

Careers Corner Term 2, Week 2, 6th May 2022

Year 10 Careers 2022, Google Classroom: cwq4hdy
Year 11 Careers 2022, Google Classroom: opycmbw
Year 12 Careers 2022, Google Classroom: m7owsqu

JobJump: <https://www.jobjump.com.au/> The password to register is: kh

*Students and parents can sign up to Jobjump.

School Careers Website: <http://www.killarahighcareers.com/>

Careers Bullseyes: <https://myfuture.edu.au/footer/assist-others/career-bullseye-posters#/>

Articles of Interest:

https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/most-school-leavers-fail-to-use-uac-preference-system-to-their-advantage-20220328-p5a8na.html?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwAR1FEwZa8sUn654xgPhBfIMPbd1IEArt6vycP0feWTjWxjTLKOfq_GiUpaQ#Echobox=1650144034

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-04-18/female-tradies-face-sexism-recruitment-agencies-queensland/100955154>

Open Days & Info Sessions

UNSW | Year 10 Subject Selection and Information Evening

Tuesday 3 May 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Thursday 12 May 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Get advice and information that's specially tailored for Year 10 students, that will help you navigate the HSC subject selection process, explain how UNSW admissions and scholarship applications work, and give you an insight into transitioning into university life so that you can get a head start on planning your future.

Parents and teachers of Year 10 students are invited to join the evening as well as participate in the live Q&A session.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/year-10-subject-selection-and-information-evening-0>

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Macquarie | Year 12 Online Information Session

Tuesday 3 May 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

A series of short talks given by Macquarie university representatives and current students. The talk will cover everything students will need to know to prepare them for university study including important dates and early entry.

Find out more: <https://page.mq.edu.au/Year12InfoSession2022Registration.html>

You can't vote – now what?

Thursday 5 May 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

The 2022 federal election will be here before we know it – but not all Australians are able to vote. If you are under 18 or a newer Australian who isn't yet a citizen, and you're passionate about making change, let's talk about the ways that you can influence political outcomes this election!

This workshop will cover:

- what makes a good campaign
- how to have a conversation for change
- how to engage your local MP or political candidate

No prior knowledge is needed – bring your dinner, bring a friend!

Find out more: <https://events.humanitix.com/you-can-t-vote-now-what>

ADF | Army and Army Reserve Careers Open Day, Blacktown

Saturday 7 May 2022, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Blacktown Army Cadet Unit

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

Defence Force Recruiting will be hosting an upcoming Army Careers Open Day at Blacktown Army Reserve Depot. This is an exclusive opportunity for the public to experience a functioning Army Reserve Base.

On the day you will have the chance to check out:

- Vehicle display
- Weapons display
- Army band display
- Combat display
- Engineering display
- Military Police display

Find out more: <https://army.defencejobs.gov.au/army-reserve/events/events-detail/dlw28n2>

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Leadership Webinar with Matt Kershaw

Tuesday 10 May 2022, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Online

Many people go through their school, career, and personal lives and underestimate their impact on their surroundings. As a result, many people don't consider themselves leaders, and those that do associate leadership with being in a position of power or having extraordinary talents or abilities. Matt is here to challenge that – and help people understand that leadership is within everyone's reach. Leadership is about making change happen, and everyone has the capacity to make their school, their workplace and their communities better.

In this webinar, Matt will help aspiring leaders:

- Tap into their personal WHY to step into leadership with confidence.
- Understand that leadership is not defined by a badge or title – instead, influence, action & change
- Clarify their own personal leadership vision
- Find alignment between their vision, values, and behaviours
- See the value in stepping out of your comfort zone and into a growth & learning zone
- Identify strategies to build resilience on their leadership journey

Who is this webinar for?

- Students (Years 10, 11 & 12) with an interest in leadership
- School career advisors
- Parents/guardians

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/leadership-webinar-with-matt-kershaw-tickets-297463771147?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

The Hotel School | Information Evening

Tuesday 24 May 2022, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

The Hotel School Sydney, Sydney

Are you passionate about a career in hospitality and tourism? Join us to explore how you can start an exciting global career within the hospitality, hotel and tourism industry by attending our Information Evening.

Highlights of the session include:

- Find out more about course and flexible degree options
- Meet academic staff and current students
- Career guidance & Industry insights
- Scholarships and fees
- Personalised campus tours

Bring your parents or friends along and get all your questions answered.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-hotel-school-sydney-information-evening-tickets-319186323887>

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UOW | Information Evenings

Wagga Wagga: Tuesday 24 May 2022, 6:00 pm

Macarthur: Tuesday 24 May 2022, 6:00 pm

Bega: Tuesday 24 May 2022, 6:00 pm

Batemans Bay: Wednesday 25 May 2022, 6:00 pm

Albury: Wednesday 25 May 2022, 6:00 pm

Liverpool: Wednesday 25 May 2022, 6:00 pm

You might know what degree you're interested in and the ATAR you need, but there's much more to choosing a university.

You'll need to know where you're going to live, how much it will cost, how will you make friends and more. We know because we asked the exact same questions when we were in year 12!

