



Careers Newsletter

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JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

To register go to <https://www.jobjump.com.au/>

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

Parent information:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwVg&feature=youtu.be>

[Defence Force Information Sessions – NSW – December](#)

December 9

[Sydney: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Monday | 6.30pm – 8.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

December 10

[Sydney: Army Reserve Information Session](#)

Tuesday | 6.30pm – 8.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

December 17

[Sydney: Cyber and IT Information Session](#)

Tuesday | 6.30pm – 8.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

[UTS | Campus Tour](#)

4 December 2019, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

University of Technology Sydney

Explore Australia's most innovative campus, located in the heart of Sydney with the best the city has to offer. Our experienced Student Ambassadors will lead you through the Broadway and Haymarket precincts, including a stop at the iconic Dr Chau Chak Building and the 220 seat multi-disciplinary Super Lab. They can help you answer your questions about courses, university life and all the exciting opportunities available to students at UTS.

Find out more: <https://forms.uts.edu.au/web/index.cfm>

[UOW | Nursing Information Session](#)

4 December 2019, 6:30 pm

University of Wollongong, South Western Sydney Campus

This information evening is your opportunity to get expert advice on the UOW Bachelor of Nursing degree offered at our South Western Sydney campus in Liverpool.

Speak one-on-one with nursing educators and get the answers to any questions you have about studying Nursing at UOW. There will also be guided tours of the campus facilities, including – and most importantly – our new nursing labs. You'll also learn about UOW student life at our campus in Liverpool, including the range of support services available to help you succeed; information on the average study workload; scholarships; and the costs associated with studying at UOW.

Find out more: http://mkto.uow.edu.au/20191204---Nursing-Information-Evening-Liverpool_1-Registration-1a.html

[WSU | Parramatta South Campus Tour](#)

6 December 2019, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

Come and explore all Western Sydney University has to offer. On the first Friday of each month we open our doors to prospective students, their family and the general public. Take one of our guided Campus Tours and see what life at Western is really like.

You'll take a tour of our lecture theatres and teaching facilities, stroll through our campus libraries, take in our various food outlets and have the opportunity to learn more about the various degrees on offer, course selection, living on campus and university life.

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/campus-tours.html>

[Admission Secrets of Top Unis & Parent Advice](#)

7 December 2019, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

The Epping Club, Rawson Street

When it comes to studying at top US and UK universities, many families may know some of the basics but it takes much more than that to gain admission at some of the world's top universities.

If you're in Year 8-12 or a parent wanting to learn more, this information evening will give you an unparalleled insight into the amazing education opportunities and life experience that comes from studying overseas.

Beyond the basics, Harvard graduate and Crimson Education Australia Manager, Shori Hijikata, will run a 45min application workshop covering topics that you won't find anywhere else including:

- A breakdown of where students fail through the application process;
- The impact of extracurriculars – what universities look for;
- Essay insights – brainstorming your most important piece of writing;
- Beyond the Ivy League and Oxbridge – an application strategy case study.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/admission-secrets-of-top-unis-parent-advice-syd-registration-80619455963>

Macquarie University | Campus Tour

7 December 2019, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Macquarie University, Macquarie Park

You can never truly know if a uni is right for you until you visit in person and get a feel for the campus.

What to expect on the day?

- tours usually take about 1.5h
- on every tour you'll see:
 - our various lecture theatres
 - our award-winning library
 - MUSE – our flexible and creative study space
 - the Sport and Aquatic Centre
 - the Campus Common, where you can explore the many dining options
- you will have the opportunity to ask a current student your questions while you walk
- following the tour, you will also get the opportunity for a private consultation to get all your Macquarie questions answered

Find out more: <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/parents/campus-tours>

ANU | Sydney Advisory Day

17 December 2019, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Australian National Maritime Museum

Have you received a conditional offer to study in 2020 or are you interested in studying at The Australian National University?

At the Sydney Advisory Day you will have one-on-one access to advisors, as well as representatives from our academic Colleges.

