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Careers Newsletter

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It is the responsibility of the student to confirm all details with the appropriate institution.

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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>

The World of Australian Apprenticeships

Wednesday 2 November 2022, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Online

Mas National is keen to take this opportunity to share our knowledge on the world of apprenticeships and the career options that are available.

Join us as our industry specialists present this webinar aimed at apprenticeship seekers, parents, students and Career Advisors showcasing the wide range of options available to get you started on your career journey, including the steps that you can be working on right now.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-world-of-australian-apprenticeships-tickets-432386789527?aff=erellivmlt>

NDIS | NSW and ACT Pathways to Post School Life

Thursday 3 November 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) would like to invite NSW and ACT students with a disability in Years 10-12, their parents, carers and education professionals, to attend a virtual information session.

This is a session about building skills and paving a pathway to post school life. We will discuss a range of NDIS-funded supports and other assistance to help young people build skills to prepare for their transition, and support them in achieving employment and other goals, post-school.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-and-act-pathways-to-post-school-life-tickets-418317989367>

The Many Career Pathways

Wednesday 9 November 2022, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm Online

Mas National is keen to take this opportunity to share our knowledge on the career options that are available to all school students as they move towards the end of their schooling.

Join us as our industry specialists present this webinar aimed at both parents, students and Career Advisors showcasing the wide range of options available to get you started on your career journey, including the steps that you can be working on now.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-many-career-pathways-tickets-433417061097>

iscd | Virtual Info Session

Tuesday 15 November 2022, 12:30 pm

Online

Attend iscd's free virtual info session!

- Learn all about our Diploma of Interior Design and Cert IV in Interior Decoration
- Discover how you can become a qualified Interior Designer in just 2 years
- Meet our educators and find out what projects you'll work on
- Find out what it's like to study from anywhere in our 100% Virtual Classroom

Find out more: <https://info.iscd.edu.au/info-session-registration>

SCCE | Exchange Webinar

Tuesday 15 November 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

At SCCE, we understand that there is a lot to consider when going on exchange, which is why we are happy to offer these regular online information webinars to teach you all about your student exchange options. Our online sessions go for approximately 60 minutes. They will guide you through everything from you need to know about our programs. There is also time at the end of the presentation to ask questions, providing a wonderful opportunity to interact with both our staff and other future exchange students.

Find out more: <https://scce.clickmeeting.com/tuesday-november-15-2022-info-session>

RBA | Introduction to Economics

Tuesday 22 November 2022, 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Online

An RBA economist will provide an introduction to the economy, the role of the RBA, and the benefits of studying economics.

Find out more: <https://www.rba.gov.au/forms/book-a-talk/>

AIT | Demo Day

Wednesday 23 November 2022, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

AIT - Academy of Information Technology, Ultimo

Our AIT Demo Days are a great opportunity to tour our facilities and check out our award winning campuses, including our brand new post production studios, green screen rooms and student lounges.

You'll also hear from current students who will demo some of the projects they have been working on.

Learn about our degrees in film, 2D and 3D animation, game design, and IT plus, hear more about careers and study paths.

Find out more: <https://info.ait.edu.au/demo-day-registration>

[Sydney Design School | Info Session](#)

Friday 2 December 2022, 1:00 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.

You can also join an on campus session live online via Zoom if you would prefer to stay at home.

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

[University of Sydney | What is Economics?](#)

Wednesday 7 December 2022, 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Online

Economics is a diverse and fascinating discipline that addresses a range of issues that we face in modern life and plays a central role in shaping our society at every level.

Professor Andrew Wait will take you through the level of analytical thinking encouraged in the degree, which will help you interpret the world on a deeper level as you study the behaviour of businesses and industries, governments and countries, and the globe as a whole.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VJsbgkHAQref9MuzLvlMng

[UOW College | Nursing Information Session](#)

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

Online

Are you considering studying the HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing, or already have an offer and still need answers? Don't worry we've got you covered.

Please join us for our upcoming online info session to find out how to become an enrolled nurse or progress onto the Bachelor of Nursing at UOW in just 18 months. We will provide an overview of course structure, entry requirements, job outcomes, scholarships available, VET student loans and current remote online delivery mode for this course. Staff will be available on the night to answer any questions you may have.

