



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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SCCE Information Session Webinar

Organisation: Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Location: Online

Date: February 25, 2025

Preparing for your exchange program is an important part of the process and is vital to continued program success. At these online meetings, an experienced member of our team will share an overview of the high school exchange programs with Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

You'll learn more about living with a host family and how studying overseas can help you develop confidence and independence... and gain a lifetime of memories.

Explore your destinations, program options and ask questions about how you can immerse yourself into a new life, culture, family, and high school overseas.

[Find out more and register](#)

Western Wednesday Drop-In Session

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: February 26, 2025

In 2025, Western is hosting a series of online drop-in sessions for you to chat with our Future Student Engagement Team. Drop in during any of our sessions to get your burning questions answered.

Ask about your dream degree, alternative entry pathways, scholarships, support services or any other Western-related topics.

[Find out more and register](#)

Study Advanced Computing at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: February 26, 2025



Want to work for a major tech company like Microsoft, Oracle and Google? Or launch your own start-up? Then our Bachelor of Advanced Computing could be for you. Specialise in Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Software Development, Information Technology or Data Science and combine with our shared pool of 100+ majors. From intelligent drones to virtual reality apps, cybersecurity to the Internet of Things, you will learn the design principles and programming skills to build the systems behind emerging information technologies.

[Find out more and register](#)

STEM + X: Science

Organisation: Careers with STEM

Location: Online

Date: February 26, 2025

Join Careers with STEM for a free STEM + X career webinar, supported by QUT, to hear from STEM superstars who took a passion for science into their studies and are now saving the environment, advocating for women in STEM, investigating super massive black holes, and even presenting on TV.

[Find out more and register](#)

WEPBuddy Q&A

Organisation: World Education Program

Location: Online

Date: February 27, 2025

Meet some of our returned students and hear stories from their exchange! Ask them your questions about what it was like to be an exchange student. Make the most of this opportunity, as these students have lived the exchange experience!

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 & Beyond – With ADHD

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: February 27, 2025

Hosted by Claire Pech, CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and Amanda Krulis, endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

Targeted to parents of students with ADHD in Year 12, this webinar will share insights and practical solutions for managing this critical year and beyond and making meaningful career decisions.

Topics covered:

- Understanding the characteristics of ADHD, debunking unhelpful myths
- Exploring the similarities & differences between ADHD at School vs. Tertiary
- Considerations for choosing further studies after Year 12
- Evaluating potential action plans & pathway options
- Understanding what adjustments/supports are available after 12 Year
- Creating insight & self-awareness around current ADHD status
- Essentials of Executive Functions, impact & creating a tailored toolkit for success
- Identifying & harnessing ADHD strengths
- Managing technology with ADHD
- Career planning with ADHD
- Strategies for parents to support their kids
- Q&A

[Find out more and register](#)

Sydney Defence Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Club Liverpool

Date: February 27, 2025



Are you interested to learn about the wide range of roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force? Join us at an upcoming info session and speak with current serving members about their own experiences. You'll have the chance to ask any questions you have about Australian Defence Force careers and opportunities.

[Find out more and register](#)

HMAS Albatross Open Day

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: HMAS Albatross

Date: March 1, 2025

The Royal Australian Navy are proud to host Navy Week events across Australia. Come and visit for a fun day out with the family, meet current-serving Sailors and Officers and gain a first-hand view of what life in the Navy is like. What to expect:

- Static displays from key units
- Flying and handling demonstrations
- Emergency vehicle display
- Live entertainment by the Royal Australian Navy Band

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 Future Talk – Demystifying University & The Future World of Work

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Online

Date: March 3, 2025

Future Talk is a series of online information sessions designed specifically for a student's support crew. If you're a parent or carer who is navigating the HSC too, we've got your back.

This session breaks down the language of higher education, offering practical strategies to support young people in making positive post-school decisions with confidence. We'll explore key trends in education and the workforce—locally, nationally, and globally—along with the impact of AI and emerging technologies on future career opportunities.

[Find out more and register](#)

US College Sport Scholarship Information Session

Organisation: Study & Play USA

Location: Online

Date: March 3, 2025

This webinar is open to athletes, families, Career Counsellors, Heads of Sport, club coaches from across the globe, wanting to learn more about the US College pathway.

Why attend?

- Interested to learn more about the US College Pathway? Never heard of the NCAA before?
- Wanting to know what a scholarship actually covers?
- Intrigued by how our recruitment company can assist you with this process?
- Not sure if your grades are good enough to go to the US? Not sure if athletically you are where you need to be to get interest?

[Find out more and register](#)

BMIHMS Hospitality Career Insights Webinar

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: March 4, 2025

Are you interested in starting your career in hospitality industry?

Discover the most in-demand career paths, emerging industry trends, and exciting placement opportunities available through BMIHMS. Hear first-hand from an alumna and a current student about their journey, challenges,



and successes in the industry. Whether you're a student, professional, or aspiring hospitality leader, this session will be the perfect thing you need to help you land your dream role.

[Find out more and register](#)

Sydney Gap Year Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Rhodes Business Centre

Date: March 4, 2025

Wondering what to do with your time after finishing school? Consider doing a Gap Year with the Australian Defence Force (ADF)!