We will be there to answer your questions, no matter how general or detailed, so we encourage you to come along to learn more about why ANU is the right choice for you.

Find out more: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/sydney-advisory-day-2019>

ANU | Orange Advisory Day

18 December 2019, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Orange Ex-Services Club

Have you received a conditional offer to study in 2020 or are you interested in studying at The Australian National University?

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We will be there to answer your questions, no matter how general or detailed, so we encourage you to come along to learn more about why ANU is the right choice for you.

Find out more: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/orange-advisory-day-2019>

[ANU | Wagga Wagga Advisory Day](#)

19 December 2019, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Mercure Wagga Wagga

Have you received a conditional offer to study in 2020 or are you interested in studying at The Australian National University?

At the Wagga Wagga Advisory Day you will have one-on-one access to advisors, as well as representatives from our academic Colleges.

We will be there to answer your questions, no matter how general or detailed, so we encourage you to come along to learn more about why ANU is the right choice for you.

Find out more: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/wagga-wagga-advisory-day-2019>

[Career Insights: Monthly Digital Workshop](#)

19 December 2019, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Join us for a monthly interactive workshop where we cover various economic and technology trends as they impact your career.

This month's topic is "How to increase your value and worth in less than a year".

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/career-insights-monthly-digital-workshop-tickets-80972411663>

[Bedford College | Open Week, Glebe](#)

Glebe Campus: 6 January 2020, 9:30 am - 10 January 2020, 4:00 pm

Norwest Campus: 13 January 2020, 9:30 am - 17 January 2020, 4:00 pm

See for yourself what makes Bedford College different than other training providers.

Find out why the vast majority of Bedford students enrol due to a referral from a past or current student. We believe that this is testament to the standard of training and the student-centred approach to learning that Bedford College provides.

What to do on your visit:

- Tour the campus
- Talk to our Course Advisors
- Discuss your career options
- Chat to teachers and staff
- Talk to current and past students
- Ask us about university pathways and options
- Find out about VET Student Loans and payment options
- Ask us about accommodation options

Find out more: <https://www.bedford.edu.au/about/opendays/>

[AIM | Sydney Information Evening](#)

17 January 2020, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Australian Institute of Music, Foveaux Street

AIM Sydney invites you to an intimate evening information session where we'll take you on a personalised campus tour, hear what makes AIM special from our academics and students plus have a chat to our friendly team members who will be able to answer any questions you may have ahead of our May 2020 intake.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aim-sydney-information-evening-17-january-2020-tickets-69379793831>

[AIE | Information Evening](#)

22 January 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE), Ultimo

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Information Evening. Our 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/

[Torrens | Virtual Open Day](#)

29 January 2020, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

Virtual Open Day is a customised online event that is designed for you to explore your study options in courses related to Business, Design, Technology, Hospitality, Health and Education.

Open Day is your opportunity to hear from a variety of inspiring guest speakers, get involved in virtual workshops, and get all of your questions answered. Your future is waiting for you.

- Live chat directly with Academics and Course & Career Advisors
- Get all your questions about study and student life answered
- Learn more about our dynamic undergraduate and postgraduate courses
- Explore options to study online or on campus in courses related to Business, Design, Creative, Tech, Education, Hospitality and Health
- Gain access to our video and resource library
- Meet other students in our virtual social lounge
- Explore the virtual campus
- Attend from the comfort of your own home

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/about/virtual-open-day>

[AIT | Open Day](#)

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

AIT - Academy of Information Technology, Ultimo

AIT's Open Day is perfect for those wanting to explore the endless opportunities available in the growing creative industry. 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.

During the Open Day you'll:

- Learn about careers and study options in film production, animation, digital design, game design, and IT.

- Check out our campus and be part of our fun activities
- See why so many students choose to be part of our community

Find out more: <https://info.ait.edu.au/open-day>

[CQUni | STEPS Information Session](#)

7 February 2020, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

CQUniversity Sydney

Need a little help to meet the entry requirements of your chosen university course? Or perhaps you just want some additional support to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to successfully enter and undertake further study.

