



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>

Defence Force Information Sessions – NSW – March

March 5

[Sydney: Engineering Careers Info Session](#)

6.30pm – 8.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

March 10

[Sydney: ADFA Careers Info Session](#)

6.30pm – 8.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

March 11

[Sydney: Gap Year Info Session](#)

6.30pm – 8.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

March 16

[Sydney: Defence Careers Info Session](#)

6.30pm – 8.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

March 31

[Sydney: Commando Info Session](#)

6.30pm – 8.30pm | Sydney Defence Force Recruiting Centre

Schoolies Unearthed | Online Discovery Session

11 March 2020, 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Online

Heard about Schoolies Unearthed and keen to find out what we're all about? Our Online Discovery Sessions will help you:

- Decide which trip is best for you!
- Understand a 'typical' day in the life of a Schoolies Unearthed traveller.
- Learn more about us, including info on safety, support, flights and insurance.

- Understand how to book and find out about special promotions.

Find out more: <https://www.schooliesunearthed.com.au/info-nights>

AIE | Information Evening

19 March 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE), Ultimo

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Information Evening. Our campus will be opening its doors to visitors eager to find out about upcoming full-time and part-time courses.

The evening will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. Student work will be on display and our teachers will be available to speak with you one on one about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career.

Find out more: https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/information-evening/

UNSW | Year 10 Subject Selection Evening

30 April 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

UNSW Sydney

Thinking about Uni in the future?

This evening is the best place for you to start if you are thinking about attending university in two years' time and are currently a Year 10 student (or you are the parent or teacher of a Year 10 student).

We know that sorting out your subject selection for HSC can be tricky, we want to help by providing you with information straight from the Board of Studies, the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) and from our faculties and staff.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/unsw-year-10-subject-selection-evenings-0>

A Taste of Le Cordon Bleu

5 May 2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Le Cordon Bleu Australia, Sydney

You are invited to a Taste of Le Cordon Bleu Sydney to spend an evening with our award winning chefs Evan Pemberton and Michael Matar who will showcase their skills, and give you an insight into the food, wine and gastronomy business, and reveal how you could be a part of this global enterprise.

Indulge in a taste of French culture as our world-class chefs and lecturers demonstrate their expertise and the unique learning experiences offered at Le Cordon Bleu. Take a guided tour of our impressive state-of-the-art commercial kitchens, and you'll see why our students love coming to class.

Join us for a special evening to inspire your culinary arts dream.

Find out more: <https://www.cordonbleu.edu/sydney/taste-of-lcb/en>

UNSW | Law Admission Test (LAT) Information Evening

7 May 2020, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

UNSW Sydney

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Do you want to find out more about how the Law Admission Test (LAT) affects entry into our Law double degrees?

Have your questions answered at our 2020 LAT Information Evening. The LAT is an entry requirement for all undergraduate law double degree programs at UNSW. This information evening will cover how the LAT has worked for entry in the past, provide detailed program and Faculty information, as well as key LAT dates for the year ahead.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/law-admission-test-lat-information-evening>

UOW | Information Evenings

Kogarah: 16 June 2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Campbelltown: 23 June 2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Southern Sydney: 1 July 2020, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

UOW Information Evenings are designed for students and parents who would like to know more about studying at UOW.

You probably know what degree you're interested in, the ATAR you need – and we're more than happy to go through this with you – but we know that you'll need to know where you're going to live, how much it will cost, how will you make friends and more. We know because we asked the exact same questions when we were in year 10 & 12!

We'll also talk about:

- UOW Early Admission
- Your ATAR and selection rank (and what it means)
- Important dates and key things to remember for UAC applications
- Our Scholarships
- Subject selection for Year 10 students
- UOW Accommodation
- The degrees and opportunities available for you at UOW
- Your options if you don't get the ATAR you need
- Our Clubs & Societies and Student Life

UOW staff and current students will be on hand to answer your questions.

Find out more: <https://www.uow.edu.au/study/events/info-evening/>

UTS | High School Senior Information Evening

10 June 2020, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

University of Technology Sydney

Hear from UTS experts and current students about the exciting careers that lie ahead and the courses available at UTS Engineering and IT that can get you there.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/events/high-school-senior-information-evening>

Billy Blue | Major Work: Y12 Design Thinking Workshop, Sydney

4 April 2020, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Billy Blue College of Design, Ultimo

If you're heading into 2020, ready to start your Year 12 Design and Technology (Major Design Project) or your Visual Arts (Body of Work) then this half-day program is perfect for you.

