



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=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be>

[Aviation Australia | Digital Campus Open Day](#)

Monday 28 February 2022, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Online

Join us for a live Digital Campus Open Day at the Aviation Australia headquarters in Brisbane.

Get ready to take off with:

- A live tour of our world-class facilities including the rotary hangar and the technical training center
- Live conversations with instructors including the EASA practical maintenance training
- Discover how our EASA approved Diploma of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering can take you anywhere in the world
- Hear from CQUniversity about the newly created pathway program, Bachelor of Engineering Technology – Aircraft Maintenance

We hope to see you aboard!

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/aviation-australia-digital-campus-open-day-tickets-266526747677>

[University of Sydney | Shape Your Future – Year 10 Subject Selection](#)

Tuesday 1 March 2022, 4:30 pm

Online

Through this presentation you will learn how to:

- Explore Career Paths – Tips and tricks on how to explore career pathways information.
- Connect Career Paths to Higher Education – Linking career pathways to different higher education options.
- University Essentials/FAQs – Learn about university prerequisites, why it is important and its impact on your Year 11 and 12 study and transition into university.

- Prepare for Subject Selection – Tips on what to consider when picking your subjects for Year 11 and 12.

Find out more: [https://uni-](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcscuGtqT0tGtE8pM_IXMxN976L0g27ny9B)

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[Sydney Design School | Info Session](#)

Thursday 17 March 2022, 5:30 pm

Sydney Design School, St Leonards

Find out everything you need to know about our flexible courses and career support. Our Director, Amanda Grace will introduce you to our unique philosophy, passionate Educators and industry focused approach to learning.

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

[UTS | IT – an overview](#)

Tuesday 26 April 2022, 5:30 pm

Online

Today's IT professionals are programming, networking, analysing and building. They are pioneering business and technical solutions for computer hardware, software, electronics, telecommunications, e-commerce and computer services.

Gain an insight into what IT is all about and find out if it's right for you.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study IT at UTS and how best to prepare.

Find out more: https://utsmeet.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_60iw_eIHQ9ab28Sjt1GStg

[UTS | Engineering – an overview](#)

Wednesday 27 April 2022, 5:30 pm

Online

Learn about the various engineering courses offered at UTS, the subjects involved and engineering career opportunities after graduating. Engineering is all around us. From the infrastructure of our cities to robotics, personal electronics, renewable energy, Opal Card system and medical devices.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study engineering at UTS and how best to prepare.

Find out more: https://utsmeet.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aZPyaprxTKWXEa_RYBrYuA

[UTS | Faculty of Engineering and IT Early Entry Program – Edge](#)

Thursday 28 April 2022, 5:30 pm

Online

Your final ATAR score may be one indicator of your ability to become a successful engineer or IT specialist, but we know you are not just a number.

That's why we're looking beyond the classroom to see what really makes you tick

Our new Early Entry Program – Edge is based on broader criteria than the ATAR alone. Tell us about your passion for engineering or IT and we'll make it count.

Register today and gain an understanding into what the UTS Engineering and IT Early Entry Program is all about and how it can work for you.

Find out more: https://utsmeet.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xkvM7FIITtOb-OH9AC93YQ

Torrens University Australia | Open Day

Saturday 30 April 2022, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Torrens University Australia, Ultimo Campus

Open Day gives you a taste of what we do and how we do it. Meet our academics, talk to current students and tour our campuses. We're here to help you turn your dream into your career.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/open-day>

CQUni | Virtual Open Day 2022

Saturday 27 August 2022, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Online

Join us online from the comfort of your living room and connect with CQUni's teaching staff, discover our huge range of TAFE and university courses, and learn more about our outstanding range of online and on campus support services.

Visit course booths and browse course flyers and videos to find out about careers, practical learning opportunities and what you will study in the course. Attend webinars, get support on topics like applying, fees and scholarships, support and more. Plus, our team will be available to chat directly with you to provide career advice and scout out the best study options for you.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/open-day/interactive-virtual-open-day-august>

UN Youth | NSW State Conference 2022

Friday 11 March 2022, 10:00 am - Sunday 13 March 2022, 5:00 pm

The Collaroy Centre, Collaroy

UN Youth New South Wales' State Conference 2022 will see up to two hundred high school students from across the state meet at Collaroy Centre to learn about leadership, diplomacy and advocacy and to take part in the global conversation about international law. At State Conference, you will form friendships with a diverse array of students from all around New South Wales and become inspired to deliver change in your community and globally.

