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INVITATION TO JOIN JOB JUMP

We warmly encourage all **parents and students** to register for **Job Jump**, an excellent careers platform that supports young people as they explore future pathways.

Job Jump provides:

Up-to-date information on tertiary study options, ATARs, apprenticeships, and TAFE pathways.

Tools to create a resume, helping students present their strengths professionally.

Customised news alerts so families stay informed about important deadlines and opportunities.

Both parents and students can benefit from clear guidance and timely updates as they plan— whether that's choosing senior subjects, exploring university courses, or considering vocational training.

To register, simply visit:

<https://www.jobjump.com.au/register> and visit Careers 2026 on Canvas to access sign up details.

We hope you find Job Jump a valuable resource in supporting informed and confident career decision-making.

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



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Events

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Discover Western Webinar – For Parents and Supporters: Your Role and How You Can Help Guide Them to University

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: May 4, 2026

This webinar is for Parents and Supporters to learn how they can support their child through their HSC and while they make those big decisions about their future. Discover university entry options, careers and courses, and pathways they can explore should they not achieve their desired ATAR.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Future Talk for Parents – Degrees and Alternate Pathways

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Online

Date: May 4, 2026

Year 12 can be a stressful time for students and for the parents and carers supporting them. With big post-school decisions ahead, these sessions are designed to provide clarity, reassurance and practical advice to help you navigate the year with confidence.

Across the program, you'll gain insights into:

- Supporting students through the HSC and common challenges
- Understanding UOW degrees, pathways and study options
- How AI and emerging technologies are shaping degrees, careers and the future workforce
- Navigating university applications, Early Admission and UAC
- Financial planning for university, including scholarships, budgeting and accommodation
- Accessing UOW support services for a smooth transition to university
- Connecting with other parents and carers in a supportive environment

You'll also receive regular emails with practical tips, resources and expert advice to help you and your young person feel informed, prepared and supported throughout Year 12 and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Parents and Carers Information Webinar

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 5, 2026

We will be hosting an information webinar touching on key topics for parents and carers in supporting their students considering studying at University.

Presentation topics:

- Insights into data surrounding student success outcomes
- Admissions pathways (options, key dates)
- Application preferencing via UAC and Early Entry
- On-campus accommodation information and how to apply
- Support services available to students

The session will be approx. 1 hour including 15mins for Q&A.



[Find out more](#)

Applying to Medicine Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: MedEntry

Location: Online

Date: May 5, 2026

This comprehensive conference, hosted by Dr. Ray Boyapati, is designed to provide you with invaluable insights into every facet of the medical school application process. Whether you're gearing up for the UCAT, honing your interview skills or gaining relevant work experience, our webinar has you covered.

Webinar Highlights:

- **UCAT Mastery:** Dr. Ray Boyapati, a seasoned expert in medical admissions, will share strategies and tips to help you master the UCAT, ensuring you approach this critical exam with confidence.
- **Interview Success:** Learn the art of presenting your best self during medical school interviews. Gain insights into common interview questions, communication skills, and effective ways to showcase your passion for medicine.
- **Work Experience Strategies:** Dr. Boyapati will offer guidance on acquiring meaningful and relevant work experience in the medical field. Understand how to make the most of your experiences to strengthen your application.

[Find out more](#)

Bachelor of Accounting at UTS Information Evening

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

If you are a high-achieving school leaver and believe you could be one of Australia's future business leaders, then our [Bachelor of Accounting \(BAcc\)](#) and cooperative education scholarship program has been designed just for you.

The UTS Bachelor of Accounting provides you with a multi-skilled accounting degree with a strong emphasis on both accounting and financial management, both essential business tools.

Come along to this webinar and meet current students, graduates, sponsors and staff of this elite program.

[Find out more](#)

National Fashion College Open Day, Sydney

Organisation: National Fashion College

Location: National Fashion College, Sydney Campus

Date: May 6, 2026

Unlock a world of limitless possibilities at National Fashion College, where your fashion journey begins at our iconic Sydney Campus!

Step into a realm of unmatched creativity and immerse yourself in the forefront of fashion innovation. Our pioneering courses, dynamic internship opportunities, and exclusive access to the buzz of Australian, New York, and London Fashion Weeks will propel you into the heart of the global fashion scene. Get ready to be inspired, challenged, and transformed - we can't wait to welcome you!

If these times don't suit you, you can always [book in for a private appointment or tour instead](#).

[Find out more](#)



UNSW Law & Justice Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

You are invited to join the UNSW Law & Justice Info Evening.

Join us online to hear from our academics, professional staff and current students on our undergraduate programs and student experience.

During the event, we will delve into:

- The undergraduate degrees on offer at UNSW Law & Justice
- Explore double degree options, entry requirements, admission pathways & scholarships
- Discuss career options, student careers and employability support
- Student life, student clubs and societies
- Have all your questions answered as part of our Q&A!

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Joint Medical Program Online Information Session

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (The JMP®) is an innovative five-year degree jointly delivered by the University of Newcastle and University of New England and supported by Hunter New England Local Health District and Central Coast Local Health District. Our students' graduate work-ready, with a key role shaping and improving future health care for individuals and communities.

We offer a range of pathway options to help you apply to study within The JMP®. Join us for the Joint Medical Program Info Session Webinar to find out more about these pathways, including Rural and Remote Admissions Scheme (RRAS), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Miroma Bunbilla Program and Excellence through Equity Pathway to Medicine (ETE), as well as an overview of the program, admission criteria, study locations and best of all, first-hand experience from current students and academics who teach into the program.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

Curious about where your study could take you? Join our Talk with Industry Series - a range of online Q&A sessions connecting you directly with ACU students and graduates across diverse fields.

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[Find out more](#)

Your Pathway to Study Medicine at Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online



Date: May 6, 2026

Join us for an informative and engaging overview of the University of Sydney's double degree medicine program with Program Director Dr. Rosa Howard.

In this session, you'll gain a clear understanding of the program structure, entry pathways, key eligibility requirements, and how the integrated undergraduate degree leads into the Doctor of Medicine.

You'll also have the opportunity to submit questions live and hear insights directly from the program's academic lead.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Online Parent Information Session

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: May 7, 2026

As your teen starts thinking about their future, this online session is here to help you support them through one of the biggest decisions they'll make – choosing a university.

Hear from experts as we guide you through key topics and processes, share tips for navigating Year 12 and highlight the unique opportunities available at Charles Sturt.

Whether you're looking for general information about university or specific advice to assist your teen, this is your chance to ask questions and get the answers you need.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Teachers and Educators

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Location: Online

Date: May 7, 2026

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NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

ACAP Online Information Session – Social Work

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: Online

Date: May 11, 2026

Can you imagine yourself making a difference in a not-for-profit organisation, or working in the criminal justice system, or the government? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Social Work.

In this real-time online information session Professor Annie Venville will share insights into studying Social Work at ACAP and provide details of courses you could take to help others develop better self-awareness for a more positive path in life.

[Find out more](#)



ACAP Online Information Session – Counselling

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: Online

Date: May 11, 2026

Can you imagine yourself in child protection or helping people through grief or addictive behaviour? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Counselling.

In this real-time online information session Dr Trevor Simper will share insights into studying Counselling at ACAP and highlight what courses you could take to help others develop better self-awareness for a more positive path in life.

[Find out more](#)

Bell Shakespeare HSC Seminars with USYD

Organisation: Bell Shakespeare

Location: The Rebel Theatre at Pier 2/3

Date: May 12 to May 13, 2026

Join us at The Rebel Theatre at Pier 2/3 in 2026, or access digital recordings, for our series of live HSC Shakespeare Seminars in partnership with the University of Sydney.

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 2026 include:

- **The Tempest / Hag-Seed:** Tuesday 12 May 2026, 10am – 12pm
- **Richard III / Looking for Richard:** Wednesday 13 May 2026, 10am – 12pm

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Criminology

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: Online

Date: May 12, 2026

Can you imagine yourself working in investigations, intelligence, or even corporate crime? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Criminology.

In this real-time online information session Matthew Thurgood will share insights into studying Criminology at ACAP and ultimately provide insights into what courses you could take to gain skills, influence positive change and develop practical responses that can have a positive impact on criminal justice issues.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Psychology

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: Online

Date: May 12, 2026

Can you imagine yourself in a fascinating research role, contributing to mental health services or as a specialist in private practice? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Psychology.



In this real-time online information session Professor John Reece will share insights into studying Psychology at ACAP and ultimately provide you with information on courses you could study, and delve into the scientific research of individuals, society and culture.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Online Information Session

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Online

Date: May 13, 2026

Find out everything you need to know about our world class courses and personal support. Our Director, Amanda Grace will introduce you to our unique approach.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Engineering Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: May 13, 2026

Discover Engineering at UNSW. Join us to learn about our programs, entry pathways and vibrant student experience.

Join us online to hear from current UNSW Engineering students about their experiences and how they've navigated their engineering degrees, offering tips to help make your own journey a rewarding one.

You'll hear from our expert academic staff and advisers, where you'll gain insights into our range of programs designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the engineering landscape of today and tomorrow via an in-depth Q&A panel discussion.

Additionally, we'll discuss UNSW Engineering's commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion, what it's like to be a first-year engineering student, and how you can progress through your studies while immersing yourself in the many student opportunities available.

