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## Events

### THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

UNSW Canberra Cyber Security Information Evening

**Organisation:** University of New South Wales

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 3, 2026

The Bachelor of Cyber Security at UNSW Canberra is a future-focused degree informed by critical government and industry skills gaps. You'll graduate ready to make an impact in a constantly evolving cyber security landscape, with the skills and competencies that are in demand across industry, government and Defence.

Being based at UNSW Canberra City places you in the heart of Australia's cyber security sector, providing unique opportunities to connect with industry and build valuable career pathways. Join us online to hear from current UNSW Canberra students about their experiences studying Cyber Security and how they've navigated their degree, sharing tips to help make your own journey a rewarding one.

You'll also hear from our academic staff and advisers as they discuss the Bachelor of Cyber Security program, including the hands-on learning opportunities, industry mentorships and placements that help prepare students for real-world cyber security challenges. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions during an interactive Q&A panel.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie Year 12 Early Entry Webinar

**Organisation:** Macquarie University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 3, 2026

Year 12 comes with a lot to navigate – ATARs, selection ranks, preferences, early entry, pathways and more!

Before you make decisions, it helps to understand the broader admissions landscape.

Our Year 12 Webinar Series demystifies the mechanics, milestones and misconceptions surrounding uni entry – and outlines practical next steps, whatever stage you're at.

Here's what will be covered in this webinar:

- Macquarie's early entry schemes
- How early entry applications are evaluated
- Characteristics of a strong application
- What happens after an early offer is made
- Live Q&A

[Find out more](#)

Study Advanced Computing at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 3, 2026

From intelligent drones to virtual reality apps, cybersecurity to the Internet of Things, the Bachelor of Advanced Computing will teach you the design principles and programming skills to build the



systems behind emerging information technologies with our flexible and innovative degree. Hear from us to learn more. You'll have the opportunity to submit questions live.

[Find out more](#)

AIE Online Campus Day

**Organisation:** Academy of Interactive Entertainment

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 6, 2026

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](#)

## NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Discover Western Webinar – For Year 10-12 Students: Pathways, Alternative Entry and Early Offers

**Organisation:** Western Sydney University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 9, 2026

This webinar is aimed at students in Years 10-12. We will explore and explain our HSC True Reward Early Offer Program, Alternative Entry Pathways and more.

[Find out more](#)

Study Interaction Design at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 10, 2026

There is so much more to design beyond websites and apps. But how much do you know about interaction design and the role of designers in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape?

Join this session to explore how the Bachelor of Design (Interaction Design) at Sydney can prepare you to shape the way we experience the world through technology.

[Find out more](#)

Notre Dame Auburn Information Evening

**Organisation:** University of Notre Dame Australia

**Location:** University of Notre Dame, Auburn Study Centre

**Date:** June 11, 2026

Join us at the Auburn Study Centre Information Session to explore how the University of Notre Dame Australia can support your journey into higher education.

You'll hear about the bachelor's degrees taught from our Auburn Study Centre and Broadway Campus in Chippendale, Notre Dame's Early Offer program, scholarships and fees, alternate entry pathways and student support services.

[Find out more](#)



### UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship Information Webinar

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 12, 2026

The UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship provides up to 30 full-time enrolled students approximately \$20,000 per year for the first 3 years of the Western Civilisation program. Students from an Australian state or territory other than Queensland, or from a non-metropolitan region of Queensland may be eligible to receive an additional \$12,000 per year for 3 years. Learn about the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship's benefits and eligibility requirements. Join UQ for a webinar to:

- learn more about the scholarship requirements and application dates
- explore UQ's programs in Western Civilisation.

[Find out more](#)

### CDW Open Day 2026, Sydney

**Organisation:** CDW Studios

**Location:** CDW Studios, Sydney Campus

**Date:** June 13, 2026

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](#)

## FUTURE EVENTS

### UOW Year 10 Subject Selection Webinar

**Organisation:** University of Wollongong

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 15, 2026

Choosing the right subjects in Year 10 is an important step towards achieving your future study and career goals.

Join the University of Wollongong (UOW) for a free online event designed to help Year 10 students and their parents make informed subject choices for senior years.

In this session, experts from UOW and the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will cover:

- How subject choices can influence university entry and career pathways
- The importance of prerequisite subjects and assumed knowledge
- Understanding the ATAR and the role of Year 11 results
- Tips for keeping your options open

You'll also have the chance to ask questions during a live Q&A and chat with our team.

[Find out more](#)

### Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session

**Organisation:** Australian Federal Police

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 16, 2026

Gain insights into the role of a protective service officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

[Find out more](#)



### Music Careers Expo 2026, Sydney

**Organisation:** The Push

**Location:** Oxford Art Factory

**Date:** June 16, 2026

The Music Careers Expo is for young people aged 15–25 who are curious about working in music — whether that’s performing, producing, working behind the scenes or exploring other roles across the industry.

You’ll hear from people working across the industry (artists, managers, producers, engineers) and have the chance to sit down one-on-one with professionals and educators for advice on your next steps.

If you love Australian music and want to work in it, this is where you start!

Parents, teachers and friends are also welcome to attend.

[Find out more](#)

### Why Study Business at the University of Sydney? Webinar for Future Students

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 17, 2026

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](#)

### Bond Parents Information Webinar

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 18, 2026

Are you a parent supporting your child on their journey to university? Bond University invites you to join our upcoming online webinar designed specifically for parents like you.

This session will explain the Bond difference, including our personalised learning experience and close-knit, supportive community. You’ll gain a clear overview of the direct application and admissions process, 2027 key dates, FEE-HELP and scholarship opportunities.

This webinar includes insights from current Bond parents and have the opportunity to ask questions to help you support your child’s decision with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

### You Can Get In: How to Job Hunt for Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

**Organisation:** Screen Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 20, 2026

The screen industry recruits through friends and recommendations. The good news about this is that everyone, initially, doesn’t know anyone. We’ll cover how to create a screen ready CV, the role of crew agencies, credits and how to find work.

[Find out more](#)



### UTS Tech Fest

**Organisation:** University of Technology Sydney

**Location:** University of Technology Sydney, City Campus

**Date:** June 22 to June 26, 2026

Experience the future of engineering and IT at UTS Tech Festival 2026 - Sydney's annual student-driven tech showcase held on the UTS campus each June.

Now in its fifth year running, Tech Fest is returning with an action-packed calendar filled with showcases, interactive workshops, panel talks, hackathons and real-world tech challenges led by industry leaders.

Whether you're a current Engineering or IT student, industry partner, tech enthusiast, or university student of the future, this year's program has an event for everyone.

[Find out more](#)

### SCU Live Talks: Parent Information Evening

**Organisation:** Southern Cross University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 23, 2026

Here at Southern Cross University, we are organising an exclusive session designed specifically for parents and students in Years 11 & 12 and encourage you to join us for an upcoming Parents Information Webinar.

The session will cover a wide range of topics, including:

- How to apply
- Taking advantage of our early entry application
- Why SCU
- Scholarship opportunities
- Understanding costs
- Support services
- Uni life and global opportunities

[Find out more](#)

### Study and Career Options in Occupational Therapy at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 24, 2026

Interested in supporting people live a fuller life? Join us for this informative webinar to learn what occupational therapists do, explore the Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy) at the University of Sydney, hear about work-based placements and student life, and get guidance on entry pathways. Join us live with the Program Director and get answers in the Q&A.

[Find out more](#)

### Western Sydney Careers Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Resources for Courses

**Location:** The Dome - Sydney Showground

**Date:** June 25 to June 27, 2026

The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2026 is Sydney's biggest education and career event, designed to help high school students, parents, teachers, and jobseekers explore study and employment pathways. It brings together universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers, and career advisers in one location to provide practical information about courses, apprenticeships, and career options.

The event aims to support informed decision-making about future study and work choices through



exhibits and seminar presentations.

[Find out more](#)

How Computational Mathematics Powers the Modern World – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

**Organisation:** Macquarie University

**Location:** Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

**Date:** June 25, 2026

Since the earliest days of computing in the 1950s, computational mathematics has been quietly reshaping the world around us. From the algorithms that simulate climate and weather to those that enable medical imaging, advances in computational mathematics sit at the heart of modern technologies that define our world today. This talk will illustrate some of the big ideas in computational mathematics, including some of Associate Professor Stuart Hawkins' favourite innovations.

We'll then look at the techniques behind Professor Hawkins' own research on simulating sound and light waves in complex materials and in the atmosphere. Together, these examples reveal how computational mathematics makes it possible to model the invisible forces that shape our world.

*This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.*

[Find out more](#)

UOW Open Day 2026, Wollongong

**Organisation:** University of Wollongong

**Location:** University of Wollongong, Wollongong Campus

**Date:** June 27, 2026

The University of Wollongong (UOW) Open Day is the perfect opportunity to visit our amazing Wollongong campus, speak with our staff and students, and see why UOW is ranked as one of the best universities for student experience.

Whether you are looking at your next steps after Year 12, or you finished school some time ago and are looking for a pathway into university, Open Day is for you.

UOW Open Day also caters to graduates who are considering further study, offering one-on-one consultations with postgraduate course experts. Whatever your education or career goals, our staff are able to answer your questions.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Future Talk for Parents – Early Entry

**Organisation:** University of Wollongong

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 29, 2026

Year 12 can be a stressful time for students and for the parents and carers supporting them. With big post-school decisions ahead, these sessions are designed to provide clarity, reassurance and practical advice to help you navigate the year with confidence.