Find out more: <https://unyouth.org.au/event/nswconference/>

NIE | Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online

Saturday 19 March 2022, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Online

If you are in Yrs. 10, 11, 12, or you may be older and considering sitting the UCAT in the future, then this program is for you. The Simulated UCAT Workshop program is ideal and often a necessary step towards effective and efficient preparation for the UCAT.

This event will be conducted by the National Institute of Education in partnership with UCAT Preparation Australia, and MICAS (Medical Interviews and Career Advice Services).

The workshop is primarily designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test and also for participants to gain a better understanding of their own level of preparedness for the test. Over the course of the years, the program has evolved into more comprehensive and holistic exercise, which not only achieves its primary goal, but it is also exposing students to a wealth of knowledge about all other aspects of the journey into a medical degree.

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/product/216-simulated-ucat-day-workshop>

NAS | Drawing Art Club Term 2 2022

Wednesday 27 April 2022, 4:00 pm - Wednesday 15 June 2022, 6:00 pm

National Art School, Darlinghurst

Spend Wednesday afternoons developing your skills in this drawing fundamentals program, covering Still Life; Portraiture; and Experimental Drawing.

Find out more: <https://nas.edu.au/product/art-club-term-2-2022-drawing/>

NAS | Photomedia Art Club Term 2 2022

Monday 2 May 2022, 4:00 pm - Monday 20 June 2022, 6:00 pm

National Art School, Darlinghurst

Spend Monday afternoons developing your skills in this photomedia fundamentals program, darkroom, photograms, studio compositions and digital photography techniques.

Find out more: <https://nas.edu.au/product/art-club-term-2-2022-photomedia/>

AWARD School Indigenous Scholarship Program

Value: \$2,200 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: February 10, 2022 – February 24, 2022

AWARD School is a 12-week creative-thinking course that will help you to break into Australia's creative industries.

If you're an aspiring storyteller or a creative thinker and are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, we're offering six scholarships for our 2022 program valued at up to \$2,200 to cover the entire AWARD School course.

[Find out more](#)

University of Melbourne Hansen Scholarship

Value: Up to \$108,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: February 7, 2022 – March 9, 2022

The Hansen Scholarship will be awarded to talented undergraduate students whose financial circumstances present a challenge to accessing a first-class education. Recipients will be awarded accommodation, an allowance, and financial and personal support.

[Find out more](#)

iPhone Photography Awards

iPhone Photography Awards (IPPAWARDS) is the first and the longest running iPhone photography competition since 2007. IPPAWARDS has been celebrating the creativity of the iPhone users since the first iPhone has inspired, excited and engaged the users worldwide.

Entries are open worldwide to photographers using an iPhone or iPad.

Entries close 31 March.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.ippawards.com/>

Swinburne Youth Space Innovation Challenge

Supported by the Australian Space Agency and SmartSat CRC, this 11-week program is for secondary students from Year 10 and up. The special 'Space Applications' micro-unit teaches students how to research and design an experiment for space.

Working with Swinburne mentors, student teams will develop their own experiment concept and pitch it to a panel of experts. The top three submissions will have the opportunity to launch their experiment to the International Space Station!

There is still much to learn when it comes to the microgravity environment. How will organisations like NASA support astronauts as they travel to the Moon, and beyond to Mars? Your students can contribute to this important area of research while developing STEM skills.

To recognise their achievements, Year 11 students that successfully complete Stage II of the program in 2022 will receive an ATAR adjustment of two aggregate points if they apply to study with Swinburne.

This national program has already successfully launched nine teams' projects into space. Now it could be your school's turn! The challenge will launch in Term 2.

For more information, contact Dr Sara Webb and the team at spacechallenge@swin.edu.au.

Work experience with subsequent job opportunity at Youngster.co

Youngster.Co is looking for tech savvy youngsters willing to help seniors with tech.

