

A hand-drawn lightbulb where the bulb part is filled with a word cloud of career-related terms. The base of the lightbulb is represented by three red horizontal lines. A hand is shown holding a black pen, pointing towards the word cloud. The word cloud includes terms like: CAREERS, IDEA, ACTION, FINANCE, FUTURE, PLAN, MOTIVATION, BRAND, EDUCATION, STRATEGY, VISION, TIME, TARGET, QUALITY, SUCCESS, JOBS, MANAGEMENT, DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION, DATA, PROJECT, BUSINESS, ADVERTISING, QUALITY, and CREATIVITY.

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Events

This Week's Events

Fashion Careers – Your Future in Fashion Online Info Session

Organisation: La Mode College

Location: Online

Date: October 15, 2026

La Mode College is offering a free online Fashion Careers Information Session for Australian students in Years 10–12 and their parents.

The session is designed to help students interested in fashion understand the career and study pathways available within the industry. It will explore careers in fashion design, buying, product development, merchandising, e-commerce and entrepreneurship, including what different roles involve and current salary ranges.

Students will also learn about university, TAFE and alternative study pathways, portfolio preparation, skills they can begin developing while still at school, and pathways to starting a fashion business.

The session aims to give students and parents practical information to help them explore whether a future in fashion is right for them and make more informed study and career decisions. A live Q&A will be included.

[Find out more](#)

APC Open Night, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Paramedical College

Location: Australian Paramedical College, Sydney

Date: October 15, 2026

Whether you're just starting to explore a career in emergency health, currently studying with APC, or a graduate looking for your next move – this event is for you.

Join us for Step Into Action – APC's Open Night, a dynamic evening at our Sydney Campus that brings together students, alumni, trainers, and industry experts for an immersive and inspiring experience.

What's On:

- Explore the campus and meet your peers
- Chat with APC staff, trainers, and current students
- Welcome from our CEO
- What makes APC unique
- Course options & graduate pathways
- Student & alumni stories
- Meet our trainers & live panel discussion
- Hands-on skills demo or scenario activity
- How to take the next step in your study or career

[Find out more](#)

UNSW TAFE/VET Pathway Info Session

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: October 16, 2026



This online info session is your chance to find out exactly how the TAFE/VET Pathway works at UNSW.

Thinking about using your TAFE or VET qualification to get into UNSW? This online info session is your chance to find out exactly how the TAFE/VET Pathway works and whether it could be your route into a UNSW degree.

What we'll cover:

- Which UNSW degrees are available through the TAFE/VET Pathway
- What credit you may be eligible for and how it can shorten your degree
- How to apply and what the process looks like step by step

Plus, bring your questions for a live message Q&A so you can get answers in real time.

[Find out more](#)

JMC Academy Portfolio & Audition Masterclass, Sydney

Organisation: JMC Academy

Location: JMC Academy, Sydney Campus

Date: October 17, 2026

JMC is running a fun and interactive series of masterclasses for future creative students this October.

Ace that audition in Acting, Musical Theatre or Music Performance, or perfect that portfolio in Animation, Design, Game Design or Music Production.

Choose a stream that suits your creative aspiration.

These sessions are great for:

- Year 10-11 students wanting to make an early start on their journey into a creative course
- Year 12 students applying through UAC, VTAC or QTAC
- Year 10-12 high school students looking to experience JMC facilities

Masterclasses not only give you a chance to get practical advice, expert feedback and hands-on experience to help you prepare for auditions or develop your portfolio, but you'll also get to enjoy a fun and interactive experience with our creative courses.

[Find out more](#)

HSC Workshop: Visual Arts Induction, Marrickville

Organisation: Inner West Council Libraries

Location: Marrickville Library and Pavilion

Date: October 18, 2026

An essential presentation for students in Year 11 beginning the HSC Visual Arts Course in Term 4.

Visual Arts teachers are also welcome!

This session unpacks the dual role students will play as both artist and critic, offering a clear understanding of what lies ahead - from developing the HSC Body of Work to preparing for the HSC Written Exam, with practical advice on how to navigate course content, Case Studies, time management in preparing for school-based assessments and external exams. This induction equips students with tools to start strong and stay on track throughout the HSC Visual Arts journey. Visual Arts teachers are welcome to attend and bring a group of students or come along for their own professional development.

BYO pens, highlighters, clipboard, notebook and water bottle. A workbook will be provided.

[Find out more](#)

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

Study project management at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online



Date: October 21, 2026

Project management is a versatile field. From delivering infrastructure to launching major events, project managers are the go-to people to get the job done.

Sydney's Bachelor of Project Management provides you with skills to excel in today's complex and uncertain environment. Join this webinar and hear about many reasons to study project management at Sydney.

[Find out more](#)

Beneath Our Feet: Understanding the Ground That Supports Our World – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: October 21, 2026

What's happening beneath the ground we walk on every day — and why does it matter?

In this talk, Dr Golnaz Alipour explores the world of the underground and explains how soils and rocks play a vital role in everything we build; from homes and bridges to tunnels and entire cities. Using real world examples such as landslides and sinkholes, Golnaz will explain how engineers strengthen and stabilise the ground, and how new tools, including sensors, satellites and artificial intelligence, are changing the way we monitor and protect the places we build on. Major Australian projects will bring these ideas to life and highlight the often unseen work that keeps our built environment standing.

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

[Find out more](#)

APC VETiS Student and Parent Information Night, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Paramedical College

Location: Australian Paramedical College, Sydney

Date: October 22, 2026

Are you a high school student interested in becoming a paramedic, working in emergency healthcare

or exploring a career in the health industry?

Join Australian Paramedical College (APC) for an information night for prospective VET in Schools (VETiS) students and their parents or guardians.

You'll have the opportunity to visit our campus, meet our trainers and the APC team, see our training facilities and find out how our VETiS program can help you take your first step towards a career in healthcare.

On the night, we'll explain everything you need to know about the APC VETiS program, including:

- What you'll study and the practical skills you'll develop
- How you can gain a nationally recognised Certificate III in Basic Health Care (HLT31220) while completing high school
- How the program can contribute to your senior secondary studies
- What the pathway towards becoming a paramedic can look like
- What studying at APC is actually like
- Course requirements, costs and enrolment
- What happens after you complete the program

You'll also have plenty of time to ask questions and speak directly with our trainers and team.

[Find out more](#)



NAS Bachelor of Fine Arts Online Information Session

Organisation: National Art School

Location: Online

Date: October 22, 2026

Interested in applying for the Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA) at the National Art School?

Join us for an online information session to find out more.

The session will provide an overview of the BFA, eligibility requirements, application process and key dates, with an opportunity to ask questions.

[Find out more](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

Why study business with Sydney? Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: October 28, 2026

Discover how our commerce degree prepares you for the future of work and a wide range of career opportunities. You will learn about the range of study areas (or majors) available – such as marketing, finance, or innovation and entrepreneurship - and the many ways in which you can combine your interests, with over 100 study areas to select from our shared pools of majors and minors.

Find out more about internships, industry-focused experiences, and global mobility opportunities on offer to our Bachelor of Commerce students.

[Find out more](#)

UTS Bachelor of Nursing Information Session

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: Online

Date: October 28, 2026

Join us online to find out what studying the UTS Bachelor of Nursing involves, and ask our academics your questions.

The UTS Bachelor of Nursing prepares you for the role of the Registered Nurse, combining theoretical and clinical subjects across three years full time, or six years part time. This session is your chance to hear how that works in practice, and what it takes to get in.

- How the course is structured, and what you'll study in each year
- Clinical placements, which begin in the first session of your first year and continue every session after that
- Simulation-based learning, and choosing a specialty elective in your final year — paediatrics, critical care, perioperative or mental health nursing
- Entry requirements, pathways and how to apply

[Find out more](#)

UON TAFE to Uni Webinar

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: October 28, 2026

Interested in taking your studies to the next level? Join us online to learn why TAFE and vocational qualifications are an excellent and popular pathway into the University of Newcastle.



