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## 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 (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

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

### **Sydney Design School | Info Session**

Friday 14 May 2021, 1:00 pm

Sydney Design School, St Leonards

Find out everything you need to know about our flexible courses and career support. Our Director, Amanda Grace will introduce you to our unique philosophy, passionate Educators and industry focused approach to learning. Ask all the questions you need to make an informed decision.

Find out more: <https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/information-sessions/>

### **NIE | UCAT and Pathways into Medicine and Dentistry Information Session**

Sunday 16 May 2021, 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Online

The National Institute of Education (NIE) is proud to present a free information seminar all about UCAT and the undergraduate pathways into medicine, dentistry, and some other health science programs. This is not a sales/advertising/promotional seminar. The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics and more.

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students, and parents to find out about the UCAT and to have their questions answered by an expert who has been working in the field since 1999.

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- UCAT vs GAMSAT – How is UCAT different?
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?

- Undergraduate medical school interview explained and medical school interview preparation advice
- Gap Year
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Q & A

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/ucat-free/free-ucat-information-sessions>

### **Endeavour College | Higher Education Demystified: Look Outside University for Your Degree**

Tuesday 18 May 2021, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Online

If you feel like traditional paths to higher education might not be right for you, tune into our webinar which explores the many reasons why Endeavour College could be the perfect fit for you.

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/higher-education-demystified-look-outside-university-for-your-degree/>

### **CSU | Charles Sturt Advantage Early Offer Program Info Session**

Tuesday 18 May 2021, 6:45 pm - 6:45 pm

Online

An opportunity for students, parents and Career Advisors to find out about the Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program.

Find out more: [https://charlessturt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_43BSDqkQQIa0CAbxyi6NVA](https://charlessturt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_43BSDqkQQIa0CAbxyi6NVA)

### **iCanStudy | How to Reduce Your Notes by 80%**

Saturday 22 May 2021, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

Let iCanStudy teach you the note-taking strategies that are proven to help students remember more and spend less time writing, that less than 3% of the students we work with have ever used before.

This webinar will teach you why some notes work, why some notes don't, and why some notes apparently work and are even taught to students, while research shows that it can even make things worse. After this webinar, you'll never look at another #studygram post the same way again.

This webinar is for students who are serious about achieving top grades, want to save time, and are keen to learn how to write notes in a style used by top-achieving students in the world's most demanding universities and schools.

Find out more: <https://www.bigmarker.com/icanstudy/How-to-Reduce-Your-Notes-by-80-Better-Than-Cornell-Notes-Free-iCanStudy-ATAR-Series-Webinar-Stream-1>

### **University of Sydney | Languages at Sydney: Go Global 2021**

Wednesday 26 May 2021, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

In this information session you'll meet our lecturers, current students and alumni to learn about the different ways you can study a language at the University of Sydney. From degrees to majors or the diploma, understand which is the correct study option for you. You can then experience two different languages in short taster sessions. With our breadth of study options, exciting overseas opportunities and diverse career outcomes, find out how it's really like to study with us and the ways languages can give you a competitive edge for your future.

Find out more: <https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZllcu6vrDwiE9HfsRsYc6449SOInv60Tr2O>

### **Sydney Design School | Open Day**

Saturday 29 May 2021, 10:00 am

Sydney Design School, St Leonards

Join us for our biggest day of the year! Our Director will take you through our courses and give you a comprehensive introduction to our School community. Meet our passionate Educators and explore our inspiring student work. This event may be held on campus or online.

Find out more: <https://sydneydesignschool.com.au/information-sessions/>

### **ARTiculate – HSC Shakespeare Seminars**

Tuesday 1 June 2021, 5:00 pm - Thursday 3 June 2021, 7:00 pm

Online

Bell Shakespeare are partnering again with leading Shakespeare academics from the University of Sydney to deliver a series of HSC Shakespeare Seminars via Zoom.

In these interactive online sessions, Bell Shakespeare Resident Artist in Education, Huw McKinnon, joins University of Sydney academics to discuss and dissect each play, with The Players from Bell Shakespeare performing key scenes and soliloquies. Part performance, part interactive seminar, these sessions are designed to directly link to HSC modules and give students the edge in upcoming exams.

Combining rigorous literary analysis with illuminating dramatic insights into the plays, sessions will be presented in an approachable, conversational format showing the interplay between text and drama.

Students and teachers will be encouraged to ask and discuss questions live, connecting them with Bell Shakespeare artists, leading University of Sydney academics, and other students completing their HSC.