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Spend a day with industry-leading design academics to learn the techniques design professionals use every day to develop new concepts. This dedicated team will guide you through the framework and show you how you can implement it to complete your body of work or portfolio!

Find out more: <https://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events/sydney/major-work-y12-design-thinking-workshop-sydney>

Torrens | Business Industry Day

16 April 2020, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Torrens University Australia, The Rocks Campus

Join us at a Business Industry Day near you and find out all you need to know about career opportunities in business, from Event Management to Sports Management to Entrepreneurship and more. Hear from highly experienced industry experts to get an understanding of where studying a degree in business could take you.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops/school-holiday-workshops-discover-business>

Torrens | Discover Beauty, Health Science, Nursing or Nutrition

17 April 2020, 10:00 am - 18 April 2020, 3:00 pm

Torrens University Australia, Pyrmont Campus

Curious about a career in Health and Wellbeing? Take part in Workshops specifically designed for school leavers. Learn more about our courses in Beauty & Aesthetics, Health Science, Nursing, or Nutrition. Suitable for High School students in years 10-12.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops/school-holiday-workshops-discover-beauty-health-science-nursing-or-nutrition-2>

Torrens | School Holiday Hospitality Workshops

22 April 2020, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Torrens University Australia, The Rocks Campus

Thinking if a career in Hospitality or Culinary is the right choice for you? Spend a day with us, and learn from leaders in the hospitality and culinary industry. Our workshops are free, and an ideal way to get a feel for what you like, what you don't like and where you might see yourself in the future. This workshop will help you make an informed decision on pursuing your chosen career.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops/school-holiday-workshops-discover-hospitality-2>

Experience UNSW Engineering Day

21 May 2020, 8:30 am - 3:15 pm

UNSW Sydney

Are you interested in experiencing the range of different engineering disciplines and careers available to you?

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At UNSW Experience Engineering Day, you'll have the chance to explore the innovative and creative ways that engineers solve real-world challenges.

High school students in year 10 and 11 are invited to choose an engineering theme which includes three interactive hands-on workshops at our UNSW Kensington campus.

Find out more: <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/experience-unsw-engineering-day-1>

UTS | STEM Day

3 June 2020, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

University of Technology Sydney

This one-day event provides an opportunity for students to explore different areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Design. Students take part in hands-on workshops, presentations and discussions with current students and people in STEM industries. Learn all about possible study and career options plus get an inside look at life as a student and professional in STEM.

This program is free and is for students in years 9–12.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/events/uts-stem-day-june-2020>

UTS | Galuwa Engineering and IT Experience

13 July 2020, 8:30 am - 17 July 2020, 3:30 pm

University of Technology Sydney

Galuwa means 'to climb' in the Gadigal language, and that's exactly what we want Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students to do.

The 5-day program attracts students who are interested in the fields of engineering or IT, as well as those who have an aptitude for maths, creative thinking and problem solving and are unsure of which career path to follow.

The free program features interactive hands-on workshops, site visits with industry partners, cultural activities, information about career paths and lunch. Participants also hear inspirational talks from students, cadets and professionals.

Applications for the 2020 Experience are open from 20 January until 1 June 2020.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/what-we-do/galuwa-engineering-and-it>

Enter the World of Le Cordon Bleu – Careers Residential

15 July 2020, 9:00 am - 17 July 2020, 4:00 pm

7 October 2020, 9:00 am - 9 October 2020, 4:00 pm

Le Cordon Bleu Australia, Sydney

We're opening our doors to high school students in Years 11 & 12, to experience a 'day in the life' at one of the world's leading culinary and hospitality institutions to provide a taste of what a future career in global hospitality will be like.

Meet lecturers and Le Cordon Bleu professionals, hear from industry experts, discover what Le Cordon Bleu hospitality management degree programmes involve and experience hands-on culinary arts with our chefs.

Find out more: <https://www.cordonbleu.edu/sydney/enter-the-world-of-le-cordon-bleu/en>

AFS Global Citizen Scholarship

Value: Up to \$3,000

Open/Closing Dates: January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

These scholarships are offered by the AFS Scholarship Fund to help meet the program fee for AFS Year, Semester and Trimester Programs.

