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The school is also subscribed to:

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/>

Year 10 student information:

Work Experience and Service Learning:

The dates for Year 10 2020 Work Experience and Service Learning are as following.

Work Experience

Week 1 - November 23 - November 27 - students surname Aloof - Nurick

Week 2 – November 30 – December 4 - students surname Odgers - Zorian

Service Learning

Week 1 - November 23 - November 27 - students surname Odgers - Zorian

Week 2 – November 30 - December 4- students surname Aloof - Nurick

Students and parents have been emailed the relevant documents and expectations of the program. For more information visit: <https://killara-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/careers/careers-information.html>

Articles of Interest

<https://www.news.com.au/finance/work/careers/new-research-reveals-nine-per-cent-of-aussie-tradespeople-make-more-than-200000-per-year/news-story/f8c65f157784e129f49a87ce23b175a0>

<https://www.news.com.au/finance/work/careers/how-a-former-archaeologist-launched-a-20-million-online-costume-empire/news-story/8def3d3e0b01b2ef6d001d686f261fe6>

Open Days & Info Sessions

AFS | Online Information Session

19 February 2020, 8:00 pm Online

It's time to find out more about AFS, why you should go abroad on an exchange, how to become a host family to an exchange student, and how you can get involved as an AFS Volunteer. Find out more:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/upUkceuvqDMqj1tAe-sipuU1t_nHD9kXYQ

YFU | Student Exchange Information Webinar

20 February 2020, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Online. This webinar will focus on questions regarding our exchange programs.

These evenings are a great way to learn about:

- What's involved in going on exchange
- All the eligibility requirements
- The support you have whilst on exchange

- All prices and inclusions
- The process of applying
- Departure dates and application deadlines

Find out more: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/283200513805588236>

Basair | Career Info Seminar

12 March 2020, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Basair Aviation College, Bankstown Aerodrome

Basair Aviation College runs monthly seminars in Sydney and Brisbane. Learn more about a career in aviation and the benefits Basair can provide for your training as a commercial pilot.

Find out more: <http://www.basair.com.au/Events/Register/153>

AIE | Information Evening

19 March 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Ultimo

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Information Evening. The Sydney campus will be opening its doors to visitors eager to find out about upcoming full-time and part-time courses. The evening will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. Student work will be on display and our teachers will be available to speak with you one on one about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career. Find out more: https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/information-evening/

Sydney Design School | Info Session

25 March 2020, 6:00 pm - 6:40 pm Sydney Design School

Explore our creative studios and find out everything you need to know about our courses, flexible study options and career support. Our Director, Amanda Grace will introduce you to our unique philosophy, passionate Educators and industry focused approach to learning. You'll come away from this event with all the detail you need to make an informed decision about your creative future. Find out more: <https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/information-sessions/>

Workshops & Courses

HSC Senior Dance Masterclass: Years 11-12

28 February 2020, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

AMPA - Dance Centre The HSC Senior Dance Masterclass is a 1-day intensive workshop for students in Years 11 & 12 who are studying dance in their HSC. The masterclass provides an excellent opportunity for talented students to be involved in a challenging and stimulating dance education program. Tuition is provided by industry trained tutors and will focus on developing strength, technical ability and composition skills in a professional setting. Participation is open to dance students attending government and central schools in NSW.

Applications are due by Wednesday 19 February.

Find out more: <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/senior-dance-masterclass-years-11-12>

The HSC Syllabus Explained and How to Ace It

10 March 2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Emanuel Tsardoulis Community Library

With the New HSC Syllabus introduced in 2019, it's changed the game for how students successfully navigate Year 11 and 12. With this workshop you will equip yourself with an understanding of the 2019 changes in the HSC syllabus

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and learn key strategies you can implement to give yourself the best opportunity to ace it. How can you best navigate these changes to maximise your options? What resources do you need to navigate the new HSC syllabus effectively? All these questions and more will be answered for you. Recommended for high school students and their parents. Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-hsc-syllabus-explained-and-how-to-ace-it-tickets-87588951913>

