



## CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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**JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video below 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=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be>

### Parent and Student Information Session

**Organisation:** University of Notre Dame

**Location:** Notre Dame Sydney Campus

**Date:** July 28, 2025

The Broadway site of the University of Notre Dame Australia is situated in the colourful inner-city suburb of Chippendale. Nestled among some of Sydney's most vibrant neighbourhoods, our campus proudly encompasses heritage buildings and leafy courtyards.

You'll hear about Notre Dame's Early Offer program, scholarships and fees, alternate entry pathways, student experience and a faculty overview of new programs.

[Find out more and register](#)

### Why We Chose CGA: A Parent's Perspective on Flexible, Future-Ready Online Education

**Organisation:** Crimson Global Academy

**Location:** Online

**Date:** July 29, 2025

More Australian and New Zealand families are turning to flexible, personalised learning that meets their child's needs - academically, socially, and emotionally.

Hear from real CGA Parents in this 30-minute webinar, as they share:

- Why they chose to move away from traditional schooling - and how online education supports their child's goals.
- How CGA's flexible learning model empowers students to balance sports, the arts, travel, and advanced study.
- What the everyday life of an online learning family looks like.

Whether seeking greater academic challenges, flexibility, or a better learning fit, get real-life insight into what's possible learning with CGA.

[Find out more and register](#)



## Discover Western Webinar – Pathways, Alternative Entry and Early Offers

**Organisation:** Western Sydney University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** July 29, 2025

Join us for this webinar aimed at students in Years 10 - 12, where we will explore and explain our HSC True Reward Early Offer Program, Alternative Entry Pathways and more.

[Find out more and register](#)

## 2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Central Coast

**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events

**Location:** Mingara Recreation Club

**Date:** July 29, 2025

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## Why study business at Sydney?

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online

**Date:** July 30, 2025

Discover how our Commerce degree prepares you for the future of work and a wide range of career opportunities. You will learn about the range of study areas (or majors) available – such as Marketing, Finance, or Innovation and Entrepreneurship - and the many ways in which you can combine your interests, with over 100 study areas to select from our shared pools of majors and minors.

Find out more about internships, industry-focused experiences, and global mobility opportunities on offer to our Bachelor of Commerce students.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Scholarships at Sydney

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online

**Date:** July 30, 2025

At the University of Sydney, we offer over \$135 million worth of scholarships every year. We're dedicated to supporting you throughout your time at university and offer a variety of scholarships for domestic undergraduate students. To make the process easier and more accessible, we've created a centralised form where you can be considered for a scholarship through one simple application.

Additionally, some of our scholarships require no application at all! In this webinar you will learn about the scholarships we offer, find out about your eligibility, get tips on writing a strong scholarship application and have your questions answered by our team.

[Find out more and register](#)

## CSU Open Day 2025, Port Macquarie

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University

**Location:** CSU Port Macquarie Campus

**Date:** August 3, 2025

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.



- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more and register](#)

## 2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Parramatta & Hills District

**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events

**Location:** Wenty Leagues

**Date:** August 5, 2025

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## Pathways into Medicine and Dentistry Live Webinar

**Organisation:** National Institute of Education

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 6, 2025

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

The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics, and more:

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- Year 10, 11 and 12 - things to consider now
- The undergraduate selection criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT?
- GAMSAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate interview process
- What, how and why about Gap Year?
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Work experience advice
- Q&A

[Find out more and register](#)

## Shaping Future Educators: Your Path to Primary Education

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 6, 2025

Do you have aspirations of becoming a primary school teacher? Join our faculty experts to discover everything about our Bachelor of Education (Primary) degree. Explore how to study with us, understand the course structure, learn about placements, and much more. Don't miss this opportunity to pave your way towards a rewarding career in primary education.



[Find out more and register](#)

### CDW Open Day 2025, Sydney

**Organisation:** CDW Studios

**Location:** CDW Sydney Campus

**Date:** August 9, 2025

This is your chance to come down and explore our creative space, meet staff and students, and learn more about our programs !

Whether you're an aspiring entertainment design artist or just curious about the world of games, movies and animation, this is the perfect opportunity to kickstart your career at CDW Studios.

[Find out more and register](#)

### AFTRS Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** Australian Film Television and Radio School

**Location:** Australian Film Television and Radio School

**Date:** August 9, 2025

Unleash your creative potential in the world of film, television, radio and podcasting at AFTRS – Australia's national screen and audio school!

Join us on Open Day at our state-of-the-art purpose-built campus to discover everything you need to know about us, and our courses, including the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production, Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting, Master of Arts Screen: Business and the nine disciplines of our Master of Arts Screen.

Our expert practitioners will be on hand to welcome you and answer all your burning questions in lively discussions and our Ask Us Anything sessions.

[Find out more and register](#)

### UC Sydney Hills Education Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** University of Canberra

**Location:** UC Sydney Hills Campus

**Date:** August 9, 2025

Discover how the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Birth to Five) at UC Sydney Hills can launch your career in one of the most rewarding and impactful professions!

Here's what you can expect on the day:

- Explore our Early Childhood Education program in detail
- Tour our vibrant campus and modern learning spaces
- Join hands-on workshops and presentations tailored for future educators
- Meet academic staff and current students for real-world insights
- Enjoy free snacks, coffee, and our famous UC blue cupcakes!

[Find out more and register](#)

### Medical Interviews Preparation Workshop Online

**Organisation:** National Institute of Education

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 9 to August 10, 2025

The unique NIE workshop program aims for students to gain an in-depth understanding and required knowledge of the medical interview processes for specific universities, including Multi-station Mini Interview (MMI), Structured, and Semi-structured panel interviews.

