



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

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Password – pius (lower case)

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Defence Careers Information Sessions

Grafton: October 30, 2024

Penrith: October 30, 2024

Glen Innes: November 1, 2024

Newcastle: November 5, 2024

Inverell: November 6, 2024

Moree: November 9, 2024

Sydney: November 12, 2024

Bourke: November 13, 2024

Albury: November 14, 2024

Consider a career like no other and represent Australia with pride in the Navy, Army or Air Force.

Speak with current serving personnel at our upcoming info session and ask your questions - is a career in the Australian Defence Force for you?

[Find out more](#)

Defence Indigenous Pathways Information Session – Cairns & Online

October 31, 2024

Would you like to learn more about careers for Indigenous personnel in the Australian Defence Force?

With a wide range of exciting jobs on offer, and tailored programs, make the most of your potential, become a leader, and inspire your community.

Join us for an information session and speak with current serving members about opportunities in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

[Find out more](#)

New England Garden Festival 2024

November 2 to November 3, 2024

The New England Garden Festival brings together gardeners, specialists, professionals and the community for fun and educational activities, along with a great range of retail therapy with a vast array of stall holders.

- **Open Gardens:** Visit beautiful gardens in Armidale and surrounds. Inspire your own garden!
- **Festival Stalls:** The festival market will delight garden and plant lovers! Stalls will include a range of products, from plants, garden craft, clothing, tools, sculpture, ornaments, plus food and drink vendors. TAFE NSW will also have a stall where you can learn about their Horticulture courses on offer.
- **Workshops and Demonstrations:** A myriad of gardening and plant related workshops and demonstrations are available for you to choose from.
- **Competitions:** Showcase your gardening and creative skills and enter one of the various Festival competitions this year!



[Find out more](#)

2024 USYD Science Extension Intro Week

November 4 to November 8, 2024

Join us for a week of USYD Science Extension events designed to jump-start your research journey! Year 12 Science Extension students will have the opportunity to receive guidance on scientific research and project planning. In addition to the Science Extension Workshops, we're offering an online information session on the USYD Science Extension Mentoring Program and an online 'Meet a Researcher' session.

Here's what's happening during Science Extension Intro Week:

- Monday, 4 Nov 2024: [On-Campus Science Extension Workshop at the University of Sydney](#)
- Wednesday, 6 Nov 2024: [Online Science Extension Workshop via Zoom](#)
- Thursday, 7 Nov 2024: [Online Information Session on the USYD Science Extension Mentoring Program](#)
- Friday, 8 Nov 2024: ['Meet a Researcher' Online Networking Session](#)

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Grand Challenge 2024: Towards Net Zero

November 6, 2024

In The Grand Challenge, students in Years 9 & 10 will spend a fast and fun day learning about a real-life global problem before ideating, developing and pitching their own solutions to their peers and STEM experts for a chance to win prizes. This event is powered by Future Anything and the Faculty of Science, University of Sydney.

[Find out more](#)

STEM + X: Technology, brought to you by QUT

November 6, 2024

There is a skyrocketing demand for tech professionals. In Australia alone, we're anticipating a need for 1.2 million tech jobs by 2030. It all starts with exploring the exciting and diverse careers available and understanding how to get started.

Join us as we dive into how you can turn your interest in computer science, game development and IT systems into a fulfilling career.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Information Session

November 6, 2024

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.

Our sessions are also streamed live online via Zoom. Register to receive a link closer to the date of your Info Session.

[Find out more](#)

Defence Air Force Careers Information Sessions

Inverell: November 6, 2024

Sydney: November 6, 2024

Newcastle: November 13, 2024

In addition to defending our nation, the Air Force supports a broad range of operations in Australia and overseas, including:

- supporting international security and counter-terrorism initiatives
- protecting our borders from illegal activity and incursions
- carrying out search and rescue missions



- supporting peacekeeping operations
- helping communities affected by natural disasters

Would you like to learn about the wide variety of Air Force careers available? Join us for an info session and speak with current serving members about entry pathways and career opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

CGA Virtual Information Session

November 6, 2024

Come hear from our students about how online schooling fits their busy training schedules, supports academic advancement, and opens doors to top universities worldwide.

Hear how our online learning environment can be tailored to meet your child's unique needs, including:

- How flexible class schedules can support athletes, performers and travelling families.
- Advanced and competitive curricula options for those looking to apply to top universities
- Inclusive strategies to support neurodiverse and SEN learners; and those experiencing mental health challenges or bullying.

You will also have an opportunity to ask our team any questions you have.

[Find out more](#)

AIT MasterTalk: Annemarie Gereis, Development Specialist & VFX Coach

November 7, 2024

Join us in November to hear from Annemarie Gereis, a development specialist and VFX coach.

Annemarie Gereis is a seasoned career coach with a passion for empowering creatives to achieve their full potential.

Her visual effects journey started a decade ago, compositing on 20+ blockbuster films and TV shows across Los Angeles, Atlanta, Austin, and Sydney.

Her most notable titles include: Guardians of The Galaxy, Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., Power Rangers, Gotham, Sleepy Hollow and Hunger Games: Mockingbird.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney ARTiculate Drama | Giving shape to the world of a play: Getting started with set design

November 7, 2024

Theatre, above all, is a spatial artform. It's about defining the relationship and energy flow between audience and performer; it's putting ideas into space; it's finding a physical form to convey the emotional landscape of a play.

