



## Stewards of Creation

### Careers Newsletter

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#### ➤ **JOBJUMP - PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE WATCH YOUTUBE VIDEO AND SIGN UP**

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

To register go to <https://www.jobjump.com.au/>

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (not your St Pius address)

Password – pius (lower case)

**Parent information:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwVg&feature=youtu.be>

**Notre Dame – Early Entry closing soon.**

Current Year 12 students who have demonstrated academic excellence and/or are making a significant contribution to their school or community may want to consider an early offer application to Notre Dame University. Such an offer would mean that they can sit their Year 12 exams with added confidence and reduced stress.

Early Offer applications for Semester 1 2019 are due **31 July 2018**.

Find out more: <https://myfuture.edu.au/partners/details?id=university-of-notre-dame#/>

#### ➤ **CRIMSON EDUCATION STUDY IN THE US & UK INFO SESSIONS**

29 June | Darlinghurst | Ask Jamie Anything session

Do you want to study overseas or start a business? Maybe you're aiming for a super high ATAR or IB score? Hear from the CEO of Crimson Education, 23-year-old Jamie Beaton. Get your free tickets [here](#)

Parent Info Evening - US & UK Universities

26 June | [North Sydney](#)

27 June | [Woollahra](#)

28 June | [South Yarra](#)

Join keynote speaker, Kim Scott, to hear her experience of helping her daughter to gain admission to Princeton including visiting 7 campuses with her daughter! Covering safety, quality of education and why she supported her daughter to drop out of USYD Law to head overseas!

#### ➤ **MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY – CAMPUS TOURS**

July, August, September, October, November & December

You can never truly know if a uni is right for you until you visit in person and get a feel for the campus. At Macquarie University, we're ready to help you get to know your future home.

Find out more - <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/why-study-here/our-campus/campus-tours>



### ➤ **CANBERRA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY – INFO SESSIONS**

June 27 | [Education Support](#)

July 5 | [Fitness](#)

July 16 | [Dental Assisting](#)

July 17 | [Work, Health and Safety](#)

July 18 | [Massage](#)

July 19 | [Allied Health](#)

Are you passionate about Education, Health or Fitness? Attend our Info Sessions to get all your questions answered.

Find out more - [https://www.facebook.com/pg/CITCanberra/events/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/CITCanberra/events/?ref=page_internal)

### ➤ **UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG – OPEN DAY**

August 11 | Wollongong

Come along to any of the 100+ info sessions, talk to students and staff in the expo hall, jump on a tour and get hands on at one of the many exhibitions. This is your chance to see what it's like being a student at one of Australia's best modern universities.

Find out more - <https://openday.uow.edu.au/>

### ➤ **CANBERRA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (CIT) – OPEN DAY**

August 25 | CIT Reid

CIT invites you to attend our Open Day to experience life as a CIT student. Open Day is your chance to ask questions about your future course, meet our staff and get a feel for CIT life.

Find out more - [https://cit.edu.au/news/cit\\_open\\_day\\_2018](https://cit.edu.au/news/cit_open_day_2018)

### ➤ **BLUE MOUNTAINS INTERNATIONAL HOTEL MANAGEMENT SCHOOL – CAREER FOCUS DAYS**

July 11 – 13

November 14- 16

November 27 – 29

This program provides potential students with the opportunity to experience life as a student and discover what a career in hospitality is like by attending classes and living amongst current students.

Find out more - <http://www.bluemountains.edu.au/events/careerfocusdays/>

### ➤ **AUSTRALIAN FILM, TELEVISION AND RADIO SCHOOL – HOLIDAY SHORT COURSES**

July 10 – 18 | Sydney

Various holiday courses for children aged 13 – 17, involving filmmaking, digital animation, game design, screen acting and much more.

Find out more - <http://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses/kids-and-teens>

### ➤ **QUESTACON – HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

July 17 – 19 | Deakin

The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre is offering these hands on workshops designed for young people to unleash the inner inventor, designer or maker within.