Whether you are interested in civil or mechanical engineering, or in an emerging area like quantum or nuclear engineering, UNSW Engineering has a program tailored to your interests and goals. We offer an extensive and diverse range of world-class programs for you to study, with more than 40 study areas and the largest range of engineering degrees in Australia.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie Year 10 Guide to Uni Webinar

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Online

Date: May 13, 2026

The first big step towards senior school? Choosing your Year 11 and 12 subjects.

Before making your selections, it helps to think about what you enjoy studying, where your strengths lie and how your choices may influence what you choose to do after high school.

Our Year 10 Webinar outlines key considerations, common misconceptions and practical realities of subject selection, so you can make informed and confident choices.

Session highlights:

- What subject selection really impacts – and where flexibility exists
- How strengths and interests should guide decisions
- The difference between uni prerequisites and assumed knowledge
- What happens if plans shift later on
- Live Q&A

[Find out more](#)



Indigenous Futures at the University of Sydney: Westmead Open Night

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: University of Sydney, Westmead Campus

Date: May 13, 2026

Thinking about uni? Come along to our Indigenous Futures Open Night at the University of Sydney's Westmead campus!

We're inviting any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school aged students, along with their families and teachers, to a special evening at the University of Sydney. Bring your parents, aunties, uncles, cousins and siblings for a yarn, a feed, and a warm welcome at our new Westmead Campus. This is your chance to learn all about campus life, explore your study options, and get the information you need to take your next steps towards university.

On the night, you can:

- Explore the wide range of degrees and programs we offer
- Learn about our entry pathways and scholarships
- Get a step-by-step guide to applying for uni through UAC
- Meet our staff and connect with current students
- Receive advice on entry requirements and the application process
- Hear directly from alumni and current students about their university experiences

Open Night is a time to ask questions, connect with community, and get inspired about your future at the University of Sydney. We can't wait to see you there!

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 13, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

Admission Pathways and Entry Schemes to the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: May 13, 2026

There's more than one way to enter your dream degree at the University of Sydney.

Join us to explore the different pathways available, including entry schemes that recognise your academic achievements, personal circumstances and more, so you can understand all your options when applying.

[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: Torrens University Australia



Location: Torrens University, Surry Hills Campus

Date: May 13, 2026

Come and meet our academics and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about early entry, scholarships, entry pathways and our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and see firsthand how exciting studying in Sydney can be.

- Talk to our academics and Future Student Advisors about choosing courses, scholarships and the application process.
- Embark on a guided tour of our campus facilities and get a feel of our recreational spaces, teaching spaces and more.
- Meet our current students and find out what their experiences studying at Torrens University is like.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Online Information Session – Coaching

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: Online

Date: May 13, 2026

Can you imagine yourself as a private coach, consultant or professional facilitator? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Coaching.

In this real-time online information session Dr Mark Setch will share insights into studying Coaching at ACAP and how the qualification will give you the practical skills and know-how to inspire change, empower teams, and improve performance.

[Find out more](#)

Collarts Course Info Night, Sydney

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Collarts, Sydney Campus - Waterloo

Date: May 14, 2026

Collarts has announced the launch of a new campus in Sydney, with the acquisition of the Sydney Film School and Sydney Actors School, based at Waterloo Studios.

The acquisition brings together complementary strengths across creative education. Collarts is nationally recognised for its contemporary, industry-led programs across music, design, digital media, film, theatre, fashion, photography and entertainment management disciplines, while both Sydney Schools have built a strong reputation for excellence in screen, film, and performance education through its two flagship brands.

Whether you're looking to start your study journey for the first time, returning to study after some time off, or curious about moving to Collarts from another uni, you won't want to miss this event.

- Meet [program leaders and lecturers](#)
- Tour our [campuses](#), including studios and facilities
- Chat to student ambassadors and [course advisors](#)
- Participate in live demonstrations
- See student work and career journeys on display
- Learn about exclusive opportunities through our [industry partnerships](#)
- Enjoy live performances from our students and alumni
- Receive on-the-spot assistance [submitting your application](#)

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Law, Criminology and Business Professionals

Organisation: Australian Catholic University



Location: Online

Date: May 14, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

AIM May Open Day, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Sydney Campus

Date: May 16, 2026

Discover where your creativity can take you at the Australian Institute of Music's Sydney August Open Day.

Immerse yourself in our vibrant campus community, explore our studios and performance spaces, and see firsthand how AIM supports the growth of future artists and industry leaders.

Throughout the day, you'll have plenty of opportunities to meet our academics, hear from current students and alumni, and join interactive workshops covering our variety of courses.

You'll walk away with a strong understanding of our courses, the career paths they lead to, and how AIM's hands-on approach gives students real industry experience from day one.

Whether you're exploring your options or set on making your start in music, Sydney Open Day is your chance to discover how AIM can turn your passion into a lifelong career.

[Find out more](#)

A Place for Everyone: A Beginner's Guide to Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 16, 2026

This session is an introduction to the screen industry and crew careers. Crew and Below The Line workers are the people who make the magic happen. Join us for a fun and informative session to learn more about upcoming roles within crew.

[Find out more](#)

The Hotel School Tourism Insights – Year 12 Student Experience, Sydney

Organisation: The Hotel School Australia

Location: Park Hyatt Sydney

Date: May 16, 2026

An exclusive opportunity for Year 12 students to experience Park Hyatt Sydney, one of Australia's most prestigious luxury hotels, and explore exciting career pathways within the tourism and hospitality industry.

Key takeaways include:

- Hear from industry experts and leaders in tourism and hospitality
- Participate in an interactive tourism workshop and receive a completion certificate
- Experience an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Park Hyatt Sydney
- Get all your questions answered by the THS team
- Network with industry leaders and current THS students



- Morning tea and lunch provided

[Find out more](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

Torrens University Virtual Open Day 2026

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: May 19 to May 20, 2026

Ready for the next step on your career journey? Join us online as our academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Year 10 Subject Selection Webinar

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 20, 2026

Our student ambassadors will share key Year 10 Subject Selection information and share their stories and experiences with subject selection and transition to University studies.

Presentation topics:

- Subject selection process (our 3 simple steps on how to select your subjects)
- Subject selection resources, case studies and examples
- What if I don't know what I want to do or change my mind?
- What can you study at the University of Newcastle?
- Differences between school life and university life
- Pathways to University
- Ask a Student platform

The session will be approx. 1 hour including 15 mins for Q&A.

[Find out more](#)

Study Mathematical Sciences at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: May 20, 2026

Are you a keen mathematician eager to explore the world of mathematics? From computing to data science, statistics to financial mathematics, our new Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences will prepare you to take on novel challenges we have yet to see in this fast-paced, data-driven world. Perhaps you will find the solution to a Millennium Problem or you might help uncover a new Earth-like planet in a nearby galaxy!

Join this information session to find out all about the infinite career possibilities in the exciting future ahead.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Business School Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: May 20, 2026

Are you considering a future in business or unlocking opportunities to help you thrive in the dynamic



world of business? Start your career at UNSW Business School.

Join us online to hear from our expert panel of academic staff and advisers:

- You'll gain insights about our range of programs designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in today's competitive business landscape.
- You will also hear from our current student and alumni about their student experiences and about the importance of the current industry landscape.
- Additionally, find out detailed information on the application and admissions process for 2027 entry including various pathways.

Whether you're interested in finance, marketing, management, analytics, information systems, entrepreneurship or any other aspect of business, UNSW Business School has a program tailored to your interests and goals.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Arts Students and Graduates

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 20, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Biomedicine and Nutrition Experts

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 21, 2026

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A Conservation Biologist's Dream of Improving Endangered Species Survival – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: May 21, 2026

In the late 20th century, scientists around the world became alarmed by the sudden collapse of frog populations. Decades later the cause was identified as chytrid, a fungal pathogen. No invasive species has caused comparable destruction: chytrid has affected hundreds of species worldwide and driven at least 90 to extinction, surpassing the impacts of cats, rats, and cane toads.



Dr Anthony Waddle's research focuses on increasing frog resistance to chytrid through vaccination strategies, artificial "frog sauna" shelters that allow frogs to clear infections, and molecular approaches to engineer genetic resistance in endangered species. Crucially, his team not only develops these tools but deploys them in real time to protect declining wild populations. Most conservation biologists only dream of seeing their work make a difference in wild populations and this team is doing just that.

This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future. [Find out more](#)

Year 10 HSC Subject Choices with ADHD – Webinar for Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 21, 2026

Subject selection in Year 10 is stressful for any family. For parents of ADHD teens, the stakes feel even higher — because you know that the wrong subjects don't just feel hard, they can genuinely derail your teen's motivation and confidence for two years.

Most advice about HSC subject selection wasn't designed with ADHD in mind. This webinar was. What we'll cover:

- Why subject choice matters for students with ADHD
- How the ATAR and subject selection system actually works
- Common myths around subject selection
- Matching HSC Subjects to strengths, interests, workload, readiness, rigour
- Settling on your subject list - its OK to not feel OK
- Live Q&A

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

AIE May Open Day, Sydney

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Sydney Campus

Date: May 23, 2026

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](#)

CSU Careers in Agriculture and Environment Online Information Night

Organisation: Charles Sturt University



Location: Online

Date: May 26, 2026

Love the planet? Want to solve real-world challenges? So do we. Explore limitless agriculture careers that shape the future of food and fibre production, farming systems and environmental management.