In this webinar, we are delighted to host award-winning set and costume designer, Isabel Hudson, who will be in conversation with Dr Paul Dwyer from the Discipline of Theatre and Performance Studies.

While our focus is on set design, the underlying principles are, of course, also directly relevant to other HSC Drama Individual Projects in Design (e.g. costume and lighting) and Critical Analysis (e.g. director's folio and portfolio of theatre criticism).

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney ARTiculate Ancient History | Vesuvius AD 79: The day after

November 7, 2024

For over three centuries, the story of Mt. Vesuvius has largely centered on the dramatic events of the AD 79 eruption, freezing time at that catastrophic moment. But what about the aftermath? How did the land, and the people who lived there, bounce back? Many believe that the area never fully recovered, but recent discoveries tell a very different story—one of resilience and renewal.

In this talk, we'll explore the lesser-known effects of the eruption and how they shaped the landscape and its communities in the years that followed. By diving into new archaeological findings, we'll piece together the resettlement of the region, examining how different areas of Mt. Vesuvius were affected and how the local communities adapted.

[Find out more](#)



WSU Unlocking Careers in Science, Engineering and Technology

November 8, 2024

This on campus event for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander High School students in years 9-12, raises knowledge and aspiration for Careers in Science, Technology and Engineering. Students will participate in their choice of practical workshops, a Q&A Yarn Up with Indigenous industry professionals to gain insights into their work, education journey and careers.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Camden Open Day 2024

November 8, 2024

Inspire your Year 10-11 classes with an interactive visit to the University of Sydney's Camden Campus to explore study and career pathways in real agricultural sciences. The day will include a visit to the active cattle and mixed enterprise facilities of John Bruce Pye Farm, plus three interactive workshops chosen by your school from a variety of topics: soil health, fish farming, veterinary practice, poultry nutrition, plant productivity and more!

[Find out more](#)

CSU Careers in Health Info Nights

November 11 to November 20, 2024

If you're considering a career in health but not quite sure which direction to take, then we prescribe this not-to-be-missed event! Join us on campus in November to get a real-world look into a wide range of health careers. Current high school students, school leavers, those looking for a career change, TAFE students, parents, carers, and career advisers are all welcome to attend.

Hear from a range of healthcare professionals, from nurses to pharmacists, podiatrists to occupational therapists, pathologists to exercise scientists, and dentists to physiotherapists. Learn about health careers from the frontline workers who are living, breathing, and making a difference in health.

- Get the scoop on health careers from health clinicians.
- Discover the regional health advantage – and how you can make a difference!
- Chat with health academics at our mini expo.
- Understand more about diverse career opportunities in regional health.
- Discover the many pathways to a health career.

Albury-Wodonga – Monday 11 November

Wagga Wagga – Tuesday 12 November

Port Macquarie – Wednesday 20 November

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Portfolio Entry Info Evening

November 12, 2024

Join us to hear from UNSW staff and academics about submitting an outstanding portfolio for a range of degrees across the Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture and the Faculty of Engineering for 2025.

In these interactive sessions we will provide tips and examples on what you need to submit and how to apply. There will also be an opportunity to get all your questions answered. This info session is for students (and parents/guardians) who are completing their HSC in 2024 and are considering their options for university next year.

[Find out more](#)

UON Law Insights Evening 2024

November 13, 2024

The University of Newcastle's School of Law and Justice invites Year 11 & Year 12 students of 2024, teachers and parents to attend our Law Insights evening. The evening is an invaluable experience, allowing students to hear first-hand about the Law degree on offer at the University of Newcastle.



Students will be able to hear from, and speak with, academic staff and current students from the School of Law and Justice. Students will also learn about our Legal Centre. This is an excellent opportunity for students to ask any questions they might have about the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) program.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Music Theatre and Classical Performance & Composition Experience Day

November 13, 2024

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites aspiring Music Theatre and Classical musicians and Composers aged 16 and over to join us on campus for a day of music!

Attendees will have the chance to sit in on a performance class, participate in workshops/Q&As facilitated by AMPA's music faculty and experience what studying music is like at AMPA. Experience a day in the life of an AMPA music student to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit your future.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Dance Experience Day

November 13, 2024

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites dancers to join us on campus for a day of dance. Register and bring your friends along and get ready to move!

Dancers will have a chance to participate in contemporary & improvisation classes facilitated by AMPA's inspiring faculty and experience what studying dance full-time is like at AMPA. A Q&A with the program's Head of Dance will allow aspiring dancers, choreographers, and dance teachers, to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit their future careers.

AMPA is currently accepting registrations for Intake 2025 and beyond, so don't forget to [register](#) for the dance auditions happening Monday, November 18th.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture Portfolio Entry Workshop

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[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Discover the journey to university

November 13, 2024

Follow a high schooler's steps to uni – explore the crucial decisions, gain an inside look at what drives your aspirations, discover the support available, and gather the practical insights you need to navigate the road to university.

This webinar offers:

- A personal insight into the transition from high school to university.
- Realistic guidance to navigate through various university options.
- Valuable resources and networks to support your journey.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney | Building your future: Architecture and the built environment

November 13, 2024

Are you interested in studying architecture and the built environment? In this webinar, we will explore how studying at the Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning can help you develop transferable skills to pursue a variety of careers across architecture, urban planning and design, sustainability consulting, construction and property.

