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## What's On in the Next Few Weeks

### [NIE | UCAT and Pathways Into Medicine](#)

**June 5, 2023**

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

This is not a sales, advertising, or promotional seminar. The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics, and more:

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- Year 10, 11 and 12 – things to consider now.
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- UCAT vs UMAT – How is UCAT different and why was UMAT replaced?
- GAMSAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate interview process
- Gap Year
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Q & A

[Find out more](#)



## [Charles Sturt | EngFest 2023](#)

**June 6 to June 8, 2023**

EngFest is Charles Sturt's annual three-day celebration of civil engineering, with exhibitions and presentations of student works and research, school visits and information sessions, a careers expo, industry networking, professional development events and more.

It brings together students, cadet and professional civil engineers, researchers, representatives of Engineers Australia, interested members of the public and school students. We invite you to come along to meet the engineers of tomorrow and see what the future of engineering holds.

[Find out more](#)

## [Clusters PD - The Clusters for history and geography teachers](#)

**June 6, 2023**

Join Lucy from Study Work Grow to learn how to use the Career Clusters in your humanities classroom.

This Professional Learning session will give you the skills you need to feel confident talking about a range of jobs in history, geography, politics, society, and related fields. We'll also cover some tips for having positive career conversations, and identify where you might already be having career conversations without realising it.

This session is designed for those who teach history, geography, and other humanities subjects, and the career educators who support them.

[Find out more](#)

## [ADF | Trade Careers Information Session, Albury](#)

**June 6, 2023**

A trade role in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) will see you working on some of the world's most advanced military technology and equipment.

Learn about trade careers in the ADF and the comprehensive training they provide. Join us for an info session and speak with current serving members about their own experience and advice.

[Find out more](#)

## [UOW | Liverpool Parents & Students Info Evening](#)

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## [SCCE | Exchange Webinar](#)

**June 6, 2023**

Preparing for your exchange program is an important part of the process and is vital to continued program success. At these online meetings, an experienced high school exchange advisor will share an overview of high school exchange programs with Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

You'll learn more about living with a host family and how studying overseas can help you develop confidence and independence... and gain a lifetime of memories.

[Find out more](#)

## [ADF | Indigenous Pathways Virtual Information Session](#)

**June 6, 2023**

Join the thousands of Australian Defence Force members who enjoy financial security, rewarding work and personal development in jobs that proudly represent their communities. Join us for a virtual info session to learn about Indigenous opportunities in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

[Find out more](#)

## [UTS College | Your way to UTS – Information Session](#)

**June 6, 2023**

UTS College offers pathway programs designed to get you into the UTS degree you want. Whether you're looking for a foundation course to prepare you for uni or a diploma program that can fast track you into 2nd year at UTS – we can help! Join our webinar to find out how UTS College can help you.

[Find out more](#)

## [University of Sydney | Pathways to Studying Law](#)

**June 7, 2023**

Are you interested in pursuing a career in law? Join us to find out about the University of Sydney's Bachelor of Laws and how it will provide you with the skills, knowledge, and connections to become an internationally focused lawyer.

[Find out more](#)

## [University of Sydney | Pathways to Oral Health and Dentistry for Indigenous Students](#)

**June 7, 2023**

The Faculty of Medicine and Health has introduced an entry pathway for Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander students who aspire to become dentists. This pioneering program starts with a TAFE Certificate III in Dental Assistance, which provides the foundation for admission to the Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH) at the University of Sydney.



After completing the BOH, students can apply for entry into the Doctor of Dental Medicine program that leads to becoming a qualified dentist. This initiative is the first in Australia to offer pre-high school to postgraduate dentistry qualifications for Indigenous students, providing an unparalleled opportunity to pursue a fulfilling career in dentistry.

[Find out more](#)

## [myfuture Insights | Managing career uncertainty and anxiety: the power of career conversations \(for parents and carers\)](#)

**June 7, 2023**

Career uncertainty has been defined as the inability, as a teenager, to articulate a career ambition or occupational expectation for adult life. As transitions from school to further education, training or work have become more unpredictable, and employment markets more competitive and fluid, career uncertainty in young people, both in Australia and internationally, is increasingly common.

In this webinar, Dr Jo Gleeson (Monash University), lead author of the forthcoming myfuture Insights Paper 'Managing career uncertainty and anxiety: the power of career conversations', will talk about the findings of her research in this area, and share a questionnaire that can help you to facilitate career conversations with your child.

[Find out more](#)

## [Charles Sturt | Charles Sturt Advantage Information Session](#)

**June 7, 2023**

Applications for the Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program are now open! This information session will give more detail about the program, including how to apply, what makes a strong application, and some frequently asked questions.

[Find out more](#)

## [BiG Day In Port Macquarie](#)

**June 8, 2023**

Join us at CSU Port Macquarie for the 2023 BiG Day In! We're excited to be back on Campus at CSU again bringing cool speakers from organisations such as Essential Energy, Wisetech Global, TCS, Australian Signals Directorate, Australian Space Agency & Defence Force Recruiting to talk to students about where a STEM/STEAM career can take them.

[Find out more](#)

## [Black Dog Institute | Navigating your Teen's Mental Health](#)

**June 8, 2023**

Normal mood swings or clinically depressed –can you tell the difference?



Understanding mental health is a minefield for many of us, but that's where we can help. Our presentation developed by experts has been designed to help you answer questions like this and gives you the knowledge and practical advice to:

- Identify depression from normal mood swings
- Understand the types of mental health concerns
- Recognise the symptoms of depression and anxiety
- Know when professional help is needed
- Understand the range of treatment options
- Have open, meaningful conversations
- Spot and monitor the warning signs

Our free, 45 minute sessions are presented by community members with lived experience of mental illness. The presenters speak from the heart, sharing their personal story as well as our expert knowledge.

[Find out more](#)

## **[WEP | Student Exchange Info Session](#)**

**June 8, 2023**

Imagine making friends from all over the world, learning about yourself and the world around you and seeing sights you could only dream of! Find out more about your student exchange opportunities at WEP's online info session.

[Find out more](#)

## **[ADF | Women in Defence Virtual Information Session](#)**

**June 8, 2023**

Consider a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force and work alongside likeminded, supportive, proud serving men and women. Tune in for a virtual info session to speak with current serving women in Defence to learn more.

[Find out more](#)

## **[University of Sydney | Indonesia in Action Day](#)**

**June 9, 2023**

Indonesia in Action Day aims to bring Indonesian language students from multiple schools to the University with the ultimate purpose of encouraging lifelong interest in Indonesia and to strengthen the learning of Indonesian in NSW.

