Careers Corner Weekly

Events 3rd April to 16th April

Monday 03 & 10 April 2023

ACU - Uni Step Up Applications Open

Uni Step-Up Online offers students from regional, rural and remote locations the chance to get a head start on university by studying two first year units while still in senior secondary school.

Uni Step-Up Online is a 2 unit program that is delivered fully online, one night per week during term times.

Time: See link below
Location: See link below
Details and Registration:
https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2023/january/uni-step-up-applications-are-now-open?
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AIT - Info Night

Join us at our Sydney or Melbourne campus for an information night. These nights are are a great opportunity to tour our facilities and check out our award-winning campuses, including our brand-new post-production studios, green screen rooms and student games rooms.

You'll also meet some of our academic and admissions team, catch live demos from our current students plus book a campus tour and see first-hand what it's like to be a student at AIT.

Time: 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Online
Details and Registration:
https://info.ait.edu.au/info-night-registration

Saturday 15 April 2023

SAE - Create for a Day at SAE Melbourne

SAE Melbourne is opening its doors this April for the SAE Create for a Day, a one-day program to expand your skills and get you working on inspiring creative projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games or Music Production & Songwriting.
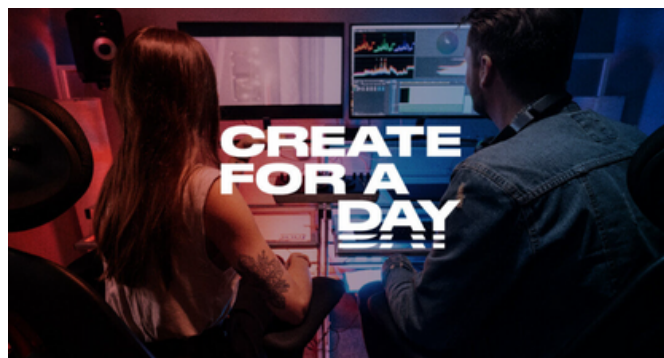
Are you creatively inclined and thinking about studying creative media? We are offering an exclusive one-day workshop this April – get behind the scenes and pursue your passion!

Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Location: SAE Institute Melbourne 235 Normanby Road South Melbourne, VIC 3205
Details and Registration:
https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/sae-create-for-a-day-workshops-melbourne-tickets-531461885807

Events 27th March to 9th April

Melbourne Polytechnic

Date	Event	Description	Time/Location/Registration
Monday 03 April 2023	Animal Studies Information Session	Register for an information session. Course: Certificate II in Animal Care ACM20121 Certificate III in Animal Care Services ACM30122	Time: 5:00 PM Location: Online Details and Registration: https://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/information-sessions/animal-studies/?session=7012t000000gY4fAAE
Thursday 06 April 2023	Music and Sound Information Session	Register for an information session. Course: Diploma of Music - Sound Production CUA50820 Diploma of Music - Performance CUA50820 Advanced Diploma of Music - Performance CUA60520 Advanced Diploma of Music - Sound Production CUA60520 Certificate IV in Music - Sound Production CUA40920	Time: 4:00 PM Location: Online Details and Registration: https://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/information-sessions/music-and-sound-2/?session=7012t000000gXyDAAU
Tuesday 11 April 2023	Overseas-Qualified Professional Information Session	Register for an information session. Course: Certificate III in EAL (Access) - Overseas-Qualified Professionals Stream - OQP Victoria 22486VIC	Time: 5:00 PM Location: Online Details and Registration: https://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/information-sessions/overseas-qualified-professional-oqp-2/?session=7012t000000gY5KAAU
Wednesday 12 April	Carpentry, Joinery, Furniture Making Information Session	Register for an information session. Course: Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways / Certificate II in Building and Construction MSF20516 Certificate II in Building and Construction Pre-Apprenticeship - Carpentry and Joinery Shopfitting Stairbuilding 22338VIC	Time: 3:00 PM Location: Heidelberg Campus Details and Registration: https://www.melbournepolytechnic.edu.au/information-sessions/carpentry-joinery-furniture-making-2/?session=7012t000000gY6CAAU

