

## Careers Corner Term 1, Week 3, 11th February 2022

Year 11 Careers 2022, Google Classroom: opycmbw

Year 12 Careers 2022, Google Classroom: m7owsqu

**JobJump:** <https://www.jobjump.com.au/> The password to register is: kh

\*Students and parents can sign up to Jobjump.

**School Careers Website:** <http://www.killarahighcareers.com/>

**Careers Bullseyes:** <https://myfuture.edu.au/footer/assist-others/career-bullseye-posters#/>

### Articles of Interest:

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/to-my-fellow-year-12s-2022-is-the-year-of-cautious-optimism-20220130-p59sb1.html>

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/intense-focus-on-hsc-results-and-atar-must-end-20220119-p59pn6.html>

### Open Days & Info Sessions

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Wednesday 9 February 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Online

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- Perform a live demonstration of how each question type can be best solved
- Discuss how certain universities (e.g. Monash, UNSW) use the UCAT for admissions

Find out more: [https://www.bigmarker.com/icanmed/stream-1-part-1?utm\\_bmcr\\_source=website](https://www.bigmarker.com/icanmed/stream-1-part-1?utm_bmcr_source=website)

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Thursday 10 February 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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### **NIE | UCAT and Pathways into Medicine**

Tuesday 15 February 2022, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Online

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students and their parents to find out about the UCAT, pathways into medicine, and have all questions answered by an expert teacher who has been working in the field since 1999.

This is not a sales, advertising, or promotional seminar. The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics, and more.

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- Year 10, 11 and 12 – things to consider now.
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- UCAT vs UMAT – How is UCAT different and why was UMAT replaced?
- GAMSAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate interview process
- Gap Year
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Q & A

Find out more: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_HUpUmH55TmSwu0W7k3cC1w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HUpUmH55TmSwu0W7k3cC1w)

### **SCCE | Exchange Webinar**

Tuesday 22 February 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

At SCCE, we understand that there is a lot to consider when going on exchange, which is why we are happy to offer these regular online information webinars to teach you all about your student exchange options. Our online sessions go for approximately 60 minutes. They will guide you through everything from you need to know about our programs. There is also time at the end of the presentation to ask questions, providing a wonderful opportunity to interact with both our staff and other future exchange students.

Find out more: <https://scce.clickmeeting.com/tuesday-22-february-2022-info-session/register>

### **University of Sydney | Experience the Law Online**

Wednesday 9 March 2022, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

Experience a day in the life of a law student and immerse yourself in an interactive case study.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_E1HvtLfTTliGNWUpgQyAOw](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_E1HvtLfTTliGNWUpgQyAOw)

### **University of Sydney | Life of a Veterinarian Webinar**

Wednesday 23 March 2022, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

Have you wondered what the day-to-day life of a veterinarian is like? And how you would become one? Join this session and learn about what veterinary medicine is about, what an average day of work might be like for a veterinarian and how you can pursue studies towards becoming a vet yourself.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WeqhJBwSTTK7PjHjJAx9FQ](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WeqhJBwSTTK7PjHjJAx9FQ)

### **HSC and Careers Expo 2022**

Thursday 2 June 2022, 9:00 am - Sunday 5 June 2022, 3:00 pm

The Hordern Pavilion

HSC and Careers Expo celebrates its 14th year in 2022!

There will be a variety of organisations to chat with:

- Information and resources for the HSC
- Information about tertiary study, university, TAFE and training courses
- Career advice
- Study advice
- Employment advice and opportunities
- Apprenticeship and traineeship advice

- International exchange and gap year programs

Find out more: <https://www.hscandcareers.com.au/>

### Western Sydney Careers Expo 2022

Thursday 23 June 2022, 9:00 am - Sunday 26 June 2022, 3:00 pm

The Dome, Sydney Olympic Park

The Western Sydney Careers Expo provides resources and information for tertiary courses, career and employment options, the HSC, study strategies, the gap year and much more. A feature of The Expo is the seminar program with presentations on course, career and study advice, employment opportunities and key HSC subjects.

Exhibitors will be:

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

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au/>

### Workshops and Courses

#### NIE | Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online

Sunday 20 February 2022, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Online

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. Over the course of the years, the program has evolved into more comprehensive and holistic exercise, which not only achieves its primary goal, but it is also exposing students to a wealth of knowledge about all other aspects of the journey into a medical degree.