This year's event will have multiple rounds of fun activities and some presentations aimed at increasing student engagement and exposure to Indonesian language and culture.

Students will also have the opportunity to hear from current University of Sydney students and graduates who have studied Indonesian about their experiences, insights, and how Indonesian has boosted their career opportunities.

[Find out more](#)



## [University of Sydney | Meet Sydney, Armidale](#)

**June 9, 2023**

Join us for an information evening to find out all you need to know about the University of Sydney!

Learn about our new [Regional and Remote Entry Scheme](#) and [MySydney Scheme](#).

The session will also cover information about courses, admission requirements, entry schemes/pathways, fees, and scholarships, as well as the type of support available on campus. Uni students and alumni from Regional NSW will share stories, tips on moving away from home and advice about their journey to university and beyond.

You'll also get the chance to speak with staff and students and have all your questions about the University of Sydney answered.

[Find out more](#)

## [TAFE NSW | Grenfell Open Day](#)

**June 10, 2023**

Visit us at TAFE NSW Grenfell CLC for our open day.

Meet local staff. explore the campus and learn about our Semester 2 courses, facilities & support services. You'll also learn all about scholarships, degrees, pathway opportunities, flexible study options, enrolment support and so much more.

[Find out more](#)

## [Basair | Pilot Career Seminar, Sydney](#)

**June 12, 2023**

Learn about career paths, salaries, entry level jobs, qualifications, pilot courses and everything you need to know about becoming a Commercial Pilot in less than a year at Basair.

[Find out more](#)

## [University of Newcastle | ExperimentFest](#)

**June 13 to June 23, 2023**

For the more than 20 years, the University of Newcastle has been working with local high schools to provide authentic, engaging, and hands-on experiences for HSC students. For those studying Stage 6 Science/Food Tech Subjects, Experiment Fest is the chance to improve laboratory skills and use specialised equipment that isn't readily available in regular classrooms, while conducting experiments that directly relate to the HSC syllabus in areas of;

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth and Environmental Science
- Food Science and Human Nutrition
- Physics

[Find out more](#)



## [UOW | Sutherland Parents & Students Info Evening](#)

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[Find out more](#)

## [UNSW | Year 12 Info Evenings: Your Journey to UNSW](#)

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Discover your unique journey to uni and how to get there.

We'll cover how to preference for your dream degree, scholarship application tips and tricks, and how you can show you are more than just your ATAR.

The fun stuff won't be missed, you'll hear from current students about uni life, fun activities and how classes work.

[Find out more](#)

## [UTS | Early Entry Careers Advisers Drop-in Session](#)

**June 14, 2023**

Join us for a presentation and Q&A session on our UTS Early Entry Program.

We will be running 2 sessions:

- Morning session (8.30am – 9.15am)
- Afternoon session (3.30pm – 4.15pm).

The afternoon session will be a repeat of the content in the morning session. We'll be stepping you through the application process for Early Entry and other important FAQs.

[Find out more](#)

## [University of Sydney | The New Bachelor of Agricultural Science](#)

**June 14, 2023**

The University of Sydney will be launching a new Agricultural Science degree in 2024. Join this session with Prof Stephen Cattle from the School of Life and Environmental Sciences to learn about the new 3-year Bachelor of Agricultural Science, and the new 4-year Bachelor of Agricultural Science Honours. Whether you become an expert in soil science and digital agriculture or help find solutions to how we feed the world sustainably, you will be on the frontline of issues of global importance.

[Find out more](#)



## [Black Dog Institute | Breaking Down Depression](#)

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Words like 'depression' and 'anxiety' are often misused and misunderstood. Understanding and talking about mental health in general can be a minefield for many of us too. That's where we can help, our presentation has been developed by experts to give you the knowledge to:

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## [University of Sydney | MySydney Entry and Scholarship Scheme](#)

**June 14, 2023**

Learn about our new My Sydney Entry and Scholarship Scheme for students from low socio-economic backgrounds. Find out how you can enter your dream degree with a lowered ATAR requirement and get ongoing financial and other support, including an \$8,500 per annum scholarship. Find out about the eligibility criteria, how to apply, benefits, and frequently asked questions.

[Find out more](#)

## [University of Sydney | MySydney Entry and Scholarship Scheme Webinar](#)

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## [Aviation Job Skills Workshop - Campbelltown](#)

**June 15, 2023**

Join us at our workshop to explore the huge variety of Airports and Aviation job career pathways available to the women of Western Sydney.

Each workshop is designed to share career pathways, training options and skill requirements, job application tips for women to apply for aviation jobs. It's a great insight into the amazing career opportunities that exists at Airports, including careers that do not require any formal qualifications to enter.

[Find out more](#)

## [Sydney Design School | Info Session](#)

**June 15, 2023**

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.

You can now join an on campus session live online via Zoom if you are unable to attend.

[Find out more](#)

## [University of Sydney | Year 12 Indigenous Pathways Information Night](#)

**June 15, 2023**

Find out how the University of Sydney can get you started on the road to your dream career. Join us at the Indigenous Pathways Information Night to hear about the pathways and programs supporting Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students at the University of Sydney.

[Find out more](#)



## [AIE | Information Evening](#)

**June 15, 2023**

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, film, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Information Evening on Thu 15 June 2023. 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](#)

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[Find out more](#)

## [Girls in Aviation Day – Dubbo | Wiradjuri Country](#)

**June 16, 2023**

GIAD is a free event offered to those who identify as girls ages 8 to 17 years to introduce them to the many aviation career possibilities.

The day is an opportunity to explore the exciting careers available in the aviation and aerospace industry, such as engineers, aircraft maintenance technicians, pilots, operational staff, air traffic controllers, and many other jobs within the aviation community.

Attendees will be guided in small groups through multiple stations, combining a mix of hands on activities and wonderful stories of the industry. A short stop for a free light lunch will also be included. The day will be full of career inspiration, supported by amazing people from the industry, including female role models.

[Find out more](#)

## [University of Sydney | Info Night, Cabramatta](#)

**June 16, 2023**

Discover why the University of Sydney is the right place for you! Chat with current students and alumni from Southwest Sydney who are studying a variety of degrees. Learn about admission requirements, entry schemes, pathways, fees, scholarships, other financial assistance and support services we offer from our expert staff and UAC representative. We'll be serving light refreshments for you to enjoy during the event.

[Find out more](#)



## [UTS | Applying to UTS](#)

June 17, 2023

Thinking about applying to an undergraduate course at UTS? Join us online or on campus to find out about the different application options including applying through UAC, the UTS Early Entry Program, admission schemes and pathways.