Find out how CQUniversity can be the support to your study and take the first step toward a brighter future with our Skills For Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) course.

STEPS is a free, Centrelink approved enabling course that is designed to help you acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to gain entry into university.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/steps-information-session33>

[CQUni | STEPS Information Session, Online](#)

14 February 2020, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Online

Need a little help to meet the entry requirements of your chosen university course? Or perhaps you just want some additional support to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to successfully enter and undertake further study.

Find out how CQUniversity can be the support to your study and take the first step toward a brighter future with our Skills For Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) course.

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Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/steps-information-session38>

[iCanMed | Free UCAT Workshops](#)

Central Sydney: 1 December 2019, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Western Sydney: 1 December 2019, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Medical and dental schools are continually finding new ways to identify the candidates who are most likely to become successful health professionals in the future. The UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) is the latest addition to the selection process used by thirteen universities in Australia and New Zealand. Some universities weight your UCAT score just as heavily as your ATAR when deciding on final offers, while others won't even give you an interview offer unless you achieved a UCAT score in the top 10% of the cohort. This means that doing well in the UCAT is a make-or-break for prospective candidates.

This workshop will address all the must-know information you need to effectively prepare for the UCAT. If you want to receive the insights, experience and expertise that will help you get ahead of the competition, this is a workshop that you cannot afford to miss.

In this 3-hour workshop, we will:

- Discuss the methods/formulas that medical and dental schools use to select top candidates
- Highlight all of the critical mistakes that students made when preparing for and sitting the 2019 UCAT
- Offer game-changing strategies that helped almost 400 iCanMed students score 3000+ (96th percentile or above) on the 2019 UCAT
- Sit a mini mock exam that contains questions with the same difficulty, format and style as those found in the official 2019 UCAT
- Teach the correct methods to solve major Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 question types, with a focus on achieving top speeds without compromising accuracy

Register for Central Sydney: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-ucats-workshop-central-syd-how-to-score-3000-96th-percentile-on-the-ucats-exam-tickets-80452986047>

Register for Western Sydney: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-ucats-workshop-west-syd-how-to-score-3000-96th-percentile-on-the-ucats-exam-tickets-80454199677>

[SYO 2020 Summer School](#)

6 January 2020, 9:00 am - 10 January 2020, 3:00 pm

Santa Sabina College

Sydney Youth Orchestra Summer School combines high level orchestral tuition with an emphasis on developing team and ensemble skills in musicians. SYO Summer School provides a week-long open music program packed with choir rehearsals, large ensemble playing, masterclasses and tutorials, music theory and info sessions, as well as the opportunity to make friends and have fun.

Applications close Friday 6 December.

Find out more: <https://syo.com.au/programs/syo-open-holiday-programs/2020-summer-school/register-for-summer-school-2020-2/>

[AFTRS | Visual Effects on Screen Short Course](#)

20 January 2020, 9:30 am - 22 January 2020, 5:00 pm

Australian Film Television and Radio School

Do you want to learn how to create cool animated sequences for your video content? Using Adobe After Effects, you can impress audiences with your opening and closing titles and more. In this computer lab-based course you'll get the know-how to create simple and effective VFX.

- Get an introduction to Adobe After Effects.
- Learn how to design and create title sequences, graphics and credits that will take your content to the next level.
- Learn about sound, 3D and timelapse techniques.

Find out more: <https://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-course/visual-effects-on-screen/>

[AFTRS | TV and Radio Presenting Workshop](#)

21 January 2020, 9:30 am - 23 January 2020, 5:00 pm

Australian Film Television and Radio School

Do you fancy yourself as a TV or radio presenter? This is a great opportunity for young people to gain confidence in live presenting, using our AFTRS state-of-the-art TV and radio studios. It's perfect for anyone considering a career in fun and fast-paced broadcast formats.