Find out more: <https://shop.bellshakespeare.com.au/overview/usydseminars>

### **ACPE | Open Day**

Saturday 5 June 2021, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Australian College of Physical Education, Sydney Olympic Park

Join us at our Open Day to find out how the Australian College of Physical Education can help you achieve your dream career.

What's on at Open Day:

- Meet in person with academic and student support staff to get answers to all of your study and student life queries
- Learn all about our industry-focused courses
- Find out where a qualification from ACPE can take your career
- Take a tour of our state-of-the-art Sydney Olympic Park campus
- Discuss course and study options with our Enrolment Advisors and get a personalised study plan
- Get assistance with applying or enrolment

Find out more: <https://acpe.edu.au/open-day/>

### **CQUni | TAFE Information Session, Online**

Tuesday 8 June 2021, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Online

During this online information session you will discover more about what study options are available to you, support services, apprentice and trainee information, and how funding options for eligible applicants may dramatically reduce the cost of courses.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses/eforms/registration-tafe-information-session>

### **UOW | Year 12 Online Information Evening**

Tuesday 29 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

UOW information evenings are designed for students and parents who would like to know more about studying at UOW.

You probably know what degree you're interested in, the ATAR you need – and we're more than happy to go through this with you – but we know that you'll need to know where you're going to live, how much it will cost, how will you make friends and more. We know because we asked the exact same questions when we were in year 12!

In this virtual session we will also talk about:

- UOW Early Admission
- Your ATAR and selection rank (and what it means)
- Important dates and key things to remember for UAC applications
- Our Scholarships
- Opportunities for high-achievers
- UOW's global sports programs
- Student accommodation
- The degrees and opportunities available for you at UOW
- Your options if you don't get the ATAR you need
- Clubs & Societies and Student Life

Find out more: [https://uow-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_UBpDOFksRBe0JgA51cqatQ](https://uow-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UBpDOFksRBe0JgA51cqatQ)

### **ACU | Exploring the 'big questions'**

Thursday 1 July 2021, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Online

Philosophy is about tackling the big questions – those fundamental to understanding ourselves and society. For instance, are we separable from our bodies? If we are, what does this say about the future of society? Get ready to tackle this 'big question' in our philosophy session.

Find out more: <https://web.cvent.com/event/86821b2a-3c8b-406f-aadc-bb8354994a84/summary>

### **ACU | Starting your business and IT degree: what you need to know**

Monday 5 July 2021, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Online

Hear from our panel of graduates, students and staff. Learn from their experiences and get tips and advice for pursuing a degree in business and information technology.

Find out more: <https://web.cvent.com/event/8ae65bd4-e7b4-4629-b796-474cef30e7ae/summary>

### **ACU | Five good reasons to study criminology**

Wednesday 7 July 2021, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

Explore how society creates crime and the social causes and drivers of criminal activity (criminology).

Hear how this degree can lead to a range of exciting jobs in the justice sector and beyond.

Find out more: <https://web.cvent.com/event/4c36d618-3ebc-47db-a351-a786e7a67abf/summary>

### **ARTiculate – Health Economics to support understanding microeconomics**

Tuesday 20 July 2021, 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Online

Healthcare is a rich setting in which to study economics. While much of economics avoids discussing value judgements and focus on questions that have objective and verifiable answers, all policies are ultimately based on a value judgement. It is impossible to avoid discussing the values that lie behind the policy in health economics. In this talk, we will examine the key questions such as how we decide what is fair, while looking at some examples from the COVID-19 policy response. This talk is suitable for Year 11-12 students.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/articulate-talk-health-economics-to-support-understanding-microeconomics-tickets-151764887865>

### **AIT | Open Day**

Saturday 14 August 2021, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Academy of Information Technology, Ultimo

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

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

### **ACU | Experience ACU**

**Blacktown Campus:** Wednesday 30 June 2021, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

**North Sydney Campus:** Tuesday 6 July 2021, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join our free Experience ACU activities. Tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Explore your local campus, talk to current students and experience student life.

Spend time at your local campus where you'll be able to:

- participate in hands-on workshops related to your degree of choice
- meet staff and current students
- explore your local ACU campus
- learn about industries and careers
- get helpful tips on preparing for university
- soak up the campus atmosphere.