[Find out more](#)

## Important Future Events

### [The Hotel School | Sydney Open Campus](#)

**June 17, 2023**

Do you want to explore our CBD campus and see what The Hotel School has to offer? Attend a Masterclass delivered by our Academics to experience life as a student at The Hotel School. Explore your dream career and connect with passionate industry experts! Join us for an exciting Open Campus experience on Saturday, 17 June 2023.

- Meet faculty team members and the Head of Campus
- Discuss career opportunities with the Work Integrated Learning team
- Find out about our courses and the application process in detail
- Chat with our current student ambassadors
- Enjoy Barista coffee and light refreshments

[Find out more](#)

### [Western Sydney Careers Expo 2023](#)

**June 22 to June 24, 2023**

The Western Sydney Careers Expo provides resources and information for tertiary courses, career and employment options, the HSC, study strategies, the gap year and much more. A feature of The Expo is the seminar program with presentations on course, career and study advice, employment opportunities and key HSC subjects.

[Find out more](#)

### [UTS | Startups Summit](#)

**June 27, 2023**

Join over 6,000 year 9 and 10 students at the ICC Sydney to immerse themselves and find out what tech-enabled students are doing, and see what is really possible for their future. You'll see young, diverse, tech-enabled entrepreneurs in action, and have the opportunity to represent your school in talking about your ideas.

This event is free for schools and students, and will be held one time only.

[Find out more](#)



## [WSU | Open Day](#)

**July 2, 2023**

Registrations are now open for Open Day 2023. Register now to join us on Sunday 2 July for your chance to win 1 of 3 e-giftcards valued at \$1,000.

Open Day is a great opportunity to discover everything Western has to offer, explore presentations and student panels, meet academics and current students, find out about Western's early offer pathway, HSC True Reward and more.

[Find out more](#)

## [UOW | HSC Subject Revision Bootcamp](#)

**July 3 to July 6, 2023**

HSC Bootcamp is designed, directed and delivered by highly experienced current HSC markers. This means that you will learn directly from your HSC markers and from the very people who put together the syllabus for each subject.

Each 'Bootcamp' will run from 10.00am to 3.00pm (with a 1 hour break!) and will cover exam specific questions linked to HSC subject content. You will unpack how to best respond to past HSC questions, guided by an HSC marker. Get the most of your study time, be prepared and achieve your best in the HSC.

The HSC Subject Revision Bootcamp will cover:

- English Advanced
- English Standard
- Mathematics Advanced
- PDHPE
- Chemistry
- Legal Studies

Sessions are free. Capacity is limited, register ASAP so you don't miss out!

[Find out more](#)

## [Creative Studio: Grace Barnes](#)

**July 3 to July 12, 2023**

In partnership with TAFE NSW and Regional Futures, Creative Studio is giving Western Sydney and Lower Hunter Valley based students the opportunity to explore AR technology and digital portraiture with multidisciplinary artist, Grace Barnes.

In response to the Powerhouse exhibition, *A Line A Web A World*, Grace Barnes will take students through her creative process to demonstrate how to transform physical media into digital visualisation using Procreate and AR technology.



Inspired by the natural landscapes around her, Grace Barnes aims to explore the bold truths of what our future environment might look like. Grace invites students to visualise themselves in the future they want and need. This workshop encourages imagination, design and critical thinking.

Recommended for high school students in grades 7–12. Students are expected to attend all three days. The workshop is free, but bookings are essential as places are limited.

[Find out more](#)

## [Campion College | Winter Program 2023](#)

**July 4 to July 7, 2023**

Our immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. We have a fun-filled program including a bonfire night, movies, trivia, dancing and sports, as well as sample lectures from our history, literature, philosophy and theology professors.

[Find out more](#)

## Scholarships

### [5 Scholarships for LGBTQIA+ Students in Australia](#)

As we launch into [International Pride Month](#), it's encouraging to see how the academic landscape is becoming more inclusive and supportive of diverse communities. Whether you're a high school student dreaming of pursuing higher education or already enrolled in university, we've found some great scholarships for LGBTQIA+ students in Australia. Let's take a look.

#### **Understanding LGBTQIA+ scholarships**

LGBTQIA+ scholarships are specifically designed to support and empower students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, or asexual. These scholarships aim to create more inclusive and diverse learning environments by easing the financial burden of education.

Aside from financial assistance, these scholarships offer a range of other benefits too. They provide recognition and validation to LGBTQIA+ students, fostering a sense of belonging within the academic community. Plus, they often come with mentoring programs, networking opportunities, and access to LGBTQIA+ support services, allowing students to thrive both academically and personally.



## Scholarships for LGBTQIA+ students

Australia has some incredible scholarships tailored specifically for LGBTQIA+ students, including:

- [The Pinnacle Foundation Scholarships](#): provides financial assistance, mentoring, and other opportunities for young LGBTIQ+ Australians.
- [ANSTO LGBTQIA+ STEM Leadership Scholarship](#): these grants help to inspire more diverse young people to consider a career in STEM.
- [University of Newcastle LGBTQIA+ Shaping Futures Scholarship](#): supports a student who identifies as LGBTQIA+ and who is managing study alongside challenging personal circumstances.
- [Monash MRS Queer Leadership scholarship](#): provides students of diverse genders and sexualities the capability to afford accommodation on campus at Monash.
- [University of Melbourne First Nations Pride Scholarship](#): financial assistance for Indigenous LGBTQIA+ students entering a degree within the Faculty of Fine Arts and Music.

## Inclusive scholarships for all

While queer-specific scholarships are fantastic, don't forget that many scholarships in Australia are open to all students, including LGBTQIA+ individuals. These scholarships assess applicants based on academic achievements, extracurricular involvement, leadership potential, and personal circumstances.

## Embrace your journey

Applying for scholarships isn't just about securing financial assistance; it's about embracing your journey and celebrating your identity. Remember, you're not alone — you can always reach out to mentors, counsellors, and support networks for guidance along the way. If you'd like to find more scholarships, you can search our comprehensive database [here](#).

## Apprenticeships and Traineeships

### [Aquaculture Apprenticeship Spotlight](#)

Do you want to work in the outdoors? Do you love the water and environment? If all these apply to you, you might like to consider a career in aquaculture. And one of the best ways to get there is by doing an aquaculture apprenticeship.