Join us to see how our degrees can provide you with the skills and experience to build your future career.

[Find out more](#)



AMPA Contemporary Music Performance & Music Production Experience Day

November 14, 2024

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites aspiring contemporary musicians and music creators aged 16 and over to join us on campus for a day of music!

Attendees will have the chance to sit in on a performance class, participate in workshops/Q&As facilitated by AMPA's music faculty and experience what studying music is like at AMPA. Experience a day in the life of an AMPA music student to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit your future.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW HPA Roadshow: Urban Heat Mitigation & Net Zero in the Built Environment

November 14, 2024

The School of Built Environment and the High Performance Architecture (HPA) Research Cluster from UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture warmly invite you to attend our 2024 roadshow on urban heat mitigation and net zero in the built environment.

Join us for a masterclass with experts from UNSW for hands-on activities, with opportunities to have your questions answered. Additionally, you will receive the latest updates on attending UNSW Built Environment from the Head of School and a current student. Ideal for students interested in architecture, the built environment or sustainability.

[Find out more](#)

AIE Open Day, Sydney

November 16, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Open Day.

AIE's Open Day is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff and students. The day will cover everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

AIE's Open Day will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Nursing @ UTS

November 20, 2024

Discover how you can become a Registered Nurse at Australia's #1 uni for academic reputation in nursing and midwifery.

Hear about diverse nursing careers from industry speakers, meet our academic teachers & ask current students about the UTS Bachelor of Nursing.

Tour our world-class clinical facilities and explore your future campus!

[Find out more](#)

Newcastle 2024 Campus Experience Days

November 25 to December 6, 2024

Our Campus Experience Days aim to support student's understanding of career options, increase aspirations to attend university and provide an opportunity to experience university life and study areas. Throughout the day your students will have the chance to hear from current university students and academics, participate in hands-on activities from a variety of study areas, and take a tour around campus.



Please note that given the popularity of these campus experience days priority will be given to students in Years 9-10 dependent on demand.

Places for each day are limited, therefore we will work off a first in, first served basis for bookings. We will do our best to accommodate all bookings, however in the event the days are oversubscribed we will develop a waitlist based on the order of response.

- Week 1, Monday 25 November to Friday 29 November – Central Coast campuses, 9am – 2pm
- Week 2, Monday 2 December to Friday 6 December – Newcastle campuses, 9am – 2pm

Reach out to your region representative to register your interest.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Mega Maths Day 2024

November 26 to December 2, 2024

Mathematics is the hidden hero in every STEM discipline whether it be geosciences, biology or psychology. Wherever your students see themselves heading in their future studies and careers, we want to show them how important and useful it is to have a foundation in mathematics.

Your Year 9 & 10 classes will join us for a day of STEM fun, including meeting a real mathematician, and your school's choice of three hands-on workshops themed in different disciplines, but all focused on the importance of mathematics. Year 10 in particular is a key time when your students are choosing their future direction, so give them the opportunity to find out just how important a solid background in maths is for a huge array of disciplines and careers.

[Find out more](#)

Discover AI Magic with IT at ACU North Sydney

November 26, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Participate in interactive AI activities, chat with current students and learn what it's like studying a degree in IT at ACU.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Exercise and Sports Science at ACU Blacktown

November 27, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Experience the range of cutting-edge equipment for training and rehabilitation that you will have access to as part of a sport and exercise science degree with ACU.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Law and Criminology at ACU North Sydney

November 28, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest, these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Aspiring lawyers will have the chance to develop their analytical and courtroom skills in our law and criminology workshops. These hands-on activities will provide you with an insight into the Australian legal system and its functions.

[Find out more](#)

AIE Online Campus Day

Academy of Interactive Entertainment

November 30, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:



- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

[Find out more](#)

Experience Day at ACPE

December 19, 2024

Want to pursue a career in sport? Discover why ACPE is ranked #1 for Health, Sport, Physical Education, and Dance. Join us on campus. See where you will study, meet our students and lecturers, and participate in info sessions and practical workshops to take the next step with confidence.

We'll have a number of sessions running throughout the day so you can decide on how you would like to enjoy your Experience Day!

Why attend Experience Day?

- Explore the campus
- Q&A with our academics and students
- Chat with current students about their experience
- "Tutorial bites" on what to expect, take part in sample classes
- Practical workshops and interactive sessions
- Find out where a qualification from ACPE can take your career
- Discuss course options with our Enrolment Advisors and get a personalised study plan
- Get assistance with applying or enrolment

[Find out more](#)

NAS Art Club Intensive 2025

January 15 to January 17, 2025

Have a young person in your life that loves to make art? Our Art Club Intensive program is the perfect School Holiday activity to nurture their skills.

The Art Club Intensive is a 3-day course, taking place 15th – 17th January 2025, designed to impart technical and conceptual skills to students aged 15 – 17.

This is a rare opportunity for young artists to learn from industry specialists in one of the five focus areas: Drawing, Printmaking, Ceramics, Sculpture or Painting.

