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## Open Days & Info Sessions

### Upcoming events at Macquarie University

Deciding where to study is a big decision and getting the right information is crucial!

Looking for information sessions, workshops, or major events like Open Day?

Register your interest and stay up-to-date with Macquarie University's upcoming events so you can plan ahead and block off your calendars.

Events are held on various dates. For more information on dates and times for each event, visit our events page at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/events> to register your interest.

### TAFE NSW | Fashion and Textiles Information Session

Wednesday 2 February 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Join us for this virtual Information Session covering Fashion Design courses from Certificate III to Bachelor Degree.

Find out more: <https://www.tafenswevents.com.au/event/sydney-fashion-and-textiles-information-session>

### University of Sydney | UAC – Understanding how preferences and offers work

Thursday 3 February 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Join us as we seek to demystify the UAC processes around preferences and offers for 2021 Year 12 students (and parents too!). The information provided will assist students to confidently navigate the UAC offer round process and engage with offers received. We will be looking at timelines, deadlines and using the UAC system to your best advantage.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_zBoqK9nQTV-eDDkBb2zI6g](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zBoqK9nQTV-eDDkBb2zI6g)

## **NIE | Bond University Psychometric Values Live Online Webinar**

Monday 7 February 2022, 8:00 am - 10:00 am

Online

With the changes to Bond Medicine's psychometric test in 2022, many aspiring applicants are feeling anxious or confused, wondering what this new test will mean, what types of changes a new provider will bring with them, and how the proctoring of a test can affect the test taker and the quality of their answers.

A useful knowledge about these psychometric tests can be obtained in this fun and challenging 2-hour webinar that focuses exclusively on the Bond Psychometric Tests in Emotional Intelligence and Personality, exploring how they measure the most important aspects of you using standardised metrics. Learn what they are actually measuring, and learn how you can become a better applicant and a better doctor by approaching these tests the right way.

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/psychometric-prep-bond-university/product/2955-bond-university-psychometric-values-live-online-2-hour-webinar>

## **University of Sydney | One-on-one consultations**

Monday 14 February 2022, 9:00 am - Thursday 17 February 2022, 5:00 pm

Online

Before the final offer round (February Round 3) on 17 February, we are hosting one-on-one consultations, where you can talk with our team about your study options and entry pathways and get your last-minute questions answered.

We have four staff members available for the designated dates and times, so please review each link to find the best time for you

Find out more: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate.html>

## **University of Sydney | Pathways to studying law**

Wednesday 16 February 2022, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

Did you know, there are many pathways to studying law at the University of Sydney? Hear from our panel of current students who have joined the law community at Sydney through alternate pathways, transferring or studying graduate entry law.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_sBhVkBWZRuC\\_PsL0122oAw](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sBhVkBWZRuC_PsL0122oAw)

## **CQUni | Online Chat Session**

Thursday 17 February 2022, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Join us at one of our virtual events or discover many other opportunities to get your questions answered.

By registering to attend this free event, you enable us to keep you informed about not only this event, but also your course of interest and any upcoming application deadlines across a wide range of on-campus and online options.

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

## University of Sydney | New pharmacy degrees

Wednesday 23 February 2022, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

Find out more about the new Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)/Graduate Diploma in Pharmacy Practice and the Bachelor of Pharmacy and Management (Honours) and Graduate Diploma in Pharmacy Practice that includes the required internship training hours so you can graduate ready to be a practising pharmacist.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_B6ZekjV7SfOM3F4jRrda4g](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B6ZekjV7SfOM3F4jRrda4g)

## Quantum Australia Conference and Careers Fair

Friday 25 February 2022, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Online

The quantum technology industry is growing at a rapid pace, with the industry in Australia predicted to generate over 16K new jobs by 2040. Learn about the inspiring careers on offer at #QuantumAustralia online careers fair – free for students. Hear direct from potential employers. Discover the wealth of quantum talent in Australia and the education and career opportunities on offer.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/QuantumAUSTRALIA>

## AIE | Information Evening

Thursday 17 March 2022, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE), Ultimo, and Online

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, film, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Information Evening. The evening will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. We will be showing off AIE student work and our staff and teachers will be available to chat with you about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career.