Find out more: <https://uowcollege.swoogo.com/nursing>

[ACU | Essentials for Parents Webinar](#)

Thursday 8 December 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

Choosing what and where to study is heavy going. This webinar will lighten the load for you and your student. You'll learn about our student support services, admissions process, and work-integrated learning options, as well as the strong graduate employability an ACU degree offers.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2022/december/acu-essentials-for-parents-webinar>

Torrens | Design Graduate Exhibition

Friday 9 December 2022, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Torrens University Australia, Ultimo Campus

Each year our graduating Design students showcase their work to the best of the best in the industry, at our annual graduate exhibition INTRO.

This year we're keeping the exhibition up for an extra day, opening our campuses so families and prospective students can see what they've been up to.

This is your chance to get a glimpse into the design world, to meet our academic team and to see what the next generation of creatives are producing.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/design-graduate-exhibition>

William Angliss | Degrees Info Session

Wednesday 14 December 2022, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online

Considering an exciting career in the experience industry?

Come along to our degrees webinar, and hear directly from our course leaders about how an Angliss degree will hold you in good stead for a long and rewarding career no matter where your path leads.

This is a great chance to ask questions and meet the experts!

Find out more: <https://www.angliss.edu.au/events-hub/angliss-info-series-degrees/>

ACU | Change of Preference Event

Friday 16 December 2022, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

Register for this event to speak with staff and students about your study options and pathways to ACU. You can drop in at any time throughout the event.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2022/december/change-of-preference-event-strathfield>

UTS | Rebuilding the Reef...1 year on

Thursday 10 November 2022, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Online

This World Science Day, Professor Dave Suggett will provide an update on the Coral Nurture Program and the important role community programs are now playing in reef restoration.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-science/partners-and-community/uts-science-focus/events/rebuilding-reef...1-year>

AIM | Entertainment Management Masterclass

Saturday 12 November 2022, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Australian Institute of Music, The Rocks

Make Music Festival is a full day of workshops and masterclasses for our future students. This special event is a golden opportunity to experience what it's like to be a student at AIM. Meet your teachers and get a sneak preview of your future music degree!

This workshop is ideally suited to Year 11 and 12, recent school leaver or mature age students interested in studying at AIM.

During this entertainment management workshop, you will:

- Discover how to manage, market and organise the many aspects of the music industries
- Discuss entertainment management principles with Head of Entertainment Management [Tim Kelly](#)
- Meet some of the creative participants of our music workshops and learn how entertainment management fits within music performance, film music scoring, etc
- Join us to start your journey to become a music industry pro.

Find out more: <https://aim.edu.au/events/entertainment-management-masterclass-make-music-fest/>

AIM | Classical Masterclass

Saturday 12 November 2022, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Australian Institute of Music, The Rocks

This workshop is a part of Make Music Fest, AIM's future student festival and is ideally suited to Year 11 and 12, recent school leaver or mature age students interested in studying at AIM.

Meet our current classical students and gain valuable insight on the specialised mentorship available to our classical cohort. Rehearse with one of our experienced conductors and enjoy a live talk from one of our accomplished lecturers to provide a glimpse of what will be covered in your degree.

One of the most unique aspects of the day will be the opportunity to work with our composers on recording and performing their original classical film scores. Get a real sense of the truly collaborative musical community you'll be joining at AIM.

Find out more: <https://aim.edu.au/events/classical-masterclass-make-music-fest/>

AIM | Music Theatre Workshop

Saturday 12 November 2022, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Australian Institute of Music, The Rocks

This workshop is a part of Make Music Fest, AIM's future student festival and is ideally suited to Year 11 and 12, recent school leaver or mature age students interested in studying at AIM.

Perfect for those dreaming of becoming a triple-threat talent onstage, this enjoyable and multi-faceted music theatre experience will provide invaluable advice and insight on carving out a career in the theatre – and give you a chance to do what you do best amongst a fun group of likeminded souls.

Perform a music theatre tune of your choice, learn a new song, develop basic acting techniques, dance and refine your approach to the all-important audition under the tutelage of an accomplished industry expert. This is a must-attend for any future music theatre star!

