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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>

[University of Sydney | All About Sydney Webinar](#)

24 March 2021, 4:00 pm

Online

This webinar is designed to give you a good overview of what it is like to study at the University of Sydney. We will cover everything from the degrees we offer, to the student experience, and how to apply. The webinar will consist of a short presentation followed by Q&A.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/7516152377033/WN_IGwzXmfkTCS-PeU8bA7xmw

[ADF | Army Telecommunications Technician Virtual Information Session](#)

24 March 2021, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

As a Telecommunications Technician, you'll become part of the Army's advanced information and communication systems team, the Signallers. Your collective goal is to keep the Army connected, and to keep those connections protected.

Join us for an info session to speak with serving members and learn more about this job role.

Find out more: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/f0mbgam>

[University of Sydney | Admission Pathways Webinar](#)

31 March 2021, 4:00 pm

Online

There is often more than one way to gain entry to your dream course at the University of Sydney. If you are interested in exploring your options, please join us for this webinar where we will talk you through the various entry schemes and admission pathways that we offer.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/3716152396833/WN_Zkfx_pkzQR2gzcGkUseqMA

[CSU | Parent Information Sessions](#)

Albury-Wodonga: 6 April 2021, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Orange: 6 April 2021, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Bathurst: 6 April 2021, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Port Macquarie: 13 April 2021, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Wagga Wagga: 13 April 2021, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Want the complete picture of your child's path from high school to uni? Our free Parent Information Session will give you everything you need to know.

It's a relaxed evening with short presentations and the opportunity to have all your questions answered. Plus, you can enjoy a drink and some nibbles on us!

We'll step you through the application process and early offer programs. You'll learn about our paths into uni, student services, accommodation options and scholarships. Plus, our experts will be available to answer your specific course questions.

Find out more: <https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events/parents>

[ADF | Health Careers Virtual Information Session](#)

12 April 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Protect the health and wellbeing of Australian Defence personnel both on base and on deployments, in a rewarding Health role.

Learn more about the wide range of Health opportunities within the ADF by tuning into our virtual info session, where you can speak with current serving members about their own experiences and advice.

Find out more: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/wsy6v13>

[ACAP | Undergraduate Coaching Webinar](#)

15 April 2021, 12:30 pm - 1:15 pm

Online

ACAP's Bachelor of Counselling (Coaching) offers minor in coaching. Essentially, providing an opportunity for the students to complete the counselling degree and acquire an additional qualification – a professional coach.

This interactive webinar's purpose is to demystify coaching to those interested in pursuing a career in coaching, providing answers to questions around the best way to study coaching units and what students can expect to learn and how.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/acap-undergraduate-coaching-information-session-tickets-145148760851>

[University of Sydney | Year 10 Information Evening](#)

20 April 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

4 May 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus

Join us to discover your options at the University of Sydney. Get your questions answered about subject selection, scaling, pre-requisites and assumed knowledge and hear all about university life.

Find out more: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate.html>

[UNSW | Year 10 Subject Selection and Information Evening](#)

22 April 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Year 10 Subject Selection Evenings are a great place to start if you want to study at university after high school.

Get advice and information that's specially tailored for Year 10 students, that will help you navigate the HSC subject selection process, explain how UNSW admissions and scholarship applications work, and give you an insight into university life so that you can get a head start on planning your future. Parents and teachers of Year 10 students are invited to join the evening as well as participate in the live Q&A session.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/year-10-subject-selection-and-information-evenings>

[UTS | Undergraduate Information Technology Webinars](#)

26 April 2021, 12:00 am - 18 May 2021, 12:00 am

Online

Thinking about your uni journey? An IT degree will prepare you for a fast-paced digital future, giving you the knowledge and skills you need for any industry. If you're keen to join one of Australia's largest economic sectors, then IT could be the perfect path for you.