UNSW | United Nations Workshop

27 March 2020, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

UNSW Kensington Campus. Do you dream of being part of the United Nations, or making a difference in how world events play out? Join us for our UNSW Arts & Law United Nations Workshop! In collaboration with the UNSW United Nations Society, this unique opportunity will enable you to learn about the work and operation of the United Nations through a Model UN (MUN) – a simulation of the debate and diplomacy which occurs in the UN's real General Assembly. If you're in Years 10-12, come and be inspired by addressing and resolving real world issues affecting our global society – building your skills in diplomacy, negotiation and public speaking. Find out more:

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/united-nations-workshop>

Scholarships

Rheem Apprentice Plumber Grants

Value: \$3,000 Open/Closing Dates: February 10, 2020 – March 30, 2020

The Rheem Apprentice Plumber Grants provide help with costs for textbooks, tools or TAFE/RTO tuition fees. Ten recipients will receive \$2,000 each in cash plus a \$1,000 tool voucher to help them start or continue with their apprenticeship journey. If you are an apprentice plumber currently undertaking an apprenticeship in Australia and are studying at TAFE, university or with a Registered Training Organisation, then you are eligible to apply for the 2020 Rheem Apprentice Plumber Grants. [Find out more](#)

Japan Australia LNG (MIMI) Student Exchange Scholarship

Value: \$5,000 Open/Closing Dates: January 1, 2020 – July 1, 2020

Since 2006, Japan Australia LNG (MIMI) has supported 23 students to take up the challenge of living and studying in Japan for one year, and is now offering the great opportunity again for two Australian students.

Any applicant across Australia who:

- Is attending secondary school and in year 9-12 at the time of application
- Has a sense of adventure and understands the challenges of an AFS program
- Meets the AFS application guidelines and country criteria for Japan
- Completes the AFS online application process, including payment of the required deposits as part of the application process.
- Willing to provide program updates and photos to AFS and MIMI. [Find out more](#)

The Tuckwell Scholarship Program

Value: \$22,200 AUD per year Open/Closing Dates: March 4, 2020 – March 25, 2020

The Tuckwell Scholarship Program is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia. We award 25 Scholarships each year and offer talented and motivated students the opportunity to realise their potential by providing financial support, personal enrichment and development opportunities. Most importantly, Scholars can connect with and learn from one another within our home on campus, Scholars House.

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The financial support offered to you as a Tuckwell Scholar is intended to help you through your university journey, giving you the freedom to focus on what is important.

To apply for a Tuckwell Scholarship for study at ANU commencing in 2021, applicants must:

1. be eligible to apply to study at ANU in 2021 via the ANU Direct Application system.
2. commence and complete Year 12 full-time in 2020, at a school located in Australia.
3. be 17, 18 or 19 years old on 1 March 2021 (born on or between 2 March 2001 and 1 March 2004).
4. be an Australian citizen, Australian Permanent Resident or the holder of an Australian humanitarian visa, and be in possession of the relevant Birth Certificate, Citizenship Certificate or Visa by 25 May 2020.
5. be predicted by their school to achieve an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 95 or higher. Applicants who are eligible for consideration under the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) may apply for a Tuckwell Scholarship if they are predicted by their school to achieve an ATAR of 90 or higher.
6. have undertaken:
 - at least one high school English course/unit in at least one semester during Year 11 or Year 12; and
 - at least one high school Maths course/unit in at least one semester during Year 11 or Year 12. Find out more

Competitions

Class Clowns 2020

For over two decades, Melbourne International Comedy Festival's Class Clowns has helped hundreds of funny, young peeps hone their comedy potential. Past participants like Joel Creasey, Rhys Nicholson, Aaron Chen and William McKenna have gone on to be funny as a career, and now we want you. Registrations for this one-of-a-kind, national secondary school comedy competition, are now open. If you're aged 14 – 18 (Years 9 – 12) and you have a stand-up, sketch, physical or musical comedy act you should register now. It's free to take part, all you need is 3-5 minutes of original, live, funny content and you're in. You'll get to take part in a workshop with professional comedian, before performing your act in front of a live audience. If you progress through the heats you may then go on to a State Final, where you'll be in the running to secure a place at the National Grand Final. We'll fly all the national finalists to Melbourne to perform at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival for a chance to win the Class Clowns title and a \$2,500 prize package. Find out more and register here:

<https://www.comedyfestival.com.au/classclowns/>

Future Leaders Photography Prize 2020

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

Year 12 students are invited to submit digital photographic work (one photograph for each student). The work submitted can be on any theme. In 2020, the award winner will receive \$1,000. Where there is more than one winner the prize money will be shared. **Entries are open until Sunday 31 May.**

Find out more: http://www.futureleaders.com.au/awards/Photography_Prize_2020.pdf

Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize

Sponsored by the University of Sydney, the Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize encourages students to communicate a scientific concept in a way that is accessible and entertaining to the public while painlessly increasing their science knowledge or, as Dr Karl and Adam like to say, "Learn something without even noticing". It is intended to support budding young scientists across the nation, who will be our future leaders in research, discovery and communication.

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Each film entered in 2020 must be based on the theme 'Water'. There is a prize pool of \$10,000 to be shared between the winners and their schools, and finalist representatives also win a trip to Sydney for the Australian Museum Eureka Prizes Award Dinner. Entries open on Wednesday 4 March and **close on Friday 1 May**. Find out more: <https://australianmuseum.net.au/get-involved/eureka-prizes/sleek-geeks-science/>

International Essay Contest for Young People

This annual essay contest is organized in an effort to harness the energy, creativity and initiative of the world's youth in promoting a culture of peace and sustainable development. It also aims to inspire society to learn from the young minds and to think about how each of us can make a difference in the world. This year's theme is "A Letter from Myself in 2030".

Entries are open to anyone in the world under the age of 25, and **must be submitted by Monday 15 June**. Find out more and enter here: <https://www.goipeace.or.jp/en/work/essay-contest/>

Australian Brain Bee Challenge

The Australian Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC) is a competition for high school students in year 10 to learn about the brain and its functions, learn about neuroscience research, find out about careers in neuroscience and to dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses. The first round of the competition, the online quiz, starts in March and runs throughout the month. Top students are invited to the Regional stage, with the potential to compete nationally and internationally. Find out more here: <https://www.ans.org.au/meetings-events/australian-brain-bee-challenge>

The Bebras Challenge

Bebras is an international student Computational Thinking Challenge and Bebras Australia is run by CSIRO Education and Outreach through the Digital Careers program. The goal is to promote Computational Thinking to students in a way that highlights student ability beyond Science or Maths skills. Why do the Bebras Australia Challenge?

- Bebras Australia is a free online resource.
- Students have 45 -60 minutes to complete the challenge.
- Students can participate individually or in small groups (up to four)
- When working in teams collaboration is encouraged.

If you are a teacher, you can register your school's participation here: <https://www.bebbras.edu.au/bebraschallenge/>

Careers & Jobs

8 top careers for Valentines Day

With Valentine's Day just gone, we've put together a list of some of the jobs that help keep the love flowing around Valentine's Day. So if you're romantically inclined maybe you'll be inspired by one of these careers.

1. **Florist** – one of the busiest day for these industrious artists, working their magic to create fabulous floral tributes to love.
2. **Chocolatier** – creating sweet treats that not only look great and taste divine, but are also responsible for releasing endorphins and serotonin that make us feel fabulous, as well as phenylethylamine a mood elevator that our brains normally release when we're happy (and in love).

3. **Jeweller** – there aren't many ladies who wouldn't be thrilled to receive a bit of bling on Valentine's day, but it's also a very popular date for weddings and engagements. Jewellers not only help to make the day special, but create tokens of love that'll last a lifetime.
4. **Greeting card writer** – not everybody has a way with words, and although a heartfelt message of love is not to be sniffed at, for those who can't put their feelings into words... there's Valentine's Day cards.
5. **Massage Therapist** – whilst massages are always a popular choice, they're also rising in popularity as a Valentine's Day gift, they help the recipient feel pampered, nurtured and a little bit special.
6. **Delivery driver** – when you can't deliver a gift to your loved one in person, thanks to delivery drivers there's still the opportunity to surprise and spoil them from afar. Although it must be a hectic day for deliveries, imagine how nice it would be to make someone's day & be met with a smile everywhere you go.
7. **Restaurateur** – everybody knows it's tough to get a table on Valentine's Day, and most restaurants send out set dinner menu's weeks in advance, because they know things are going to get crazy. You'd have to remember to stock up on the champagne too.
8. **Event Planner** – Valentine's Day, as we mentioned earlier, is a popular choice for weddings and engagements, but it's also popular for fundraisers like balls and gala's, so there's no doubt about it, event planners be well in demand at this time of year.