Find out more: <https://aim.edu.au/events/music-theatre-workshop-make-music-fest/>

AIM | Composition & Songwriting Workshop

Saturday 12 November 2022, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Australian Institute of Music, The Rocks

This workshop is a part of Make Music Fest, AIM's future student festival and is ideally suited to Year 11 and 12, recent school leavers or mature age students interested in studying at AIM.

The composers and songwriters of tomorrow have incredible career opportunities in the 21st century music industry. Want to join them? Come along for a fun day "on the tools" at AIM where you will be mentored in writing, rehearsing, and recording a classical film score or bringing your own original song to life!

Our Composition and Songwriting workshops are an invaluable opportunity to get expert advice from our industry veteran lecturers on your own music OR a meaningful introduction to the world of film sound. Choose the workshop that's right for you!

Find out more: <https://aim.edu.au/events/composition-songwriting-workshop-make-music-fest/>

AIM | Audio Workshop

Saturday 12 November 2022, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Australian Institute of Music, The Rocks

This workshop is a part of Make Music Fest, AIM's future student festival and is ideally suited to Year 11 and 12, recent school leaver or mature age students interested in studying at AIM.

Learn how to:

- Set up the studio to record a band
- Record musicians in the studio
- Mix a live performance.

Enjoy a shared experience with like-minded audio fiends, get a sense of what studying audio at AIM is like and experience the energy of joining AIM's multi-talented community of musicians.

Find out more: <https://aim.edu.au/events/audio-workshop-make-music-fest/>

AIM | Musician Performance Workshop

Saturday 12 November 2022, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Australian Institute of Music, The Rocks

This workshop is a part of Make Music Fest, AIM's future student festival and is ideally suited to Year 11 and 12, recent school leaver or mature age students interested in studying at AIM.

You will join your fellow musicians in workshopping and rehearsing a tune together. Then, you will record it! The day will conclude with a live performance at AIM Sydney's amazing performance

space, the Amphitheatre. This is a unique opportunity to get a sense of what being a music student at AIM is really like ... and have a blast doing it!

Find out more: <https://aim.edu.au/events/musician-performance-workshop-make-music-fest/>

UTAS | Feed your mind, feed the world

Monday 5 December 2022, 9:00 am - Wednesday 7 December 2022, 4:00 pm

Tasmania

See first-hand the science behind some of Tasmania's leading agricultural businesses, including a robotic dairy, commercial flower producer, cider orchard, vegetable processor and more.

Feed your mind, Feed the world is a three-day camp for students wanting to learn about exciting career opportunities in agricultural science.

This event is run by the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, responsible for teaching agricultural science at the University of Tasmania.

The experience is free to attend and open to year 11 and 12 students Australia wide. Transportation is provided from selected areas across Tasmania. Lunch is included.

Applications close 4 November.

Find out more: <https://www.utas.edu.au/community-and-partners/schools/feed-your-mind-feed-the-world>

NIE | Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online

Sunday 18 December 2022, 10:00 am - 5:00 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-ucats-day-workshop-2-day-intensive-program>

Campion College | Summer Program 2023

Tuesday 10 January 2023, 2:00 pm - Friday 20 January 2023, 2:00 pm

Campion College, Toongabbie

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

Participants will take part in a range of social and academic activities. The schedule is full, but not exhausting. It will allow time for learning, making new friends, relaxation and reflection.

Find out more: <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/summer-program/>

UOW Dr Krish & S Reddy Indigenous Medical Scholarship (Doctor of Medicine)

Value: \$50,000 AUD per annum

Open/Closing Dates: September 29, 2022 – December 9, 2022

The Dr Krish & S. Reddy Indigenous Medical Scholarship (Doctor of Medicine) has been established with the aim of producing more Indigenous Doctors in our country, and the ultimate goal of improving Aboriginal health outcomes in the longer term.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Access Scholarship

Value: \$6,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: August 29, 2022 – December 31, 2022

Assisting students experiencing financial hardship or other disadvantages to undertake undergraduate studies.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Betty Josephine Fyffe Rural Equity Scholarship

Value: Up to \$50,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: October 1, 2022 – February 15, 2023

Betty leaves this legacy as her way of trying to improve the education of doctors, nurses and allied health professionals in training with hope that some will return to the country areas to practice their profession.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Indigenous General Merit Undergraduate Scholarships

Value: Up to \$30,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: July 13, 2022 – December 13, 2022

The UNSW Indigenous Scholarships Program aims to encourage and assist Indigenous Australian students to undertake study at UNSW.