Whether you're a current TAFE student, graduate, or high school student undertaking a VET qualification, you'll gain practical information about your future study options and pathways to university.

You will learn about:

- what it's like studying at our University
- TAFE and other vocational qualifications entry pathways
- how to apply
- scholarships
- jobs on campus
- support and services
- and more!

[Find out more](#)

A Taste of Le Cordon Bleu Sydney

Organisation: Le Cordon Bleu Australia

Location: Le Cordon Bleu Australia, Sydney Campus

Date: October 29, 2026

You are invited to a Taste of Le Cordon Bleu Sydney! 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 Sydney.

[Find out more](#)

Yr 12 & Beyond with ADHD – Webinar for Year 12 Students and Parents

Organisation: ADHD Webinars

Location: Online

Date: October 29, 2026

Designed to help Year 12 students and parents navigate the transition to tertiary study or employment with practical ADHD management strategies. It offers actionable guidance on post-school options, strengths and interests, accommodations, and setting up tailored support systems.

[Find out more](#)

Griffith Employment + Career Expo 2026

Organisation: Griffith Business Chamber

Location: Griffith Regional Sports Centre

Date: October 30, 2026

Discover a range of career and education opportunities at the Griffith Business Chamber Careers and Employment Expo.

Want to explore a new industry, switch careers, or find a job?

Bring your resume, apply for jobs, get helpful tips from the experts and connect with local businesses and training providers!

There'll be a jobs board available on the day as well as short presentations about what local employers are looking for, further education opportunities, resume & interview tips, apprenticeship advice and more!

[Find out more](#)

CSU Online Parent Information Session

Organisation: Charles Sturt University



Location: Online

Date: November 4, 2026

As your teen starts thinking about their future, this online session is here to help you support them through one of the biggest decisions they'll make – choosing a university.

Hear from experts as we guide you through key topics on processes, share tips for navigating Year 12 and the transition to university and highlight the unique opportunities available at Charles Sturt. Whether you're looking for general information about university or specific advice to assist your teen, this is your chance to ask questions and get the answers you need.

[Find out more](#)

Explore speech pathology at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: November 4, 2026

Curious about a career helping people communicate, connect, eat and swallow safely? Join our academic experts to explore the University of Sydney's Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology).

Learn about the degree structure, clinical placements, career opportunities, and what it's like to study Speech Pathology. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions during a live Q&A session.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE NSW Accounting and Finance Online Info Session

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: November 4, 2026

Join us online and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want. Our information sessions typically include presentations on courses, career pathways, and the application process. You will also learn about the various support services available to students. There are always opportunities for Q&A sessions where you can speak directly with our expert staff.

Courses covered:

- [Commercial Law for Tax \(Financial\) Advisers](#)
- [Commercial Law for Tax Agents](#)
- [Diploma of Applied Commerce](#)
- [Financial Accounting Theory and Audit](#)
- [Bachelor of Applied Commerce](#)

[Find out more](#)

STEM + X: Technology – Webinar for Students, Teachers & Parents

Organisation: Careers with STEM

Location: Online

Date: November 4, 2026

Join Careers with STEM for a free STEM + X career webinar, supported by QUT, to explore careers in coding, cybersecurity, design, digital products and more.

In this webinar, we'll lift the lid on where a technology degree can take you, exploring the kinds of careers today's high school students could be heading into, from cybersecurity and software development to digital design, artificial intelligence and emerging technologies.

[Find out more](#)



Procrastination & ADHD – Webinar for Year 10, 11, 12 Students and Parents

Organisation: ADHD Webinars

Location: Online

Date: November 5, 2026

A practical session focusing on why ADHD brains procrastinate and how students in Years 10–12 can overcome executive dysfunction. Attendees will learn evidence-based study tools, time-management hacks, and task-initiation techniques.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE NSW Interior Design Online Info Session

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: November 5, 2026

Join us online and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want. Our information sessions typically include presentations on courses, career pathways, and the application process. You will also learn about the various support services available to students. There are always opportunities for Q&A sessions where you can speak directly with our expert staff. Courses covered:

- [Certificate IV in Interior Decoration](#)
- [Diploma of Interior Design](#)
- [Bachelor of Interior Design](#)

[Find out more](#)

CSU Making It In Media Workshop for Year 9-12 Students, Bathurst

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Bathurst Campus

Date: November 6, 2026

Are you passionate about content creation, journalism, advertising or public relations? If you're a student in Year 9, 10, 11 or 12, join us for our free Making it in Media workshop! Ever wondered what it's really like to host a podcast, write newsworthy articles or work in TV? In this exciting full-day workshop, you'll dive deep into the dynamic worlds of design and content creation, journalism and strategic communication. This interactive, hands-on experience invites you to collaborate with other students and explore the

diverse majors on offer when you study with Charles Sturt.

What to expect:

- Hear from our course director, leading academics and alumni and get your questions answered.
- Step into our brand-new TV studio and creative hub.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to work in media.
- Take part in practical and fun workshop sessions.

[Find out more](#)

National Fashion College Styling Workshop for Ages 16+ in Sydney

Organisation: National Fashion College

Location: National Fashion College, Sydney Campus

Date: November 7, 2026

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



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

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

This experience is recommended for guests aged 16 and older.

[Find out more](#)

Beginner Shakuhachi Workshop for ages 16+

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Date: November 7, 2026

If you've always wanted to try the shakuhachi, now's your chance!

Shakuhachi Master Bronwyn Kirkpatrick will present this workshop and demonstration introducing shakuhachi, the traditional Japanese bamboo flute.

The demonstration/workshop is open to anyone 16 years of age and over and no prior musical experience is necessary.

It will interest students who feel drawn to Asian music and philosophies and people who want to find out more about the shakuhachi and its tradition. It may also be of particular interest to flute and recorder students who are exploring contemporary techniques on their instruments, as many of these techniques are similar to traditional shakuhachi techniques.

The demonstration will include the history of the shakuhachi and performances of different styles of music, from Zen Buddhist to contemporary. There will also be plenty of opportunity to try it out for yourselves! In the workshop, we will work on making sound and improving tone. We will learn to read basic Japanese notation and to play some simple Japanese folk songs.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Dance Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Performing Arts Centre, Alexandria

Date: November 9, 2026

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

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

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

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Classical Music & Composition Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

Date: November 9, 2026



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

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

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

[Find out more](#)

Basair Pilot Career Seminar, Sydney

Organisation: Basair Aviation College

Location: Bankstown Airport

Date: November 9, 2026

Do you dream of taking to the skies and achieving your wildest aviation dreams?

Attend Basair's Pilot Career Seminar and learn everything you need to know about becoming a Commercial Pilot with Australia's leading flight training organisation.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE NSW Library and Information Services Online Info Session

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: November 9, 2026

Join us online and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want.

Our information sessions typically include presentations on courses, career pathways, and the application process. You will also learn about the various support services available to students.

There are always opportunities for Q&A sessions where you can speak directly with our expert staff.

Courses covered:

- [Certificate IV in Library and Information Services](#)
- [Diploma of Library and Information Services](#)

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Music Theatre Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

Date: November 11, 2026

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

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

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



[Find out more](#)

Life of an agricultural scientist – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: November 11, 2026

Explore a future in agricultural science at the University of Sydney. Hear from one of our agricultural scientists about their career and discover our Bachelor of Agricultural Science and Honours pathway, from agribusiness and policy to sustainability and food security.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Contemporary Music & Music Production Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

Date: November 12, 2026

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

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

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

[Find out more](#)

UTS Engineering & IT: A Parent & Guardian Information Evening

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: University of Technology Sydney, City Campus & Online

Date: November 12, 2026

Join us for an informative evening designed for families whose students are considering Engineering and Information Technology at UTS. Gain practical advice on UAC preferences, admissions pathways, scholarships and key dates, while learning how to help your student make informed decisions as preference deadlines approach.