The information evening is designed to cover the big questions and topics that students and parents need to know about before applying to uni.

Find out more: <https://www.uow.edu.au/study/events/>

University of Sydney | Life in the Field: Conservation and Sustainability

Wednesday 25 May 2022, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

Have you wondered what the day-to-day life in the field of conservation and sustainability is like? And what jobs are available in this growing sector? Join this session and learn about what the conservation and sustainability sector is about, what an average day of work might be like for a sustainability officer, environmental consultant, conservation, or natural resource management professional, and how you can pursue studies towards working in the sector yourself.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Zzmi2fusQpmGbHtIQ_knNw

AIE | Online Campus Day

Saturday 28 May 2022, 1:00 pm

Online

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day on Sat 28 May 2022. 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: https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/online-campus-day/

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University of Sydney | Your Future in Business

Wednesday 1 June 2022, 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Online

Join this session to hear about how the Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Sydney will prepare you for a future in business. Find out about the wide range of areas of study or 'majors' on offer, such as Finance, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Human Resource Management, Management & Leadership, and more.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GSeh1ERJQZWFGfHDVTsE6g

University of Sydney | Careers in Architecture

Wednesday 8 June 2022, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

Are you interested in architecture and the built environment? Discover the myriad of careers available to you in architecture, design, urban planning, heritage conservation, property development, sustainability, construction and more! Find out how a degree at the Sydney School of Architecture can help you prepare for an exciting career in the field.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N_DO0IZiThyPp1RNvX_7-Q

UAC Digital | Let's Chat – Mental Health and the HSC

Wednesday 8 June 2022, 6:00 pm

Online

UAC is excited to bring together a panel of experts to chat about mental health and the HSC. We understand that some stress is healthy; however, we don't want it to negatively impact your life during the HSC.

We'll discuss:

- healthy stress vs unhealthy stress
- strategies to minimise stress
- how to recognise when your stress has turned into a more serious mental health concern
- strategies to manage mental health leading up to, during and after exams
- how to tell your parents and school if you're feeling overwhelmed
- how to study effectively to avoid burnout.

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-lets-chat-mental-health-and-the-hsc>

JMC Academy | The Prep Sesh

Saturday 25 June 2022, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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JMC Academy, Harris St Campus

Join us on Saturday 25th June 2022 from 10am – 12pm as we help high school students and their parents/carers understand creative careers!

The session will include:

- The future of work and how you can have a sustainable career
- How high school subjects relate to creative careers
- Student panel

Find out more: <https://www.jmccademy.edu.au/news-and-events/events/the-prep-sesh/>

AMPA | Dance Open Day

Monday 11 July 2022, 10:00 am - 10:00 am

AMPA - Performing Arts Centre, Alexandria

The AMPA Dance open day offers aspiring dancers and choreographers the chance to visit the campus, meet current staff and students as well as get a sense of what full-time dance training in a tertiary environment is like.

You will be able to join technique classes with our exceptional teaching faculty and take part in an information session & Q&A with the Head of Dance.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ampa-dance-open-day-tickets-305219960117>

Apprenticeship & Traineeship Expos

Northern Sydney: Tuesday 9 August 2022, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Central Coast: Tuesday 16 August 2022, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Illawarra: Tuesday 23 August 2022, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Macarthur: Tuesday 30 August 2022, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Western Sydney: Tuesday 6 September 2022, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

With the infrastructure boom we are experiencing, the future need for apprentices, trainees and skilled workers has never before been in such high demand.

Following on from the success year after year of our Apprenticeship/Traineeship and Jobs Expos, the time has come to take the model to other parts of our great city and provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof and begin the journey of making the plans for our cities growth a reality.

Exciting opportunities are available for all career and job seekers.

Find out more: <https://apprenticeshipandtraineeshipexpos.com.au/>

Le Cordon Bleu | Sydney Open Day 2022

Saturday 27 August 2022, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Le Cordon Bleu Australia, Sydney

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Find out why Le Cordon Bleu is the world's most acclaimed culinary arts & hospitality management institute in a discovery tour of Le Cordon Bleu. With global demand for well qualified chefs, 95% of our graduates are employed within 6 months. Your international career as a Le Cordon Bleu Graduate awaits!

- Meet world-class chefs who are now sharing their wealth of knowledge and expertise with our students
- Tour our state-of-the-art facilities
- Learn about our prestigious programmes in Cuisine and Patisserie
- Experience culinary delights including champagne and oysters and wine and cheese with freshly made baguettes
- Participate in making your own chocolate truffles
- Witness cooking demonstrations
- Discover why Le Cordon Bleu is recognised as the world's most famous cooking school

Find out more: <https://www.cordonbleu.edu/sydney/open-day/en>

Workshops and Courses

A Taste of Le Cordon Bleu

Thursday 19 May 2022, 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm

Le Cordon Bleu Australia, Sydney

Discover what it's like to study at the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Institute.

You are invited to a Taste of Le Cordon Bleu Sydney to spend an evening with our chefs and students who will showcase their skills, give you an insight into the food, wine and gastronomy business, and reveal how you could be a part of this global enterprise.