[Find out more](#)

AMSI Careers Day

January 16, 2025

Attend the AMSI Careers Day and explore the diverse career pathways available to mathematical sciences graduates. Mathematics, statistics and data science are critical to so many careers across all industry sectors! Talk to potential employers, get your employment questions answered and be inspired by the endless opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

SciX@UNSW 2025

January 20 to January 24, 2025

The SciX@UNSW program is designed to support passionate high school students who are eager to delve into scientific research. Join one of our research groups and conduct an independent research project, ideal for HSC Extension Science, IB independent projects, or as a taste of a career in research science. The projects are overseen by our academic research staff and are delivered primarily by our graduate research students. They will introduce you to cutting-edge research tools and methodologies and guide you as you extend your scientific skills.



The centrepiece of the SciX experience is a one-week intensive summer school, held in January. During this week on campus at UNSW Sydney, you'll be supported in developing your individual hypothesis, collecting your data, and getting started on your analysis, all before the summer holidays are over!

On-time registrations will close at 11:59 PM on **Wednesday 18th December 2024**.

[Find out more](#)

Murdoch University Access Engineering Scholarship

Value: \$12,000 AUD

Open date: August 23, 2024

Closing date: February 28, 2025

The Murdoch University Access Engineering Scholarship seeks to widen participation and support students from underrepresented groups in a field of study that is becoming increasingly important and impactful for a sustainable future.

[Find out more](#)

AIQS Donald Napier Scholarships

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open date: May 1, 2024

Closing date: October 31, 2024

AIQS offers a number of scholarships each year for Year 12 students who qualify for entry into a Quantity Surveying, Construction Economics, Construction Management (Economics) or other appropriate course at an AIQS accredited university in Australia.

There are four scholarships offered each year:

1. **General** (open to all people)
2. **First Nations people** (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)
3. **Disadvantaged** (financial, carer, medical condition or disability, regional or remote)
4. **Diversity** (including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, marital status, language)

[Find out more](#)

Bow Seat Ocean Awareness Contest

Value: Up to \$1,000 USD

Open date: October 1, 2024

Closing date: June 9, 2025

The 14th annual Ocean Awareness Contest is a platform for young people to learn about environmental issues through art-making and creative communication, explore their relationship to a changing world, and become advocates for positive change.

The 2025 theme is *Connections to Nature: Looking Inside, Going Outside*.

[Find out more](#)

AgDay Photography and Video Competition

Value: \$5,000 in prizes

Open date: August 1, 2024

Closing date: November 15, 2024

The AgDay photography and video competition is back! Submit your photo or video capturing Australian agriculture and the theme *Grow you good thing!* for a chance to win.

[Find out more](#)

[Unusual courses for Halloween fans](#)

Are you fascinated by mysteries, legends, or solving puzzles? While ghosts and skeletons might be fun around Halloween, there are actually some interesting career paths that let you explore the unexplained or investigate real-world mysteries. Let's look at some unusual courses for fans of Halloween that could lead to fascinating careers.



Paranormal and supernatural studies

Ever wondered about the mysteries that lie beyond our comprehension? Delve into the realm of the unexplained through the study of paranormal or supernatural phenomena, where you'll investigate hauntings, psychic experiences, and other eerie occurrences.

It might all sound a little out there, but you'll actually be building some valuable skills during your studies, including data collection and analysis, critical thinking, and ethical considerations. This could lead you to careers in writing, media production, tourism, psychology, or cultural studies.

- Take a class in [The History of the Supernatural](#) at the University of Queensland.
- Learn all about “weird stuff” with the University of Arizona’s course [How to Think About the Supernatural, the Paranormal, and the Mysterious](#).
- The University of Edinburgh has an entire unit dedicated to [Parapsychology](#), the scientific study of the possibility of psychic ability and phenomena.
- Explore [Ghost Stories, Haunted House and Other Occult Phenomena](#) at John Hopkins University.
- For the super-dedicated, you could join the [Division of Perceptual Studies](#) at the University of Virginia.

Witchcraft and occult studies

For those drawn to the mystical world of spells and ancient rituals, courses in witchcraft and the occult can offer a window into the practices and beliefs of both ancient and modern cultures. Dive deep into the historical, cultural, and spiritual significance of these practices as well as their relevance in contemporary society.

You'll gain skills in research, critical thinking, analysis, and communication. These courses provide a great background for those interested in careers in anthropology, history, culture, or religion.

- Take a look at what's on offer from the [Centre for Magic and Esotericism](#) at the University of Exeter.
- Learn about [Magic and Witchcraft in ancient Greece and Rome](#) at the University of Newcastle.
- Study the [Anthropology of Witch Hunts](#) at the Open University.
- Investigate the [Anthropology of Ritual, Religion, and Witchcraft](#) in this unit at Massey University.
- Explore [Witchcraft, Paganism and Western Esotericism](#) at the University of Sydney.
- Or dive into [Occultism and Modernity](#) at the University of Gothenburg.

Gothic literature and horror studies

Want to become the next Stephen King, Alfred Hitchcock, or Mary Shelley? Delve into the world of gothic literature and horror studies, where you'll analyse classic and modern horror tales, understanding the psychological, societal, and cultural implications of fear.

You won't just build bone-chilling storytelling skills – you'll also develop excellent analytical and critical thinking, cultural and historical awareness, and the ability to understand diverse perspectives. These courses are ideal for aspiring writers, entertainers, filmmakers, artists, and even game developers.