Join one or many of our webinars – live or on demand, to learn more about IT, and study options at UTS.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/webinars-demand/it-undergraduate-students/learn-about-information-technology-undergraduate-students>

[UTS | Undergraduate Engineering Webinars](#)

27 April 2021, 12:00 am - 19 May 2021, 12:00 am

Online

Thinking about your uni journey? To 'engineer' literally means to 'make things happen'. If you're keen to solve problems and pioneer solutions, then engineering could be the perfect path for you, Join one or many of our webinars – live or on demand, to learn more about engineering, and study options at UTS.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/webinars-demand/engineering-undergraduate-students/learn-about-engineering-undergraduate-students>

[SCCE | Exchange Webinar](#)

27 April 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:30 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 30 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-27-april-2021-info-session/register>

[UNSW | Year 10 Subject Selection and Information Evening](#)

28 April 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

12 May 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

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Get advice and information that's specially tailored for Year 10 students, that will help you navigate the HSC subject selection process, explain how UNSW admissions and scholarship applications work, and give you an insight into university life so that you can get a head start on planning your future. Parents and teachers of Year 10 students are invited to join the evening as well as participate in the live Q&A session.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/year-10-subject-selection-and-information-evenings>

[University of Sydney | Year 10 Information Evening, Online](#)

6 May 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Online

Join us online to discover your options at the University of Sydney. Get your questions answered about subject selection, scaling, pre-requisites and assumed knowledge and hear all about university life.

Find out more: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate.html>

[UTS | Introducing the Bachelor of Accounting Co-op Webinar](#)

12 May 2021, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

At the core of every organisation is an accountant. Learn about what accounting really is, our Bachelor of Accounting Co-op (BAcc) program and where accounting can take you.

If you are a high achieving school leaver and believe you could be one of Australia's future business leaders, then the Bachelor of Accounting cooperative education scholarship program has been designed just for you. The Bachelor of Accounting provides you with a multi-skilled accounting degree with strong emphasis on both accounting and financial management, both essential business tools.

In this webinar, meet current students, graduates, sponsors, and staff of this elite program.

Find out more: https://utsmeet.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y81Nvv5QTQaknW8VH8YcoQ

[University of Sydney | Year 12 Information Evening](#)

18 May 2021, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

The University of Sydney, Camperdown Campus

Join us on campus to find out more about our undergraduate course options, admission pathways, scholarships and more. Hear from current students about their university experiences and discover why we're 1st in Australia and 4th in the world for graduate employability.

Find out more: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate.html>

[Experience UNSW Day – Arts, Design and Architecture](#)

13 April 2021, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

UNSW Sydney

Experience firsthand how our students push the ways we think about people, place and culture turning creativity and critical thinking into inspired careers. Join the Arts, Design & Architecture stream of the Experience UNSW Day.

We invite Year 12 students to join us on campus and get hands-on as a uni student for a day. Choose workshops based on your interests and passions, be inspired by our leading academics, hear from current students and get all your questions answered as you discover the exciting degree and student life opportunities on offer at UNSW.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-day-arts-design-and-architecture>

[Experience UNSW Day – Science](#)

13 April 2021, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

UNSW Sydney

Experience firsthand what it is like conducting research and experiments in the lab and field as we inspire your curiosity through the science stream of the Experience UNSW Day.

We invite Year 12 students to join us on campus and get hands-on as a uni student for a day. Choose workshops based on your interests and passions, be inspired by our leading academics, hear from current students and get all your questions answered as you discover the exciting degree and student life opportunities on offer at UNSW.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-day-science>

[Experience UNSW Day – Law and Justice](#)

14 April 2021, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

UNSW Sydney

Experience firsthand UNSW Law & Justice workshops and our seminar-style approach to get a taste of how our students learn to think analytically, critically and carefully with 'justice for all' at their heart.

We invite Year 12 students to join us on campus and get hands-on as a uni student for a day. Choose workshops based on your interests and passions, be inspired by our leading academics, hear from current students and get all your questions answered as you discover the exciting degree and student life opportunities on offer at UNSW.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-day-law-and-justice>

[Experience UNSW Day – Engineering](#)

14 April 2021, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

UNSW Sydney

Experience firsthand the innovative and creative ways that engineers solve real-world challenges through the engineering stream of the Experience UNSW Day.

We invite Year 12 students to join us on campus and get hands-on as a uni student for a day. Choose workshops based on your interests and passions, be inspired by our leading academics, hear from current students and get all your questions answered as you discover the exciting degree and student life opportunities on offer at UNSW.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-day-engineering>

[Experience UNSW Day – Business](#)

15 April 2021, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

UNSW Sydney

Are you ready to drive change and shape a better future through a career in Business? Find out what life as a UNSW Business School student is really like and where it can take you by joining the business stream of our Experience UNSW Day.