From food security and climate resilience to data and robotics. Protect and manage natural environments. And power a more sustainable future with the #1 uni for agriculture and environmental science grads who get jobs.

We have been cultivating the next crop of ag innovators for over 120 years. When you study with us, you'll gain hands-on skills and industry knowledge for the future of diverse and rewarding careers in agriculture and the environment.

- Unpack ag and enviro careers and courses, plus dive into our early offer program.
- Hear from industry experts, students and graduates.
- See what hands-on learning is all about and check out our virtual facilities tour.
- Have your questions answered live!

[Find out more](#)

Your Pathway to Teaching at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: May 27, 2026

Join us for an information session on studying early childhood, primary, and secondary education at the University of Sydney. Learn about course structures, admission pathways, professional placements, and the career opportunities available to graduates. This is a great chance to understand your options and see how a teaching degree from Sydney can shape your future.

[Find out more](#)

UCAT, GAMSAT and Pathways into Medicine – Webinar for Students, Teachers & Parents

Organisation: National Institute of Education

Location: Online

Date: May 27, 2026

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students and their parents to find out about the UCAT, pathways into medicine, and have all questions answered by an expert teacher who has been working in the field since 1999.

The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics, and more:

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- Year 10, 11 and 12 - things to consider now
- The undergraduate selection criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT?
- GAMSAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate interview process
- What, how and why about Gap Year?
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Work experience advice
- Q&A

[Find out more](#)



UNSW Science Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: May 27, 2026

Are you passionate about understanding the world, solving real-world problems, or exploring cutting-edge scientific discoveries? Join us for the UNSW Science Information Evening, designed specifically for high school students, parents, and teachers who want to explore the exciting opportunities that a science degree can offer.

This interactive event will take you inside the world of UNSW Science, from what you can study, to where it can take you, and how we support you every step of the way.

What to expect:

- Hear from leading academics about the diverse study areas available across UNSW Science, including psychology, medical science, aviation, data science, environmental science and more.
- Gain real insights from current students, who'll share their university experiences, tips for success, and what life at UNSW is really like.
- Learn about scholarships, Co-op programs and admission pathways that can help you gain entry into UNSW, even if your ATAR isn't the full story.
- Explore career possibilities across industries such as health, tech, aviation, research, consulting, sustainability, and government.
- Find out how UNSW prepares you for the future, with hands-on learning, Work Integrated Learning (WIL), internships, research opportunities, and the STEM Career Launchpad.
- Join a live panel Q&A, where our students, academics, and professional staff will answer your questions.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Careers in Animal, Equine and Veterinary Sciences Online Information Night

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: May 27, 2026

Passionate about animals? Curious about a career in the animal health sector? Our info night is the perfect place to start. Uncover caring careers that help creatures big and small. From livestock industries, clinical settings, government and biosecurity, animal welfare or the wildlife sector.

Discover careers that help change the way we look after animals.

Companion animal health, veterinary hospitals and clinics, livestock production, equine nutrition, herd health, zoos and cutting-edge research. Think big when it comes to where your animal career can take you. Discover how you'll build real-world skills and learn to support animal health, welfare and care through hands-on experience.

- Discover where animal, equine and vet careers can take you.
- Hear from industry experts, students and graduates.
- Explore our hands-on courses and facilities.
- Have your questions answered live!

[Find out more](#)

Year 12 & Early Entry with ADHD – Webinar for Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 28, 2026

Early Entry can feel like the answer to a lot of anxiety. Lock something in early, take the pressure off



the ATAR, give your teen something to aim for. But for families with an ADHD teen, the decision is rarely that straightforward — and the process itself can create as many problems as it solves. This webinar is for Year 12 parents who want an honest, practical guide to Early Entry — not just how it works, but whether it's actually the right move for your family, and how to navigate it well if it is.

What we'll cover:

- What Early Entry is, how it works, and why universities offer it
- Is it actually worth it for your family — an honest framework for deciding
- How can you plan a Plan A, Plan B and even Plan C
- Can I get any supports for my ADHD at this early phase
- Best approaches to effective parental support
- Q&A

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

HSC and Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: Winx Stand, Randwick Racecourse

Date: May 28 to May 30, 2026

The HSC and Careers Expo 2026 is Sydney's longest running education and career event, designed to help high school students, parents, teachers, and jobseekers explore study and employment pathways. It brings together universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers, and career advisers in one location to provide practical information about courses, apprenticeships, and career options. The event aims to support informed decision-making about future study and work choices through exhibits and HSC seminar presentations.

[Find out more](#)

Financial Markets Academy Networking and Information Event with UBS

Organisation: Financial Markets Academy

Location: UBS AG Australia Branch

Date: May 28, 2026

Financial Markets Academy (FINMA) is hosting a Networking and Information Event, offering high school and university students the opportunity to connect with the FINMA team, current FINMA participants, and our sponsor firms. This event provides valuable insights into the FINMA program and the financial services industry, with ample time to ask questions and build meaningful connections.

What to expect:

- Welcome from our Sponsor
- Introduction to FINMA and the program
- Networking session

Please note that spaces are limited, and expressing interest does not guarantee a spot.

Registrations close 18 May.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie Year 12 Early Entry Webinar

Organisation: Macquarie University



Location: Online

Date: June 3, 2026

Year 12 comes with a lot to navigate – ATARs, selection ranks, preferences, early entry, pathways and more!

Before you make decisions, it helps to understand the broader admissions landscape.

Our Year 12 Webinar Series demystifies the mechanics, milestones and misconceptions surrounding uni entry – and outlines practical next steps, whatever stage you're at.

Here's what will be covered in this webinar:

- Macquarie's early entry schemes
- How early entry applications are evaluated
- Characteristics of a strong application
- What happens after an early offer is made
- Live Q&A

[Find out more](#)

Study Advanced Computing at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 3, 2026

From intelligent drones to virtual reality apps, cybersecurity to the Internet of Things, the Bachelor of Advanced Computing will teach you the design principles and programming skills to build the systems behind emerging information technologies with our flexible and innovative degree. Hear from us to learn more. You'll have the opportunity to submit questions live.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Canberra Cyber Security Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: June 3, 2026

The Bachelor of Cyber Security at UNSW Canberra is a future-focused degree informed by critical government and industry skills gaps. You'll graduate ready to make an impact in a constantly evolving cyber security landscape, with the skills and competencies that are in demand across industry, government and Defence.

Being based at UNSW Canberra City places you in the heart of Australia's cyber security sector, providing unique opportunities to connect with industry and build valuable career pathways.

Join us online to hear from current UNSW Canberra students about their experiences studying Cyber Security and how they've navigated their degree, sharing tips to help make your own journey a rewarding one.

You'll also hear from our academic staff and advisers as they discuss the Bachelor of Cyber Security program, including the hands-on learning opportunities, industry mentorships and placements that help prepare students for real-world cyber security challenges. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions during an interactive Q&A panel.

[Find out more](#)

AIE Online Campus Day

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Online

Date: June 6, 2026

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](#)

Discover Western Webinar – For Year 10-12 Students: Pathways, Alternative Entry and Early Offers

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: June 9, 2026

This webinar is aimed at students in Years 10-12. We will explore and explain our HSC True Reward Early Offer Program, Alternative Entry Pathways and more.

[Find out more](#)

Study Interaction Design at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 10, 2026

There is so much more to design beyond websites and apps. But how much do you know about interaction design and the role of designers in today's rapidly evolving digital landscape?

Join this session to explore how the Bachelor of Design (Interaction Design) at Sydney can prepare you to shape the way we experience the world through technology.

[Find out more](#)

UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship Information Webinar

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: Online

Date: June 12, 2026

The UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship provides up to 30 full-time enrolled students approximately \$20,000 per year for the first 3 years of the Western Civilisation program. Students from an Australian state or territory other than Queensland, or from a non-metropolitan region of Queensland may be eligible to receive an additional \$12,000 per year for 3 years.

Learn about the UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship's benefits and eligibility requirements. Join UQ for a webinar to:

- learn more about the scholarship requirements and application dates
- explore UQ's programs in Western Civilisation.

[Find out more](#)

CDW Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: CDW Studios

Location: CDW Studios, Sydney Campus

Date: June 13, 2026

This is your chance to come down and explore our creative space, meet staff and students, and learn more about our programs!

Whether you're an aspiring entertainment design artist or just curious about the world of games,



movies and animation, this is the perfect opportunity to kickstart your career at CDW Studios.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Year 10 Subject Selection Webinar

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Online

Date: June 15, 2026

Choosing the right subjects in Year 10 is an important step towards achieving your future study and career goals.

Join the University of Wollongong (UOW) for a free online event designed to help Year 10 students and their parents make informed subject choices for senior years.

In this session, experts from UOW and the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will cover:

- How subject choices can influence university entry and career pathways
- The importance of prerequisite subjects and assumed knowledge
- Understanding the ATAR and the role of Year 11 results
- Tips for keeping your options open

You'll also have the chance to ask questions during a live Q&A and chat with our team.

[Find out more](#)

Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session

Organisation: Australian Federal Police

Location: Online

Date: June 16, 2026

Gain insights into the role of a protective service officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

[Find out more](#)

Why Study Business at the University of Sydney? Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 17, 2026

Discover how our commerce degree prepares you for the future of work and a wide range of career opportunities. You will learn about the range of study areas (or majors) available – such as marketing, finance, or innovation and entrepreneurship - and the many ways in which you can combine your interests, with over 100 study areas to select from our shared pools of majors and minors.

