



## Careers Newsletter

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### **JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up**

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

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

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

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

### **College of Event Management | Online Info Session**

12 November 2019, 7:00 pm

Online

Want to be an event manager and don't know where to start? Join us for our next Online Info Session and have all your event career questions answered.

CoEM Managing Director Boris Kelly will discuss the following topics:

- The local and global event industry
- College of Event Management who/why
- Event course overviews
- How does the Industry Engagement Program work?
- Job readiness / Event Jobs Online
- Tuition fees and payment options
- CoEM graduates. Where are they now?

Find out more: <https://www.collegeofeventmanagement.com.au/info-session/>

### **Endeavour College of Natural Health | Enrolment Info Webinar**

13 November 2019, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Thinking about studying at Endeavour College of Natural Health?

If you have questions about enrolling or studying Acupuncture, Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Remedial Massage or Myotherapy Degree, join us for this free and informative webinar.

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/what-you-need-know-webinar/>

### **Industry Live | Live Online Chat with NASA**

14 November 2019, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Online

Live online chat with NASA scientists during a flight to Antarctica about how they're monitoring polar ice and its connection to the Earth's climate. Also learn more about careers in aerospace and climate science.

At this special event by Beacon Foundation, students will:

- Be able to ask live chat questions to NASA scientists on board the Operation IceBridge flight to Antarctica
- Learn more about the crew on board and the different jobs they do
- Hear the top skills needed for careers in aerospace and climate science
- Learn how Australians and Americans are working together on this important climate mission
- Follow the plane's flight path to Antarctica live

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/736492853483344/>

### **Notre Dame | Future Student Consultation Session, Business & Law**

14 November 2019, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The University of Notre Dame, Sydney

As we approach the end of the year, your 2020 study plans will come more into focus. To help you with any emerging questions or to discuss your plans in more detail, the Schools of Law and Business would like to invite you to our Future Students Consultation Session as an opportunity for you to meet with School Academics. Notre Dame Admissions staff will also be available on the day to answer questions about your next steps.

Find out more: <https://www.notredame.edu.au/events-items/business-and-law-undergraduate-applicant-info-session>

### **UOW | Campus Tour, Wollongong**

15 November 2019, 10:30 am - 11:30 am

University of Wollongong, Wollongong Campus

UOW campus tours allow you to see our facilities and meet people doing what they do best. It's your chance to check out UOW and ask as many questions as you like. You don't need to be a student at UOW to see firsthand why our campuses are special and why we all love it here. This free, hour-long tour of the Wollongong campus will be conducted by a current UOW Student Representative.

There is also the option to include Kooloobong Village student accommodation on your tour; please inform your tour guide and allow a total of two hours if you would like to add this to your tour.

Find out

more: <https://studentcrm.uow.edu.au/Ellucian.ERecruiting.Web.External/Pages/EventDetails.aspx?id=bdd7a1f6-2ffc-e911-8166-005056812c00>

### **Macquarie | Campus Tour**

16 November 2019, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Macquarie University

You can never truly know if a uni is right for you until you visit in person and get a feel for the campus.

What to expect on the day?

- tours usually take about 1.5h
- on every tour you'll see:
  - our various lecture theatres
  - our award-winning library
  - MUSE – our flexible and creative study space
  - the Sport and Aquatic Centre
  - the Campus Common, where you can explore the many dining options

## Inclusive Community

- you will have the opportunity to ask a current student your questions while you walk
- following the tour, you will also get the opportunity for a private consultation to get all your Macquarie questions answered

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

### **InspirED | ACE the HSC @ Macquarie University**

17 November 2019, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Macquarie University

Designed for both students and parents, our free ACE the HSC sessions prepare you for success at the start of your HSC (or preliminary) year.

In these sessions you can hear from our experts on effective study strategies, assessment technique, stress management & more to help you excel over the next twelve months.