## **What is a career in aquaculture?**

A career in aquaculture involves the cultivation and management of aquatic organisms, such as fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants, for commercial purposes. It is a multidisciplinary field that combines aspects of biology, ecology, business, and environmental management. There are many different roles in this field, including farm hands, boat operators, managers, divers, technicians, biologists, and more.

## **What skills do I need for a career in aquaculture?**

Aquaculturists need an understanding of aquatic organisms, their biology, and management techniques. You'll need to have good problem solving skills to address challenges related to water quality, disease control, and production efficiency.

As part of your job, you'll probably be expected to operate a variety of machines and equipment. Being adaptable to the changing conditions and regulations of the industry is also very important.

## **Why should I consider an aquaculture apprenticeship?**

Apprenticeships are a great way to get your foot in the door with an employer and start building valuable skills. There are often lots of opportunities to continue working with your employer after your apprenticeship is complete, and even advance your career down the track. As part of an aquaculture apprenticeship, you will be doing real work for an employer while completing study with a TAFE or RTO. An aquaculture apprenticeship usually takes 2-3 years to complete, depending on whether you work and study full- or part-time.

Here are some qualifications you might want to look into:

- [Certificate III in Aquaculture](#)
- [Certificate IV in Aquaculture](#)
- [Diploma of Aquaculture](#)
- [Aquaculture Diver Skill Set](#)

There are tons of benefits to an apprenticeship, rather than just work or study alone, including:

- Getting paid while you learn – unlike uni, you can work and study without having to take on an insane work load.
- The opportunity to get hands-on experience, not just endless reading.
- The potential to connect with an employer and continue working with them after your traineeship is finished.
- Your qualification will be nationally recognised, meaning you can go anywhere with it.



## Where can I find apprenticeship opportunities?

Just like searching for a job, there are lots of places you can go to find an apprenticeship. You can start your search on sites like [SEEK](#) and [Indeed](#). Take a look on social media like Facebook or LinkedIn to see if any local businesses are hiring. Sign up with an [Apprenticeship Network Provider or Group Training Organisation](#), or even go old fashioned and take a look in the local paper or give local businesses a call. Here are some examples of the kinds of opportunities available in aquaculture:

- [Aquaculture Farm Hands](#), Darwin NT
- [Aquaculture Coxswains, Deckhands and Farmhands](#), Cowell, Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula SA
- [Aquaculture Diver](#), Strahan TAS
- [Senior Aquaculture Technician](#), Riverina NSW
- [Senior Research Officer \(Finfish Larval Rearing\)](#), Adelaide SA
- [Aquaculture Farmer](#), Townsville QLD
- [Aquaculture Technician](#), Exmouth WA

## Getting Ready for Work

### [7 Unusual Jobs for Business Enthusiasts](#)

The traditional 9-to-5 office grind isn't right for all of us. If you have a passion for business but are searching for something a bit more unconventional, this blog explores seven unusual jobs for business enthusiasts – see if there's one that might be right for you.

#### **Business coach**

Are you passionate about helping others unlock their full potential? Consider becoming a business coach. Many people out there have a great idea or possess exceptional talent but lack the business knowledge to monetise their work effectively. As a business coach, you can guide them in developing marketing strategies, managing finances, and building their brand, while also providing the encouragement and support they need to thrive.

#### **Ethical hacker**

Do you have a knack for technology and a strong moral compass? If so, a career as an ethical hacker might be just what you're looking for. Ethical hackers, also known as white-hat hackers, work with organisations to identify and fix potential security vulnerabilities in their systems. By using your business and technical expertise, you can help companies safeguard their sensitive data and protect their reputation from cyber threats.





## **VR experience designer**

Are you fascinated by the possibilities of virtual reality (VR)? Combine your love for business and technology by becoming a virtual reality experience designer. In this role, you'll create immersive virtual environments for various industries, such as real estate, tourism, construction, or education. By using your understanding of consumer behaviour and market trends, you can design VR experiences that drive engagement and boost brand recognition for your clients.

## **Influencer or celebrity social media manager**

In the age of social media, being famous is a dream for many. However, behind every successful influencer and celebrity is a dedicated social media manager who handles their brand partnerships, negotiations, and overall business strategy. If you have excellent communication skills, a keen eye for trends, and a knack for relationship building, consider becoming a social media manager. This exciting job allows you to collaborate with talented celebrities and content creators and help shape their brand while ensuring their long-term success.

## **Futurist consultant**

Are you a visionary thinker with a strong business knack? Embrace your forward-thinking mindset by becoming a futurist consultant. As a futurist, you'll analyse emerging trends, technological advancements, and societal shifts to predict the future of various industries. By providing valuable insights to businesses, you can help them make informed decisions, adapt to change, and gain a competitive edge in a rapidly evolving world.

## **Professional organiser**

Are you naturally organised and enjoy creating order out of chaos? Becoming a professional organiser might be the perfect fit for you. As a professional organiser, you'll help individuals and businesses declutter their spaces, streamline their workflows, and optimise their productivity. Your business skills will come in handy as you develop customised organisational systems, provide practical advice, and guide your clients towards a more efficient and harmonious environment.

## **Event marketing specialist**

Are you the life of the party, with a knack for marketing and organising? Consider becoming an event marketing specialist. In this role, you'll plan and execute innovative marketing campaigns centred around events, conferences, or trade shows. By combining your creativity, strategic thinking, and business knowledge, you can create unforgettable experiences for attendees while generating valuable leads and boosting brand awareness for your clients.



Remember, the world of business is constantly evolving, and new opportunities are emerging every day – so don't be afraid to think outside the box and explore pathways that align with your passions.

You can find out more about the world of work on our website [here](#).

## Work Experience

### How to Ask People About Their Jobs

Is there a job out there you think you would absolutely love? It can be hard to know exactly what a job is like unless you can get hands-on experience. Maybe you can't find anything suitable near you, or maybe you'd just like some assurance before jumping into a work experience placement. But you can do the next best thing – ask other people about their jobs!

### **Why should I ask other people about their jobs?**

Getting advice on a career you're interested in is always a smart move. You can find out a lot you might not know, like pathways into the career, the ups and the downs, daily tasks, industry insights, and a whole lot more.

Then, you can use this valuable info to help steer you in the right direction. Think about what you learned and weigh up your options – is this still something you'd want to do, or has your perspective changed? It can also help you think about things you can do right now to get closer to your goal.

It's always helpful to get more than one perspective too (if possible). Talk to as many people as you can.

### **What should I ask?**

Here are some questions that you might like to ask to get the most out of the experience:

- What does a normal day look like?
- What's your favourite (and least favourite) part of your job?
- How did you get this job?
- Is this what you wanted to do when you were younger?
- Do you have any advice for someone looking to get into the industry?