Find out more about internships, industry-focused experiences, and global mobility opportunities on offer to our Bachelor of Commerce students.

[Find out more](#)

You Can Get In: How to Job Hunt for Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: June 20, 2026

The screen industry recruits through friends and recommendations. The good news about this is that everyone, initially, doesn't know anyone. We'll cover how to create a screen ready CV, the role of crew agencies, credits and how to find work.

[Find out more](#)



UTS Tech Fest

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: University of Technology Sydney, City Campus

Date: June 22 to June 26, 2026

Experience the future of engineering and IT at UTS Tech Festival 2026 - Sydney's annual student-driven tech showcase held on the UTS campus each June.

Now in its fifth year running, Tech Fest is returning with an action-packed calendar filled with showcases, interactive workshops, panel talks, hackathons and real-world tech challenges led by industry leaders.

Whether you're a current Engineering or IT student, industry partner, tech enthusiast, or university student of the future, this year's program has an event for everyone.

[Find out more](#)

Study and Career Options in Occupational Therapy at the University of Sydney – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 24, 2026

Interested in supporting people live a fuller life? Join us for this informative webinar to learn what occupational therapists do, explore the Bachelor of Applied Science (Occupational Therapy) at the University of Sydney, hear about work-based placements and student life, and get guidance on entry pathways. Join us live with the Program Director and get answers in the Q&A.

[Find out more](#)

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: The Dome - Sydney Showground

Date: June 25 to June 27, 2026

The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2026 is Sydney's biggest education and career event, designed to help high school students, parents, teachers, and jobseekers explore study and employment pathways. It brings together universities, TAFEs, training providers, employers, and career advisers in one location to provide practical information about courses, apprenticeships, and career options.

The event aims to support informed decision-making about future study and work choices through exhibits and seminar presentations.

[Find out more](#)

How Computational Mathematics Powers the Modern World – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: June 25, 2026

Since the earliest days of computing in the 1950s, computational mathematics has been quietly reshaping the world around us. From the algorithms that simulate climate and weather to those that enable medical imaging, advances in computational mathematics sit at the heart of modern technologies that define our world today. This talk will illustrate some of the big ideas in computational mathematics, including some of Associate Professor Stuart Hawkins' favourite innovations.

We'll then look at the techniques behind Professor Hawkins' own research on simulating sound and light waves in complex materials and in the atmosphere. Together, these examples reveal how



computational mathematics makes it possible to model the invisible forces that shape our world. *This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.* [Find out more](#)

UOW Open Day 2026, Wollongong

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: University of Wollongong, Wollongong Campus

Date: June 27, 2026

The University of Wollongong (UOW) Open Day is the perfect opportunity to visit our amazing Wollongong campus, speak with our staff and students, and see why UOW is ranked as one of the best universities for student experience.

Whether you are looking at your next steps after Year 12, or you finished school some time ago and are looking for a pathway into university, Open Day is for you.

UOW Open Day also caters to graduates who are considering further study, offering one-on-one consultations with postgraduate course experts. Whatever your education or career goals, our staff are able to answer your questions.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Future Talk for Parents – Early Entry

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Online

Date: June 29, 2026

Year 12 can be a stressful time for students and for the parents and carers supporting them. With big post-school decisions ahead, these sessions are designed to provide clarity, reassurance and practical advice to help you navigate the year with confidence.

Across the program, you'll gain insights into:

- Supporting students through the HSC and common challenges
- Understanding UOW degrees, pathways and study options
- How AI and emerging technologies are shaping degrees, careers and the future workforce
- Navigating university applications, Early Admission and UAC
- Financial planning for university, including scholarships, budgeting and accommodation
- Accessing UOW support services for a smooth transition to university
- Connecting with other parents and carers in a supportive environment

You'll also receive regular emails with practical tips, resources and expert advice to help you and your young person feel informed, prepared and supported throughout Year 12 and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

ACPE Careers in Sport Day

Organisation: Australian College of Physical Education

Location: Australian College of Physical Education

Date: July 3, 2026

For the lovers of sport; ACPE presents you with a day that is packed with information presented by special guest speakers from the sport industry. From education and sport degrees to taking your first steps into the sport industry as your career path, you can immerse yourself in interactive panel discussions and workshops. You'll also have the chance to mingle and network with likeminded individuals, and rub shoulders with professionals working in the sport industry.

Come along and have a great day in the sport hub of Sydney Olympic Park, and take your first steps into a career in sport.



Unlock your access to successful careers in sport:

- Gain invaluable insights from industry professionals
- Discover the range of job opportunities in the sport industry
- Identify the attributes and experiences it takes to be successful in sport
- And much more!

Careers in Sport Day is perfect for:

- Anyone looking to turn their passion for sport into a career
- Year 11 and 12 students
- Career advisors and school teachers

[Find out more](#)

WSU Open Day 2026

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

Date: July 5, 2026

Open Day is coming to Western on Sunday 5 July 2026, from 10am–4pm at our Parramatta South Campus.

Explore your study options, attend course information sessions, and meet our academics and students. Experience uni life and see all that Western has to offer!

Ask questions, see things up close, and get a clear sense of where your next step could take you.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Introduction to SketchUp Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: July 6 to July 8, 2026

Looking to extend your presentation skills? Create detailed 3D models using this intuitive and easy-to-learn program.

Over 3 days you will be introduced to the fundamentals of SketchUp enabling you to create realistic floor plans and 3D models. You'll use the 3D Warehouse, the world's largest online library, to import furniture and lighting.

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU Strathfield: Early Childhood, Primary and TAS Secondary Education

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

Date: July 7, 2026

Are you passionate about making an impact in the lives of young people? Do you want to inspire the next generation through teaching? At ACU, you'll learn how to turn your passion for education into purpose: shaping minds, inspiring curiosity and helping students to thrive.

Join us for Discover Early Childhood, Primary and TAS Secondary Education, an engaging event designed for students in Years 10 – 12 who want to explore a rewarding teaching career. Take part in hands-on workshop, meet our education experts, and find out what it's really like to study teaching at ACU.

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU Strathfield: Exercise and Sports Science and Biomedical Science

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus



Date: July 7, 2026

Are you fascinated by how the human body works, moves and performs? Or curious about the science that helps diagnose disease and improve health?

Come and experience what it's like to study exercise and sports science or biomedical science at ACU. Step inside our specialist biomechanics and human performance laboratory, where you'll see how cutting-edge technology is used to analyse movement, measure force, track motion and understand the science behind athletic performance. You'll also explore how biomedical science students investigate the building blocks of life through biology, chemistry and anatomy, preparing for careers in medical science, research, pathology and health innovation.

Plus, you'll meet our expert academics and hear from current students about where a degree in these fields can take you – from elite sport to research, rehabilitation, medical science and beyond. Open to Year 10 – 12 students, this free event is your chance to explore two exciting science-based study areas at ACU.

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Designer for a Day Workshop for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: July 9, 2026

Curious about what it might be like to work as an Interior Designer? We have developed the perfect one day workshop for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to find out more.

You'll get hands on in our studios experimenting with colour and materials. Find out what it takes to become a professional Interior Designer and understand what an average day looks like on the job! We've included a 3D modelling activity to give you an opportunity to create an interior space.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Dance Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Performing Arts Centre, Alexandria

Date: July 13, 2026

The Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites dancers to experience a dynamic day on campus. Register, bring your friends, and get ready to move.

Throughout the day, you'll take part in a variety of classes led by AMPA's inspiring faculty, offering a glimpse into what it's like to study dance full-time in a professional training environment.

You'll also have the opportunity to attend a Q&A session with the Head of Dance, designed to give aspiring dancers, choreographers, and future educators valuable insight into tertiary study and the pathways it can open. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with our welcoming student community and expert faculty, while experiencing first-hand what it means to be part of AMPA's Bachelor and Associate of Dance programs.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Classical Performance & Composition Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

Date: July 13, 2026

The Academy of Music and Performing Arts is ready to welcome budding performers and composers to our music campus for our Classical Music and Composition Experience Day.

Spend a day on campus at AMPA to learn what studying Classical Music or Composition is like at a tertiary level and to find out how you can benefit from AMPA's elite training as part of our Bachelor or Associate Degree in Music (Performance).



At Experience Day, once you have been given a guided tour of our practice studios and performance spaces, you will have your choice of Classical Music or Composition workshops to attend, the chance to observe Classical Performance Classes, and enjoy relaxed Q&A sessions with our faculty and admissions department, while also connecting with our student body to gain real perspectives on student life at AMPA.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Music Theatre Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

Date: July 15, 2026

Calling all triple threats! While you're waiting for your big break, AMPA is excited to invite passionate performers and theatre makers to our Music Theatre Experience Day.

This is your chance to find out what studying Music Theatre at a pre-professional level looks like, learn what the Music Theatre industry is looking for and to experience the training it takes to become a true triple threat performer within our Bachelor or Associate Degree of Music (Performance).

At Experience Day, you will receive a tour of our music campus and our dedicated performance space, the Tom Mann Theatre, followed by the chance to watch our Music Theatre Performance Class and attend a Music Theatre Workshop as our students prepare their end of trimester showcase. You are also invited to partake in Q&As with our faculty of Music Theatre professionals, our admissions team for information about auditions, and our student body for their perspective on life at AMPA.

