined to help this person, or more likely to ignore them?

And it might not seem like it while you're at school, but your conduct online is very important. Lots of things that go on the internet are out there forever – and this includes your emails. Always think twice before you hit “send”.

Email etiquette tips

So what are some things you can do to make your emails more professional, and potentially causing offence to someone? We've gathered some of the top tips for you to keep in mind.

Make your subject line clear and concise

Depending on who you're emailing, they might receive tens (or even hundreds) of emails to sift through every day. So the first thing they're going to see is the subject line. If the subject line is confusing, vague, or non-existent they're much more likely to scroll right past it, or worse – it'll be sent to their spam folder and they might not see it at all.

Using the example above, from the employer's point of view, what is this email about? What job are they talking about? Which store? Who was the applicant? This one is probably going to go to the bottom of the pile.

A good subject line lets the recipient know exactly what the email is going to be about even before they've even opened it.

Use proper greetings

Even if you know the person you're emailing, it's best to be as professional as possible in your emails. And this includes the way you greet them. While you might say “hey” or “what's up” to them in person, it's not the best look in an email. Even worse, jumping in with no greeting at all comes off as rude.



Some common greetings include “Hi” or “Hello”, or if you need to be a bit more formal, “Dear” or “Good morning/afternoon”.

Don’t forget to include the person’s name as well (if you know it) – it shows that extra level of attention to detail. And make sure you refer to the person you’re emailing correctly. You wouldn’t email your teacher and start with “Dear Jane”; “Dear Ms Doe” would be much more appropriate.

Politely sign-off

Similar to the above point, being professional and polite when finishing your emails is important too. Common ways you can sign-off an email include “Kind regards”, “Sincerely”, or even a simple “Thank you”.

Introduce yourself

This is especially important if you’re sending an email to someone you don’t know. But even if it is someone you know (like your teacher), it’s better to introduce yourself so they can quickly figure out who it’s from instead of having to read through to the end.

You can always start with your name (“My name is...”), and then some extra info about who you are that’s relevant to the person you’re emailing. For example, if you’re emailing a university lecturer, you might also include your student number. If you’re at work and emailing a client, you could include the name of your business so they know who’s contacting them. If you’re emailing about a job opportunity, mention that.

Proofread your message

Just like you would with your assignments, it’s important to double-check your emails before you send them off. Make sure there aren’t any spelling mistakes or issues with grammar. It’s also important to check the tone of your message to make sure it doesn’t come off as rude or aggressive, or too casual.

Taking the time to read your email out loud can also help you catch any mistakes you might have missed by skimming it.

Keep it simple

Nobody wants to be spending half of their day reading through pages and pages of emails. Keep the content relevant and as brief as possible while still being clear. If it’s something that you feel might need more explaining, you could try contacting the person by a different method, such as over the phone.

Include a signature

Similar to introducing yourself, having a signature at the bottom of your emails lets people know who you are. Not having any information about yourself can seem rude or even suspicious.

Include your name and (if it’s a work email) your position. It’s also good to put your contact information in there so people know the best way to contact you if they need to.



Check who you're sending it to

There's nothing more embarrassing than sending a message to the wrong person, especially if it includes information that's private or personal. Make sure you always double-check the email of the person you're sending to, as well as whether there are other people who need to be included (or not) in the email.

A good habit is to write your message before entering the person's email address – this way you can't accidentally send it too early either.

Final thoughts on email etiquette

Remember, the way you write your emails is a way of showing people who you are. If your message is disorganised and full of spelling mistakes, what do you think people will think about you? If it's rude or aggressive, do you think the person on the other end will respond positively? Regardless of who we are or what we do, good communication is always an important skill to have.

Look back at the email example from above, then take a look at this alternative:

To:	<input type="text" value="example@workplace.com"/>	
Cc:	<input type="text"/>	
Bcc:	<input type="text"/>	
Subject:	<input type="text" value="RE: Recent job opening at your Citytown store"/>	

Hi,

I recently applied for the position of salesperson at your store in Citytown Shopping Centre. I was invited for an interview, and advised by phone a few days later that I was unsuccessful in securing the position.

If it's not too much trouble, I was wondering if it would be possible to ask for some feedback about my interview. This was my first job interview and it would be great to know if there were any areas I could improve on for future reference.

Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

John Johnson

Much better!

If you want to know more about effective communication in the workplace, we have more resources you can check out [here](#).



Work Experience

[Tips for making the most of 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 value of work experience

Work experience can serve as a stepping stone towards your future career. It offers a glimpse into the world of work and can help you develop essential skills, gain industry insights, and make informed decisions about your future.

If you're prepared and keen to learn, you can maximise the value of the experience and maybe even solidify your future career choices.

Before work experience tips

If you have a work experience placement coming up, here are some tips to help ensure you're ready for your first day and make a great first impression.

Do some research

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 will show the employer you're keen and will take the opportunity seriously, and allows you to ask more relevant, thoughtful questions.

Set a couple of goals

It's also a good idea to set specific goals for what you hope to achieve during your placement. Your goals don't need to be huge, and you don't have to set heaps – think of them more like a roadmap to figure out exactly what it is you want to get out of this experience.

Whether it's finding out more about a particular role, making connections, or learning something new, having clear objectives can guide your efforts and make your experience more meaningful.

