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Open Days & Info Sessions

[The Hotel School | Virtual Open Day \(for a month\)](#)

Wednesday 25 August 2021, 10:00 am - Friday 24 September 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Welcome to Open Day (for a month) at The Hotel School.

Register now to explore university qualifications at The Hotel School in business, hotel management and tourism plus:

- chat to us during the selected live sessions
- learn about student life and learning experiences
- access to on-demand webinars
- explore our virtual campus tours
- learn about early entry and scholarship applications
- join live Q&A

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-hotel-school-virtual-open-day-for-a-month-tickets-166903989325>

[Diversity is the Bees Knees: National Science Week](#)

Saturday 28 August 2021, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Online

This event introduces LGBTIQ+ students to the amazing ways in which plants share genetic information through pollination. By showcasing this diversity, we hope to break down commonly taught misconceptions about what is 'natural'. The real natural world is full of amazing adaptations. Nature loves diversity.

Aimed at LGBTIQ+ students 16 and over, this online event will give participants a renewed appreciation that all the world's beauty and resilience comes from its incredible diversity.

Simon, Vicki and Kelsie are organising some cool online activities for registered participants:

- An introductory talk by Allan the Allergen and Beryl the Bee (aka Queer scientists doing pollen research)
- A pollination game that demonstrates pollination using crocheted bees, mammals and birds – crochet patterns, tutorials and materials will be available to make your own game

- A demonstration of how pollen is extracted from flowers in the lab
- Microscope activities to explore the diversity of pollen and learn what pollen tells us about our environment
- A musical rendition of “Pollination Rap”, hosted by an LGBTIQ+ identifying musician
- Q+A session with LGBTIQ+ scientists at ANU
- Freebies like a folding microscope, 3D-printed pollen grains & cute badges

These events aim to provide positive role models and open participants’ eyes to the diversity of people working behind the scenes in Australia’s labs.

Find out more: <http://chl.anu.edu.au/news-events/events/1863/diversity-bees-knees-national-science-week>

CQUni | Online Chat Session

Wednesday 1 September 2021, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

You’re invited to get answers in real time online at our upcoming Online Chat Sessions via Facebook Messenger.

Register to get answers to your questions about CQUni’s courses, application process or anything else.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses/eforms/online-chat-registration>

JMC Academy | Sydney Campus Open Day (Online)

Saturday 4 September 2021, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Online

At JMC, it’s all about exploring your passion, discovering a rewarding career and making a few life-long connections along the way. It’s about helping you grow your skills, hone your creativity, and learn as much as you can about your chosen field so that you eventually land that job you’ve always dreamed of. Join us on Saturday 4th September for our Online Open Day and discover how you can build your creative future with JMC.

On the day you’ll be able to:

- Take a tour of our facilities across our two campuses
- Check out some of our serious gear
- Chat with current students and heads of departments
- Attend detailed course overview sessions
- Find out more about internship and study abroad opportunities
- See live performances, film + tv demos, and recording sessions in action
- Learn why JMC has been ranked #1 for student satisfaction amongst all private creative institutions in Australia

Find out more: <https://www.jmccademy.edu.au/news-and-events/events/sydney-campus-open-day/>

ADF | Army Careers Virtual Information Session

Tuesday 14 September 2021, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Online

Optimise your potential and consider a career that will transform you into a fit, capable, confident and resourceful member of the Australian Army.

Discover whether an Army career is your kind of challenge at the upcoming virtual info session.

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

ADF | Engineering Careers Virtual Information Session

Wednesday 15 September 2021, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Online

Consider an Engineering career in the Navy, Army or Air Force and keep Defence weapons, vehicles, aircraft, ships and infrastructure operating safely and effectively.

Join us for a virtual info session to learn more.

Find out more: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/s7z6rcb>

Charles Sturt | Parent Information Session, Online

Tuesday 21 September 2021, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

Want the complete picture of your child's path from high school to uni? Our free online Parent Information Session will give you everything you need to know. It's a relaxed evening with a few short presentations and the opportunity to have all your questions answered.

We'll step you through the application process and early offer programs. You'll learn about our paths into uni, student services, accommodation options and scholarships. Plus, you'll be able to get any questions you have answered.