Indulge in a taste of French culture as our world-class chefs and lecturers demonstrate their expertise and the unique learning experiences offered at Le Cordon Bleu.

Find out more: <https://www.cordonbleu.edu/sydney/taste-of-lcb/en>

NIE | Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online

Sunday 22 May 2022, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Online

If you are in Yrs. 10, 11, 12, or you may be older and considering sitting the UCAT in the future, then this program is for you. The Simulated UCAT Workshop program is ideal and often a necessary step towards effective and efficient preparation for the UCAT.

This event will be conducted by the National Institute of Education in partnership in partnership with UCAT Preparation Australia, and MICAS (Medical Interviews and Career Advice Services).

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The workshop is primarily designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test and also for participants to gain a better understanding of their own level of preparedness for the test. Over the course of the years, the program has evolved into more comprehensive and holistic exercise, which not only achieves its primary goal, but it is also exposing students to a wealth of knowledge about all other aspects of the journey into a medical degree.

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/product/216-simulated-ucat-day-workshop-2-day-intensive-program>

How to Build a Website to Promote your Business

Wednesday 25 May 2022, 6:15 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Want to create a stunning website for your brand/business but don't know where to begin? Then this workshop is for you!

Academy of Entrepreneurs is bringing Kate Bradshaw – Wix's Sydney Ambassador and Online Presence & Business Coach – for a free workshop on how to create your own website!

In this workshop you will learn:

- How to design, publish, market, and manage your own website
- The key features of Wix
- SEO must-dos for startups
- How to use your website to drive results & lead to success

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/how-to-build-a-website-to-promote-your-business-tickets-303097050437?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Torrens University | School Holiday Workshops

Saturday 25 June 2022, 10:00 am - Monday 4 July 2022, 2:00 pm

Torrens University Australia, Ultimo Campus

Led by expert academics, our School Holiday Workshops allow you to experience what it's like to study Business, Design and Creative Technology, Health and Hospitality with us. Discover the practical aspects of our courses, explore our campuses, talk to students about their study journeys and ask our Course and Careers Advisors how we can support your career goals.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/school-holiday-workshops>

Scholarships

NIDA Open Equity Scholarships

Value: Varies

Open/Closing Dates: March 1, 2022 – July 25, 2022

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After a year break the NIDA Open Equity Scholarship is back, bigger and more exciting than ever! To celebrate a brand new year, we are offering over \$50,000 worth of complimentary tuition in 2022 to help young people and adult emerging artists who are experiencing financial or other disadvantage to achieve their full creative potential.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Front Page Schools Competition

Front Page is an initiative of Nine and Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM). It provides Australian schools and classes with the opportunity to create and submit a short school newspaper, and win fantastic prizes in the process.

Entry is free, and is open to all Australian schools and classes. **Entries close Friday 26 August.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://frontpage.online/>

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards

Entries to the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards are now open for 2022.

Students in all years from kindergarten to Year 12 can enter.

This year the optional theme is "In My Opinion."

Entries are open until 30 June.

Find out more and enter here: <https://dorothea.com.au/how-to-enter/>

2022 Travel Photographer of the Year Competition

The 2022 Travel Photographer of the Year awards (TPOTY) are now open.

TPOTY is truly global – wherever you live in the world and whether you are amateur or professional, beginner or expert, young or old, Travel Photographer of the Year is for you.

Travel Photographer of the Year has a range of categories to challenge entrants and reflect the diversity of subjects and genres encompassed under the 'travel photography' banner. There's something for everyone – portfolio categories, one shot categories, a smartphone and tablet category and an HD video category.

Entries are open until Tuesday 25 October.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.tpoty.com/2022-tpoty-awards/>

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Work Experience

Work Experience with Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences

We are committed to inspiring creativity and curiosity through placement programs at the Powerhouse Museum and Sydney Observatory that enhance students' educational experiences. Our Secondary Student Placement Program provides a snapshot into the world of museums and cultural institutions. It gives high-school students a taste of an industry that they might one day be part of.

This program can be used as part of a secondary student's work experience requirement in Year 10, 11 and 12.

Please note only 2 students are placed each week, so placements are limited.

Applications open 1 May for the Winter holidays program, which will run from 12 – 14 July.

Applications close 21 May.

[Learn more](#)

BlueZone Year 10 Work Experience Program

Our Year 10 Work Experience program is based around the "Build Your Own Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)" Project. In this project you will work in our Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (UUV) Support Facility alongside experienced technicians and engineers. Our team will guide you and support you to complete your project leading to the final test – a swim test in our 8-meter diameter x 5-metre deep and 250,000-litre test tank. During your work experience the regular activities of our workshop will be underway all around you and you may get to see a Navy ROV under test before or after a major service activity.

The work for the Build Your Own ROV project is hands-on electronics assembly and test and will involve electrical soldering.

We run our work experience for one week in Term 2 and one week on Term 3 on a "first-in" basis. We limit the places in each week to 3 people as our work experience is conducted in a workshop environment and we need to ensure that we can properly supervise and assist you.