We invite Year 12 students to join us on campus and get hands-on as a uni student for a day. Choose workshops based on your interests and passions, be inspired by our leading academics, hear from current students and get all your questions answered as you discover the exciting degree and student life opportunities on offer at UNSW.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-day-business>

[Experience UNSW Day – Medicine and Health](#)

15 April 2021, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

UNSW Sydney

Are you passionate about the future of health and how we can improve life for all? Experience our collaborative community through the medicine and health stream of the Experience UNSW Day.

We invite Year 12 students to join us on campus and get hands-on as a uni student for a day. Choose workshops based on your interests and passions, be inspired by our leading academics, hear from current students and get all your questions answered as you discover the exciting degree and student life opportunities on offer at UNSW.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-day-medicine-health>

[Lowitja Institute Certificate IV Scholarships](#)

Value: \$15,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: March 1, 2021 – April 15, 2021

The Lowitja Institute is offering up to five (5) Scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to enrol in a Certificate IV level course in:

- Research administration
- Research management

- Project management
- Knowledge translation

[Find out more](#)

[2021 Nan Manefield Young Writer's Award](#)

Entries are now open for the 2021 Nan Manefield Young Writer's Award.

The Nan Manefield Young Writers Award is a writing prize presented by Stanton Library and North Sydney Council.

Young people, aged between 11 and 18 years, who are a resident of the Sydney NSW metropolitan area, can submit either a poem or short story of up to 750 words.

The competition is judged in five age categories by a panel of professional authors, and has prizes totalling over \$2,000.

Entries are open until Friday 23 April.

Find out more and enter here:

https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Library_Databases/Kids_Youth/Nan_Manefield_YWA/Nan_Manefield_YWA

[Young Writers Competitions](#)

Are you a budding young writer looking to share your work with the world (and maybe earn some great prizes while you're at it)?

Treefall Writing has compiled a useful list of writing competitions for young people, open across Australia.

You can check it out here: <https://www.melindatognini.com.au/young-writer-competitions/>

[Ultimo Prize 2021](#)

The Ultimo Prize 2021 aims to find the best young writers of fiction and poetry in Australia.

The prize is open to writers between the age of 18 and 30 writing short fiction or poetry.

The 2021 prize is seeking writing that explores a specific theme – IDENTITY. We encourage all entrants to think about what the theme of identity means to them and explore it in their work.

Thirty winners will be chosen and published in an anthology collection by Ultimo Press in November 2021. Each winning entry will receive \$200 and a copy of the published book on publication.

Entries close Thursday 8 April.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.ultimopress.com.au/ultimo-prize>

[Online Art Competition for People with Disability](#)

Feros Care invites all artists living with a disability to showcase their talent by taking part in an Online Art Competition and Virtual Exhibition with the theme “Behind the Mask”.

Masks are typically used for protection. But they can also be used for disguise, performance or entertainment. You are invited to share the significance of masks in your life and to start a conversation around your fears and dreams.

Competition highlights:

- open to people of all ages living with disability
- awards valued at \$500
- entries to be submitted online
- **competition closes midnight 31st May, 2021**
- winners announced 4th June, 2021

Virtual Exhibition highlights:

- virtual exhibition dates are 7th – 13th June, 2021
- free online exhibition of all competition entries
- open for everyone to view
- vote for the people’s choice award

Find out more and enter here: <http://www.feroscare.com.au/artcompetition>

[What You Need to Know to Become a Zoologist](#)

Do you love animals, the environment and conservation? You may have considered a career as a Zoologist.

If you’re curious about which courses can lead to a career in Zoology, Shortcourses.com.au has written a great blog detailing some of the pathways that can lead you to your dream career in Zoology.

Take a look at the full blog here: <https://www.shortcourses.com.au/ed/why-study-zoology-what-you-need-to-know-to-become-a-zoologist/>

[Launching a Career in Space](#)

Have you dreamed of a career in space? Careers with STEM has interviewed three different people working in the space industry, all with different jobs and different pathways.

