

## Open Days & Info Sessions

### iCanMed | Summer Holiday Study Plan: How to Catch Up on UCAT Prep

Sunday 20 November 2022, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

In this webinar, Ray, iCanMed's education advisor, will share with you the techniques and timelines that are research-proven to help you best utilise your summer break for the most effective/efficient results with reference to the following points:

- Top tips on how to catch up on the prep that you have missed since April
- How to best organise your prep with the dos and don'ts of what gets you a UCAT score high enough to earn interview spots
- A summer holidays prep plan to get you up to scratch in terms of timeline and workload distribution
- An up-to-date mini mock test containing UCAT questions based on the 2022 exam
- Comprehensive teaching to help you learn how to solve questions correctly and prepare for the UCAT intelligently

Find out more: <https://www.bigmarker.com/icanmed/summer-study-plan-1>

### ADF | Defence Careers Information Session, Townsville

Wednesday 23 November 2022, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Defence Force Recruiting Centre Townsville

Are you interested to learn about the wide range of roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force?

Join us at an upcoming info session and speak with current serving members to see which Australian Defence Force career is best suited to you.

Find out more: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/0uu8tso>

### ACAP | Online Information Sessions

Monday 5 December 2022, 6:00 pm - Thursday 8 December 2022, 8:00 pm

Online

In our online information sessions you'll hear from ACAP educators and Course Advisors about the various courses you could study, what it's like to be a student, the flexible learning options and pathways available, career outcomes, and more. These sessions are highly informative and include specific course information in your areas of interest.

Find out more: <https://info.acap.edu.au/361>

### **WEP | Student Exchange Info Session**

Tuesday 6 December 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

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: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_93LgEuq7RgSLLd0wVi&sPg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_93LgEuq7RgSLLd0wVi&sPg)

### **Torrens University | Open Day**

Saturday 21 January 2023, 10:30 am - 1:00 pm

Torrens University Australia, Fortitude Valley 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/>

## **Workshops and Courses**

### **TAFE QLD | CRE8 Your Career**

Thursday 1 December 2022, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

TAFE Queensland, South Bank Campus

With an exceptional reputation for showcasing the next generation of industry disruptors, Cre8 Your Career is an opportunity to realise where TAFE Queensland can fulfil your career aspirations. A tantalising taste of your chosen career journey, the night will be filled with interactive activities that will entertain everyone in your family, and so much more! The best thing about this night is everything is free!

You can experience all the exciting showcases for one night only, designed to help you decide on your dream career and support new artists and digital design talent.

If you are considering studying at TAFE Queensland, make sure you attend. Let your imagination meet passion and you'll be amazed at what you can accomplish.

Find out more: <https://tafeqld.edu.au/news-and-events/events/2022/dec/CRE8-Your-Career-Brisbane>

### **NIDA | Acting Bootcamp**

Monday 9 January 2023, 10:00 am - Wednesday 11 January 2023, 5:00 pm

Brisbane TBC

A fast-paced intensive course for acting recruits: build skills in improvisation, character and scenework.

Course components:

- Improvisation: Discover the key principles and improve your spontaneity as a performer.
- Characterisation: Participate in practical exercises under the guidance of an industry expert designed to provide you with tools to create diverse character depictions.
- Technique: Unpack NIDA's acting technique to identify the given circumstances of your scene, apply actions and pinpoint your character's objective with ease.

Find out more: <https://www.open.nida.edu.au/course/OHAB1112>

### **Quantum Computing School Summer Camp**

Monday 16 January 2023, 9:00 am - Friday 20 January 2023, 5:00 pm

Online

Applications open soon for the 2023 SQA Quantum Computing Summer Camp — delivered by Qubit by Qubit (QxQ), a leading educational organisation in quantum, in collaboration with Sydney Quantum Academy (SQA).

Join us to dive into quantum computing during our 1-week summer camp designed for high school students. Learn about the fascinating world of quantum physics, to explore quantum phenomena like superposition and entanglement.

The summer camp includes special workshops where you'll learn how to code quantum gates and circuits — the building blocks of quantum algorithms using IBM's quantum coding language, Qiskit.

Held virtually on 16-20 January 2023 with a bonus day in person, the summer camp will be open to Australian high school students (9-12) and recent school leavers.

No prior quantum or coding knowledge is required or expected, and there are many full scholarships available! Scholarships are prioritised for students underrepresented in STEM.

Find out more: <https://sydneyquantum.org/programs/schools/>

### **ACU | Western Civilisation Program Summer School**

Wednesday 18 January 2023, 12:30 pm - Friday 20 January 2023, 5:00 pm

Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

The Western Civilisation Program Summer School is a 3-day academic retreat for high school students going into Years 11 and 12 who have an interest in the liberal arts and humanities.