Further Learning

Apprenticeships vs Traineeships

What's the difference between Apprenticeships and Traineeships? They might sound the same, but there are some differences between the two. Knowing these differences can help you decide which one is right for you.

The similarities: Apprenticeships and traineeships are both ways to earn while you learn. You work for an employer while also studying towards a nationally recognised qualification. This can be a Certificate II, III or IV, or even a Diploma. They are both great ways to get hands-on experience in the career of your choice. You can also start either an apprenticeship or traineeship while you're still at school, meaning you don't need to wait to undertake further learning.

The differences: The biggest difference between apprenticeships and traineeships is that traineeships are only for careers that aren't considered "trades". This means you won't find yourself doing a traineeship to become a plumber or an electrician. Instead, traineeships often focus on career areas such as: Business, Real Estate, Hospitality, Retail, Arts & Media, ICT and more!

Traineeships are also shorter in length. A traineeship will usually take around 1 to 2 years to complete; an apprenticeship can take up to 3 or 4, depending on the trade.

What's best for me?

Whether you decide to do an apprenticeship or a traineeship will usually come down to the job you are interested in. The best part about both is that there are plenty of fee-free or subsidised traineeships and apprenticeships you can do in your state. You can check out more information about them here: NSW – [Fee-free traineeships](#) and [fee-free apprenticeships](#)

SCU STAR Early Offer

The STAR program allows you to secure your place in a Southern Cross University degree before your ATAR results are even released. It's designed to remove some of the pressure from Year 12 and give you a pathway directly into university study that is not based solely on your ATAR. This program allows you to gain an offer into a Southern Cross University course of your choice, based on your high school grades and your school principal's

recommendation. This means that STAR does not take your ATAR into consideration. It's free to apply through STAR and it's a simple online application. **Applications open on Thursday 2 April and close on Friday 11 September.** Find out more here: <https://www.scu.edu.au/star-early-offer/>

Do a Traineeship in International Freight and Logistics

My Freight Career is an RTO that specialises in training and courses for careers in international freight and logistics.

You can do a traineeship through them for a variety of courses:

- Certificate III in International Freight Forwarding (Operator)
- Certificate III in Warehousing Operations
- Certificate III in Logistics
- Certificate IV in International Freight Forwarding (Senior Operator)
- Certificate IV in Warehousing Operations
- Certificate IV in Logistics

They will help match you with an employer so you can earn while you learn.

Find out more here: <https://myfreightcareer.com.au/work-as-a-trainee/>

Work Experience

Air Force Technical Experience for Young Women

Now you have the rare chance to get a taste of life as an Air Force technician/engineer with Air Force Technical Camp for Young Women. Held at RAAF Base Wagga, the Tech Camp is a four-day residential program designed to give aspiring young women aged 16-24 a comprehensive overview of life in the Air Force. During the program you will be exposed to the day-to-day activities of a technician/engineer, and will have the opportunity to experience the Air Force lifestyle as a whole. The placement will run from Monday 9 to Friday 13 March. [Learn more](#)

University of Sydney Chemical Engineering Work Experience

Our faculty offers work experience placements for Year 10 students interested in chemical engineering. Students are teamed up with either an academic or PhD student to work on a project. For students in year 10. [Learn more](#)

Myer Work Experience

Do you want to be part of a team who loves coming to work each day? A team that makes Myer a great place to shop, and an even greater place to work? Complete the online application form to apply for work experience at Myer. Before applying online, please ensure you have visited the Myer store where you wish to complete your work experience placement and have spoken with a member of our Management team. [Learn more](#)

Work Experience with Sunnyfield Disability Services

Gain new skills and on the job training with Sunnyfield. Sunnyfield can provide student placement opportunities across 65 locations in NSW and the ACT. You must be 16 years or older to apply. [Learn more](#)

UTS Science Work Experience Program

UTS Science has a High School Work Experience program available for high school students in NSW in conjunction with the Department of Education and Training's (DET) guidelines.