Find out more: <https://inspired.edu.au/ace-the-hsc/>

### **UON | Bachelor of Coastal and Marine Science Program Launch, Newcastle**

19 November 2019, 5:00 pm

Cooks Hill Surf Life Saving Club, Bar Beach

Is the ocean and coast part of your lifestyle? Are you wanting to learn about our diverse coastal and marine environments?

The Faculty of Science at the University of Newcastle invites you to celebrate the launch of our exciting new Bachelor of Coastal and Marine Science ahead of its first intake in Semester 1 2020 at both our Callaghan and Central Coast campuses.

Come along to learn more about our new program. You'll hear from our leading academics, industry experts and get hands on with some of the unique equipment marine scientists are using every day.

Find out more: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/faculty-of-science/bachelor-of-coastal-and-marine-science-program-launch-newcastle>

### **UON | Business & Commerce Insight Evening**

20 November 2019, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

University of Newcastle, Ourimbah Campus

Are you considering a career in Business or Commerce?

The Faculty of Business and Law at the University of Newcastle invites senior secondary students, teachers and parents to attend an information evening to learn about studying at the Newcastle Business School.

This is an exclusive opportunity to interact with key staff from the Newcastle Business School and speak with undergraduate students to gain a better understanding of the benefits of studying degrees in the area of Business and Commerce.

Find out more: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/faculty-of-business-and-law/business-and-commerce-insight-evening>

### **AIT | Info Night**

20 November 2019, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Academy of Information Technology, Ultimo

AIT's Info Night is perfect for those wanting to explore the endless opportunities available in the growing creative industry. This fun and interactive seminar is a great way to get further information on our curriculum, course requirements, study pathways. Our friendly staff & students will also be there to talk to and get advice from.

During the Info Night, you'll:

- Learn about careers and study options in film production, 3D animation, digital media, game design, mobile apps and IT
- Take a campus tour
- Learn about our \$8,000 Scholarship for domestic students

Find out more: <https://info.ait.edu.au/info-night>

### **UON | Bachelor of Coastal and Marine Science Program Launch, Central Coast**

21 November 2019, 5:00 pm

Avoca Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Avoca Beach

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Find out more: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/faculty-of-science/bachelor-of-coastal-and-marine-science-program-launch-central-coast>

### **AIM | Sydney Information Evening**

21 November 2019, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Australian Institute of Music, Surry Hills

AIM Sydney invites you to an intimate evening information session where we'll take you on a personalised campus tour, hear what makes AIM special from our academics and students plus have a chat to our friendly team members who will be able to answer any questions you may have ahead of our January 2020 intake.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aim-sydney-information-evening-21-november-2019-tickets-69379611285>

### **AIM | Open Stage Night**

22 November 2019, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Australian Institute of Music, Surry Hills

AIM Sydney is hosting The Final Editions of its Open Stage night for prospective students.

This is a chance for emerging performers to come and experience AIM, meet our staff and students, and most of all come jam with us on stage! All music performers welcome:

- Bands & Solo Artists
- Composers
- DJs & Producers
- Music Theatre Performers

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aim-sydney-open-stage-night-the-final-edition-tickets-69380564135>

### **Bond | Medicine Program Webinar**

25 November 2019, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Do you have any unanswered questions about Bond's Medicine Program?

The Bond University Medical Program offers students opportunities to bring to life their ambitions to become outstanding practitioners, thinkers and leaders, well equipped to deliver evidenced-based, patient-centred health care that meets the needs of a diverse community.

We invite you to join the Dean of Medicine who will provide an overview of the Medical Program at Bond University via a webinar. Get the answers to all your questions during this live information session.

Find out more: <https://bond.edu.au/event/62991/medicine-program-information-session-webinar>

### **University of Sydney | Arts and Social Sciences Online Q&A Session**

27 November 2019, 7:00 pm

Online

Join us online and have all your questions answered about studying in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney.