The workshop is structured and based on the models that are taught during our proven one-on-one personalised medical interview sessions. It will allow each and every attendee to learn the required skills and practical understanding for the university from which they received an interview offer.

[Find out more and register](#)



## Whitehouse Open House 2025, Sydney

**Organisation:** Whitehouse Institute of Design

**Location:** Whitehouse Sydney Campus

**Date:** August 9, 2025

Join Whitehouse this August to hear more about our design courses, join a free creative workshop or join an info session on where a career in design can take you.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Avondale Sydney Nursing Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** Avondale University

**Location:** Avondale Lake Macquarie Campus

**Date:** August 13, 2025

Find out why our Nursing degree is ranked #1 in Australia for overall experience by Good Universities Guide in 2025 and why we are the #1 University for graduate employment.

What to expect:

- Experience interactive campus tours of our state of the art facilities
- Chat to current students about community, social life, sport and clubs
- Learn all about our courses and how to apply from our awesome staff who are here to help you reach your dreams
- Live entertainment, giveaways and of course free food!

[Find out more and register](#)

## Decoding the Ocean

**Organisation:** Australian National Maritime Museum

**Location:** Australian National Maritime Museum

**Date:** August 15, 2025

This special Science Week event for high school students brings together ocean scientists and the Royal Australian Navy. Students will take a deep dive into oceanography and learn how STEM can help us to decode the ocean.

On the day, students will attend an inspiring speaker session led by scientists working on a range of STEM topics, such as climate science, meteorology and science communication.

The Navy is packed with STEM opportunities, from survival training to mathematical modelling, submarines and more! At this event, students will also hear from Navy representatives as they discuss the science and technology behind the Navy.

After the presentations, students can explore the museum, including HMAS Vampire (a Navy Destroyer) and our latest science exhibitions during a self-guided visit.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Macquarie Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** Macquarie University

**Location:** Macquarie Wallumattagal Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025

We can't wait to welcome you to our campus in 2025!

What you can do on Open Day:

- Attend an info session on some of our most popular degrees
- Speak with our academics about our degrees, majors and specialisations, and how they'll uniquely prepare you for your first career, or help you upskill or reskill if your career is already underway
- Learn about our scholarships, adjustment factors and pathways; and RPL (recognition of prior learning) if you've studied before
- Chat with current students about uni life
- Jump on a campus tour and check out our awesome facilities

Open Day is an experience made for (YOU)<sup>us</sup>.



<https://youtu.be/uYH0yfYWQZY>

[Find out more and register](#)

## JMC Sydney August 2025 Open Day

**Organisation:** JMC Academy

**Location:** JMC Sydney Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025

This is your chance to see our multi-million dollar world-class facilities - future students, parents and friends welcome.

Things to do at Open Day:

- Explore your creative future and learn about our courses
- Meet our current students and industry expert lecturers
- Check out live student performances
- Tour our world-class facilities and tech
- Speak to us about the admissions process
- Get hands-on with our interactive activations

[Find out more and register](#)

## UON Open Day 2025, Newcastle

**Organisation:** University of Newcastle

**Location:** UON, Callaghan & City Campuses

**Date:** August 16, 2025

Open Day is packed with everything you need to know about going to the University of Newcastle. Participate in degree presentations, info sessions and tours of the campus.

Enjoy a hands-on experience with our program activations, and ask our student ambassadors questions about uni life.

[Find out more and register](#)

## ICMS Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** International College of Management Sydney

**Location:** ICMS Manly Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025

At the ICMS Open Day you will learn about all the degrees offered and discover why ICMS's personal mentoring approach could make all the difference to your future career success – and help you to make the most of your student years!

- Learn about Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degrees
- Attend Degree Course Briefings with Lecturers
- Get insights from Current Students
- Find out about Scholarships, Early Entry, the Leadership Entry Program and the Elite Athlete Program
- Learn about our Work Integrated Learning (Internship) Program
- Speak personally to Admissions

[Find out more and register](#)

## ACAP Open Day 2025, Sydney

**Organisation:** ACAP University College

**Location:** ACAP Sydney Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025

Open Day is your chance to experience the ACAP difference, and find your path in the applied professions. Whether you're interested in Counselling, Psychology, Social Work, Criminology, Law, or Business, ACAP is your pathway to making a difference.

Be part of a workshop, meet our industry-renowned facilitators, and hear all about life as an ACAP student. Join us for a day of exploration and inspiration!





[Find out more and register](#)

### ACAP Open Day 2025, Byron Bay

**Organisation:** ACAP University College

**Location:** ACAP Byron Bay Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025

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### SAE Open Day 2025, Sydney

**Organisation:** SAE University College

**Location:** SAE Sydney Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025

We're opening the doors to the campus for our biggest event of the year – Open Day!

Come and tour our facilities, speak to faculty members, meet current students, and find out everything you need to know about studying at SAE.

If you're considering studying creative media, come along to SAE's Open Day to speak to our experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry.

[Find out more and register](#)

### La Trobe Open Day 2025, Sydney

**Organisation:** La Trobe University

**Location:** La Trobe Sydney Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more and register](#)

### ADFA Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** Australian Defence Force Academy

**Location:** ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

**Date:** August 16, 2025

Join us online or in person for ADFA Open Day to learn about life on campus and how you can receive a fully funded UNSW degree.

Don't worry if you can't make it in person, you can still attend ADFA Virtual Open Day online. Register now to reserve your spot at the online event, or join us in person with no registration required.

On the day, you will have the chance to:

- Explore world-class UNSW degrees, with information sessions about Business, Arts, Science, Engineering, Computing and Cyber Security.
- Learn about military training, studying and life on campus from current ADFA Trainee Officers.



- Watch a range of exciting military displays from Navy, Army and Air Force.
- Take a tour of the campus, and much more.