Choose a workshop from a range of study areas, which may include nursing, midwifery, paramedicine, education, physiotherapy, psychology, sports and exercise science and lots more.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/experience-acu>

### **John Bell Scholarship**

Value: Training and mentoring opportunity

Open/Closing Dates: May 1, 2021 – October 31, 2021

Students from regional schools across Australia are eligible to audition for the John Bell Scholarship. A life-changing opportunity for budding performers, three students will be selected to spend one incredible week training with Bell Shakespeare.

[Find out more](#)

### **King & Amy O'Malley Trust Undergraduate Scholarship**

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: April 1, 2021 – July 30, 2021

The King & Amy O'Malley Trust awards annual scholarships for students applying for or enrolled in tertiary Home Economics or equivalent programs, such as Consumer Science, Family and Consumer Studies, Food and Nutrition, or Teacher Education.

[Find out more](#)

### **Anzac Day Schools' Awards**

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) is proud to host the Anzac Day Schools' Awards.

This is a national competition recognising the work of primary and secondary students, teachers and schools to engage with veterans and honour Australia's wartime history.

In 2021, the award's theme will be "What does commemoration look like in your community?".

Schools may choose ONE of these formats for their entry:

- a PowerPoint or similar slide deck -up to 15 slides; may include an embedded video of no more than 1 minute
- written content and images, for example, poetry or creative writing, an artwork – up to 10 pages, including images, or
- a video or digital content – up to 2 minutes; see checklist for file formats

**Entries are open until Friday 30 June.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/research-education/competitions/anzac-day-schools-awards>

### **Front Page Schools Competition**

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

Entry is free, and is open to all Australian schools and classes. **Entries close Friday 27 August.**

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

### **Boroondara Literary Awards**

Entries are open to the Boroondara Literary Awards.

There are two categories to enter: the Young Writers' Competition, open to writers in Years 5-12 who live work or study in Boroondara, and the Open Short Story Competition, open to all writers from across Australia.

The Young Writers' Competition offers \$5,000 in prize money across various sections. The Open Short Story Competition awards \$1,500 to its first place winner.

**Entries are open until Friday 27 August.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/about-council/awards/boroondara-literary-awards/enter-boroondara-literary-awards>

### **10 Cool Careers on TikTok**

TikTok isn't just a place where you can watch funny videos and learn new dances; you can also find out about some pretty cool careers on there as well.

Lots of people are starting to put up videos of their jobs, and it's a great way to get a sneak-peek into heaps of interesting careers.

We've found some awesome careers and people you might like to check out.

#### **Antarctic Scientist**

Could you imagine living in the South Pole? Well, that's what Toni on ice (@antwuhnet) does.

Toni has posted videos showcasing the incredible landscape of Antarctica, as well as what it's like to live in one of the coldest places on Earth. You also get to meet some of the other scientists she works with and see what they do.

[See all her videos here.](#)

#### **Fisherman**

Most of us think of fishing as a relaxing pastime. Norwegian fisherman Benjamin Bakke (@fisherbenny) proves that it's anything but.

Watch how he copes (and sometimes doesn't) with the boat being knocked around by huge waves, see some of the weird and wonderful things they catch, and hear what Benjamin's favourite parts of the job are.

[Take a look here.](#)

### **ermaid**

Here's a career you might not have thought existed. Kelsey Koonce (@its.kels) is a professional mermaid with a company called Wands & Wishes.

As well as providing entertainment in both aquariums and out in the open ocean, they also aim to raise awareness about the environment and conservation. We reckon it looks like a lot of fun too.

[Find Kelsey on TikTok here.](#)

### **Dog Trainer**

If you love dogs, this one's for you. Chantelle P (@cpk\_pups) is a dog trainer and runs a doggy day-care.

See videos of her in action teaching dogs tricks and manners, and see what a day in doggie day-care is like (and yes, there are lots of cute dogs to see as well).

[Check it out here.](#)

### **Pilot**

If it's your dream to soar through the skies, make sure you check out @pascalklr's videos.

Get some awesome views from way up high and a sneak-peek of the cockpit. He also has a [YouTube channel](#) with some cool videos as well.

[Follow Pascal on TikTok here.](#)

### **Nurse**

One of the most crucial workers over the past 12 months have been nurses. Tasha's (@nursefriend) videos let us see what a day in the life of a nurse is like.

She posts everything from educational videos, study tips for nursing students, glimpses of her working day, and some pretty funny videos as well.

[See Tasha's videos here.](#)

### **Farmer**

Want to know what life in the country is like? Look no further than Farmer Jess (@missfarming).

See what it's like living with and handling a wide variety of animals. Cows, sheep, pigs, horses – there's a bit of everything. It might not be easy work, but it certainly is rewarding for Jess.