Spend 12 months with the best of the best as you get paid to experience life in the Navy, Army or Air Force, having unique life experiences and making lifelong friends along the way.

Come along to an upcoming info session where you can speak to military personnel about what an ADF Gap Year has to offer you.

[Find out more and register](#)

Charles Sturt Explore Day

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Wagga Wagga & Port Macquarie Campuses

Date: March 4 to March 25, 2025

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12? Then Explore Day is your chance to check out what life at Charles Sturt University is like.

Explore Day features lots of workshops you can take part in, based on careers and courses you're interested in.

You'll need to book a spot in any workshop you'd like to attend.

You'll be able to:

- talk to academics about courses and careers.
- attend tours of facilities and social spaces.
- enjoy a delicious morning tea on arrival and a free lunch.
- bring along your parents or carers, teachers and friends. All our buildings are accessible, so if you're a person with disabilities, you'll be able to take part in everything.

Albury-Wodonga

4 March, 9am-2pm

Are you an adventurer? This is where the outdoors and study meet – from water sports on the Murray to skiing in falls creek, you'll never be bored in Albury-Wodonga!

Bathurst

11 March, 9am-2pm

Want a city vibe without leaving the country? From cafes and wineries to festivals and galleries, you'll get the best of both worlds in Bathurst!

Wagga Wagga

18 March, 9am-2.15pm

Not your average country town, Wagga's got all the bells and whistles of city life – it's the perfect spot if you love a weekend getaway!

Port Macquarie

18 March, 9am-2pm

Want to hit the waves after class? Then Port is the place to be – this exciting coastal city has plenty to see and do!

[Find out more and register](#)

Your Passport to an International Career: Bachelor of International Studies

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: March 5, 2025



Ever dreamt of making a global impact? In Sydney's Bachelor of International Studies you will dive into the world's most challenging issues and gear up for a career that knows no borders - be it in business, diplomacy, policy-making, or advocating in a global civil society. Join our webinar and discover how our degree can help you navigate the global arena. Don't just watch the world change - be the change!

[Find out more and register](#)

WEPTalk

Organisation: World Education Program

Location: Online

Date: March 6, 2025

Join us online as we present information about WEP and our student exchange programs, including the best time to go, which countries offer which program, information about host families, schools, and all other things student exchange!

[Find out more and register](#)

HSC History Extension: Writing the Project 2025

Organisation: State Library of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: March 6, 2025

Join us for an online HSC History seminar focusing on writing the project. This interactive online seminar is presented by Museums of History NSW and the State Library of NSW.

There will be two focus areas:

- Jonathon Dallimore will assist students to whittle down the scope of their research question, refining big ideas to an achievable and tangible focus.
- Michelle Kennedy will interrogate high-quality examples of past student's writing samples, identifying methods to compose a well-structured and engaging major work.

[Find out more and register](#)

UNSW Aviation Information Session

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: March 6, 2025

As air traffic continues to increase, the industry needs more airline pilots and aviation professionals to meet demand. Hear from UNSW Aviation staff and students and find out how you can kick start your career in this important industry.

Discover the exciting world of aviation at UNSW as our speakers delve into their personal experiences and share their insights into the broad range of career opportunities in the aviation sector.

Connect with our staff and students during the Q&A to discover the diverse range of student experience opportunities on offer at UNSW and get all your questions answered.

[Find out more and register](#)

Deborah Lawrie: The Fight to Fly

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW Kensington Campus

Date: March 6, 2025

Over 40 years ago, Deborah Lawrie broke barriers to become Australia's first female commercial airline pilot. Her path wasn't easy — she battled a landmark High Court case to challenge gender discrimination in employment and prevailed, all while facing blatant prejudice and unapologetic misogyny.

Deborah's determination didn't just open cockpit doors; it helped pave the way for equal opportunity across male-dominated industries, opening economic doors for women Australia wide.



This International Women's Day hear Deborah Lawrie in conversation with journalist Sarah Malik, on her story and how we can accelerate action for gender equality through education, allyship, and the dismantling of systemic barriers.

[Find out more and register](#)

Fleet Base East Open Day

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: HMAS Kuttabul

Date: March 8, 2025

The Royal Australian Navy are proud to host Navy Week events across Australia. Come and visit for a fun day out with the family, meet current-serving Sailors and Officers and gain a first-hand view of what life in the Navy is like. What to expect:

- Learn how to join the Navy through our ADF Careers and much much more!
- Ship tours - take a look at the ships keeping our shores safe
- Static displays from key units in the area
- Live entertainment by the Royal Australian Navy Band – Sydney

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 Medicine Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: March 12, 2025

Are you interested in a career in medicine?

Start your medical career at one of the top medical schools in the world. Studying the Bachelor of Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine at UNSW will provide you with the theoretical understanding and practical experiences you need to launch your career as a medical professional.

UNSW's Medicine Information Evening, for current year 12 students, will provide insight into the dynamic blend of hands-on clinical experiences and research-focused learning that you will be immersed in as a UNSW Medicine student. You'll also find out detailed information on the application and admissions process for 2026 entry, including special entry schemes such as Rural, Gateway and Indigenous Entry Schemes.

Join us online where you will hear from our expert panel of academic staff, current students and advisors, and get all of your UNSW Medicine questions answered.