[Find out more and register](#)

## ACU Open Day 2025, Strathfield

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** ACU Strathfield Campus

**Date:** August 17, 2025

Open Day is your chance to find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU before you enrol. You'll be able to check out the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry pathways, and talk to experts about your study options and career goals.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Year 12 Revision Webinars

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 18 to September 11, 2025

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone. This can be a stressful time, which is why ACU has teamed up with InspiRED to help you do your very best and get ready for what's to come.

Between August and September join ACU for a series of free online webinars run by experienced Year 12 exam markers and assessors. They'll guide you through how to respond to possible exam questions, help you get your head around the class content to deepen your understanding, and offer plenty of tips and strategies along the way.

[Find out more and register](#)

## ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

**Organisation:** Claire Pech Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 20, 2025

Looking for ways to unlock bonus points and improve uni entry chances? Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions.

We will cover: The ATAR explained, bonus points (adjustment factors) and who qualifies, what is EAS and how to apply, dates, preferencing and decision making.

This talk is being run by [Claire Pech Careers](#) and [Amanda Krulis](#).

[Find out more and register](#)

## The Hotel School Industry Insights Sydney 2025

**Organisation:** The Hotel School Australia

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Sydney

**Date:** August 23, 2025

Step into the world of hospitality at Hyatt Regency Sydney! This exclusive event for Year 12 students gives you a behind-the-scenes look at one of the top venues in the industry and a taste of the exciting careers that could be yours. Key takeaways include:

- Hear from Industry Experts
- Interactive Workshop inc. Completion Certificate
- A tour of the iconic hospitality venue
- Get all your questions answered by THSA team
- Network with Industry leaders & current THSA students
- Complimentary Morning Tea & Lunch provided for students

[Find out more and register](#)





## Torrens Open Day 2025, Sydney

**Organisation:** Torrens University Australia

**Location:** Torrens Surry Hills Campus

**Date:** August 23, 2025

Come and meet our academics, and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about early entry, scholarships, entry pathways and the our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and find out firsthand how exciting studying in Sydney can be.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Excelsia Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** Excelsia University College

**Location:** Excelsia Pennant Hills Campus

**Date:** August 23, 2025

Open Days at Excelsia are a wonderful chance for future students and their families to experience the heart of campus life. Come along to learn more about our courses, scholarships, student support, and what it's like to study in a welcoming, purpose-driven community. Visit our brand-new Pennant Hills location and see how Excelsia can help shape your future.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Think Health and Nursing Open Day

**Organisation:** Think Education

**Location:** Think Surry Hills, Flinders Street, Fortitude Valley & Wakefield Campuses

**Date:** August 23, 2025

Come and meet our academics and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about early entry, scholarships, entry pathways and our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and see firsthand how exciting studying at Think Education can be.

What to expect from our Open Day:

- Talk to our academics and Future Student Advisors about choosing courses, early entry, scholarships and the application process.
- Embark on a guided tour of our campus and get a feel for our recreational spaces, teaching facilities and more.
- Meet our current students and find out about their experiences studying with us.

[Find out more and register](#)

## CSU Open Day 2025, Bathurst

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University

**Location:** CSU Bathurst Campus

**Date:** August 24, 2025

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## Avondale Lake Macquarie Open Day 2025

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**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events

**Location:** Liverpool Catholic Club

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## AIE Online Campus Day

**Organisation:** Academy of Interactive Entertainment

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 30, 2025

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to



meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

[Find out more and register](#)

### USYD Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Sydney Camperdown Campus

**Date:** August 30, 2025

Join us at the University of Sydney Open Day on Saturday 30 August 2025. Experience our vibrant student life on campus, hear from academics and current students and discover what makes us different.

[Find out more and register](#)

### UTS Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** University of Technology Sydney

**Location:** UTS City Campus

**Date:** August 30, 2025

Info sessions, campus tours, workshops, dancing robots – UTS Open Day has it all. Get a taste of what students can expect at Australia's #1 young uni.

[Find out more and register](#)

### Notre Dame Open Day 2025, Sydney

**Organisation:** University of Notre Dame

**Location:** Notre Dame Sydney Campus

**Date:** August 30, 2025

Notre Dame's Open Day is your chance to explore what university life is all about! You'll discover study options, career pathways and our student support services. Plus, you'll experience an exciting program filled with activities for future students.

Whether you're in Year 10, 11 or 12, or a graduate thinking about postgrad study, our Open Day is open to everyone – including pathways and international students, who can chat with our dedicated team. Learn about scholarships and financial assistance to make your journey affordable.

[Find out more and register](#)

### Torrens Technology Virtual Open Day

**Organisation:** Torrens University Australia

**Location:** Online

**Date:** September 2, 2025

Join online as our Technology academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

[Find out more and register](#)

### Torrens Health and Education Virtual Open Day

**Organisation:** Torrens University Australia

**Location:** Online

**Date:** September 2, 2025



Join online as our Health and Education academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

[Find out more and register](#)

### Torrens Business and Hospitality Virtual Open Day

**Organisation:** Torrens University Australia

**Location:** Online

**Date:** September 2, 2025

Join online as our Business and Hospitality academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

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### 2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Sutherland Shire

**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events

**Location:** Tradies Gynea

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### Torrens Design and Creative Technology Virtual Open Day

**Organisation:** Torrens University Australia

**Location:** Online

**Date:** September 3, 2025

Join online as our Design and Creative Technology academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

[Find out more and register](#)

### ACPE Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** Australian College of Physical Education

**Location:** ACPE Sydney Olympic Park

**Date:** September 6, 2025

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

- Discover your study course options
- Find out where a qualification from ACPE can take your career
- Take a campus tour
- Discuss your study options with our Admissions team
- Meet with academic and student support staff
- Chat with current students about their experience at ACPE
- Enrol for your preferred course on the day, and secure your place

[Find out more and register](#)



## ACU Open Day 2025, North Sydney

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** ACU North Sydney Campus

**Date:** September 6, 2025

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[Find out more and register](#)

## UTAS Open Day 2025, Rozelle

**Organisation:** University of Tasmania

**Location:** UTAS Rozelle Campus

**Date:** September 6, 2025

Visit us at our Open Day 2025 event in Sydney. You will have the opportunity to explore our campuses, discuss your study options, and discover how studying at the University of Tasmania could be the perfect fit for you.