Learn about the Faculty and chat with representatives online about our undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, admissions, scholarships, accommodation, life in Sydney and more.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_PF10RZvFRFyLae\\_kLDe3aQ](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PF10RZvFRFyLae_kLDe3aQ)

### **MedView | Your Path to Medical School**

14 December 2019, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

UNSW, Kensington Campus

You are invited to join fellow aspiring medical students at MedView's free information session about the journey to doctor-hood. We can help you on your way to medical school, by offering insights, guidance, tips and tricks to support you on your endeavour to medical school.

MedView specialises in supporting prospective medical students in applying to their dream schools. Join us at this event to learn more about a future in medicine.

Delivered by current medical students, the presentation will include:

- Why choosing a career in medicine might be right for you
- Information about applying to direct-entry Australian medical schools
- Acceptance requirements for medical school (ATAR, UCAT, MMI/Interview, etc.)
- Insights into the academic life of a medical student
- Comprehensive and strategic tips on successfully gaining admission into medical school
- Common misconceptions about getting into medical school and life as a med student
- Q&A with a guest speaker and current students from Australian medical schools

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/your-path-to-medical-school-sydney-tickets-79972567101>

### **UTS | Info Week**

16 December 2019, 10:00 am - 20 December 2019, 5:00 pm

University of Technology Sydney

Applied to start uni in 2020?

Join us at one of our online and on-campus events during UTS Info Week. It's your chance to get a taste of university life and ask any last-minute questions before UAC preferences close.

Find out about admission pathways, attend an info session or chat with staff and students about your options.

Find out more: <https://infoweek.uts.edu.au/>

### **ACPE | Open Day**

1 February 2020, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Australian College of Physical Education, Sydney Olympic Park

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

What's on at Open Day:

- Meet with academic and student support staff to get answers to all of your study and student life queries
- Chat with current students about their experience at ACPE

- Learn all about our industry-focused courses
- Find out where a qualification from ACPE can take your career
- Take a tour of our purpose-built Sydney Olympic Park campus
- Discuss course and study options with our Enrolment Advisors and get a personalised study plan
- Get assistance with applying or enrolment

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/acpe-open-day-1-february-2020-sydney-olympic-park-tickets-74649176697>

### **UNE | National Agriculture Day**

21 November 2019, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

University of New England, Armidale

UNE have put together an exciting program to showcase to high school agricultural students about Australia's sheep and cattle industries, while providing them with information sessions and practical applications of varying topics.

Find out more: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=552490&>

### **UNSW | A&D ANNUAL 19 – Opening Night**

3 December 2019, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

UNSW Art & Design, Paddington

The largest national showcase of graduate contemporary art and design, the A&D ANNUAL 19 launches the next generation of artists, designers, makers and digital media creators. Encompassing installation, animation, visual effects, digital media and film, visual communication and graphic design, painting, sculpture, photography, printmaking, sound, spatial design, furniture and jewellery, textile design, design for social innovation, ceramics and more.

This year over 150 emerging practitioners will present their final projects across four exhibition venues on the Paddington campus, including UNSW Galleries, Kudos Gallery, AD Space, and the Black Box. A companion exhibition of design graduates is also presented at the Australian Design Centre.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/ad-annual-19-opening-night>

### **Whitehouse Institute of Design | Interior Illustration Workshop**

16 December 2019, 10:00 am - 20 December 2019, 3:00 pm

Whitehouse Institute of Design, Surry Hills

The Interior Illustration Workshop will explore drawing techniques and design scheme presentation for interior spaces. In these workshops we cover one and two-point perspective drawing, floor plans, object sketching for furniture, interior rendering techniques, colour concepts and trend forecasting, textile design and portfolio layout. The five day workshop is a recommended starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills in the fundamental areas of Interior illustration. No drawing experience is necessary to undertake this program.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/interior-illustration-workshop-summer-workshop-2020-5-days-sydney-campus-tickets-66149435743>

### **AFTRS | Special Effects Make-up Workshop**

7 January 2020, 9:30 am - 9 January 2020, 5:00 pm

Australian Film Television and Radio School

If you're interested in learning about creating special effects make-up for film and TV – learn some of the techniques and special applications from a movie make-up specialist in this three-day workshop.