[Learn more](#)

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Careers & Jobs

National Skills Commission NERO Data Dashboard

The National Skills Commission (NSC) **Nowcast of Employment by Region and Occupation (NERO)** dashboard provides data on employment levels, both by job and location. It's a great way to see how the landscape of jobs has changed across Australia, and how it might change into the future.

You can search 355 occupations across 88 regions in Australia. Until now, this type of data was only readily available every five years as part of the Census. With NERO, this information is right at your fingertips.

What can you do?

The NERO dashboard lets you search for your dream job, and then see how employment in that job has changed in different areas.

It's a handy way of easily seeing trends in employment, as well as maybe even predicting future trends. You'll also see a map of Australia that shows you the different growth trends in different regions. Want even more detail? You can select a specific area and view employment trends for just that area too.

Find out more

Access the NERO data dashboard here: <https://www.nationalskillscommission.gov.au/our-work/nero>

Jobs for people who love sports

Playing sports isn't just fun and challenging – in addition to keeping fit, you could also develop some great skills that could be useful in life and transferable to your future workplaces.

Transferable skills you'll gain from sports

If you're a sports player, you'll be well aware of the physical skills that you've gained through your practise, training and competing. But have you made the connection between other soft skills that you've also been developing?

A few examples include:

- Teamwork and collaboration
- Self-motivation
- Leadership
- Resilience and working under pressure
- Communication
- Decisiveness
- Time management
- Focus and commitment

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These are all valuable skills to have, so it's worth taking some time to assess your strengths and thinking of examples to highlight them, then adding them to your resume.

Jobs for people who love sports

If you're passionate about sports, regardless of whether you're an elite athlete or not, there are plenty of careers you could think about.

You could indulge your love of sports and make the best use of the skills you've developed too.

- Professional Athlete / Sportsperson
- Sporting Coach or Instructor
- Talent Scout
- Umpire or Referee
- Sports Development Officer
- PE Teacher
- Sports Physiotherapist
- Kinesiologist
- Sports Psychologist
- Personal Trainer
- Leisure Centre or Gym Manager
- Sports Journalist
- TV and Radio Broadcasters
- Sports Photographers and Videographers
- Marketing Manager
- Events Co-ordinator
- PR and Communications
- Statisticians
- Sports Agents
- Nutritionist
- Facilities Manager
- Cheerleaders and Mascots

Want more?

Check out a ton more jobs you might find interesting on our [Job Spotlights](#) page.

Further Learning

What you need to know about Co-op Scholarships

Successfully applying for a co-op scholarship could do much more for you than simply covering your costs.

Premium scholarships with extra value

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[Scholarships](#) are generally sums of money donated to applicants who meet the eligibility requirements specific to that scholarship. There are thousands available in Australia. They could really make a difference to your tertiary education experience by removing financial pressure and other barriers that could otherwise prevent you from achieving your goals. Or they could help you start your working life with less debt than you'd otherwise have.

How great is that?

Co-op Scholarships go the extra mile. Not only do they provide some financial benefit (or in some cases **a lot**), they could also provide you with amazing extras such as:

- Mentoring
- Leadership and development programs
- Work experience
- Paid internships
- Tuition fees paid
- Guaranteed accommodation
- Access to workshops and special events
- Networking

Who can apply for a Co-op Scholarship?

Each scholarship is unique to the institution or provider, so you'll have to check that you'll meet the eligibility requirements before you spend time applying.

Co-op scholarships are generally open to high achievers. If you think that doesn't sound like you, it's still worth checking – merit isn't just given for amazing academic results, although it is often a pre-requisite.

Some scholarships will accept applications from people who've been recommended by their school for their outstanding contributions. Others want to reward individuals who've worked hard and made a difference with community involvement, or perhaps have shown great potential with their leadership abilities.

Competitive but worth the rewards

These esteemed scholarships are highly sought after, so the applications can be highly competitive – but they are definitely worth your time applying.

Many of these programs have a 100% success rate for employment upon graduation.

You might receive an income while you're still studying at uni, as some internships are salaried.

If you don't leave university with a job already lined up, the fact that you received a Co-op Scholarship will look fantastic on your resume, could appeal to potential employers, and may have provided you with relevant work experience and useful industry contacts.

In other words, you'll definitely be ahead of the pack.

There are benefits to just applying for a co-op scholarship

Putting yourself forward for Co-op Scholarships and completing the application will give you invaluable experience in completing intricate applications and doing well at interviews.

Your confidence could receive a little boost knowing that you're considered eligible, that your application was considered, and that you put yourself outside your comfort zone and survived intact.

In some cases, if your application isn't successful but the panel were impressed by your application, they could suggest alternative scholarships and programs to apply for.

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Even if you don't exactly meet the eligibility requirements but you're close, you've excelled in some areas and your application really stands out, providers might just bend the rules for an outstanding candidate...it could be you.

So what's the catch?

If you're granted one of these highly prized Co-op Scholarships you'll be expected to take your studies seriously.