You can read more about what they do and how they got there in Careers with STEM’s blog here: <https://careerswithstem.com.au/launch-your-space-career/>

[Apprenticeships and Traineeships in NSW](#)

Are you thinking of kickstarting your career with an apprenticeship or traineeship? There are heaps of opportunities available for both school-leavers and students still at school.

Check out some of the opportunities we've found this week:

- [Automotive Apprenticeship](#) in Alexandria
- [School-Based Chef Apprenticeship](#) in Terrigal
- [Bookkeeping / Accounting Traineeship](#) in Sutherland

[Learn to Code with Codecademy](#)

Are you interested in IT and programming? You can learn to code online for free with Codecademy.

Whether you want to build websites, manage databases or program games, you can learn all kinds of coding languages and applications.

They also offer a discount for their Pro classes for high school and university students across the world.

Find out more here: <https://www.codecademy.com/>

[Navigating Year 10 Subject Selection](#)

Completing Senior High School

If you're planning to stay on in high school and complete Years 11 and 12, then Subject Selection is going to be an essential process that you're going to have to go through.

While on one hand it's great that you'll get to choose which subjects you'll be studying; the flip side is that what you choose now could impact on what you can study after high school.

We've put together some important factors to bear in mind as you start making those big decisions about Subject Selection.

[You can read the full blog here.](#)

Need more help?

Have a read of these blogs:

[7 tips to help with Year 10 Subject Selection](#)

[Resources to help with Year 10 Subject Selection](#)

[Study tips to complement your learning style](#)

When it comes to learning, it's very evident that there is no "once size fits all" approach. So it seems crazy to expect that one set of study tips will work for everyone.

We've come up with some study tips to complement your learning style. You might find that a mix and match approach works best, or you may even find that none of the work that well for you and you'll devise your own study tips, (in which case please share them with us).

Active

If you learn best by doing things, then you're probably an active or kinaesthetic learner.

- Don't just read material, look for exercises or past papers that you can do
- Create experiments or activities that reflect what you've learnt
- Find different ways of making notes. Create flash cards, pictures, tables, lists, mind maps, or even record them
- Make your own 3D models or graphs – they don't have to be fancy. Some butchers paper with post it notes for a timeline is simple but effective

- Join a study group where you can discuss what you're learning and ask (or answer) questions

Reflective

If you're a reflective learner going back over information or events could help you to learn the best.

- Try watching videos or listening to podcasts and audiobooks around the subject you're learning
- Record yourself reading notes and listen to them over again – pretend you're doing a blog, vlog or podcast that's going to be listened to by others to focus your thinking
- Don't just read material, stop regularly, think of questions about what you're learning (even potential exam questions) or applications.
- Summarise what you've been learning, handwritten or typed
- Imagine you're writing a Tweet and use a maximum of 140 characters to make concise, to the point summaries

Sensing

If you love facts, statistics and problem solving, and you naturally work in a practical and methodical manner then you're probably a sensing learner.

- Find ways to apply your subject to the real world
- Research examples
- Brainstorm some real-world connections with classmates, study groups or with your teacher
- Make notes by creating tables where you can list facts and link them to other ideas or topics
- Look for competitions or challenges where you can apply your knowledge and uncover any gaps in your knowledge
- Use flash cards to revise facts

Intuitive

If you prefer to take in information that is abstract, original, and oriented towards theory. You can see the big picture and try to focus on overall patterns, and you enjoy discovering possibilities or relationships, and working with ideas rather than hard facts, you could be an intuitive learner.

- Find theories and concepts that link facts together
- If you find going over the same material boring, then try to find different way of reviewing your information instead of relying on just your class notes and textbooks. Try finding online videos or tutorials, exercises or activities
- Practise checking details – form news habits where you read back what you write and make sure you read questions fully before answering them

Visual

Do you learn best by reading or seeing pictures? And you find that you understand and remember things from sight alone, or you can picture what you are learning in your head? Sounds like you could be a visual learner, try these tips:

- Outline reading notes as you go
- Turn your reading material into graphs, charts, diagrams or other illustrations
- Take notes by hand before you type them up, then try condensing them by hand once or twice – slowing down to read the words could really help you to absorb more
- Look for videos, animations or even movies relating to the concepts you're studying
- Creating flow charts can be a simple and effective strategy to try
- Colour code your notes as you go

Verbal

Verbal learners prefer using words and linguistic skills to understand and take in information.