During the evening, you'll:

- Learn how UAC preferences, admissions pathways and scholarships work
- Gain practical tips for supporting your student through university decision-making
- Hear from academics, industry representatives, current students and recent graduates
- Discover how UTS Engineering and IT degrees prepare students for future careers through industry-connected learning and real-world experiences
- Meet the Dean, Professor Peta Wyeth, Associate Dean, Heads of School and academic staff who shape our courses and disciplines
- Have the opportunity to ask questions and receive personalised advice about your student's interests, study options and future pathways

[Find out more](#)



TAFE NSW Virtual Open Week 2026

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: November 17 to November 19, 2026

Explore your study options at TAFE NSW Virtual Open Week, 17–19 November.

Join our helpful webinars and get your questions answered about enrolment, fees and charges, scholarships and student support. Choose from hundreds of course information sessions to find the study pathway that's right for you.

[Find out more](#)

Preparing for ATAR release: pathways to Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: November 18, 2026

Waiting for your ATAR? Whether you're feeling confident, unsure, or somewhere in between, join us to explore the many ways you can study at the University of Sydney.

Learn about admission pathways, entry schemes, adjustment factors, and the study options available after ATAR release so you can make informed decisions about your next steps with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Camden Careers and Jobs Expo

Organisation: Camden Council

Location: Camden Civic Centre

Date: November 19, 2026

This free event brings together job seekers, exhibitors, students, and industry leaders for a day packed with opportunities. Whether you're launching your career, switching industries, or looking to advance your skills, this is the event you don't want to miss!

- For Job Seekers: Discover a wide range of job opportunities, connect with employers, and explore career paths that could change your future.
- For Exhibitors: This is your chance to showcase your business, engage with potential candidates, and promote your training programs to an eager audience.
- For Students/Schools: Explore endless career pathways, network with employers, and find out about study and training options to kickstart your journey post school.

There is no cost to exhibit or for schools to bring students; however, registration is required.

[Find out more](#)

Local Land Services Demonstration Farm Open Day

Organisation: Local Land Services

Location: Greater Sydney Demonstration Farm

Date: November 20, 2026

Join Greater Sydney Local Land Services for a unique opportunity to explore our Demonstration Farm.

Whether you're a producer, landholder, industry professional, student, or simply interested in agriculture and the environment, this event offers a behind-the-scenes look at the work being done to support productive farms, healthy landscapes and resilient communities.

Enjoy a range of demonstrations, displays, presentations and guided tours covering:

- agricultural technology and innovation
- horticulture and sustainable production



- invasive species management
- emergency preparedness and resilience
- natural resource management
- First Nations land management practices
- erosion and sediment control demonstrations at our dedicated erosion control facility.

You'll also have the chance to meet a range of organisations and industry partners.

The day will feature interactive displays and hands-on activities, with plenty of opportunities to ask questions, share experiences and network with others involved in agriculture and land management.

[Find out more](#)

AIE November Open Day, Sydney

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Sydney Campus

Date: November 21, 2026

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day.

AIE Open Day is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff and students. The day will cover 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.

This event will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE NSW Veterinary Nursing Online Info Session

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: November 23, 2026

Join us online and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want.

Our information sessions typically include presentations on courses, career pathways, and the application process. You will also learn about the various support services available to students.

There are always opportunities for Q&A sessions where you can speak directly with our expert staff.

Courses covered:

- [Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing](#)

[Find out more](#)

Enter the World of Le Cordon Bleu Careers Residential, Sydney

Organisation: Le Cordon Bleu Australia

Location: Le Cordon Bleu Australia, Sydney Campus

Date: November 24 to November 25, 2026

We're opening our doors to high school students in Years 11 & 12, to experience a day in the life at one of the world's leading culinary and hospitality institutions, providing a taste of what a future career in global hospitality will be like.

Come and meet our lecturers, hear from industry experts, discover what Le Cordon Bleu culinary arts and hospitality management programs involve and experience hands-on lessons with our chefs. Plus, learn how our Work Integrated Learning (WIL) industry placements create work-ready graduates



with real workplace experiences in leading establishments.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE NSW Information Technology Online Info Session

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: November 24, 2026

Join us online and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want. Our information sessions typically include presentations on courses, career pathways, and the application process. You will also learn about the various support services available to students. There are always opportunities for Q&A sessions where you can speak directly with our expert staff. Courses covered:

- [Bachelor of Information Technology \(Cyber and Network Security\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Information Technology \(Data Engineering\)](#)

[Find out more](#)

TAFE NSW Wildlife and Exhibited Animal Care Online Info Session

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: November 24, 2026

Join us online and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want. Our information sessions typically include presentations on courses, career pathways, and the application process. You will also learn about the various support services available to students. There are always opportunities for Q&A sessions where you can speak directly with our expert staff. Courses covered:

- [Certificate III in Wildlife and Exhibited Animal Care](#)

[Find out more](#)

Discover nursing at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: November 25, 2026

Ready to make a real impact? Discover undergraduate nursing degrees at the University of Sydney and explore a career dedicated to improving lives.

Learn about hands-on clinical placements, study pathways, and opportunities to work across hospitals, community health, aged care and beyond. Join us to see how nursing at Sydney can help you build a rewarding future in healthcare.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE NSW Animal Care Online Info Session

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: November 25, 2026

Join us online and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want. Our information sessions typically include presentations on courses, career pathways, and the application process. You will also learn about the various support services available to students. There are always opportunities for Q&A sessions where you can speak directly with our expert staff. Courses covered:

- [Certificate II in Animal Care](#)



- [Certificate III in Animal Care Services](#)

[Find out more](#)

Year 11 & Beyond with ADHD – Starting Strong in the Senior Years

Organisation: ADHD Webinars

Location: Online

Date: November 26, 2026

Focuses on setting senior students up for success as they enter their final school year and look ahead to future pathways. This webinar for parents, senior high school students and career practitioners covers strategies for managing workload stress, building independence, and planning post-school transitions.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE NSW Agriculture Online Info Session

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: November 26, 2026

Join us online and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want. Our information sessions typically include presentations on courses, career pathways, and the application process. You will also learn about the various support services available to students. There are always opportunities for Q&A sessions where you can speak directly with our expert staff. Courses covered:

- [Certificate III in Agriculture](#)

[Find out more](#)

CSU Online Law and Criminology Information Night

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: November 26, 2026

Join us for our information night and hear from our course directors, current students and graduates about what its like to study law and criminology at Charles Sturt. You'll get details on how to apply, industry professionals sharing their experiences about working in the sector, and info about where a career in the justice system could take you.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE NSW Farriery Online Info Session

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: November 26, 2026

Join us online and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want. Our information sessions typically include presentations on courses, career pathways, and the application process. You will also learn about the various support services available to students. There are always opportunities for Q&A sessions where you can speak directly with our expert staff. Courses covered:

- [Certificate IV in Farriery](#)

[Find out more](#)

SAE Online Info Session: IT & Computer Science

Organisation: SAE University College



Location: Online

Date: December 1, 2026

From software development and cyber security to cloud computing and AI, technology careers are evolving fast. At SAE's Online Info Session: IT & Computer Science, you'll explore our complete range of technology courses, including our new Information Technology qualifications launching in February 2027, alongside our established Computer Science and Cyber Security pathways.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE NSW Visual Arts (Ceramics) Online Info Session

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: December 2, 2026

Join us online and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want. Our information sessions typically include presentations on courses, career pathways, and the application process. You will also learn about the various support services available to students. There are always opportunities for Q&A sessions where you can speak directly with our expert staff.