You'll have to make sure you stay on track and achieve your predicted ATAR results (or better). Once you've enrolled at university and started your course, you'll have to maintain the required GPA in order to keep the scholarship. You might even have to comply with other requirements, e.g.:

- Help out at orientation week
- Commit to helping out on campus
- Active involvement within your chosen department
- Attending all additional programs and events that you're entitled to

Get help finding out more about Co-op Scholarship programs

At Study Work Grow we've done the research for you and put it all in one easy to read place; our updated guide contains:

- Institutions and providers who are offering this specific kind of co-op scholarship
- Scholarship values and inclusions
- Eligibility criteria
- Application process
- Key dates

Keep an eye out for this year's upcoming Co-op Scholarships Guide.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about Co-op Scholarships

What ATAR do I need to be eligible for a co-op scholarship?

It really depends on the institution. For example, at [UNSW](#) you'll need a predicted ATAR of 96 or above to apply, whereas at [Federation Uni](#) if you have a predicted ATAR of 80 you could be eligible.

Some programs don't even specify an ATAR.

How are co-op scholars selected?

The application process for each scholarship varies, but you'll often have to:

- Meet all the eligibility requirement
- Complete a special application form available from the institutions before the closing date
- Provide supporting evidence and recommendations
- Complete a personal statement, answer some questions, or prepare a video or other element of the application
- Attend and interview to be assessed

You should carefully read all of the application details for the Co-op Scholarship you're interested in applying for to make sure you know exactly what to do.

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Can I defer my Co-op Scholarship?

Some scholarships allow you to defer, but it's unlikely Co-op Scholarships will because they are so competitive and sought after – you'll need to check with the individual provider to confirm this though.

If you are successful in receiving a scholarship and then need to defer your enrolment, you might have to complete another application and go through the entire process the following year (if the institution allows for that).

Steps for Applying to University

Are you considering going to university once school is over? There are over one million Australians currently studying at university, and if you've decided you want to join them then you need to know how to apply.

There are a few steps to follow, but we'll walk through them one by one in this article.

Step 1 – Decide to go to university

The first thing you need to do is decide that you actually want to go to university, and that it's the right decision for you. We know that lots of parents (around 80%) want their children to go to university, even if it's not the best choice for their circumstances, and if your parents want you to go then there can be a lot of pressure to apply.

Uni could be right for you if:

- You want to study a topic in depth
- You want a job that needs a degree (like teaching, nursing, engineering)
- You're doing well at school and want to extend yourself
- You're doing well but you're not sure which career path is right for you

Note: Some students feel like they don't want to go to university because they want a break from studying, but university is very different from high school. You have around 4 months between finishing your Year 12 exams and starting university, which many people find is more than enough time for a break. Plus, university study expects you to take an adult approach to learning – it's more targeted and you'll also be building your professional networks and gaining experience.

If you're still 'on the fence' about going to uni, it's a good idea to apply anyway. Not applying will guarantee that you don't get in, which means you'll have less options once school is over. If you've decided that applying is right for you, then move on to the next step.

Step 2 – Choose what you want to study

Before you start looking at shiny university brochures and going to open days, take a minute to think about the kind of things you want to study. You can approach this a couple of different ways, depending on how certain you are about your future career;

If you've chosen a preferred career pathway:

- Identify the qualification requirements for that pathway – do you need a degree? If so, which degree do you need?
- You may be able to choose from more than one degree, and if this is the case then decide which ones you prefer. For example, if you want to work in robotics you could

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study mechatronics engineering, or mechanical engineering, or electrical engineering – work out which is right for you.

If you haven't chosen a future career:

- Focus on things you enjoy and find interesting, rather than pathways you aren't interested in. This means don't pick accounting because you think you'll earn lots if you don't like maths and spreadsheets.
- Look for more general degrees which give you a wide range of possible career options and allow you to specialise during your degree. For example, many business degrees have a general first year, then let you pick specific courses further on.
- Avoid super specific degrees unless you also like the career they lead to. For example, dentistry almost always leads to becoming a dentist.

Once you've chosen what you want to study write it down and be clear about it *before* you start looking for somewhere to study it.

[Course Seeker](#) is a great one-stop-shop for looking at and comparing courses.

Step 3 – Find somewhere to study

Where you go to study isn't as important as what you study. Once you've graduated, most employers won't really care where your degree was from, as long as you can do the work – all degree qualifications at the same level are considered equal within the [Australian Qualifications Framework](#).

There are some important things to consider when you're looking for a place to study:

1. Do they offer the course you want to study? If not, cross them out
2. Where will you live if you study there? Can you stay at home for the first year or so, or are you keen to move out straight away? Will you be able to afford to live on campus? Choosing a university that is close to home and allows you to keep your part-time work could make the transition easier.
3. What opportunities do they offer for building your network? Your network will be one of the most valuable things you gain from university, and the internships and connections you make there will give you access to better employment or business opportunities once you leave.

If you're in the lucky position of having a few good options to choose from, see if you can connect with current students at each university and get their feedback – are they happy with their course, are they getting the support they need, and what advice would they give you?