- Practice radio on-air announcing, scripted reads and interviewing.
- Present live to camera using auto-cue in our professional TV studio.
- Develop your voice-over skills including breathing and microphone techniques.

Find out more: [https://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-course/tv-and-radio-presenting/UON Betty Josephine Fyffe Rural Equity Scholarships](https://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-course/tv-and-radio-presenting/UON_Betty_Josephine_Fyffe_Rural_Equity_Scholarships)

Value: \$50,000

Open/Closing Dates: October 1, 2019 – March 6, 2020

Betty leaves this legacy as her way of trying to improve the education of doctors, nurses and allied health professionals in training with hope that some will return to the country areas to practice their profession.

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in any year (including honours) of a B Nursing, B Midwifery, B Physiotherapy, B Nutrition and Dietetics, B Occupational Therapy, B Medical Radiation Science, B Pharmacy, B Medical Science or Doctor of Medicine program
- Demonstrate impact of personal circumstances, such as carer, sole parent, financial hardship, English language difficulty, Indigenous Australian, long term medical condition or effects of abuse, disability, refugee status, regional/remote disadvantage.
- Have lived in a regional or remote area of Australia for at least 12 months within the two years prior to study.
- Demonstrate activity in your local community (for example volunteering or involvement in community projects).
- Be enrolled full-time.
- Be an Australian citizen.
- Not be the recipient of another UON Donor funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.

[Find out more](#)

[UON Koiki Eddie Mabo Scholarship](#)

Value: \$25,000

Open/Closing Dates: October 1, 2019 – March 6, 2020

This scholarship was established in 2001, from a trust fund established in memory of Koiki Eddie Mabo. This fund was graciously established by Dr Roger Riordan AM. The aim is to provide a scholarship fund that can be used for the purpose of assisting any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who is studying in the Faculty of Health and Medicine.

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in any year of an undergraduate degree (including honours) with the Faculty of Health and Medicine at the University of Newcastle.
- Be enrolled full-time.

Inclusive Community

- Demonstrate academic progress either by the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent required for entry for commencing students, or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 for continuing students.
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be recognised as such by your community.
- Not be the recipient of another UON Donor funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.

[Find out more](#)

[Australia Council for Arts Career Development Grant | Round 1](#)

Value: \$25,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: – February 4, 2020

Individual artists (as well as arts workers or groups of artist), are invited to apply for a Career Development Grant.

Valued between \$5,000 to \$25,000, these grants support a broad range of activities such as skills and professional development, mentorships, showcases, residencies and other projects directly related to your career development. Supported activities must last no longer than two years from the proposed start date.

Applications are open now and close:

- Tuesday 4 February for projects starting after 1 May 2020 (11:59pm AEDT).

For more information, application form, guidelines, terms and conditions or advise go to this [page](#).

Eligibility:

- Only individuals and groups may apply to this category.
- You must be a practicing artist or arts worker
- Australian citizen or an Australian permanent resident.

To apply: You'll need to complete and submit an application form. Obtain peer reviews (guidelines apply). Provide supporting material including:

- Examples of recent work
- Resume / CV / brief Bio
- Letters of support

[Find out more](#)

[The Lady Mollie Isabelle Askin Ballet and Sir Robert William Askin Operatic Scholarships](#)

Value: \$30,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: – January 30, 2020

The Lady Mollie Isabelle Askin Ballet and Sir Robert William Askin Operatic Scholarships were established by a Deed of Lady Mollie Askin to further culture and advance education in Australia by providing travelling scholarships for Australian citizens with outstanding ability and promise in Ballet & Opera.

Applications for the Lady Mollie Isabelle Askin Ballet Scholarship are open to individual artists who are Australian citizens aged 17 – 29 at the closing date.

Applications for the Sir Robert William Askin Operatic Scholarship are open to individual artists who identify as male and are Australian citizens aged 18 – 29 at the closing date.