- Learn about the [history of Gothic fiction, poetry and drama](#) at Manchester Metropolitan University.
- Explore the [History, Literature, and Culture of the Victorian Gothic Period](#) at the University of Portsmouth.
- Study historical and modern [Gothic Fiction](#) at the University of New England.
- The University of Newark offers a minor in [Gothic Literature](#) as part of their English courses.
- Or research Gothic literature and history at the University of Stirling's [International Centre for Gothic Studies](#).

Mythological and monster studies

If you're fascinated by all kinds of mythical tales and scary monsters, there are actually courses out there for you! Study legendary narratives and creepy beasts; investigate their origins and their scientific, cultural, and societal impacts; and better understand human nature, society, and history.

These courses will help you develop your critical analysis, interpretation, and storytelling skills, as well as deepen your understanding of symbolism, cultural awareness, and media literacy. They're ideal for anyone



interested in a career in academia, anthropology, film and media, museum curation, or education.

- Deep-dive into [Sea Monsters](#) with Harvard University.
- Learn all about [Monsters in Popular Culture](#) at the University of Melbourne.
- The University of Pennsylvania's [Gods, Ghosts, Monsters](#) class explores myths from a wide variety of cultures and religions.
- Explore Greek mythology with the [Myth and the Ancient World](#) module at the University of Southampton.
- Study [the Zombie in History and Popular Culture](#) with the University of Colorado Boulder.
- Take a look at what's on offer from the [Centre for Myth Studies](#) at the University of Essex.

Dark tourism studies

Combine your love for travel and the eerie by exploring dark tourism. Explore sites associated with death, tragedy, or the supernatural, and understand the cultural and psychological aspects of visiting these places and their impact on society.

This field will help you build deep cultural sensitivity, empathy, and critical thinking skills, as well as exploring ethical questions about the commercialisation of tragedy and the boundaries between education and exploitation. Potential career fields include tourism, curation, site management, cultural research, or even ethical consulting.

- Study with the [Institute for Dark Tourism Research](#) at the University of Central Lancashire.
- Discover why people are attracted to tragedy with the module [The 'Dark Side': Dark Tourism and Difficult Heritages](#) at the University of Edinburgh.
- Learn about [Sites of Death, Suffering, and the Macabre](#) in Malta through L-Università ta' Malta.
- Complete an [Honours Program in Thanatourism](#) with Chapman University.

Forensic science and criminology studies

If your love for the macabre is less on the supernatural spectrum and more focused on solving real-life mysteries, forensic science and criminology might be your calling. Explore the science and psychology behind crimes, learning how to analyse evidence and understand the criminal mind.

Through your studies, you'll build skills in critical thinking, analytical reasoning, attention to detail, and a strong understanding of legal and investigative processes. These courses can lead you to a career in law enforcement, forensic analysis, psychology, legal consulting, or counselling.

- Lots of universities offer [Forensic Science](#) and [Criminology](#) degrees, majors, and programs.
- Take your studies to the next level with a [Master of Forensic Medicine](#) from Monash University.
- Delve deep into the sociology of crime and justice with the University of Cambridge's [Institute of Criminology](#).
- Study a [Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology](#) at the University of Denver.

Happy Halloween and happy learning

You might be surprised what kind of career your unique interests can lead to. Whether your passion lies in ghostly experiences, ancient mysticism, or solving mysteries, there's a course out there to suit any Halloween fan.

Interested in other study pathways? [We have heaps of other blogs you might like to read.](#)

Note: The availability of these courses and degrees might vary based on study level and region. We always recommend you research thoroughly and consult academic advisors for detailed information before signing up for courses.

[Balancing academic and extracurricular activities: A guide for high school students](#)

Are you feeling overwhelmed trying to juggle your studies with sports practice, music lessons, or other activities? You're not alone. While extracurricular activities are great for making friends and developing new skills, it can be tricky to find the right balance between these activities and your academic ones. Let's explore some practical ways you can manage your time and energy effectively.



Why are extracurricular activities important?

While keeping up with your studies is important of course, activities outside the classroom can add so much value to your high school experience too. Being involved in extracurricular activities can:

- Help you discover new interests and talents
- Build valuable skills for your future
- Look great on job and university applications
- Provide a fun break from studying
- Help you make new friends

But it's important to find the right balance so that neither your grades nor your activities suffer.

Tips for balancing academic and extracurricular activities

The key to balancing academic and extracurricular activities is smart time management, so here are our top tips for making it work.

Start with your studies

This might not come as a surprise, but your school work should be your foundation. Make sure things like assignments and exams have top priority – then, you can plan your other activities around them.

Choose activities you truly enjoy

Try and avoid joining clubs or doing certain activities just because they'll look good on your resume. Pick things that actually interest you – you'll be more motivated to make time for them, get more out of the experience, and just enjoy yourself more too.

Be realistic about your commitments

Like it or not, there are only so many hours in each day. So if you want to add more activities to your calendar, consider:

- How many hours per week each activity requires
- Travel time to and from activities
- Whether activities clash with other commitments
- Busy periods at school (like exam time)
- Time off to rest and recharge

Learn to prioritise

You don't have to do everything! It's better to fully commit to a few activities than to spread yourself too thin across many. And if you're feeling overwhelmed, it's totally okay to step back from some commitments – your health and wellbeing always comes first.

Creating a schedule that works

Having a clear schedule is one of the best ways to make sure you can fit everything in without getting stressed. Here's a simple way to put together a calendar to keep track of your commitments:

Use a planner

Writing everything down is a great way to help you stay on track each day. There are [some great planning apps out there](#) to help you put your schedule together, but good old-fashioned pen and paper does the trick just as well.