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/ucat-preparation-courses/product/216-simulated-ucat-day-workshop-2-day-intensive-program>

#### Charles Sturt | Explore Day

**Port Macquarie:** Tuesday 8 March 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Bathurst:** Tuesday 15 March 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Orange:** Wednesday 16 March 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Wagga Wagga:** Tuesday 22 March 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Albury-Wodonga:** Tuesday 29 March 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Dubbo:** Wednesday 30 March 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

If you're in Year 10, 11 or 12, Explore Day is your chance to check out what life at Charles Sturt University is like – but with a twist!

You'll get to look around our campuses, chat with students and get the lowdown from lecturers – there's even a free lunch and a swag bag of goodies. But the best bit about Explore Day? You can get involved! Pick which interactive session/s interests you, book your spot and then get set for some hands-on learning that's also a whole lot of fun.

Find out more: <https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events/explore-day>

### Scholarships

#### Rural Bank Scholarships

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: December 6, 2021 – February 18, 2022

Rural Bank has a focus of supporting the next generation of leaders in agriculture, by offering financial support in the form of scholarships. We will be seeking first time tertiary students looking to pursue studies in agriculture, agribusiness or related fields and who are committed to the success of Australian agriculture.

[Find out more](#)

### **Larsen Jewellery Design Scholarship Program**

Value: \$3,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: February 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022

Larsen Jewellery recognises the need to support and educate young adults wishing to begin a career in jewellery, design or visual arts; or who wish to further their studies in a jewellery, design or visual arts related course.

[Find out more](#)

### **Commonwealth Scholarships Program for Young Australians**

Value: Up to \$13,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: February 1, 2022 – March 11, 2022

The Commonwealth Scholarships Program is awarding young Australians up to \$13,000, to study a vocational education and training (VET) qualification and complete a paid internship.

[Find out more](#)

### **WSU Enid Helen Hort and Family Scholarship**

Value: \$6,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: November 1, 2021 – February 20, 2022

The Enid Helen Hort and Family Scholarships are intended to ensure that people of all walks of life have the opportunity to attend University including those who may have experienced financial hardship, or those who may not have come from a privileged background.

[Find out more](#)

### **Sydney Scholars Awards**

Value: \$6,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: April 8, 2022 – September 30, 2022

An undergraduate scholarship that supports outstanding Year 12 students to undertake an undergraduate degree at the University of Sydney.

[Find out more](#)

## **Competitions**

### **CYA Hatchlings Competition**

The CYA Hatchlings Competition is open to all writers and illustrators who are 8 – 18 years old (as of 3rd April 2022) worldwide, who have not been published in book format within the section's genres.

There are three categories to enter:

- Picture Book
- Chapter Book
- Writing for Adults

There is a top prize of \$100 for the winner of each category.

**Entries close 3 April 2022.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.cyaconference.com/hatchlings-competition>

### **2022 STEM Video Game Challenge**

The Australian STEM Video Game Challenge is open to upper primary and secondary school students. Students are encouraged to design, build and submit an original educational video game that includes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) content or themes.

The theme for 2022 is "networks".

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.stemgames.org.au/>

## Little Black Dress Spooky Story Competition

The KSP Writers' Centre is proud to present this annual spooky story competition, sponsored by Little Black Dress Productions.

The judges will be looking for good quality original, unpublished writing with engaging characters and a compelling narrative including an excellent beginning, middle and end. Entries must be rated PG and should address the set theme.

**The deadline for entries is 24 March 2022.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.kspwriterscentre.com/spooky-story-competition>

## Careers & Jobs

### NSW Ambulance Service

Thinking about a career in the Ambulance Service? Find the information that you need for careers in New South Wales here:

<https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/careers>

<https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/careers/paramedic>

<https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/careers/control-centre-officer>

<https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/careers/flight-nurse>

<https://www.ambulance.nsw.gov.au/careers/prehospital-and-retrieval-registrar>

## Further Learning

### University of Sydney | Year 10 Subject Selection Guide

If you're in Year 10 this year, the end of Year 12 and what comes after that might seem a long way off.

But you'll need to start thinking about it soon, because some university courses will require you to choose certain elective subjects in Years 11 and 12.

This guide from the University of Sydney could help you to be more prepared and provide you with some key information about studying at uni.