[Find out more](#)

[Gallipoli Scholarship](#)

Value: \$6,000

Open/Closing Dates: January 1, 2020 – March 1, 2020

You are invited to apply for a Gallipoli Scholarship to assist your first year of tertiary study either at university or TAFE (the latter at Degree, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level).

An applicant for the Scholarship must:

- Have qualified and been accepted to undertake tertiary study at University or TAFE (the latter at Diploma or Advanced Diploma level).
- Be able to show necessitous circumstances through ill health of family members, death, separation from parents or guardians, unexpected financial loss or asset reduction that would otherwise prevent the applicant's full-time attendance at university or TAFE.
- Be in receipt of or be eligible to receive Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY or a similar Government benefit. This must be supported by relevant documentation in the form of the client registration number showing date of application and/or the decision in relation to the application
- Be an Australian citizen.
- Be a direct descendant of an Australian serviceman or servicewoman who served in either World War I or World War II.
- Be under 25 years of age on 1 March in the year of application.
- Commence their first year of university or TAFE studies (the latter at Degree, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level) in the year of application and be studying full-time.

[Find out more](#)

[Bedford College Scholarships](#)

Value: 50% tuition fee waiver

Open/Closing Dates: November 1, 2019 – December 10, 2019

Scholarships are offered at Bedford College to domestic students on a 'needs' basis and cover half (50%) of the tuition fee for the academic year.

In addition to the Scholarship Application Form, the following must be submitted as a portfolio:

- Personal Statement (400 words highlighting interests, aspirations and personal circumstance)
- Resume/CV
- References (2-3)
- Most recent school report

Please note, scholarships are available to current year 10, 11 & 12 school leavers only.

[Find out more](#)

[Fall 2019 Travel Writing Contest](#)

Award-winning literary travel magazine Nowhere Magazine's accepting [Fall 2019 Travel Writing Contest](#) is open now, you could win US\$1,000 and get your work published.

Stories can be fiction, nonfiction, poetry or essay, you'll need to indicate the genre at the top of your manuscript. Entries should be:

- between eight hundred and five thousand words (poetry may be any length and several poems, themed together, may be submitted as one entry)
- written in English
- not have been previously chosen as a winner in another contest.

You'll need to [submit your entry](#) before the deadline at 11:59 p.m. EST on **January 1, 2020** to be in with a chance.

[Google Code-in 2019](#)

Pre-university students ages 13 to 17 are invited to take part in Google Code-in: Our global, online contest introducing teenagers to the world of open source development. With a wide variety of bite-sized tasks, it's easy for beginners to jump in and get started no matter what skills they have.

Mentors from our participating organisations lend a helping hand as participants learn what it's like to work on an open source project. Participants get to work on real software and win prizes from t-shirts to a trip to Google HQ!

The competition opens on Tuesday 3 December and runs until Friday 24 January 2020.

Find out more here: <https://codein.withgoogle.com/>

SUMMER JOBS

[Why bother with a summer job?](#)

After a hectic school year, you might just be craving some time out and looking forward to winding down.

Getting a summer job could be the last thing on your mind.

But have you considered all the benefits of a summer job? If not, here's a few that might just change your mind and have you reaching for the classifieds:

- Feel more confident applying for jobs and attending interviews
- Help you build an attractive resume which could make you stand out to future employers, or make your uni application more competitive
- Learn all kinds of new skills – some you might not even realise you're doing, like prioritising and multi-tasking
- Gain insight into different jobs, find out if there's something you'd like to explore further, or put it on the "no thanks" list
- Getting a job during high school will give you an advantage over people who wait until after graduation to land a job
- Develop and practise life skills including:
 - time management
 - patience

- communication
- customer service
- people skills
- collaboration
- teamwork
- good work ethic
- leadership
- problem solving

These will look great on your resume, be useful at school and throughout your working life.