[Find out more and register](#)

## UNSW Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** University of New South Wales

**Location:** UNSW Kensington Campus

**Date:** September 6, 2025

At UNSW Open Day 2025, you'll discover the progress you can make as one of Australia's most employable graduates. Whether you're looking to start uni next year or in a few years, you're a parent or you're considering postgrad – we'll have something for you.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Rural Health Pathways Showcase

**Organisation:** Rural Doctors Network

**Location:** ICC Darling Harbour

**Date:** September 8, 2025

High school students, careers advisers, teachers and parents are invited to RDN's Rural Health Pathways Showcase. Learn about study pathways and careers in medicine, nursing, midwifery, allied health, Aboriginal health and administration.

Attendees will have a chance to:

- Talk to universities and rural workforce agencies about study pathways and career opportunities;
- Speak one-on-one with and be inspired by health students, recent graduates and health professionals about their journeys; and
- Participate in hands-on activities that will give an insight into a day in the life of health professionals.

[Find out more and register](#)

## 2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Western Sydney

**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events

**Location:** Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre

**Date:** September 9, 2025

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts. The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

[Find out more and register](#)



## SDS Open Day, September

**Organisation:** Sydney Design School

**Location:** Sydney Design School

**Date:** September 13, 2025

If you're considering studying with us, our Open Day is a great way to get to know us better. Explore our studios, browse through our Graduate Exhibition, meet students and Educators, watch a live Info Session and get creative making a mood board or digital model.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Outward Bound Expedition VIC

**Organisation:** Outward Bound

**Location:** Buchan, VIC

**Date:** September 22 to October 1, 2025

Join a crew of adventurers from across Australia for 10 days of challenge, connection and serious outdoor action. Expedition is designed for 15–24 year olds chasing something real—big hikes, big moments, and big personal growth.

You'll push your limits on epic activities like the Giant Ladder, high ropes, abseiling, hikes and an unforgettable overnight solo. Along the way, you'll build resilience, confidence, and a deeper connection to yourself, others, and the environment. Walk away with skills and stories that'll stick with you, wherever life takes you next.

To apply, create a quick 1–2 minute video answering: "Why do you want to join the Expedition program?"

[AOBDF Scholarships](#) are available to individual participants wanting to attend School Holiday Adventures, Duke of Ed or for Schools seeking funding assistance for individual students.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Free Online HSC Study Sessions

**Organisation:** Western Sydney University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** September 29 to October 3, 2025

From Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October 2025, Western Sydney University will be offering a range of online study sessions to assist Year 12 students in their preparations for the HSC.

These will be delivered by highly qualified senior teachers with 24 free sessions across 15 key HSC subject areas, with sessions that include content analysis, tips and strategies, and a detailed exploration of key syllabus and curriculum areas.

Students also have the opportunity to sit a practice exam and deconstruction, with feedback and advice from experts.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Outward Bound Junior Adventure ACT

**Organisation:** Outward Bound

**Location:** Tharwa, ACT

**Date:** September 29 to October 3, 2025

Get outdoors on a 5-day school holiday adventure with likeminded young adults, 12-15 years, from across the country.

Be introduced to authentic adventure the Outward Bound way. Embrace the peak activities including overnight journeying and camping, abseiling, climbing, and high ropes. Discover there is more in you than you thought possible, and bring home knowledge and skills that will support you in your future pursuits, no matter where you go.

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[Find out more and register](#)





## Outward Bound Expedition WA

**Organisation:** Outward Bound

**Location:** Walpole, WA

**Date:** September 30 to October 9, 2025

Join a crew of adventurers from across Australia for 10 days of challenge, connection and serious outdoor action. Expedition is designed for 15–24 year olds chasing something real—big hikes, big moments, and big personal growth.

You'll take on high ropes, epic coastal paddling, multi-day hikes, and an unforgettable solo night under the stars. It's all about finding your limits, backing yourself, and building the kind of skills that stick with you wherever life takes you.

To apply, create a quick 1–2 minute video answering: "Why do you want to join the Expedition program?"

[AOBDF Scholarships](#) are available to individual participants wanting to attend School Holiday Adventures, Duke of Ed or for Schools seeking funding assistance for individual students.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Discover Teaching & Psychology at Strathfield Campus

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** ACU Strathfield Campus

**Date:** October 1, 2025

Are you passionate about shaping young minds or helping others thrive? Take part in hands-on workshops where you'll gain practical insights into what it's really like to work as a teacher or psychologist.

Tour our facilities and hear firsthand from current students about their rewarding journeys and experiences in these impactful fields.

Whether you're interested in becoming a teacher or pursuing a career in psychology, this event will give you a closer look at how ACU can help you make a difference in the lives of others.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Discover Business at ACU North Sydney

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** ACU North Sydney Campus

**Date:** October 3, 2025

In today's fast-paced world, where technology and AI are reshaping industries, are you ready to take on the challenges of the modern business world? Discover how ACU can help you become a business leader, entrepreneur or social innovator in the modern global economy.

At this event, you'll take part in a hands-on workshop with current students and staff to learn how ACU can kickstart your career in business.