[Find out more](#)

AMPA Contemporary Music & Music Production Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Music Campus, Surry Hills

Date: July 16, 2026

Get ready to rock out at AMPA with our Contemporary Music and Music Production Experience Day – whether you're a jazz cat, metalhead or DJ in the making, Experience Day will give you the info you need if you're considering the path of a musician.

Our Bachelor or Associate Degree of Music (Performance) could be the next step in your journey and our Experience Day will be your chance to learn what studying music at a tertiary level looks like and how it can benefit your career.

After a tour of our music studios, recording/editing suites and performance space, you'll get the chance to watch our students in action during Contemporary Performance Class, followed by your choice of either a Performance or Production workshop, with time to have casual Q&As with our industry staff, admissions team and student body about anything from networking and training, auditions or campus life.

[Find out more](#)

Experience Design@Western – Portfolio Day for Year 12 Students, Parents & Teachers

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

Date: July 17, 2026

Mark your calendars! Join us for early entry interviews for the Bachelor of Design 2027, plus studio tours, talks and hands-on workshops for students interested in Graphic design, branding, digital storytelling, UX/UI, photography and motion design

This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 12 students, parents, and teachers to:



- Participate in course entry interviews for early entry offers (September) into the Design program
- Hear from recent graduates
- Meet Design tutors and lecturers
- Check out our facilities
- Take part in hands-on workshops

[Find out more](#)

ACU Guarantee Early Offer and Pathways Webinar (NSW/ACT/QLD)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: July 22, 2026

Learn about ACU's entry and pathway options, including the ACU Guarantee early offer program, key dates and how to apply. Plus, hear from current students about their journeys.

This webinar is for NSW, ACT and Queensland Year 12 students and their parents.

[Find out more](#)

Clean Energy: Why It Matters and What Comes Next – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: July 23, 2026

Clean energy systems such as solar, wind, and biomass are often presented as the answer to climate change. While they aim to reduce pollution, they must also deliver reliable and affordable energy for everyday life, powering homes, transport, and industry without disruption. If clean energy is so promising, why haven't we fully switched to it yet? The answer lies in the practical challenges of performance, safety, and scale that must be solved before new energy technologies can replace the systems we rely on today.

In this talk, Associate Professor Fatemeh Salehi explores how engineering helps address these challenges, turning clean energy ideas into real-world solutions. This talk explains how understanding what affects performance, and identifying safety issues early, can make clean energy systems work at large scale. Through this lens, she provides insight into how research supports the transition from promising concepts to energy solutions that can meet future needs.

This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Blacktown

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Blacktown Campus

Date: July 25, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)



UTAS Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: University of Tasmania

Location: University of Tasmania, Rozelle Campus

Date: July 26, 2026

Going to university is an exciting time. Understanding what to expect and how to navigate this new environment can help you make the most of your experience.

You will have the opportunity to explore our campus, discuss your study options, and discover how studying at the University of Tasmania could be the perfect fit for you.

[Find out more](#)

Parramatta & Hills District Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Wenty Leagues

Date: July 28, 2026

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts.

The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – Uni Life and Making the Most of Your Time at Uni

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: July 28, 2026

University is not all about study! Western has over 130 different clubs and societies you can join to make friends and meet like-minded people. Join our webinar to learn about university life at Western, including clubs and societies, overseas study opportunities, Jobs on Campus, and more.

[Find out more](#)

Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session

Organisation: Australian Federal Police

Location: Online

Date: July 28, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained with ADHD – Webinar for Year 12 Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions with ADHD, which can impact these processes.

We'll cover:

- The ATAR – explained



- What the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) is and who qualifies
- How to apply for EAS and what you will need
- Other bonus points (adjustment factors) on offer
- Important dates and deadlines
- University preference strategies that work
- Early entry options and their benefits

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

AFTRS Open Day 2026

Organisation: Australian Film Television and Radio School

Location: Australian Film Television and Radio School

Date: August 8, 2026

Discover your place in screen and audio storytelling at AFTRS, Australia's national screen and audio school. Join us at our purpose-built campus to explore everything you need to know about studying at AFTRS.

Open Day is designed to give you clear, practical answers as you plan your next steps. Find out more about the application process, scholarships, and career outcomes, and gain insight into where an AFTRS qualification can take you.

On the day, you will be able to explore our campus and experience our facilities firsthand, from industry-standard studios and the tech store to the prop room and Australia's premier audio and screen library. You can also connect with current students and alumni, and speak with our staff for guidance on preparing a strong application.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Wagga Wagga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more](#)

UOW Future Talk for Parents – Financial Considerations, Scholarships, Accommodation, Wellbeing & Support Services

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Online

Date: August 10, 2026



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You'll also receive regular emails with practical tips, resources and expert advice to help you and your young person feel informed, prepared and supported throughout Year 12 and beyond.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie University Open Day 2026

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Open Day is your opportunity to discover everything a Macquarie University education can offer you.

We get to share with you why we're the #1 university in Sydney for teaching quality, as well as showcase our future-focused degrees, cutting-edge facilities, collaborative spaces for learning and leisure, and our stunning green campus.

Come along and find out firsthand how we can help you achieve your career – and your life – aspirations.

What you can do on Open Day:

- Attend info sessions
- Speak 1:1 with our academics
- Learn about our scholarships, adjustment factors, pathways, and RPL (recognition of prior learning) if you've studied before
- Chat to current students
- Join campus and faculty tours
- Engage in faculty-led workshops
- Alumni are welcome back to be a part of Alumni Reunion Day
- Participate in hands-on activities
- Enjoy entertainment and giveaways

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Open Day 2026, Newcastle

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Callaghan & City Campuses

Date: August 15, 2026

Open Day is packed with everything you need to know about going to the University of Newcastle. Participate in degree presentations, info sessions and tours of the campus.

Enjoy a hands-on experience with our program activations, and ask our student ambassadors questions about uni life.

[Find out more](#)



ACAP Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP University College, Sydney Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Ready to turn your passion into a purpose-driven career? ACAP Open Day is your opportunity to discover how our practical, people-focused courses can help you make a real difference – in your community and your life.

Join us on campus this August and experience what makes ACAP different. Whether you're considering counselling, psychology, social work, criminology, law or business, you'll get a firsthand look at the learning, support, and outcomes that set our students up for success.

From expert-led masterclasses and career panels to course advice and campus tours, Open Day is designed to give you the insight and inspiration to take the next step.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Open Day 2026, Sydney

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Sydney Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Whether you're still exploring your study options or you're ready to apply, SAE Open Day is the perfect place to get inspired, get informed, and get hands-on with your creative future.

Join us on campus this August to tour our studios, meet your future mentors, and experience what it's like to study at SAE – the University College built for creators and tech innovators.

Explore your study and career pathways across animation, audio, design, film, games, music, VFX and more. Connect with current students, industry-experienced lecturers, and alumni who've turned their ideas into careers.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Charles Sturt University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Strathfield

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.



Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

La Trobe Open Day 2026, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – Scholarships

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: August 18, 2026

If you're applying to study at university in 2027, you will also want to apply for Scholarships! This webinar will go through the different types of Scholarships available, as well as the application process, and give you tips for writing your Personal Statement.

[Find out more](#)

Why the Honey Bee is Smarter than ChatGPT – Discover Lecture Series with Macquarie

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: August 18, 2026

How smart is the honey bee really? This lecture considers the biological marvel that is the honey bee brain, and the bee mind it supports.

Bees' brains incorporate rapid feedback on their actions, and can quickly learn different types of art, recognise abstract concepts and learn to navigate for kilometres around their hives. Professor Andrew Barron argues the honey bee is significantly smarter than ChatGPT and surpasses the best that contemporary AI has to offer. He will discuss what lessons AI and robotics developers could learn from consideration of the humble bee.

This event is part of Macquarie's [Discover Lecture Series](#), monthly talks suitable for ages 10 and up that offer inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Embracing Our Differences International Art Exhibition

Organisation: Embracing Our Differences



Location: All

Value: US\$2,000

Close Date: July 1, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards for K-12 Students

Organisation: Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Society Inc.

Location: Australia

Value: Up to AU\$1,000

Close Date: June 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Experiences

EnterFinance free course for 16-25 year olds living in Australia

Organisation: EnterFinance

Location: Australia

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

HUMAN SKILLS

How to get better at taking feedback and criticism

Getting feedback at work can feel uncomfortable, even when it's delivered well. For a lot of people, especially early in their working life, hearing that something didn't go to plan or that there's room to improve can feel personal, like a reflection of who you are rather than just how a task went. That's a pretty natural reaction, but it's also one worth learning to work through, because feedback is one of the most useful tools you have for actually getting better at your job.

The good news is that responding to feedback well is a skill, and like any skill, it can be developed with a bit of practice and the right approach.

Receiving critical feedback

Critical feedback is the kind most people find hardest to sit with. It's worth knowing that the discomfort you feel in the moment doesn't mean the feedback is wrong or unfair, it usually just means you care about doing a good job, which is actually a positive thing.

The most important thing you can do when receiving critical feedback is to listen without interrupting. It sounds simple, but the instinct when you feel put on the spot is to start explaining yourself before the other person has finished speaking. Letting them get through what they're saying first, even if it's uncomfortable, means you'll actually hear the full picture rather than just the part that stung.