It's important to consider how well you know the person you're asking, and remember there are some things that could be inappropriate to ask (for example, asking how much money someone makes).



## Some final tips

Take notes – you don't want to go to all this trouble only to forget everything a few days later. Ask follow-up questions – if there is something you don't quite understand, it's better to ask for clarification than to be left unsure. This is also a great way to show you've been actively listening.

Keep in touch – send the person a letter or email thanking them for their time and effort. This could be your chance to make a valuable connection for the future.

If you feel like you're ready to jump in and get some experience, you can search for work experience positions on our website [here](#).

## Ideas for Work Experience

[Kennedys Virtual Work Experience](#)

[Work Experience with Bell Shakespeare](#)

Closes: June 30, 2023

## Competitions

[Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards](#)

Entries to the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards are now open for 2023.

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

This year the optional theme is "The Winding Road."

**Entries are open until 30 June.**

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

[History Makers School Video Challenge](#)

Share the defining moment that matters to you to be in the running to win \$2,000 for your school.

**Choose a defining moment**

Research a moment that matters to your class, school, community or the nation. You might be inspired by these websites:

- [Defining Moments in Australian History](#)
- [Australian's Defining Moments Digital Classroom](#)
- [Momentous](#)

Or tell us about a moment that is unique to your local area.



## Create a video

Collaborate with your classmates to produce a video about your defining moment. Stage a play, perform a dance, film an artwork, make a documentary, produce an animation or surprise us with your creativity. Your video must be at least 30 seconds long and no longer than 4 minutes.

## Share your video with us and the world!

Submit your video to History Makers. We will share it on our Digital Classroom website and your school will be in the running to win \$2,000. Teachers must submit all entries on behalf of their students or school.

Open to Australian school students (K-12). **Entries close 15 September 2023.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://digital-classroom.nma.gov.au/history-makers>

## Resources

### [3 Tips to Find Life Balance as a Student](#)

Life is a balancing act, and high school students need to become master acrobats in order to navigate their menagerie of tasks and roles. Between school, study, work, chores, family, friends, and maintaining a social life, there's a lot to keep track of each week.

It's easy to fall out of balance – the evidence shows that most working adults in Australia only get [around three and a half hours](#) of non-work-or-sleep time each day (and women get around 30 minutes less than men). If you want to see how you compare [check out this article from the ABC](#).

### What happens when you're not in balance?

It's easy to write off life balance as a luxury or something airy fairy. But having a good balance in your life could not only make you happier and healthier, in the long run you could accomplish more and do better.

The impacts of lack of balance in your life could include:

- [Burnout](#)
- Loss of motivation
- Lack of 'thinking' time
- Mental health issues
- Physical health issues

### Signs you could be out of balance

If you generally feel happy, contented, healthy, and well rested, then you're probably already doing a pretty great job at the whole balance thing. Of course, there'll be times when you



don't feel great, like exam stress, or trying to juggle multiple assignments, working extra shifts to earn more cash, or periods of illness – that's normal.

If you often feel tired, low, or that every day is a struggle, then it could be time to reassess your priorities and manage your time a bit better. If you don't feel like the problem is going away, or if you have any concerns about your mental health, then please see a professional.

Here's a few things to look out for:

- You wake up tired
- You find it hard to get to sleep
- You often get sick
- You're missing your friends/family/hobbies
- You no longer enjoy school or study
- You often feel anxious, stressed, or miserable
- Boredom is an issue for you

## How to get back in balance

There's no one-size fits all solution to finding balance in your life. The amount we need to work, rest, and play depends on how you operate – in other words, you need to find the right balance for your life, not what you think you're supposed to be doing.

If you're not feeling in balance, then there are a couple of things you can try:

### Tip 1 – Work out where you are

Make a list of what really *needs* to get done (homework or revision), what you would *like* to get done (less urgent), and what you *want* to do (perhaps exercise or seeing friends).

For example, you might include:

- Sleep
- School
- Chores – laundry, house cleaning, gardening, washing the car, taking the bins out, washing up, cooking
- Homework/revision/other study
- Paid work or volunteering
- Sports and other extra-curricular commitments
- Hobbies
- Social – time spent with family and friends
- Life admin – this includes things like eating your meals, essential shopping, washing yourself, paying bills, reading emails
- Time spent on your phone or other device – you can find out your average daily screen time on an [Android](#) or [Apple](#)



You don't have to go into that much detail, but the more you work out, the more wiggle room you might find. Then think about the number of hours you spend doing these things and jot them down.

You could use the [Life Balance Worksheet](#) to help you keep track.

## Tip 2 - Work out where you want to be

Once you've worked out how you're spending your time, the next step is to think about how you would like your week to look. You've got 168 hours in a week.

If you sleep the recommended 8 hours a day, go to school 9am-3pm 5 days a week, travel an hour for school (there and back), and allow an hour for eating & an hour for other life admin each day, that leaves you with **63 hours** a week to spare. This number is just an estimate – work out your number then use that for the rest of the calculations.

Now you need to work out what your priorities are.

Go back to the list you made in step 1 and decide which of the *optional* activities you have listed is most important.

Then, on the same list, allocate hours to the things you *want* or *need* to do and tally them up. If you get to 63 (or your number of 'spare' hours) and there are still things on the list, then you'll need to think about what matters most – so work out which activities you don't need as much and work out a way to do less of them.

If you find you have loads of free time left – great! You don't have to fill every minute or schedule every hour. But if there's a club you've been itching to join, or a skill you've been wanting to learn, perhaps now is a good time to give it a go.

## Tip 3 - Build a plan to help you get there

When you've got to this point, congrats! That's a huge hurdle out of the way. Now you have to make the changes in order to address the balance problems and lead the life you want.

Here are some tips that could help you to achieve your end goals:

- Use a planner, calendar, diary or app to write down your new timetable; it could help you stay in check and create new habits instead of slipping back into the old routine.
- [Set goals](#) and then break them down into manageable milestones and give them dates.
- Incorporate time limits into your schedule. If you want to play games or go through social media, do it. Just set an alarm to remind you it's time to hop off. Got lots of study to do? Set a timer, and if you haven't got it done, speak to your teacher about an extension or some help.
- Speak to your family. If there's high expectations of you at home, working out exactly what needs to be done and figuring out a schedule could really help.