[Find out more](#)

Charles Sturt Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service Scholarship

Value: \$10,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2022 – February 3, 2023

With a mission to improve health outcomes for the local Aboriginal community, the Albury Wodonga Aboriginal Health Service offers this scholarship to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students commencing studies in Health and Rehabilitation, Speech Pathology, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy or Podiatric Medicine on the Albury-Wodonga Campus.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie University Dunmore Lang College Regional and Rural Scholarship

Value: Full accommodation costs

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2022 – January 3, 2023

A scholarship to support students from rural and remote Australia living on campus while studying an undergraduate degree.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander – School of Business Scholarship

Value: \$2,000 AUD

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

This scholarship supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students undertaking an undergraduate degree within the School of Business at ACU.

[Find out more](#)

PwC Global Case Competition 2022

Step into the shoes of a CEO or consultant and help a top global business tackle its challenges.

Each team has a set amount of time to develop a strategy to address the key issues and present it to a team of judges who will then determine the winner.

- Each team must have 2-4 students, but we highly recommend at least 3!
- All participants must be aged 13-18 and currently enrolled high school, OR have already graduated but not yet started university.
- No prior business or economics experience necessary! Join us no matter your experience. We have the tools to help you succeed.

PGCC is 100% virtual, easy to join and accessible for all skill levels. Workshops for participants are available from top industry executives.

A total of \$4000 USD and \$18,000 USD in education consulting prizes is available to win! Earn impactful internships and mentorships with industry leaders.

Registrations close 13 November.

Find out more and enter here: <https://casecomp.org/>

2022 Judith Wright Poetry Prize

The *Overland* Judith Wright Poetry Prize for New and Emerging Poets seeks outstanding poetry by writers who have published *no more* than one collection of poems under their own name (i.e. writers who've had zero collections published, or one solo collection published). It remains one of the richest prizes for emerging poets, and is open to poets anywhere in the world.

In 2022, the major prize is \$6000, with a second prize of \$2000 and a third prize of \$1000. All three winners will be published in *Overland's* autumn 2023 issue.

Entries are open until Monday 14 November.

Find out more and enter here: <http://overland.org.au/prizes/overland-judith-wright-poetry-prize-for-new-and-emerging-poets/>

Future of Travel Youth Design Challenge

The Future of Travel Youth Design Challenge is a free online design thinking challenge that empowers youth to consider how they can impact travel, tourism and cultural experiences. It empowers youth to identify problems, reframe them as opportunities, develop a solution and create a prototype. Youth will also be able to enter the challenge and be in the draw to win prizes to help them develop their ideas further.

Our challenge for you is: "How might we create innovative solutions to design the Future of Travel?"

In this challenge we're excited to be teaming up with Flight Centre Travel Group as our key sponsor to encourage you to explore the five key challenge themes:

1. Sustainability: How might we make travel more sustainable in order to protect our world?
2. Inclusion and Accessibility: How might we increase inclusivity, access and affordability of travel?
3. Culture and Identity: How might we enable travel to express and advocate for culture?
4. Regional and Rural Development: How might we increase tourism to regional and rural Australia to engage and support local communities?
5. Technology: How might we help travellers make better choices or improve their experience?
Bringing tech and tourism together to improve people's journeys

Winners will receive the following per idea:

- A virtual mentoring package from Young Change Agents (2 x 1 hr sessions)
- An invitation to an exclusive fireside chat with our special guest judges where you'll get advice, guidance, and support to further develop your idea
- The opportunity to be featured on our website and in our top ideas media campaign
- A prize pack from our challenge sponsors and partners

14 runners-up will also receive a special reward for taking part and be featured on our site as a runner-up!

Anyone aged 10-21 years old can enter and participate in this challenge.

All challenge entries must be submitted by the challenge close date on Friday 4 November 2022.

Find out more: <https://youngchangeagents.com/challenges/future-travel-youth-design-challenge>

Top 7 Spooky Jobs

It's coming up to that spooky time of year, and if you're a fan of everything frightful, we've got some spooky jobs you might want to look into.