Once they've finished, it's fine to take a moment before you respond. Acknowledging what's been said without immediately defending yourself goes a long way. Something like "Thanks for letting me know, I'll think about that" is enough to close the conversation professionally while you process what was actually said. You don't have to agree with everything on the spot, and you don't need to have a plan for fixing it within the next thirty seconds.

What matters more is what happens after the conversation. Take a bit of time to sit with the feedback and consider whether it's something you can act on. If you're unsure what was meant or how to actually improve, going back to ask for clarification is completely reasonable. Most managers will respect that more than silence followed by the same issue coming up again.

Acting on critical feedback



Hearing feedback is one thing, doing something with it is another. The gap between the two is where a lot of people get stuck, either because they're not sure what to change or because the discomfort of the original conversation makes them want to avoid thinking about it.

A practical way to approach it is to identify one specific thing you can do differently next time.

Feedback doesn't always come with a clear solution attached, so breaking it down into something concrete and actionable makes it much easier to follow through on. If your manager mentioned that your communication with customers needs work, for example, think about one specific moment in your next shift where you can apply that.

It's also worth checking in after you've made an effort to act on feedback. You don't need to make a big thing of it, but letting your manager know that you took their comments on board and have been working on it shows a level of awareness that tends to get noticed.

Receiving positive feedback

Positive feedback is easier to receive but easier to dismiss, and a lot of people do exactly that.

Deflecting a compliment or brushing off recognition might feel like modesty, but it also means missing out on genuinely useful information about what you're doing well.

When a manager or colleague points out something you've handled well, it's worth taking a moment to actually register it rather than moving past it quickly. Understanding what went right is just as valuable as understanding what didn't, because it tells you what to keep doing. If your manager mentions that you handled a difficult customer really well, that's worth noting, not just as a nice moment but as a signal of a skill you can lean into.

Positive feedback is also a reasonable thing to build on. If someone highlights a strength, it's worth thinking about where else you could apply it, or whether it's something you want to develop further over time.

The bigger picture

Learning to take feedback well, both the critical and the positive kind, is one of those skills that quietly makes everything else easier. It helps you improve faster, builds trust with the people you work with, and makes difficult conversations feel a lot less daunting the more you have them.

Nobody gets it perfectly right every time, but approaching feedback with a degree of openness rather than defensiveness puts you well ahead of where most people start.

For more advice on building skills in the workplace, head to our [Skills for Work](#) section.

FIRST JOBS

How to respond to your boss

Most people starting their first job have never had to think much about how they talk to adults in a professional setting. School gives you some preparation, but a manager is a different dynamic from a teacher, and working out how to communicate with them, what tone to use, and how to handle a difficult moment is something a lot of people quietly find stressful without really admitting it. That's understandable, because nobody really teaches you this stuff directly.

There's no single script for it, and there doesn't need to be. Every workplace has its own culture and every manager is a bit different, but there are some principles that apply broadly enough to give you a solid starting point.

What professional communication actually looks like

The most common misconception is that communicating professionally means being formal or stiff. It doesn't. What it actually means is being clear, being respectful, and following through on what you say you'll do. That standard is well within reach for most people without needing to change who they are or adopt some kind of work persona.

In person, that looks like giving someone your full attention when they're talking to you and



responding directly to what they've asked. If you don't understand something, saying so is always the better move. Asking someone to run through something again isn't a sign that you're struggling, and most managers will appreciate it far more than a guess that goes wrong later. For phone calls, the same thinking applies. Speak clearly, listen carefully, and if you miss something, ask rather than assume.

Written messages

A lot of day-to-day workplace communication now happens over text, email, or some kind of messaging app, and the tone you use in writing carries more weight than it might seem. A message that reads completely fine when you're talking to a friend can come across as dismissive or careless in a work context, not because you meant it that way, but because written messages strip out a lot of the warmth that comes naturally in face-to-face conversation.

The standard to aim for sits somewhere between a text to a mate and a formal letter. Replying to a quick message from your manager doesn't need much, but a one-word reply or leaving something on read without a response can come across as unreliable, even if that wasn't the intention.

Something like "Got it, thanks" or "I'll have that sorted by the end of my shift" is clear and easy to respond to without being stiff or overly formal. For emails, a greeting, a clear message, and a polite sign-off is really all you need. Re-reading before you send is worth getting into the habit of, less for spelling and more for checking that the tone lands the way you intended.

Feedback and mistakes

At some point your manager will give you feedback that isn't entirely positive, and how you respond in that moment tends to say a lot about you as an employee. The instinct for a lot of people is to get defensive, or to go the other way and over-apologise to the point where it becomes its own problem. Listening to what's being said, acknowledging it, and asking what you can do differently is a much more useful response, and it doesn't need to be a big production. Something like "Thanks for letting me know, I'll keep that in mind" is enough in most situations, and it's the kind of response that people in more senior roles tend to remember.

Making mistakes is inevitable, especially when you're new to something, and the way you handle them matters more than the mistake itself. Flagging something early, letting your manager know what happened and what you're doing to fix it, is almost always better received than hoping nobody notices.

When you're unsure

There will be plenty of moments early on where you genuinely don't know what to do, and that's a completely normal part of starting out. The best time to ask a question is before you start a task rather than halfway through, and if you do get stuck, checking in is always better than pushing forward and guessing. Most managers would far rather answer a quick question upfront than deal with something that went sideways because nobody asked.

It gets easier

Like most things, professional communication gets more natural the more you do it. The goal isn't to sound like someone you're not, it's just to be someone your manager can rely on to be clear, responsive, and respectful, and that's something most people grow into pretty quickly once they're in the swing of a role.

For more advice on navigating your first job, head to our [First Jobs section](#).

Common job titles for young people and what they actually mean

When you're searching for your first job, it's easy to feel like the listings are written in another language. Titles don't always tell you what a role actually involves day to day, and two jobs with completely different names might turn out to be almost identical in practice. On top of that, the



same job can go by several different titles depending on the employer, which makes it even harder to know what you're actually applying for.

Understanding what these titles mean, and what to expect from them, makes the whole process a lot less daunting. Here are some of the most common ones you're likely to come across.

Casual, part-time, and full-time: what's the difference?

Before getting into specific titles, it's worth knowing that most job listings will also tell you the type of employment on offer. You might see a role listed as "Casual Sales Assistant" or "Part-Time Crew Member," for example. These aren't just descriptions of how much you'll work; they affect your pay rate, your entitlements, and how much flexibility you'll have.

In short, casual roles offer more flexibility but less job security, part-time roles give you set hours each week with more stability, and full-time roles are your standard working week. We have a [full article](#) on this that goes into much more detail.

Hospitality

Hospitality is one of the most common industries for young people entering the workforce. The hours are often flexible, the roles are usually entry-level, and the skills you build, such as communication, time management, and working under pressure, carry over into almost any other industry.

Crew Member

This is one of the most common titles you'll see if you're applying to fast food or quick service restaurants. A Crew Member handles a mix of tasks depending on where they're rostered on a given shift. That could mean taking orders at a counter or drive-through, preparing food, keeping the workspace clean, or helping customers with their orders. The role moves quickly, so being able to stay organised and work as part of a team matters a lot. The title varies between employers; some use Team Member, Service Crew, or simply Team Associate, but the role is largely the same.

Barista

A Barista prepares and serves espresso coffee and other hot and cold beverages, typically in a café, coffee shop, or restaurant setting. If you've ever been handed a perfectly made flat white, a Barista made it. The role usually also involves taking orders, handling payments, and keeping the café area clean and stocked. Some cafés will train you from scratch; others prefer applicants who already have some experience. If you're keen to get into this space, a short barista course can help you stand out.

Wait Staff / Waiter / Waitperson

These titles all refer to the same role: someone who takes food and drink orders from customers, delivers them to tables, and makes sure the dining experience runs smoothly. Wait Staff are the main point of contact between the kitchen and the customer, so being friendly and attentive is a big part of the job. The title changes depending on the venue, with some using Floor Staff or Service Staff instead.

Other common hospitality titles:

- **Kitchen Hand:** assists kitchen and service staff with food preparation and cooking, and keeps food prep and service areas clean.
- **Bar Attendant:** prepares and serves alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks to customers in licensed venues such as bars, pubs, and clubs.
- **Food and Beverage Attendant:** a broader title that covers serving food and drinks across different venue types, often used in hotels, sporting venues, and event spaces.
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Retail

Retail is another industry where a huge number of young people find their first jobs. Like hospitality, it builds a strong set of transferable skills and tends to offer flexible hours that work around school or study.

Sales Assistant

This is probably the most common retail title you'll come across. A Sales Assistant helps customers find what they're looking for, answers questions about products, processes payments, and keeps the shop floor tidy and well-stocked. The role sits at the front line of the customer experience, so being approachable and having good product knowledge matters. Some employers use Retail Assistant or Store Assistant instead, but the day-to-day is usually very similar.

Customer Service Representative

This title can appear in retail but also in call centres, banks, and service-based businesses. A Customer Service Representative is focused specifically on helping customers, whether that's answering questions, processing transactions, handling complaints, or directing people to the right place. In a retail setting, this role sometimes sits separately from sales and is more about problem-solving than selling. In a call centre context, most of the work happens over the phone or via online chat.