[Find out more and register](#)

Sydney West Careers & Employment Expo 2025

Organisation: Kym Jones Exhibitions

Location: Sydney Showground

Date: March 14 to March 15, 2025

Sydney West's New Careers & Employment Event will open on March 14 & 15, 2025, at the Sydney Showground.

The Expo will showcase over 120 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new opportunities.

[Find out more and register](#)

BiG Day In, UTS Day 1

Organisation: ACS Foundation

Location: The Great Hall @ UTS

Date: March 18, 2025

Join us in The Great Hall @ UTS on Tuesday 18 March for the 2025 BiG Day In IT Careers Conference. Hear from speakers from Microsoft, Google, Adobe, Westpac, Woolworths, Wisetech Global, Defence Jobs Australia, Animal Logic and more to come to learn where a STEM career can take you.

[Find out more and register](#)



BiG Day In, UTS Day 2

Organisation: ACS Foundation

Location: The Great Hall @ UTS

Date: March 19, 2025

Join us in The Great Hall @ UTS on Wednesday 19 March for the 2025 BiG Day In IT Careers Conference. Hear from speakers from Microsoft, Google, Adobe, Westpac, Woolworths, Wisetech Global, Defence Jobs Australia, Animal Logic and more to come to learn where a STEM career can take you.

[Find out more and register](#)

Career Conversations @ Home – Helping parents have positive career convos!

Organisation: Arrive & Thrive

Location: Online

Date: March 20, 2025

Come join Tyson Day, the Co-Founder and Lead Facilitator of Arrive & Thrive, as he shares the best way to have impactful career conversations in and around your home environment that produce clarity, career discovery, and momentum. Tyson will share concepts and practices that he has learned through his 10+ years of experience in career education and the 85,000 students who have attended Arrive & Thrive workshops since 2019.

In our webinar, you can expect to learn:

- How can you positively influence your young person in their career decisions.
- How can you effectively navigate the future of work and understand your young person's options.
- How to communicate effectively through the GROW model to support your young person in career exploration.

We can't wait for you to join us!

All participants will receive a Career Conversation Kit to kick off conversations with their young person as soon as possible!

[Find out more and register](#)

Parramatta Info Night 2025

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: PARKROYAL Parramatta

Date: March 26, 2025

Discover why the University of Sydney is the right place for you at our information night for year 10 to 12 students. You'll have the chance to speak with current students and alumni from Parramatta who have pursued a variety of degrees across the University as well as expert staff and a UAC representative.

Year 11 and 12 students will learn about admission requirements, entry schemes, pathways, fees, scholarships and financial assistance and support services available at the University.

Year 10 students will get a snapshot of the University of Sydney and take part in a separate workshop where they will link personal interests and skills with university courses and careers. This workshop will prepare students to make informed decisions for their senior subject selection in preparation for meeting the admission requirements for University of Sydney courses.

[Find out more and register](#)

Liverpool Info Night 2025

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Liverpool Civic Place

Date: March 27, 2025

Discover why the University of Sydney is the right place for you at our information night for year 10 to 12 students. You'll have the chance to speak with current students and alumni from South West Sydney who have pursued a variety of degrees across the University as well as expert staff and a UAC representative.



Students will learn about admission requirements, entry schemes, pathways, fees, scholarships and financial assistance and support services available at the University.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 10 Taster Day – Coffs Harbour

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Coffs Harbour Campus

Date: April 4, 2025

Join us for Taster Day, where you will experience University life through dynamic and interactive sessions. Meet our inspiring students and experience our campus facilities and learn more about university life on this fun day!

- Live like a University student for the day and participate in 6 interactive workshops across different and exciting areas of study
- Experience our state-of-the-art campus facilities
- Ask questions to our current students about university life

Each school can bring up to 30 students. **Registrations close 17th March.**

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day, April

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: April 5, 2025

If you're considering studying with us, our Open Day is a great way to get to know us better. Explore our studios, browse through our Graduate Exhibition, meet students and Educators, watch a live Info Session and get creative making a mood board or digital model.

[Find out more and register](#)

Central Coast Future Pathways Expo 2025

Organisation: Central Coast Group Training

Location: The Entertainment Grounds

Date: April 8, 2025

Are you ready to take the next step toward your dream career? The Central Coast Future Pathways Expo is the ultimate event for job seekers, career changers, and students exploring their future opportunities!

Open to the public for the first time - this is your chance to connect with leading employers, industry professionals, training providers and engage in some hands-on experiences, all under one roof.

Whether you're just starting out or looking for a fresh start, the Future Pathways Expo will inspire and guide you toward the career of your dreams.

[Find out more and register](#)

Best Field Trip in the World 2025

Organisation: University of the Sunshine Coast

Location: Various

Date: April 10 to April 13, 2025

University of the Sunshine Coast's award-winning Best Field Trip competition is back!

This is your chance to win a four-day rollicking adventure for year 11 and 12 students, exploring world-heritage wonders and hanging out with UniSC staff and students as well as some of our sporting superstars. The prize includes:

- Return travel from your residing destination
- All transfers, accommodation and meals
- Tickets to an NRL game at Suncorp Stadium
- Kayaking tour and overnight at Noosa
- Sightseeing and overnight stay at K'gari

We know the best memory is a shared memory, so each winner will be able to bring along a friend!