- Professional networking – this could guarantee you a job to come back to in future, or secure you a part time job while you study, get you a great reference, or through word of mouth could get you an even bigger and shinier job offer.
- Earn your own spending money to do with exactly as you'd like, help out at home, or put towards your savings for a car, gap year or uni expenses.
- Get familiar with entitlements, taxes, banking and budgeting
- Getting a summer job could help you assert your independence, boost your self-confidence, and learn more about your capabilities.

You might think that showing up to work flipping burgers or serving up ice creams won't benefit you much at all, but aside from earning some cash, it could teach you how to motivate yourself (getting up each day to do something you're not mad about), work hard, prioritise tasks, and achieve goals. Plus, you could make new friends and have some fun along the way.

At the end of the day life is all about balance. So there's no need to find a job that has you slaving away from sun-up till sun-down, seven days a week. Something part time and flexible will give you all the benefits, plus allow you the time you'd like to enjoy the summer break.

FURTHER LEARNING

[Library Traineeship – Camden](#)

My Gateway currently have a unique and rewarding position available in Camden, working for a Local Government organisation. This role will involve working within a library in both a customer service position and back office administration role. As part of this 2 year traineeship, you will complete a Certificate IV in Library Information Services.

Find out more and apply here: <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/34630/my-gateway/75397/library-traineeship>

[Aboriginal School Based Traineeship Program](#)

1300 apprenticeships and ANZ Bank are currently taking applications for School Based Business Traineeships across NSW and ACT, for indigenous students starting year 11 in 2020.

As part of the traineeship you will earn a Certificate II in Business, as well as working 1 day a week gaining valuable experience.

If you are interested, find out more and apply here: <https://www.1300apprentice.com.au/job/financial-services-school-based-traineeship-indigenous-nsw-act>

Our student work experience program provides practical on-the-job experiences while offering exposure to a diverse range of services, programs and facilities. We offer a wide range of placements in a number of areas to provide as broad experience as possible.

[Learn more](#)

[Changing Preferences Guide 2019](#)

When you submit a university application, particularly through an admissions centre (QTAC, VTAC, UAC, TISC, SATAC or UTAS), you get to choose a few courses you'd like to study.

You're supposed to rank your choices in terms of which one you'd most like to do first, hence the name "preferences".

But did you know

- You can change your preferences for any reason *before* the ATAR / OP release date
- Once the ATARs are released, there's a window before the main round of offers are made when you'll have the chance to change your preferences again
- Once the main of offers are over, you'll still have the opportunity to be considered for future offer rounds as well (even if you receive and offer..... and even if that offer was for your first preference).

Need some help?

The changing preferences system can be confusing, we get that.

So here at Study Work Grow, we've put together a guide that could help you get some clarity about the process, your options and how to go about making the changes.

Since preferences are linked to offers, of course we couldn't leave them out.

You can download the guide [here](#).

[No such thing as the male or female brain](#)

We were interested to read this article based on the work of Neuroscientist Gina Rippon, she's found that there's no biomechanical differences between the male and female brain.

There are differences between individual brains that's for sure, but they're seemingly a direct consequence of the life we have lived and experiences we've had, shaped by opportunities and culture for example, rather than the sex of their owners.

If you're curious to find out more, here's the [full article](#).

[A Day in the life at a Veterinarian Clinic](#)

Photographer Michael Weinhardt spent months working with staff at a Vet clinic in Canberra, to create a photographic essay that reflects the realities of a working day for vets and vet nurses.

It was created specifically with young people in mind, to help them gain a bit more insight if they're considering, or already studying for, a career in veterinary services. The [photographic journal](#) is accompanied by a [five-part feature article](#) detailing some of the challenges faced by people working in veterinary services, especially recent graduates.

If you're looking for an authentic glimpse into a career in Veterinary services, these resources are definitely for you.

You can see a shortened version [here](#) before you delve inside the full essay.

JOB SPOTLIGHT

[Professional Dancer](#)

If you're physically fit and you have a passion for and background in dance, then life as a professional dancer, or role within the dance industry, could be for you. Career outcomes within dance can be split into 3 areas including performing, teaching, and roles within the arts and associated organisations.