- Summarise your subjects and then condense your notes further into outlines
- If you're faced with diagrams, graphs or other images, try describing them and writing about them using words
- Go over your subjects with your teacher or other students; talking about what you're learning could cement the knowledge in your head and help you to be confident you're on the right track
- Study and discussion groups could be really beneficial
- Sit with family or friends and explain the subject to them, encourage them to ask you questions or get you to explain another way if they don't understand the topic
- Find or make up word games, puns and rhymes etc that could help you to make sense of and remember information.

Sequential

Those who like things to be in a logical order and retain information best when it's presented step-by-step.

- Organisation is key – get everything ready, go through it in logical steps (don't jump about between topics or subjects), learn and make notes in steps
- Group your information into categories that make sense to you
- Take some time to relate new information back to themes and topics you've already learned
- Make time to sit with your teacher and go through any key points that you missed or didn't understand
- Set yourself specific goals

Global

Global learners are intuitive decision-makers who find interpersonal connections are important. If you learn fast but aren't great at spotting the big picture straight away, you like to take your time and think things through, then this could be you.

- Focus on understanding the big picture first, then start in on the details
- Look for information that provided summaries, whether that's in the form of articles, books, journals or videos. If you don't understand or can't relate it to your topic after that, then you can deep dive into and read the details
- Try not to break your study plan into lots of small sections each day, instead dedicate the entire daily session to one topic or subject
- Look for exercises and activities that push your creativity and help you to generate alternative solutions
- Look for stories and anecdotes related to your subject, or create your own

Still struggling?

If you're not sure what your learning style is (and you could well be a mixture of two or more), try a few different study techniques and see which ones work best for you.

If you need more help understanding your learning style you can read about them in our [blog](#).

You'll also find more study tips [here](#).

Don't forget your teachers should always be your first port of call if you're finding your studies tricky or you think that you're falling behind. They'll always be more than happy to help you out.

[How to become a Music Therapist](#)

Use the power of music to help others

What do Music Therapists do?

Music therapists work in health-related fields, treating clients of all ages from babies through to the elderly, and assist with varying problems and disabilities. Music Therapists determine suitable goals, collect and analyse information about the client's response to music, and provides customised treatment plans to suit.

Music Therapy can be used to help patients with developmental, cognitive, neurological, or physical disabilities. From speech and hearing impairments to psychiatric disorders. Sometimes the therapeutic benefits of music are simply used to bring relaxation and enjoyment to patients with long term physical or mental health problems.

If you are empathetic, passionate about music and helping people, working as a Music Therapist could be a very rewarding career to consider.

About you:

- Caring with a strong desire to help people
- Appreciate a wide range of music styles and be able to translate your passion to others
- High level of musical proficiency, as well as a knowledge of lots of different styles of music as you'll need to appeal to a wide and diverse audience
- Creative and intuitive with a great imagination
- Strong interpersonal skills to help you to relate to people from all backgrounds
- A non-judgmental and flexible approach to your clients needs
- Great communication and reporting skills

The job:

- Meet with your clients and possibly other health professionals involved with their care, assess their needs and establish goals
- Plan and design customised music therapy sessions targeted to help your client meet the goals
- Provide instruction and motivation to the individuals or groups in your sessions
- Analyse and measure their progress and adapt the plan or goals if needed
- Writing progress reports and include your clients health team in your observations and feedback

Lifestyle Impact: Low

- Part Time opportunities: Low – 22% of Music Therapists work part-time (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)
- Average hours for full-time workers: 42 hours a week (source: joboutlook.gov.au)
- Music Therapists salary (average) \$55,000* per year (Source: com.au) *salaries vary between industries, your role, hours of work, and depending on your skills and experience
- Future career growth: Strong (Source: Joboutlook.gov.au)
- Once you've got professional accreditation you could set yourself up working from home and be your own boss, choose to find employment with others, have a couple of part time gigs with different organisations. Working remotely could even work in some situations.