- **Understand make-up's impact**  
Analyse a scene from a film to understand how make-up design works and how it impacts the story.
- **Apply make-up**  
Apply make-up for maximum dramatic effect that is camera ready.
- **Design your own make-up**  
Design your own make-up effect by experimenting with the materials in a "blood and guts" makeup kit!

Find out more: <https://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-course/special-effects-makeup/>

### **Whitehouse Institute of Design | Design Portfolio Workshop**

9 January 2020, 10:00 am - 10 January 2020, 3:00 pm

Whitehouse Institute of Design, Surry Hills

This two-day workshop is designed to teach students the fundamental layout, design and construction methods used to present a personal creative portfolio at a professional standard and equips students with the skills and confidence to present their portfolio of creative work.

This workshop is offered to support students in Year 12 or applying for further education in design and creative industries. This workshop is suitable for students, working professionals and those with a keen interest in design.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/design-portfolio-workshop-summer-workshop-2-days-sydney-campus-tickets-71226405095>

### **AFTRS | HSC Video Intensive Workshop**

13 January 2020, 9:30 am - 15 January 2020, 5:00 pm

Australian Film Television and Radio School

This course is a skill and story development workshop for emerging filmmakers tackling an individual project for the HSC. The workshop helps you hone your screen skills to create a high quality year 12 video project. HSC subjects that video can be used in include English Extension, Visual Art, Design and Technology, and Drama.

Find out more: <https://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-course/hsc-video-intensive/>

### **SAE | Creative Workshops**

21 January 2020, 10:00 am - 23 January 2020, 4:00 pm

SAE Institute Byron Bay & Sydney Campuses

Are you creatively inclined and thinking about studying creative media? We are offering an exclusive three-day workshop event in the January holidays – get behind the scenes and pursue your passion!

SAE Byron Bay & Sydney Campuses are opening their doors this January for the SAE Creative Workshops, a 3-Day program to expand your skills and work on inspiring creative projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Design, Film or Games.

Don't miss out on your chance to experience life as an SAE student and discover what it means to be a creative professional in state-of-the-art facilities with industry experts by your side!

During the workshop, attendees will work towards building a creative piece of work to take away for use in a portfolio or showreel. Attendees will receive a certificate of participation to acknowledge the creative work they have undertaken.

Book for Byron Bay: <https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/creative-workshops-byron-bay/?date=2020-01-21&id=986>

Book for Sydney: <https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/creative-workshops-sydney/?date=2020-01-21&id=990>

### **STEM Girls @ Sydney**

This exciting two-day workshop in January 2020 on campus is for female high school students who want to explore the disciplines and careers available in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) and how you can apply these skills in everyday life. Participate in hands-on activities and hear from a panel of women who are pursuing careers across different STEM industries. You will also visit the research facilities of ANSTO and Google's office as part of the program. The program is free for its participants. Places are limited. **Applications are open now and close on Thursday 14 November.** Find out more: <https://sydney.edu.au/engineering/study/why-study-here/high-school-students/years-11-and-12.html>

### [UNSW | Physics Online Course](#)

Are you interested in studying physics at University?

UNSW provides a free, fully-online short course covering the basics of physics. From motion to energy, friction to gravity, learn everything you need to know to kickstart your science education.

You can sign up for the course at any time and complete it at your own pace.

Find out more and enrol here: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/mechanics-particles-planets>

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### [Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarships](#)

Value: Student fee waiver

Open/Closing Dates: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

The NSW Government's Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarships mean that students can get training to get the skills they need to get the job they want and their course fees will be covered.

To be eligible for a Fee-Free Scholarship, you must:

- be wanting to study a Smart and Skilled subsidised Certificate I, Certificate II, Certificate III or Certificate IV level qualification on the NSW Skills List, including those qualifications that support apprenticeships and traineeships (use the [Course Finder](#)); and
- meet the Smart and Skilled [eligibility criteria](#).