Read the guide at <https://www.sydney.edu.au/content/dam/corporate/documents/study/guides/usyd-year-10-guide.pdf>.

You can find more helpful resources and information for Year 10 and 11 students on this page as well:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/study-options/undergraduate-courses/year-10.html>

## Learning and Change – a message from the President of the ASPA

### Welcome back to school for 2022

In these times of uncertainty, Andrew Pierpoint, President of the Australian Secondary Principals' Association, has offered to share some words of wisdom – take a look below.

Happy New Year to you and welcome to the 2022 academic school year. I am sure that this year you will be excited, nervous, unsure and indeed concerned about what the future may hold for you. These are all totally normal feelings in your educational journey – especially with COVID around us now.

One thing is for certain – you cannot be the same, act the same and stay the same when the world around you is changing. Look at how our world has changed over the last two years. Change has always been a constant companion of education and life, however over the last couple of years with the shadow of COVID, the notion of change now is very different. We must embrace change and use it to our advantage – use change to achieve our goals, hopes and dreams.

As you commence learning for 2022 – I challenge you to set aside time (soon!) to actively think about **and** discuss your learning. This conversation may best be held with an adult – as they have experienced more of life. This companion to your learning may be a teacher or another trusted person in your life. After 38 years in education, I strongly suspect that the majority of students roll from one year to the next, without giving thought to the change they may initiate to change their lives. The variables that COVID imposes on us – remote learning, the blend of remote and traditional learning etc – ask all of us to question our practices.

One of these thought processes must be around – what happens after I finish school, what will I do, what job will I get, will I study some more, where and what will I study, will I need to leave home – the list is endless. Discussing these and other questions now, will de-stress the future; putting it off will guarantee clouded thinking at important times in the future.

So – my message to every Australian student at this time is simple – think, discuss, repeat.

I wish you peace and every success in 2022.

Stay well.

### **UCAT ANZ for Medicine and Dentistry in 2023**

The University Clinical Aptitude Test is a compulsory test that you may have to sit in order to apply for some degrees in the fields of Medicine or Dentistry. It is designed to help universities select applicants with the appropriate abilities and professional behaviours required to practice successfully as a doctors or dentists. It is used in collaboration with other admissions processes, such as interviews and academic qualifications.

13 of the [universities](#) in Australia offering Medicine and Dentistry, and 2 in New Zealand, will require you to sit the UCAT ANZ test as part of your application. So, if you're thinking of applying to uni in 2023 for a degree in one of those fields, you should check the entry requirements as soon as possible to find out if taking the UCAT ANZ is necessary.

Registrations for concession and access schemes are open now. **Bookings open on 1 March 2021 and close on 17 May.**

You'll sit the tests between 1 July and 12 August 2022. Results will be delivered to the universities in early September.

It costs \$305 to sit the test (\$199 concession fee, but you only have until 10 May to register for concession prices).

Additional information about dates, fees and how to register can be found [here](#).

To find out which universities and courses apply, the eligibility criteria, or simply to find out more, head over to the official [UCAT ANZ website](#).

If you're looking for more help with your Entry to Medicine applications, we're working on the latest edition of our Entry to Medicine Guide. Keep an eye out for it coming soon.

### **Resources**

#### **What makes you happy?**

A big part of our lives is the things that make us happy. If we didn't have things we enjoy, life would be pretty boring, right? So it makes sense that we want our future goals and career to align in some way with the things that make us happy.

Thinking about the things that make us happy is an exercise in gratitude – we should be thankful for the good things in our life. If you don't think about the things that make you happy, you might be taking them for granted.

Taking some time to reflect on the things that make us happy can be a really helpful thing to do (as well as just being a nice thing to do).

#### **Taking some time to reflect**

Think about the last few weeks. What has made you happy over that time? It could be an activity you did, a person you spent time with, a place you visited – whatever it was, if it made you happy, write it down.

Here are some examples to get you thinking:

- Pets and animals
- Friends
- Family
- Sport
- Music
- Sleep
- Video games
- Being outdoors
- Money or work
- Cooking
- Community/culture
- Reading
- Technology
- Video games
- The list is nearly endless!

#### **Prioritising your happiness**

Now that you've thought about the things that make you happy, start thinking about your future. How might you be able to incorporate these things into your future career or life?