Want to know more about UAC (Universities Admissions Centre) or VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre)? No problem! We cover it all.

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

BMIHMS | Open Day

Saturday 2 October 2021, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School

Discover how world-class training at Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School at Torrens University (BMIHMS) can lead you to a successful career in hotel management. Talk to academics about our industry placements around the world with leading brands, including Shangri-La, Hilton Hotels & Resorts and many more. Explore our immersive learning environment to get a taste of our experiential classes and learn what it's like to live and study at the number-one hotel management school in the Asia-Pacific.

Find out more:

Sydney Flight College | Open Day

Saturday 9 October 2021, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sydney Flight College

Whether you are looking to learn to fly for fun, or even kick-start your professional flying career, look no further than SFC. We have been training pilots for over 50 years, and we love what we do.

Operating out of state-of-the-art headquarters at Bankstown Airport, this is your opportunity to view our facilities and fleet, sit in our aircraft, have a go on our full-motion flight simulator, and have an in-depth chat to our course advisors who will be able to answer all your aviation questions. Tours will last up to an hour.

Entry is free of charge, and we even have a complimentary all-day BBQ to keep your hunger at bay.

Heavily discounted Trial Instructional Flights will be available for sale on the day.

Find out more: <https://www.sfcaero.com.au/about-us/open-days>

[UAC Digital | Let's Chat - Alternative pathways to university](#)

Thursday 14 October 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Pathway courses are for applicants who don't meet the minimum requirements for entry into a bachelor degree. Learn about certificate, diploma and preparation courses.

In this session we'll be joined by a panel of admissions experts from various universities. We'll discuss:

- pathways you can take if you don't meet your dream course's selection criteria
- the benefits of taking a pathway course
- pathway course credits you can receive if you want to get into an undergraduate degree
- which unis offer pathway courses.

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/pathways-51>

[AIT | Open Day, Sydney](#)

Saturday 20 November 2021, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Academy of Information Technology, Ultimo

Join us for our next Open Day to find out how you can turn your ideas into a creative career you'll love in Film, Animation, 3D Design, Games or Mobile App Development.

Find out more: <https://info.ait.edu.au/open-day-2021>

Workshops and Courses

[Monash | String Day 2021](#)

Sunday 5 September 2021, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Online

The Sir Zelman Cowen School of Music and Performance at Monash University invites high school and tertiary students to participate in a collaborative and immersive day of learning and music-making with top String players and teachers! Join Dr Anna McMichael, Head of Strings at Monash, and Monash String teachers for a fun day and take part in an open masterclass with special guest and MSO concertmaster, Dale Barltrop.

Find out more: <https://www.monash.edu/string-day-2021>

Scholarships

[UTAS Relocation Support Allowance \(Interstate and NZ residents\)](#)

Value: Up to \$5,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: August 16, 2021 – February 28, 2022

The University of Tasmania is offering a limited number of relocation support packages to assist interstate students with the costs of relocating to Tasmania to attend University. There are two support packages from which eligible students are able to select.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

SBS Emerging Writers' Competition

We want to hear your story about the beauty and/or challenges of being between two worlds in diverse Australia. Whether you've been writing since you were a child or you've never told your story before, we're ready to hear from you. Kickstart your writing career today and win up to \$5000.

The competition theme is 'Between Two Worlds: stories from a diverse Australia'. What does it mean to you to be caught between two worlds? Your worlds could be material or spiritual, cultural, social or psychological. You are free to interpret it as you wish.

If you are currently living in Australia, are aged 18 or over and have never published a book, it's time to get writing.

Entries close 16 September.

Find out more and enter here:

<https://www.sbs.com.au/topics/voices/emergingwriterscompetition>

Wombat Books Illustration Challenge 2021

Wombat Books are seeking original illustrations from Australian school-aged students (aged 5 – 18) to publish in a unique picture book by the team at Wombat Books.

The Challenge has been established in order to provide aspiring young illustrators with the opportunity to be published in a professionally produced children's book and gain an introduction into the world of illustrating.