Find out more - <https://www.questacon.edu.au/outreach/programmes/questacon-smart-skills-initiative/holiday-workshops>



### ➤ **ACADEMY OF INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT – SCHOOL HOLIDAY COURSE**

July 9 & 16 | Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide & Canberra

AIE runs a range of school holiday courses for students 10 to 17 in each campus. Courses are designed to give students an experience in game development and 3D animation in a fun a creative environment.

Find out more - <https://www.facebook.com/events/204797486819020/>

### ➤ **WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY – FREE HSC STUDY SESSIONS**

July 9 – 13 | Kingswood and Campbelltown Campuses

These sessions are run by experienced HSC teachers to help you excel in your HSC exams and assessments.

Find out more - <https://www.facebook.com/events/239996906733911/>

### ➤ **INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT – ENTRY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Entry Scholarships now open for 2019 undergraduate entry into the Bachelor of Business Hospitality Management). Some standard admission requirements are needed.

Find out more - <https://www.ichm.edu.au/admissions/ichm-entry-scholarships>

### ➤ **7 FAST FACTS ABOUT ONLINE STUDY**

From USQ

Read the post - <https://social.usq.edu.au/study-tips/facts-online-study-infographic>

### ➤ **SIT THE 2018 PSAT (PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST) AT ASCHAM SCHOOL**

Saturday 13 October | 8.30am – 12.30pm | Ascham School, Edgecliff

Ascham School invites your Year 10 and 11 students, who are considering USA university applications, to sit the **2018 PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test)**.

This test, held once a year, is an opportunity for Year 10 & 11 students to practise the SAT under exam conditions. The test results will provide valuable feedback on their strengths and weaknesses. The date is set by the US College Board and this year it will take place on Saturday 13 October, which is the last Saturday of the spring school holidays for most NSW schools. Places are limited and allocated on a first come first served basis.

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/388659>

Registration closes 5pm Monday 13 August 2018 or when we reach capacity

Enquiries: Mr Ludo Onstein, PSAT Coordinator [lonstein@ascham.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lonstein@ascham.nsw.edu.au)

### ➤ **WANT TO STUDY INTERNATIONALLY? CHECK OUT CRIMSON EDUCATION'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

Want to see what life is like at top universities in the US and UK? Subscribe to Crimson Education's YouTube channel to connect you to a world of

opportunities! [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_f7C43GUWhif5\\_yPsamdfA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_f7C43GUWhif5_yPsamdfA)

### ➤ **UNSW – LAW ADMISSION TEST (LAT)**

The 2018 LAT will be held on Tuesday September 25, registrations are open and will close August 10. Find out more - <http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/LAT-registration>

[The Jonathan Thurston Academy – Placing Young People onto the Path of Success](#)

A leading National provider of employment initiatives and training programs aimed at health, wellbeing, sport and education across Australia.



Find out more - <https://www.jtacademy.com.au/about-us/>

### ➤ SUBJECT SELECTION IS COMING UP FAST...

Have you picked your subjects yet? Or perhaps you've got no idea what to choose?

There are two key things to note right at the start:

1. Your choices can affect your options for Year 12 and beyond.
2. If you stuff it up don't worry – there's usually a way around it.

Choosing your senior subjects can be a big deal, so we've put together some thoughts to help you navigate the process.

#### **Subject selection is important for a couple of reasons:**

1. The subjects you pick may affect your ATAR
2. If you want to go to uni you may need to have taken certain courses at school (called prerequisites) to get into specific courses. For example, for engineering you generally need to study a higher level of maths and some sciences.

Technically, your subject choices could be the start of your career pathway. And for some people that's what happens...

BUT (and it's a really big but) if you don't pick the 'right' subjects at this stage then it doesn't mean your career is permanently derailed. If you don't take a subject now and realise when you apply for uni that it was essential then there are bridging courses you can take to get you up to speed quickly.