Courses covered:

- [Certificate III in Visual Arts](#)
- [Diploma of Visual Arts](#)
- [TAFE Statement in Ceramics - Handbuilding](#)
- [TAFE Statement in Ceramics - Wheelforming](#)
- [TAFE Statement in Open Studio Practice - Ceramics](#)

[Find out more](#)

AIE Online Campus Day

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Online

Date: December 5, 2026

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer – from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

[Find out more](#)

Camp America Sydney Job Fair

Organisation: American Institute for Foreign Study Australia

Location: TBC Sydney

Date: December 6, 2026

U.S. camps are coming to town and they're ready to meet, interview and hire. Come face-to-face with Camp Directors, explore the roles available and take a huge step towards locking in your Summer 2027 placement.

Meet the camps hiring you. Connect face-to-face with Camp Directors flying in from the USA specifically to meet and hire Australian applicants. Ask questions about camp life, available roles,



what they're looking for and interview directly with the people making the hiring decisions.

Explore a range of camps and roles all in one place, from waterfront and sports to performing arts, creative roles and more. Chat with different Camp Directors, compare your options and find the camp that feels like the best fit for your skills, personality and summer goals.

This isn't just an info session. You'll have the chance to interview for roles on the day and could leave with your Summer 2027 placement sorted. Meet other Camp America applicants, get support from our team and take a huge step closer to camp.

[Find out more](#)

Basair Pilot Career Seminar, Sydney

Organisation: Basair Aviation College

Location: Bankstown Airport

Date: December 7, 2026

Do you dream of taking to the skies and achieving your wildest aviation dreams?

Attend Basair's Pilot Career Seminar and learn everything you need to know about becoming a Commercial Pilot with Australia's leading flight training organisation.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE NSW Individual Support Online Info Session

Organisation: TAFE NSW

Location: Online

Date: December 8, 2026

Join us online and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want.

Our information sessions typically include presentations on courses, career pathways, and the application process. You will also learn about the various support services available to students.

There are always opportunities for Q&A sessions where you can speak directly with our expert staff.

Courses covered:

- [Certificate III in Individual Support \(Ageing and Disability\)](#)
- [Certificate III in Individual Support \(Ageing\)](#)
- [Certificate III in Individual Support \(Disability\)](#)

[Find out more](#)

I've Got My Results, What Now? Webinar for Year 12 Students & Parents

Organisation: myfuture

Location: Online

Date: December 15, 2026

As Year 12 results are released, many students and their carers are asking the same question: What's next? Join Tracy Ryan, Career Education Manager at myfuture, for a practical and reassuring webinar designed to help families navigate the next steps with confidence.

You'll gain insights into the range of opportunities available after Year 12, learn how to make informed decisions, and discover resources that can support a successful transition from school to further study, training, or work.

[Find out more](#)

Notre Dame Information Day for Future Students, Sydney

Organisation: University of Notre Dame Australia

Location: University of Notre Dame, Sydney Campus

Date: December 18, 2026



Come to Info Day to find out everything you need to know to start uni next year, receive personalised advice and explore your study options. You'll also be able to tour our unique campus, check out our new student hub, attend information sessions and workshops to find out more about the degrees we have on offer, enjoy live entertainment, tasty treats and much, much more!

[Find out more](#)

UTAS Enrolment Support Session for Future Students, Sydney

Organisation: University of Tasmania

Location: University of Tasmania, Rozelle Campus

Date: December 18, 2026

After you have been [offered a place](#) to study with us, Enrolment Support Session is here to support your next step.

Get help choosing your course, finalising your enrolment, and understanding what uni life is all about. Our friendly staff will be available to answer questions and guide you through the process so you can start your journey with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

ACU All Points to Teaching (APTT) Scholarship

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australia

Value: 100% course fee waiver

Open Date: September 4, 2026

Close Date: February 21, 2027

[Find out more](#)

SAE Kickstarter Scholarship

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: Australia

Value: Up to AU\$12,000

Open Date: July 1, 2026

Close Date: January 8, 2027

[Find out more](#)

UON Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: New South Wales

Value: Up to AU\$40,000

Open Date: August 3, 2026

Close Date: March 3, 2027

[Find out more](#)

SCU Commonwealth Indigenous Scholarships

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: New South Wales, Queensland

Value: Up to AU\$24,000



Open Date: October 5, 2026

Close Date: March 9, 2027

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

The Best of Times Short Story Competition #42

Organisation: Wild Thoughts

Location: Australia

Value: Up to 60% of total entry fees received

Close Date: October 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)

National Ag Day Bale Twine Repurposing Challenge

Organisation: Australian Agricultural Centre

Location: Goulburn

Value: See details

Close Date: November 20, 2026

[Find out more](#)

The 2026 Ernestine Hill Memorial Award

Organisation: Fellowship of Australian Writers NSW Inc.

Location: Australia

Value: AU\$1,000

Close Date: October 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)

STEM Birds 2027 Australian Coding Competition for ages 5-15

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: January 15, 2027

[Find out more](#)

FLICKERFEST 2027 FlickerUp Competition

Organisation: Flickerfest

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: November 23, 2026

[Find out more](#)

The Conrad Challenge

Organisation: Space Center Houston

Location: All

Value: Multiple prizes up for grabs

Close Date: October 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)



Write the World: Creative Writing on Justice Competition 2026 for writers aged 13-19

Organisation: Write the World

Location: All

Value: \$100

Close Date: October 26, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Experiences

Volunteering for a Code Club

Organisation: Code Club Australia

Location: Australia

[Find out more](#)

London International Youth Science Forum

Organisation: London International Youth Science Forum

Location: Imperial College London

Registrations close: May 31, 2027

Date: July 18, 2027

[Find out more](#)

Virtual Work Experience from VR Games Specialists nDreams.

Organisation: U-Explore Ltd

Location: All

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

STUDY TIPS

How to use referencing tools to build your reference list

Referencing can feel like the fiddliest part of an assignment. Every source you've used needs to be credited in a set format, and the details matter, from where the year goes to which words are in italics.

That's where referencing tools come in. There are several kinds, and they work in quite different ways, so knowing what each one does makes it easier to choose one that suits you.

What does a referencing tool do?

A referencing tool stores the details of your sources and formats them in the style your school asks for. If you need to change styles, most tools can reformat your whole list at once, which is much quicker than retyping every entry.

The best part is you can start using one as soon as you begin reading for an assignment. If you add each source as you go, most of your list is already built by the time you finish writing.

What does a tool need from you?

A tool can only format the details it's given, so the quality of your list still depends on what you collect. For each source, make a note of:

- Author or organization



- Title
- Date it was published or last updated
- Publisher or website name
- Web address, plus the date you viewed it if your style asks for one
- Page numbers, if you're quoting or citing a specific part

From those details, a tool builds two things. An **in-text citation** is the short credit in your writing, and the **reference list** is the full list at the end. Some tools call the reference list a **bibliography**. Our article on [what counts as plagiarism](#) explains how the two work together.

Which referencing style do you need?

A **style** is the set of rules for how those details are arranged. To find out which one you need, check your assessment instructions, subject outline or school referencing guide, or ask your teacher.

Here's one book written up in four common styles:

- **Harvard:** Sample A (2024) *Sample book title: a subtitle*, Sample Publisher.
- **APA:** Sample, A. (2024). *Sample book title: A subtitle*. Sample Publisher.
- **MLA:** Sample, Alex. *Sample Book Title: A Subtitle*. Sample Publisher, 2024.
- **Footnote (Chicago):** 1. Alex Sample, *Sample Book Title: A Subtitle* (Sample Publisher, 2024), 45.