Winners of the Illustration Challenge will have their illustrations published in the upcoming picture book Screen Free Holiday, due for release in 2022. They will also receive two free copies and will be acknowledged on the Wombat|Rhiza site, including our social media. Judging decisions will be made by Wombat Books.

Entries are open until 30 November.

Find out more and enter here: <https://wombatrhiza.com.au/blog/illustration-challenge-2021/>

Aussie Student Inventions Competition

The 2021 Aussie Student Inventions Competition is now open to all primary and secondary students. In partnership with the producers of 'Aussie Inventions That Changed The World', the search is officially back on for Australia's most innovative students.

Your invention can be of any type, size or functionality. It could solve a problem, make life more interesting or just be incredibly cool.

Each winner will get an incredible mentorship opportunity and \$3,000 cash.

Entries close 17 September.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.clickview.com.au/aussie-student-inventions/>

Global Colours Artist Discovery 2021

Calling all students year 7 to year 12 – submit your creations for an opportunity to win over \$1000 in Global Colours paints, mediums and brushes for yourself + \$500 cash as well as \$1000 of Global Colours products for your school.

We will be selecting pieces of art on our social media channels which will be viewed by the world, so don't forget to follow us on Instagram and Facebook and keep an eye on our social channels to see if your friend's or your artwork appears there.

Use your favourite Global Colours paints and mediums and get creating! Your imagination is the only limit so have some fun.

Entries close 19 November.

Find out more and enter here: <https://globalcolours.com/global-artist-discovery-2021/>

Careers & Jobs

[How to start a business in high school](#)

Did you know you can start your own business before you even leave school? There are no age limits on how old you have to be before you can start, although you may need some help from an adult to get set up.

In this article we're going to look at how you can start a business while you're still at school. We'll cover the things you need to think about before you start, and then go over the steps to get your business up and running.

[Read the full blog here.](#)

[What are the skills you'll need for work in the future?](#)

We all know that the world of work has been rapidly changing. Technology and AI are making some jobs easier, and in some cases even replacing them completely. On the other hand, things like the recent pandemic has shown how certain skills will always be valuable.

So if you're thinking about what kind of work you'd like to do in the future, you might be wondering if the skills you are learning today will still be valuable 5, 10 or 15 years from now. Well, the McKinsey Global Institute is doing research into just that – figuring out the jobs of the future and the skills we'll need to do them.

There's a fair bit to unpack, so we've picked the important parts out. [Take a look in the full blog.](#)

[Inspiring Teen Bosses](#)

If you think only old people get to be rich, think again. There are tons of inspiring young people out there turning their dreams into a reality.

We've gathered a list of some inspiring teen bosses that might help spark your passion.

Bath bomb sisters

Teenage sisters Isabel and Caroline Bercaw were a bit disappointed in the quality of the bath bombs they were buying; so they took matters into their own hands and tried making their own. From their start mixing up bath bombs in the kitchen sink, they're now in charge of a business that has sold over 10 million bath bombs to suppliers and customers all over the world.

The girls credit their family for the help and support that led to their success. "We're really lucky that we grew up surrounded by such smart people," says Caroline. "We're super grateful that they believed in our idea and wanted to get on board with it."

[Read their full story here.](#)

JoJo bows

Young entertainer JoJo Siwa got her start on reality show *Dance Moms*, but it was her entrepreneurship that saw her real success. Originally striking a deal with Nickelodeon, JoJo now has her own brand, selling things from toys to shoes, as well as her biggest seller – her signature bows, of which she's sold more than 80 million worldwide.

She also is an avid content creator, explaining, "YouTube is what I'm invested in. YouTube is my life. I love YouTube. Next is TikTok. I love it because you can just make a dance video."

[Read more about JoJo's journey here.](#)

AI for good

At just 17 years old, Richard Black founded California-based startup Halfcode, a company that uses Artificial Intelligence to develop smart technology to help people with disabilities. One of their products, smart glasses, is designed to help people with visual and hearing impairments.

For Richard, the social aspect of his business is just as important as making money. "I know for me personally, the social mission is what drives me and no matter what I will be doing in the future, I'll always be a social entrepreneur," he says.