List all your commitments

Whatever method you use, your first step is to work out what all your commitments are and how long they take. Include things like:

- Class times
- Assignment and exam dates



- Activity schedules
- Study periods
- Free time

Block out your time

Once you know what you're doing, you just need to work out when to do it! In your planner, allocate specific times each day or week for each activity and commitment.

If you find some of them overlap or you don't have enough time in your week for all of them, go back and work out what should take top priority, and schedule it first.

And don't forget to leave some gaps in your schedule for unexpected events or tasks that take longer than planned – plus that all-important time for socialising, hobbies, and rest.

Look after yourself

While balancing everything is important, your health and wellbeing should always come first. Remember that you can't pour from an empty cup. Make sure you:

- [Get enough sleep](#)
- Eat well
- [Exercise regularly](#)
- Take breaks when needed
- Spend time with friends and family

If you're feeling overwhelmed, don't be afraid to talk to your teachers, family, or school counsellor. They can help you work out a better balance.

Want more tips?

Check out our website for heaps more advice on [managing school life](#) and [staying healthy while achieving your goals](#).

[How to become an Esports Professional](#)

Esports professionals compete in organised video game competitions at a professional level. They train extensively, participate in tournaments, and often represent teams or organisations in various gaming leagues. While gaming for a living might sound like a dream, it requires incredible dedication, skill, and business knowledge to succeed.

If you have exceptional gaming abilities, thrive under pressure, and are willing to put in the countless hours required to compete at the highest level, a career as an esports professional could be worth exploring.

What skills do I need as an esports professional?

- Exceptional skills in your chosen game/s
- Quick reflexes and decision-making abilities
- Strong strategic thinking and problem-solving skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Mental resilience and emotional control
- Time management and self-discipline
- Ability to perform under pressure
- Great teamwork skills
- Personal branding knowledge

What does the job involve?

- Training extensively in your chosen game/s
- Competing in tournaments and leagues
- Analysing gameplay footage and strategies
- Participating in team practice sessions
- Maintaining physical and mental fitness
- Engaging with fans through social media and streams



- Attending gaming events and conventions
- Working with coaches and team managers
- Meeting sponsor obligations and creating content

What industries do esports professionals typically work in?

- Arts & Recreation Services
- Education & Training
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services

What Career Cluster do esports professionals belong to?

Esports professionals work with technology and need strong problem-solving skills, so they are usually Innovators. It's also an attractive career for Makers, who enjoy using specialised equipment and love hands-on work.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

The lifestyle of an esports professional can be demanding and intense. Training schedules are rigorous, often requiring 8-12 hours of practice daily, including on weekends and holidays. Travel is common for tournaments and events.

Income can vary significantly – while top players can earn substantial amounts through tournament winnings, sponsorships, and streaming, many players earn modest incomes, especially when starting out.

The pressure to perform consistently can be intense, and work-life balance can be challenging during competitive seasons. However, many professionals find the opportunity to compete at the highest level extremely rewarding.

How to become an esports professional

Breaking into professional esports requires a combination of skill, dedication, and strategic career building. Here are some of the things you can do to get there:

- Master your chosen game and achieve high rankings in competitive play
- Build a following through streaming or content creation
- Join amateur teams and participate in local tournaments
- Network within the gaming community
- Consider joining university or collegiate esports programs
- Gain experience in smaller competitions before moving to larger tournaments
- Develop a personal brand and social media presence
- Consider having a backup career plan or education

Many successful esports professionals also maintain robust physical and mental health routines to sustain peak performance.

What can I do right now to work towards this career?

If you're in high school and interested in pursuing esports professionally, here are some steps you can take:

- Focus on excelling in one specific game or genre rather than playing many casually
- Balance gaming with study – most university esports programs have minimum academic requirements
- Join your school's esports club or start one with the help of friends and teachers
- Enter amateur or local esports competitions to start building a name for yourself
- Study professional players' strategies and techniques and learn about the business side of esports

Where can I find more information?

You can learn more about professional esports through these organisations:

- [Esports Integrity Commission](#)
- [Global Esports Federation](#)



- [Australian Esports League](#)
- [New Zealand Esports Federation](#)
- [British Esports Association](#)
- [National Association of Collegiate Esports](#) (US)
- [Esport Canada](#)

Similar careers to esports professional

- Content Creator
- Esports Coach
- Game Tester
- Event Planner
- Sports Commentator
- Community Manager
- Game Developer
- Influencer

Find out more about alternative careers on our [Job Spotlights](#) page.

[How to turn your teenage activities into resume gold](#)

When you're in high school, it might seem like the things you do every day – whether it's playing sport, hanging out with friends, or gaming – don't have much to do with finding a job. But here's the good news: many of these activities are actually giving you valuable skills that employers love. By learning how to translate these activities into something that looks good on your resume, you'll stand out from the crowd.

Why does this matter? Because a resume is more than just a list of jobs you've had – it's a tool that shows employers what you can do.

They're not just interested in what you've done, but in the skills you've gained and how you can apply them. With the right words and examples, you can show that what you've been doing as a teenager makes you an ideal candidate for a job, whether it's a casual part-time role or your first step into a future career. So, let's break it down and see how your current activities can help you build a strong, relatable resume that works.