You'll explore the unique opportunities we offer, from working with cutting-edge technology and machine learning to making valuable industry connections, engaging with the community, and even studying abroad.

[Find out more and register](#)

## School Holiday 'Out There' Sailing Program

**Organisation:** Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

**Location:** Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

**Date:** October 7 to October 10, 2025

The 'Out There' School Holiday Sailing Program is for participants who are 12-17 years old looking to try a new activity, have some fun and engage with others whilst sailing.

This four-day program will include a variety of sailing activities that are focused on having fun and learning basic sailing skills. Sessions will be conducted on a mix of Club vessels, including the RPAYC's fleet of Elliott 7 Keelboats, Pacer Dinghies, Windsurf and SUP Boards, Hobie-Cat dinghies and Powerboats.

[Find out more and register](#)



## HSC Study Session With Dymocks Tutoring

**Organisation:** International College of Management Sydney

**Location:** ICMS Manly Campus

**Date:** October 8 to October 9, 2025

Are you a current Year 12 student stressed about your upcoming HSC exams? Don't be! ICMS, in collaboration with Dymocks Tutoring, is thrilled to invite you to our free revision days on 8 and 9 October 2025.

Throughout the day, you'll have the incredible opportunity to attend up to three sessions run by expert tutors from Dymocks. These sessions are designed to cover a range of subjects, including English, Mathematics, and Business Studies.

Whether you're looking for a comprehensive review of all modules, seeking valuable tips and tricks, or in need of practical guidance on how to excel in the HSC exam, this event is tailored to meet your needs.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Campion Study Camp

**Organisation:** Campion College

**Location:** Campion College Toongabbie

**Date:** October 8 to October 10, 2025

Looking for the perfect place to focus on your studies during the school holidays? Campion College's Study Camp is a brand-new initiative launching in 2025, designed to help Year 11 & 12 students make the most of their time away from school. With 6–8 hours of study each full day, a peaceful and focused environment, and the chance to connect with like-minded peers, this camp provides the ideal setting to stay on track with your academic goals.

But it's not all work! Between study sessions, enjoy fun activities to help you recharge, nutritious meals and snacks, and comfortable on-campus accommodation with 8–9 hours of sleep each night. There will also be opportunities for reflective discussions, offering encouragement and perspective during this important time. On the final night, students will join Campion College students, faculty and staff for Formal Hall – a special evening featuring a two-course meal and guest talk in the college's Grand Hall.

To ensure a focused and supportive experience, Study Camp will be limited to 30 students.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Campbell-Carter Scholarship

**Organisation:** Public Education Foundation

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** Up to \$9,000 AUD

**Open Date:** June 2, 2025

**Close Date:** September 26, 2025

[Find out more](#)

## AFTRS x Australia for UNHCR Beddie Scholarship

**Organisation:** Australian Film Television and Radio School

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** Over \$80,000 AUD

**Open Date:** June 30, 2025

**Close Date:** October 28, 2025

[Find out more](#)

## Ma & Morley Scholarship Program

**Organisation:** University of Newcastle

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** Up to \$75,000 AUD

**Open Date:** July 1, 2025

**Close Date:** September 14, 2025

[Find out more](#)



## Lumiere Scholars Essay Award

**Organisation:** Lumiere Education

**Location:** Any

**Value:** \$20,500 USD

**Open Date:** July 21, 2025

**Close Date:** November 2, 2025

[Find out more](#)

### 10 free skills that will boost your career confidence

Imagine you're scrolling through job ads and spot the perfect role - the pay looks great, the work sounds exciting, and it matches your [Cluster](#)...but then you see this requirement: "typing 45 words per minute with 95% accuracy." Your heart sinks as you realise your typing skills probably sit around 30 words per minute on a good day. Thankfully, this skill (along with many others) can be learned for free right now. And they're not just valuable for work - you'll use them in daily life too, whether you're writing assignments, managing your finances, or simply becoming a more capable human being.

#### **Typing and keyboard skills**

**Why it matters:** So many of us work on computers now that fast, accurate typing has evolved from a specialist skill to a workplace essential. It can help you breeze through emails and reports, finish assignments faster, and communicate more efficiently online.

**How to build it:**

- Use platforms like [TypingClub](#) or [Keybr](#) for 15 minutes a day
- Transcribe your favourite song lyrics or podcast episodes
- Copy paragraphs from books or news articles
- Practice touch typing without looking at the keyboard
- Type out handwritten notes to digitise them

#### **Time management and organisation**

**Why it matters:** Employers love people who can juggle multiple tasks without dropping the ball. This skill separates the good employees from the great ones, and you can start practising it with your schoolwork right now.

**How to build it:**

- Use free apps like [Google Calendar](#) or [Todoist](#) to plan your week
- Explore techniques like the [Pomodoro Technique](#)
- Track how long tasks actually take versus your estimates
- Volunteer to coordinate school events or group projects
- Try apps like [Stay Focused](#) or [PawBlock](#) to minimise distractions

#### **Basic financial literacy**

**Why it matters:** Understanding budgets, percentages, and [basic financial concepts](#) will serve you well in almost any job, from retail to engineering. Plus, you'll make better personal financial decisions throughout your life.

**How to build it:**

- Create a personal budget using a spreadsheet
- Calculate discounts while shopping
- Help your family compare prices at the supermarket
- Compare phone plans or streaming services to see which is the best value
- Take free online courses (like [this one](#) from Khan Academy)

#### **Professional communication**

**Why it matters:** Knowing how to [write clear, professional emails](#) might sound simple, but you'd be surprised how many people struggle with this. Clear, respectful communication builds trust, helps resolve conflict, and allows you to share ideas effectively.