[Read more about Richard's story here.](#)

Changing the way we browse

Working as an intern for Netscape when he was just 15, Blake Ross was frustrated by the web browser he had to use. So he decided to make his own. Today, Firefox is one of the most widely-used internet browsers, with nearly 200 million users each month.

Blake has since developed other software and worked for Facebook, and is constantly pursuing his own passion for software innovation.

[Read more about Blake here.](#)

Want more?

There are heaps more stories of young entrepreneurs making a difference in the world. You can see more here:

<https://yourstory.com/mystory/5-incredible-teen-entrepreneurs-that-are-inspiring/amp>

<https://www.lifehack.org/588440/16-young-and-successful-entrepreneurs-who-prove-that-age-is-nothing-but-a-number>

<https://entrepreneurshandbook.co/7-entrepreneurs-to-watch-in-2021-6a3ca4da3d0>

[Hear from a professional rugby player turned CEO with the International Oyster Program](#)

Braintree's International Oyster Program delivers yet another amazing interview! This time with Mark Coyne – CEO of Employers Mutual Limited.

Designed for schools, TAFE, Universities and Parents, this not-for-profit program is aimed at supporting our next generation workforce and leaping them forward with knowledge and tools to find their calling in their careers.

Mark is an ex-professional NRL player for St. George, State of Origin and Australia, and now as CEO of Employers Mutual, he shares his insights to help Year 10, 11, 12, TAFE and University students in choosing a career. Mark talks about his experiences and insights, along with his tips to help our future leaders align their passion and purpose to a relevant career.

The full 20 minute interview is available here: <https://lnkd.in/grNtDdMX>

If you are a student who is unsure about which career path to take, then this is the place to come.

Find out more: <https://lnkd.in/gWAQe9yF>

Further Learning

[ACU's Support for Year 12 Students](#)

ACU knows that completing Year 12, particularly during a global pandemic, can make an already new experience that little bit more intimidating. If you're feeling overwhelmed about the unknown, head to our webpage to discover all of the help and support we offer Year 12 students.

You can access information about:

- ACU Guarantee
- Adjustment factors and access schemes
- Campus tours
- Year 12 revision webinars
- Study at ACU webinar series
- Talk with Industry webinar series
- Change of preference

Access this information and more here: <https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/support-for-year-12-students>

[Short Courses with Le Cordon Bleu](#)

It's not easy finding the time to discover a new hobby or immerse yourself in a passion which you've always been yearning to explore.

Satisfy your cravings for a hands-on cooking experience with *Les Fondements de la Cuisine*, or 'step-up' your passion for baking and create edible masterpieces with *Les Fondements de la Pâtisserie*.

Le Cordon Bleu are holding classes in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney, with classes in Adelaide to come soon. Classes run two days a week from 5pm-9pm over five weeks.

Find out more here: <https://www.cordonbleu.edu/brisbane/les-fondements-de-la-cuisine/en>

[Fee-Free Online Short Courses with TAFE NSW](#)

Whether you're currently in lockdown and want to upskill, you can with a fee-free online short course. TAFE NSW, in conjunction with the NSW Government, is offering a number of fee-free short courses to all NSW residents, but places are limited.

Courses are a mix of self-paced online or teacher-led virtual classrooms, which can pathway into a variety of full TAFE NSW qualifications.

See the full list of courses and enrol here: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/fee-free-short-courses>

[Macquarie Open Day now On Demand](#)

We hope you were able to join us on Open Day! If you want to check anything out again or weren't able to join in Open Day Streamed on August 15, it is now available on-demand until the 11 of September. View recordings of our live segments, download information guides and booklets, review our extensive list of FAQs (you may find answers to questions that you never thought to ask!).

If you still have questions and would like to speak to one of our team, you can live chat with us on our Open Day page and the Macquarie website or book a one-on-one Zoom consultation with us here:

<https://page.mq.edu.au/personal-consultations-booking.html>

Find out more: <https://opendaystreamed.mq.edu.au/>

Resources

[GAPYear in Agriculture](#)

GAPYear is a new initiative from Growcom, the peak body for horticulture in Queensland. They want to give young Aussies the chance to explore regional Queensland, meet like-minded people, and partner with ethical employers for a year like no other. Travel as far north as Cairns for mangoes and reef tours, or as far south as Stanthorpe for apples and national park treks.