Across the program, you'll gain insights into:

- Supporting students through the HSC and common challenges
- Understanding UOW degrees, pathways and study options
- How AI and emerging technologies are shaping degrees, careers and the future workforce
- Navigating university applications, Early Admission and UAC
- Financial planning for university, including scholarships, budgeting and accommodation
- Accessing UOW support services for a smooth transition to university
- Connecting with other parents and carers in a supportive environment



You'll also receive regular emails with practical tips, resources and expert advice to help you and your young person feel informed, prepared and supported throughout Year 12 and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

#### ACPE Careers in Sport Day

**Organisation:** Australian College of Physical Education

**Location:** Australian College of Physical Education

**Date:** July 3, 2026

For the lovers of sport; ACPE presents you with a day that is packed with information presented by special guest speakers from the sport industry. From education and sport degrees to taking your first steps into the sport industry as your career path, you can immerse yourself in interactive panel discussions and workshops. You'll also have the chance to mingle and network with likeminded individuals, and rub shoulders with professionals working in the sport industry.

Come along and have a great day in the sport hub of Sydney Olympic Park, and take your first steps into a career in sport.

Unlock your access to successful careers in sport:

- Gain invaluable insights from industry professionals
- Discover the range of job opportunities in the sport industry
- Identify the attributes and experiences it takes to be successful in sport
- And much more!

Careers in Sport Day is perfect for:

- Anyone looking to turn their passion for sport into a career
- Year 11 and 12 students
- Career advisors and school teachers

[Find out more](#)

#### WSU Open Day 2026

**Organisation:** Western Sydney University

**Location:** Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

**Date:** July 5, 2026

Open Day is coming to Western on Sunday 5 July 2026, from 10am–4pm at our Parramatta South Campus.

Explore your study options, attend course information sessions, and meet our academics and students. Experience uni life and see all that Western has to offer!

Ask questions, see things up close, and get a clear sense of where your next step could take you.

[Find out more](#)

#### Sydney Design School Introduction to SketchUp Workshop

**Organisation:** Sydney Design School

**Location:** Sydney Design School

**Date:** July 6 to July 8, 2026

Looking to extend your presentation skills? Create detailed 3D models using this intuitive and easy-to-learn program.

Over 3 days you will be introduced to the fundamentals of SketchUp enabling you to create realistic floor plans and 3D models. You'll use the 3D Warehouse, the world's largest online library, to import furniture and lighting.

[Find out more](#)

#### NYSF STEM Hub for Year 10-12 Students, Sydney

**Organisation:** National Youth Science Forum



**Location:** Sydney

**Date:** July 7 to July 9, 2026

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 and curious about where STEM could take you? Join us for an immersive, non-residential experience that connects you with real study options and career pathways in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

As part of the STEM Hub experience, you can:

- participate in tours of science and technology facilities,
- learn about cutting-edge research,
- engage with industry partners and research providers,
- learn about university, training and STEM career pathways,
- mix with other like-minded students from all over Australia, and
- attend social events.

The NYSF Sydney STEM Hub will include visits to leading institutions and organisations including UNSW Sydney, ADF Careers, University of Technology Sydney, Atlassian, Macquarie Uni and more. This exclusive NYSF experience includes behind-the-scenes access, direct engagement with experts, morning tea and a \$10 lunch voucher to use on campus.

The fee covers all programmed visits and activities, as well as daily program transport. Transport to and from Sydney and accommodation requirements are the responsibility of the attendee. STEM Hubs are non-residential.

[Find out more](#)

#### UNSW Future Creators' Day for Year 10-11 Students

**Organisation:** University of New South Wales

**Location:** University of New South Wales, Paddington Campus

**Date:** July 7, 2026

Future Creators' Day is a hands-on experience for Year 10 and 11 students passionate about creativity, design, and visual storytelling. Hosted by UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture, this event is the perfect opportunity to explore future study and career paths in the creative industries. Join us on campus for a day of immersive workshops led by expert academics and industry professionals. Get a taste of our newly offered Game Art specialisation, along with workshops in Animation, Painting, Textiles & Fashion Design, Object Design, and Graphic Design. Whether you're interested in digital art, interactive storytelling, or traditional design disciplines, this event is designed to help you develop your skills and discover your creative potential.

Connect with like-minded students, experience university life, and gain insights into studying at UNSW. Future Creators' Day is your chance to turn your creative passion into a future career.

[Find out more](#)

#### Discover ACU Strathfield: Early Childhood, Primary and TAS Secondary Education

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

**Date:** July 7, 2026

Are you passionate about making an impact in the lives of young people? Do you want to inspire the next generation through teaching? At ACU, you'll learn how to turn your passion for education into purpose: shaping minds, inspiring curiosity and helping students to thrive.

Join us for Discover Early Childhood, Primary and TAS Secondary Education, an engaging event designed for students in Years 10 – 12 who want to explore a rewarding teaching career. Take part in hands-on workshop, meet our education experts, and find out what it's really like to study teaching at ACU.

[Find out more](#)



Discover ACU Strathfield: Exercise and Sports Science and Biomedical Science

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

**Date:** July 7, 2026

Are you fascinated by how the human body works, moves and performs? Or curious about the science that helps diagnose disease and improve health?

Come and experience what it's like to study exercise and sports science or biomedical science at ACU. Step inside our specialist biomechanics and human performance laboratory, where you'll see how cutting-edge technology is used to analyse movement, measure force, track motion and understand the science behind athletic performance. You'll also explore how biomedical science students investigate the building blocks of life through biology, chemistry and anatomy, preparing for careers in medical science, research, pathology and health innovation.

Plus, you'll meet our expert academics and hear from current students about where a degree in these fields can take you – from elite sport to research, rehabilitation, medical science and beyond. Open to Year 10 – 12 students, this free event is your chance to explore two exciting science-based study areas at ACU.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Designer for a Day Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

**Organisation:** Sydney Design School

**Location:** Sydney Design School

**Date:** July 9, 2026

Curious about what it might be like to work as an Interior Designer? We have developed the perfect one day workshop for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to find out more.

You'll get hands on in our studios experimenting with colour and materials. Find out what it takes to become a professional Interior Designer and understand what an average day looks like on the job! We've included a 3D modelling activity to give you an opportunity to create an interior space.

[Find out more](#)

National Fashion College Styling Workshop for Ages 16+ in Sydney

**Organisation:** National Fashion College

**Location:** National Fashion College, Sydney Campus

**Date:** July 11, 2026

You're officially invited to our exclusive Styling Workshop, taking place at our vibrant Sydney campus - home to creativity, innovation, and the next generation of fashion talent.

In just one day, gain hands-on experience as you learn the foundations of professional styling from an industry-recognised expert. You'll assist on not one, but two photo shoots with a renowned fashion photographer - offering you a rare, behind-the-scenes glimpse into the fast-paced world of fashion. This is your first step towards a career in styling.

Gain insight from the sharp editorial eye of Emma Read - former Fashion Editor at RUSSH, Grazia, ELLE Australia, and L'Officiel, and most recently Fashion Editor-at-Large at Order Magazine. With a global perspective and creative direction behind brands like Hermès, Tiffany & Co., L'Oréal, Westfield and more, Emma brings a rare depth of industry experience. Her multi-disciplinary approach to styling and brand consulting makes this a truly unmissable opportunity.

This experience is recommended for guests aged 16 and older.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Dance Experience Day

**Organisation:** Academy of Music and Performing Arts

**Location:** AMPA Performing Arts Centre, Alexandria



**Date:** July 13, 2026

The Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites dancers to experience a dynamic day on campus. Register, bring your friends, and get ready to move.

Throughout the day, you'll take part in a variety of classes led by AMPA's inspiring faculty, offering a glimpse into what it's like to study dance full-time in a professional training environment.

You'll also have the opportunity to attend a Q&A session with the Head of Dance, designed to give aspiring dancers, choreographers, and future educators valuable insight into tertiary study and the pathways it can open. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with our welcoming student community and expert faculty, while experiencing first-hand what it means to be part of AMPA's Bachelor and Associate of Dance programs.

[Find out more](#)

#### AMPA Classical Performance & Composition Experience Day

**Organisation:** Academy of Music and Performing Arts

**Location:** AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

**Date:** July 13, 2026

The Academy of Music and Performing Arts is ready to welcome budding performers and composers to our music campus for our Classical Music and Composition Experience Day.

Spend a day on campus at AMPA to learn what studying Classical Music or Composition is like at a tertiary level and to find out how you can benefit from AMPA's elite training as part of our Bachelor or Associate Degree in Music (Performance).

At Experience Day, once you have been given a guided tour of our practice studios and performance spaces, you will have your choice of Classical Music or Composition workshops to attend, the chance to observe Classical Performance Classes, and enjoy relaxed Q&A sessions with our faculty and admissions department, while also connecting with our student body to gain real perspectives on student life at AMPA.

[Find out more](#)

#### UNSW Portfolio Entry Information Session, Sydney

**Organisation:** University of New South Wales

**Location:** University of New South Wales, Paddington Campus

**Date:** July 14, 2026

Submit a portfolio of your best work to showcase your talent and you could receive an early conditional offer to study in Term 1 2027.

At UNSW, we know you're more than just a number. That's why we've created the UNSW Portfolio Entry Early Conditional Offer Scheme—a pathway to university that recognises your unique talents and ambitions.

Join us for an exclusive info session tailored for students applying to degrees within the Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture for Term 1 2027. Hear directly from UNSW academics on how to craft a standout portfolio that highlights your strengths.

Why choose this scheme?

- Early Conditional Offers: Get an offer with a reduced ATAR requirement—up to 10 points below the standard selection rank for your chosen degree.
- Showcase your talent: Stand out by highlighting your unique skills, potential, and passion.

[Find out more](#)

#### AMPA Music Theatre Experience Day

**Organisation:** Academy of Music and Performing Arts

**Location:** AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

**Date:** July 15, 2026



Calling all triple threats! While you're waiting for your big break, AMPA is excited to invite passionate performers and theatre makers to our Music Theatre Experience Day.