- Work out which activities on your list you can get rid of on a daily or weekly basis. If you volunteer but it's taking up too much time, ask if you can help out on a more casual basis. If you're doing lots of extra-curricular stuff, is it time to drop something for a bit?
- Be flexible – some days or weeks you might have less school work or other commitments, some days you might feel more exhausted, so it's always OK to change your schedule around.
- Take breaks.
- Get enough rest and look after your body.
- Unplug from social media and other screens from time to time (after a little while, you seriously won't miss it).
- Practice mindfulness, which includes being grateful, being present, helping out around home or with friends, or spend more time making better connections with people who make you feel good.
- Be active.
- Learn to say “no” (nicely).
- Ask for help if you need it.

Getting balance in your life is well worth it and is a great skill to use throughout life.

## Tools that can help

- Life Balance Worksheet ([download it here](#))
- [Goal Generator](#)
- Taking time out
- Keeping a journal
- Asking a friend or family member to check in with you and keep you accountable
- [Meditation](#)
- [Study Plan](#)
- [Todoist](#) – calendar and life organiser app
- [Tick Tick](#) – organisational and check list app

## [Why Learner Passports Are More Important Than Ever](#)

*This blog was written by guest contributor Charlie Mills from Student Edge.*

When hiring, recruiting, or evaluating potential young recruits, understanding the whole person holistically is more important than ever.

It's impossible to capture the essence and experience of an individual by just looking at their ATAR Scores. All that four-digit number represents is how they fared in Year 12 academically. But it ignores key aspects of the experience of a young life.



With so many young Aussies diving into work experience, volunteering, sport, community involvement and so much more, a Learner Passport is key to highlighting the *whole* student.

## **But what is a Learner Passport?**

A Learner Passport works a bit like a CV or Resume but goes even further than those do. It collates all the relevant info in a young person's life – their past experiences, any work they've done, volunteering, all alongside their academic achievements.

Like a CV, it's an essential document in gaining employment and entering university.

In a nutshell, it's the digital footprint of everything a student is and has done.

## **What's included on a Learner Passport?**

Basically, anything that highlights a student's unique abilities.

This generally includes:

- Education history, i.e. university, high school.
- Work experience including casual jobs, internships, programs and others.
- Extra-curricular activities (in and outside of school), i.e. sport, music and public speaking.
- Volunteering history including responsibilities and an opportunity to add personal reflection.
- Examples of past work, i.e. any projects and presentations that can be shared publicly.

A Learner Passport can also include other elements of individual including, such as:

- Personal qualities and values.
- Qualifications and licenses.
- Awards and honours.
- Micro-credentials (i.e. short course qualifications).
- Personal references.

## **What makes it stand out among resumes?**

A Learner Passport has the distinct ability to display a student's uniqueness.

It can highlight their attributes, strengths and skillsets that combine to make that student one-of-a-kind.

But the biggest distinction also comes from the Learner Passport's ability to showcase aspirations, not just experience.

While a CV looks back on previous experiences, most Learner Passports have the option to include work, study and life dreams, that can give employers a better understanding of where the candidate is heading.

A big advantage of a Learner Passport is also the sharing capability.





While CVs are commonly created in Word and exported as PDFs, most Learner Passports are hosted digitally, which means they can be easily shared and transformed into a resume on the fly.

This has the added bonus of opening doors more easily and streamlining application processes.

Student Edge has their own industry-standard Learner Passport that's mobile-first, easy to use and free for students. It also generates a resume with the click of a button.

## **About Student Edge**

[Student Edge](#) is Australia's largest student membership organisation.

Founded in 2003, Student Edge strives to give students the edge through education and career support, study tools, student news, discounts, and surveys.

285,000 students across Australia have already created their [Student Edge Passport](#) and are on the way to securing employment and future opportunities.

*Thanks again to Charlie from Student Edge for writing this guest blog for us.*

## **5 Tips to Boost Your Study Motivation**

As students, finding the motivation to study can sometimes feel like an uphill battle. With numerous distractions and competing priorities, it's easy to lose focus – but fear not. We've got you covered with five simple yet effective tips to boost your study motivation and help you reach your academic goals. Let's take a look.

### **Set clear and attainable goals**

Setting goals gives you a sense of direction and purpose, which can be incredibly motivating. Start by identifying what you want to achieve in the short-term (e.g., ace a test, complete an assignment), as well as in the long-term (e.g., get into a preferred uni, pursue a specific career). Break down these goals into smaller, actionable steps, and celebrate each milestone along the way. Remember, every small victory brings you closer to your ultimate objective.

### **Create a study schedule**

Procrastination is the arch-nemesis of motivation. To combat it, establish a study schedule that suits your lifestyle and learning style. Designate specific times for studying each day, and be consistent with it. Find a quiet and comfortable study space where you can concentrate without distractions. By having a structured routine, you'll train your mind to associate those study hours with productivity and focus, making it easier to dive into your work.

### **Find what works for you**

Everyone learns differently, so it's important to identify the study methods that work best for you. Experiment with various techniques such as summarising notes, creating flashcards, the [Pomodoro technique](#), or teaching the material to a friend. Use online resources, educational



apps, and interactive study platforms to make learning more engaging and enjoyable. When you find the methods that resonate with your learning style, studying becomes less of a chore and more of an exciting exploration of knowledge.

### **Surround yourself with supportive peers**

Motivation can be contagious, so surround yourself with friends who are also focused on their studies. Form a study group where you can share insights, discuss challenging concepts, and help each other stay on track. Collaborative learning not only enhances your understanding but also creates a positive and supportive environment. Together, you can conquer difficult subjects and celebrate each other's accomplishments, as well as boost your motivation.

### **Take breaks and practice self-care**

Overloading yourself with non-stop studying can lead to burnout and diminished motivation. Remember to take regular breaks during your study sessions to recharge your mind. Engage in activities you enjoy, whether it's taking a walk, listening to music, or pursuing a hobby. Prioritise self-care by getting enough sleep, eating nutritious meals, and staying active. When you take care of your overall wellbeing, you'll have the energy and enthusiasm to tackle your studies with renewed motivation.

Staying motivated to study can be a challenge, but by implementing these five tips, you can empower yourself to overcome obstacles and achieve academic success. Remember, motivation isn't a constant state but rather a skill that can be nurtured and cultivated – so even if you're not feeling it today, you can always pick yourself up and try again tomorrow. Find more study tips on our website [here](#).

### **5 Tips for Open Day Success**

Open days are heaps of fun, and apart from the food and coffee, they're totally free. You'll be able to explore your future education options and get a first-hand experience of what each institution has to offer. But with so much going on in a single day, how can you make sure you get the most out of the experience? In this blog, we have some tips for open day success you might like to read. Let's get started.