[Take a look here.](#)

### **Designer**



Danny Wang (@dannywangdesign) is an interior and exterior designer, and he posts some seriously mind-blowing transformations on his TikTok.

See some of his awesome (and expensive) designs come to life. You also get to see some of his crew at work building and installing the cool features.

[Check it out here.](#)

### **Beekeeper**

Here's another more out-there career. Beekeeper Erika Thompson (@texasbeeworks) is passionate about saving bees and the environment.

Watch as she rescues hives from some strange places, and find out lots of more fun and cool facts about bees.

[Find Erika on TikTok here.](#)

### **Arborist**

Like working in the outdoors? Then the work done by R&A Tree Service (@ra\_treeservice) might be right up your alley.

The process of seeing a huge tree come down is pretty satisfying, but we're definitely glad we don't have to be the people climbing them! If you don't have a fear of heights, it could be perfect for you though.

[Follow R&A Tree Service here.](#)

## **[Early Offers – Not Just for High Achievers](#)**

### **Secure your place at uni**

Thinking about studying in 2022? You might want to consider applying for an Early Entry program. There are heaps of benefits: not just getting your place locked in before exams, but you can also get exclusive scholarships, access to mentoring and events, support while you study, and more.

But if you think early entry is only for high achievers, think again. There are heaps of programs out there for all kinds of students.

### **Early entry programs**

If you are doing well at school, there are lots of programs you can choose from for early entry. If you're acing your subjects, you might like to try [WSU's True Reward Program](#), or [SCU's Star Early Offer Program](#). But as we mentioned, there are early entry programs that look at other criteria as well, not just your grades.

### **Indigenous students**

If you're an Indigenous student, there are lots of programs out there to help you get an early offer. For example, [Macquarie's ATSIIEP](#) entry pathway lets you apply even if you don't meet the required

ATAR for your dream course. The [University of Sydney's Gadigal Program](#) also has lower entry requirements, and other great perks like ongoing support throughout your studies.

Most of these programs will require you to provide some confirmation of your Aboriginality, and maybe also attend an interview or have a letter of recommendation from someone in your community.

### **Rural and regional**

Live far away from your nearest university? That doesn't mean you can't get an early offer – in fact, it might work in your benefit. Some programs offer bonuses for students from rural and regional areas. For example, you could get extra adjustment factors based on rurality if you apply for the [ACU Guarantee](#) program.

To get the full benefit from these early entry programs, you'll obviously need to be able to prove you've lived in a rural or regional area for a certain amount of time.

### **Leadership and community involvement**

Spent a lot of time volunteering while at school? Were you a school leader or sports captain? You can be rewarded for your extra efforts with an early offer to uni. [Macquarie's Leaders and Achievers](#) scheme is perfect for people who have shown leadership qualities and commitment, or if you've been school captain or dux you might like to apply for the [University of Sydney's Future Leaders](#) scheme.

To apply for these schemes, you'll need to show you have some leadership or community involvement while you're at school. This can include volunteering, being school or sports captain, tutoring younger students, and more.

### **Portfolio entry**

If you're artistic and creative, portfolio entry could be a great option. Instead of receiving a place based on your school results, you can submit a portfolio of work or perform in an audition and gain entry based on this instead. If you're keen to study art, design, construction, or communication and media, you can get into all those courses through the [University of Canberra's portfolio entry pathway](#). Or if you're a budding musician, the [University of Sydney's Creative Arts Special Admission Scheme](#).

These schemes require you to have a portfolio showcasing your best work, or to perform at a live or online audition. Some of them might also consider your academic results in combination with your portfolio or audition.

### **Other options**

There are heaps of other programs for all sorts of students. [CSU's Charles Sturt Advantage](#) allows you to get an early offer based on your soft skills, while [CQUni's Principal's Recommendation Scheme](#) lets you receive an offer based on a recommendation from your principal. Some programs let you complete short courses and base your entry on your results from those, such as [La Trobe's Prepare](#)

[for La Trobe program](#). You could also apply using your Year 11 results for some programs, like [Murdoch's Year 12 Early Offer Program](#).

## [Study Forensic Science in Australia](#)

### **What is Forensic Science?**

Forensic Science is a mixture of chemistry and criminology. A forensic scientist's job is to visit crime scenes and collect evidence, then study and interpret it in a lab, and even present findings to police or in court. They can help to determine who was involved in a crime and how it happened.