The program is designed to give student a broad overview of science by engaging the student in each of the above areas for selected periods throughout the week.

The program will run over two dates: Autumn: 18-24 May, 2020 and Spring: 12-18 October, 2020

Applications deadline: 24 Feb 2020 (11.59pm). [Learn more](#)

Resources

Gap Years and what you should know about them

What is a gap year? You might hear talk about the fabled gap year around the school yard, but not really understand what it's all about. Well, for some people it's basically a well-deserved brain break after completing high school or university (or even several years in the same job). Quite simply it's when you take some time out of your regular life or routine to concentrate on yourself. Yep that's really all there is to it.

The best time to take a gap year

In an ideal world, you'd take a gap year when you've finished one project or life chapter, before starting the next. For example, once you've finished Year 12 you might like to take a gap year before you start your uni degree. Or after you've completed your tertiary studies, a gap year before you start working could be perfect for you. But realistically, there is no right or wrong time, you can even take gap years once you've started working (terms vary depending on your employer).

Gap year ideas

Got itchy feet? You could travel. Need more life experience? No problem, you could learn new languages and skills. Contribute to worthwhile projects and volunteer to help others. Perhaps you just need to make some money so that you can afford to continue on the pathway you've chosen without accumulating huge debts. Not only would you reap the financial rewards, you'd also benefit from getting work experience, improving your employability skills, networking, and building on your resume. Take the opportunity to decide what you're looking for from future studies, career goals or other endeavours, and refocus.

Take a gap year overseas

Immerse yourself in new cultures, learn a language, experience life from an alternative perspective. Learn to live independently and be responsible, they're great qualities that could serve you well. Whether you choose to travel independently or as part of an organised tour, there's plenty of help out there to help you maximise on your year out. Have a look at:

- [Student travel services](#)
- Libraries travel sections
- Lonely Planet and other travel guides
- Targeted [gap year programs](#)
- [Volunteering](#)

It's perfectly ok to go away and be a tourist for a year too, undoubtedly you'll still gain a wealth of experience as well as having fun.

Get a Gap Year Job

You could make the most of your gap year's need to earn but still have some fun and new experiences. You could find jobs near home, in different parts of Australia, or even in a different country.

Things you could try include:

- Ski Season and other seasonal workers
- Teaching e.g. teach others English overseas, or make some money teaching your skills (e.g. playing an instrument, maths tutor)
- [Summer Camp](#)
- [Life guard](#)
- [Au Pair](#)
- Become part of an outdoor adventure crew

- Resort work
- Cruise ships
- Internships
- Tour guide
- Hospitality

See what the Australian Defence Force Gap Year program has to offer

You can apply to take part in an ADF gap year program – whether you're considering joining up or not. You could experience a number of jobs that the Army, Navy or Air Force have to offer, as well as gaining new skills e.g. leadership, meet new people, travel and go adventuring.

What are the benefits of taking a gap year?

There are lots.

- You could broaden your horizons
- experience new things
- learn new skills including life skills
- uncover hidden passions or discover new ones
- prepare yourself for uni
- have adventures
- make you more appealing to potential employers by displaying qualities such as initiative independence, open-mindedness, problem solving, maturity and grit.
- experience the world outside the classroom
- relieve some of the pressure about choosing your pathway and allowing time to make choices that reflect what you really want to do

How to tell if a gap year is the right option for you

Give it some thought, decide what you might like to do if you took a gap year, then find out what's involved including time scales and costs. If you're in Year 12 right now, you can still apply for uni later in the year, then when you've received your offer – you might be able to defer for a year. Meaning you could take a gap year knowing that when you come back in 12 months, your place at university will still be waiting for you. Make sure you read up about deferring uni, check that it's an option for the institution or course you'd most like to attend. You can also find out about applying for university when you're no longer a school leaver, giving you some breathing space if you're unsure about the course you really want to study right now. Still undecided whether it's the right step for you? Perhaps our Gap Year Quiz could help you make up your mind. Talk about it with your parents, friends, and teachers. Start doing some research and find out how you could make the most out of the opportunities available to you. If you don't think it's the right time for you, then you can just shelve the idea and come back to it later if you want to. To find out more about Gap Years or be inspired by opportunities that are out there, you could head over to our dedicated page and start your journey there.