Find out more: [https://aie.edu.au/aie\\_event/information-evening/](https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/information-evening/)

## Macquarie | Year 12 Online Information Session

Tuesday 3 May 2022, 6:00 pm

Online

Join us for a series of short talks given by university representatives and current students. We'll cover everything you need to know to prepare you for university study including important dates and early entry. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions throughout the session to ease any anxiety about uni.

Find out more: <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/events>

## Macquarie | Year 10 Online Subject Selection Session

Wednesday 4 May 2022, 6:00 pm

Online

It's never too early to plan for your future. Join us for a series of short talks on the importance of informed subject selection, how your choice of subjects can help you at university, and how admission to Macquarie works. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions throughout the session to ease any anxiety about uni.

Find out more: <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/events>

## Workshops and Courses

### Whitehouse Institute of Design | Foundation Portfolio Workshop, Online

Saturday 5 February 2022, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online

This online workshop is for aspiring designers and recommended as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills and create a portfolio for application to the Bachelor of Design program. In this 2-hour workshop, you will gain an understanding of how to illustrate with Marker and Paper, experiment with different multi-media materials and learn techniques for presenting your creative ideas.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/foundation-portfolio-workshop-tickets-250068811547?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

### AFTRS | Intro to Directing Online

Monday 21 February 2022, 6:30 pm - Wednesday 9 March 2022, 8:30 pm

Online

'What does a director do?' This introductory course delivered completely online will focus on the responsibilities and workflow of the film and television director, from pre-production through to post-production. Taught by highly experienced Industry practitioners you'll get an insight into this key role, and what makes a great director.

This course is delivered by Zoom Video in six evening sessions over three weeks.

This course is open to students aged 16 years and over (students under 18 must complete an Under 18 consent form).

Find out more: <https://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-course/intro-to-directing/>

## Scholarships

### Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship

Value: Up to \$8,000 USD

Open/Closing Dates: February 28, 2022 – April 30, 2022

The Jane M. Klausman (JMK) Women in Business Scholarship program helps women pursue undergraduate and master's degrees in business management and overcome gender barriers from the classroom to the boardroom.

[Find out more](#)

### University of Newcastle Glencore Coal Undergraduate Scholarship in Civil Engineering

Value: Up to \$30,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: November 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022

The aim of this scholarship support is to provide scholars greater financial independence while completing their program and to encourage students to pursue an education in this field. It is the intention of Glencore to build ongoing relationships with scholars including opportunities for paid work experience and professional networking opportunities during their degree program with a view to scholars being considered for a career with Glencore upon graduation.

[Find out more](#)

## UOW The Edna Campbell Scholarship for Women

Value: \$2,500 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: December 22, 2021 – February 18, 2022

This scholarship is to honour the life of Mrs Edna Campbell. The scholarship is to support women who originate from either the Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama or Shoalhaven Local Government Area who are the first in their family to attend University and may be facing disadvantage.

[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### Global Academic Challenge

Designed by the globally-renowned educational research centre that created PAT, the Global Academic Challenge is a unique academic competition for Australian students.

Each student's achievement in the Challenge will be recognised with a hard-copy certificate ready for presentation at school assemblies or ceremonies. Top performers will also receive a personalised medallion.

All Australian schools are eligible to participate in the Global Academic Challenge. Students who wish to participate must be part of a school that is registered for the Challenge.

The Challenge is open to students in years 4, 6 and 8, and in three categories: maths, reading and science. Registrations for the Challenge are now open.

The Challenge will run from March 21-23.

Find out more and register here: <https://www.acer.org/au/global-academic-challenge>

### International Comic / Manga School Contest 2022

Clip Studio are hosting a manga, comic, and illustration contest open to students worldwide. Winners are eligible for cash prizes, digital creation software, pen tablets, and chances to be featured in the media too! The contest is also an opportunity to have your work judged and critiqued by professional creators and boost your skills. There are loads of categories to choose from and many opportunities to win prizes!

Entries will be accepted for the following six categories. The theme for all categories is "Journey".

- Comics (Colour)
- Manga (B&W)
- Bande Dessinée (Colour)
- Webtoon (Colour)
- Storyboard
- Illustration

Entries close Friday 8 April.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.clipstudio.net/promotion/comiccontest/en/>

### Art Prize: Immunisation Coalition

Are you a primary, secondary or tertiary student? Create a piece of artwork or a short video and win prizes!