AND

- be aged between 15 and 30 years when you start training; and
- be either the recipient of a specific Australian Government welfare benefit or allowance or the dependant of such a recipient; or
- be aged 15-17 years and currently in out-of-home care or aged 18-30 years and previously have been in out-of-home care

OR

- be aged 15 years or over and have a letter of recommendation from a domestic and family violence service, refuge or other support agency

[Find out more](#)



## COMPETITIONS

### [3 reasons to give competitions a go](#)

You don't have to go nuts, but entering a few competitions every now and again could come with some serious benefits.

#### 1. **Get a boost**

Entering competitions could really give your confidence a lift and help you get a better understanding of what you enjoy, and what you're good at.

Putting yourself forward for competitions will look great on your resume and on uni applications.

If you're not really into some of the traditional extracurriculars, like sports and music, you can demonstrate your teamwork, collaboration, perseverance, determination and other attributes by entering.

At the end of the day it won't matter if you or your team won, the qualities necessary for entering and competing will still reflect well on you.

#### 2. **Challenge yourself and have fun**

School work, assignments and exams might not be doing you justice. We're not all the same after all, so choosing to enter competitions will give you another opportunity to show off your skills and aptitudes.

You'll learn new things and develop new skills along the way.

Not all competitions are academically based and there's bound to be a competition to suit your particular skill set or hobby.

Photography, art, poetry, fiction writing, dance, maths, coding, design, and movie making are just a few examples of the hundreds of competitions out there.

#### 3. **Win stuff**

Let's face it, not only is the taking part pretty exciting, but there's a chance you could win some really cool prizes too.

From cash payouts, to equipment, you could also win experiences, scholarships and mentoring that (regardless of the financial value), could end up being priceless in your pursuit of careers and life.

### **Find competitions**

If we've piqued your interest and you're wondering where you can find competitions to take part in, you could start with our new [Competitions page](#).

We're posting new ones every week, so keep an eye out to make sure you don't miss out.

## SUMMER JOBS

### [Applying for Summer Jobs](#)

When you're applying for a job always give it your best shot.

There's no difference between applying for a casual summer job, part time work, or some high-powered graduate career – employers will want to know you're taking their business seriously and you'll be giving the job your all.

### **Applications**

Make sure your application:

- Addresses all the criteria in the advert – adapt your cover letter and resume to suit
- Contains up to date and accurate information
- Looks fantastic, if it's hand-written then make sure you take enough time to make it neat and legible

- Has been proof-read – check the spelling and grammar, make sure it reads well and makes sense
- Gets in on time or, if there's no deadline, then get it in as soon as possible to give yourself the best chance

Once you've submitted an application, remember to check your emails, voicemails or answer all your calls. Don't delay finding out if you've been selected for an interview or even got the job.

### Interviews

You can land a job without an interview, but it's more common that your application will get your shortlisted. Then you'll have to attend an interview to determine if you'll be offered the job.

Be prepared for your interview by practising [mock interviews](#) and finding the [perfect outfit](#) to give you confidence and make the right impression.

Do a little bit of research about the company and the job you've applied for, it'll show in the interview.

It's perfectly normal to be nervous but to stay as calm as possible so that you can do yourself justice.

Thank the interviewer for their time before you leave.

Read our [5 Interview tips blog](#) if you'd like a little more information.

### Follow up

Once you've submitted an application or you've had an interview, if you don't hear back within a week or so – give them a call or email just to follow up. It could show that you're enthusiastic and serious about the job.

### FURTHER LEARNING

#### [Apprenticeships and Traineeships Guide](#)

University is a really popular post high school pathway, but it's not for everyone. If you're not keen on the idea of University, it's worth exploring your options available through Vocational Education and Training (VET).

Apprenticeships and Traineeships both offer:

- Paid employment
- Training through TAFE or another registered training organisation (RTO)
- A nationally recognised qualification

With hundreds of vocations to choose from, you'll just need to work out which industry and career is the best fit for you.

Our guide will walk you through the basics of apprenticeships and traineeships, explain the differences between the two, how to find one, the costs and financial assistance available, plus more.