Playing team sport

Being part of a team sport is more than just about fitness and fun. When you're out on the court or field, you're also learning how to work with others, manage time, and handle pressure – all skills that are highly valued in the workplace. Employers look for people who can collaborate effectively, communicate well, and keep their cool in challenging situations.

Team sports also teach you the importance of dedication and perseverance. Training sessions, early morning games, and pushing through losses show that you're committed and resilient – qualities employers love.

How to put this on your resume

Team Member, Local Soccer Club

2021 – Present

- Collaborated with a team of 10 to develop strategies and achieve success on the field
- Demonstrated strong communication skills by maintaining clear, positive relationships with team members
- Developed time management by balancing training, matches, and school commitments

Modding games and setting up servers

If you've spent time modding games or setting up private servers for you and your friends, you've already gained some pretty technical skills. These tasks require problem-solving, coding knowledge, and the ability to troubleshoot when things go wrong. Employers in the tech industry, and even beyond, are always looking for people with digital skills – whether it's basic coding, server management, or just a deep understanding of how technology works.

This experience also shows initiative and self-learning, as most of these skills aren't taught formally in schools. Employers like candidates who are curious and willing to figure things out on their own.



How to put this on your resume

Game Modder & Server Manager

2022 – Present

- Developed and managed custom game mods, improving user experience for online gaming communities
- Set up and maintained private game servers, handling user support and technical troubleshooting
- Gained experience with coding, server configuration, and managing online communities

Managing a social media account

Running your own Instagram page, YouTube channel, or TikTok isn't just about gaining followers – it's about content creation, marketing, and building a brand. When you manage a social media account, you're learning how to engage an audience, create appealing content, and analyse what works and what doesn't. These are all key skills in marketing and communication roles.

In addition, you're developing organisational skills – posting consistently, creating a content schedule, and analysing performance metrics all require discipline and attention to detail. These are all qualities that employers across industries look for.

How to put this on your resume

Social Media Manager, Personal Instagram Account

2021 – Present

- Created and posted engaging content, growing follower base to 1,000+
- Managed content calendar, ensuring regular posts and consistent audience engagement
- Analysed social media trends and user interactions to improve content strategy

Being part of a youth group or club

If you're involved in a youth group or club, whether it's for sports, hobbies, or volunteering, you're already gaining leadership, teamwork, and event planning skills. Being active in these groups often requires taking on responsibilities like organising events, managing a group of people, and solving conflicts – all of which are skills that employers seek in candidates for many roles.

Being in a youth group also demonstrates your ability to work within a structured environment while contributing positively to the community. This can make a strong impression on employers, showing them that you're a reliable team player with strong interpersonal skills.

How to put this on your resume

Youth Group Member, Local Youth Club

2023 – Present

- Participated in and helped organise community events, working with teams of 15+ members
- Developed leadership skills by taking responsibility for planning and executing fundraising initiatives
- Improved communication and teamwork by coordinating activities and resolving group challenges

Here's what to do next

Now that you understand how your teenage activities can be translated into resume-worthy experience, it's time to take action.

Identify your skills

First, think about all the things you currently do in your spare time – whether it's hobbies, social groups, or responsibilities you take on at school or home. Write them down, and begin to identify the skills you're developing through these activities. Look for patterns – are you gaining leadership skills, learning how to problem-solve, or becoming better at managing your time?

Show how you gained those skills

Once you've identified these skills, start thinking about how you can articulate them in a way that will resonate



with potential employers. As we've seen, the key is translating your experiences into language that aligns with what an employer is looking for. Employers value skills like communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and time management, so frame your activities in a way that showcases these attributes.

Start building your resume

Next, build a draft of your resume. Don't worry if you haven't had formal work experience yet—use these examples to create a 'Skills and Experience' section that highlights what you've learned through your everyday activities. Make sure to include [specific examples](#), as this will show employers that you've put these skills into practice. For each entry, describe what you did, the outcome of your actions, and how it has prepared you to succeed in the workplace.

Remember to keep learning

Finally, take the time to keep your resume updated as you participate in more activities and develop new skills. Whether it's taking on a part-time job, volunteering, or starting a new project, continue to reflect on how these experiences can be turned into transferable skills that will help you in future career opportunities. By continuously building and improving your resume, you'll be ready to seize opportunities as they arise, giving yourself a strong foundation for future success.

Show what you're capable of

Every experience counts – even if it might not seem like it – and the skills you're building now are the stepping stones to your future career. Engage in a variety of different activities, show employers what you're capable of, and start building a resume that truly reflects your potential.

Want to learn more about the world of work? Check out other blogs on our website [here](#).

[Top scholarships for Indigenous students](#)

For many Indigenous students, especially those living in rural and remote communities, the path to university or higher education can feel like an uphill battle. But the good news is that scholarships are available to help make education more accessible and affordable. In this blog, we'll explore some fantastic scholarship opportunities available specifically for Indigenous students.

Why should I apply for scholarships?

Scholarships can have a variety of benefits, but the main one is the financial support they provide. This money can help you pursue your dreams without the stress of financial burdens. They can cover a variety of costs, including:

- Tuition fees
- Accommodation
- Textbooks
- Living expenses
- And more

This allows you to focus on your studies and not worry about how you'll pay for them. Plus, scholarships aren't just for academic excellence. Many are also awarded for leadership skills, community involvement, or simply to support students from underrepresented backgrounds.