In-text citations change with the style too. You might see a name and year in brackets, a name and page number, or a small number that points to a footnote. Some styles also come in more than one version, and some schools have their own, so it's important to match the version in your tool to your school's guide. For a plain-language overview of each style, see our article on [understanding referencing styles before you get to university](#).

What are generators?

Generators are online tools where you paste in a web address or search for a title, and the tool fills in the details and formats the reference. You then copy it into your own document. [MyBib](#) is a free example that runs in your browser, offers a long list of styles and lets you download your list as a Word or Google Docs file.

Generators are quick, and you don't need to install anything or create an account. MyBib stores your work on your own device by default, with a paid option if you want it saved online and available on other devices. You almost certainly won't need to pay for it, because pasting your finished list into your assignment document works just as well.

What are reference managers?

Reference managers are programs that store your sources in a library you can use again and again. [Zotero](#) is a free example. You install it on your computer, and a small browser add-on called the Zotero Connector saves a source's details with one click while you browse. Zotero then adds citations and your reference list directly into Word, Google Docs or LibreOffice, and it supports thousands of styles.

Because everything lives in one library, you can reuse sources across assignments. The trade-off is a bit more setup. Using Zotero in Google Docs needs the add-on and the Zotero app open on your computer. You don't need a Zotero account to use it, as accounts are only for syncing your library online.

What are the built-in tools in Word and Google Docs?

Both programs have a citation tool built in, so there's nothing extra to install.

In [Word](#), you'll find it on the References tab of the desktop app. You type in each source's details yourself, and Word builds a bibliography from them. It also keeps a master list of the sources you've used, so you can cite them again in other documents. Its list of styles is shorter than a reference



manager's, and Word for the web can't insert a bibliography, so you'd need the desktop app for that step.

In [Google Docs](#), the citations sidebar sits under the Tools menu. It can look up websites and online newspapers by web address, and books by ISBN. It offers three styles, MLA, APA and Chicago author-date, which won't suit every school, and you need to add page numbers to your citations yourself.

What tools might you meet at university?

Mendeley, **EndNote** and **Paperpile** are reference managers built for researchers and universities. They work in a similar way to Zotero, and some universities may provide access to them, so you could come across one after school.

How to choose between them

The right choice depends on the job. Remember:

- Generators suit a single assignment or a quick list
- Reference managers suit longer projects & sources you want to reuse
- Built-in tools suit work you're already writing in, as long as your style is on the list

What to check before you sign up

Most of these tools are free, but it pays to check a few things before you create an account or install anything. Ask your teacher or school IT team whether you can use a tool on your school account, especially if it means installing software. Zotero's terms set an age minimum of 13 for its online storage accounts and ask for a parent or guardian's consent for under 18s. Its Google Docs feature also asks for permission to view and change your Google documents, which a school-managed account may not allow.

Checking what a tool gives you

Tools can copy a mistake from the website they pulled from, so check each reference before you hand in. Compare these against the source itself or your school's guide:

- **Details:** author, title, date & web address
- **Missing parts:** nothing is blank, such as a date or an author
- **Style & version:** it matches what your school asks for
- **Capitalisation & italics:** titles follow the pattern in your school's examples
- **Matching:** every in-text citation has an entry in the list, & every entry is cited

If you use an AI tool to find sources, check that each one exists before you cite it. Citing publications that don't exist [can count as fabrication](#), including sources suggested by an AI tool.

It gets easier with practice

Pick one tool and try it on a small task first, such as three sources. Once you've used it a few times, it should feel familiar, and the same tool may stay useful in later years of study.

Note: information is accurate as of October 2026, but tools regularly change their features, styles, costs and terms, so check each tool's own website for the latest details.

If you want more help with assignments and study habits, we have plenty of other articles and resources in our [Study Tips hub](#).

MONEY, SUPERANNUATION

Superannuation Tips for Teens

Retirement probably feels a lifetime away, especially if you haven't even earned your first payslip yet. But understanding how super works now, and making a few smart choices early, could shape what your life looks like decades from now. The money that lands in your super account during your



teens and early twenties has more time to grow than any dollar you'll earn later in life. Here's some [superannuation basics](#) to get you thinking.

What is super and who pays it?

Superannuation, or 'super', is Australia's system for saving money for retirement. If you live somewhere else, your country may have a similar pension scheme with different rules. Think of super as a savings account you can't touch until much later in life. Your employer pays into it, you can choose to add to it, and your fund invests the money so it grows over time.

The amount your employer must pay is called the super guarantee. Since 1 July 2025, [it has been 12% of your earnings](#). So if you earn \$300 in a week, your employer should pay at least \$36 into your super on top of your wages.

There's one catch for younger workers. [If you're under 18, you only get super for weeks when you work more than 30 hours](#). Once you turn 18, you get it no matter how many hours you work or how much you earn. That applies whether you're full-time, part-time or casual.

What's new in 2026?

The biggest change this year is Payday Super. [From 1 July 2026, employers must pay your super each time they pay your wages](#), rather than once every three months. That means your money starts being invested sooner. It also makes it much easier to spot if a payment is missing.

A really simple but great habit to build is when you check your payslip, check your super account too. The two should line up. If they don't, ask your employer about it, or contact the ATO if it isn't sorted.

Voluntary contributions: topping up your own super

Your employer's 12% is the minimum. You can also add your own money, and these extra payments are called voluntary contributions. There are two main types.

After-tax contributions come from money you've already been paid, such as a transfer from your bank account. **Pre-tax contributions**, often called [salary sacrifice](#), are where you ask your employer to send part of your pay to super before tax is taken out. [These are generally taxed at 15%](#), which may be less than the tax on your wages.

If you're on a lower income, the government may also chip in. In 2026–27, [if you earn \\$49,293 or less and put in \\$1,000 of your after-tax money, you could get up to \\$500 extra](#). This is called a super co-contribution. You don't need to apply, it's paid automatically after you lodge your tax return, as long as your fund has your tax file number, and you meet all of the eligibility requirements.

How this could help you retire earlier or live better

Money added into your super during your teens and early twenties has 40 or more years to grow. Each year, your fund earns returns on your balance. The next year, it earns returns on those returns too. This is called compound growth, and time is what makes it powerful.

If you added just \$20 per week to your super fund between the ages of 19 and 67, it could make a

big difference:

A bigger balance gives you more choices later. Having more saved could mean you're able to [stop working at 60](#) rather than working longer. Or you might retire at the usual time with more money to live comfortably, for travel, hobbies, or helping family.

One thing to weigh up before you commit to voluntary contributions, is that your money in super is locked away for decades. So if you're saving for a car, studies, or your first home, those goals may need to come first. Even so, a small top-up now and then will still make a difference.

Simple ways to look after your super



You don't need to be a money expert to take care of your super. [A few small habits go a long way.](#)

- **Give your fund your tax file number.** Without it, you may pay extra tax and miss out on government top-ups.
- **Keep one account.** Your super fund now generally [follows you from job to job](#). If you do end up with more than one account, [combining them](#) means you only pay one set of fees and gain more in interest.
- **Look at fees and performance.** Small differences in fees add up over 40 years. [Moneysmart's guide to choosing a fund](#) walks you through what to compare or you can
- **Check your investment option.** Most funds let you choose how your money is invested, including options that match your values.
- **Watch out for scams.** If someone you don't know calls about your super, [hang up](#). Never feel rushed into switching funds, take your time and do the research.

Start small, start now

You don't need to have everything figured out. Start by finding out which fund your super goes into, then log in and check your balance. From there, think about whether a small top-up fits your budget. Your future self will thank you for every step you take today.

Want to build more money confidence? Explore our [managing money articles](#) for tips on budgeting, tax and saving.