You may be eligible for a Global Citizenship Scholarship if:

- You are an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident
- You are a secondary school student currently studying Year 8, 9 or 10 at an Australian school at the time of your application (you must plan to complete your AFS Year, Semester or Trimester Program prior to commencing Year 11 in Australia).
- You plan to complete Year 11 and Year 12 on return from your AFS Year, Semester or Trimester Program.
- You commit to meet school attendance and participation requirements in your AFS host country.
- You demonstrate that you have a keen interest and a desire to learn; are willing to fully commit to the requirements of an AFS Year, Semester or Trimester program; and understand the challenges and opportunities offered through an AFS intercultural experience.
- You complete an AFS Application Form and meet all requirements for an AFS Year, Semester or Trimester Program in your nominated host country.
- You are willing to provide program updates (video, audio and/or written) and photos to AFS about your experience.

[Find out more](#)

WJ & LM Sinclair Scholarship in Engineering

Value: AUD\$100,000

Open/Closing Dates: January 16, 2020 – March 9, 2020

The WJ & LM Sinclair Scholarship in Engineering aims to support applicants who have the personal potential and commitment to study engineering, are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and/or are from financially disadvantaged background.

Applicants must be:

- Australian citizens; and
- Apply through UAC for an Equity Scholarship or the Educational Access Scheme and therein demonstrate financial disadvantage and/or other educational barriers, including;
 - Have carer responsibilities

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- Are from regional and remote areas;
- Have language difficulties, including from a non-English speaking background;
- Refugee background;
- Have a disability or long-term medical condition;
- Are a sole parent;
- Are an Indigenous Australian;
- Female;
- Experienced educational disruption and/or personal hardship;
- Commencing their first year of an undergraduate BEng(Hon)DipProfEngPrac Engineering degree or combined Engineering program at UTS; and
- Either a current or non-current school leaver with an ATAR (or equivalent) of 80 or above; or
- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicant, with an ATAR (or equivalent) of 69 or above or have received an offer through the Jumbunna Direct Entry Program; and
- For the duration of the Scholarship: full-time enrolment in the BEng(Hon)DipProfEngPrac degree or combined Engineering degree; and
- All candidates must apply using the UTS online Scholarships Application form to be eligible; and
- All candidates must be available to attend an interview in person.

[Find out more](#)

What Matters? Competition

What Matters? is a 'catalyst for young thinkers and young writers to develop a perspective, a point of view, on where we're heading as a society'.

Inspired by Gough Whitlam's commitment to involving young people in the shaping of Australia's future, the competition is currently open to school students in years 5 to 12 from Australia.

Responding to the simple question 'what matters?', entrants are free to express their views on any matter they care about.

To enter What Matters? students submit an original written work between 400-600 words in prose or poetry, of either fiction or non-fiction.

Entries are open until Friday 8 May.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.whitlam.org/what-matters>

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is an opportunity for all young Commonwealth citizens and residents, regardless of region, education or background, to share ideas, celebrate their story and have their voice heard – all whilst developing key skills.

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The theme for 2020 is “Climate Action and the Commonwealth”. Young people are called upon to consider their position and power in bringing about change, and how the Commonwealth can be used as a tool for positive action.

Entries are open until Tuesday 30 June.

Find out more and enter here: <https://thercs.org/youth-and-education/the-queens-commonwealth-essay-competition/>

[The Student Blogging Challenge](#)

The Student Blogging Challenge is about embracing all of the benefits of publishing online — from learning digital writing skills, and digital citizenship, to developing an authentic audience and connecting with others around the globe.

The challenge is made up of a series of 8 weekly tasks all designed to improve blogging and commenting skills, while connecting students with a global audience. It is open to students aged 8-16 from around the world.

The next challenge begins on Sunday 15 March, and registrations are open now.

Find out more here: <https://studentchallenge.edublogs.org/>

[2020 STEM Video Game Challenge](#)

The Australian STEM Video Game Challenge is open to upper primary and secondary school students. Students are encouraged to design, build and submit an original educational video game that includes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) content or themes.

The theme for 2020 is “scale”.

Registration is open now, and games can be submitted up **until Wednesday 5 August**.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.stemgames.org.au/>

[UTS | Aptitude Assessment](#)

The aptitude assessment is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their potential, and possibly secure an offer to study at UTS Science. The assessment is designed to assess your analytical and critical thinking skills. It is a general knowledge-based assessment and there is no need to study for it.

Future students should have a current application lodged with the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) and chose the UTS Science’s course as their first preference.

The pathway applies to all [UTS Science undergraduate courses](#) except for the Bachelor of Advanced Science, Combined and Honours degrees.