Entrants to the competition must submit a 100-word entry which responds to the question: What do you think life after high school will be like?

Entries close **Sunday 9 March 2025**.

[Find out more and register](#)

Holiday Workshop – Performance, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: April 14, 2025

AIM's new school holiday workshop is designed for high school students interested in music performance. Created for students in Years 9-12, the workshops provide incredible opportunities to experience playing and performing music, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators.

Learn, practice and perform contemporary and classic pop, rock and soul tunes, under the expertise of Australia's leading music mentors.

[Find out more and register](#)

Holiday Workshop – Songwriting, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: April 14, 2025

Created for students in Years 9-12, AIM's new high school music workshops provide incredible opportunities to explore songwriting, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators.

This songwriting workshop is essential for any high school students curious about writing songs and performing and is a golden opportunity to work with incredibly accomplished songwriters. Join us these school holidays and discover the songwriter and performer you were born to become.

[Find out more and register](#)

Future Creators' Day

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW Paddington Campus

Date: April 14 to April 24, 2025

Join UNSW for Future Creators' Day, an immersive event crafted to inspire and educate Year 10 and Year 11 students about the thrilling worlds of Game Art, Animation, Fashion, Design, and Visual Arts.

This unique experience offers hands-on opportunities for students to unleash their creative potential and learn directly from industry professionals. Don't miss out on this chance to explore your future in the creative arts!

Note: event date in the April school holidays TBC.

[Find out more and register](#)

Discover Law, Criminology and Human Rights at ACU Blacktown

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Blacktown Campus

Date: April 14, 2025

All rise! Aspiring lawyers, criminologists, and human rights advocates, it's time to sharpen your analytical skills and discover the excitement of the courtroom. Join us for interactive workshops designed to give you a taste of what it's like to study law, criminology, and human rights at ACU.

Dive into hands-on sessions where you'll test your courtroom strategies, unravel criminal cases, and explore the critical thinking skills needed to succeed in these fast-paced fields. Plus, engage in a dynamic and interactive human rights session, preparing you with valuable insights into the complexities of human rights law and the importance of advocacy.

Whether you're interested in the legal system, criminology, or human rights, this event will give you an exciting taste of your future career path.



[Find out more and register](#)

School Holiday 'Out There' Sailing Program

Organisation: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

Location: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club

Date: April 14 to April 17, 2025

The 'Out There' School Holiday Sailing Program is for participants who are 12-17 years old looking to try a new activity, have some fun and engage with others whilst sailing.

This four-day program will include a variety of sailing activities that are focused on having fun and learning basic sailing skills. Sessions will be conducted on a mix of Club vessels, including the RPAYC's fleet of Elliott 7 Keelboats, Pacer Dinghies, Windsurf and SUP Boards, Hobie-Cat dinghies and Powerboats.

[Find out more and register](#)

Designing My Career – School Holiday Bootcamp for Teenagers

Organisation: Impactify

Location: Oakhill College, Castle Hill

Date: April 24 to April 25, 2025

This workshop focuses on helping young people design a career that they'll love (from the inside-out) whilst also teaching valuable employability skills in order to bring their career aspirations to life!

What can you expect to gain from this workshop?

- A new perspective on how to design your career & life
- Awareness of strengths
- Awareness of interests
- Awareness of motivators/values
- Awareness of 3+ jobs/career pathways that align with you
- A vision for your future career & life
- Creation of a powerful resume
- Opportunity to develop your communication & confidence
- Authentic feedback from peers & industry to propel success
- Clear next best steps for designing your career & life

[Find out more and register](#)

Discover Health Sciences at ACU North Sydney

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU North Sydney Campus

Date: April 24, 2025

Are you ready to explore a career that makes a real difference? Discover what it's like to study nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy or speech pathology at ACU North Sydney.

Take part in hands-on workshops where you'll get a feel for the practical skills you'll develop as a future healthcare professional.

Tour our campus and experience our state-of-the-art, fully functional simulation wards, where you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at the innovative training that makes ACU health sciences graduates highly sought after by employers.

[Find out more and register](#)

HSC Shakespeare Seminars with USYD

Organisation: Bell Shakespeare

Location: The Neilson Nutshell, Pier 2/3

Date: April 30 to May 2, 2025

Join us at the Neilson Nutshell at Pier 2/3, or access digital recordings, for our series of live HSC Shakespeare Seminars in partnership with the University of Sydney.



Presented onsite at Pier 2/3 in The Neilson Nutshell, each seminar will feature Bell Shakespeare artists in conversation with a leading academic from the University of Sydney presenting illuminating and engaging content on each play. Actors from Bell Shakespeare will perform key scenes and soliloquies to demonstrate ideas presented and key content from each play.

Part performance, part interactive seminar, these sessions are designed to directly link to NSW HSC modules and give students the edge in upcoming exams. Combining live performance, academic analysis and illuminating dramatic insights in conversation, seminars will be presented in a dynamic format showing the interplay between text and drama.