JOB SPOTLIGHTS

How to become an Agronomist

Agronomists study soil, crops, and growing conditions to help farmers improve yield, plant health, and land productivity. They combine scientific testing with on-the-ground observation, working with growers across a growing season to solve problems before they affect a harvest.

If you're curious about science, enjoy working outdoors, and like turning data into practical advice, this career could be a strong fit.

What skills do I need as an Agronomist?

- Curious & analytical
- Confident communicator
- Practical problem-solver
- Comfortable working outdoors
- Detail-oriented mindset
- Skilled relationship builder
- Adaptable to change
- Strong scientific knowledge

What do Agronomists do?

Before you head out to a property, you're reviewing previous seasons' data, weather forecasts, and soil test results to plan what you'll look at and who you need to see. You might also research the latest advice on pest and disease management for crops in your region, check in on any ongoing trials, or prepare recommendations based on earlier results before heading out for the day. Walking paddocks is a huge part of the job. You're inspecting crops for signs of nutrient deficiency, pest damage, or disease, taking soil and plant tissue samples for testing, and using the results to advise growers on fertiliser, irrigation, and planting decisions. You'll spend time talking with farmers, explaining what you've found in plain terms and helping them weigh up the cost and benefit of different options for their property.



At certain points in the season, you might run or monitor field trials, comparing different varieties, treatments, or techniques to see what performs best in local conditions. Many Agronomists build expertise in a particular crop type, growing region, or farming system over time, becoming a trusted adviser that growers turn to within that niche.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Agronomists work across the agriculture sector, employed by agribusiness companies, seed and fertiliser suppliers, farm consultancies, grower cooperatives, and government agriculture departments. Some work independently as private consultants, building a client base of growers who rely on their advice season after season. Much of your time is spent out in the field, though you'll also work from an office or vehicle to write reports, analyse results, and plan your next round of visits.

Your hours generally follow standard business patterns, though the growing season shapes when you're busiest. During planting, spraying, or harvest windows, you might work longer days or start early to catch growers before they head to the paddock, while quieter periods allow more flexibility. Many Agronomists build their own schedule around client visits, giving you a reasonable degree of control over your week once you're established in the role.

The work is physically active rather than strenuous. You'll spend plenty of time on your feet, walking paddocks in all kinds of weather, and driving between properties, sometimes covering large distances in rural and regional areas over the course of a week. A driver's licence is generally essential. Salaries in this field tend to be above average, reflecting the technical expertise involved, and the industry outlook is strong as growers increasingly rely on data and specialist advice to lift productivity sustainably.

How to become an Agronomist

- **Study science subjects in school:** Focus on subjects like biology, chemistry, and maths, which build the foundation you'll need for a science-based agriculture degree, and consider agriculture-specific subjects if your school offers them.
- **Complete a relevant degree:** Study a bachelor's degree in agronomy, agricultural science, or a related field. Many degrees include practical placements or research projects that connect you with growers and industry professionals early on, which can be valuable for building your networks.
- **Gain field experience:** Look for vacation work, cadetships, or graduate programs with agribusiness companies, research organisations, or government agriculture departments. Hands-on experience with soil testing, crop monitoring, and grower communication is highly valued by employers.
- **Build your specialisation:** Once qualified, develop expertise in a particular crop type, growing region, or farming system. This specialist knowledge makes you more valuable to growers and helps you stand out as you build your career and reputation over time.

From here, you could move into senior consulting roles, specialise further in a particular crop or growing system, take on responsibility for leading a team of agronomists, or move into agribusiness roles in research, sales, or product development.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as an Agronomist, here are some practical steps:

- Study science subjects like biology, chemistry, and earth or environmental science to build a strong foundation for further study.
- Look for work experience or volunteering opportunities with local farms, agribusiness companies, or research stations to see the work firsthand.



- Attend agricultural field days or shows in your area to learn about current farming practices and meet people working in the industry.

Find out more about alternative careers on [our Job Spotlights page](#).

STUDY TIPS

What actually counts as plagiarism beyond copying text directly

Almost every research assignment asks you to use other people's work. You read a source, work out what it says, then use it to answer a question of your own.

How you handle that step affects whether the finished piece is fully your own, and whether the original author gets credit for what they contributed.

What is plagiarism?

Plagiarism is submitting work that isn't your own without acknowledging, citing or referencing the original source. [The higher education regulator](#) makes it clear that intent isn't a factor, and that rewording a source doesn't change the result. Whenever you use another person's ideas, they need to be referenced.

Students can face a range of consequences for plagiarism, including having to repeat an assessment or failing it.

What counts as plagiarism beyond copying and pasting?

Plagiarism takes several forms. Examples include:

- **Direct copying:** using a source's exact words without credit
- **Close paraphrasing:** keeping a source's structure and most of its wording, with only a few words changed
- **Idea plagiarism:** using someone's argument, finding or explanation without credit, even when every word is your own
- **Unacknowledged AI content:** handing in text produced by an AI tool as if you wrote it

The question is the same each time. Did the words or ideas come from somewhere else, and was that source acknowledged?

Learning from a source without copying it

The aim is to understand a source well enough to explain it yourself. To show how this works, here's a short passage from [a government geoscience page](#) on how hotspot volcanoes form, which allows reuse with credit:

Here's a process you can follow:

- Read the passage until you understand each step, and look up any unfamiliar terms
- Close the source or look away from it
- Explain the idea out loud or in rough notes, in your own words and your own order
- Write the paragraph from those notes, shaped around the question your assignment asks
- Check the paragraph against the source for accuracy

- Add the credit for the source

Closing the source matters because the original wording stays in front of you otherwise, and it shapes the sentences you write.

What does close paraphrasing look like?

Close paraphrasing keeps a source's structure and swaps out individual words. Here's the same passage reworded that way:



Put it next to the original and the pattern shows. The sentences follow the same order and make the same points, and most changes are synonyms, such as "formed" becoming "created" and "previous" becoming "earlier".

Changing words doesn't change whose work it is. Without a reference, this is plagiarism. With one, it's credited, but it shows little of your own understanding, which is usually what an assignment is designed to assess.

A quick check is to compare your paragraph with the source, sentence by sentence. If each of your sentences matches one in the source, rewrite the paragraph from your notes.

Using AI in your work

AI tools can produce an explanation of a topic in seconds. A pasted answer might look like this:

Handed in with no credit, this is plagiarism. Neither the wording nor the explanation is yours, and neither is acknowledged. The regulator states that copying and pasting AI-generated text without acknowledgment meets the traditional definition of plagiarism and is academic misconduct.

The regulator's [advice for students](#) is to discuss AI expectations with your institution. It also notes that use which doesn't follow those rules can lead to a finding of academic misconduct. A few points apply in general:

- Look for the rules specific to your institution where possible
- If AI use is allowed, you acknowledge it like any other source
- Some tasks may require no AI at all

AI prompts that keep the work your own

The way you ask matters. These prompts ask the tool to explain, quiz or give feedback, and the writing stays with you. AI tools can produce inaccurate content, so check anything you learn against a reliable source.

Understanding a concept differently

- "Explain [topic] in a different way than my textbook does."
- "Explain [topic] as if I'm in Year 9."
- "What's a simple analogy for [concept]?"

Testing your understanding

- "Quiz me on [topic] without giving me the answers first."
- "Ask me follow-up questions about the explanation I just gave you."

Checking your own writing

- "I've written this paragraph explaining [concept] in my own words. Does it show real understanding, or does it just restate the source?"
- "Point out anywhere this explanation is unclear or doesn't logically follow, without rewriting it for me."

Finding more to think about

- "What's a related idea or counterpoint I should think about for this topic?"
- "What questions might a teacher ask me about this to test whether I understand it?"

In the checking prompts, the paragraph comes from you first and the tool responds to it. If the tool writes first and you edit afterwards, the writing has moved out of your hands, which is the situation in the pasted example above.