[Learn more](#)

[What Can You Learn as an Australian Border Force Officer?](#)

If you've ever been to the airport, you've probably seen a Border Force Officer at work. You might have even wondered what it would be like to work as one.

Lifehacker has written an article on some of the unexpected skills you might learn as a Border Force Officer. You can read it here: <https://www.lifehacker.com.au/2020/02/3-unexpected-upskilling-opportunities-you-could-encounter-as-a-border-force-officer/>

[What is a career in Art Therapy?](#)

Becoming an Art Therapist or Expressive Therapist seems like a bit of an out there job – but it's definitely a viable career choice.

Art Therapists help their clients work through problems (often to do with mental health or trauma) with the use of art, including visual arts, dance, music and more.

Find out how Kimberly forged her career as an Art Therapist:

<https://www.ethicaljobs.com.au/blog/yes-you-can-get-a-job-doing-art-therapy-how-kimberly-ryan-landed-her-dream-job-in-the-field>

[Support for Apprentices affected by Bushfires & Drought in NSW](#)

If you are an apprentice and you have recently lost your job due to the bushfires or drought across New South Wales, the State Government has created an initiative to help.

You can still access the training component of your apprenticeship for free for up to 12 months while seeking a new employer.

The initiative was set up in the hope that rural and regional apprentices will not have to move away to continue their training.

Find out more here: <https://nsw.liberal.org.au/NSW-GOVERNMENT-HELPING-RURAL-APPRENTICES>

[ACU 2021 Undergraduate Course Guide – Available Now](#)

Thinking of studying at ACU in 2021? They have just released their course guide for undergraduates in 2021, packed with information about all of their courses on offer, including their new education courses.

You can check it out here: <https://www.acu.edu.au/-/media/study-at-acu/find-a-course/course-guides/undergraduate-course-guide-2021.pdf>

[UNSW@ADFA 2021 Undergraduate Course Guide](#)

Wanting to combine your studies with training and work in the Defence Force? UNSW@ADFA have released their undergraduate course guide for 2021.

Find out more here:

https://www.unsw.adfa.edu.au/sites/default/files/uploads/UNSW_Canberra_2021_Undergraduate_Guide.pdf

[Study a Diploma of Sustainable Living at UTAS or Online](#)

To help you embrace sustainability in your life, UTAS has developed their Diploma of Sustainable Living. It provides students with a broad range of multidisciplinary experiences that bring sustainable living to life.

The Diploma's curriculum is structured around four specialisations, of which you can complete two:

- Environment, ecology and planet
- Resource use and design for living
- Food, well-being and health
- Social justice, equity and diversity

This course is taught online, meaning you can study at your own pace, while applying sustainability principles to your own life. Upon graduation, you'll be able to apply your knowledge in your home, in your community, or in commercial and social enterprises.

There are no ATAR requirements for entry; you only need to have finished year 12.

Find out more about the course here: <https://www.utas.edu.au/courses/university-college/courses/z1k-diploma-of-sustainable-living>

[Study a Bachelor of Humanitarian Aid and Development at CDU](#)

The Bachelor of Humanitarian Aid and Development is an inter-disciplinary degree that will teach you to understand, critically analyse and apply concepts of community development, humanitarian practice and development aid.

During the course, you'll study culture studies, sociology, ethics, indigenous knowledge, community development, international humanitarian assistance and development, project management, and language studies.

With an unprecedented number of displaced people across the world seeking life-saving relief, there is a growing need for skilled and trained humanitarian and development aid workers. This degree

will give you the knowledge and skills to provide support for those affected by man-made and natural disasters, poverty and social injustice.

The course can be studied at CDU's Casuarina campus or online. The minimum ATAR required for entry is 60.

Find out more: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/bachelor-humanitarian-aid-and-development-whad01-2020>

Understanding Special Consideration

Life isn't always kind to everyone.

If you've experienced an exceptional situation or event during your high school period, particularly in Years 11 or 12, you may not be able to perform to the best of your abilities. And that could affect your ATAR.

You don't have to miss out on achieving your career goals if circumstances beyond your control mean that you've been held back in your studies or exams.

Exceptional doesn't always mean better

When you're at school you might hear about exceptional students and link them with being high achievers, and you'd be right – but that's not all there is to it.

Exceptional circumstances can also be unusual, out of the ordinary, not your everyday occurrences. So even if you're not one of the top academic achievers at school, don't dismiss the word as not applying to you. Because if you've been unfortunate and suffered in any way, then your case may be exceptional too.