Currently looking for students (16 years and above) interested in work experience/placement across Australia. Students will learn essential life and employability skills.

More Youngster.co jobs are coming up in other parts of Australia, so if you are in the Wagga Wagga NSW, Southgate/Sydney NSW, Karingal VIC, or Bendigo VIC areas, apply now.

Subsequent job opportunities will be offered to youngsters who excel in customer service, are patient and show empathy and care.

Interested students can apply via <https://youngster.co>.

[Learn more](#)

Work Experience at AIE

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE) runs a Work Experience Program for students in years 10 to 12 throughout the year. Students can undertake work experience at their campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Adelaide.

The AIE Work Experience Program is a great way for students in to learn about the interactive entertainment and digital industries. The week will open the door to the range of career possibilities in the industry and allow students to get hands-on with the tools of the trade.

The Work Experience Program encompasses a range of activities including 3D animation, programming, QA testing and much more.

There is always plenty of interest in the AIE Work Experience Program, so make sure you register ASAP so you don't miss out.

[Learn more](#)

10 Skills Employers Are Looking For

Anyone who doesn't know that the job market for young people is tough has been living under a rock.

But there are ways to make yourself more appealing to potential employers and boost your chances in the job market.

We're going to take a look at what employers want to see in their employees – 10 skills employers look for when assessing job applicants.

A great ATAR isn't enough

Getting a good ATAR does count, but it's just one part of the puzzle.

Your marks tell potential employers that you're a good learner, but they don't give any indication of your other attributes. And those attributes, like flexibility, teamwork, and determination, can mean a lot more to your future employer than your ATAR.

Employers want to know that you'll work hard, learn fast, and fit into their team. So you need to show them you have those skills.

Core skills help you stand out from the crowd

The job market is competitive, and there are lots of people applying for every job.

Which means employers will look at what work experience or voluntary jobs you've done, what other skills you have to offer then assess you on a number of qualities they think are important to their team / business / brand before deciding if you should get the job.

Having a range of skills and being able to prove you have them, could help you stand out above the other candidates and make it easier employers to choose you.

10 of the key skills employers look for

The skills required to do each job will vary, but in general these are the ones that could help you stand out the most:

1. Communication
2. Flexibility
3. Determination
4. Team Work
5. Ability to Learn
6. Problem Solving
7. Loyalty
8. Resilience
9. Self-discipline
10. Tech Skills

We've got plenty of resources on our [website](#) that explain in more detail what these skills are, why they're important in the workplace, how to gain or improve on them, as well as how to highlight your skills to employers when you're applying for jobs.

To get you started you can even do a quick 10-minute [skills test](#) that'll let you know what areas you're already strong in and others where you may need to some work (it's free for Study Work

Grow Standard + Ponder Program members, you'll just need your school code to set up a student account).

BrainSTEM Innovation Challenge

The BrainSTEM Innovation Challenge is a STEM mentoring program for Year 9-10 high school students.

Working in teams of 4-5 students, you will have the chance to work with and be mentored by professional in the STEM field to design, research and develop a real-world application. Mentoring sessions are held during school hours either online or at your mentors place of work.

The Innovation Challenge has been running since 2016. Offered to students in Metropolitan as well as Regional schools, over 700 students have received in excess of 6000 hours of mentoring.

The Innovation Challenges are held twice a year (Mar-Jun and Aug-Nov).

Find out more and register here: <https://brainstem.org.au/innovation-challenge.html>

FCA XV Essential Skills Program

In a landmark partnership between Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE), Football Coaches Australia (FCA) and XVenture, young people can now access and gain a credit towards a selection of ACPE undergraduate Bachelors' Degrees with the completion of a unique and immersive new virtual reality-based program.

The FCA XV Essential Skills Program is made up of five modules covering Emotional Intelligence, Leadership, Communication, Culture and Resilience. The program is delivered in a self-paced, online-based virtual world campus, with over 100 subjects brought to life as videos, podcasts, articles, websites and interactive e-books. Modules cover universal themes and seamlessly integrate classic and contemporary models and thinking, with each subject coloured with examples and cases from soccer, sport and business globally.