Led by ACU's Western Civilisation Program academics, students will engage in critical discussions about great books of the western tradition, gaining invaluable critical thinking, communication, and reading skills – all while having fun and meeting like-minded students.

The Summer School will include:

- lectures and discussions

- Year 12 exam and study skills workshops
- games, activities, socialising and more

This program is excellent preparation for your Year 12 exams and university study.

Come along and get an insight into what it's like to study ACU's Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation), and hear from current students about their experience of the program.

The program is fully funded and open to students in Years 11 and 12 from across Australia.

Travel bursaries are available for students who live more than 500km from Sydney.

**Registration closes Thursday 1 December.**

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/faculties-directorates-and-staff/faculty-of-education-and-arts/national-school-of-arts-and-humanities/western-civilisation-program/summer-school-program>

### Quantum Australia 2023

Tuesday 21 February 2023, 9:00 am - Thursday 23 February 2023, 5:30 pm

Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park & Online

Quantum Australia Conference and Careers Fair will be held on 21 to 23 February 2023 in Sydney and online.

Australia's premier quantum industry event presented by Sydney Quantum Academy returns in 2023. The three-day online and in-person program will explore the theme '*Building the foundations for a quantum economy*'.

Join prominent quantum experts from across the globe for thought-provoking panels and presentations on the industry's latest developments and innovative collaborations.

Conference speakers and panellists will cover the state of the nation, cyber security, sustainability, quantum chemistry, commercialisation, software and hardware, the role of government and much more.

A [Careers Fair](#) will also provide potential employers with a unique opportunity to engage with Australia's in-demand emerging talent, early career researchers and students.

Find out more: <https://quantum-australia.com/quantum-australia>

## Scholarships

### UniSC Emeritus Professor Paul Thomas AM and Ms Anita Grunau Scholarship

Value: Up to \$25,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2022 – November 30, 2022

Emeritus Professor Paul Thomas and Ms Anita Grunau aim to support tertiary education for a USC student who demonstrates outstanding academic potential but face financial or other barriers to completing a degree.

[Find out more](#)

### **Griffith ICT Academic Excellence Scholarship**

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2022 – January 16, 2023

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage Year 12 school leavers to undertake undergraduate studies in Information Technology on a full-time basis. The aim is to assist potential applicants into an IT career path.

[Find out more](#)

### **CQUniCares FIELD Engineers Scholarship**

Value: Up to \$10,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: October 4, 2022 – January 30, 2023

The CQUniCares FIELD Engineers Scholarship will provide recognition and assistance to a deserving undergraduate engineering student studying in the Gladstone, Mackay or Rockhampton regions.

[Find out more](#)

### **ACU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Accommodation Scholarship**

Value: Accommodation fee remission

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2022 – March 1, 2023

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander full-time undergraduate students living away from their home and community. The scholarship covers the cost of accommodation provided students are on campus.

[Find out more](#)

### **TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Scholarships**

Value: Up to \$10,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: October 3, 2022 – December 9, 2022

Up to 10 TJ Ryan Memorial Medal and Scholarships are awarded each year, to support exemplary Queensland students to pursue tertiary studies.

[Find out more](#)

### **Aspiring Teacher Grant**

Value: Up to \$5,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: October 3, 2022 – December 9, 2022

If you have decided to become a teacher, our Aspiring Teacher Grants will help you to get started. [Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### Harvard Crimson Global Essay Competition

The Harvard Crimson Global Essay Competition provides a platform for young, ambitious high school students to exercise their writing skills in a non-traditional environment.

This competition encourages students to challenge themselves and explore different writing styles to ultimately strengthen their writing skills.

Here's what you stand to win:

- Gain a head start on your career with an exclusive Harvard Crimson internship and a Letter of Recommendation
- Achieve global recognition as a top writer by having your essay published on the official HCGEC website and endorsed by The Harvard Crimson
- Receive generous cash prizes
- Reach individual goals with Crimson credits by Crimson Education
- Earn Harvard Merch

**Registrations close 19 January 2023.**

Find out more and register here: <https://www.essaycomp.org/>

### The Short Story Challenge

The 17th Annual Short Story Challenge is a creative writing competition open to writers around the world. There are four rounds of competition, where writers are placed randomly in groups and are assigned a genre, subject, and character assignment, then given a short amount of time to write a story.

Feedback from the judges is provided for every submission, there are thousands in cash and prizes for the winners, and the writers retain all the rights to the stories they create. Sound like fun? Join the competition!

**The first round begins on 20 January 2023.**

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

## Work Experience

### Work Experience at QPAC

Do you have an interest in live theatre and technical production? The Queensland Performing Arts Centre (QPAC) regularly takes on year 11 and 12 students for work experience.

Our program generally offers experience across the technical disciplines of production; specifically lighting, staging and sound technology. Placements take place during a 5-day block week (Monday to Friday) from 9am to 5pm. Availability of placements is dependent on show and venue activity.