Other common retail titles:

- **Visual Merchandiser:** arranges products and displays to make the store look appealing and encourage sales, often a more senior or specialised role.
- **Checkout Operator / Cashier:** processes customer purchases at a register or self-service terminal.
- **Stock Assistant / Storeperson:** manages inventory, unpacks deliveries, and keeps shelves stocked and organised.

Other industries

Young people aren't limited to hospitality and retail, and plenty of entry-level roles exist across other sectors too.

- **Administration Assistant:** provides general office support such as answering phones, managing emails, scheduling appointments, and handling paperwork.
- **Childcare Assistant:** supports qualified educators in looking after and engaging young children in a childcare or early learning setting.
- **Labourer:** carries out physical tasks on construction sites, in warehouses, or in outdoor settings, often as a support role to tradespeople or site supervisors.
- **Delivery Driver:** transports goods or food orders from one location to another, usually requiring a valid licence.

A note on job titles varying between employers

It's worth knowing that the same job can go by several different names depending on where you're applying. One supermarket might call the role Checkout Operator while another uses Customer Service Team Member. A café might advertise for a Barista while another lists the same position as a Coffee Specialist or Café Attendant.

When you're reading job listings, look past the title and focus on the responsibilities listed in the description. That's where you'll find out what the role actually involves day to day, and whether it's a good fit for you.

Where to from here?



Now that you've got a clearer picture of what these titles mean, you're in a better position to find roles that suit you and apply with confidence. Head to our [First Jobs](#) section for more advice on writing your resume, preparing for interviews, and everything else that comes with starting out in the workforce.

UNIVERSITY

5 tips for open day success

Open days are one of the best ways to explore your future education options and get a first-hand experience of what each university has to offer. With so much happening in a single day, it's important to plan ahead to make sure you don't miss anything important.

Let's look at how you can make the most of upcoming open days with these 5 tips.

What are open days?

University open days are special events where institutions throw open their doors to prospective students and their families. It's your chance to explore the campus, meet the teaching staff, and get a real taste of what studying there might be like.

Most universities hold these events once or twice a year, and the best part is - apart from any food or drinks you buy - they're completely free!

Top tips for open day success

With so much packed into a single day, it's important to plan ahead to make sure you don't miss out. Here are our top tips to get the most out of your open day visits.

Plan ahead

A little bit of preparation can make a huge difference to what you get out of open days.

Since there are bound to be conflicting dates, we don't recommend trying to visit more than one university per day. Instead, spend some time researching the courses you're interested in to decide which open days are must-attend events.

Once you've made your choices:

- Register for the events you want to attend
- Add the dates and directions to your calendar
- Download or print the open day programs
- Research parking options or plan your public transport route
- Consider asking a friend or family member to come along for support

Make sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes - you'll be doing plenty of walking as you explore the campus.

It's also worth having a map app ready on your phone to help you navigate between different buildings and sessions.

Talk to everyone you can

There'll be loads of people available to help at open days, including lecturers, current students, and other staff members. They're there specifically to answer your questions and help you understand your options.

Try to find the lecturers and faculty staff you might be studying with and ask them about their courses. Here are some key questions to consider:

- What are the core units and available majors?
- How is the course taught and assessed?
- What are the job outcomes like for graduates?
- Are there internship or work experience opportunities?
- What support services are available if you need help?



Current students, on the other hand, can give you the inside scoop on what university life is really like. They can tell you everything from where to find the best coffee to tips for balancing study and part-time work.

Don't be shy about asking questions - everyone remembers what it was like to be new and uncertain and are more than happy to help.

Make time to explore

Open days are your chance to really get a feel for where you might be studying. Take time between scheduled sessions to explore the campus and its facilities.

Most universities will offer guided campus tours, which are a great way to see everything without worrying about getting lost.

Make sure to check out:

- The libraries and study spaces
- Lecture theatres and labs
- Student common areas
- Cafes and food outlets
- Sports facilities and gyms

It's also worth exploring the surrounding area to get a sense of where you might be living and studying. Look for accommodation options, public transport connections, and local shops and cafes.

Compare your options

Even if you're pretty certain about which university you want to attend, we recommend visiting at least two or three different open days. This helps you make a more informed decision and might open your eyes to possibilities you hadn't considered.

Think about creating a simple checklist of what's most important to you in a university. You could include things like:

- Course content and teaching style
- Campus atmosphere
- Location and transport options
- Available facilities
- Support services
- Social life and clubs

Remember, you'll be spending several years and a significant amount of money on your university education, so it's important to feel confident about your choice.

Enjoy the experience

Most importantly, open days are meant to be fun! Universities usually put on entertainment, provide free food and drinks, and run competitions with great prizes. Take the time to soak up the atmosphere and see if you can picture yourself as part of the university community.

We suggest you use the day to:

- Meet other potential students
- Try out any hands-on activities or workshops
- Collect information about clubs and societies
- Sample the campus food
- Get a real feel for university life

Open days are by far the best way to find out if a university is going to be a good match for you. Take advantage of everything on offer and don't be afraid to ask questions - everyone is there to help you make the right choice for your future.

How do I know if this uni is right for me?



Open days aren't just about collecting information, they're about working out whether a university feels like the right fit for you.

As you explore, try to pay attention to more than just the course details. Notice how the campus feels, how easy it is to get around, and whether the environment suits the way you like to study. Think about practical factors too, like travel time, facilities, and where you'd spend most of your day. It can also help to compare what you see with your expectations. Does the teaching style match what you're looking for? Do the spaces feel like somewhere you could realistically spend several years? Can you picture yourself there day to day?

You don't need to have everything decided on the spot, but open days are a chance to gather impressions as well as information. Sometimes your overall sense of a place can be just as important as the details you write down.

Ready to explore?

Whether you're just starting to think about university or you've already got your heart set on a particular course, open days are a great opportunity to help you make informed decisions about your future.

The more open days you attend, the better equipped you'll be to choose the right path for you - hopefully these tips can help you make the most of each event.

Want an easy way to find upcoming open days? [Take a look at our open day calendar here.](#)

PATHWAYS

The difference between skills, qualifications, and experience

The terms "skills", "qualifications", and "experience" often appear frequently in job advertisements, school career advice, and workplace discussions. They're often grouped together, which can make them seem interchangeable, but in practice, each one refers to a different aspect of your readiness for work.

Being able to distinguish between them makes it easier to interpret job descriptions, identify suitable opportunities, and understand what may be required at different stages of your career.

What are skills?

Skills refer to the abilities you use to complete tasks. They can often be applied across different roles and situations. Examples include:

- Communicating clearly
- Solving problems
- Working as part of a team
- Managing time effectively
- Using specific tools or technology

Some skills are technical, meaning they serve a specific purpose, such as operating machinery or using software. Others are [transferable](#), meaning they're useful in many different jobs, like being able to think critically or make decisions under pressure.

The best part is you can usually build skills with no formal training. They can be developed through school, part-time work, extracurricular activities, and even everyday responsibilities - in fact, you've probably already built several skills without even realising.

What are qualifications?

Qualifications are formal recognitions of learning or training. They're usually awarded after completing a course, assessment, or certification process, and include things like:

- High school certificates
- Vocational qualifications
- University degrees



- [Microcredentials](#)
- Industry certifications or licences

Qualifications show that you've met a specific standard or completed structured learning. In some careers, they're required before you can begin work.

What's experience?

Experience refers to practical involvement in a task, role, or environment. It's based on what you've done rather than what you've studied, and often comes from applying your skills and qualifications in different situations. Examples include:

- Working in a part-time job
- Volunteering or doing unpaid work
- Completing work experience
- Participating in projects or competitions

Experience helps build familiarity with real world situations. It also shows employers how you can apply your skills in practice.

How they work together

While these three areas are connected, they're not interchangeable. While experience can sometimes be used as a way into a job instead of a qualification, that isn't always the case.

Remember:

- Skills describe what you can do
- Qualifications show what you've learned
- Experience shows how you can apply your skills and qualifications

For example, you might learn communication skills by studying English at school, head to university to gain a qualification in marketing, and build experience by working part-time in a retail role. Each element adds a different layer of capability, as well as being useful for different things.

Why employers consider all three

Employers often look for a combination of skills, qualifications, and experience because each provides different information.

- Skills indicate potential and capability
- Qualifications show a level of knowledge or training
- Experiences demonstrate practical application of your skills and qualifications

The balance between these will vary depending on the role. Entry-level jobs usually place more emphasis on skills and attitude, while specialised roles often require specific qualifications or prior experience.

What job requirements are really saying

When job advertisements list skills, qualifications, and experience, they're not simply presenting separate checkboxes. They're describing the level of readiness expected for the role and the type of contribution required.

In most cases, these requirements are used to signal three things:

What the role involves day to day

The skills listed often reflect the actual tasks involved in the job. For example, communication skills may indicate frequent interaction with customers, while teamwork suggests coordination with others during shared tasks or shifts.

What level of preparation is needed

Qualifications tend to indicate how much structured learning or formal training is expected before



someone can perform safely or effectively in the role. Some positions require specific credentials, while others only require basic completion of schooling.

How quickly someone can adapt to the role

Experience is typically used to indicate familiarity with similar environments. When experience is listed as desirable or required, it usually reflects the need for someone who can adjust quickly with minimal training.

Taken together, these requirements are less about excluding applicants and more about describing the starting point for success in the role. They help set expectations for both the employer and the applicant about what's needed to perform well from the beginning.