Music Therapists are most in demand in these locations:

Most Music Therapists are employed in New South Wales and Victoria (Source: joboutlook.gov.au) but there are employment opportunities available in every state.

The benefits of alternative therapies being used in conjunction with traditional health practises are becoming much more popular and widely accepted. What that means, is it's likely there could be more jobs being created in this area in the future.

How to become a Music Therapist in Australia

To be eligible for most careers as a Music Therapist you'll need to be registered with the [Australian Music Therapy Association \(AMTA\)](#). Although technically you don't have to be registered, some employers might overlook your applications if you're not.

To become a Registered Music Therapist (RMT) here in Australia, you'll need to complete a tertiary qualification to make you eligible for registration.

Step 1 – Take Music and English at high school, other ATAR eligible subjects such as health studies and dance could also be useful.

Step 2 – Complete an Undergraduate degree

[Bachelor of Music at USYD](#)

[Bachelor of Music at Griffith](#)

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

You may not have to complete a music degree, but you'll need to make sure that whatever undergraduate you'd like to do will check all the prerequisites or assumed knowledge you'll need for any postgraduate qualifications.

Step 3 – Complete a postgraduate qualification. These ones are accredited with the Australian Music Therapy Association (AMTA):

[Master of Music Therapy at the University of Melbourne](#)

[Master of Creative Music Therapy at WSU](#)

You can complete other postgraduate courses and still apply to AMTA but they'll have to assess that your course meets their standards criteria before processing your registration.

Step 4 – Complete the AMTA membership requirements and submit the necessary paperwork. Once you successfully receive your membership you'll be able to apply for professional roles and start working.

Alternative pathways to Music Therapy as a Career

If you'd love to become a Registered Music Therapist (RMT) but university isn't an option right now, you could consider looking at [TAFE](#) and other music and health related qualifications. Volunteer and get some work experience providing some form of musical therapy (it could be at your local community centre, childcare centre, school, or old people's home for example).

Your efforts and qualifications could count towards undergraduate studies and help you to get into university down the track.

Or, if you'd like to go to university but you're not sure how to afford it, you could consider applying for an education degree. It could provide entry into a career in music, teaching young people in schools. With the added bonus that education degrees often have lower fees than many other degrees (including degrees specialising in music).

Plus, it's a good idea to contact the AMTA directly and see what advice they can offer that could help you to become registered.

Find out more here –

<https://www.austmta.org.au/>

<https://www.austmta.org.au/sites/austmta.org.au/files/music-therapy-changes-lives-oct2020-sml.pdf>

<https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/our-focus-areas/allied-health/allied-health-professions-in-nsw-health/music-therapy>

https://www.rch.org.au/musictherapy/faq/Frequently_Asked_Questions_Music_Therapy/

Similar Careers to Music Therapist

[Music Teacher](#)

Dance or Drama Therapists

Counsellor

[Psychologist](#)

[Occupational Therapist](#)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do Music Therapists do?

Music Therapists plan and organise activities, they also take part in and direct music therapy sessions that they've designed to positively benefit patients' social, emotional, psychological, or physical difficulties.

Who can benefit from Music Therapy?

If you're thinking of a career in health, then the chances are that you like people and you enjoy helping them. People of all ages from newborns to the elderly might respond well to this treatment.

A few examples of who could benefit include people with:

- Mental health needs
- Developmental delays
- Communication problems
- Physical, mental or learning disabilities
- Age related conditions such as Alzheimer's
- Addiction and substance abuse issues
- Patients suffering with acute and chronic pain
- People with long term and terminal illnesses

Where do Music Therapists work?

Music Therapists work in a variety of settings, from hospitals and mental health centres, to aged care and day care centres, schools, community groups, or their own private practices.

Do I need to go to university to become a Music Therapist?

To become a Registered Music Therapist, which is preferred by most employers, you will need to go to university and even complete a relevant postgraduate qualification. Contact AMTA if you'd like to discuss your pathway in more detail.

What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Music Therapist?

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

1. Keep your passion for music alive, learn to play instruments, get technical and explore lots of different kinds of music
2. Volunteer in health settings, it would be really useful if you could get work experience in a related area
3. Work on your interpersonal skills, put yourself out there and engage with lots of people from diverse backgrounds

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