Work Experience Placements need to fit the following criteria:

- Currently studying in Year 11 or 12 secondary students
- Possess demonstrated interest in the Performing Arts – particularly in live theatre and technical production
- Available to do work experience at an allocated time

To apply for a placement, you will need to write to our Work Experience Coordinator outlining the preferred time period, the type of work experience requested and the skills and experience which relate to the work experience being requested.

[Learn more](#)

## Careers & Jobs

### Smart Reasons to Get a Summer Job

After a hectic school year and with everything else that's gone on this year, you'd be forgiven to counting down to some time out and looking forward to winding down.

Getting a summer job could be the last thing on your mind.

If you give the benefits of a summer job some thought, you might just change your mind and start reaching for the classifieds. We've put together a list of 10 reasons why you might like find some employment over the summer months.

### 10 Smart Reasons to Get a Summer Job

1. Feel more **confident** applying for jobs and attending interviews
2. Help you build an impressive **resume** which could make you stand out to future employers, or make your uni application more competitive
3. **Learn** all kinds of new skills – some you might not even realise you're doing, like prioritising and multi-tasking
4. Gain **insight** into different jobs, find out if there's something you'd like to explore further, or put it on the "no thanks" list
5. Getting a job during high school *will* give you an **advantage** over people who wait until after graduation to land a job
6. Develop and practise **life skills** including, time management, patience, communication, customer service, people skills, collaboration, team work, good work ethic, leadership, and problem solving

7. **Professional networking** – this could guarantee you a job to come back to in future, or secure you a part time job while you study, get you a great reference, or through word of mouth could get you an even bigger and shinier job offer.
8. Earn your own **spending money** to do with exactly as you'd like, help out at home, or put towards your savings for a car, gap year or uni expenses.
9. Get familiar with entitlements, taxes, banking, budgeting and other essential parts of **becoming an adult**
10. Getting a summer job could help you assert your independence, **boost** your self-confidence, help you to learn more about your capabilities, and might even [give you some ideas about what you want \(or don't want\) to do next](#).

### **Every job is valuable**

You might think that showing up to work flipping burgers or serving up ice creams won't benefit you much at all, but aside from earning some cash, it could teach you how to motivate yourself (getting up each day to do something you're not mad about), work hard, prioritise tasks, and achieve goals. Plus you could make new friends and have some fun along the way.

At the end of the day life is all about balance. So there's no need to find a job that has you slaving away from sun-up till sun-down, seven days a week. Something part time and flexible will give you all the benefits, plus allow you the time you'd like to enjoy the summer break. It's not too late, but lots of employers have already started advertising and filling positions so you might like to get organised soon.

## **Further Learning**

### **Rise Challenge**

Rise is a program that finds brilliant people who need opportunity and supports them for life as they work to serve others.

The program starts at ages 15–17 and offers access to benefits that last a lifetime including scholarships, mentorship, access to career development opportunities, funding, and more as Global Winners work toward solving humanity's most pressing problems.

Everyone who applies joins a global community of leaders and gains access to free online courses and opportunities from our partners around the world.

Applications to the program are free, and there is no cost to Rise Global Winners or their families to participate in the Rise program.

**Applications are open now and close 25 January 2023.**

Find out more: <https://www.risefortheworld.org/>



## Resources

### Staying Safe at Schoolies

At the end of Year 12, you deserve your well earned celebration. Whatever you've got lined up, we hope you have an amazing time.

Although you probably don't need reminding, we've put together a few tips and resources you might like to read before you head off.

Your parents will also feel happier when you tell that that you've done your due diligence and are all prepared – winning!

#### **Before Schoolies starts:**

Planning ahead could help ensure that you have a drama free, full fun time.

- Leave a copy of your bank card details at home in case you lose it and have to cancel it, and take your bank contact details with you so that you can report lost or stolen cards
- Make sure you'll have enough money to cover all the essentials while you're away, including an emergency stash
- Know where you're staying and how you'll be getting there
- Plan a safe place you can store any important documents or valuables while you're away
- Remember your phone charger and make sure you have plenty of credit/data, so that you can stay in touch with home or call for help if you need to
- When you've booked your accommodation make sure your parents or carers have a copy of the details – they'll want to know where you are and it could be handy if you have any problems with your booking

#### **What to pack**

We've no doubt you'll take enough outfits to last (hopefully enough socks and jocks too), but you might also need:

- Your ID
- Phone charger
- A hat, sunscreen and mozzie repellent
- Some comfy shoes
- Small first aid kit – band aids and paracetamol at least
- Any medications or prescriptions you might need
- Snacks and emergency food; muesli bars, noodles, cup-a-soups for example
- A reusable water bottle is a good idea – staying hydrated is really important
- Sharing a room? You might want a sleep mask or ear plugs

## Heading overseas?

Now that borders have opened back up and you can travel overseas again, remember these useful tips:

- Got all your vaccinations?
- Scan or take photos of your itinerary and travel documents, have a copy with you and leave a copy with someone at home too
- Get an international SIM card or make sure you have a way of contacting someone back home (international calls can be expensive!)
- Organise some travel insurance and make sure you keep a note of the phone number and your policy
- Know what you need to if there's an emergency

We also recommend you take a look at the resources on [Smart Traveller](#) for school leavers looking to head overseas for Schoolies.