### **Be prepared**

You might be fed up of hearing the words "get organised", but honestly, a little bit of preparation can make a huge difference to how your open days go and what you get out of them.

There are bound to be conflicting dates for open days, and we don't recommend trying to get to more than one a day. Spending some time studying the university websites and reading about the [courses](#) you're interested in could help you decide which open days are the must-dos.



Once you've decided which ones you'd like to go to, make sure that you register, then add the dates and directions to your calendar or reminders.

Next, you could print out or download the open day programs. Highlight any info sessions, workshops or other events that you don't want to miss. You won't be able to cram every single talk and info session into your itinerary, so prioritise sessions that align with your interests. Research some parking options or organise your public transport routes and timetables before the day.

Consider taking a friend or family member along for support, second opinions, seat saving, and re-cafeinating duties.

Use the time between information sessions and tours to speak to lecturers and students, check out clubs, or get a feel for accommodation options, cafés, shops, and the local area in general.

You may have to find your way around campuses or around the city to attend different sessions. So wear comfortable clothes and shoes, and make sure you have a way of finding out where you are and where you're going (Google maps is perfect for this).

## **Talking is good**

There'll be loads of people on hand to help at open days, including staff, researchers, and current students. They're not there for decoration – they'll be ready and willing to answer your questions and help you to choose the best options for you.

Try and find the lecturers and faculty staff you might be thinking about studying with and ask them about the courses you're interested in, as well as any options you haven't come across that might suit you.

Here's some example questions that might help you out:

- Are there any prerequisites or assumed knowledge for this course?
- What are the core units/modules?
- What are the majors I can choose from?
- How is the course taught and assessed?
- How satisfied are current students with the course?
- How many hours of teaching are involved each week?
- What are job outcomes like for graduates?
- What opportunities are there for work experience placements or internships?
- Is it manageable to have a casual or part-time job and study full-time?
- Are there scholarships I can apply for?
- Are there any overseas studies opportunities?
- If I'm struggling, are there any learning support services available?
- If I don't get the ATAR I need, what alternative pathways could get me into this course?



Talking to current students is the best way to learn what university is *really* like. They'll be able to tell you about their first-hand experiences and provide some insider tips (from where to get the best coffee to finding the best accommodation and the ultimate money saving hacks). Between students and the administrative staff, you can probably find answers to all your questions about uni life. Here's some example questions:

- What facilities are located on campus and in town?
- What sort of student support services are available?
- Are there part-time job opportunities available for students?
- What sort of financial help is available if I run out of money?
- How do HELP loans work?
- What types of accommodation are available?
- What's the most popular accommodation option?
- What are some of the events throughout the year I could look forward to?
- What do you think are the best things about this uni/course?
- Did you make any rookie errors that I could avoid?

Don't be shy; there's no such thing as a silly question. Having a list of pre-prepared questions is a great way to guarantee you remember them all on the day.

## Explore

Open days allow you to explore where you'll be studying and really familiarise yourself with the campus and facilities, as well as the surrounding areas and the city it's located in. Lecture theatres, labs, libraries, and other learning spaces will all be open for you to view.

You might even get to participate in some activities or workshops that'll give you a hands-on learning experience using the technology and facilities available.

Sign up for a campus tour if it's on offer; a guided walk let you take it all in without worrying about getting hopelessly lost.

Between all the scheduled bits and bobs you might attend, you can also get a peek to see if the uni has cafés, bars, restaurants, gyms, sporting facilities, internet access, computer labs, or any other areas that you might be able to use.

## Compare

If you're pretty certain you already know the uni you would like to go to, we still recommend attending a couple of other open days too. This way, you'll have something to compare your preferred choice to. Either it'll confirm your first choice, or it could open your eyes to possibilities you hadn't considered.

If you're not sure, then after you've been to a couple of open days you'll have the information you need to make an informed decision about which unis and courses to apply for.

You could create a checklist of the most important aspects of uni to you. It's a simple way to compare the differences between unis.



You'll be spending a few years and significant amount of money on your uni education, so it's important that you feel comfortable with your choice.

## Have fun

Most importantly, open days are a great day out, so enjoy yourself.

There's bound to be entertainment, goody bags, free activities, food trucks (sometimes food is *free*), and competitions with some great prizes. Get amongst it all, find out if the vibe gels with you, and experience all that the uni has to offer.

Open days are by far the best way to find out if a uni is going to be a good match for you.

If you want an easy way to find out which open days are coming up, take a look at our events calendar [here](#).

## Workplace Spotlight

### What is it Like to Work in a Movie Studio?

Movie studios are places where workers come together to bring stories to life on the big screen. Movie studios have various departments and teams, such as writers, directors, producers, actors, and technicians, who work collaboratively to make films. They handle everything from developing scripts, casting actors, and designing sets, to shooting scenes, editing the final product, and marketing films to the public.

Each movie studio is different, but they do tend to have some things in common:

1. Lots of collaboration – movies are only made with the effort of lots of different people working together.
2. A high-tech environment – filmmaking and post-processing technology is always advancing, and you'll get access to the latest and greatest.
3. Working closely with people – face-to-face interaction and effective communication are still important parts of the movie industry.

### Key Outcome

#### Provide entertainment through film

The main outcome of a movie studio is to write, produce, and shoot films to entertain the public.

### Key Tasks

- Write scripts and develop story ideas
- Direct actors and guide performances
- Manage production logistics and schedules
- Design sets, costumes, and props



- Shoot and capture scenes on camera
- Edit footage and refine the final product
- Coordinate post-production tasks (e.g. sound and visual effects)
- Market and promote films to reach audiences
- Collaborate with various departments and professionals

## Industry

### **You can find movie studios in the arts and recreation services industry**

Movie studios are generally found in the arts and recreation services industry. There are a few different kinds of movie studios including major studios, independent studios, animation studios, and genre-specific studios.

## Work Environment

### **You can expect flexible hours and on-site work**

*Flexible hours | Work on-site | Jobs more common in metro areas | Strong job growth*

Movie studios often operate on extended hours to accommodate various aspects of production (such as scenes that must be filmed at night, etc.). Different departments within the studio might have varying schedules and working hours based on their specific roles and responsibilities.

While some aspects of the work in a movie studio can be done remotely or from home, many tasks require on-site presence and collaboration, particularly during the production phase.

Movie studios are found far more commonly in metropolitan areas, so there may be limited opportunities for work in regional and rural locations.