Becoming a forensic scientist could be perfect for you if you're inquisitive, a great problem solver, have a mind for science, and are okay with examining crime scenes and remains. You will most likely need a relevant tertiary degree if you want to work as a forensic scientist.

### **Where can I study forensic science?**

There are heaps of universities in Australia that offer courses in forensic science. We've gathered a few that you might be interested in below.

#### **Deakin University**

Deakin's three-year [Bachelor of Forensic Science](#) can be studied at their Waurin Ponds campus. You get the chance to enhance your studies by practicing in their purpose-built crime scene training facility. You can also visit a courtroom and participate in a 'moot court' as part of your studies.

#### **Western Sydney University**

WSU's [Bachelor of Medical Science \(Forensic Mortuary Practice\)](#) is a three-year course that you can study at their Campbelltown and Hawkesbury campuses. This unique degree combines medical science and forensic science, and can lead to a career as a forensic pathologist or post-mortem assistant. You also get to participate in a work placement opportunity with Forensic and Analytical Science Service (FASS) in the last year of the course.

#### **Griffith University**

The first of its kind in Queensland, Griffith's [Bachelor of Forensic Science](#) is a three-year course available for study at their Nathan campus. You get to learn from forensic experts who have worked on real cases, as well as participate in a moot court. You can choose to major in either Forensic Chemistry or Forensic Molecular Biology.

#### **Flinders University**

Flinders' [Bachelor of Science \(Forensic and Analytical Science\)](#) is a three-year degree available for study in Bedford Park. You can choose to study one of two streams, either Forensic and Analytical Chemistry, or Forensic Biology. You can get hands-on experience in one of Flinders' laboratories, and a chance to carry out honours research with an industry partner.

#### **Edith Cowan University**

You can study forensic science in WA with ECU's [Bachelor of Science \(Biomedical Science\) majoring in Forensic Science](#). This is a three-year course available at their Joondalup campus. You get to study in state-of-the-art forensic laboratories, and get hands-on experience in simulated crime scenes in the ECU Health Simulation Centre.

### **Online**

If there's no uni near you, don't worry. There are plenty of online options as well. You could consider something like CQUni's [Bachelor of Science \(Criminology and Psychology\)](#), which offers a unique blend of criminology, psychology, sociology, law and forensic science. And even though the course is online, you still get the option to complete a work placement as part of the degree.

### **Where can I find out more?**

If you're keen to study forensic science, check out some of the options above, or search your favourite uni and see if they offer a similar course. You can also learn about similar careers and the pathways you can take to get there in our [Job Spotlight series](#).

### **[Hear from VET Alumni](#)**

Are you thinking of getting a VET qualification at TAFE or another RTO? Maybe you want to know a bit about what it's like to study VET before jumping in.

Well you can. The Australian VET Alumni Program is a community of VET graduates from around Australia, sharing their stories and experiences of their VET journeys.

There are heaps of great success stories to inspire you, including [Rachel](#), who was studying at uni when she realised she wanted a more hands-on career. She ended up finding her passion in aviation and has since worked for QANTAS and Aviation Australia.

You can read more stories here: <https://www.myskills.gov.au/the-australian-vet-alumni-program/>

### **[NSW Winter Skills Program](#)**

After last year's lockdown, 2021 will be a massive ski season. The NSW Government is helping operators by offering fee-free courses under NSW JobTrainer.

Get training in specialised fields so you can work on the snow slopes this winter. Take courses in areas such as hospitality, tourism, health, construction and administration that you can use in other industries.

With fewer international workers and many skiers unable to travel overseas, this year's ski season will be huge.

Enquire now about one of the many fee-free courses available under NSW JobTrainer. Eligibility criteria apply.

Find out more here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/winter-skills>

### [Grandshake Civil Construction Cadet Virtual Work Experience](#)

In this Civil Cadet Virtual Work Experience, you will have the opportunity to build one of Inland Rail's biggest projects. Step by step, brick by brick, you will navigate the world of construction at Inland Rail and innovatively carry out your very own construction project. You will tackle all the steps involved in an engineering project and get first-hand experience in geotechnical analysis, surveying and civil design.

Is this for you? If you...

- Are inspired by the cool buildings around you
- Want to understand the inner workings of huge construction projects
- Would like an industry mentor and career guidance
- Have always been curious about how our train lines are built
- Love learning!

Then this experience was made for you!

[Learn more](#)

### [Study Work Grow x National Careers Week 2021](#)

This year, National Careers week is running from May 17 to 23. This is a week to celebrate and explore the huge variety of careers available to you, and start thinking about your career development.