This is your chance to find out what studying Music Theatre at a pre-professional level looks like, learn what the Music Theatre industry is looking for and to experience the training it takes to become a true triple threat performer within our Bachelor or Associate Degree of Music (Performance).

At Experience Day, you will receive a tour of our music campus and our dedicated performance space, the Tom Mann Theatre, followed by the chance to watch our Music Theatre Performance Class and attend a Music Theatre Workshop as our students prepare their end of trimester showcase. You are also invited to partake in Q&As with our faculty of Music Theatre professionals, our admissions team for information about auditions, and our student body for their perspective on life at AMPA.

[Find out more](#)

#### UNSW Portfolio Entry Information Session, Online

**Organisation:** University of New South Wales

**Location:** Online

**Date:** July 15, 2026

At UNSW, we know you're more than just a number. That's why we've created the UNSW Portfolio Entry Early Conditional Offer Scheme—a pathway to university that recognises your unique talents and ambitions.

Hear directly from UNSW academics and students about crafting a compelling portfolio for degrees within the Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture and the Faculty of Engineering in 2026. We'll guide you through what to include, how to apply, and tips to help you succeed. Plus, you'll have the chance to ask questions and get clarity on anything you're unsure about.

Why choose this scheme?

- Early Conditional Offers: Get an offer with a reduced ATAR requirement—up to 10 points below the standard selection rank for your chosen degree.
- Showcase your talent: Stand out by highlighting your unique skills, potential, and passion.

[Find out more](#)

#### AMPA Contemporary Music & Music Production Experience Day

**Organisation:** Academy of Music and Performing Arts

**Location:** AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

**Date:** July 16, 2026

Get ready to rock out at AMPA with our Contemporary Music and Music Production Experience Day – whether you're a jazz cat, metalhead or DJ in the making, Experience Day will give you the info you need if you're considering the path of a musician.

Our Bachelor or Associate Degree of Music (Performance) could be the next step in your journey and our Experience Day will be your chance to learn what studying music at a tertiary level looks like and how it can benefit your career.

After a tour of our music studios, recording/editing suites and performance space, you'll get the chance to watch our students in action during Contemporary Performance Class, followed by your choice of either a Performance or Production workshop, with time to have casual Q&As with our industry staff, admissions team and student body about anything from networking and training, auditions or campus life.

[Find out more](#)

#### UNE Farming Futures: 2026 Careers Fair

**Organisation:** University of New England



**Location:** University of New England, Armidale Campus

**Date:** July 16, 2026

The Farming Futures Careers Fair is Australia's largest university-run agricultural careers fair for students and graduates. It provides a platform for meaningful conversations between students and industry professionals, helping to spark connections that lead to real career opportunities. By fostering these networks, Farming Futures supports students in launching careers across agribusiness, ag-tech, and agricultural industries dedicated to advancing the sector.

Each year, the Careers Fair showcases a diverse range of employers, from leading agribusiness corporations to innovative organisations. For students, it's a chance to explore future pathways, build professional networks, and develop skills for life beyond university.

The event is free for UNE students, secondary students and teachers, TAFE students, and the public, making it a high-impact showcase for both industry and future professionals.

To express interest or book a booth, please contact UNE's Careers Fair Coordinators.

[Find out more](#)

[Experience Music@Western – Performance Day for Year 12 Students, Parents & Teachers](#)

**Organisation:** Western Sydney University

**Location:** Western Sydney University, Kingswood Campus

**Date:** July 17, 2026

Interested in studying Music@Western? Keen on performing, production, composition or teaching? Current Year 12 students who are interested in studying the Bachelor of Music in 2027 can take part in performance, production and career workshops, a tour of our music precinct, and live performances from our current students, and lunch is on us!

There is also an option for attendees to book an interview for an early offer for 2027 entry. Parents and teachers welcome.

[Find out more](#)

[Experience Design@Western – Portfolio Day for Year 12 Students, Parents & Teachers](#)

**Organisation:** Western Sydney University

**Location:** Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

**Date:** July 17, 2026

Mark your calendars! Join us for early entry interviews for the Bachelor of Design 2027, plus studio tours, talks and hands-on workshops for students interested in Graphic design, branding, digital storytelling, UX/UI, photography and motion design

This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 12 students, parents, and teachers to:

- Participate in course entry interviews for early entry offers (September) into the Design program
- Hear from recent graduates
- Meet Design tutors and lecturers
- Check out our facilities
- Take part in hands-on workshops

[Find out more](#)

[ACU Guarantee Early Offer and Pathways Webinar \(NSW/ACT/QLD\)](#)

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** July 22, 2026

Learn about ACU's entry and pathway options, including the ACU Guarantee early offer program, key dates and how to apply. Plus, hear from current students about their journeys.

This webinar is for NSW, ACT and Queensland Year 12 students and their parents.

[Find out more](#)



### Clean Energy: Why It Matters and What Comes Next – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

**Organisation:** Macquarie University

**Location:** Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

**Date:** July 23, 2026

Clean energy systems such as solar, wind, and biomass are often presented as the answer to climate change. While they aim to reduce pollution, they must also deliver reliable and affordable energy for everyday life, powering homes, transport, and industry without disruption. If clean energy is so promising, why haven't we fully switched to it yet? The answer lies in the practical challenges of performance, safety, and scale that must be solved before new energy technologies can replace the systems we rely on today.

In this talk, Associate Professor Fatemeh Salehi explores how engineering helps address these challenges, turning clean energy ideas into real-world solutions. This talk explains how understanding what affects performance, and identifying safety issues early, can make clean energy systems work at large scale. Through this lens, she provides insight into how research supports the transition from promising concepts to energy solutions that can meet future needs.

*This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.*

[Find out more](#)

### UOW Open Day 2026, Liverpool

**Organisation:** University of Wollongong

**Location:** University of Wollongong, Liverpool Campus

**Date:** July 25, 2026

Chat with course experts, find your dream degree, and get a taste of uni right in the heart of Liverpool. There will be plenty of opportunities to get all your questions answered and ensure you're making a confident decision about your studies in 2027.

Whether you are looking at your next steps after Year 12, or you finished school some time ago and are looking for a pathway into university, Open Day is for you.

[Find out more](#)

### ACU Open Day 2026, Blacktown

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Australian Catholic University, Blacktown Campus

**Date:** July 25, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

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[Find out more](#)

### UTAS Open Day 2026, Sydney

**Organisation:** University of Tasmania

**Location:** University of Tasmania, Rozelle Campus

**Date:** July 26, 2026

Going to university is an exciting time. Understanding what to expect and how to navigate this new environment can help you make the most of your experience.

You will have the opportunity to explore our campus, discuss your study options, and discover how studying at the University of Tasmania could be the perfect fit for you.

[Find out more](#)



## Parramatta & Hills District Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events

**Location:** Wenty Leagues

**Date:** July 28, 2026

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## Discover Western Webinar – Uni Life and Making the Most of Your Time at Uni

**Organisation:** Western Sydney University

**Location:** Online

**Date:** July 28, 2026

University is not all about study! Western has over 130 different clubs and societies you can join to make friends and meet like-minded people. Join our webinar to learn about university life at Western, including clubs and societies, overseas study opportunities, Jobs on Campus, and more.

[Find out more](#)

## Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session

**Organisation:** Australian Federal Police

**Location:** Online

**Date:** July 28, 2026

Gain insights into the role of a protective service officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

[Find out more](#)

## ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained with ADHD – Webinar for Year 12 Students & Parents

**Organisation:** Claire Pech Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** July 30, 2026

Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions with ADHD, which can impact these processes.

We'll cover:

- The ATAR - explained
- What the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) is and who qualifies
- How to apply for EAS and what you will need
- Other bonus points (adjustment factors) on offer
- Important dates and deadlines
- University preference strategies that work
- Early entry options and their benefits

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.



[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Port Macquarie

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University

**Location:** Charles Sturt University, Port Macquarie Campus

**Date:** August 2, 2026

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.
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[Find out more](#)

AFTRS Open Day 2026

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

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

**Date:** August 8, 2026

Discover your place in screen and audio storytelling at AFTRS, Australia's national screen and audio school. Join us at our purpose-built campus to explore everything you need to know about studying at AFTRS.

Open Day is designed to give you clear, practical answers as you plan your next steps. Find out more about the application process, scholarships, and career outcomes, and gain insight into where an AFTRS qualification can take you.

On the day, you will be able to explore our campus and experience our facilities firsthand, from industry-standard studios and the tech store to the prop room and Australia's premier audio and screen library. You can also connect with current students and alumni, and speak with our staff for guidance on preparing a strong application.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Wagga Wagga

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University

**Location:** Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga Campus

**Date:** August 9, 2026

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## UOW Future Talk for Parents – Financial Considerations, Scholarships, Accommodation, Wellbeing & Support Services

**Organisation:** University of Wollongong

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 10, 2026

Year 12 can be a stressful time for students and for the parents and carers supporting them. With big post-school decisions ahead, these sessions are designed to provide clarity, reassurance and practical advice to help you navigate the year with confidence.

Across the program, you'll gain insights into:

- Supporting students through the HSC and common challenges
- Understanding UOW degrees, pathways and study options
- How AI and emerging technologies are shaping degrees, careers and the future workforce
- Navigating university applications, Early Admission and UAC
- Financial planning for university, including scholarships, budgeting and accommodation
- Accessing UOW support services for a smooth transition to university
- Connecting with other parents and carers in a supportive environment

You'll also receive regular emails with practical tips, resources and expert advice to help you and your young person feel informed, prepared and supported throughout Year 12 and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

## Macquarie University Open Day 2026

**Organisation:** Macquarie University

**Location:** Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

**Date:** August 15, 2026

Open Day is your opportunity to discover everything a Macquarie University education can offer you.