Don't forget the dress code

First impressions matter, and dressing appropriately is a big part of making your first impression a good one. Find out the dress code at the workplace and ensure your attire is clean, neat, and aligned with their expectations.

During work experience tips

Your placement is about more than just learning about a particular job – it's about building your skills and confidence, experiencing the world of work, and starting to make connections and decisions for your future. Here are some tips on how you can get the most value out of work experience.

Showcase your professionalism



Remember to maintain a professional demeanour throughout your work experience. This includes things like being polite and respectful to colleagues, showing up on time, and a having 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).

Network and build relationships

Work experience provides an excellent opportunity to network and build valuable professional connections. So take the initiative to introduce yourself to colleagues, ask about their roles, and learn about 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.

It might seem a bit scary, but building these relationships now can open doors to future opportunities and mentorship.

Embrace challenges

During your placement, you may encounter unfamiliar terms, ideas, or situations. Embrace these as learning opportunities and push yourself beyond your comfort zone. This is your chance to seek knowledge in an environment outside of school – and it might be one you find yourself thriving in.

Seek feedback

While it's great to push yourself, don't hesitate to ask for help or clarification when needed too. Seek feedback from your supervisor or other workers to gauge your progress and identify areas for improvement.

Ask questions

Don't be afraid to ask lots and lots of questions either. Your employer and the other workers understand you're there to learn and will be more than happy to answer, so take advantage of their expert knowledge while you have the opportunity.

Write everything down

We all like to think we have the memory of an elephant, but it's easy to forget things, even if they seem important at the time. If you can, bring a notebook and pen and take down notes as much as you can – even if you need to look back in a year's time, all the information will still be there.

After work experience tips

Once you've said your goodbyes and headed home, there are still things you can learn. Here are some tips to help you find value post-work experience.

Reflect on your experience

Take time to think back 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. A little bit of reflection can help you make informed decisions about your future studies and career aspirations.

Ask for a reference



If you feel like you made a great impression and would be keen to find similar work down the track, you can ask your employer for a reference. That way when you're applying for jobs or courses in the future, you know you'll have someone who can back up your skills and experience.

Follow up

We talked earlier about making connections – and an important part of making connections is keeping in touch. You could follow the company on social media, connect with your co-workers on LinkedIn (just make sure they're comfortable with it first), or even ask about ongoing mentoring.

Find out more

Remember, work experience could be a stepping stone to your future; so stay positive, be proactive, and make the most of any opportunities that come your way. Hopefully these tips will help you enjoy your work experience and learn a thing or two as well.

You can find more blogs and advice about preparing for work experience [here](#). Or if you're keen to get started, you can search for opportunities [here](#).

Grow

Money

[Maximising your scholarship search](#)

Finding the perfect scholarship can feel a bit like finding a needle in a haystack. With so many opportunities available, how can you find one that's not only financially beneficial, but also aligns with your goals and circumstances? Never fear – we've put together a list of the top things to consider during your scholarship search to help you make the right decision.

Before you start your search

If you want to apply for a scholarship, you'll probably need to do a bit of prep first. The more organised you are now, the easier it'll be to submit your application.

Start by gathering important documents and paperwork you might need. Typically, scholarship applications require you to submit things like:

- An academic transcript or report card
- Some proof of identity (driver's license, passport, birth certificate, etc.)
- Letters of recommendation or references
- Proof of income (for scholarships where financial disadvantage is a criterium)

If the scholarship asks for references, make sure you've already contacted the people you want to put down and let them know. This way they know to expect a call or email and can prepare a better response in advance.

What to look for during your scholarship search



Now that you have the basics covered and are ready to apply, let's take a look at some of the most important things to check out during your scholarship search. Going through each of these criteria can help you find a scholarship best suited for your needs and circumstances.

Eligibility criteria

This one seems obvious, but it's important! Always ensure you meet the specific eligibility requirements of a scholarship before applying, or you might be setting yourself up for disappointment.

Application deadlines

Be aware of the application deadlines for any scholarships you want to apply for. Most scholarships have strict closing dates and won't accept late submissions, so write it in your calendar, set a reminder on your phone, or tell a friend who can remind you.

Award amount and duration

Consider the scholarship's award amount and duration to determine if it will provide sufficient financial support throughout your studies. If you're after more than just money, find out if there are any other perks on offer, like mentoring, workshops, work experience, or study support.

Renewability

Some scholarships are renewable, meaning they can be awarded for multiple years if you maintain certain criteria (e.g. meeting a minimum GPA). Consider how long you might need the support for and whether you're better off applying for a scholarship that rewards you over multiple semesters or years.

Application requirements

Each scholarship will have unique application requirements, including essays, letters of recommendation, or interviews. Evaluate the effort needed for the application process and make sure you can gather all the necessary materials before the deadline.

Restrictions or conditions

Some scholarships come with specific restrictions or conditions, such as requiring you to study a particular course, attend certain promotional events, or write letters of thanks to donors. Make sure you're definitely comfortable with any conditions before applying, because if you change your mind down the track, you might lose the funding.

Impact on other financial support

Receiving a scholarship can sometimes impact your eligibility for other financial support, such as government payments and grants. If you're unsure, reach out to the institution you're applying to and ask if a scholarship might affect your other financial support options.

Find out more

If you want to find out more about scholarships and get tips on nailing your application, we have more blogs you might like to read [here](#).

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