Find out more here: <https://www.fcaxvcollege.com/pages/revolutionary-new-partnership-provides-sports-focused-young-people-with-credit-towards-bachelor-s-degrees>

Who are your allies?

Sometimes life can get rough. The important thing to remember is that you don't have to do it alone. Your allies are people who are by your side through tough times – whether it's at school or at home, it's important to have people in your life who can help you work through issues and stay on track.

How to identify your allies

So who exactly counts as an ally? Well, there are lots of different kinds of allies. They can be people such as:

- **Study buddies** – you don't even necessarily need to study in the same space, just have someone you can talk over problems and celebrate wins with.

- **Family supporters** – think people like your parents or siblings, prepared to guide you through the emotional and social stuff. You might even like to count a close friend in this category.
- **Teachers and mentors** – these are your allies when it comes to things like planning your career pathways and future aspirations.
- **People who can keep you accountable** – most importantly, we need people who will make sure we follow through on our promises and goals.

Here are some important characteristics to look for in an ally:

- **Honest** – they'll give you real feedback, not just tell you what you want to hear. It might hurt, but you'll be better off for it in the long run.
- **Non-judgemental** – they don't necessarily need to agree with all your plans, but they should respect them and be prepared to work with you (and not try to take over either).
- **Not too busy** – don't try and grab someone when they're in the middle of making dinner or just got home from a manic day at work.

It goes both ways

While we should be appreciative of the allies in our lives, don't forget to be an ally to the people around you as well. Whether it's giving a friend a shoulder to lean on, guiding your younger sibling through school life, or just being there to listen, helping out others makes you feel great – and it might make them more inclined to help you out in the future too.

If at first you don't succeed...

Persistence... It sounds a bit boring really. Like it's a personality trait that's not going to find itself on a motivational poster anytime soon.

(I actually searched for motivational posters with 'persistence' and found ones with frogs, pencils, and rocks. Not exactly inspiring.)

Persistence

noun

continuing in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition

Put simply, persistence is the ability to stick with something. To persist, to keep trying, even when things get tough.

How is this relevant for my future career?

Well, persistence means everything.

When an interviewer or potential employer asks you to list words that describe your personality, 'persistence' is a sure winner. It means you'll continue trying to reach your goals and you won't give up at the first hurdle.

It means that as an employee, you'll be:

- easier to train
- more reliable in the workplace, and
- less likely to require external motivation

In short, persistence is a strong indicator of **self-discipline**.

Self-discipline has been scientifically proven to be a better indicator of success than talent. Studies from the US show that a [*'major reason for students falling short of their intellectual potential \[is\] their failure to exercise self-discipline'*](#).

In a time where marketing is actively targeting your reduced attention span (according to some unverified sources it's now just 8 seconds (yes that's one second less than a goldfish)), persistence can help you stand out from the crowd.

But how do you develop persistence?

You could 'brute force' your way into persistence, with a huge amount of willpower and a complete lack of distractions.

Or, you could take steps to actively increase your powers of persistence. And you'll probably see benefits across all areas of your life, from school to work, and even simple things like keeping your bedroom tidy.

Here are 5 great tips to help you develop persistence:

1. Set clear goals

It's always easier to stick with something if you have a clear purpose. Check out our post on [goal setting](#) for some great tips.

2. Expect things to go wrong

If Elon had given up the first time his rocket crashed, he'd never have launched Falcon Heavy. Stuff will always go wrong (it's a fact of life) and if you're prepared for some trials and tribulations they'll be less of a shock and a setback when they (inevitably) arrive.

3. Break tasks into smaller steps

Any task or goal can appear overwhelming if you only look at the whole picture. So learn to break each goal into smaller achievable tasks, and you'll avoid procrastination and the 'fear of failure'.

4. Keep your eye on the prize

Literally. It's easier to keep your focus if you are constantly reminded of your goals, so cut out a picture of what you want, find an image of your role model, or write your goals down and put them where you'll see them all the time.

5. Enjoy success when it arrives

Take the time to reflect on what you've achieved – it'll boost your confidence and help you build persistence for the next hurdle.

Keep these tips in mind and practice them often, and you'll find success comes naturally.