The Immunisation Coalition Art Prize aims to highlight and promote you as a contemporary artist and support our mission to bring factual awareness of issues around influenza, vaccination and the burden of infectious disease.

This competition is open to amateur and professional artists, with categories in both Visual Art (e.g. drawings, animations) and short film submissions (up to 60 seconds). Entry is free and prizes range from \$500 – \$2000.

Works can be submitted from now until 31st of March 2022. There is also an educational package for teachers to include the competition in class curriculum. Email [artprize@immunisationcoalition.org.au](mailto:artprize@immunisationcoalition.org.au) for more details.

Find out more: <https://www.immunisationcoalition.org.au/events/2022-art-prize/>

## Work Experience

### Virtual Work Experiences with Career Starter

Career Starter has partnered with real businesses and organisations to provide virtual work experiences, taken from actual projects that you might be expected to complete if you're to pursue a career in the sector that you interested in.

They currently have experiences in IT, law, business, and education, from companies like ASIO, Fujitsu and MECCA.

[Learn more](#)

## Careers & Jobs

### Australian Federal Police | Directions Program

The AFP Directions Program recognises the valuable contributions First Nations people make to policing for a safer Australia. It also helps ensure the AFP's workforce is representative of the communities we serve.

The 12-month integrated employment and development program is located in Canberra and runs annually from February to February. It provides permanent, full-time employment in specialist and support positions in the AFP and gives participants professional development opportunities to have a challenging and rewarding career.

Participants who successfully complete the program will be promoted to an ongoing position with the AFP. Previous program participants have experienced a variety of different career paths, including transitioning to police officer or protective service officer roles.

#### Are you eligible?

The AFP Directions Program is open to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians who are 18 years or older at time of applying. No formal qualifications are required.

You should apply if you:

- Are interested in working for the AFP
- Have good communication skills
- Can work well as part of a team
- Have personal drive, integrity and a strong work ethic
- Are creative and can think in different ways
- Have experience using basic IT
- Are willing to relocate to Canberra

Find out more about the program, the applications and recruitment process, salary and benefits here:

<https://jobs.afp.gov.au/job-opportunities/directions-program>

## Be a Ballkid at International Tennis Tournaments

Ball boys and ball girls are an important part of the professional tennis scene. Responsible for picking up used balls and providing new ones to the players out on the courts, they keep the game going safely and smoothly.

If you're thinking about a future career in Tennis or another sport, or you're just really passionate about the game and would like to get out on the court yourself, why not sign up for the [National BallKid Program](#). You could get some amazing experience to add to your resume, gain insight into the world of professional sports, watch the matches close up, or even get to network with some elite tennis players and their crew.

### How to become a ball boy or girl in Australia

- Be aged between 12 and 17 years old
- Register your interest in the National Ballkid Program by completing the [online application form](#)

If you're selected, you'll have to attend trials either in the state where the tournaments are happening or at the National Training Centre.

Making the cut at trials means you'll have to attend the training program, which *could* mean you'll be selected as one of the 360 ball boys and ball girls taking part in the Australian Open.

You won't get paid for your hours spend on court, but you'll be supplied with the official uniform designed by Ralph Lauren no doubt (which you'll be allowed to keep). You might also bag a bunch of other goodies like the Apple AirPods, gift cards and backpacks that the 2021 ballkids received. You'll also get a food and travel allowance to cover your costs.

### Future opportunities for ballkids

Taking part in the Australian Open could open doors for you to attend international tournaments and matches.

After the age of 16 if you'd like to progress your career, there's always the option to train as a [linesperson](#), [umpire](#), or work in other [court services](#).

## Further Learning

### How and why you might need to register for the SAT

Australian students who'd like to apply to study at universities overseas may well need to complete an SAT exam as part of the application process.

#### What is the SAT?

The SAT is a standardised, multiple-choice, pencil-and-paper entrance exam that's widely used for college admissions in the United States (and some other countries).

#### Read more about the SAT

You can read more about the SAT and what's involved in these resources:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/international-testing>

<https://www.crimsoneducation.org/au/blog/test-prep/how-to-register-for-SAT-internationally/>

#### Key Dates:

Test dates for 2022 are coming up on [12 March and 7 May](#) but you'll need to [register](#) by 11 February and 8 April respectively.