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Defence Careers Australia			
Date	Event	Description	Time/Location/Registration
Tuesday 04 April 2023	Indigenous Pathways Information Session	Join the thousands of Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander personnel who enjoy financial security, rewarding work and personal development in jobs that proudly represent their communities. Join us for a virtual info session to learn about Indigenous opportunities in the Navy, Army and Air Force.	Time: 05:30 PM - 07:00 PM Location: Online Details and Registration: https://army.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/r5o73ng
Wednesday 05 April 2023	Melbourne: Trade Careers Information Session	A trade role in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) will see you working on some of the world's most advanced military technology and equipment. Learn about trade careers in the ADF and the comprehensive training they provide. Join us for an info session and speak with current serving members about their own experience and advice.	Time: 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM Location: Melbourne Defence Force Recruiting Centre Lvl 2 Details and Registration: https://army.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/8iv268b
Wednesday 12 April 2023	Melbourne: Gap Year Information Session	Experience a Gap Year like no other with the Australian Defence Force. You'll grow and develop in a dynamic, supportive and people focused environment. Join us for an info session and speak with current serving personnel to learn about the challenges and rewards on offer.	Time: 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM Location: Melbourne Defence Force Recruiting Centre Lvl 2 Details and Registration: https://army.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/tieq0yg
Wednesday 12 April 2023	Army Careers Information Session	Optimise your potential and consider a career that will transform you into a fit, capable, confident and resourceful member of the army. There's so much more to life in the Army, with stimulating work opportunities, plenty of travel, amazing mateship, and extensive sport and leisure facilities.	Time: 07:30 PM - 09:00 PM (ACST) 08:00 PM - 09:30 PM (AEST) 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM (AWST) Location: Online and Defence Force Recruiting Perth Details and Registration: https://army.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/irliges

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5 Reasons to Enter Competitions

You've got to be in it, but you certainly don't have to win it to benefit. Even if you're not sure what your special talents are yet, or you don't consider yourself to be competitive, there's a lot to gain from participating in competitions and challenges. While the prizes and glory of winning are a bonus, you'll get so much more out of the experience if you focus on fun, personal growth, skill development, and social connection.

Have fun!

Have fun spending time on things you enjoy! Practical tasks give you a break from your academic studies and let you work on something you're passionate about. Need we say more?

Grow!

Entering competitions helps you develop new skills, builds your confidence, and provides a sense of accomplishment. You can set goals for yourself, challenge yourself to improve, and learn from the experience regardless of the outcome.

Develop skills!

Expand your technical skills in something you're curious about, or showcase them in something you love but don't get to do at school. You'll gain exposure to new aspects of the things you're interested in, and you may even get to learn from an experienced mentor, receive valuable feedback, and get recognition for your work.

Stand out!

The experiences you gain from participating in competitions can help you stand out from other applicants when you apply for courses, scholarships, and jobs. The fact that you entered is evidence of your interest in, and commitment to, learning about your specialty. It demonstrates enthusiasm, initiative, creativity, and curiosity. It also builds your enterprise/employability skills and gives you concrete examples to demonstrate these skills when you write applications and attend interviews.

Connect!

You'll get to spend time with people who like the same things you do. You might form a team with friends, meet new people from other schools, or network with industry members, which all strengthen your sense of community and belonging.