Whether it's leading ghost tours, directing funerals, or creating wicked costumes, there's a little bit of something for everyone. Take a look.

Forensic Pathologist

If you're curious and have a strong stomach, this could be the job for you.

A Forensic Pathologists' job is to determine exactly why or how someone has died, usually done through a process known as an autopsy. Forensic Pathologists may also gather evidence directly from a crime or accident scene, as well as use their expertise to testify in court.

If you'd like to become a Forensic Pathologist, you'll need to first become a qualified medical practitioner, before undertaking further specialist training.

Funeral Director

Also known as a Mortician or Undertaker, a Funeral Director's job is to help (you guessed it) plan a person's funeral. This includes all the nitty-gritty details, such as helping family or loved ones pick out a coffin, collecting bodies from mortuaries and preparing them for burial, and delivering or disposing of ashes after a cremation.

You get to do some less morbid stuff too though, like picking out flowers and processing important documents.

There's no specific qualifications necessary to work as a Funeral Director, but lots of experience will definitely help.

SFX Makeup Artist

Special Effects (or SFX) Makeup Artists are responsible for some of the magic we see on screen. They use their skills and tools to create realistic wounds, terrifying monster masks, weird facial features, and a whole other stack of things that transform actors into something else entirely!

[Rick Baker](#), the SFX Artist responsible for creations in *Star Wars*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and *Men in Black*, says this about his work: “When you’re on the set and you get the makeup on this actor, and you actually see it start to become this living, breathing thing, it’s magical.”

Having training in makeup and arts can help you get your foot in the door with this career.

Ghost Tour Guide

Love history, the outdoors, and are a confident speaker? Becoming a Ghost Tour Guide could be ideal.

You’ll get to lead people through some of the most haunted places in the world, all while fascinating them with your extensive knowledge.

You won’t need any specific qualifications, just great storytelling skills.

Death Doula

A Death Doula’s (or Death Midwife) job is to help guide a person through the last stages of their life.

Rather than taking care of any physical needs, Death Doulas provide emotional and spiritual support and guidance to their patients. They work to alleviate some of the fear and anxiety around death, for both the person dying and their families.

There are no formal qualifications to become a Death Doula, but many have often worked in a health-related setting.

Haunted House Operator

Use your skills as a Haunted House Operator to create inventive and terrifying experiences. You can use your imagination and go wild! There’s a lot of work that goes in behind-the-scenes of a Haunted House; creating props, lighting effects, sound systems, animatronics, and more.

You can read more about the ins and outs of running a haunted house from Jacob Eugster, owner of *Screamin’ Acres*, [here](#).

Spiritual Medium

Spiritual Mediums are people who can communicate between the living and the dead. They typically use this ability in a helpful fashion, by bringing comfort and understanding to the family and friends of people who have passed away.

Sometimes they have even been used to help solve crimes and mysteries.

Australian Defence Force Cyber Gap Program

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Cyber Gap program is a 12-month online program designed to enhance your skills and employability in the cyber security field. You can be working towards any eligible qualification ranging from a Certificate III to a Master's Degree, either full time or part time.

During this 12-month program you will receive:

- financial support
 - course fee reimbursement up to \$15,000
 - academic allowance totalling \$2,500
 - textbooks and stationery costs of \$600
- mentoring from ADF cyber specialists
- access to online cyber skills modules and cyber skills challenges
- exposure to cyber activities and experiences during the week-long Defence Cyber Conference held in September in Canberra
- professional membership to the Australian Computer Society
- information on careers within the ADF, Defence APS, Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) and other Government agencies.

The ADF Cyber Gap Program is for Australian citizens who are living in Australia. If you are currently studying or plan on studying a [cyber-related qualification](#), and will be enrolled by 1 March 2023, you should consider applying.

Applications are open until Monday 31 October.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.digitalprofession.gov.au/career-development/emerging-talent-programs/australian-defence-force-cyber-gap-program>

Do you need to Change your Preferences?

So you've applied to uni – congratulations!

Perhaps you've applied through a [Tertiary Admissions Centre \(TAC\)](#) like UAC, QTAC or VTAC. Maybe you applied directly to the university of your choice.