We get to share with you why we're the #1 university in Sydney for teaching quality, as well as showcase our future-focused degrees, cutting-edge facilities, collaborative spaces for learning and leisure, and our stunning green campus.

Come along and find out firsthand how we can help you achieve your career – and your life – aspirations.

What you can do on Open Day:

- Attend info sessions
- Speak 1:1 with our academics
- Learn about our scholarships, adjustment factors, pathways, and RPL (recognition of prior learning) if you've studied before
- Chat to current students
- Join campus and faculty tours
- Engage in faculty-led workshops
- Alumni are welcome back to be a part of Alumni Reunion Day
- Participate in hands-on activities
- Enjoy entertainment and giveaways

[Find out more](#)

## University of Newcastle Open Day 2026, Newcastle

**Organisation:** University of Newcastle

**Location:** University of Newcastle, Callaghan & City Campuses

**Date:** August 15, 2026

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](#)

#### ACAP Open Day 2026, Sydney

**Organisation:** ACAP University College

**Location:** ACAP University College, Sydney Campus

**Date:** August 15, 2026

Ready to turn your passion into a purpose-driven career? ACAP Open Day is your opportunity to discover how our practical, people-focused courses can help you make a real difference – in your community and your life.

Join us on campus this August and experience what makes ACAP different. Whether you're considering counselling, psychology, social work, criminology, law or business, you'll get a firsthand look at the learning, support, and outcomes that set our students up for success.

From expert-led masterclasses and career panels to course advice and campus tours, Open Day is designed to give you the insight and inspiration to take the next step.

[Find out more](#)

#### SAE Open Day 2026, Sydney

**Organisation:** SAE University College

**Location:** SAE University College, Sydney Campus

**Date:** August 15, 2026

Whether you're still exploring your study options or you're ready to apply, SAE Open Day is the perfect place to get inspired, get informed, and get hands-on with your creative future.

Join us on campus this August to tour our studios, meet your future mentors, and experience what it's like to study at SAE – the University College built for creators and tech innovators.

Explore your study and career pathways across animation, audio, design, film, games, music, VFX and more. Connect with current students, industry-experienced lecturers, and alumni who've turned their ideas into careers.

[Find out more](#)

#### ADFA Open Day 2026

**Organisation:** Australian Defence Force Academy

**Location:** ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

**Date:** August 15, 2026

ADFA Open Day is run each year in August. Join us online or in person 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 variety of exciting displays, take a virtual tour, and much more

[Find out more](#)

#### SCU Open Day 2026, Northern Rivers

**Organisation:** Southern Cross University

**Location:** Southern Cross University, Lismore Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2026

Open Day at Southern Cross University is a perfect opportunity to discover which courses spark your interest and the campus or study mode that works best for you.



Our friendly study specialists will be on hand to step you through the process of applying for your dream course and answer any questions you have about studying with us.

[Find out more](#)

#### CSU Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University

**Location:** Charles Sturt University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2026

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.

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#### ACU Open Day 2026, Strathfield

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

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[Find out more](#)

#### La Trobe Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

**Organisation:** La Trobe University

**Location:** La Trobe University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2026

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](#)

#### Discover Western Webinar – Scholarships

**Organisation:** Western Sydney University

**Location:** Online



**Date:** August 18, 2026

If you're applying to study at university in 2027, you will also want to apply for Scholarships! This webinar will go through the different types of Scholarships available, as well as the application process, and give you tips for writing your Personal Statement.

[Find out more](#)

Why the Honey Bee is Smarter than ChatGPT – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

**Organisation:** Macquarie University

**Location:** Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

**Date:** August 18, 2026

How smart is the honey bee really? This lecture considers the biological marvel that is the honey bee brain, and the bee mind it supports.

Bees' brains incorporate rapid feedback on their actions, and can quickly learn different types of art, recognise abstract concepts and learn to navigate for kilometres around their hives. Professor Andrew Barron argues the honey bee is significantly smarter than ChatGPT and surpasses the best that contemporary AI has to offer. He will discuss what lessons AI and robotics developers could learn from consideration of the humble bee.

*This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.*

[Find out more](#)

Collarts Open Day 2026, Sydney

**Organisation:** Australian College of the Arts

**Location:** Collarts, Sydney Campus

**Date:** August 22, 2026

At Collarts, our Open Day is all about making this process simple and hands-on. Information sessions, workshops and the chance to chat with students, teachers and leaders are an important part of learning more about what sets us apart from the rest.

We invite you to come and experience life at Collarts: from our passion for creativity, close community, industry-level facilities, expert faculty, and more.

From guided tours to live demonstrations, here are some of the activities you can catch at the next Collarts Open Day:

- **Guided tours:** Experience our campuses firsthand with guided tours led by our enthusiastic Student Ambassadors.
- **Info hubs:** Our info hubs provide convenient drop-in spaces where you can have direct conversations with Program Leaders, Academics, and students about your desired course.
- **Demonstrations:** Demonstrations are your chance to see our course content come to life. They allow you to be actively involved in projects and see our cutting-edge equipment in action, so you can get a firsthand preview of what studying at Collarts is really like.
- **Displays:** Our campus displays are positioned throughout different areas of our campuses, offering a showcase of our community's achievements and journeys.

If you have specific accessibility needs or require additional assistance, please contact Collarts in advance, and they will do their best to assist you.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Bathurst

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University

**Location:** Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus

**Date:** August 23, 2026

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.

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### South Western Sydney & Macarthur Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events

**Location:** Liverpool Catholic Club

**Date:** August 25, 2026

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.

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[Find out more](#)

### Say Yes to the Trades Expo

**Organisation:** Superior Training Centre

**Location:** Entertainment Park, Bankstown Aerodrome

**Date:** August 27, 2026

Say Yes to the Trades Expo is a trade-focused event designed for high school students who are curious about hands-on careers and the opportunities available in Australia's growing trade industries. The event brings together training providers, employers, and industry professionals to give students a practical introduction to careers in trades such as electrical, air conditioning and refrigeration, and metal fabrication.

Students attending the event can explore different career pathways, speak directly with employers and industry representatives, and gain a better understanding of what it's like to work in a skilled trade. Exhibitors will showcase tools, equipment, and technologies used in the industry, helping students see how these careers operate in the real world.

In addition to learning about training and employment opportunities, attendees will also be able to enjoy the entertainment facilities at the venue, making the day both informative and fun. The event is designed to inspire students, answer questions about entering the trades, and help them take their first steps toward a practical and rewarding career.

If you're considering a future in the trades or simply want to explore your options, Say Yes to the Trades is the perfect place to start.

[Find out more](#)

### Sydney West Careers & Employment Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Kym Jones Exhibitions

**Location:** Sydney Showground

**Date:** August 28 to August 29, 2025

The Sydney West Careers & Employment Expo will be at the Sydney Showground - Hall 4. The Expo



will showcase over 80 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses, and workers seeking new opportunities.

The Expo is packed with free advice, where you can:

- Talk with over 80 training organisations and employers
- Gain free career advice
- Discover jobs of the future
- Talk with leading organisations about training and apprenticeships
- Experience the free career seminars
- Learn how to write a winning resume

If you're looking for a job, career change, or course, or you're a school student looking for a career path, you can't afford to miss the Expo.

[Find out more](#)

#### University of Newcastle Open Day 2026, Central Coast

**Organisation:** University of Newcastle

**Location:** University of Newcastle, Ourimbah & Gosford Campuses

**Date:** August 29, 2026

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](#)

#### Notre Dame Open Day 2026, Sydney

**Organisation:** University of Notre Dame Australia

**Location:** University of Notre Dame, Sydney Campus

**Date:** August 29, 2026

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](#)

#### CSU Open Day 2026, Orange

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University

**Location:** Charles Sturt University, Orange Campus

**Date:** August 30, 2026

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.

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#### Avondale Lake Macquarie Open Day 2026

**Organisation:** Avondale University

**Location:** Avondale University, Lake Macquarie Campus

**Date:** August 30, 2026

Find out why Avondale University is ranks #1 in NSW for overall experience, learner engagement, student support, skills development and teaching quality

What to expect:

- Imagine being a student at Avondale University with interactive campus tours of our state of the art facilities and onsite accommodation
- 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](#)

#### Sutherland Shire Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events

**Location:** Tradies Gynea

**Date:** September 1, 2026

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.

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[Find out more](#)

#### Avondale Sydney Nursing Open Day 2026

**Organisation:** Avondale University

**Location:** Avondale University, Sydney Campus

**Date:** September 2, 2026

Find out why our Nursing degree is ranked #1 in Australia for overall experience by Good Universities Guide in 2026 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
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#### Rural Health Pathways Showcase for High School Students, Teachers & Parents

**Organisation:** Rural Doctors Network

**Location:** ICC Darling Harbour

**Date:** September 3, 2026

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:

- Speak with representatives from universities, vocational education and training providers, peak bodies and health employers about study pathways and career opportunities
- Connect one-on-one with and be inspired by health students, recent graduates and health professionals about their education and career journeys
- Participate in hands-on activities offering an immersive "day-in-the-life" perspective of various health careers

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, North Sydney

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

**Date:** September 5, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Open Day 2026

**Organisation:** University of New South Wales

**Location:** University of New South Wales, Kensington Campus

**Date:** September 5, 2026

Open Day is an opportunity for future students, family, alumni and community members to explore everything a university has to offer, so they can make an informed decision about their future.

Whether you're starting uni soon, considering postgraduate studies or just curious, UNSW Open Day is a chance to discover UNSW and find out everything the University has to offer. At UNSW Open Day, we'll help you find your unique path to uni, and you'll discover the progress you could make as one of Australia's most employable graduates.