Ways to Find Competitions

There really is something for everyone, from photography, creative arts, and writing competitions, through to engineering, environmental, and technology challenges.
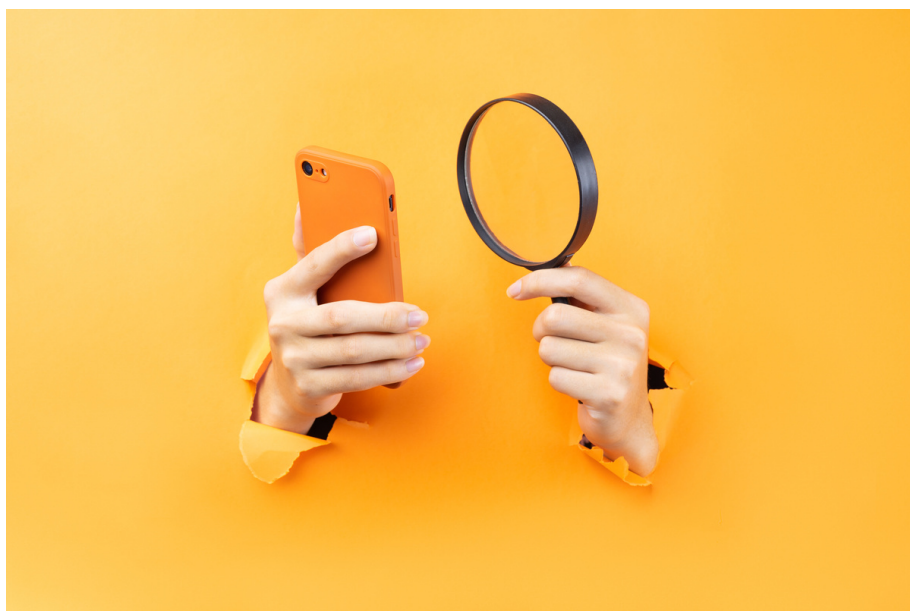
The trick is knowing where to look and these tips will help you find the right ones for you.

Look locally

Local area councils want to engage young people in the community so they run competitions and events to get you involved. Check your local council's website, social media accounts, and the newspaper or magazine they publish for opportunities close to home.

Ask

Speak to your school Librarian, Careers Advisor, wellbeing staff, and subject teachers. They sometimes get emails advertising opportunities for student participation. Asking them will show that you're interested, so when something appears in their inbox, they'll remember you.

Search Online

The Aussie Educator website is a good starting place as it has 8 categories of local, state, national, and international competitions for students. Or, search online using terms like, 'competitions for young people in (name of area you live)', or, 'challenges for school students in (name of your local council area or state)' to return some great opportunities.

Check

When you find something that interests you, check the fine print before you sign up. Look for:

- Opening and closing dates.
- Eligibility criteria such as age, gender, location etc.
- Registration requirements, like whether you need a teacher or parent to register you, or if there are entry fees.
- The format you need to submit your entry in.
- How to get your work back (if you have to submit a physical, original copy e.g. artwork).

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How to Make Time for Competitions

Finding time to participate in extracurricular activities can be tricky. Or, maybe you enjoy them so much, you don't give assignments and exams the time they need! Try these strategies to help balance your time between the two.

Plan
Create a calendar and schedule that includes your school work, extracurricular activities, and other commitments. This will help you see when you've got busy periods coming up, and plan your time to even out the workload.

Use free time
Can you swap scrolling for school work? Down time is important, but switching an unproductive habit for an activity that moves you closer to achieving your goals will feel worthwhile and you'll surprise yourself with how much you get done.

Focus on efficiency
Whether you're studying or creating, immerse yourself in it and stay on track. Minimise distractions, work on your highest priorities, and avoid multitasking as it can decrease productivity and increase stress.

Say no
It's ok to turn down an offer or opportunity if it's not what you're really into, or if you know you'll be too stretched. Having a clear idea of what's important to you will help you be more selective about where you put your time and efforts.

MAKE TIME FOR WHAT MATTERS

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Are You a Star SBAT or VET Student?

Nominate for the state and territory Training Awards!

Each year, the states and territories celebrate the best of vocational education and training (VET) by bringing together apprentices, trainees, students, teachers, training providers, employers, and industry representatives, to compete across a range of categories.

Benefits of Participating

- Become an ambassador for the VET sector.

- Create networks within your sector to develop future career opportunities.

- Receive national recognition as a leader in your field of study, training, or work.

Australian Training Awards

The winners from each state and territory go on to compete for a national award title at the Australian Training Awards, the peak awards showcasing best practice in VET. The awards contribute to raising awareness and respect for skills excellence in vocational careers.

Find the application links and key dates for your state or territory here.