Volunteer with FIRST

[FIRST Australia](#) engages young people in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills, inspiring innovation, and fostering life skills including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

If you love STEM and want to get involved, check out their programs and events. You could also consider [volunteering](#) for a *FIRST* [event](#). Not only could you have a fun and inspiring, it will also look great on your resume.

Please note: Minimum ages may apply if you're interested in volunteering and you may also have to obtain working with children clearance in your state and undertake some training.

Find out which events are happening in 2022 and decide if you'd like to get involved.

[Find out how to apply.](#)

[How to become a Jewellery Designer](#)

Design sparkling masterpieces

What do Jewellery Designers do?

Jewellery Designers conceptualise and design all different kinds of jewellery and accessories, including rings, necklaces, piercings, watches, brooches, and much more. They can work with a variety of materials, including metals, precious stones, glass, plastic, and others. They may work individually with a client looking to create a specific vision, or design unique pieces to sell to retailers or direct to the public.

If you are creative with an eye for detail, can keep up with the latest fashions and trends, and want a job that can give you freedom and flexibility, becoming a Jewellery Designer could be ideal.

About you:

- Creative and innovative
- Good eye for design
- Great attention to detail
- Precise and thorough
- Keeps up with fashion trends
- Organised and efficient
- Great communicator
- Can work in teams and independently

The job:

- Consulting with clients to determine their needs
- Researching which materials will work best for the job
- Sketching and refining concepts and ideas
- Creating prototypes to ensure suitability
- Staying within budgets and timelines
- Overseeing the manufacturing process
- Researching fashion and design trends
- Ensuring designs are both beautiful and practical

Lifestyle Impact: Low

- Part Time opportunities: High – around 45% of Jewellery Designers work part-time (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](#)).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 46 hours a week, which is slightly above average (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](#)).
- Jewellery Designers' salary (average) \$70,000* per year (source: [seek.com.au](#)). *Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.

- Future career growth: Very strong (source: joboutlook.gov.au).
- Most of your work will probably be done indoors. You might work as a consultant or designer for a business or brand, or work on your own as a freelancer.

Jewellery Designers are most in demand in these locations:

This is a very small occupation, with only around 590 people working as Jewellery Designers in Australia in 2016 (source: joboutlook.com.au). Demand for Jewellery Designers is spread fairly evenly across Australia, with a large share of workers in New South Wales. Most Jewellery Designers work in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, and Retail Trade industries.

How to become a Jewellery Designer in Australia

Although you don't need any formal qualifications to work as a Jewellery Designer in Australia, you will need a strong portfolio of work to showcase your skills to potential clients. There are courses you can take to help boost your knowledge and skills as well.

Step 1 – Complete Year 10 with a focus on English and Arts or Design.

Step 2 – Start building a portfolio of designs.

Step 3 – Consider undertaking a relevant VET course, such as a [Certificate III in Applied Fashion Design and Technology](#) or [Diploma of Jewellery and Object Design](#).

Step 4 – Consider upskilling with an undergraduate course, such as a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Design.

Step 5 – Continue to build on your portfolio and client base.

Find out more here –

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

Similar Careers to Jewellery Designer

Fashion Designer

[Architect](#)

[Game Designer](#)

[Visual Merchandiser](#)

[Curator](#)

[UX Designer](#)

[Costume Designer](#)

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do Jewellery Designers do?

Jewellery Designers use their creative skills and knowledge to design all kinds of jewellery and accessories.

Which industries employ Jewellery Designers?

Jewellery Designers are mostly employed in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, and Retail Trade industries.

What options are there for career progression?

Once you build up a good portfolio and lots of experience, you could find yourself working for some of the world's best fashion and design brands. Or you might like to make a name for yourself working freelance.

Do I need to go to university to become a Jewellery Designer?

No, you don't need any formal qualifications to work as a Jewellery Designer in Australia. However, they can help boost your skills and employability.

Where do Jewellery Designers work?

There is demand for Jewellery Designers across most of Australia, particularly in New South Wales.

What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Jewellery Designer?

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

1. Start working on your portfolio now. Come up with as many ideas and concepts as you can, and work on refining them. Ask friends and family for their opinions.
2. See if you can find work experience in a design or fashion-based setting. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
3. Talk to a Jewellery Designer to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in design or fashion.

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