**How to build it:**



- Email teachers with specific, polite questions about assignments
- Write thank-you notes after work experience placements
- Practice active listening during family discussions
- Join debate clubs or public speaking groups
- Proofread friends' university applications or resumes

### **Basic computer troubleshooting**

**Why it matters:** When the printer jams or the computer freezes, being the person who can calmly fix it makes you incredibly valuable. Knowing how to keep your own devices running well saves time and stress (and if you're working remotely, you're going to need a few basic skills).

#### **How to build it:**

- Search error messages before asking for help
- Learn keyboard shortcuts for common programs
- Watch tech repair videos on YouTube
- Offer to set up devices for family or friends
- Regularly back up files and organise folders

### **Customer service mindset**

**Why it matters:** Whether dealing with customers or colleagues, knowing how to handle difficult situations with patience and kindness is key. It means listening carefully, having a positive attitude, and treating everyone with respect.

#### **How to build it:**

- Volunteer at community events where you'll meet diverse people
- Work part-time in retail or hospitality
- Practice staying calm during disagreements
- Read a wide variety of different perspectives and opinions
- Mentor younger students in subjects you excel at

### **Attention to detail**

**Why it matters:** Many jobs need people who can enter information correctly, share details clearly, and remember important facts. Good attention to detail can help you spot errors and avoid costly mistakes.

#### **How to build it:**

- Volunteer to update contact lists for sports teams or clubs
- Transcribe handwritten notes into digital formats
- Proofread your assignments carefully before submitting
- Create detailed study notes from textbooks
- Explore online data entry courses through providers like [Coursera](#)

### **Basic design and presentation skills**

**Why it matters:** Even if you're not pursuing a creative career, you'll probably still need to know how to create clear, professional-looking documents and presentations. This includes understanding layout principles, using appropriate fonts, and creating visual hierarchy.

#### **How to build it:**

- Use [Canva](#) to start learning the basics
- Create infographics for class presentations
- Make social media graphics for events or causes you support
- Learn basic photo editing with [GIMP](#) or [Photopea](#)
- Study good design examples in magazines and websites

### **Research and information evaluation**

**Why it matters:** Whether it's for a school project or solving a problem at work, knowing how to find reliable and accurate information is a valuable skill. You'll make better decisions based on solid evidence and avoid misinformation and scams.



### How to build it:

- Fact-check news stories using multiple sources
- Use reputable journals for academic research projects
- Practice summarising complex articles in simple terms
- Learn to identify bias in different media sources
- Use free resources like [Google Fact Check Tools](#)

### Basic project management

Clear, error-free writing shows employers you can communicate complex ideas effectively and pay attention to detail. This skill will serve you whether you're writing reports, communications, procedures, official paperwork, or even social media content for work.

### How to build it:

- Use free tools like [Trello](#) to plan group assignments
- Break large goals into smaller, more manageable steps
- Try to estimate realistic timelines for different types of tasks
- Practice delegating responsibilities in team situations
- Help with planning the next family holiday

### Small efforts add up over time

One of the best things about these skills is that they all build on each other. Strong typing skills can make your communication more efficient; good organisation helps with research projects; attention to detail can improve your customer service skills.

Start with one or two skills that interest you most, and set aside as little as 15 minutes a day to practice. By the time you finish school, you'll have a solid set of skills you can use in both work and everyday life.

[You can find more career guidance and skill-building resources on our website here.](#)

### How much homework should you be doing at high school?

Are you spending hours hunched over textbooks wondering if you're doing too much or too little homework? You're not alone. The [homework debate](#) has been raging for decades, with students, parents, and teachers all having different opinions on how much study time is actually beneficial.

The truth is, there's no magic number that works for everyone. But there are some research-backed guidelines that can help you find the sweet spot between academic success and maintaining your sanity.

### How much home work should you be doing?

We're going to get to that in just a minute, but there are a few things to cover off first...

- Excessive studying is unlikely to dramatically increase your academic outcomes - and it can be extremely bad for your physical and mental health too.
- Academic results are just one factor in your success, and too much study can reduce the time and energy you have for other resume-boosting activities.

Let's explore what the experts say about homework and how you can strike the right balance for your learning and wellbeing.

### Why too much homework can backfire

Before we dive into the numbers, it's crucial to understand that more isn't always better when it comes to homework. In fact, excessive studying can actually work against you in several ways.

### It can impact your health

Overdoing homework can [seriously impact your physical and mental health](#).

If you're experiencing regular headaches, stomach problems, frequent illnesses, sleep issues, or feelings of anxiety about school, these could be warning signs that your workload is too heavy. Multiple studies have linked [excessive homework to these health problems](#), and your physical and mental wellbeing should always come first.



### **It actually decreases your motivation**

Doing [over the recommended limits](#) of homework could also be reducing your motivation and focus, which won't help you kick your academic goals. Think of homework like exercise – a moderate amount strengthens your academic muscles, but overdoing it leads to burnout and injury.

You'll also have less time to rest, exercise, work, spend time with family and friends, and just enjoy yourself, all important factors in your development and wellbeing.

### **What the research says**

This information doesn't just come from disgruntled students - a heap of academic research has been done into homework, and some of the findings might surprise you.

### **Less homework doesn't mean less results**

Here's something you might not expect: countries that assign the least homework often perform best academically. Korea, [Japan](#), and [Finland](#), for example, give students minimal homework, yet consistently rank among the top countries for reading, maths, and writing in international assessments.

### **It's about quality over quantity**

Educational researcher [John Hattie](#) ranks homework at 279 from a list of 438 student achievement influences. Interestingly, he found the benefits of homework start at nearly none in primary school, but increase further into high school.

Quality homework and feedback is far more important than spending mindless hours covering the same work again and again.

"Homework that is meaningful and driven by student input is linked to improving attitudes, knowledge and student retention..."