Either way, did you know that once you've submitted your applications, they're still not set in stone? That means that you've got plenty of wiggle room and options to consider.

Preferences – the basics

By the time you've submitted your [applications](#), it's assumed that you understand 'preferences' and what it means to your application.

But just in case you're still a bit uncertain, here's what it means. *Preferences* are just a term for the courses you want to apply for, listed in the order you'd like to study them.

At Study Work Grow we recommend that you list your dream course(s) first, some more realistic options next, and one safe option last. That way you'll increase the odds that you'll get at least one offer in the main offer rounds.

Listing the maximum number of possible preferences on your applications is also a good strategy. Giving you the maximum opportunity to receive at least one offer – maybe more.

Get more tips on choosing preferences in our video [here](#).

Flexibility can be handy

If you're certain that you have applied to the best uni and selected the best courses for you, that's great. Move on and wait for the offer rounds to start up.

But if you've decided that you're not happy with the universities or courses you've listed, or perhaps the order you listed your preference just isn't sitting right with you anymore, guess what?

There's good news – the whole applications system is designed to allow you to change your preferences.

When can you change your preferences?

Most universities and TACs provide plenty of opportunities to change your preferences.

After submitting your application and before you take your exams or get your results, you can usually log into your application and adjust your preferences.

Tip: If you've received an early conditional offer for one or more of the courses on your preferences, and you'd still like more offers during the main rounds – it's best to call the admission centre or institution directly if you're unsure about what to do next.

Note: Changing your preferences is usually free, but some TACs may charge a fee if you change them more than two or three times.

Between receiving your exam results and the main offer round taking place, there is a window of time to change your preferences.

Here are the Change of Preference cut-off dates for the main rounds of offers after ATAR release date:

Tertiary Admission Centre	Results Date	Main Round Offers Date	Change of Preference Cut-off for main round
UAC	15 December	22 December	Midnight 16 December
VTAC	12 December	21 December	4pm 14 December
QTAC	16 December	22 December	12pm 19 December
TISC	18 December	23 December	11.59pm 19 December
SATAC	19 December	12 January 2023	4 January 2023
UTAS	14 December	Mid December	Contact UTAS

Note: You may need to contact UTAS and other institutions directly for any cut-off dates if you've applied by direct entry.

Once the main round offers have happened, another window is usually opened up. You'll get the chance to change your preferences again and possibly receive more offers so you can choose which one to accept. Or, if you didn't get an offer in the first round, you can have another go in the subsequent rounds.

Top Tips for Changing Preferences

1. Spend some time considering why you want to change your preferences before you go ahead and do it
2. Check if any fees or cut-off dates (and times) apply
3. If you're unsure about what to do, pick up the phone and call someone at the TAC or university for advice

Do you really need to change your preferences?

Consider adjusting your preferences if:

- Your ATAR was better than you expected. Good work, if there's a competitive course that you hadn't listed or had placed low down your preferences because you didn't think it was a realistic option before your exams, change your preferences
- Your ATAR wasn't as good as you had hoped for and you'd like to ensure you get offers, change your preferences to list courses with pre-requisites that match your score up the top of your list
- You have had a change of heart about the ideal course or the best university for you
- There's a new course that's become available and you think it would be perfect for you
- You've discovered a course you didn't know about when you applied, add it to your list
- You've been advised that the pre-requisites for a course you had on your list have changed, or a course you'd applied for has been dropped by the university
- Perhaps you're having a look back over your application and you realise that you didn't put your preferences in the right order

If any of these options ring true for you, then it could be a good idea to change your preferences.

Is changing your preferences really necessary?

If you get a higher ATAR than you expected (yay you), *don't* immediately rush off and change your preferences just because you *can* apply for Law or Engineering now. If you're happy with your preferences then stick with them – there's no such thing as 'wasting' a good ATAR.

You might feel pressured into thinking you should change your list, particularly if your friends are talking about changing theirs and cut-off dates are coming up. Hold off, spend some time researching any changes you're thinking of making, and be sure you're making the changes for all the right reasons.

Double check any course pre-requisites as well as your eligibility before you go adding any new courses or moving them up your list. It would be a real shame to miss out on receiving more offers or the offer you really wanted because you didn't take a few minutes to read the course entry criteria.