## Staying safe at Schoolies

- Make sure someone always knows where you are going and when to expect you back – ideally go out with at least one other person or in a group
- Have a way of staying in touch with your parents and contacting them in an emergency. Remember it's [FREE to use public pay phones across Australia](#) now. You could give your parents contact details to a couple of your friends going away with you (and their parents too if you know them).
- When you're out and about, stay with your friends and have a plan to meet up at a certain time and place if you get split up
- Be careful about who you tell where you are staying – you could arrange to meet new friends in a public place rather than at your accommodation – and who you let into your room
- Plan how you will get back to your accommodation and make sure you'll have enough money left at the end of the night to follow your plan
- If you're walking around late at night, stick to well-lit areas
- Don't leave your drinks unattended or accept drinks from strangers
- There's plenty of help around if you need it, so don't be afraid to ask police, security, emergency services, officials and volunteers

There's other tips about how to party safely and avoid potential dangers, plus what to do in an emergency [here](#).

Get more information and useful contact numbers if you're attending schoolies in [Victoria](#), [Queensland](#), or specifically [Gold Coast, Byron Bay, Airlie Beach, or Bali](#).

## Have fun!

OK, so we probably don't need to remind you about this one. But just keep in mind our top 3 recommendations for a great schoolies:

- Use your common sense
- Drink heaps of water
- Think twice about what you post on social media

You're bound to make some fantastic memories and have an absolute blast.

## Job Spotlight

### How to become a Graphic Designer

Graphic Designers are professionals who design and create images, typography, animations, and other forms of visual work for all types of media, from print to television.

Artistic and creative with a large splash of computer skills? If that describes you, then there's a good chance a career as a Graphic Designer would suit you.

#### **About you:**

- Creative and innovative
- A whiz with technology
- Great time management
- Excellent communication skills
- Knowledge of typography
- Attention to detail

#### **The job:**

- Meet with clients or art directors to understand project requirements, scope, and budget
- Advise strategies for targeting audiences
- Determine the message to be conveyed
- Design the images that convey the message or develop graphics for illustrations, websites, and logos
- Choose branding – font, colour palette, images, layout, etc.
- Present the project to the client/director
- Make edits if required
- Publish the work to a quality determined by the project

### **Lifestyle Impact: Low**

- Part Time opportunities: Moderate – around 32% of Graphic Designers work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 42 hours a week, which is average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Graphic Designers' salary (median) \$58,200\* per year (source: ato.gov.au). \*Salaries can 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, using computers and other technology.

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

Many Graphic Designers work in metropolitan areas and capital cities, but using technology means there is also the possibility to work remotely or from home any where in the world. Most Graphic Designers work in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry.

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

While there are no formal qualifications necessary, having a VET or university qualification can boost your skills and employability.

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a focus on English and Maths. Arts and Design can also be beneficial.

Step 2 – Consider undertaking a relevant VET qualification, such as:

- [Certificate IV in Design](#)
- [Diploma of Graphic Design](#)
- [Advanced Diploma of Graphic Design](#)

Step 3 – Consider upskilling with a university-level qualification, such as a Bachelor of Design.

Step 4 – Get lots of hands-on experience and build up a portfolio of works to show to potential clients.

Step 5 – Once you have lots of experience, consider starting your own business.

Find out more here –

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

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

<http://australiandesignalliance.com/>

## Similar Careers to Graphic Designer

Visual Artist  
Web Designer  
UX Designer  
Illustrator  
Curator  
Signwriter  
Photographer

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

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### What options are there for career progression?

As your portfolio grows, you might attract bigger clients, and eventually work for some high profile brands and companies. You might even like to start your own design firm and employ others.

### Do I need to go to university to become a Graphic Designer?

Not necessarily. VET qualifications are often satisfactory, and if you have an impressive portfolio, formal qualifications might not be necessary at all.

### Where do Graphic Designers work?

Graphic Designers can work in private firms, where they are hired by companies or individuals, or in-house for a company. You could also work freelance or from your own home.

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

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

1. Take short courses and workshops to build on your design skills. Learn about colour theory, typography, visual balance, and a variety of other design fundamentals.
2. See if you can find work experience in arts or design. 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 Graphic 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.

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