



In the Know with Careers

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If any student has questions about the opportunities below, please email me at joanne.cupac@spc.nsw.edu.au or book an appointment via the Canvas Careers homepage.

University

Macquarie University – Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme Applications Open 1 June

The Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme recognises students who have demonstrated strong academic achievement in Year 11 alongside leadership, personal development and commitment to extracurricular activities. Eligible students may receive an early offer to study at Macquarie University before ATAR release, providing greater certainty as they plan their future study pathway.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions-and-entry/pathways/schemes/leaders-achievers>

Macquarie University – Campus Tours

Upcoming Dates: 13 June and 27 June

Students and their families can explore the Macquarie University campus and gain a first-hand insight into university life. Tours include opportunities to view facilities, learn about study options and speak with current students about their experiences both in and outside the classroom.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/events/campus-tours>

The University of Sydney – HSC Preparation Courses (Years 10–12)

Registrations Open for July Classes

These intensive holiday courses are designed to help students strengthen their understanding of key HSC concepts while developing effective examination and study skills. Delivered by experienced educators, students can choose individual subjects or multiple courses to support their HSC preparation during the July school holidays.

<https://cce.sydney.edu.au/courses/hsc-preparation>

Sydney Conservatorium of Music – Audition Information Evening

10 June

Students considering studying music at the Sydney Conservatorium are encouraged to attend this session to learn more about the audition process. Academic staff will provide advice on audition requirements, preparation strategies and application procedures.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sydney-conservatorium-of-music-audition-information-evening-tickets-1986871030738>

The University of Sydney – Year 10 Online Information Evening

11 June

This online session is designed for Year 10 students and their families who are beginning to make decisions about senior subject selection. Topics include subject prerequisites, ATAR calculations, adjustment factors, university pathways and scholarship opportunities.

https://unisydne.zoom.us/webinar/register/5517773587048/WN_NPAkeTFFQI6T27547VJgug#/registration

The University of Sydney – Year 11 and 12 Online Information Evening 16 June

Year 11 and 12 students can learn more about studying at the University of Sydney, including admission requirements, scholarships, alternative entry pathways and student support services. Current students will also share their experiences and transition from school to university.

https://unisydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/4517775253976/WN_lyuDQJ36Qm2dn4mRVvk7oA#/registration

Sydney Conservatorium of Music – Audition Registrations Open Round 1 Applications Close 28 June | Auditions 6–10 July Musical Theatre Applications Close 1 September | Auditions 26 September Round 2 Applications Close 13 September | Auditions 28 September – 2 October

Entry to the Sydney Conservatorium of Music requires an audition. Students applying for undergraduate music programs must submit a university application and register their audition through the Conservatorium's official audition platform, ACCEPTD.

<https://app.getacceptd.com/sydneycon>

University of Technology Sydney – Year 12 Subject Scheme

The UTS Year 12 Subject Scheme awards adjustment points to students who perform strongly in selected HSC subjects relevant to their chosen degree. The scheme is automatically applied to eligible courses and does not require a separate application.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/for-students/admissions-entry/entry-schemes/year-12-subject-scheme>

The University of Notre Dame Australia – Auburn Information Evening 11 June

This information evening provides students and families with the opportunity to learn about degrees offered through Notre Dame's Auburn Study Centre and Broadway Campus. The session will also cover scholarships, early offers, alternative entry pathways and student support services.

<https://events.nd.edu.au/auburn-information-evening>

UNSW Sydney – HSC Mathematics Course Selection Guide

Students considering degrees in areas such as engineering, science, commerce and technology are encouraged to review UNSW's mathematics course selection guide. The resource outlines recommended mathematics pathways and assumed knowledge requirements for a range of university degrees.

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/science/our-schools/maths/engage-with-us/high-school-students-and-teachers/hsc-course-selection>

UNSW Sydney – Portfolio Entry Scheme Round 1 Applications Close 20 July

The UNSW Portfolio Entry Scheme allows students applying for selected Arts, Design & Architecture and Engineering degrees to demonstrate their achievements and potential through a portfolio submission. Successful applicants may receive an early conditional offer and an adjusted ATAR requirement of up to 10 points below the lowest selection rank for eligible courses.