Don't panic

If you miss the change of preference cut-offs for the first round, you'll get the chance to change them again before the next offer round.

Once all the offer rounds are over and you have an offer but it's not for the course you really wanted, call up the university and find out what your options are. Perhaps you can transfer internally if there are spaces left or when places open up later in the year.

Most importantly, if you don't receive any offers at all please remember that you still have lots of options. Find out about [alternative pathways](#) from universities, you may be happily surprised to learn about the number of choices available that could help get you into the uni course you'd like to study.

Need more information?

If you're still after more information including key dates and change of preference events being held by the TACs and universities, keep an eye out for our updated Change of Preference Guide, coming soon.

How to manage your time

Studying means managing a bunch of competing deadlines. It can be overwhelming and sometimes it feels impossible. Figuring out the best ways to study means developing strategies for planning your time that will help you to stay calm, organised, and on top of everything.

Check out ReachOut's top time management tips for students in their full blog:

<https://au.reachout.com/articles/how-to-manage-your-time>

[How to become a Copywriter](#)

Copywriters prepare and write content (known as copy) for the purpose of selling and advertising goods and brands on behalf of a business or company. This can include website content, social media posts, blogs, advertisements, slogans, and much more. They need to have an in-depth knowledge of the product or brand they're writing about to know exactly what they're selling.

If you have a way with words, great communication skills, and want a job that can be flexible and varied, becoming a Copywriter could be ideal.

About you:

- Excellent writing skills
- Great communicator
- Creative and innovative
- Works well independently
- Can work to strict deadlines
- Organised and efficient
- Flexible and adaptable
- Good tech skills

The job:

- Determining a client's needs and budget
- Researching a product or company extensively
- Writing and preparing sales copy
- Working with other creatives to create a cohesive brand
- Reviewing and editing content before publication
- Creating a portfolio of work to show off

- Promoting yourself to prospective clients
- Keeping up to date with marketing trends

Lifestyle Impact: Low

- Part Time opportunities: High – around 41% of Copywriters work part-time (source: gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 44 hours a week, which is just above average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Copywriters' salary (median) \$68,500* per year (source: ato.gov.au). *Salaries will vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Moderate (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You will be doing most of your work indoors, sitting at desks and on computers.
- You will often be working flexible hours, with some extremely busy periods and other times when work is sparse.

Copywriters are most in demand in these locations:

Because most of their work is done on computers, Copywriters can work from almost anywhere. There is highest demand in metropolitan areas and capital cities. Most Copywriters work in the Information Media and Telecommunications, and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industries.

How to become a Copywriter

Although formal qualifications aren't strictly necessary to work as a Copywriter, they can boost your skills and employment prospects.

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a focus on English and Maths.

Step 2 – Consider studying a relevant VET qualification, such as a [Certificate IV in Professional Writing and Editing](#).

Step 3 – Alternatively, consider studying an undergraduate degree in Journalism, Communication, or Writing.

Step 4 – Start developing a portfolio of work to show off to potential employers.

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

Find out more here –

<https://www.meaa.org/>

<http://iped-editors.org/>

<https://www.asauthors.org/>

Similar Careers to Copywriter

Journalist

Curator

Editor

Author

Social Media Manager

Public Relations Officer

Brand Manager

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do Copywriters do?

Copywriters write content used to promote or advertise goods, services, or brands. This can include web content, blogs, social media content, print, television and radio advertisements, brochures, and much more.

Which industries employ Copywriters?

Copywriters are mostly employed in the Information Media and Telecommunications, and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industries.

Do I need to go to university to become a Copywriter?

Not necessarily, but having a VET or undergraduate qualification can boost your employment prospects, as well as your skills and knowledge.

What options are there for career progression?

Although many Copywriters work freelance, there are also opportunities for you to work in-house for a business as part of their marketing team. You might also like to one day run your own business, supervising and managing other Copywriters.

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

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

1. Start building on your writing skills by entering competitions or writing for fun – you'll need to have perfect spelling and grammar as a Copywriter.
2. See if you can find work experience or volunteer in a related field. This can help you build important skills and make contacts for the future.
3. Talk to a Copywriter 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 the role.

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