- Corno, 2000

### **You can have too much of a good thing**

[Research shows](#) that once homework exceeds certain time limits, academic performance actually starts to decline.

A [2015 study](#) also found that middle school students assigned more than 90 to 100 minutes of daily homework began to see a fall in their maths and science test scores.

"Moderate amounts of time spent on homework are linked to better results, but a great deal ... of time spent on homework is actually less productive. This means when middle school students spend more than an hour and a half a night there is a correlation with lower scores."

- Cooper, et al., 2006

### **The homework sweet spot by year level**

Based on multiple studies and expert recommendations, here are the optimal homework amounts for different school levels:

#### **Middle school**

Aim for up to one hour of homework per weekday. This gives you enough practice to consolidate classroom learning without overwhelming your developing brain.

#### **Lower senior school**

At this stage you should be able to handle between one and two hours daily. You're building stronger study habits and can manage slightly more complex work.

#### **Upper senior school**

By now your target should be around two hours per day. This prepares you for the increased academic demands you'll face if you continue to university.

Remember, these are guidelines, not rigid rules. For example, if you're taking more subjects than other students in your cohort, or if you're taking part in extra programs, then the amount of study you may have to do could increase.





Around assessment and exam time then you might find you're reaching the upper limits of the recommended homework times too, and that's normal, but it shouldn't be the norm for your entire school year.

### **Making homework work for you**

The key isn't just about time - it's about making that time count. You don't need to do all your studying in marathon sessions. Break it up throughout your day and week.

Read your notes on the bus, watch educational documentaries that relate to your subjects, or discuss what you're learning with friends. Even casual conversations about your coursework can reinforce your understanding.

Consider your natural rhythms too. Are you a morning person who thinks clearly at dawn, or a night owl who hits their stride after dinner? Schedule your most challenging homework during your peak energy times.

### **Setting yourself up for success**

To make the most of your homework time, create a study environment that works for you. Find a space where you can focus without distractions, whether that's your bedroom, the kitchen table, or your local library.

Write a study plan and stick to it. Include regular breaks because your brain needs time to process and consolidate information. Research shows that after about 15 minutes of focused learning, your brain needs a few minutes to restore the neurotransmitters that help you concentrate.

Think of breaks as brain maintenance – they're not time wasted, they're essential for keeping your mind sharp.

"After about 15 minutes of learning and practising something – such as the Pythagorean theorem in maths – the regions of the brain activated in spatial-numerical learning get fatigued and need to rebuild the neurotransmitters, such as dopamine, that get depleted. The restoration only takes a few minutes if the break is timely, but if they are pushed to stay with that same process for too long, stress builds, neurotransmitters drop way down and it will take twice as long to restore full efficiency to that area of the brain."

- [Judy Willis](#)

### **When to seek help**

If homework is taking over your life, it's time to reassess. You should still have time for exercise, hobbies, work, family and friends. These activities aren't luxuries – they're essential for your development and mental health.

If you're consistently struggling to complete homework, speak with your teachers. They can help you develop better study strategies or adjust expectations if needed.

### **One more thing to bear in mind**

If you're contemplating university after high school, the expectation is that you'll be studying for around 40 hours per week, and that includes all of your lectures, seminars, and tutorials (it's the also the equivalent of a full-time working role).

If you're already doing 30 hours of school and 20+ hours of homework weekly, you're already exceeding university level workloads, and that's a red flag. Remember that work-life balance is important at all ages and is a great skill to master early in life.

### **Find out more**

Looking for more ways to improve your study habits and academic success? [Check out more tips and strategies on our website here.](#)

## **[Bachelor's, master's, doctorate: Your guide to university degrees](#)**

Are you thinking about your future study options and wondering about the different types of university degrees you can do? You've probably heard the words bachelor's, master's, and doctorate thrown around a lot recently if you're in your senior years of high school. But what do they mean and what's right for you?

Understanding your options can help you [set goals](#) and work out a long-term plan, so let's explore the basics of the three main types of university degrees.



## **Bachelor's degree: Your foundation**

The first thing you need to know: you won't be able to pursue a master's or doctoral degree until you have an undergraduate qualification.

Bachelor's degrees are considered undergraduate degrees, and are what most students pursue straight after high school. They're a foundational qualification that provide knowledge and skills in a specific field of study.

Here are some key points to know:

### **Depth of study**

During a bachelor's degree, you'll typically focus on a major subject area of your choice, such as business, engineering, psychology, or arts. You might also have the opportunity to take a minor or second major or take individual subjects unrelated to your core degree.

Many bachelor's degrees can be combined into what are known as "dual degrees", allowing you to gain two qualifications in less time than it would take to study them separately.

### **Duration and requirements**

Bachelor's degrees usually take around 3 to 4 years to complete full-time. Dual degrees are usually 5 to 6 years in length. To gain entry to a bachelor's degree, you typically need to finish high school.

### **Career benefits**

A bachelor's degree gives you the knowledge needed for entry- and mid-level positions in various industries and lays the groundwork for further study down the track.

You'll also develop essential skills that can be taken into any industry, such as critical thinking, research abilities, and communication skills.

### **What about honours?**

Honours is an optional research-based year on top of your bachelor's degree that deepens your expertise in your chosen subject. It's sometimes considered a bridge between undergraduate and postgraduate studies, ideal for those who might want to undertake a research degree in the future.

Honours are typically considered a higher level qualification than a bachelor's degree because of the depth of study and combination of coursework and research. Some people also find that an honours degree takes a more [skills-based approach](#) to study.

## **Master's degree: Specialisation and advancement**

After completing a bachelor's degree, some students choose to pursue postgraduate study. This is where master's degrees come in.