Acknowledging your sources

Acknowledging a source shows your reader which parts of your work came from elsewhere and



which parts are yours. It also lets them find the original. Things that need acknowledging include:

- Direct quotes
- Paraphrased passages
- Ideas, arguments & explanations from a source
- Facts, data & statistics
- Images, diagrams & charts
- AI-generated content, where its use is allowed

If you're not sure whether something needs a credit, ask your teacher before you submit.

In-text credits and reference lists

An **in-text credit** is a short note next to the quote, idea or fact you've used. Depending on the referencing style, it might be the author and year or a number.

A **reference list** sits at the end of your work and gives the full details of every source you've credited. The two work as a pair. Each in-text credit points to an entry in the list, and each entry should have at least one credit in the text.

A reference usually includes the author or organisation, the title, the date it was published or last updated, and where to find it, such as a publisher or web address. The order and layout depend on the referencing style your school uses, and your teacher can tell you which one that is.

Noting these details when you first read a source saves time later.

Note: information is accurate as of October 2026, but schools and institutions regularly change their academic integrity and AI policies, so check directly if you want the specifics.

If you want more ways to approach your assignments and study routine, our [Study Tips hub](#) has more guides like this one.

JOBS & CAREERS

Working with fish and exotic animals as a vet

Not all vets work with the same animals, while it's common for many vets to care for people's pets and tend to livestock; some spend their days treating wildlife, goldfish, snakes, parrots, and even sharks. These vets are called aquatic and exotic animal vets, and their job could look quite different from a [standard veterinary clinic](#). If you love animals but want something a bit unusual, this could be a career worth looking into.

What does an aquatic or exotic vet actually do?

An [aquatic vet](#) works with animals that live in water. This might mean pet fish in someone's home tank, but it can also mean animals in public aquariums, fish farms, or even the ocean itself. They check water quality, treat infections, and sometimes perform surgery on creatures as small as a seahorse or as large as a dolphin.

Exotic vets work with a wider range of unusual pets. Think reptiles, birds, rabbits, and small mammals like hedgehogs. Some exotic vets also work with wildlife (both in their native country and overseas) and zoo inhabitants, treating sick or injured animals before they're released back into the wild or to continue with conservation programs in captivity.

Like any vet, they all need a strong understanding of biology, but these vets could need extra

knowledge to do their job properly. A snake's body works nothing like a rabbit's, and a rabbit's body works nothing like a fish's.

How do you become one?

Becoming an aquatic or exotic vet starts the same way as becoming any other vet. You need to complete a [veterinary science degree through an accredited course](#), which usually takes around five



years. After that, you have to [get your licence](#), which lets you practise as a [qualified vet](#). This is where the pathway splits. Once you're licensed, you can start working with general pets, but if you want to specialise in aquatic or exotic animals, you'll usually need extra training. This might involve:

- Working alongside an experienced aquatic or exotic vet to learn on the job
- Completing a postgraduate course or certificate in the area you're interested in
- Doing an internship or residency at a zoo, aquarium, or wildlife centre

This extra step could take a few more years, but it means you'll have all the knowledge and skills you'll need to treat the animals you'll be working with.

The benefits of a specialised role

One of the biggest perks of this career is variety. No two days look the same. One morning you might be checking on a tank of tropical fish, and by the afternoon you're treating a parrot with a broken wing. If you love a challenge, this kind of role could suit you well.

There's also something satisfying about being one of the few people who can do this job. Not many vets choose to specialise in aquatic or exotic animals, so the ones who do could be highly sought after. Zoos, aquariums, and wildlife rescue centres often rely on a small number of specialists, and your skills would be in demand.

For animal lovers who care about conservation, this path also opens doors to important work on projects around the world. Aquatic vets sometimes get involved in protecting endangered fish species or helping coral reefs recover. It's a way of using veterinary skills for something bigger than treating one animal at a time. As an exotic vet you could be working with other endangered species on breeding programs or treating them out in the wild.

The challenges that come with it

Specialising takes time and money. On top of your original veterinary degree, you'll likely need years of extra training, which might mean delaying full-time work and paying for further study.

The animals themselves could also be harder to treat than dogs or cats. Many exotic animals hide signs of illness until they're already very unwell, which is a survival instinct in the wild but makes diagnosis tricky for vets. Fish and reptiles might not spend as much time with owners or caregivers, so these vets have to rely heavily on careful observation and testing, they don't always have the advantage of input from concerned family members that dogs or cats might get.

Jobs in this field can also be harder to find than general vet roles. There are far more pet cats and dogs in the world than pet snakes or aquarium fish, so the number of specialist positions is smaller. You might need to be flexible about where you live and work, especially early in your career.

Ready to explore a career with animals?

Working as an aquatic or exotic vet isn't the easiest [path into veterinary work](#), but could be one of the most rewarding if you're passionate about the creatures you'd be helping. If you're fascinated by unusual animals and don't mind putting in extra years of study, this profession could be worth exploring further.

If you'd like to explore more careers like this one, check out our [Jobs & Careers](#) page for more ideas on turning your interests into a future job.

HEALTH & WELLBEING, SCHOOLIES

Partying safely at Schoolies without spoiling the fun

The exams are over. The uniform is retired. Schoolies is finally here, and it's your chance to celebrate years of hard work with the people who got you through it.



It's all about having fun with your friends and making memories that last a lifetime. But to ensure your Schoolies experience is memorable for all the right reasons, [staying safe and making smart decisions](#) is essential. A little preparation now means enjoying your trip without compromising your safety or fun.

Plan ahead for a great time

Prep isn't the exciting part. But a bit of groundwork before you leave can save you a lot of stress once you're there and mean all your time is free for just having fun.

Choose your accommodation carefully

Look for places registered with [official Schoolies programs](#). These venues are usually safer, and many have security and support staff on hand if you need them. Or if you're planning alternative schoolies take time to check out reviews of the accommodation, do Google street views and see what's nearby.

Share your plans

Let your family know where you're staying and how you're getting there. If anything changes, send them a quick update. It's easy, takes 2 minutes and ensures that someone always knows where to find you if they need to (or if you need them).

Pack the essentials

As well as your clothes and other basics, sunscreen, a reusable water bottle, your ID and your phone charger should all make the cut. Add a small first-aid kit and any medications you need, and you're probably mostly sorted.

Heading overseas?

Your checklist gets a little longer. You'll need your passport, any visas, your tickets and travel insurance. Leave copies of important documents with family at home. Sort out how you'll use your phone abroad, and check whether your destination needs any vaccinations.

Do Schoolies your way

Not everyone wants the big party scene – and that's completely fine. If you'd rather celebrate differently, [here are a few alternative Schoolies ideas](#) to explore.

Party safely

You can absolutely let your hair down and stay safe at the same time. The two go together better than you might think.

Pace yourself

If you're of legal drinking age and choose to drink, know your limits and stick to them. Alternate alcoholic drinks with water, and always eat something before you head out. And remember, you never have to drink at all, saying no is always an option and means you'll be feeling fantastic to enjoy the next day too.

Stick with your crew

Stay with your friends and look out for each other. Make a pact before you go out, you arrive together and you leave together - nobody gets left behind.

Guard your drink



Never accept a drink from someone you don't know, and never leave yours unattended. Sadly drink spiking does happen. If your drink tastes odd, or you suddenly feel much worse than you should, tell a friend and get help straight away.

Save important numbers

Add your local emergency number, your accommodation contacts, and those of at least one or two trusted friends or family members to your phone. It's also worth writing a couple of numbers on paper and leaving them in your purse, wallet, or pocket since phone batteries can die at the worst possible moments.