### **The Career Clusters you'll find in a movie studio**

People from all Clusters are needed for a movie studio to run successfully, and there are a variety of roles for people in any Cluster. In many roles, you might find yourself performing tasks across multiple Clusters.

### **Where do Makers work in a movie studio?**

Makers in a movie studio work behind the scenes, collaborating with directors, designers, and artists to fabricate props, sets, costumes, and special effects that contribute to the visual and immersive storytelling experience on the big screen. They also operate and maintain the physical and technical equipment used in filmmaking.

- Camera Operators
- Set Builders
- Prop/Costume Makers
- Special Effects Technicians



## ***Responsibilities of a Linker in a movie studio***

Linkers are the people in a movie studio who scout for talent and suitable locations for filming, bringing together the necessary people and places to begin the production process. They are also responsible for creating positive buzz for upcoming movies to build excitement, as well as organising press events and interviews.

- Talent Agents
- Location Scouts
- Marketing Managers
- Publicists

## ***What do Coordinators do in a movie studio?***

Coordinators play a crucial role in managing timelines, budgets, and logistics, allowing the creative teams to focus on their artistic work. They are responsible for organising auditions, liaising between departments, negotiating contracts, allocating resources, and ensuring production meets required deadlines and budgets. They might also handle paperwork and other administrative duties.

- Directors
- Production Managers
- Casting Coordinators
- Administration Assistants

## ***Where you'll find Informers in a movie studio***

Informers contribute their knowledge to enhance the storytelling, technical execution, and overall quality of a film. They guide and educate the production team on aspects of the film that can include historical accuracy, diversity and cultural sensitivities, and regional and linguistic accuracy. They might also provide advice on any legal requirements and copyright processes and issues.

- Script Consultants
- Special Effects Consultants
- Historical/Cultural/Language Consultants
- Lawyers

## ***The role of Innovators in a movie studio***

Innovators in a movie studio are responsible for developing and designing scripts, production techniques, and technical aspects of films. They use their creativity in combination with cutting-edge technology to enhance a film's quality and experience and provide the talent that brings characters to life on our screens.

- Script Writers
- Actors
- Set/Prop/Costume Designers



- Sound Engineers
- Visual Effects (VFX) Designers

### ***What do Guardians do in a movie studio?***

Guardians prioritise the safety of cast and crew, ensure the physical security of workers and equipment, and oversee compliance with industry regulations and guidelines. They ensure that necessary measures are taken to prevent accidents and protect other workers in the studio. In a busy and stressful work environment, Guardians also help to maintain the health and wellness of other staff.

- Safety Coordinators
- Stunt Coordinators
- Security Officers
- Health and Wellness Advisors

### **How do we expect working in a movie studio to change in the future?**

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated the adoption of remote work and virtual collaboration tools in the film industry. While things have mostly gone back to normal, there is increased flexibility in certain areas of pre- and post-production, allowing for collaboration across distances.

The growing popularity of streaming platforms and on-demand content has already altered the industry landscape. Movie studios may increasingly prioritise producing content specifically for streaming platforms, impacting distribution models and creative decision-making.

There is also a greater emphasis on diversity and inclusion, both in front of and behind the camera. This shift will lead to more inclusive stories, diverse representation, and increased opportunities for underrepresented groups within movie studios.

And of course, continued advancements in technology, such as virtual reality, augmented reality, and artificial intelligence, could revolutionise certain aspects of filmmaking, including production techniques, visual effects, and immersive storytelling.

## **Job Spotlight**

### **How to become a Costume Designer**

Costume Designers design and create costumes for actors in film, television and on stage. They enhance authenticity and encourage imagination by creating costumes accurate to individual settings and time periods. Costume Designers also design costumes for fancy dress and specific events (e.g. Halloween) and costumes sold in retail outlets.





Are you creative with an eye for detail and work well under pressure? A career as a costume designer could be perfect for you.

### **About you:**

- Artistic with good colour and design sense
- Knowledge of fashion, pattern making and sewing
- Works to strict deadlines and thrives under pressure

### **The job:**

- Work with customers or directors to determine the style of costumes and budget
- Research to ensure you get the details right
- Take accurate measurements and prepare materials for production
- Undertake or supervise the creation, alteration, and repair of costumes

### **Lifestyle Impact: Low**

- Part Time opportunities: Moderate – around 28% of Costume Designers work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 46 hours a week, which is just above average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Costume Designers' salary (average) \$53,500\* per year (source: ato.gov.au). \*Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Very strong (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You will be doing most of your work indoors, in studios or offices.
- You might work in-house for a company, or freelance out of your own home or studio.

### **Costume Designers are most in demand in these locations:**

Demand for Costume Designers is highest in Victoria and New South Wales. Most work in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, and Manufacturing industries.

### **How to become a Costume Designer in Australia**

A degree isn't essential for entry to this career, but some formal training may be preferred by employers unless you have an amazing resume and portfolio of your works.

Step 1 – Study English, Maths, and any creative classes that inspire you at high school.

Step 2 – Get relevant work experience by volunteering at your local theatre or film company.



Step 3 – Choose and complete a relevant qualification. Consider VET pathways. Examples include:

- [Bachelor of Fine Arts \(Design for Performance\)](#) from NIDA
- [Bachelor of Fine Arts \(Production\)](#) from the University of Melbourne
- [Certificate III in Apparel, Fashion and Textiles](#)
- [Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services](#)

Step 4 – Find an internship or mentor and gain further work experience. Make useful industry contacts and keep an up to date portfolio of your works.

Step 5 – Continue to build on your skills through professional experience and short courses.

Find out more here –

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

## Similar Careers to Costume Designer

[Fashion Stylist](#)

[Event Planner](#)

[Interior Designer](#)

[Makeup Artist](#)

[Food Stylist](#)

Location Scout

Corporate Stylist

[Visual Merchandiser](#)

Set Designer

[Photographer](#)

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

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### How long does it take to become a Costume Designer?

Becoming a costume designer could take 4 to 5 years after leaving high school if you do a degree. Otherwise you could start in a junior role as soon as you leave school and work your way up.

### Where do Costume Designers work?

Costume designers work as part of a team for theatre and film companies, television stations, and video production houses – often working alongside the director, make-up artists, set designers and other creatives. You could find yourself working on set, backstage, in an office, or in a workshop.



## **Do I need to go to university to become a Costume Designer?**

No, you don't have to go to university. But relevant qualifications and lots of work experience could fast track your career and open up more opportunities.

## **Is Costume Design a good career to aim for?**

If you love the creative arts and would like a career that could be flexible and varied, costume design could be a rewarding career for you.

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