You can [DOWNLOAD YOUR COPY](#) right now, it could help you decide if it's the right pathway for you.

Our dedicated [Apprenticeships-Traineeships page](#) provides more information, you can also search current vacancies for apprentices and trainees.

#### [Fee Free Traineeships in NSW](#)

Starting in January 2020, the NSW government will be covering course fees for up to 70,000 new trainees across the state.

With over 390 different traineeship courses to choose from, if you've been thinking about starting a traineeship, this could be the perfect time.

Find out more about fee free traineeships here: <https://vet.nsw.gov.au/choosing-vet/fee-free-traineeships>

### **Audi Certified Apprenticeship Program**

The Audi Certified Apprenticeship Program has been designed to equip you with the relevant skills and knowledge to become a fully qualified Audi Technician through an exciting and challenging opportunity to receive nationally-recognised, formal qualifications.

Audi offer a wide choice of career opportunities for all levels of technicians based on experience, aptitude and personality types – whether you are technically minded, a 'numbers' person or more people oriented.

Find out more and apply here: <https://audiapprenticeship.com.au/>

### **Bega Valley Shire Apprentice Boilermaker/Fabricator**

Bega Valley Shire is currently taking applications for an Apprentice Boilermaker/Fabricator. The role will involve several duties including:

- Design and fabricate metal fittings for Council assets such as; hand rails, security bars, playground equipment, cattle grids, sheds, loading ramps, sewer lids and similar items.
- Perform welding repairs on bridge components and other fixed Council assets.
- Perform welding and mechanical maintenance/servicing on Council's plant and equipment.
- Assist in diagnosing plant faults and determine extent of required repairs.
- Provide additional support to other Workshop areas or responsibility as required.

Applications are open until Friday 29 November.

Find out more

here: <https://begavalley.mercury.com.au/ViewPosition.aspx?id=VhK92PvxCVQ=&jbc=ere>

### **Microsoft Traineeship Program**

Are you smart, curious and ready to work hard for a rewarding career in IT? Commencing February 2020, The Microsoft Traineeship Program gives budding technology professionals the opportunity to build an exciting career in IT through on-the-job (and paid!) work experience and training.

Are you:

- A recent school leaver, returning to work or someone looking to change their career to IT?
- Naturally curious, keen to learn and a great communicator?
- Genuinely passionate about technology and driven to build a career in IT?
- Ready to commit to the Microsoft Traineeship Program for up to 24 months?

Applications are open until Thursday 26 December.

If you are interested, find out more and apply

here: <https://www.aplitrak.com/?adid=cmF5bGVlMtpbmNoLjUwMjUyLjEwOTY5QG1lZ3RhdS5hcGxp dHJhay5jb20>

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **Ready! Work Experience with Animal Logic Studios**

Animal Logic is recognised as one of the world's leading independent creative digital studios, producing award winning design, visual effects and animation for over 25 years. If you are interested in work experience at Animal Logic Studios, you can apply to be part of our 'Ready! Work Experience Week'. Currently we host work experience in our Sydney Studio for senior High School students.

During the week you will tour the Animal Logic Studio, meet and learn from artists, technicians and software developers from the various disciplines within the company and be challenged with hands on activities in our dedicated training space. You will have the

opportunity to use industry standard software and see how these skills are applied to tell great stories with amazing visuals.

Ready! Work Experience Week is hosted twice a year in our Sydney Studio. Dates are yet to be determined, however they are most likely to be in the months of June and November.

[Learn more](#)

### **Take a tour of Government House**

If you're into politics, and interested in learning all that you can, taking a tour of Government or Parliament houses is a great way to find out more.

Here's what we've found for you:

[Tour Government House in Sydney, NSW](#) – admission is free, but you'll need to check the calendar to find out when public tours are available. You'll also need to register your attendance.

[Parliament House, Sydney, NSW](#) – tours are conducted twice a week and they're open for a few special public events throughout the year too.