Sessions for 2025 include:

- Wednesday 30 April 2025, 10am – 12pm
The Tempest / Hag-Seed
- Thursday 1 May 2025, 10am – 12pm
Henry IV Part 1
- Friday 2 May 2025, 10am – 12pm
Richard III / Looking For Richard

[Find out more and register](#)

Rosemary Bishop Indigenous Education Scholarship

Organisation: Yalari

Location: Australia

Value: Full tuition & boarding

Open Date: January 13, 2025

Close Date: April 30, 2025

[Find out more](#)

News In My Neighbourhood Competition 2025

Organisation: Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Open Date: January 28, 2025

Close Date: November 23, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Skills you need to succeed at university

Going off to university or another tertiary institution to study is exciting, but it can also be challenging. Knowing (and having) some of the skills you need to succeed at university could help you get off to a flying start. So what are they, and how can you build them? Let's find out.

The difference between university and high school

Not sure what to expect from university? Here are a few of the main differences:

- Your university lecturers won't be pushing you as much as your school teachers do.
- Attendance isn't compulsory for the majority of lectures (tutorials and lab work might be more monitored).
- Timetables aren't rigid and you have a lot more choice over the modules and subjects you take.
- There aren't as many scheduled hours, but the workload is probably higher.
- Your day won't start at 9am and finish at 3pm - you could be starting much earlier and have lectures that go on into the evening.
- Assignments aren't just memory tests to show how well you've learned subject matter. You'll need to show deeper understanding and are expected to illustrate your own research, reasoning, and original thoughts.
- You'll have to prioritise your workload and keep track of deadlines yourself.
- If you're having any problems, you need to take action to resolve them yourself.



- Unlike school, your parents or guardians won't be able to get involved, speak with administrative or teaching staff, or receive information about your studies unless you provide written consent.
- Your cohort will be a lot bigger than you're used to at school, with huge diversity in ages and backgrounds.

Human skills you'll need to succeed at university

There are tons of human skills that could help you to succeed at university. You don't have to perfect them all right now, but they're worth working on so you can make sure you're as prepared as possible.

Tip: mentioning these skills in applications and interviews and showing the awareness and effort to develop them could help boost your chances of success.

Self-motivation

While it's tempting to have a lie in and then meet your friends for lunch, that's a day wasted. Remember, you're in charge - lecturers and tutors expect you to do the necessary work in your own time. You'll need to be efficient, productive, and use resources effectively by yourself.

Collaboration

Be involved, go to lectures, speak up in discussions - the more active you are, the more you'll get out of your course. You'll also need to actively listen and work well with others (yes, the dreaded group assignment).

Critical thinking

Most of your assessment will probably require a high level of research and analysis, as well as being able to draw your own conclusions.

Communication

This is essential at university - you'll be doing a lot of writing and speaking, and being able to express yourself clearly and succinctly is key in a lot of assessment.

Time management

Plan ahead and note down all your commitments, from lectures and tutorials to assessment and test deadlines. This will help you make the most out of your studies and social life.

Independence

No surprises here - you'll need to take care of your own needs and be responsible for your decisions and actions.

Other valuable skills to work on

The skills mentioned above are [human \(or soft\) skills](#), but there are lots of the practical skills that could benefit you too:

Reading and research

Knowing how and where to find the right information, scanning it quickly, and taking away the most important points will make your life much easier at assessment time.

Note taking

Work on ways to make thorough, accurate notes that make sense later on. Your future-self will thank you.

Referencing

It's critical that you're accurate and thorough in your referencing - plagiarism is a big deal at university. Find out what's expected of you as soon as possible and start practising. Most universities have lots of resources for students on referencing you can take advantage of as well.

Budgeting

This will not only help your money go further and ensure you don't have to miss out on the fun stuff, but it could help you to reduce the money you have to pay back when you graduate.



Cooking

If you can't already cook, now is a good time to learn. You'll save a fortune if you can plan and make meals at home, and it'll probably be better for your health than living on take away.

How can you work on these skills?

Be proactive, find your weaknesses, and show them who's boss.

- Find part-time or casual work
- [Volunteer](#)
- Undertake a work experience placement
- Take short courses online
- Ask your friends, teachers, and trusted adults for tips
- Do some research online

Don't stress about the learning curve

If you're looking at this list and feeling overwhelmed, remember you can probably already tick off lots of the skills we mentioned. All you need to do is focus on the ones that you haven't addressed and you'll be set.

By the time you start at university, you'll be better prepared and could save yourself a whole lot of stress - which will leave more time for acing your studies and having fun.

[You can find more blogs, tips, and information about university study and life on our website here.](#)

Business ideas to consider while you're at high school

Coming up with a business idea while you're still at high school might seem like a bit of a stretch, but [over a 100 million people worldwide were self-employed in 2023](#), and they all started somewhere. If your venture is successful, you never know where it could all end, but one thing is for sure – you'll definitely learn a lot along the way. So, if you'd like to earn a bit of extra cash, start saving for your future goals, or dream about becoming a business guru, we have a few ideas that could work for you (or at least spark your creativity).

Keep your business idea simple and safe

Before you race off and get started, spend a while considering your business plan. Do some research into the potential demand for your goods or services, ask for advice and input from other people, and check out competitors as well.

For now, keep your idea as basic as possible. You can always build on your business and expand later on. When you're just starting out, try to reduce your risks so you don't end up wasting your time or money.