There will be more than 200 sessions available to help you explore your study options, tour our buzzing campuses, enjoy the free food – you'll get expert advice and have fun while you're at it.

[Find out more](#)

Western Sydney Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events

**Location:** Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre

**Date:** September 8, 2026

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.

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[Find out more](#)



## Scholarships

Australian Seniors Aged Care Futures Grant

**Organisation:** Australian Seniors

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** \$5,000 AUD

**Close Date:** October 1, 2026

[Find out more](#)

QATSIF Scholarship Program

**Organisation:** Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation QATSIF

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** \$1,000 AUD per year

**Open Date:** May 26, 2026

**Close Date:** No closing date

[Find out more](#)

Real Futures Grant

**Organisation:** Real Insurance

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** \$5,000 AUD

**Open Date:** February 14, 2026

**Close Date:** October 1, 2026

[Find out more](#)

A Start In Life Tertiary Program

**Organisation:** A Start In Life

**Location:** Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales

**Value:** AUD\$3,600 per year in finance + AUD\$1,400 laptop voucher + Work placement grant from \$500 + AUD\$500 academic bonus per year

**Close Date:** No closing date

[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

International Youth Environmental Challenge

**Organisation:** International Youth Environmental Challenge

**Location:** All

**Value:** Up to \$250 AUD

**Close Date:** No closing date

[Find out more](#)

Soil Week Australia Schools Competition

**Organisation:** Soil Week Australia

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** Up to \$500 AUD

**Close Date:** No closing date

[Find out more](#)



Year 3-6 Primary Coding League 2026: International League

**Organisation:** Primary Coding League

**Location:** All

**Value:** See details

**Close Date:** September 20, 2026

[Find out more](#)

2026 Middle School Ethics Olympiads for Ages 12-15

**Organisation:** Ethics Olympiad

**Location:** Australia, Hong Kong, India, New Zealand, People's Republic of China, Singapore

**Value:** See details

**Close Date:** No closing date

[Find out more](#)

2026 Junior School Ethics Olympiads for Ages 9-12

**Organisation:** Ethics Olympiad

**Location:** Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore

**Value:** See details

**Close Date:** No closing date

[Find out more](#)

## Experiences

Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Year 10 & 11 Work Experience

**Organisation:** Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute

**Location:** Sydney

**Date:** June 29, 2026

[Find out more](#)

## Weekly Posts

### JOBS & CAREERS

What's the difference between an Archaeologist and a Palaeontologist?

Both fields involve excavating ancient material, interpreting what's been found, and piecing together stories from the distant past. It's a reasonable source of confusion, especially if you're someone who's genuinely drawn to both. But archaeology and palaeontology are asking fundamentally different questions, and understanding where they diverge is worth knowing before you start planning your pathway.

#### What is an Archaeologist?

Archaeology is the study of human history through physical remains. Archaeologists excavate and analyse objects that people made and left behind, things like tools, pottery, jewellery, burial sites, and structures, to understand how past societies lived, what they valued, and how they changed over time.

The scope of the field is broader than it might first appear. It spans ancient temple complexes, medieval settlements, shipwrecks, and sites that are only a few hundred years old. What connects all of it is the focus on human activity and the traces it leaves behind.

Fieldwork is central to the role, but it's only part of it. Archaeologists also spend considerable time in laboratories analysing recovered materials, producing detailed reports, and collaborating with



historians, anthropologists, and, particularly in Australia, Indigenous communities whose cultural heritage may be directly connected to the sites being studied.

### **What is a Palaeontologist?**

Palaeontology is the study of ancient life through fossils. Palaeontologists examine the preserved remains of organisms, from dinosaurs and marine reptiles to early plant life and microscopic organisms, to understand how life on Earth has evolved across billions of years.

The field sits at the intersection of biology and geology. Understanding how rock formations develop, how fossils form within them, and how to read geological timescales is just as important to the work as understanding the biology of the organisms being studied. A Palaeontologist might spend years focused on a single species, comparing specimens, analysing bone structure, or using isotope testing to understand how and where an animal lived.

Where archaeology centres on human activity, palaeontology is concerned with life itself, lots of which existed long before humans arrived on the scene.

### **Where the two overlap and where they don't**

Both roles share real common ground. Careful excavation, laboratory analysis, and the ability to draw meaningful conclusions from incomplete evidence are central to both disciplines. Fieldwork, detailed documentation, and long stretches of methodical work are familiar to practitioners in each field.

The distinction comes down to what each discipline is actually trying to understand. Archaeology asks questions about people: how did this community function, what did they trade, what did they believe? Palaeontology asks questions about life: what did this organism look like, how did it behave, and where does it fit in the history of evolution? That difference in focus shapes almost everything else about the two careers.

### **How they work**

Archaeologists typically excavate using trowels, brushes, and systematic grid-based recording. Context is everything in archaeological fieldwork. Where an object was found, how deep it was buried, and what surrounded it can be just as informative as the object itself.

Palaeontologists often work with material embedded in rock, so extraction can involve chisels, rock saws, and chemical treatments alongside finer tools. Laboratory work tends to be more technically intensive, with CT scanning, microscopy, and comparative specimen analysis all playing a regular part in the research process.

### **Where they work**

Archaeologists are employed by universities, museums, and government heritage agencies, but a significant portion of the profession works in private consulting. Heritage protection legislation means that construction and development projects frequently require archaeological assessment before work can proceed, which creates steady demand across both the public and private sectors. Palaeontologists are more commonly based in universities, natural history museums, and research institutions. Government geological surveys also employ people in the field, particularly for work related to understanding geological formations. Academic and research roles are a common destination, though they're competitive, and postgraduate study is generally expected for those pursuing that path seriously.

### **Study pathways**

Archaeology can be studied as a standalone Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science at many universities, or as a major within a broader humanities or social science program. Field schools, where students gain supervised excavation experience, are often a built-in component of the



degree. Honours and postgraduate study are common next steps for those moving into research or specialised roles.

Palaeontology is less commonly available as a standalone undergraduate degree. Most people enter the field through a Bachelor of Science majoring in geology, biology, or earth sciences, then specialise at honours or postgraduate level. If palaeontology is a clear goal from the outset, it's worth researching which institutions offer the strongest pathway before committing to an undergraduate program, as the foundation each degree provides can vary considerably.

### **Choosing between them**

If you're drawn to human stories, cultural heritage, and the idea of recovering how communities lived before written records, archaeology is likely the closer fit. It's a field that connects history, anthropology, and material culture, and one where the work often has direct relevance to living communities today.

If deep time and evolutionary biology are what excite you, and you're more interested in the biological history of the planet than the human story within it, palaeontology is probably the better direction. It rewards a strong grounding in the natural sciences and a genuine appetite for detailed, long-term research.

Both are fields built on curiosity and careful thinking. If either has genuinely captured your interest, that's a worthwhile thing to explore further.

Want to learn more about your future career options? [Check out our other guides and resources here.](#)

## **FUTURE OF WORK, HUMAN SKILLS**

Got FOBO? [Future-proof your career with AI](#)

The world of work is changing faster than ever. Thanks to the rise of Artificial Intelligence there's a new acronym in town - FOBO, the fear of becoming obsolete. AI is no longer just a sci-fi concept or something only tech companies use. According to a recent [Workforce Trends report](#) by global recruitment firm Hays, AI is now reshaping jobs across every industry - not every job in every industry though.

That might sound a little daunting, but if you're still in high school, you're actually in a brilliant position. You have time on your side, and the steps you can take right now to boost your confidence and skills for the future workforce, are simpler than you might think.

### **What's actually changing?**

The job market has always evolved and shifted over time, at the moment AI is speeding that process up. Some tasks that used to take humans hours can now be done by a computer in seconds. Some roles are shrinking as a result, while entirely new ones are popping up that didn't exist five years ago. The question isn't whether things will change, because they already are, it's how you can make sure you're ready.

The Hays report identifies AI-enabled talent as one of the biggest workforce trends heading into 2026 and beyond. With demand surging for people who can work alongside AI, not just for those who build it. That's a really important distinction. You don't need to become a software engineer or a data scientist. What employers increasingly want are people who can understand AI tools, use them confidently, and apply human judgement to get the best out of them.

Interestingly, "only 21% of professionals currently report using generative AI in their role, despite 52% of organisations saying they use it" (Source: Hays Report). That gap tells you something useful, there's a huge opportunity for people who are willing to get comfortable with these tools early.

### **How to become AI proficient**

Getting AI-savvy doesn't mean you need to learn to code (though that's a great bonus if you enjoy



it). It's more about becoming a confident, curious user of digital tools.

Start by experimenting. Use AI tools like chatbots or image generators and learn about how they work, what they do well, and where they fall short. Try asking an AI to help you brainstorm ideas for a project or problem you've got, then think critically about what it gets right and wrong. That process of evaluating and refining AI output is exactly the kind of skill employers are looking for. You can also look for short courses or free online learning in areas like digital literacy, data basics, or prompt writing (that's the skill of knowing how to ask AI the right questions to get useful answers). Many of these are free and can be done in your own time.

The key is curiosity. Treat AI like a very powerful but imperfect tool — like a calculator that can give you the wrong answer if you don't understand the problem yourself or input the wrong information.

### **Don't forget your human skills**

Here's something the Hays report is very clear about, the most significant skills gaps employers are seeing are in human skills — things like critical thinking and adaptability — rather than pure technical expertise.

AI is brilliant at processing information quickly. But it can't truly empathise with a customer, grip the nuances of navigating a tricky team disagreement, or come up with a really creative solution to an unexpected problem. Those things still need humans.

So while you're building your future friendly and digital skills, keep investing in the stuff that makes you you. Communication. Teamwork. Listening. Problem-solving. They're the foundation that makes everything else work better and will always be attractive to prospective employers.