Rotary Youth Exchange Australia

Wanting to travel during your studies? Rotary Youth Exchange Australia offers programs that run for up to 12 months for high school students aged between 15-18, giving you the chance to live and study abroad. There are more than 30 countries you can choose from for your exchange program. Expressions of interest for 2021 exchanges are open now. Find out more here: <https://ryea.org.au/>

4 tips to help get smart about money

What is financial literacy? By the time you leave high school and often before, it's important to learn how to manage your money and make decisions that make financial sense for your situation. If you can budget, manage your money, make wise decisions about your spending and saving habits, then you're well on your way to being financially literate. Having these skills are a huge advantage all through life and could help to prevent you falling into masses of debt.

How to improve your financial skills

1. Set up a bank account

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

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

2. Find a job

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

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

3. Do a budgeting challenge

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

Perhaps you could do something similar at home?

Speak to your parents and work out:

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

E.g. Write meal plans and cook in bulk, find free activities to do in your spare time, recycle all your cans and bottles for extra cash.

4. Start saving

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

Make sure it's not too easy to get too, otherwise you could be more tempted to dip into it.

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

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

Starting University – advice from indigenous students

If you're in Year 12 this year and planning to go to university in 2021, you could be feeling a little bit nervous about what's in store for you. The ABC has published a new article with tips from current uni students that might help you address any niggles and embrace the excitement about heading off to start a new chapter in life. There are general tips on day-to-day living, orientation week, utilising the indigenous support unit, and getting involved with the student union. You can read what they have to say in the full article.

Job Spotlight

How to become a Pharmacist

What do Pharmacists do? As one of the most trusted professions, a Pharmacist's job is to prep and provide over-the-counter drugs and fill prescriptions, provide advice about the best medications and treatments for minor ailments, as well as how to safely take medicines.

If you pay attention to details, have great communication skills and a caring personality this could be a career to consider. **About you:**

- Meticulous, approachable and trustworthy
- A problem-solving guru
- Team working people person

The job:

- Advise medical professionals and patients on medications, dosages, side effects and when, or how, to take them
- Accurately prepare and dispense medications
- Become an integral part of a patients on-going treatment

Pharmacist salary (average) \$97,000 per year

(Source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

Job growth in pharmacy is moderate (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

Although this is a competitive field, there are more opportunities to be found if candidates are willing to move to rural and remote locations.

How to become a Pharmacist in Australia

On average, it takes 6 years from leaving Year 12 to becoming a fully qualified, practising pharmacist.

Step 1 – Study Chemistry and Mathematics at school

Step 2 – Look at degrees you'd be interested in check any other pre-requisites required

Step 3 – Complete your university qualifications in Pharmacy (either a 4 year Undergraduate Bachelor of Pharmacy degree, or a 3 year Bachelor degree and a 2 year Masters in Pharmacy)

Step 4 – Pass the board of registration requirements

Step 5 – Complete a 48 week internship with a registered pharmacist

Find out more at <https://my.psa.org.au/s/article/Pharmacy-Careers-Guide>

Similar Careers to Pharmacist

Pharmacist tech / Pharmacist Technician

Pharmaceutical Sales Rep

Clinical Pharmacist

Dispensary Pharmacist

Compounding Pharmacist

Pharmacist Consultant

Clinical Research Pharmacist

Pharmacist Assistant

Pharmacist Manager

Veterinary Pharmacist

Find out more about alternative careers.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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How long does it take to become a pharmacist?

It takes a minimum of 5 years to qualify and become a practising pharmacist, but it can be longer depending on your pathway.

What do pharmacists do?

Pharmacists issue prescription and over-the-counter medications, and provide a range of drug related advice to patients and customers.

Where do pharmacists work?

Pharmacists can work in pharmacies and chemists, hospitals, healthcare clinics, government and military, in research or the pharmaceutical manufacturing industries.

Do I need to go to university to become a pharmacist?

Yes, you'll need to complete a relevant degree and undertake an internship.

How do I become a registered pharmacist?

For student and internship registration, as well as general registration required in order to become a legally practising Pharmacist, you'll need to complete the relevant information with the [Pharmacy Board of Australia](#).