Small business ideas and inspiration to consider

Lots of goods and services are more in-demand than ever, and you could come up with a genius new way to appeal to lots of people and start making money quickly. Here are some business ideas you can still do while at high school:

Get creative

Make handmade items then sell them online, through local social media groups, or sign up to sites like [Etsy](#). As well as traditional goods, you could create custom portraits of people or pets, create bespoke artwork, posters, illustrations, murals and more.

Sell your skills

If you have a particular set of skills you can use to help other people, you could sign up with freelancing marketplaces such as [Fiverr](#), [Airtasker](#), or [Upwork](#). Or you could offer to tutor other students, either in person or online, if you're doing great in a particular subject.



Get handy around the home

There are lots of odd jobs people need done around the house that they are willing to pay someone else to do. You could do car washing and detailing, lawn mowing and weeding, simple repairs and DIY jobs, bin cleaning, or look after plants and pets for people while they're on holiday.

Be a content creator

Nowadays, there are heaps of avenues for making money on the internet. Pick a topic you're passionate about and produce your own podcasts or YouTube videos, start a TikTok channel, or even become a blogger.

Create culinary delights

If you're great in the kitchen, consider baking delicious treats to sell to friends and family or at community markets. You could also make picnic or gift hampers, start a meal delivery service, or teach others how to make delicious and nutritious meals.

Leverage your tech knowledge

Have technical skills and a fantastic idea? Use them to create an app, develop a game, or design a website. You could even provide technical support for people who need to set up IT systems or an online presence for their business.

Get sporty

Love being active and staying fit? You could offer personal training or group fitness services, start an inspo Instagram, or help to run sporting and fitness events in your community.

Don't overcommit yourself

Before you start, you'll need to figure out how much time you can commit without interfering with other aspects of your life that are important too – especially school work and sleep. Remember to always make sure you can meet your business obligations so you don't let customers down. A good reputation is really important in helping you keep and grow your customer base.

Find out more

If you're feeling inspired, [you can find more business ideas and information for high school students about work on our website here.](#)

Example responses to job application questions

You might have already thought about doing mock interviews to practise answering interview questions. It is, after all, a crucial stage of any job application. But before you even get to the interview, you might be required to answer some questions as part of the initial application. If you're feeling a bit unsure about how to answer job application questions, we're here to go through what you might be able to expect and provide some example responses for you to follow.

Tips for answering job application questions

Before we begin, here are some of our tips to help you ace your application.

- Don't just answer the question reflexively - give some thought to what the employer is trying to find out and respond appropriately.
- Use the job description and your research on the company to supplement your answer with relevant information.
- Use the STAR technique (AKA "show don't tell") to answer where possible. Provide concrete examples, not just statements.
- Write original answers - don't copy and paste from your resume or use AI (employers can tell).
- Avoid plain "yes" or "no" answers.
- Don't leave fields empty.



Common questions you might be asked

Here are a few example job application questions and responses to help you out if you're struggling with writer's block. We recommend you don't just copy the answers - use them as inspiration.

Why do you want to work here?

Employers want to know if you've given serious consideration to your application. You need to show that you've done your research and understand exactly what the job entails.

"Your company stood out when I was researching the leading IT Solutions companies. I am aware of your dedication to the development of innovative consumer products and I believe that this role would be the perfect fit considering my strong IT background."

Why do you think you are suitable for this role?

Explain how your skills, knowledge and experience match the job outline, while also explaining your motivation and goals.

"I have always wanted to work as graphic designer that embraces change and provides great user experience. My studies have helped me to develop key artistic and organisational skills, while the experience that I gained from working on the school magazine has been the ideal preparation for a job in this field. I would relish the opportunity to be part of the team that works on your upcoming projects to learn more about the processes involved."

Can you briefly outline your relevant skills and experience?

Even if you haven't got any direct experience, yet, you can still highlight any transferable skills that relate to the role. Turn your answer into a positive one by making it clear that you want the job in order to gain experience in the area.

"Although I haven't had the opportunity to get work experience in a marketing company yet, I have already created high level concepts that have been used by the organisation where I volunteer, I was the copywriter on a number of marketing campaigns through the school magazine and have generated interest in my work through my website, which I designed myself."

Can you give us an example of how you made a positive contribution to a team and what the outcome was?

Talk about a time that you were recently expected to achieve a goal in a team setting. Discuss how you went above and beyond to ensure that your contribution made a difference.

"I was elected as captain by my soccer team and committed to winning a few games this season. Along with the coach, I implemented a reward system and encouraged everyone to attend extra training and organised some workshops with other professionals."

Tell us about your strengths

Identify two or three of what you'd consider to be your best attributes. If you're struggling to think of what they are, what do you often get good feedback for? Make sure you mention how they'd be an asset to the job you're applying for.

What are your weaknesses?

You don't want to undersell yourself or turn off employers, but you also don't want to say nothing. This is an opportunity to show your self awareness. Follow up with how you'd like some professional development in that area and mention how you've already been working towards it - a specific goal that you're working towards perhaps?

For example, if you're a bit shy, you could talk about ways that you're taking on public speaking roles and putting yourself forward for leadership or performing roles at school to.

We all have to start somewhere

You don't have to wait until you're applying for a job to start practising how to answer application questions. You could go online and find jobs similar to the ones you think you'd like to apply for, then go to the application page



and copy the questions. Write your answers and ask somebody else to read them and suggest ways you could improve.