The purpose of a master's degree is to build on the foundational of your first degree and allow you to specialise even further. They're more advanced than bachelor's degrees and can lead to specialised job opportunities or a career in [academia](#).

Here's what you need to know about master's degrees:

### **Depth of study**

Master's degrees typically delve deeper into specific areas within a field and may include coursework, research, and a thesis or project. For example, you might pursue a Master of Computer Science and decide to focus on Artificial Intelligence.

### **Duration and requirements**

Master's degrees usually take 1 to 2 years to complete. They often require you to have a bachelor's degree in a related field for entry.

### **Career benefits**

A master's degree can enhance your career prospects by providing advanced skills and specialised knowledge. It can open doors to higher-level positions and potentially higher salaries in your chosen field.



## **Doctorate: Pinnacle of academic achievement**

Doctorates (or doctoral degrees) also fall into the postgraduate category and represent the highest level of academic achievement.

A doctorate is ideal for those passionate about research and making significant contributions to their field. You'll need to have earned an undergraduate qualification at minimum before you can apply to study a doctoral degree. A doctorate can either be academic or professional. Academic doctorates, as the name suggests, involve intensive research and the completion of a thesis or dissertation. Professional doctorates, on the other hand, are aimed at those looking to enter specific professions that require high-level knowledge and skills.

Here's what you should know about pursuing a doctoral degree:

### **Depth of study**

Doctoral degrees involve a combination of coursework, comprehensive exams, and either the completion of a dissertation or thesis or many hours of practical experience. You'll work closely with faculty mentors and peers to advance your knowledge in your area of study.

### **Duration and requirements**

Doctoral degrees take anywhere from 3 to 7 years to complete, depending on the field and research requirements. While a bachelor's degree is the minimum needed for entry, completing a master's degree first can prepare you for what to expect and increase your chances of admission.

### **Career benefits**

An academic doctorate prepares you for careers in academia and research and development, while a professional doctorate prepares you for specialised roles that require advanced expertise and leadership.

While a master's degree expands your understanding of a particular subject area, doctoral study is the next step for those who want to make an original contribution to their field.

### **Choosing your path**

Knowing which kind of degree you'll need depends on your interests and career goals. Here are some ways you can learn what your options are:

#### **Start with job listings**

Look at job advertisements in your field of interest. Most will clearly state minimum education requirements like "bachelor's degree required" or "master's degree preferred". This gives you an insight into what employers might expect.

#### **Check professional associations**

Many industries have professional bodies that outline educational requirements for different roles, such as engineering associations, medical boards, or teaching councils.

#### **Speak to people in the field**

Nothing beats talking to real people who are already doing the job you want. Ask them about their educational journey and what they would recommend for someone starting out today.

#### **Find out more**

Whether you want to explore diverse subjects during your bachelor's, specialise further with honours or master's degree, or conduct ground-breaking research with a doctorate, each level offers unique opportunities.

Ready to take the next step? [Discover more about your study options on our website here.](#)



## **How to become a Forensic Scientist**

Forensic scientists apply scientific principles and techniques to analyse evidence from crime scenes. Their main job is to help law enforcement agencies solve crimes by examining and analysing everything from DNA samples to fingerprints, ballistics, and even digital evidence.

If you're fascinated by science, enjoy solving puzzles, and want to play a crucial role in the justice system, a career as a forensic scientist could be perfect for you.

### **What skills do I need as a forensic scientist?**

- Excellent attention to detail
- Great problem solver
- Strong analytical and critical thinking abilities
- Excellent communicator
- Observant and patient
- Unbiased and fair
- Strong sense of justice
- Resilient with a strong stomach

### **What does the job involve?**

- Examining crime scenes and gathering evidence
- Testing biological samples, chemicals, and materials
- Profiling organic compounds and biological materials
- Interpreting test results and drawing scientific conclusions
- Thoroughly documenting findings and observations
- Working with other professionals, including police officers and scientists
- Presenting findings to legal practitioners and law enforcement
- Testifying and presenting evidence in court

### **What industries do forensic scientists typically work in?**

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Public Administration and Safety
- Education and Training

### **What kind of lifestyle can I expect?**

Most forensic scientists work full-time, typically during standard business hours in laboratory settings. However, you may occasionally be called to crime scenes at any time of the day or night. Remote work opportunities are limited, as most tasks require specialised laboratory equipment.

Forensic scientists typically earn above-average salaries, with pay varying depending on experience, specialisation, and location.

Working as a forensic scientist requires precision and can involve exposure to potentially hazardous materials or disturbing evidence.

### **How to become a forensic scientist**

To become a forensic scientist, you'll typically need to complete a bachelor's degree in forensic science, chemistry, biology, physics, or a related scientific field. Many employers prefer candidates with postgraduate qualifications in forensic science or a relevant specialisation.

Many forensic scientists also pursue professional certifications and ongoing training to stay current with evolving technologies and techniques. Some specialisations may require additional qualifications, such as digital forensics or toxicology.

### **What can I do right now to work towards this career?**

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



- Focus on science and mathematics subjects at school, particularly chemistry and biology - these will be important for your future studies.
- Look for work experience opportunities at universities, research institutions, or forensic laboratories. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work and start making important contacts for the future.
- Join science clubs or participate in science competitions to deepen your knowledge and build important skills.

#### **Where can I find more information?**

- [The National Institute of Forensic Science](#) (Aus & NZ)
- [Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences](#) (UK)
- [Forensic Science Ireland](#)
- [American Academy of Forensic Sciences](#)
- [Canadian Society of Forensic Science](#)

#### **Similar careers to forensic scientist**

- [Police Officer](#)
- [Lab Technician](#)
- Pathologist
- [Lawyer](#)
- Medical Technician
- [Computational Biologist](#)
- Chemist
- Biologist