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Techgirls Competition

The annual <u>Techgirls Competition</u> is about young people solving young people's problems.
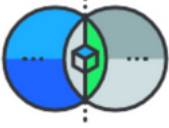
It's a 12-week STEM entrepreneurship program in Term 2, for girls aged 7 - 17.

- You work in a team of 2-5, with a coach (teacher or parent) and a mentor.
- You will gain awareness of STEM careers, develop your business and technology skills, and grow your confidence.
- The cost to enter the competition is $50 per student.

Get a group together and get a parent or teacher to register your team. Registrations close April 21.

Techgirls Roadmap

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1 Register as a team (via a coach) or a mentor

2 Teams + coaches work with their mentor

Teams meet with their mentor up to 1hr per week for 12 weeks on a schedule that suits everyone. This can be virtual or in person.

3 Create a solution to a problem that you care about

4 Learn a lot, work with your team, mentor, and coach, laugh and have fun

Teams capture 4 experiences they have with their mentor and share them as part of their final submission.

5 Submit your work, present it, get expert feedback from industry judges, and celebrate your successes

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Competitions to Enter Now!

All competitions and challenges below are FREE to enter and open to students nationwide.

Academic Competitions and Challenges

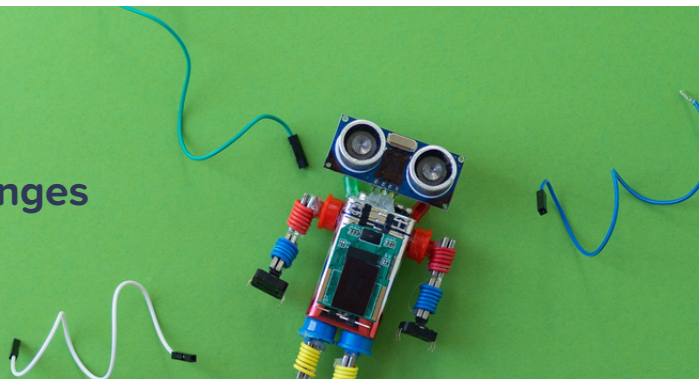| Competition	Open To	Closing Date
Owlypia	Ages 9 - 18	Event: 22 April 2023 Event: 1 July 2023
What Matters? Writing Competition	Grade 5 - Year 12	5 May 2023
Robert Menzies Institute Speech Competition	Years 9 - 12	9 July 2023
National History Challenge	Students under 19	25 August 2023
The Simpson Prize	Years 9 and 10	3 November 2023
Enterprising Girls Challenge	Girls aged 10 - 18	N/A

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Creative Competitions and Challenges

Competition	Open To	Closing Date
Capture the Weather Photo Competition	Everyone	31 March 2023 Reopens 1 July 2023
Harmony Day Poster Competition	Primary & secondary students	16 April 2023
Harmony Day Song Writing Competition	Primary & secondary students	16 April 2023
Future Leaders Photography Prize	Year 12	1 May 2023
Future Leaders Writing Prize	Years 11 & 12	1 May 2023
Chemistry and Art Competition	Primary & secondary students	1 May 2023
Canvas Art Award	Years 7 - 12	14 May 2023
Wool4School Design Competition	Years 7 - 12	20 July 2023
Bell Shakespeare Shorts Festival	Primary & secondary students	22 September 2023
Heywire Competition	16 - 22 year olds in regional, rural, or remote areas	TBA

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STEM Competitions and Challenges

Competition	Open To	Closing Date
Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize	Primary & secondary students	14 April 2023
Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge	Grade 3 - Year 12	Round 1: 24 April - 14 May Round 2: 21 August - 10 September
Microsoft Imagine Cup	Ages 13 - 18	10 May 2023
Young ICT Explorers	Grade 3 - year 12	14 July 2023
Australian STEM Video Game Challenge	Grade 4 - Year 12	17 July 2023
Mathematics and Statistics Research Competition	Years 7 - 12	31 July 2023
UNSW Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing	Years 7 - 10	25 August 2023
ANU STEM Challenges	Years 7 - 12	Event 2 - 29 October 2023

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