The report also flags that early-career workers who rely too heavily on AI risk weakening their foundational problem-solving and critical-thinking skills. For example, if you always use a GPS, you never learn to read a map. So make sure you're still doing the hard thinking yourself, not just outsourcing it - no matter how tempting it is in the moment.

### **New roles are appearing too**

Because of this shift, entirely new types of jobs are emerging. Roles like AI ethics specialists, AI UX designers, and prompt engineers are growing quickly — and most of them didn't exist ten years ago. So while some jobs might not be around forever, remember that the careers you end up in might not even have a name yet.

This is actually great news, it gives you more avenues to explore and more future opportunities. If you're someone who isn't sure what you want to do yet, it means the pressure to have everything figured out right now is less intense than it seems. What matters more is building a broad, flexible skill set, a mix of digital confidence and strong human skills, that you can adapt as the work landscape keeps shifting.

### **Start now, even in small ways**

You don't need to overhaul your whole approach to school. Even small actions add up. Join a coding club or a debating team. Volunteer somewhere that builds your communication skills. Read widely about how different industries are using AI. Ask your teachers about how their fields are changing. Every bit of exposure helps. The students who will thrive in the future workforce aren't necessarily the ones with the best grades — they're the ones who are curious, adaptable, and unafraid to learn something new.

### **Ready to explore your options?**

The future of work might look different from what your parents or older siblings experienced, but that doesn't mean it's something to worry about. It's an opportunity. And you're already taking the first step just by reading and thinking about it.

To explore more about careers and the skills employers are looking for, head to our [Jobs & Careers](#)



section, there's plenty there to help you start mapping out where you want to go.

## INTERVIEW SKILLS

### 7 common job interview questions & how to answer them

Job interviews can feel intimidating, especially if you haven't been in one before. Knowing what questions are likely to come up, and having a clear idea of how to approach them, makes a big difference to how prepared and confident you feel walking in. While the same principles apply to other types of interviews, this article focuses on job interviews specifically.

Here are seven of the most common questions you're likely to face, along with a framework for answering each one and an example of what a good answer looks like.

#### 1. Tell me about yourself

This is almost always the first question, and it tends to catch people off guard because it feels too open. Keep your answer relevant to the role rather than covering your entire life story. A good structure is: who you are, what you're currently doing, and why you're interested in this opportunity. For example:

"I'm currently in Year 11 and I've been looking for my first part-time job for a few months. I'm organised and I enjoy working with people, which is part of why I was keen to apply for a customer-facing role like this one."

#### 2. Why do you want to work here?

This question checks whether you've done any research and whether you have a genuine reason for applying. Before your interview, spend a few minutes looking at the company's website or social media and find something that actually interests you, whether that's their products, team culture, or the kind of customers they serve. Something like:

"I've been a customer here for a while and I've always noticed how friendly the staff are. I'd like to be part of a team that takes customer service seriously, and from what I can tell this place does that well."

#### 3. What are your greatest strengths?

Name a strength that's relevant to the role and back it up with evidence. Think about what the job actually involves, pick a strength that connects to it, and give a brief example of when you've demonstrated it. Avoid generic claims like "I'm a hard worker" without anything to support them. For example:

"I'd say reliability is probably my biggest strength. If I commit to something I follow through on it. At school I'm always the person in a group project who gets their part done on time, and I think that would carry over into how I'd approach shifts and responsibilities here."

#### 4. What's your biggest weakness?

Avoid weaknesses that are strengths in disguise and avoid anything that would be a deal-breaker for the role. Interviewers aren't expecting perfection, they want to see self-awareness and a willingness to improve. Pick something real but manageable, and follow it with what you're actively doing about it:

"I can find it hard to ask for help when I'm stuck on something. I tend to want to figure things out myself first, which sometimes takes longer than it needs to. I've been working on that by making myself check in earlier rather than waiting until I'm really struggling."

#### 5. Where do you see yourself in five years?

When you're still in school, this question can feel impossible to answer honestly. What the interviewer is really asking is whether you're motivated and have some direction. You can be honest



about still figuring things out while showing that you're thinking ahead and taking things seriously: "I'm still exploring what I want to do long term, but I know I want to keep developing my skills and take on more responsibility over time. I'm hoping this role gives me a good foundation to build from while I work that out."

## 6. Describe a time you had to deal with a difficult situation

This is a behavioural question, meaning the interviewer wants a real example rather than a hypothetical. The most useful structure for answering these is STAR: Situation, Task, Action, Result. Briefly describe the situation, what you needed to do, what you actually did, and what happened. Your example doesn't have to come from a workplace, school, sport, or community involvement all count:

"In a group assignment last year, one of our group members stopped contributing a few weeks before the due date. I spoke to them privately to find out what was going on and it turned out they were overwhelmed with other subjects. We redistributed the work and I helped them catch up on their section. We ended up submitting on time."

## 7. How do you handle stress or pressure?

This question comes up a lot in interviews for fast paced environments like retail, hospitality, or food service. The interviewer isn't expecting you to say pressure doesn't affect you. They want to know that you can recognise when things get hectic and have some way of managing it. Be honest, and where possible, give a brief example of a situation where you kept your head:

"I find that breaking things down into smaller steps helps when I'm feeling overwhelmed. During exam block last year I had multiple assessments due in the same week and I made a simple list of what needed to happen each day. It kept me focused and I got through it without falling behind."

## A final note on interviews

Preparing answers in advance is useful, but try not to memorise scripts word for word. The goal is to feel across your material so you can respond naturally rather than recite. Practising out loud with a friend or family member beforehand is one of the best ways to build that confidence.

For more tips on interviews and job applications, [check out our resources here](#).

## UNIVERSITY

### How to navigate university open days for high school students

It's that time of the year: universities are opening their doors, Tertiary Admissions Centres are taking admissions, and all the buzz is about what's next in your education journey. We already know [why everyone should go to university open days](#), but what if you're not quite sure how to go about it?

We'll look no further - we've put together a comprehensive high schooler's guide on how to navigate open days.

### Think about what to expect

Whether you intend to [attend virtually](#) or in person, open days are a great opportunity to get a feel for the campus vibe, ask important questions about your intended courses, and engage with staff, students and faculty members. It's a time for you to decide whether a particular university will be the right fit for you and whether they offer the best resources. Most university open days provide the chance to:

- **Take a tour** of the campus and its facilities, including labs, lecture theatres, libraries, accommodation, and more
- **Sit in on information sessions** tailored to specific courses



- **Talk to current staff and students** - this is an excellent opportunity to [ask questions](#) about your course or campus life
- **Explore the different university clubs and societies** - social clubs often have pop-up stands on open days, so be sure to check out any you may be interested in and make a few friends along the way
- **Watch demonstrations** or participate in workshops related to specific areas of study
- **Collect as many freebies as possible!** Unis love to hand out free stuff on their open days, so be sure to take advantage of any free merch or activities - you're a prospective student after all

### How to prepare for an open day

We all know that preparation is key, and no matter how badly you want to put it off, getting organised beforehand can relieve anxiety and help you make the most of the event. It can be useful to make a checklist of things to do and things you would like to ask before going to an open day. Every year, we create an Open Day Guide tailored to high school students, which includes an open day checklist with everything you need to consider before, during, and after attending an open day. You can find this year's guide in our [Bookstore](#).

Make time to ask yourself these questions before attending your next open day:

- What **courses and study areas** do I want to learn about?
- Have I **registered** for the event yet? (In case spots fill up)
- Have I prepared a **list of questions** I want to ask staff and students?
- What **facilities** do I consider important for my study, and what aspects would I value most?
- What part of **campus life** am I most excited for, and will this institution be able to provide that?
- Will I need to explore any **alternative pathways** into uni?
- Are there any **clubs or societies** I'm interested in checking out?
- Will I need **accommodation** on campus?
- Am I interested in **overseas study opportunities**?
- Will I need **financial support**, such as scholarships or government assistance?

By mentally preparing yourself, you won't go into the event without a sense of direction; instead, you will already have an idea about what's important to you and the things you want to explore on the day.

### Accessibility and support services

Open days are also a good opportunity to see what support a university offers to students. If you have a disability, learning difference, or wellbeing needs, visiting the campus can help you understand how it caters to different students.

You can ask about disability services, accessible facilities, quiet study areas, and mental health support programs. Meeting support staff and exploring these spaces in person gives you a clearer picture of whether the campus will work for you day to day. Even if you don't need these services yourself, it can be useful to know what's available for friends or family who might.

### How to feel more comfortable going to an open day

It's normal to feel a little apprehensive about the first step into your future as an adult, and it can be easy to forget that everyone around you is going through the same emotions. There are a few things you can do to alleviate your anxiety about attending your first open day and make the experience what it's supposed to be - new and exciting.

### Bring someone along

Whether it's a parent, sibling, or a friend, having someone with you will not only put you at ease, but



will provide a fresh set of eyes and someone to help you ask the questions you need. Make the most of the fun together, and get a taste of the uni experience at the same time.

### **Plan ahead**

Sometimes, having a clear idea of how the day will pan out can ease your stress. Plan your route and transport options, download the campus map to get your head around the layout, and have an idea of what talks you want to go to or what faculties you are interested in.

[Lost On Campus](#) is Australia's biggest campus mapping app, and you can even use it to search for lecture theatres, offices, rooms, and labs. Printing out a list of pre-prepared questions can also take the pressure off so you don't need to come up with something on the spot.

### **Consider attending virtually**

If going to the open day in person is all too much, or if you just can't get there, many universities now offer the opportunity to attend their open days online. By attending remotely, you still get the chance to experience what the university has to offer and obtain all the information you need. Plus, interactive elements are often optional, which can be a relief for those who struggle with anxiety.