For a great example and explanation of bridging courses, check out the [QTAC website](#).

Remember: **Very very few people have a clear idea of what they want to do when they 'grow up' at 15 years old.**

And as for how your subject choices affect your ATAR – all the guidance from the experts says that you should never choose subjects to try and maximise your ATAR. For example, [VTAC](#) say:

*"Selecting your VCE program based on studies that are scaled up will not guarantee you a high ATAR."*

**What does this mean?** It means that you should pick what you want and not worry too much about whether or not you may need something for uni or to get a good ATAR.

#### **Ok... so how should I choose my subjects?**

The rules differ between each state, so check with your school to find out how many subjects you need to select to qualify for an ATAR/OP. Generally, you'll need to pick around 6 subjects to qualify.



You should choose subjects that:

1. You enjoy
2. You are good at
3. You find interesting
4. Give you choice down the track

There is lots of evidence to support that you will do better if you choose subjects you enjoy and are interested in.

### **How do I pick an English?**

Pretty much everyone needs to study English to qualify for the ATAR. If you're not sure which one to pick, why not ask your teacher? They'll be able to give you a realistic idea of your abilities. There's usually a standard option and an advanced version, and the standard version is enough for just about every university course (which means if you don't love English, don't pick the advanced version).

### **What about maths?**

I know you've heard this a hundred thousand times, but you'll use maths in an amazing number of ways throughout your life. So if you absolutely hate it and definitely don't want to study anything science, medical, engineering or maths related then don't take it. Otherwise, selecting at least the base level maths course is a good plan.

If there's a chance you'll want to study any kind of science, IT, business studies, PE, or even art then select maths.

### **What else?**

There's an easy way to narrow down your list:

1. Print out a list of all the subjects you can choose from
2. Circle the English and maths subjects you've chosen
3. If you know what you'd like to study at uni, then circle the ones you have to do as prerequisites. You can get a list of prerequisites from the uni's website (we've put them together for you below)
4. Cross out any subjects you hate – if you hate it now there's no way you'll do well in it
5. With a highlighter, select the subjects you love, as well as your best subjects
6. Out of what's left, underline any subjects that may be useful in the industry you think you want to enter
7. If you've selected too many then skip step 6.
8. By this point, you should only have a few left to select (if any) so go with your gut

### **Don't choose for the wrong reasons**

This decision **will** have an impact on your future. There are some things you should definitely not consider when trying to select your subjects:

1. Your friend is/isn't picking it
2. You like/dislike the teacher
3. It's too easy/hard
4. You'll have to do an excursion or project for it



These are real world decisions that should be made with an **adult mindset**. If you're having a hard time deciding then ask an adult you trust to go through your choices with you. I'm certain that any adult you approached would be honoured to help you.

### Subject Selection Resources

There are a huge number of opinions out there when it comes to selecting subjects, but you are the only person who gets to make the decision for yourself. I've collected some resources you can use to help you make your decision:

#### Prerequisite Information

[QTAC Prerequisites](#)

[UAC Course Prerequisites](#)

[WA Course Prerequisites](#)

[VTAC Prerequisites for 2020](#)

[Charles Darwin University Prerequisites](#)

[Flinders University](#)

[University of Adelaide Degree Finder with prerequisites](#)

[University of South Australia](#)

[University of Tasmania](#)

#### Blogs & Articles

[Top 3 Tips for Subject Selection](#)

[Schoolatoz advice](#)

[Skillsroad Navigating Subject Selection And How It Will Impact Your Child's Future](#)

[The subjects you should take to succeed in a STEM degree](#)

[UAC - Steps To Uni For Year 10 Students](#)

[HSC in a nutshell – NSW Education Standards Authority](#)

[Advice For Students Choosing HSC Courses](#)

[HSC Study Guide 2018](#)

#### Other ideas

Check out Job Jump for information on possible career paths (find out how to make an account at the top of this newsletter).

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