Step 4 – Prepare for application

Once you know what you want to study, and where you want to study it, you need to find out how you can apply.

You'll need to first find out about any important cut-off dates, so you don't miss out. Add these into your calendar and it could be a good idea to tell your parents and other key people about them as well.

Next, find out what documents and details you need to apply. You'll [probably need your USI](#), and you may need other student numbers, depending on your state. Some courses may require you to complete additional processes, for example if you [want to study medicine you may need to sit the UCAT](#), which you need to do earlier in the year. Find out what you need to do early, so you can prepare in advance and don't end up missing out by accident.

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The last step is to make sure you [meet the ATAR or other entry requirements](#). ATARs are much less important than they used to be, and only a fraction of Year 12s rely on their ATAR as the only thing they use to get into uni. Regardless, you need to know what ATAR you may need, and if there are any other pathways you can use find out what you need to do for them as well. For example, ANU now have a [co-curricular or service requirement for entry](#), which means you need to have done more than just scored an ATAR. You can use part-time work, school leadership, sporting participation, and other activities to prove that you can handle university study.

Step 5 – Apply and select your preferences

The application process varies depending on which university you've picked, but you can find out what you need to do for each university in the [Apply to Uni Guide for 2023](#). Remember, it may not be enough to simply apply through the tertiary admissions centre in your state, so check directly with the university to make sure you have met all the entry requirements *before* you start your application.

The application process is usually straightforward, but if you have any questions we recommend that you get in touch with the university directly, as they'll be best placed to answer all your specific questions.

When you apply, you'll also be asked to [select your course preferences](#). The key thing to remember here is to fill out every preference, even if you don't think you need to. You can always reject an offer, but if you only list one course then you're limiting your options before you start. Even if you are 110% certain that there is only one course you want to pick, find a few similar courses and list them just in case. A lot can change between selecting your preferences in September and receiving your offer in December or January, so don't put all your eggs in one basket.

We recommend you list your number one course choice first, then your second favourite. For the rest of the list, put some other courses you think you'd be happy with, and add a few 'easy' of lower ATAR/requirement options at the end, which will give you a couple of backups.

Watch this [short video](#) for tips on choosing your preferences.

Step 6 – Wait

After you've submitted your application, you need to wait for an offer. Use this time to get some space from your choices, focus on your final exams and enjoy the last few weeks and months of school. If you decide you want to change your preferences during this time then you'll be able to do so, but be mindful of the cut off dates and don't let it dominate your thinking.

Step 7 – Accept an offer and enrol

All Year 12 students who are eligible for an ATAR will receive it just before Christmas, and if you've been successful, you'll receive an offer after that. You'll only receive one offer for each state for each round (so if you've applied in NSW and Queensland, you can receive an offer for both states), and you'll get an offer for the highest preference you are eligible for.

This means that if your top-rated preference requires an ATAR of 70, and you got 62, you may not get your first preference, but if your second preference requires an ATAR of 60 then you will receive an offer for that course.

If you want to take the offer, then follow the process to accept it and enrol. If you don't want to accept it, you can always wait for a later offer round to see if you get a higher preference, which does occasionally happen.

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From here, you've moved from high school student to university student, so check out what you need to do to enrol and make sure you book in for orientation.

What are my other options?

University straight out of school is not your only option. Lots of students defer for 6 or 12 months and work, gain another skill, or just have some time off. Other students start with a VET qualification, apprenticeship, or traineeship, and from there they may work for a while and eventually go to university as a mature student.

Whatever you decide to do, take some time to reflect on your choices, and don't rush into a decision – after all, you'll be living with this pathway for quite a while.

Resources

Women in Music Mentor Program

The Women in Music Mentor program is a nation-wide mentoring and training program aimed at empowering women in the Australian music industry.

With a focus on developing skills in contract negotiation, financial literacy, marketing and leadership, the program will pair mentees with mentors based on the goals the mentee wishes to achieve. Mentors commit to conducting meetings with their mentees and providing mentees with guidance and practical advice over the duration of the program to help them take their careers to the next level.

In addition to the mentorship, the Women in Music Mentor program will deliver professional development training opportunities, for mentors and mentees. This will include workshops with industry professionals and leaders.

The program is open to female, female-identifying and non-binary participants working in or aspiring to work in creative (solo artists, band members, songwriters), technical (engineers, producers, etc) and/or business roles (managers, promoters, record labels, etc) within the Australian music industry.

We invite those of any stage in their career to apply. Whether you are just starting out or looking to take your career to the next level, all applications will be considered.

First Nations people, people with disabilities, those who identify as culturally diverse and those who reside in regional Australia are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications open on 30 June 2022 and close on 10 August.

Find out more and apply here: <https://wim.air.org.au/>

Creating positive habits in secondary school and beyond

Helping anyone tackle the temptations of procrastination can be a challenge, particularly when those in need are young people.

These days we are bombarded by distractions, notifications and different disruptions nearly constantly and sometimes I feel this is turned up to eleven for young people.