You'll also have to pay a fee, you can check how much it costs here:

<https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration/international-testing/fees>

## Getting ready for Year 11 & 12

If you're just starting senior school this year, congratulations!

You might have some questions and concerns about what's ahead for the next two years. Education NSW has put together some handy resources to help guide you through this difficult but rewarding time.

They have a handy checklist, and lots of resources you can download and print out, such as a calendar and a planner.

Check it out here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/going-to-school/preparing/getting-ready-for-year-11-12.html>

## Resources

### How do you want to spend your time?

#### Spending your time doing the things you love

Unfortunately, there is only so much time a week to fill in with all the things we enjoy. There are 168 hours in a week, and assuming you're asleep for around 56 of them, and spending around 12 eating/washing/getting out of bed, that leaves you with 100 hours left for everything else.

Most of us want to be spending our time doing the things that make us happy, right? But we also need to balance our time doing stuff we enjoy with things we *need* to do. Getting that balance right is key.

#### How do you spend your time now?

If you're still at school, a big chunk of your time is taken up by attending school. Then there's time for homework, assignments, study, and maybe more.

What are the other things you do in your spare time? Do you play a sport or an instrument? Do you set aside time for a hobby each day or week? How much time do you spend with friends and family?

Write down all the things that are taking up your time right now. Once you've done that, take a guess at how many hours each activity takes up every week. Don't forget to include things like chores or work, travelling to and from school, and any downtime.

#### How do you want to spend your time in the future?

Once you've got a visual idea of how you spend your time, reflect on it. Are you happy with the way you spend your time?

Maybe you'd like to spend more time with friends and family. Maybe you'd like to dedicate a bit more time to your schoolwork. Think about ways you might be able to reallocate your time to fit in more of the things you love.

Then, start thinking even further ahead. Once you finish school, how will the way you spend your time change? What would it look like if you go to uni? What might it look like if you start working?

#### Getting the balance right

Make another chart or graph, and this time put in how many hours you *want* to spend doing each activity (not how many you're currently doing now).

Does it match up well with the way you're spending your time now? If not, are there any ways you can shuffle your time to make space for more things that you enjoy?

Striking the right balance between the things we want and the things we need to do is important. If you don't get any downtime or time to enjoy things, you'll probably get burnt out. On the flipside, not doing the important things (study, chores, etc.) will probably lead to some issues in the future.



Remember, the way we spend our time looks different for each individual. Some people feel most productive filling up all their time doing “important” things like study and work. Some people need a bit more breathing time, and that’s okay too.

The important thing to remember is to find a balance that works for you and makes you happy.

## Looking for goal setting inspiration in 2022?

In our previous blogs, we’ve looked at why you’d want to set goals as well as how to go about it, but it’s not always that easy.

### Stuck for ideas

It may not be New Year’s Eve but that’s not the only time you can set goals and resolutions, but sometimes settling on your goals can be the hardest part and could stop you from getting started. If you’re still undecided about what goals can look like, we’ve put together some goal setting ideas that might inspire you.

### Short-term goals (weeks, months, 1 year)

These might be the easiest goals to decide on. If there’s something you’ve always want to do, or try, or achieve why not make 2022 the year that you give it a go.

They don’t have to be supercool or on trend either, they can be anything that’s important to you.

- Get homework and assignments done on time
- Research options after high school – universities, degrees, alternative pathways including TAFE, private colleges, apprenticeships and traineeships
- Study for driver’s license, book lessons & schedule practise time
- Get healthy – monitor sleep, make better food choices, exercise more (& consistently), spend more time outdoors
- Spend more quality time with family and friends
- Invest in relationships that make you feel good
- Get an “A” in your favourite subject at school
- Research resume writing or create your resume
- Improve your soft skills
- Get a part-time job
- Volunteer
- Contribute more at home

### Medium- term goals (1-5 years)

These goals may be a little trickier because you might not really know yet what you want to be doing in 5 years time – that’s ok. Set goals that make sense to you now or you could make one of your goals to explore your future options and set clear goals in 2023.