If these example responses to job application questions have you wanting more tips, [you might like to read some other blogs on our website here](#).

10 famous people who took gap years

There are lots of times you might want to take some time out, whether it's before further study, before starting your career, or in between jobs. And sometimes a break can be more beneficial than trying to push on when you're already burnt out or uninspired. In this blog, we'll look at some examples of 10 famous people who took gap years and went on to be hugely successful.

10 famous people who took gap years

If you or your parents need some convincing that a gap year isn't a bad thing, have a quick look at this list - it could help change your minds.

Steve Jobs

The co-founder, chief executive, and chairman of Apple famously dropped out of college to spend a year in India. He spent months meditating in the mountains and learning how to tap into what was important to him, before returning home and revolutionising the world of technology with the invention of the Mac. Interestingly, the only class he ended up taking in his short time at college was a calligraphy class - and it did end up being useful to him later, as he describes:

"Because I had dropped out and didn't have to take the "normal" classes, I decided to take a calligraphy class ... It was beautiful, historical, artistically subtle in a way that science can't capture, and I found it fascinating.

None of this had even a hope of any practical application in my life, but ten years later, when we were designing the first Macintosh computer, it all came back to me—and we designed it all into the Mac.

If I had never dropped out, I would have never dropped in on that calligraphy class and personal computers might not have the wonderful typography that they do."

- Steve Jobs, [2005 Stanford Commencement Address](#)

Malia Obama

Feeling like she needed to spend some time out of the shadow of her dad, former US President Barack Obama's oldest daughter decided to take a gap year between finishing school and heading off to further study. She travelled South America and experienced real life first-hand: staying in local homestays, taking public transport, and volunteering wherever she could.

Emma Watson

Probably known best for her role in the wildly successful *Harry Potter* film series, a less-known fact about Emma Watson is that she decided to move away from acting in 2016 to focus on personal development and her interest in gender issues instead. What started as a gap year turned into several gap years, but during this time she accomplished many incredible things, including starting a feminist book club, launching a legal helpline for people who have suffered sexual harassment in the workplace, travelling internationally to advocate for the education of girls, investing in sustainable alternatives to petrochemical products, and more.

Prince William

Even royalty need a break sometimes! While his father didn't really approve, Prince William was determined to experience life outside the palace. His gap year consisted of British Army training exercises in Belize, working on dairy farms in England, visiting charities in Africa, and ten weeks teaching children in southern Chile. He also spent a fair bit of time scrubbing toilets (true story) and even had a go at being a local DJ.

Benedict Cumberbatch

British actor Benedict Cumberbatch has had a varied and successful career, which he attributes not to his education, but to the year he spent teaching English to Tibetan Buddhist monks in India. While there he threw himself into the



culture and lifestyle, learning to meditate and tapping into his spiritual side. This is what he had to say about his gap year:

"They were amazingly warm, intelligent, humorous people. Hard to teach English to. I built a blackboard, which no previous teachers seem to have done. With twelve monks in a room, with an age range of about eight to forty, that's quite important. But they taught me a lot more than I could possibly ever teach them.

They taught me about the simplicity of human nature, but also the humanity of it, and the ridiculous sense of humour you need to live a full spiritual life."

- *Benedict Cumberbatch*, [Interview with Lion's Roar](#)

Amazingly, he would return to the Himalayas many years later to film *Doctor Strange*, where he took some time off filming to reconnect with the culture and tradition that had inspired him.

Hugh Jackman

After finishing school, Hugh Jackman decided to delay going to university to instead work as a teaching assistant in the UK. At one point, he was even in the classroom teaching 14 year olds. He returned home to study a Bachelor of Communications at UTS. In his final year he enrolled in a drama class because he'd heard it was "easy to pass" - but it ended up changing the trajectory of his career. "In that week I felt more at home with those people than I did in the entire three years at university," he said.

Ed Sheeran

When you're topping charts with your music, touring the world, and have just been named artist of the decade, it might seem a bit strange to want to leave it all behind. But that's exactly what Ed Sheeran did in 2016, announcing that he was taking time off from music and public life to simply "travel, write and read". He spent time roadtripping in Australia, bungy jumping in New Zealand, white water rafting in Fiji, and watching the northern lights in Iceland.

Bradley Cooper

Many years before his acting career took off, Bradley Cooper decided to spend 6 months as an exchange student in Aix-en-Provence in the south of France. Why? Just to learn French, of course!

"When I was a kid, I remember watching *Chariots of Fire*. And French is the official language of the Olympics. So there's a scene where a guy was speaking French and I thought, 'Man, that sounds so cool. I want to learn French.'"

Bradley Cooper, [Interview with PEOPLE](#)

Mark Zuckerberg

It's one of the most successful social media sites in history, but it wasn't always smooth sailing at Facebook. Amidst tough competition and intense buyout pressure in 2008, Mark Zuckerberg took some advice from his friend and fellow tech entrepreneur Steve Jobs - do what I did and take some time off to travel. So he spent a month travelling India and reflecting on his career, before returning to make Facebook bigger than ever.