When I was younger I would constantly fall into the procrastination habit of playing video games or tidying my desk before I studied, constantly delaying the hard work. Nowadays it's a little different, don't get me wrong I still fall into the trap of procrastination, but now I can navigate the temptation of procrastination easily with the development of positive habits compared to my original negative ones.

Here at [Arrive & Thrive](#) we teach students in our workshops to develop positive habits that can help them battle procrastination and in some cases avoid procrastination.

We define a habit as 'something we do instinctively' for example a positive habit can be brushing your teeth before you go to bed. You don't overthink it, you just do it. This mentality is what we try and teach students when it comes to pursuing their goals, helping them develop habits so that their goal doesn't feel overwhelming and in the process also ensuring they are productive and not falling into procrastination loops.

Here are some ways in which you can support students in developing positive habits that will stick beyond high school.

Identify the distraction

First thing is to identify what your distraction is and how you procrastinate.

In our workshops, we hear of a lot of students being distracted by their phones and/or personal devices. We then encourage them to jump into settings and identify how much screen time they record, focussing on their weekly daily average. Their device will also show them what apps they spend the most time on, being a great starting point as you can clearly see how much time they are using on specific platforms, e.g. Instagram, TikTok etc.

Determine their GROW moment

Once the distraction has been identified, we then focus on helping the students determine what their goal is.

We use the **GROW** model as a way to determine this.

GROW is an acronym for

- **Goal**
- **Reality**
- **Options and**
- **Way Forward**, a very common coaching model.

We then facilitate students in developing a Goal and understanding if this is a realistic achievement, what options they have to achieve this and finally what habits they may need to create to make this goal come true.

Stacking the Habit

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In the book Atomic Habits, the author James Clear makes reference to the process of 'stacking habits' to ensure that people continue good behaviours.

An example of this could be before you go to bed you wash your face, you then brush your teeth, turn your phone off and read a book for 30mins. If you have a goal of reading more books and you know that you get distracted by your phone in the evening, these habits are clearly going to help you achieve that goal.

We encourage students to think of what habits they want to create, often focussing on personal habits and academic habits that relate to their goals.

When we run this program with Year 12's, often many students have a goal of achieving a certain ATAR, so we share the example of staking habits in relation to managing their personal devices before and whilst they study.

For example, effective habits could be using the 'Do Not Disturb' function during study periods, placing their phone away from their study zone, setting a clear time frame for how long they want to study and following the process as best as they can.

Practice and know your limits

Finally, we continually remind students that developing positive habits around their personal devices or study takes practice.

Trying different habits are vital, for example, someone may be capable of studying with their phone face down on their desk, though for me personally, the temptation is too high.

I have only understood this through practice and being honest with myself about my distraction limits. Whenever I want to focus on studying or doing focused work, I remove my phone from the room completely as I know this serves me best in pursuit of my goals.

Next time you hear of a student who is struggling to get traction on their goals, try to help them concrete some habits that could support them not only in their schoolwork but beyond the classroom.

Our thanks to Tyson Day, Career Counsellor and Coach, at Arrive and Thrive for authoring this guest article.

You can find out more about the Workshops, presentations, online learning and Podcasts available from Arrive and Thrive over on their website <https://arrivethrive.com.au>. Develop career management and self-development skills designed to flow on to boost employment outcomes and work engagement after high school.

Tips for helping your child to manage their homework

In our research exploring how long students should be spending on homework and study each week, we spoke with the [Australian Parents Council](#), who had this advice to share:

Tips for helping your child to manage their homework

It's hard to set exact guidelines for the amount of time kids should be spending on homework. It really depends on their age, and different teachers and different schools have different expectations.

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But there are a few things parents can do to ensure your child is managing their work and has a healthy balance when it comes to homework.

1. Have a conversation with your child's teacher

Discuss with the teacher how much time they expect students to spend on homework and how homework fits into your family life.

This is especially important with younger children, who may not understand what's expected of them. Some kids want to get everything done perfectly and are anxious about completing all their homework tasks even if it takes hours. This is obviously not healthy. They need a break from schoolwork if they are going to function properly.

Others may race through tasks with little attention, getting them done as quickly as possible.

Some finish everything by the time they get off the school bus in the afternoon.

Getting clear guidance from the teacher gives both you and your child more clarity and allows you to manage the time your child spends on homework better. And you will know if your child is spending a lot more or a lot less time on homework and can then discuss your concerns with their teacher.

2. Keep an eye on how your child is coping

You understand them better than anyone and can see if it is the amount of work, how easy or hard it is, or if they are having trouble understanding something that is causing a problem.

This can be valuable information for teachers. They often have 30 students to keep tabs on, but you have a close up view of your child. So try to get to the bottom of why they are speeding through homework, avoiding it or getting frustrated, and reassure your child that you and their teacher are there to help them.

Not being able to do something is not a disaster. After all they go to school to learn not because they know everything already.

3. Support your child

Don't jump in too quickly if they find a task difficult. Encourage your child to try again.

Not getting things right is part of the learning process, and confident learners are kids who have another go if they don't succeed the first time.