How can you get into uni if you've been disadvantaged?

There are lots of systems in place designed to help you navigate around your difficulties and get a place at uni, regardless of what you've been through at high school.

Lots of institutions refer to this as "special consideration", meaning they'll take into account all that you've been through and may be more lenient towards your application.

Researching your options and applying for special consideration could mean that you secure the course you wanted, in spite of your ATAR not necessarily meeting the requirements.

Who is eligible for special consideration for university applications?

Universities understand that there are lots of ways that your studies could have been negatively impacted. If you can prove (or show evidence) of the circumstances or event that caused your setback, then you'll most likely have some exceptions applied to your application that could help you gain entry.

Special consideration categories include:

Home situation and obligations

Lots of living environments can make school even tougher than it has to be, including:

- Domestic, physical, sexual, emotional, or financial abuse at home (domestic violence)

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- You or your parents went through a legal separation or divorce that caused problems
- If you or one of your household has been substance abusing
- Lack of stable housing or homelessness
- You've been forced to care for yourself under the age of 18
- You've suffered an assault (includes rape, attempted rape, touching in a sexual way)
- studies have been disrupted through foster care or other out of home care
- You've not had adequate education support due to cultural demands
- You're the main carer at home for sibling(s) or other family members in excess of normal domestic responsibilities (includes household members who are disabled or seriously ill)
- You've experienced bereavement through the death or serious illness of a household member
- Your home has been affected by disaster (natural or otherwise)

If any of those categories describe you and your home environment, then you'll most likely be eligible to apply for special consideration towards your university application. It could include adjustment factors towards your ATAR or access to other kinds of help.

Personal illness or disability

You're not eligible for this category if you suffered a few bouts of gastro, you've got a minor disability that doesn't impact on your schoolwork, or you've an illness that is relatively mild and can be managed with medication. They're unlikely to have had a huge impact on your education and you'll have been able to catch up.

However, if you've suffered from:

- A long-term or chronic medical, psychiatric, or psychological condition or disability
- A serious, short-term medical or psychiatric/psychological condition (e.g. an accident, surgery, break down), or
- You have been diagnosed with a learning, sensory, physical, psychological or other disability or disorder

And you have evidence to support your claim (this could be from your school), then you could apply for special consideration under this category.

Educational disruption

For students in Years 11 and 12 who experienced:

- High turnover of teachers at your school (e.g. more than three in the school year)
- Lots of school moves – you'll need a letter from each school you enrolled at to support this claim
- Study by distance education (even if was just some units or subjects)
- Discontinued subjects at your school, you transferred and the new school doesn't offer the same subjects, or there were limited subject selections at your school which is going to affect the pathway to your chosen career
- Bullying that impacted on your ability to attend school or do well
- School being closed or significantly affected (e.g. buildings destroyed)
- Regional or remote schooling (must be within classified zones, you could check [here](#))

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You may be able to apply for adjustment factors that could help you reach the required ATAR cut-off for your desired course, or the university might offer you foundation programs that could help you enrol on the course you've chosen.

Financial hardship

If you're from a low-income background you could apply for, or automatically receive, financial help. This could be in the form of:

- Scholarships
- Bursaries
- Centrelink payments

Whether you're under 22 and financially supported by your parents or other carers, or financially independent, you might be eligible if:

- You, your parents or guardians get Centrelink income support benefit
- You're part of [The Smith Family Learning for Life](#) (or similar) programs, or
- Your household's gross income is below [institution-determined thresholds](#) (QTAC)

What you'll need to do next

If you feel like Year 11 or 12 really didn't go well for you, and you'd really love to go to university, you've got options.

Speak to your teachers – ask them what your school can do to help you, or what support services they can recommend.

Research your university options and when you've narrowed down your preferences, contact the university admissions department directly and see what they recommend you do.

If you'll be applying through a Tertiary Admissions Centre (TAC), check their website for process of applying for special consideration or equity access. Or give them a call if you're confused about your eligibility or how to go about applying.

Then you'll need to gather all your supporting evidence and make sure you complete all the necessary paperwork and applications (these could be in addition to your actual university application) – *before* any deadlines.

Most importantly, ***don't give up.***

Warumilang at AFL SportsReady

AFL SportsReady believes that education and employment are vital for people to successfully participate in society. AFL SportsReady's vision is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to have the same opportunities as other Australians to start their careers with confidence, qualifications and skills.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander program, Warumilang, represents the support and opportunities created for Indigenous people through quality education and employment.