Stay safe in your surroundings

Depending on where you're going and the activities you have planned, there might be some other extra things to keep in mind during your trip:

Respect the water

Always swim between the flags and listen to the lifeguards. Avoid swimming at night or after drinking. The ocean is very different to your local pool, and conditions can change quickly.

Plan your ride home

Work out how you'll get home before you go out, not at 2am. Use official taxis, registered rideshare services or a designated sober driver. Never get into a car with a driver who has been drinking.

Post later, not live

Be social media savvy and think twice before sharing your location in real time. Posting where you are right now tells everyone – including strangers – exactly where to find you. Save your photos and share the memories once you've moved on. If you'd like to share live locations with friends and family members, of course that's fine and could be a great idea to help keep you connected and safe.

What to do if things go wrong

The chances are that your trip will go off without a hitch. Still, knowing what to do in a tricky moment means you can act fast instead of freezing if you ever have to.

Trust your gut

If something doesn't feel right, listen to that feeling. Leave the situation, find help, and don't hesitate to call emergency services if you need to. A false alarm is always better than wishing you'd made the call.

Know your support services

Many Schoolies destinations have [support tents and volunteers](#) who can help with things like lost belongings, injuries or feeling unsafe. Find out where they are on your first day, like knowing where your nearest exit is on a plane or at the movies, you probably won't need them, but you'll be happy you knew should you need them to help with anything.

Be honest with friends

Feeling unwell, anxious, or overwhelmed? Say so. Your friends can't help with a problem they don't know about, and most people would much rather be told.

Look after yourself along the way

Remembering the basics when you're running on excitement and very little sleep could help you keep up with all your plans



- **Stay hydrated:** Drink plenty of water, especially in the heat.
- **Fuel up:** Don't skip meals. Proper food keeps your energy steady for the whole week so while junk food is quick and easy, aim for one meal a day that your parents would be happy with and keep a few healthier snacks on hand too.
- **Take breaks:** It's okay to have a quiet night in or a slow morning, recharging is also part of the fun.
- **Respect others:** Be kind and courteous to the people around you, including locals and other school leavers.

Most importantly, have fun!

Schoolies is what you make it. Plan ahead, look out for your friends and listen to your instincts, and you'll be free to focus on the good stuff – the laughs, the sunsets and the stories you'll still be telling years from now. You've earned this celebration, so enjoy every bit of it.

Want more ideas for looking after yourself as you head into life after school? Check out our [Health & Wellbeing](#) articles for practical tips on everything from managing stress to recharging after a big year. Stay safe and have a blast!

STUDY TIPS

10 tips for starting a term off well

A new term is a good time to pause and set yourself up for the weeks ahead. Whether you're starting the first term of the year or heading into the last one, a few small choices early on could make your whole term feel more manageable. If you live in Australia or New Zealand, this term is also the final stretch of the school year. That might mean final exams, graduation, or getting ready to move up a year.

The first eight tips below work for anyone, at any time of year. The last two are for students facing the big end-of-year push.

1. Look back before you look ahead

Spend ten minutes thinking about last term. What went well? What felt harder than it needed to be? Maybe you noticed you always left assignments until the night before. Or maybe you found that maths made more sense when you did a few questions every day instead of a big batch on Sunday. Write down one thing you want to keep doing and one thing you want to change. This isn't about being hard on yourself or putting more pressure on you, it's about using what you already know works for you (or doesn't) to make this term easier.

2. Get all your dates in one place

Put everything in one calendar: assessment due dates, exams, sport, part-time work shifts and family events. This could be a paper planner, a whiteboard on your wall, or an app on your phone. Pick whatever you'll actually look at and if possible set reminders for everything too - that way you won't forget important things and they won't sneak up on you last minute. When you can see a busy week coming, you can plan for it. For example, if two assignments are due on the same Friday, you'll know to start one of them a week early. Just a few minutes of preparation in week 1 could save you time and lots of stress throughout the rest of the term.

3. Choose one or two clear goals

It might be tempting to write a long list of everything you want to improve. The problem is that long

lists can be hard to stick to and create more headaches in the long run. Pick one or two goals that really matter to you and make them specific. For example saying "Do better in English" is hard to



measure and not very motivating. If you set yourself a goal like "Hand in every English draft on time" it's something that prompts you to take action and that you can check off.

4. Set up a space that works for you

You don't need a fancy desk. You need somewhere you can focus, with the things you use most close by, such as pens, your charger, your notes and a water bottle. If home is busy or noisy, your school library or local library can be a great option. You could also have a clear out of last term's loose sheets and old worksheets so your workspace is less cluttered and you can find what you need quickly.

5. Build a simple weekly routine

Routines take the guesswork and procrastination out of your week and could help you achieve more. Instead of deciding every night whether you'll study, you'll already know that Tuesday and Thursday after dinner are set aside for it.

Start small. Even 30 minutes on a few set days is a solid start, and you can build from there. Leave some room for flexibility too, because plans don't always go the way you expect. And remember to work around other commitments like sports, part-time work, or family time.

6. Ask for help early

If something didn't make sense last term, try to sort it out now. New topics often build on old ones, so small gaps can grow over time. Most teachers would much rather answer a question in week two than receive a worried email the night before an exam. You can also ask a classmate, a tutor, or use any homework help your school offers. Knowing when to ask for help is a skill you'll use for the rest of your life.

7. Look after your body and mind

Sleep, food, and movement all affect how well you concentrate and how you cope with stress. A few simple habits could help:

- Try to go to bed at roughly the same time each night, and keep your phone away from your bed if you can.
- Eat regular nutritious meals, especially breakfast on exam and assessment days.
- Move your body in a way you enjoy, whether that's a walk, a game of basketball, or dancing in your room.

If you're feeling stressed, overwhelmed, or low, talk to someone you trust. That might be a family member, a teacher or your school counsellor, and let them know as soon as you can.

8. Keep time for the things you enjoy

Yes school is important, but so are your friends, family, hobbies, and interests. So make sure your weekly plan includes time for them and remember to factor in some downtime, it gives your brain a chance to rest, and it reminds you that you're more than your marks. Mastering work life balance is also a skill that will serve you well throughout your life.

9. Final term? Make a plan for exams and big assessments

If you've got final exams or major assessments coming up, work backwards from the dates. List each subject and the topics you need to cover, then spread them across the weeks you have left.

Short, regular study sessions tend to work better than cramming everything in at the last minute.

Mix up how you study, too. Past papers, practice questions and explaining a topic out loud to someone else all show you what you actually know. Re-reading your notes can feel productive, but it's easy to mistake "this looks familiar" for "I understand this." Ask your teachers which practice materials are available for your subjects, and let them know if you're struggling with anything as



quickly as possible.

10. Get ready for what comes next

The end of the year brings change, whatever year you're in. If you're moving up a year, find out what's ahead. Ask about subject choices, new expectations or anything you're unsure of. Knowing what's coming will make the first weeks back much less daunting and mean you can enjoy your school break without worrying.

If you're [finishing school, now is a good time to look at your next steps](#). That might be university, vocational training, an apprenticeship, work, or a gap year. Check any application deadlines that apply to you and pop them into your calendar. It's completely fine if you don't have it all figured out yet, most people change direction more than once.

And don't forget to enjoy the end of the year. Thank the teachers (and careers) who've helped you, celebrate with your friends, and take a moment to reflect on how far you've come.

Make this term work for you

We don't recommend that you try all ten tips at once. You could pick two or three that feel most useful right now and start there. Small, steady changes are much easier to keep up than a complete overhaul, and they add up over the term. And if none of these tips resonate with you, that's OK too; put aside some time to think about what changes you'd like to make and plan how you could achieve them this term.

Want more ideas to help you study smarter and stay on track? Check out our [study tips](#) for practical advice you can use today. And if you're finishing school and weighing up your options, our [study pathways](#) section is a great place to explore what's next.

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