Praise their effort, rather than just their success.

4. Find Solutions that work for your family

Manage homework together to make it as stressless as possible.

Try to set up a homework routine, find a comfortable spot with the equipment they might need close at hand and minimal distractions.

Pick a good time, when they've had a break and are not too tired, hyped up or hungry. You can set up a timetable together if that works.

My kids were early risers when they were young, so we did homework in the mornings before school, when they were fresh. We had breakfast, did homework, walked the dog and then headed off to school. It worked far better than struggling to get it done after sports, dance

classes or other evening activities when they were tired, hungry, and fractious and dinner was on the go.

As kids get older continue to make it easy for them to organise themselves, by making sure they have a homework spot, minimising distractions and laying on a supply of healthy snacks.

Looking for something else?

There's more information and advice available on the [Australian Parents Council website](#).

The [Study Tips](#) page at [Study Work Grow](#) provides lots of resources and ideas that could help you to help your young ones.

With thanks to Jennifer Rickard, President of the Australian Parents Council

Job Spotlight

How to become a Plumber

Plumbers are responsible for installing, repairing, and maintaining drains, pipes, gutters, and other equipment relating to the supply of water, drainage, gas, sewerage, ventilation, and more. They can work in a huge variety of environments, from small scale domestic tasks to massive industrial and commercial projects.

If you're fit and a hard worker, want a job with lots of variety and challenge, and don't mind getting your hands dirty, becoming a Plumber could be ideal.

About you:

- Excellent problem solver
- Safety-conscious
- Great communicator
- Good with your hands
- Can work in teams and independently
- Physically fit and resilient
- Critical thinker
- Mathematically minded

The job:

- Installing a variety of plumbing systems
- Reading diagrams, blueprints, and plans
- Inspecting and fixing faults in plumbing systems
- Determining appropriate materials and tools for a job
- Connecting buildings to water and gas main supplies
- Designing sewerage and wastewater drainage plans
- Connecting appliances that use water and gas
- Installing roofing, gutters, downpipes, and water tanks

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Lifestyle Impact: Moderate

- Part Time opportunities: Very low – only around 12% of Plumbers work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 44 hours a week, which is around average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Plumbers' salary (average) \$70,000* per year (source: seek.com.au). *Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Strong (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You will be doing work in a variety of environments, both indoors and outdoors, as well as spending a fair amount of time on your feet and doing physical labour.
- Depending on the kind of business you work for, you might have to work on weekends, holidays, and even early mornings and late nights if you need to respond to urgent callouts.

Plumbers are most in demand in these locations:

This is a very large occupation, with around 92,300 people working as Plumbers in Australia in 2021 (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au). Demand for Plumbers is spread evenly across Australia, with higher-than-average demand in Victoria. Most Plumbers work in the Construction industry.

How to become a Plumber in Australia

You will need to complete a relevant VET qualification in order to work as a Plumber in Australia. This is usually done as an apprenticeship.

Step 1 – Complete Year 10 with a focus on English and Maths.

Step 2 – Find a business willing to take you on as an apprentice and complete your [Certificate III in Plumbing](#).

Step 3 – Before you can legally work as a Plumber, you will need to obtain relevant licensing and permits. This can vary from state to state.

Step 4 – Start working as a qualified Plumber and continue to build your skills and knowledge.

Step 5 – Once you have lots of experience, consider starting your own business and employing others.

Find out more here –

<http://www.masterplumbersaustralia.com.au/>

<https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/trades-and-businesses/licensing-and-qualifications/plumbing,-draining-and-gasfitting>

<https://www.vba.vic.gov.au/plumbing>

<https://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/licences/apply-licence/available-licences/plumbing-drainage-licences>

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/business-and-trade/licensing/building-and-trades/licensing>

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<https://www.commerce.wa.gov.au/building-and-energy/plumbers>

<https://plumberslicensing.nt.gov.au/>

<https://cbos.tas.gov.au/topics/licensing-and-registration/licensed-occupations/plumbing>

<https://www.planning.act.gov.au/build-buy-renovate/for-industry/construction-licences/apply-for-a-construction-licence/plumber,-drainer-and-gasfitter-licence>

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do Plumbers do?

Plumbers install, repair and maintain a wide variety of plumbing systems and equipment in many different settings.

Which industries employ Plumbers?

Plumbers are mostly employed in the Construction industry.

What options are there for career progression?

You will start out as an apprentice, before becoming a fully qualified Plumber. With lots of experience and knowledge, you might like to start your own business. There are also lots of specialisations you might like to consider.

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

No, you do not need to go to university to become a Plumber in Australia. However, you will need to complete a VET qualification, usually through an apprenticeship, plus obtain other relevant licensing.

Where do Plumbers work?

There is demand for Plumbers across all of Australia, particularly in Victoria.

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

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

1. Consider doing a pre-apprenticeship while at school. This can help you start building necessary skills and knowledge, as well as giving you a head-start with your future qualification.

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2. See if you can find work experience with a local business. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
3. Talk to a Plumber to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in construction or plumbing.