NCW develops heaps of fantastic resources each year that can support you when thinking about your future. This year, they have created handy information sheets that provide useful tips, information and exercises about careers and your future.

Here are our top info sheet picks for the week:

- [School: what's the point?](#)
- [5 ways to turn your hobby into a career](#)

Want to dive a bit deeper into careers? We're also releasing a series of blogs to celebrate National Careers Week based on this year's theme, "Career. More than just a job". You can read the first blogs in the series here:

- [What's the difference between a career, a job, and work?](#)
- [Have you heard of Lifelong Learning?](#)

Make sure to keep an eye out for more information and resources coming in the next few weeks. Or you can see all of our National Careers Week resources here:

<https://studyworkgrow.com.au/category/swg-x-ncw-2021/>

### [How to become a Tiler](#)

***Make walls and floors eye-catching***

**What do Tilers do?**

Tilers fit and lay tiles onto floors, walls and other surfaces in homes and other structures. They work with many different materials, including ceramic, marble, glass, slate, and more. They also prepare surfaces to be ready to install new tiles.

If you like working with your hands, are fit and healthy, and have a bit of creative flair, becoming a Tiler could be ideal for you.

**About you:**

- Hard-working and fit
- Good spatial awareness
- Great problem solver
- Excellent communicator
- Can work to strict timelines and budgets
- Creative with an eye for design
- Excellent attention to detail
- Can work independently and as part of a team

**The job:**

- Examining plans and measuring surfaces
- Preparing surfaces for new tile fitting
- Picking suitable tiles for clients' needs and budgets
- Laying and grouting tiles evenly and cleanly
- Cutting tiles to the correct size and shape
- Working with other tradespeople
- Ordering materials and parts
- Waterproofing surfaces when appropriate
- Consulting with project managers and clients

**Lifestyle Impact: High**

- Part Time opportunities: Low – 76% of Tilers work full-time, meaning there is few part-time roles available (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 43 hours a week, which is average (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)).
- Tilers' salary (average) \$70,000\* per year (Source: [seek.com.au](http://seek.com.au)). \*Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Strong (Source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)).
- You will need to do a lot of manual work, so being fit and healthy is an advantage.

**Tilers are most in demand in these locations:**

This is a medium sized industry, with around 26,200 workers in 2019 (source: [joboutlook.com.au](http://joboutlook.com.au)). There are opportunities available across the country, with demand for Tilers spread across all states and territories. Tilers are most commonly found in the Construction and Manufacturing industries. Working as a Tiler requires you to be on-site and hands-on, so working remotely or from home unfortunately isn't possible.

**How to become a Tiler in Australia**

The most common pathway to becoming a Tiler is completing a relevant VET qualification through an apprenticeship. It may be possible to find work as a Tiler with no qualification, but you'll need to show you have plenty of hands-on experience.

Step 1 – Consider completing your high school certificate and take subjects such as Maths and Trades.

Step 2 – Complete a Tiling apprenticeship. You will get hands-on experience working for an employer while completing a relevant VET qualification. You will likely complete a [Certificate III in Wall and Floor Tiling](#) or equivalent.

Step 3 – Make sure you have any other essential requirements covered, such as a White Card.

Step 4 – Start working full-time as a Tiler and continue to build on your skills and experience.

Step 5 – Consider starting up your own business.

Find out more here –

<https://www.masterbuilders.com.au/Home>

<https://www.australiatilecouncil.com.au/>

### **Similar Careers to Tiler**

Carpenter

Plumber

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Boilermaker

Automotive Technician

Electrician

Architect

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### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### **What do Tilers do?**

Tilers prepare surfaces and lay tiles on walls and floors.

#### **Which industries employ Tilers?**

Tilers are most commonly found in the Construction and Manufacturing industries.

#### **Do I need to go to university to become a Tiler?**

No. You usually become a Tiler by undertaking an apprenticeship, combining work experience with a relevant VET qualification.

#### **Where do Tilers work?**

Tilers typically work directly on-site. This could be in unfinished houses and buildings, or in public spaces.

#### **What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Tiler?**

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

1. Start working with your hands and making things. You could try making decorative mosaics from tiles, or other useful tools and pieces for around the house.
2. Consider taking a Building and Construction Pre-apprenticeship. This is a great way to get a head-start on your training, and can be completed while you're still at school.
3. Try finding work experience in a building or construction setting. You can decide whether it is the right career for you, as well as start to build networks and connections for the future.

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