- Save up to buy a car
- Get work experience – preferably in a field related to your chosen career
- Run a marathon
- Apply for University / Apprenticeships / Traineeships / find a job
- Graduate from University
- Write a resume, keep it updated and work on getting skills and experience that will enhance my resume
- Learn a new language
- Take a gap year and travel
- Raise money for a cause or charity close to your heart

## Long-term goals (5-10 years)

Again, long term goals might feel tricky right now, but it's important to remember they're not set in stone. Visualise the life you'd like 5 to 10 years from now, set some goals from that. If you change your mind completely in 2023, no problem, simply adjust your goals.

- Embark on a career that will make me happy
- Compete in State / National sports
- Live and work overseas
- Continued learning in my field of interest even when I am working
- Complete a degree
- Get promoted at work
- Put a deposit on my own home

## It's all about YOU

The ideas we've listed are pretty generic, they're just to inspire you to think about what your goals could be.

So have a think about what you love, what makes you happy and the kind of life you'd like to end up living and go from there. There is no right or wrong.

## Job Spotlight

### [How to become an Accountant](#)

*Become a money management superstar*

#### What do Accountants do?

Accountants help individuals and organisations manage their money. This can be in a variety of ways – with taxes, finances, record management, auditing, budgeting, and much more. You might work as an employee in an independent accounting firm, or as an in-house accountant for a company.

If you're great with maths, are analytical and organised, and are a great communicator, becoming an Accountant could be perfect for you.

#### About you:

- Great with maths
- Analytical and thorough
- Great communicator
- Excellent problem solver
- Can work in teams and independently
- Organised and efficient
- Precise and deadline-oriented
- Fantastic attention to detail

#### The job:

- Examining the cash flow of businesses
- Preparing financial statements
- Creating and implementing budgets
- Providing advice about tax
- Undertaking audits
- Managing a client's investment portfolio
- Precise and deadline-oriented
- Providing general financial advice

### Lifestyle Impact: Low

- Part Time opportunities: Low – around 20% of Accountants work part-time (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)).
- Accountants' salary (average) \$60,000\* 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)).
- Most of your work will probably be done indoors, and during normal business hours.

### Accountants are most in demand in these locations:

This is a very large sized occupation, with around 205,700 people working as Accountants in Australia in 2020 (source: [joboutlook.com.au](http://joboutlook.com.au)). Demand for Accountants is spread fairly evenly across Australia, with a large share of workers in New South Wales. Most Accountants work in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry.

### How to become an Accountant in Australia

Before you can practice as an Accountant, you will need to complete a relevant Bachelor's degree, and register with one of Australia's three peak accounting bodies.

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a focus on English and Maths.

Step 2 – Find work experience in an accounting or business setting.

Step 3 – Complete a relevant undergraduate qualification, such as a Bachelor of Accounting, or Bachelor of Business majoring in Accounting.

Step 4 – Apply to become a [Certified Practising Accountant](#) (CPA), a [Chartered Accountant](#) (CA), or join the [Institute of Public Accountants](#) (IPA).

Step 5 – Start working as a fully qualified accountant.

Find out more here –

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

<https://www.charteredaccountantsanz.com/>

<https://www.publicaccountants.org.au/>

### Similar Careers to Accountant

[Financial Manager](#)

[Bookkeeper](#)

Chief Financial Officer

[Logistics Manager](#)

[Human Resources Manager](#)

[Business Development Manager](#)

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

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What do Accountants do?

Accountants are responsible for managing and advising on a variety of finance- and money-related matters.

### Which industries employ Accountants?

Accountants are mostly employed in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry.

### What options are there for career progression?

You might like to specialise in a particular type of accounting, such as tax, forensic, investment, management, and more. Once you have build up lots of experience, you might even like to start your own firm or work freelance.

### Do I need to go to university to become an Accountant?

You will need an undergraduate degree in order to work as a fully qualified Accountant in Australia.

### Where do Accountants work?

There is demand for Accountants across Australia, particularly in New South Wales.

### What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become an Accountant?

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

1. Start up a budget or financial plan for yourself or your home and see if you can manage your money effectively. If you have a casual or part-time job, see if you can file your own tax return.
2. See if you can find work experience in an accountancy or business-based setting. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
3. Talk to an Accountant to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in accounting.

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