Building each area over time

These areas develop at different stages. Skills can be built early through school and everyday activities; qualifications are gained through formal study; experience grows through exposure to real work environments.

Progress in one area often supports the others. For example, gaining experience can strengthen your skills, while completing a qualification can create new opportunities to apply them.

Where to focus first

When you're just starting out, you won't be expected to have all three areas fully developed from day one.

Focusing on building strong foundational skills and gaining basic experience is often the most practical starting point. The best part is you can start doing both while still at school, so by the time you're ready to enter the job market, you'll already have some skills and experience under your belt. Qualifications can then be added based on career direction and interest. Often you'll end up studying because it's required for the job you want, or because it adds extra credibility to your job applications.

It's a lifelong effort

The most important thing to remember is that you can [always keep building](#) new skills, qualifications, and experiences - and they don't all need to be done at the same time.

Whether it's taking on a new role in your job, going back to study for a career change, or picking up a new hobby just for fun, there are plenty of opportunities out there to keep growing and learning.

If you want to explore more about skills and careers, [we have plenty of other blogs and resources for you to check out.](#)

JOBS & CAREERS

Careers that keep cities running

Cities rely on systems that operate continuously, often without being noticed. Transport, utilities, emergency response, and infrastructure all function through coordinated effort. Behind each of these systems are careers that make daily life possible.

Understanding these roles highlights career pathways that are practical, stable, and closely connected to how communities function. So let's take a look at some potential pathways and see if there's one that might suit you.

The systems behind your city

A city operates through several interconnected systems. Each one serves a specific purpose, but none of them work in isolation. They include things like:

- Transport networks that manage movement
- Utilities that supply essential services, like water and power



- Emergency services that respond to risk and disruption
- Infrastructure that supports buildings, roads, and public spaces

When one system fails, the impact is immediate, try to imagine what you would do if you no longer had running water in your house, or called for an ambulance but nobody showed up. Let's take a look at these systems in more detail.

Transport and logistics

Transport systems are responsible for moving people and goods efficiently across a city. Roles in this area include:

- Train and bus drivers
- Traffic controllers
- Logistics coordinators

These careers focus on timing, coordination, and flow. Delays or disruptions can affect large numbers of people, which means precision and consistency are important.

Utilities

Utilities provide the services that allow a city to function on a basic level. Careers in this area include:

- Electricians
- Plumbers
- Water treatment operators
- Waste management workers

Work in these roles involves maintaining systems, identifying faults, and ensuring services continue without interruption.

Healthcare and emergency services

Emergency and healthcare services deal with situations that require immediate action. Examples include:

- Paramedics
- Nurses
- Firefighters
- Police officers

These roles are structured around clear procedures and rapid decision-making. They require the ability to act under pressure while maintaining accuracy.

Construction and infrastructure

Infrastructure shapes how a city develops and how it adapts over time. Relevant careers include:

- Builders and tradespeople
- Civil engineers
- Urban planners

These roles involve designing, constructing, and maintaining the physical environment. Decisions made in this area have long-term effects on how people live and move within a city.

What these careers have in common

Although these roles differ in function, they share several key characteristics:

- Work is structured and process-driven
- Responsibilities are clearly defined
- Tasks contribute directly to system performance
- Outcomes are often measurable and immediate

This makes them well suited to people who prefer practical, outcome-focused work.



Pathways into a career in your city

There is no single pathway into roles that support city systems. Entry points vary depending on the type of work, the level of responsibility, and the skills required.

Here are some common options you might like to consider.

Apprenticeships

Many trade-based roles, such as electricians and plumbers, are entered through apprenticeships. These combine paid work with structured training, allowing skills to be developed on the job while working towards a qualification.

Vocational education and training

TAFE and other training providers offer vocational courses for technical and operational roles. These pathways are often more practical in focus and can lead directly into employment in areas such as utilities, community services, or logistics.

University pathways

Some roles require formal qualifications at a university level. Careers such as civil engineering, urban planning, and certain healthcare professions involve academic study followed by professional training or registration.

Entry-level roles

In some areas, it is possible to begin in an entry-level position and develop skills over time. For example, many [local councils](#) offer internal training and advancement based on performance and experience.

Licences and certifications

Certain roles require specific licences or certifications, such as operating heavy vehicles, working in regulated environments, or meeting safety standards. These are often completed alongside other training pathways.

This range of options allows you to choose a pathway that aligns with how you prefer to learn, whether that's through hands-on experience, structured study, or a combination of both.

An interconnected city

Cities function through coordination rather than visibility. Many of these roles operate in the background, but if they no longer existed it would have a huge impact.

Careers that keep cities running offer a direct connection between work and real-world outcomes. They provide an opportunity to contribute to systems that people rely on every day, often without realising it.

If you want to explore more career and pathway options, [check out some of the other blogs and resources on our website](#).

JOB SPOTLIGHTS

How to become a Textile Designer

Textile designers create fabrics and materials for fashion, interiors, and industrial applications, selecting fibres, weaves, dyes, and finishes that meet both performance and aesthetic requirements. They work at the intersection of creativity and technical knowledge, developing textiles that need to look right, feel right, and increasingly, do less harm to the environment.

Some people are drawn to this career for the artistry, others for the problem-solving. If you love colour and texture, enjoy working with your hands as much as your imagination, and want a career where creative and technical thinking go hand in hand, textile design could be the right direction for



you.

What skills do I need as a Textile Designer?

- Curious & creative
- Strong colour & pattern sense
- Technical drawing ability
- Knowledge of fibres & materials
- Trend research skills
- Collaborative & communicative
- Detail-oriented
- Digitally & manually skilled

What do Textile Designers do?

Before a new fabric reaches production, you've already put significant work into understanding what it needs to achieve. You research trends in fashion, interiors, or industry to identify what materials are needed and what directions design is moving in. You'll look at colour forecasts, study emerging sustainable fibres, and gather references that inform the direction of a new collection or material range. This research phase shapes everything that comes after it.

Day to day, your work moves between hand and screen. You might be sketching pattern repeats, testing yarn combinations, or working in design software to develop digital prints and weave structures. You'll select and test fibres and yarns for specific qualities such as durability, drape, or dye uptake, and create sample swatches that bring your ideas into physical form. Collaboration is central to the role. You'll work closely with fashion designers, product developers, and manufacturers to make sure your designs are not only beautiful but also technically viable and cost-effective to produce.

Periodically, you'll present design concepts to clients or internal teams, refine work based on feedback, and manage the handover of technical files and specifications to production. Some Textile Designers specialise in a particular area such as printed textiles, woven structures, sustainable or recycled materials, or performance fabrics for sport and industry. Building depth in one area can open up specialist roles in a growing range of industries.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Textile Designers work for fashion labels, homewares and interiors brands, fabric mills, design studios, and industrial manufacturers. Some work in-house as part of a design team, while others work freelance, taking on projects across multiple clients and industries. The role can also exist within larger retail businesses and product development companies that manage their own ranges. The field is global in nature, and designers often work with manufacturers and suppliers located overseas.

The role is generally studio-based, with average hours for those in salaried positions. Freelancers may experience more variable schedules depending on project deadlines and client demands. Collection deadlines and production timelines can create pressure at certain points in the year, particularly in fashion, where seasonal cycles drive the pace of work. Outside of those peaks, the role tends to offer a good degree of flexibility.

The work is creative and largely sedentary, though sampling and prototyping involve hands-on activity. The field itself is small, which means competition for roles can be strong, particularly in fashion. Salaries are generally average, though freelance income can vary significantly. The field has moderate growth overall, with the strongest opportunities emerging in sustainable textiles, technical fabrics, and materials innovation, areas where demand for skilled designers is increasing.

How to become a Textile Designer



- **Study textile or fashion design:** A degree or diploma in textile design, fashion design, or a related creative field is the typical starting point. Look for programs that include both studio practice and technical training, covering areas like weave structures, dye processes, pattern making, and design software. A strong portfolio developed during your studies will be essential for entering the field.
- **Build your technical skills:** Alongside your design eye, employers look for practical technical knowledge. Develop your proficiency in industry-standard design software, and spend time working with physical materials to understand how different fibres and constructions behave. The ability to move fluently between hand skills and digital tools makes you significantly more versatile.
- **Develop your portfolio:** Your portfolio is your primary tool for finding work. Build it throughout your studies with a range of projects that demonstrate both your creative range and your technical ability. Include design development work, not just finished pieces, so potential employers can see how you think and problem-solve.
- **Seek out industry experience:** Work experience with a design studio, fashion label, or fabric supplier gives you insight into how the industry actually operates and helps you build the professional connections that matter in a relatively small field. Many designers find their first roles through contacts made during study or work experience.

From here, you could progress to senior designer or design director roles, develop a freelance practice working across multiple clients, start your own label or studio, or specialise in a growing area such as sustainable textiles, technical performance fabrics, or biomaterials, a field that is attracting increasing interest and investment.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as a Textile Designer, here are some practical steps:

- Start experimenting with fabric, thread, and dye at home or through school art and textiles classes to develop your hand skills and build an early understanding of how different materials behave
- Study colour, pattern, and design by visiting galleries, following textile designers and sustainable fashion labels online, and keeping a visual journal of references that interest you
- Look for local workshops, community arts organisations, or maker spaces that run sessions in weaving, printing, or surface design, as hands-on experience with real materials is one of the best ways to find out if this field suits you

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