1. Performers

You could work hard and become an elite performer working with national and state companies.

There's also work on stage and in TV, within smaller companies, with individuals (e.g. supporting musicians).

You might be lucky enough to be employed on a permanent basis, or you'll be signed up with an agent who'll find openings that you can audition for.

Freelance dancers must network, search for and attend upcoming auditions, and join professional associations who might put out announcements when positions become available.

Performance roles are highly competitive, so it's possible that additional skills and experience in acting, film or TV production, could improve employment options.

The salary for performers varies hugely depending on the level and the amount of work. Job outlook states that dancers (full-time) is \$71,000 per year. Glassdoor states the monthly salary at the Australian Ballet is \$4,732. Indeed lists the average salary as \$79 per hour and Payscale lists it as \$33.35 per hour.

2. Teaching

Talented dancers could gain the relevant training and experience and turn to teaching, there's a few options to consider.

- [Dance Teacher](#)

With the right qualifications you some dancers choose to work in schools (primary or secondary) or within other training organisations. There's also an option of opening up your own dance studio or school run as a small business.

Salary varies once again according to where you work and how much work you do, Job Outlook lists the average salary for private dance teachers as \$58,344 per year. The average starting salary for school teachers in Australia is \$65,000 per year.

- [Choreographer](#)

Choreographers create original dance routines, develop new moves, and put together entire programmes for performances and shows. They'll pick out the

music, audition dancers and teach performers the routine. They also use their creative talents to help performers and producers reinvent established dances and routines, or provide new interpretations.

Job outlook lists the average salary of a choreographer as \$71,000 per year.

- Dance Therapist

Using their dance skills to create programmes to benefit the elderly, children and adults with special needs or some physical disabilities.

3. Other

If performing and teaching don't hit the spot, there are lots of careers related to the dance industry, where knowledge and experience of dancing may be required, they might include: administration, production, theatre management, public relations, backstage and other technical positions, costume design and making.

Note: In Australia there are also opportunities for those specifically trained in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island traditional dance styles to find work in each of the areas listed above.

Pathways

It's to make it big in the world of professional dance without any formal qualifications. Dedication and natural ability are critical but learning and practising the techniques and disciplines is often desirable for lots of roles.

VET qualifications in Dance including Certificate I, II, III, or IV, and Diplomas and a background in dance lessons could get you a long way. [My Skills](#) list all the current qualifications on offer and will let you know all the registered training providers who offer the courses.

Dance academies offer VET qualifications and other intensive programs, providing opportunities for budding dancers to hone their skills and techniques. Entry to most requires applicants to pass an audition.

A **Bachelor's degree** or post graduate degree could qualify you for teaching positions and some careers within industry listed in section 3 of the careers section above.

Examples of dance degrees in Australia include:

[Bachelor of Fine Arts \(Dance\) at The University of Melbourne](#)

[Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Dance and Performance at Macquarie](#)

[Bachelor of Arts \(Dance\) at Edith Curtin University](#)

[Bachelor of Fine Arts \(Dance\) at QUT](#)

[Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Dance\) at Deakin](#)

[Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Dance\) at Flinders](#)

[Bachelor of Dance Education at ACPE](#)

You could study other degrees with a major in Dance, if performing and teaching isn't your dream, or you'd like to give yourself more career options, this could be a great idea.

For those intending to start up their own dance businesses, tertiary qualifications in business or marketing for example could be really valuable.

Further reading

There are lots of useful Associations and Societies that specialise in Dance or performing arts, they'll have lots of useful advice and information. Here's a few:

Inclusive Community

[The Australasian Dance Association \(ADA\)](#)

[Australian Teachers of Dancing \(ATOD\)](#)

[Australian National Dance Association \(ANDA\)](#)

[Acrobatic Dance Association](#)

You could also have a read of our blog "[Pursuing a career in dance](#)" for some useful information and tips.

Job growth in dance is **strong** (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

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