### **Kickstart your career with a global internship**

If you're interested in a travel experience that's not all about tourism, there are companies out there who can organise trips where you can combine adventure with meaningful and real-world work experience.

You can access international internships, TEFL courses and volunteer placements, across a wide range of professional fields and helping out with a variety of projects for NGO's in over 40 countries.

[Global Nomadic](#) are an organisation with offices in the UK, USA and here in Australia, they've been in the business for 10 years and have helped over 10,000 people learn new skills whilst making a valuable contribution to communities.

You won't get paid, in fact you'll have to pay for the experience since most of the organisations you'll work with can't afford to host you. You'll pay for travel and expenses while you're there, in return you'll get mentoring and hands-on experience.

Have a read about the [projects](#) they have available, read up on their [FAQs](#), and find out if this could be an option for you one summer break, or as a gap year option.

Eligibility criteria does apply, for most projects you'll have to be 18 or older for example – so make sure you read the small print before you sign up for anything.

### **10 Ways Competitions Enhance Learning**

Encouraging students to take part in competitions could have lots of benefits.

Taking part in something that isn't schoolwork might seem more appealing, and they get the autonomy to choose which competitions they'd like to enter. Students could be encouraged to extend themselves in fields and subjects that they're interested in.

There's always the hook of winning, but that doesn't have to be the focus, and it's certainly not the only benefit. As the old saying goes "it's the taking part that counts".

We've found a great resource that talks about [10 of the top benefits](#). If you'd like to encourage your students to participate in more competitions that could help them to boost their skills and their resumes – we've created a brand new [competitions page](#) to our website. New competitions are added each week.

### **In politics experience is priceless**

If you're interested in a career in politics – there's a huge number of careers to consider and lots of pathways that'll get you there.

There are plenty of tertiary qualifications in politics, but if you're not keen on studying, or you'd like to make yourself a more competitive graduate, there's another option to consider.

Relevant experience is key. With a passion for politics a lack of formal qualifications doesn't have to be an obstacle. Make sure you stay up to date and informed about current affairs and politics, then get involved and be active on the political scene.

You can volunteer and get work experience that will count for a lot in your pursuit of a career.

You could:

- Get involved in political issues with your school or uni –research the governance, read up on the school boards projects and ask for opportunities to volunteer with them, speak to your PTA and ask them to consider you for any opportunities that come up.
- Join a debating team
- Work on the student newspaper and focus on political reports
- Find work experience with local MPs, the mayoral office or your local council
- Search for politically active groups in your community that you can get involved with (there are plenty and they address lots of different issues from social justice to education)
- Get involved in the voting process, even if you can't vote yourself yet – recruiting voters or signing them in at the polls on election days
- If you feel really strongly about some issues, then research formal and informal activism and see how you can muster support for your cause and lobby local politicians and organisations to make a positive change
- Sign up with youth politics groups such as [UN Youth Australia](#) and [Youth Action](#) and actively participate with them
- Attend events that are relevant where you'll get to learn and absorb more about the field.

Work on the skills you'll need if for a position in public office, such as:

- Public speaking
- Communications – verbal and written
- Presentation skills
- Active listening
- Leadership
- Discussing emotive political issues in a calm and rational manner
- Technical skills including IT

Building up a portfolio of work and meeting the right people could open many doors, setting you on the right path to a career in politics before you've even left high school. For more information about a career in politics, you can read our latest [job spotlight](#).

## JOB SPOTLIGHT

### A career in Politics

Politics is both an art and science that focuses on people. Politicians and politics are at play in nearly every career and life scenario to some extent. Our daily lives are dictated by rules and laws designed to benefit individuals and develop and maintain flourishing communities and countries.

What type of person would this job suit?