Charles Darwin

After dropping out of medical school and neglecting his studies to become a clergyman, Charles Darwin received an invitation to an expedition around the coast of South America that would change the course of history. Despite his father's objections, Darwin decided to go anyway, and it was on this voyage that he formed his theory of evolution. He described the trip as "by far the most important event in my life. It determined my whole career."

Taking a gap year could pay off

Remember, a gap year isn't a break from learning altogether; it's just a break from traditional forms of learning like school and university. Spent the right way, a gap year can have great benefits for you professionally, academically, and personally.

If the stories of these 10 famous people who took gap years still didn't quite win you over, [you can read more about the advantages of a gap year on our website here](#).



Discover career pathways in Telecommunications

Telecommunications is a dynamic pathway that focuses on the transmission of information through various channels, such as telephone lines, radio waves, and computer networks. It includes a wide range of technologies and services that enable us to communicate and connect with others regardless of distance, from mobile phones to fibre-optic cables.

This pathway might be right for you if you enjoy exploring the latest advancements in technology and communication systems.

What do careers in this pathway involve?

Telecommunications is all about keeping people connected. Whether you're working hands-on as a technician installing internet and phone services, designing networks that connect entire cities, or troubleshooting connection issues, your main focus will be on making sure everyone can communicate effectively.

This field offers lots of different career options – from practical, hands-on roles to technical design positions – and since technology is constantly advancing, there's always something new to learn.

What are some important human skills for this pathway?

- Digital literacy
- Critical thinking
- Innovation
- Making decisions
- Adaptability

What are some of the tasks involved?

- Inspect, test, and maintain systems
- Install new equipment
- Troubleshoot technical issues
- Monitor network performance
- Design new systems
- Plan project budgets and timelines
- Lead teams of workers
- Monitor regulatory compliance
- Stay up to date with industry changes

What kind of work environment and conditions can I expect?

This pathway includes roles in all kinds of environments, from desk work to field work. Some office jobs may allow for remote working, but hands-on roles will require you to be on-site.

Most workers in this field work either full-time or part-time, with some casual roles and contract work available too. Self-employment is relatively uncommon.

The Clusters in telecommunications

Find out more about the kind of work people in each [Career Cluster](#) might do in this pathway.

Guardians

Guardians in this pathway help to ensure the security and reliability of telecommunication services.

Linkers

There aren't a lot of Linkers in this pathway, but you might connect telecommunications providers with consumers, regulators, and partners.

Coordinators

Coordinators are vital in this pathway to manage telecommunications networks, from infrastructure to customer service.



Informers

Informers in this pathway are responsible for educating users on telecommunications services, features, and security.

Makers

Makers are the backbone of this pathway, operating and maintaining telecommunications equipment and networks.

Innovators

Innovators in this pathway use their skills to develop new telecommunications technologies and service offerings.

Where can a telecommunications pathway take me?

Interested in a career in telecommunications? There are many roles you might like to consider – here are just a few.

Entry level roles

These jobs can be started with little or no training or experience, and are great as a stepping stone towards more senior roles in the pathway.

Cable Technician

Install and repair cable services (like TV, internet, and phone) in homes and businesses, running cables, setting up equipment, and troubleshooting connection issues.

Telecommunications Linesworker

Construct and maintain the physical network of telephone and internet lines, working on poles and underground systems to install, repair, and connect telecommunications infrastructure.

Telecommunications Technician

Install, maintain, and repair telecommunications equipment like routers, switches, and fibre optic systems in both residential and commercial settings.

Mid-level roles

Once you have some further study or experience under your belt, you might like to consider moving into one of these roles.

Network Designer

Plan and create the layout of telecommunications networks, deciding where to place equipment and how to connect different parts to provide the best coverage.

Systems Engineer

Manage the overall telecommunications infrastructure, making sure all the different parts work together properly and fixing any technical issues that come up.

Telecommunications Engineer

Design and oversee telecommunications systems (like mobile networks and internet infrastructure), making sure they work efficiently and can handle lots of users at once.

Senior level roles

These jobs will require extensive further education or many years of experience, but are also highly rewarding.

Technical Director

Lead teams of engineers and technicians, making sure everyone works together effectively and keeping up with new technology trends.



Chief Technology Officer

Make decisions about what technology the company should use and invest in, working closely with other company leaders to shape the future of the business.

Project Manager

Coordinate teams of engineers, technicians, and other professionals to get big projects done on time and within budget.

Similar pathways

If these careers aren't quite right for you, you might like to explore some other similar pathways instead.

Utilities

Manage, maintain, and distribute essential services such as electricity, water, and gas.

Electrical Engineering

Design, analyse, and develop electrical systems for various industries and applications.

Network Administration

Manage and maintain computer networks, troubleshoot issues, and ensure smooth operations.

How can I build experience in this pathway?

If you're still in high school and want to find out if a career in telecommunications is right for you, here are some activities you can do:

- Study basic networking to understand data transmission
- Research telecommunications standards like 5G
- Take a virtual tour of a telecommunications centre

We recommend studying these subjects in high school:

- English
- Mathematics
- Technology
- Engineering

Here are some suggestions of places you might like to try and find work experience:

- Telecommunications companies
- Tech start-ups specialising in telecommunications solutions
- Electrical businesses
- Data centres
- Mobile phone providers