The aim is to take the guess work out of gap year options by providing a no nonsense, backstage pass to all that Queensland has to offer.

If you're a school leaver, you can get a free FarmReady card to connect you with approved employers and amazing experiences.

Find out more and get GAPYear ready here: <https://farmreadyhub.com/how-it-works-gapyear/>

Job Spotlight

[How to become a Shearer](#)

Gather wool to make us cosy

What do Shearers do?

Shearers use specialised tools to remove wool from livestock, such as sheep, goats, alpacas, and other animals. They need to know how to handle animals properly to minimise discomfort and shear wool in one clean piece.

If you are fit and healthy, love to work with animals, and are prepared to live and work in a regional or rural area, becoming a Shearer could be perfect for you.

About you:

- Fit and healthy
- Good with your hands
- Thorough and methodical
- Can work with animals
- Willing to live in a regional or rural area
- Good communicator
- Resilient and tough
- Can work in teams and independently

The job:

- Taking animals from holding pens to prepare them for shearing
- Selecting appropriate tools to use
- Shearing and removing wool from animals
- Keeping animals calm and comfortable during shearing
- Inspecting animals for cuts and treating them
- Returning animals to let-out pens for counting and checking
- Maintaining and cleaning tools and workspaces
- Using special tools to shear stud animals

Lifestyle Impact: High

- Part Time opportunities: Moderate – around 36% of Shearers work part-time (source: joboutlook.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 43 hours a week, which is average (source: joboutlook.gov.au).
- Shearers' salary can vary greatly depending on experience and number of animals processed. For an idea of pay, take a look at the [Pastoral Award Pay Guide](#).
- Future career growth: Stable (source: joboutlook.gov.au).
- You'll need to be prepared to do lots of physical work and be on your feet for most of the day.

Shearers are most in demand in these locations:

This is a small occupation, with around 3,400 people working as Shearers in 2020 (source: joboutlook.gov.au), with stable growth expected over the next five years. There is most demand for Shearers in New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania. Most Shearers work in the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry. Many farms are located in regional and rural areas of Australia, which means you will need to be willing to live away from the city to secure work. Shearers are needed in many countries around the world, particularly those that produce a lot of wool, such as New Zealand. Farm work can be lucrative for those looking to go on a working holiday.

How to become a Shearer in Australia

You don't need any formal qualifications to work as a Shearer in Australia, but there are courses you can take to build your skills. Having lots of hands-on experience will definitely work in your favour.

Step 1 – Complete at least Year 10 with a focus on English.

Step 2 – Try and find work experience in an agriculture-related setting or on a farm where you can get exposure to animals and the environment.

Step 3 – Consider taking a qualification to build your skills, such as a [Certificate II in Shearing](#) or [Introduction to Shearing Skill Set](#).

Step 4 – Find work as a Shearer and build on your experience.

Step 5 – Continue gaining experience and skills for life.

Find out more here –

<https://scaa.org.au/>

Similar Careers to Shearer

Wool Classer

[Farmer](#)

Farm Assistant

[Agronomist](#)

[Vet Nurse](#)

[Veterinarian](#)

[Horse Trainer](#)

[Dog Groomer](#)

Find out more about alternative [careers](#).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do Shearers do?

Shearers remove wool from animals such as sheep, goats, alpacas, and other animals with wool.

Which industries employ Shearers?

Shearers are usually employed in the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing industry.

What options are there for career progression?

You could start working as a Shearer, and then use your expertise to become Wool Classer. You could even end up running your own farm or operation.

Do I need to go to university to become a Shearer?

No, you don't need any formal qualifications to work as a Shearer in Australia. However, there are VET courses you can take that can help you build your skills before you start work.

Where do Shearers work?

Shearers can work all across Australia, but the highest demand is in States that produce a lot of wool, such as New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania.

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

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

1. Try and get work experience in an agriculture related setting, such as at a farm. This will get you some exposure to the industry and start building essential skills.
2. See if you can talk to a Shearer or someone who works on a farm to get an idea of what a day in their life is like.
3. Work on improving your physical health so you know you will be up to the challenges of the job.

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