- You need to be **passionate** and **enthusiastic** about people and politics
- Great at **networking** and building strong **relationships** with others
- Be **approachable** and a **good listener**
- Have a thorough understanding of local and national issues, and be up to date with **current affairs**
- Possess excellent **analytical thinking** and **communication** (verbal and written) skills
- Remain **calm, confident** and **professional** in all situations – especially when you're engaged in **public speaking** and presentations
- Adept at **crisis management** and **problem solving**

Industries where politics is important:

- Government
- Law and Justice
- Business
- Defence and Intelligence
- Education
- Journalism and Media

### **Pathways**

There are lots of ways that you can have a meaningful job within politics. You don't have to be aiming to become Prime Minister – although ambition and the drive to succeed could be advantageous in this competitive industry.

You can get in to politics through **a lot** of different pathways; formal or tertiary qualifications are not necessarily required. Showing your commitment and gaining valuable experience through volunteering, campaigning and involvement with a political party is one of the best pathways there is.

You could get other useful experience from:

- being involved in student politics
- get involved in a debating team or student newspaper
- find work experience with local MPs, the mayoral office or local council

Choosing to study a degree in politics could make you a more competitive candidate for some professional roles.

A full-time, 5 year, [Bachelor of Social Science with the degree of Bachelor of Laws with a Major in Political Economy and Social Policy at Macquarie](#) could give you all the qualifications you'd need to apply for a huge range of careers in the political arena. Alternatively, you can start out at TAFE and gain a Cert III or IV, or find a traineeship, before getting some experience and deciding if you want, or need, to go to uni later on. A [Certificate III in Business with Social Media from Training Connections Australia](#) is an example of a course that could open doors into a political career too.

## Levels

### **Social Media Advisor**

None

You'd be developing, implementing and maintaining social media communications. Demonstrating political acumen by providing relevant communications advice and recommendations.

You could get some short courses under your belt and volunteer your time to work with local politicians and organisations as a social media advisor. Gaining valuable work experience, networking and obtaining a proven track record could offer up opportunities for next level positions.

As a volunteer you might not get paid initially, but if the position is made official and you're offered a job, a salaried position could be on offer.

Jobs:

[Media Advisor in Melbourne](#)

[Media Advisor in Sydney](#)

### **Political Staffer**

Relevant experience or university degree

A political staffer or aide works in a political office supporting a candidate or elected official by advising, researching, scheduling, fundraising, or writing for them, among other responsibilities.

There's no formal qualification or training to be a staffer, you'll learn on the job. Generally some previous political experience is desirable. Although it's not unusual for junior members to be recruited straight from university.

As a junior you could expect to earn over \$40,000 per year, going up to \$77,000 per year (or more) with experience.

Jobs:

[Political Affairs Officer in Deakin ACT](#)

[Ministerial Officer in Sydney](#)

[Traineeship Clerical Processing in Victor Harbour, SA](#)

[Electorate Officer in Geelong, VIC](#)

### **Political Journalist**

Diploma

You'd be reporting on controversies, campaigns and debates, providing analysis of political events, as well as presenting on potential outcomes, incentives and trends. You could work in one or more outlets including print, online, TV, or radio.

Relevant experience is crucial (it could be at the office of a local or national newspaper), and building up professional network of contacts even more so. A [Professional Communication Certificate](#), [Certificate III in Screen and Media](#), a diploma, bachelor degree or postgraduate degree in journalism could all kick off your career. Lots of news outlets also offer 12 month cadetships for graduates.

You could expect to earn \$80,000 per year as a qualified and experienced journalist.

Jobs:

[AU Online News Reporter in Sydney](#)

[Journalist in Canberra, ACT](#)

### **Member of Parliament (MP)**

Bachelor's Degree

An MP is expected to work for the benefit of Australia, their local constituents, and for their party. You could be developing policies, legislations and by-laws, be a spokesperson, investigator and more.

## *Inclusive Community*

With the right skills, work experience and contacts, you could become a Member of Parliament without formal qualifications, though they often have university qualifications, which could help you become an MP more quickly.

Federal Senators and members base salary is \$207,000 per year. State Government salaries vary but you could expect to earn a base salary of \$150,000 per year (\*2018 figures).

To become an MP, you'll have to be elected by your party or the public.

Growth in this industry is **moderate** and expected to remain so.

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