### **Talk about it**

You are not alone. Everyone experiences these feelings, and talking to a trusted adult can really help soothe your mind if you are feeling overwhelmed. They might have some tips for handling your anxiety, or they might have gone through something similar when they were your age.

Remember, everyone attending these open days is in the same boat as you, and it's important to step out of your comfort zone to achieve the results you want. Plus, everyone is rooting for you - these open days are tailored to welcome new students into the world of higher education, so all the staff and students present just want you to succeed. You got this!

### **Follow up after the open day**

The day doesn't end when you leave campus. Taking time afterwards to reflect on what you learned will help turn your impressions into decisions. Compare notes from sessions you attended, review any materials you collected, and consider what surprised you or felt right.

If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to email course advisers, student ambassadors, or support staff. Some universities also provide post-event resources or recordings you can revisit. Keeping track of your thoughts and impressions will make it easier to compare universities later and feel confident about the choices you make.

### **Most important: have fun**

University open days are designed specifically for you, so go with the flow and make the most of it. It's easy to get caught up in the nitty gritty of preparing for an open day, but at the end of the day, just aim to have some fun. Experiencing new things is the best part of life, and this is an exciting new step forward for you.

Here at Study Work Grow, it's our job to make life easier for you. We take the guesswork out of the transition from high school to uni and working life so that you can sit back and enjoy the ride. If you'd like to learn more about navigating your future study options, you can take a look [here](#). We've also collated a list of upcoming open days on our [events calendar](#) to make it easier to find and plan for upcoming open days - go ahead and check it out.

If you're still unsure about what course you want to pursue, take a look at our article on [5 things to think about when looking for a course](#).

[What to think about before deferring university](#)

Deciding to defer your university studies is about more than just delaying your start date. There are practical implications, academic considerations, and administrative details that you need to think



through carefully before you commit to deferring. Taking time to consider these factors now can prevent complications later and ensure your deferral period works in your favour rather than creating unexpected problems.

### **Understand the deferral rules inside and out**

Before you defer, you need to be absolutely certain about how deferrals work at your specific institution for your specific course. This means reading the official policy documents thoroughly, not just skimming the highlights.

Look for answers to these questions: How long can you defer for? Do you need to provide reasons for your deferral? Are there any circumstances that would invalidate your deferral? What happens if you want to extend your deferral period later? Can you change courses while you're deferred, or are you locked into the programme you originally accepted?

Some courses have particular restrictions on deferrals that might not apply to general degrees. Professional programmes like medicine, dentistry, or teaching might have limits on how long you can defer because of accreditation requirements or the need to maintain current knowledge. Courses with practical components, clinical placements, or limited cohort sizes often have more complicated deferral rules.

If anything is unclear in the written policy, contact the admissions office or student services and ask specific questions. Get answers in writing so you have a record of what you've been told. Don't rely on assumptions or what seems logical – find out the actual rules.

### **Think about your academic timeline and graduation**

Deferring your start date will obviously delay your graduation, but the impact might be more significant than you initially realise, particularly if you're only planning to defer for one semester. Many degree programmes have carefully sequenced subjects where certain units must be completed before you can progress to the next level. If you defer for six months, you might find that the subjects you need for your first semester are only offered once a year. This could mean that instead of delaying your studies by one semester, you've actually delayed them by a full year because you've missed the annual offering of essential units.

Check the course structure and subject offerings for your degree carefully. Look at which subjects you'd normally take in your first year, and find out when those subjects are offered. If you're deferring for one semester, will you be able to jump straight into the appropriate level of subjects, or will you need to wait another semester for prerequisite subjects to come around again?

Consider how this timing might affect your graduation. If you're planning to enter a competitive graduate programme, start a particular career path, or apply for opportunities that have age restrictions or intake requirements, these delays could matter. It's not necessarily a reason not to defer, but you should go into it with your eyes open about the full timeline implications.

### **Look for ways to catch up or stay on track**

If you're concerned about delaying your graduation, investigate whether there are options to make up ground during your degree. Many universities offer summer or winter sessions where you can complete subjects during the break periods between normal semesters.

You might be able to take a slightly heavier load in some semesters to make up for the delayed start, though you'll need to check whether this is practical given the intensity of your course and any work or other commitments you have. Some students successfully manage this, while others find it creates too much pressure.

If you're deferring before you've even started, think about whether there's anything productive you could do during your deferral period that might benefit your studies later. Some students use gap years to complete preparatory courses, develop relevant skills, or gain experience in their field that helps them once they start their degree. This won't change your graduation timeline, but it might



make your studies feel more purposeful and help you succeed once you begin.

### **Consider the impact on other programmes or benefits**

If you're receiving any scholarships, financial assistance, or have been accepted into special programmes alongside your degree, check whether deferring your course will affect these arrangements.

Some scholarships are tied to specific intakes and might not be available if you defer. Others might allow deferral along with your course, but you'll need to request this separately. If you've been offered multiple forms of support, each one might have different deferral policies, which means you could end up with some support carrying over and other benefits being lost.

If you applied under the Educational Access Scheme, Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT), or similar equity or alternative entry programmes, find out whether your equity consideration carries over to your deferred intake or whether you'd need to reapply. The rules vary between institutions and programmes.

Student accommodation offers might also be affected by deferral. If you've been offered university accommodation or have signed a lease for private housing near campus, you'll need to address these arrangements before you defer. University housing might not hold your place, and breaking private lease agreements could have financial implications.

### **Keep thorough records of everything**

During your deferral period, which might last a year or more, you need to maintain clear records of all your communications and documentation related to your deferred place. This isn't just administrative box-ticking – it's protecting your interests.

Keep copies of your deferral request, the approval confirmation, any subsequent correspondence with the university, and any other relevant documents. Store these both digitally and in physical form if possible. Make sure they're somewhere you'll be able to find them easily when you need them, even if you move house or change email addresses.

Create a reminder system for important dates you'll need to remember during your deferral. This might include when you need to confirm your intention to enrol, when enrolment opens, when orientation happens, or any other deadlines that will matter when you're ready to start. You'd be surprised how easy it is to lose track of these dates when they're months away, and missing them could jeopardise your deferred place.

If you have any conversations with university staff about your deferral – whether in person, over the phone, or via email – make notes about what was discussed and follow up with an email confirming your understanding. This creates a paper trail and ensures there's no confusion about what was agreed.

### **Notify anyone who needs to know**

If you've already had any contact with your faculty, lecturers, or student services at the university, let them know you're deferring. This is particularly important if you've attended any pre-enrolment sessions, orientation activities, or had consultations with academic advisors.

You don't need to explain your decision to defer in great detail to everyone, but a brief, professional communication ensures people aren't expecting you to turn up when semester starts. This is especially relevant if you've been in touch with lecturers about specific subjects or if you've joined any online groups or communities related to your course.

If you have family members or others who've been involved in your university planning, make sure they understand what deferring means and when you'll actually be starting. This prevents awkward situations where people are asking about how university is going when you haven't actually started yet.



### **Plan for the transition back to study**

When you're busy planning your deferral, it's easy to focus entirely on the immediate future and not think about what returning to study will actually look like. However, the time to start thinking about this is now, not the week before semester starts.

Consider what support you might need when you eventually begin your degree. If you're deferring because of health issues, personal circumstances, or confidence concerns, think about what services or assistance might help you succeed when you do start. Most universities have excellent support services, but you need to know they exist and be willing to access them.

If you're worried that taking time off will make it harder to get back into study mode, think about strategies you could use during your deferral to stay somewhat mentally engaged. This doesn't mean studying intensively while you're supposed to be having a break, but perhaps doing some light reading related to your field, following relevant podcasts or publications, or staying in touch with others who are studying in your area of interest.

When the time comes to start your deferred studies, you might find it helpful to treat it like starting from scratch rather than simply continuing where you left off. Attend orientation sessions, even if you feel like you already know the basics. Connect with your cohort, recognising that they'll have different experiences from you since you've taken different paths to get there. Don't assume you can just slot straight back in without any adjustment period.

### **Keep your contact details current**

This might seem obvious, but it's surprising how many students lose their deferred place simply because the university couldn't contact them when enrolment opened. During your deferral period, you might move house, change phone numbers, or start using different email addresses. Every time this happens, you need to update your details with the university.

Set up a separate email address specifically for university correspondence if you think you might lose track of your student email. Check this address regularly – at least once a month – throughout your deferral period. The university will send important information about confirming your enrolment, and if you miss these communications, you could lose your place.

### **Have a backup plan**

While you're planning to take up your deferred place when the time comes, it's worth having at least some idea of what you'd do if circumstances change. What if you decide during your deferral that you don't want to pursue that degree after all? What if you discover a different pathway that excites you more? What if your financial or personal situation changes in ways that affect your ability to study?

You don't need to have every detail mapped out, but thinking through some alternatives means you won't panic if your original plan needs to shift. Remember that you can usually withdraw from your deferred offer if you change your mind, but you need to do so by the required deadline.

### **Making an informed decision**

Deferring university is a significant decision, not just a simple administrative task. By thinking through these considerations carefully before you defer, you're much more likely to have a smooth experience and avoid unpleasant surprises down the track.

The students who navigate deferrals most successfully are those who treat the process seriously, maintain good records, stay informed about their obligations, and plan thoughtfully for both their deferral period and their eventual return to study. Take the time to understand all the implications, ask questions when things aren't clear, and keep organised throughout the process. Your future self will thank you for the careful preparation.

If you're wondering about what might happen if you struggle academically once you start university, our article on [what happens if you fail at university](#) provides helpful information about academic



support and options if things don't go to plan.

## **SUBJECT SELECTION**

Where legal studies can take you

At school, legal studies introduces you to the way laws are made and applied, how courts and governments operate, and what rights people have. You might examine real cases, debate ethical dilemmas, or analyse how legislation affects different communities. It's a subject grounded in critical thinking and argument, and for students who enjoy questioning how things work and why, it can open the door to a surprisingly wide range of career pathways.