Scholarships for Indigenous students

There are many scholarships out there provided by governments, universities, and community groups to support Indigenous students. Here are some of the best ones:

The Smith Family Indigenous Youth Leadership Program

This program offers scholarships and leadership opportunities for Indigenous students, particularly those from very remote or regional communities. It focuses on supporting young Indigenous Australians to grow into leaders.

[Find out more here.](#)

ANU National Indigenous University Scholarship



If you've excelled in your secondary school studies, this scholarship is for you. It acknowledges your academic achievements and helps cover costs related to tertiary education at the Australian National University.

[Find out more here.](#)

Bendigo Bank Indigenous Scholarship Program

This scholarship is for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who are starting their first year of tertiary study. It's a great opportunity to get financial help as you begin your academic journey.

[Find out more here.](#)

AMA Indigenous Medical Scholarship

Dreaming of becoming a doctor but concerned about the costs? This scholarship is aimed at Indigenous students pursuing a medical degree, helping you take that first step toward a career in healthcare.

[Find out more here.](#)

Indigenous Health Scholarship Program

This scholarship supports Indigenous students pursuing careers in healthcare by helping with educational costs. It's designed to empower the next generation of Indigenous health professionals so they can give back to their communities.

[Find out more here.](#)

Indigenous Student Success Program

This initiative helps universities fund scholarships and other support services specifically for Indigenous students. Check with the university you're interested in to see what's available.

[Find out more here.](#)

How do I apply?

These days, most scholarship applications are done online. Here's a quick breakdown of what you'll usually need:

- Access to a computer or tablet with the internet
- An application form
- Academic transcripts or results
- A personal statement

Your personal statement is your chance to shine, so be sure to highlight:

- Your achievements
- Your community involvement
- Your cultural heritage
- How you've overcome challenges

Don't be afraid to ask for help either. Teachers, mentors, mob, and universities are there to guide you.

Dream big

Scholarships can open doors to amazing opportunities. Whether you want to be a lawyer, engineer, artist, or leader in your community, a scholarship can help make that dream a reality.

You can search for more scholarship opportunities on our website [here](#).

[Volunteering tips for introverts](#)

Interested in volunteering but feeling nervous about putting yourself out there? You're not alone – many students want to make a difference but feel held back by shyness or social anxiety. The good news is that there are plenty of ways to volunteer that can work for everyone, including those who prefer quieter, less socially demanding roles. Here are some of our top volunteering tips for introverts.

Why consider volunteering?

Before we dive into the specifics, let's take a quick look at [how volunteering could benefit you personally and professionally](#). You could:



- Build valuable skills for your future
- Become more confident
- Gain meaningful experience
- Meet like-minded people
- Make a difference in your community
- Discover new interests and talents

Tips for overcoming volunteering anxiety

Here are some tips for introverts to help you feel more comfortable as you start your volunteering journey.

Start small

Begin with short-term or one-off volunteering opportunities rather than making a big commitment straight away – this way, you can test the waters without feeling overwhelmed.

Bring a friend

Many organisations welcome pairs or even small groups of volunteers. Having a familiar face nearby is a great way to help you feel more comfortable in a new environment.

Be honest about your comfort zone

We know it can be hard, but most volunteer coordinators appreciate knowing if you're introverted or anxious. If you tell them up-front, they can help match you with suitable roles and provide extra support when needed.

Choose familiar environments

Consider volunteering at places you already know, like your local library or school. Just like being with a friend, a familiar setting can also help reduce anxiety about the unknown.

Volunteering suggestions for introverts

Here are some volunteering roles that might suit you if you prefer quieter, less socially demanding environments.

Admin and behind-the-scenes

If you enjoy working independently, consider behind-the-scenes roles like sorting donations at charity shops, organising books at libraries, or helping with administrative tasks. These positions often allow you to work at your own pace with minimal social interaction.

Animal care

For those of us who find communicating with their pet easier than talking to other people, look for roles where you can [focus on caring for animals](#). You could be doing things like walking dogs, caring for foster animals, or helping with feeding, cleaning, and basic care.

Environmental projects

Have a bit of a green thumb and don't mind getting your hands dirty? Environmental projects offer great opportunities for introverts too. You could join community gardening initiatives, tree planting events, or beach clean-ups – you can often work quietly alongside others without the pressure of constant conversation.

Online opportunities

[Virtual volunteering](#) has also become increasingly popular, offering options like digital transcription work or helping charities with their websites and social media. These roles let you contribute from the comfort of your own home, so you don't even need to worry about leaving the couch.

Getting started

Taking the leap can be daunting, but these simple steps can help you begin your volunteering journey.

1. Research organisations in your area that interest you
2. Email rather than call if you prefer written communication



3. Ask about available roles that don't require extensive social interaction
4. Start with just a couple of hours a week and gradually increase your involvement as you feel more comfortable
5. Be honest about your stress levels so others can help when needed
6. Remember, you can always step back if you need to – just make sure to give plenty of notice

Learn more

Being introverted doesn't mean you can't volunteer – it's just about finding the right fit for you. Many organisations actually value volunteers who can work quietly and independently, so you might find what you thought was a weakness is actually an asset!

Want to explore more volunteering opportunities? [Check out our website for more ideas and resources.](#)