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/undergraduate/admission-pathways/portfolio-entry>

TAFE

TAFE NSW for Schools

TAFE NSW offers a wide range of courses that allow students to gain practical skills, industry experience and nationally recognised qualifications while still at school. With strong industry partnerships and experienced teachers, students develop real-world skills that help prepare them for further study, apprenticeships, traineeships and future employment opportunities.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/partnerships/schools>

What is the Difference Between an Apprenticeship and a Traineeship?

Students considering vocational pathways often ask about the difference between apprenticeships and traineeships. Apprenticeships are generally undertaken in skilled trades and usually take three to four years to complete, while traineeships are available across a broader range of industries and are typically completed within one to two years.

<https://www.apprenticeshipcareers.com.au/job-seekers/difference-between-apprenticeship-and-traineeships>

Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships

Applications Close 30 September

The Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships provide financial assistance to NSW apprentices experiencing hardship while completing their apprenticeship. Eligible first-year apprentices may receive up to \$15,000 over three years to assist with the costs associated with training and employment.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/apprentices-and-trainees/support-with-your-apprenticeship-or-traineeship/bert-evans-apprentice-scholarships>

Private Colleges

NIDA Open Day

13 June

NIDA Open Day provides students with the opportunity to explore courses in acting, design, directing, production and other performing arts disciplines. Visitors can tour the campus, meet staff and students, observe classes and productions, and gain valuable advice about studying at Australia's leading dramatic arts institution.

<https://www.nida.edu.au/news-and-events/events/whats-on/open-day-2026/>

SAE Online Information Session – Design

23 June

Students interested in visual communication, branding, UX/UI and digital design can learn more about SAE's industry-focused courses during this online information session. Participants will hear from industry professionals and discover how students develop portfolio-ready work through practical projects and collaboration.

<https://sae.edu.au/event/online-info-session-design/>

ACPE Careers in Sport Day

19 June

Students interested in careers within the sports industry can attend this interactive event featuring guest speakers, workshops and panel discussions. The day provides valuable insights into sport-related degrees and career pathways while offering opportunities to network with industry professionals.

<https://acpe.edu.au/about-us/events/cis/>

ACPE Open Day

25 July

Explore study options in sport, health, physical education and dance at ACPE Open Day. Students can tour the campus, attend information sessions, meet academic staff and current students, and learn where an ACPE qualification can lead.

<https://acpe.edu.au>

AFTRS Open Day

8 August

Discover study opportunities in screen and audio production at Australia's national screen and audio school. Students can learn about courses, scholarships, career outcomes and the application process while exploring the AFTRS campus and meeting staff and current students.

<https://www.aftrs.edu.au/event/aftrs-open-day-2026/>

AIE Information Evening

17 June

Students interested in game development, film, 3D animation and visual effects can learn about the courses offered at AIE. The evening includes industry presentations, examples of student work and information about entry requirements and career pathways.

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/information-evening/

NIDA Applications Now Open

Applications Close 28 September (some courses close earlier)

NIDA offers industry-leading training across a broad range of performing arts disciplines, including acting, directing, musical theatre, design, production and writing. Students interested in pursuing a career in the creative industries are encouraged to explore available courses and application requirements.

<https://www.nida.edu.au/study/students/how-to-apply>

AFTRS Applications Now Open

Applications for 2027 Entry Open This Month

Applications are now open for a range of AFTRS programs, including the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production and the Graduate Diploma in Radio and Podcasting. These courses provide students with practical, industry-focused training in screen, audio and media production.

<https://www.aftrs.edu.au/courses/>

General

To Gap or Not to Gap? Should I Travel or Should I Study?

Many students consider taking a gap year before commencing further study. This article explores the advantages and challenges of travelling, working or studying after school and provides useful considerations for students deciding which pathway is right for them.

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/articles/education-blogs/guest/should-i-travel-or-should-i-study>

The Best Things About a Career in Dietetics

Interested in nutrition, health and helping people improve their wellbeing? This article explores the role of a dietitian, university study requirements and the wide range of career opportunities available within clinical, community and food service dietetics.

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/dietetics-career/>