Warumilang focuses on strengthening relationships, promoting respect and creating employment and education opportunities for young Indigenous people.

The Warumilang program offers many benefits, including:

- Traineeships

- Direct Employment
- Cadetships
- Cultural Awareness Training

Find out more and express interest in joining the program here:

<http://aflsportsready.com.au/warumilang/>

The Best Jobs for School Leavers

If you're finishing year 12 this year and aren't sure what to do next, you might be considering getting a job.

Whether it's casual or full-time, a job can help you earn some money and learn skills that will last a lifetime.

TAFE NSW has put together a blog with some great job ideas for students just finishing up. You can check it out here: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/career-advice/start-my-career/blog/-/blogs/the-best-jobs-for-school-leavers>

Job Spotlight

How to become a Lawyer

What do Lawyers do?

Lawyers inform clients about their legal rights and obligations. Steering individuals, businesses, and government agencies through legal issues and disputes, representing them in courts and legal communications.

If you're passionate about the law and using your knowledge to help others and are competitive and committed to working tirelessly for the benefit of your clients from all walks of life, this career could be an option to research further.

About you:

- Highly intelligent with an analytical mind
- Exceptional written and verbal communication skills
- Strong advocacy and problem-solving skills, adaptable to any case

The job:

- Meet with and counsel clients
- Perform legal research and prepare legal documents
- Represent clients in criminal and civil court proceedings

Lawyer salary (average) \$102,965 per year

(Source: au.indeed.com)

Job growth in law is strong (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

Law is a very competitive field; to stand out ahead of other applicants you could work on keeping your grades high and boost your resume with relevant work experience and voluntary work.

How to become a Lawyer in Australia

It can take as little as 4 years from leaving Year 12 to becoming a fully qualified, practising lawyer.

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Step 1 – Do well in English and Maths at high school, consider studying history and psychology

Step 2 – Look at degrees you'd be interested in, check any pre-requisites required, e.g. Sitting the LAT (Law Admission Test)

Step 3 – Complete your university qualifications in Law (e.g. 3 year [Bachelor of Laws at Bond](#), or a 5-7 year [double degree Bachelor of Laws \(LLB\) at UNSW](#))

Step 4 – Undertake [Practical Legal Training \(PLT\)](#) to develop the practical skills and knowledge you'll need by:

- completing a Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (GDLP) in 6-12 months, or
- undertaking supervised workplace training for at least 12 months (only in QLD & VIC), or
- do a minimum 12 months in a clerkship position (only if you are already working in the legal profession).

Step 5 – Apply for a certificate of practice to work as a legal practitioner in your state or territory:

[Australian Capital Territory: Legal Practitioners Admission Board](#)

[New South Wales: Legal Profession Admission Board](#)

[Northern Territory: The Legal Practitioners' Admission Board](#)

[Queensland: Legal Practitioners Admissions Board](#)

[South Australia: South Australian Board of Examiners](#)

[Tasmania: Legal Profession Board of Tasmania](#)

[Victoria: Victorian Legal Admissions Board](#)

[Western Australia: Legal Practice Board of Western Australia](#)

Find out more here – <https://austbar.asn.au/>

Similar Careers to Lawyer

Solicitor	Barrister	Judge
Magistrate	Prosecutor	Paralegal
Notary	Legal Executive	Legal Secretary
Conveyancer	Bailiff	Coroner
Court Clerk		

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- **How long does it take to become a lawyer?**

It takes a minimum of 4 years to qualify as a lawyer, but it can be longer depending on your pathway.

- **What do lawyers do?**

Lawyers give advice, write legal reports and documentation, and conduct negotiations on legal matters. They represent clients in court and tribunal proceedings.

- **What's the difference between a lawyer, solicitor and barrister?**

Lawyer is a general term. Solicitors and barristers are called accordingly depending on the work they do (e.g. barristers might take on court cases only) and in which state or territory they're practising in.

- **Where do lawyers work?**

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Typically based in an office environment, lawyers may also work in courts and conduct their business meetings in homes, hospital, prisons, and business settings.

- **Do I need to go to university to become a lawyer?**

Yes, you'll need to complete a relevant degree, get the practical work experience and register to practice with the relevant body before you can start working.

- **What other jobs can I do with a law degree?**

Non-legal career options for law graduates and established lawyers include: accounting, journalism, politics, recruitment, politics, management consulting, Judge's associate, human resources, investment banking, [police prosecutor](#), and [advocacy](#).

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