For example, if music is something that makes you really happy, you might want a career that incorporates music somehow. Maybe you could be a music teacher, a record producer, a singer, or create music for video games.

Also think of ways you can combine multiple interests at once. See the example above about creating music for video games? That's just one way you could combine multiple interests.



## Enjoy!

It's not just about the future – having activities and things in your life *right now* that are fun and fulfilling are so important. Similar to what we looked at last week, having a good balance between doing the things you love and the things you need to do is key. It's important to remember that the things we like make up a part of who we are!

It's also important to remember that an activity doesn't need to be making you money for it to be worth doing. You might like to learn an instrument or teach yourself to code just for fun, even if you never want a career in music or IT – as long as you enjoy it, it was worthwhile.

## Job Spotlight

### [How to become a Train Driver](#)

#### ***Move passengers and freight***

#### **What do Train Drivers do?**

Train Drivers are responsible for driving and operating trains. There are many different kinds of trains you could drive, such as passenger trains, freight trains, trams, locomotives, and more. Your duties and working hours will also vary depending on the type of train you drive.

If you want a job that could let you see lots of different places, and you are reliable and flexible, becoming a Train Driver could be perfect for you.

#### **About you:**

- Punctual and reliable
- Excellent communicator
- Great problem solver
- Works well independently
- Quick reflexes
- Calm in pressure situations
- Good attention to detail
- Flexible and adaptable

#### **The job:**

- Inspecting the train prior to departure
- Monitoring the safety of passengers during travel
- Ensuring freight loads and carriages are fixed securely
- Controlling the speed of the train in accordance with rules
- Ensuring trains arrive and depart on time
- Making minor adjustments and repairs to trains
- Making announcements to passengers
- Liaising with other workers, such as security and station guards

#### **Lifestyle Impact: Moderate**

- Part Time opportunities: Very low – only around 7% of Train Drivers work part-time (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 45 hours a week, which is average (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)).
- Train Drivers' salary (average) \$140,000\* per year (source: [seek.com.au](http://seek.com.au)). \*Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Moderate (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)).
- You will most likely have to work on weekends, holidays, and overnights. Train Drivers also commonly do shift work, meaning you may have to be available for work 24/7 (though this will depend on your employer).

#### **Train Drivers are most in demand in these locations:**

This is a medium sized occupation, with around 13,300 people working as Train Drivers in Australia in 2020 (source: [joboutlook.com.au](http://joboutlook.com.au)). Demand for Train Drivers is spread fairly evenly across Australia, with large demand in Queensland. Most Train Drivers work in the Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry.

#### **How to become a Train Driver in Australia**

You will most likely need to complete a relevant VET qualification to become a Train Driver in Australia.

Step 1 – Complete Year 10 with a focus on English and Maths.

Step 2 – Complete a relevant VET qualification, such as a [Certificate IV in Train Driving](#). In some cases you may even be able to complete the qualification as a Traineeship.

Step 3 – You may be required to pass a [Rail Workers Safety Medical](#), as well as have a Driver's License.

Step 4 – Start working as a fully qualified Train Driver.

Find out more here –

<https://ara.net.au/>

<http://railsafetyworker.com.au/>

## Similar Careers to Train Driver

[Logistics Manager](#)

[Pilot](#)

[Truck Driver](#)

[Drone Operator](#)

[Delivery Driver](#)

[Engineer](#)

[Bus Driver](#)

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

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What do Train Drivers do?

Train Drivers are responsible for the safe and efficient operation of a variety of trains.

### Which industries employ Train Drivers?

Train Drivers are mostly employed in the Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry.

### What options are there for career progression?

You might start working as a Train Driver, and once you have lots of experience move into roles in Management or Logistics.

### Do I need to go to university to become a Train Driver?

No, you do not need to go to university to work as a Train Driver in Australia. However, you will need a VET qualification.

### Where do Train Drivers work?

There is demand for Train Drivers across Australia, particularly in Queensland.

### What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Train Driver?

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

1. See if you can find work experience in a transport or logistics-based setting. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
2. Consider undertaking a school-based traineeship to get a head start on gaining the required qualifications and experience.
3. Talk to a Train Driver 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 transport.

Please be aware that the information listed is subject to change. For further information on any of the above or for general inquiries please contact the careers faculty. Email [careers@khs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:careers@khs.nsw.edu.au)

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