### **The skills you build studying legal studies**

One of the biggest advantages of studying legal studies is the broad set of transferable skills you develop along the way.

#### **Critical thinking and analysis**

Legal studies trains you to look at a situation from multiple angles before forming a view. You learn how to identify assumptions, weigh up competing arguments, and recognise when reasoning is flawed. This kind of structured thinking is useful well beyond the courtroom, in any role where careful judgement matters.

#### **Research and evidence**

In legal studies, claims need to be supported. You learn how to find relevant information, evaluate its reliability, and use it to build a coherent argument. These research skills carry across into almost any career where decisions need to be grounded in evidence rather than opinion.

#### **Communication**

Legal studies places a strong emphasis on clear and precise communication. Whether you're writing a persuasive argument, summarising a complex issue, or presenting a case verbally, you develop the ability to express ideas in a structured and convincing way. Employers across many industries value people who can communicate with clarity and confidence.

#### **Ethical reasoning**

Law is rarely black and white. Legal studies asks you to consider what's fair, what's just, and what the consequences of different decisions might be. Developing this ethical awareness helps you navigate situations where the right answer isn't immediately obvious.

#### **Legal studies in a changing world**

The law doesn't sit still. As society changes, so do the rules and systems that govern it, and legal studies puts you in a strong position to understand why.

Technology is reshaping legal questions in significant ways. Issues around data privacy, artificial intelligence, cybercrime, and digital rights are creating new challenges that legal systems are still catching up with. Understanding the principles behind how laws are made and applied helps make sense of these emerging debates.

Social movements and shifting community values continue to push for changes in areas like human rights, environmental protection, and workplace fairness. Legal studies gives you the tools to follow these conversations critically and understand what they mean in practice.

Global interconnection also means that legal frameworks increasingly cross borders. Trade agreements, international human rights law, and treaties shape what governments and businesses can and can't do, making legal literacy more relevant than ever across a range of fields.



## **Careers directly related to legal studies**

Some career pathways build directly on what you study in legal studies. If you're drawn to the idea of working within legal systems or advocating for others, there are roles where this subject is central to the work.

### **Law and legal practice**

The most well-known pathway from legal studies is into the legal profession itself. Lawyers, Solicitors, and Barristers advise clients, draft legal documents, and represent people in court or in negotiations. Reaching this level requires further study at university, but legal studies at school builds the foundational thinking and communication skills that make that pathway more accessible. Paralegals and Legal Assistants support qualified lawyers by conducting research, preparing documents, and managing case files. These roles sit closer to the entry level and can be entered through both vocational and university pathways.

### **Community and advocacy**

Legal knowledge is also central to roles focused on supporting people who are navigating difficult situations. Community Legal Workers and Legal Aid Officers help individuals understand their rights and access the legal system, often working with people who face significant barriers to doing so on their own.

Advocacy roles in the non-profit and community sector also draw on legal knowledge. Human rights advocates, tenant support workers, and consumer advocates all use an understanding of legal frameworks to support and empower the people they work with.

### **Careers where legal studies gives you an edge**

Even if you don't pursue a law-specific role, the skills and knowledge you develop in legal studies can strengthen a wide range of other pathways.

### **Government, policy, and compliance**

Government agencies, regulatory bodies, and large organisations all need people who understand rules, rights, and responsibilities. Policy Officers research and develop legislation and government programs, drawing on skills in analysis, research, and written communication that legal studies builds directly. Compliance Officers work within businesses to ensure they meet legal obligations, a role that has grown significantly as regulation has become more complex across industries like finance, healthcare, and technology. Human resources is another area where legal literacy is genuinely useful, particularly when it comes to employment law, workplace rights, and navigating disputes fairly.

### **Journalism and media**

Journalists who cover politics, courts, and public affairs need to understand the legal landscape they're reporting on. Legal studies builds exactly the kind of critical reading and analytical thinking that helps a journalist assess whether a claim holds up, understand a court decision, or identify when something that's been said publicly doesn't match what the law actually says. Beyond reporting, roles in communications and public relations also benefit from an understanding of what can and can't be said, and the potential consequences of getting it wrong.

### **Where could it take you?**

Legal studies teaches you to think carefully, argue clearly, and understand the systems that shape people's lives. Those skills are useful whether you go on to practice law, work in government, advocate for a community, or build a career in media.

Many people who study legal studies at school don't become lawyers, and that's completely fine.



What they do carry with them is a way of approaching problems, reading situations, and communicating with confidence that proves useful in almost any professional setting. If you're motivated by fairness, interested in how larger systems work, and enjoy making a well-reasoned argument, legal studies could be a strong and flexible foundation for your future. Ready to discover more about your study and career options? [Explore other comprehensive guides and resources on our website here.](#)

## JOB SPOTLIGHTS

### How to become a Packaging Designer

Packaging Designers develop packaging solutions that protect products during transport and storage while minimising waste and environmental impact. They work across materials selection, structural design, and production processes to create packaging that does its job effectively and can be recovered, recycled, or composted at the end of its life.

If you're creative and practical in equal measure, care about reducing waste, and enjoy the challenge of solving problems within real-world constraints, packaging design could be a career worth exploring.

### What skills do I need as a Packaging Designer?

- Creative & lateral thinker
- Sustainability-focused mindset
- Structural design ability
- Materials knowledge & curiosity
- Prototyping & making skills
- Collaborative communicator
- CAD & design software proficiency
- Attention to detail

### What do Packaging Designers do?

Before any design work begins, you'll research the product you're designing for, the materials available, and the environmental requirements the packaging needs to meet. This means understanding how the product will be transported, stored, and used, as well as what end-of-life options exist for different materials in the markets where the packaging will be sold. You'll review relevant regulations around packaging waste and recyclability, look at what competitors are doing, and identify opportunities to reduce material use or switch to lower-impact alternatives. This research phase shapes every decision that follows.

Day to day, you'll develop structural concepts, create technical drawings, and build prototypes to test how your designs perform in practice. You'll assess materials for their environmental credentials alongside their functional properties, evaluating factors like recyclability, compostability, recycled content, and the carbon footprint of production. Working closely with manufacturers, brands, and supply chain teams is central to the role, as packaging needs to be not only environmentally sound but also manufacturable at scale and cost-effective for the client. You'll refine designs based on testing and feedback, and prepare detailed technical specifications for production.

Periodically, you'll work on larger projects such as redesigning an existing packaging range to reduce its environmental footprint, or developing entirely new packaging systems for products moving away from single-use materials. Some Packaging Designers specialise in particular material types such as paper and board, flexible plastics, or compostable materials, or in specific industries such as food and beverage, cosmetics, or industrial goods.

### What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Packaging Designers work for packaging manufacturers, design consultancies, and in-house design



teams within large consumer goods, food and beverage, retail, and pharmaceutical companies. Some work as freelancers, taking on projects across multiple clients and industries. The role exists wherever products need to be packaged, which covers an enormous range of industries and employers. Sustainability-focused packaging consultancies are a growing part of the market, employing designers who work specifically on reducing the environmental impact of packaging systems.

The role is primarily office and studio-based, with prototyping and materials testing adding a hands-on dimension to the work. Hours are generally standard for salaried positions, though project and production deadlines can create pressure at certain points. The role offers moderate flexibility, with design and technical work increasingly suited to hybrid arrangements depending on the employer. The work combines creative problem-solving with technical rigour, and suits people who are comfortable moving between hands-on making and screen-based design work. Salaries are generally average, with opportunities to earn more as you develop specialist expertise in sustainable materials or move into senior design roles. The field has moderate growth overall, with significantly stronger demand in sustainable packaging, driven by increasing regulation around single-use materials, corporate commitments to packaging reduction targets, and growing consumer pressure for more environmentally responsible products.

### How to become a Packaging Designer

- **Study industrial or product design:** A bachelor's degree in industrial design, product design, or a related field is the typical entry point. Look for programs that include packaging-specific coursework, materials science, and sustainability principles alongside design fundamentals. Developing strong technical drawing skills and CAD proficiency during your studies will be important for entering the field.
- **Build your materials knowledge:** Understanding how different materials are produced, how they perform, and what happens to them at the end of their life is central to packaging design. Develop your knowledge of sustainable materials, recycling systems, and packaging regulations as early as you can. This environmental literacy is increasingly what separates strong candidates from the rest of the field.
- **Develop a portfolio that demonstrates sustainability thinking:** Employers want to see not just creative design ability but evidence that you think carefully about environmental impact. Build projects into your portfolio that show your understanding of material choices, life cycle considerations, and design for recyclability, not just finished aesthetics.
- **Seek out industry experience:** Work experience with a packaging manufacturer, design consultancy, or consumer goods company gives you practical exposure to how packaging is developed and produced at scale. Understanding the manufacturing and supply chain constraints that shape real packaging decisions is knowledge you can only really develop by being inside the industry.

From here, you could progress to senior packaging designer or design lead roles, move into sustainable packaging consultancy, specialise in emerging material categories such as compostable or bio-based packaging, transition into broader product design or industrial design roles, or move into sustainability strategy for organisations looking to overhaul their packaging systems.

### What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as a Packaging Designer, here are some practical steps:

- Look for design and technology subjects, maker workshops, or art classes at school or in your community that involve working with materials and building three-dimensional objects, as hands-on making skills are central to packaging design work



- Start paying close attention to the packaging around you, examining how it's structured, what it's made from, and whether it can actually be recycled or composted, as developing this critical eye early is one of the most useful habits you can build
- Experiment with designing and making simple packaging prototypes at home using paper, card, or other materials, focusing on using as little material as possible while still protecting the contents effectively

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