

Careers Newsletter

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JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

To register go to https://www.jobjump.com.au/

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

Parent information: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange | Information Webinar

5 December 2019, 6:00 pm

Online

At SCCE, we understand that there is a lot to consider when going on exchange. We are happy to offer our free monthly webinars which not only guide you through your program options, offer information about some of our incredible destinations while explaining your scholarship options, but also give you the opportunity to interact with members of our team and ask any questions you may have online.

Find out more: https://www.thisisscce.com/learn-more/exchange-webinars/

SCU | Options Days

Lismore Campus: 17 December 2019, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Coffs Harbour Campus: 17 December 2019, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Whether you are about to graduate from high school, have taken a gap year, or are looking to change careers, we have an entry option to suit you.

Come along to Options Day to receive personalised advice, explore the campus and find answers to your questions.

At Options Day we can discuss your high school results, degree or pathway options, explain how to apply and answer any questions you might have.

Your pathway options:

- ATAR/OP Direct entry based on your results.
- Transition to Uni If you didn't get the marks you were hoping for, Transition to Uni offers an alternative pathway. The six-week intensive program is delivered over the summer break so you can start your degree at the beginning of the year.
- Preparing for Success at SCU Program (PSP) This flexible, fee-free course is open to Australian residents over the age of 18, you can study on campus or online. This program will provide you with the skills you need to succeed at university.

 Special admission schemes – Designed to assist applicants who have been disadvantaged during Years 11 and/or 12 or equivalent but have good academic potential.

Find out more: https://www.scu.edu.au/discover/

UNSW | Info Night, Parramatta

18 December 2019, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Novotel Sydney Parramatta, Church Street

UNSW is coming to you in Parramatta!

Join us for our Info Night in Parramatta, where you'll be able to speak with UNSW staff and current students to find out about degrees and faculties, your transition to uni, and how you can shape your university experience.

You'll also have the opportunity to get customised advice about preferencing, offer rounds, pathways, alternative entry and adjustment factors.

Find out more: https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/unsw-info-nights-parramatta

UNSW | Info Night, Chatswood

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The Concourse, Victoria Avenue

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<u>Student Exchange Australia New Zealand | LIVE Online Info Session</u>

30 January 2020, 5:30 pm

Online

The LIVE Online Info Session is conducted by a senior member of our staff using a service which allows us to meet online or over the telephone. You will be able to meet our representative over a video internet connection, ask any questions and watch a presentation.

Our LIVE online session will cover the following topics.

- Introduction to Student Exchange, the regulatory environment & benefits
- Program options, destinations & eligibility
- Safety and Wellbeing, our support system & where you will stay
- Money Matters, including available discounts & scholarships
- Deadlines & how to apply
- Why choose Student Exchange?

Find out more: https://studentexchange.org.au/info-sessions/live-online/

ANU Virtual Open Day

Did you know that ANU has a virtual open day platform that can be accessed at anytime from anywhere?

Register for immediate 24/7 access to exclusive content about ANU. Learn all about:

- How to apply
- Course info
- Campus accommodation
- Studying abroad
- Hands-on experience

• Student support services and more.

You can check it out here: https://virtualopenday.anu.edu.au/

iCanMed | Free UCAT Workshops

Central Sydney: 15 December 2019, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm **Western Sydney:** 15 December 2019, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Medical and dental schools are continually finding new ways to identify the candidates who are most likely to become successful health professionals in the future. The UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) is the latest addition to the selection process used by thirteen universities in Australia and New Zealand. Some universities weight your UCAT score just as heavily as your ATAR when deciding on final offers, while others won't even give you an interview offer unless you achieved a UCAT score in the top 10% of the cohort. This means that doing well in the UCAT is a make-or-break for prospective candidates. This workshop will address all the must-know information you need to effectively prepare for the UCAT. If you want to receive the insights, experience and expertise that will help you get ahead of the competition, this is a workshop that you cannot afford to miss. In this 3-hour workshop, we will:

- Discuss the methods/formulas that medical and dental schools use to select top candidates
- Highlight all of the critical mistakes that students made when preparing for and sitting the 2019 UCAT
- Offer game-changing strategies that helped almost 400 iCanMed students score
 3000+ (96th percentile or above) on the 2019 UCAT
- Sit a mini mock exam that contains questions with the same difficulty, format and style as those found in the official 2019 UCAT
- Teach the correct methods to solve major Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 question types, with a focus on achieving top speeds without compromising accuracy

Register for Central Sydney: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/free-ucat-workshop-central-syd-repeat-how-to-score-3000-96th-percentile-on-the-ucat-exam-tickets-80602675773
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Whitehouse Institute of Design | Image Styling & Photography Workshop

20 January 2020, 10:00 am - 24 January 2020, 3:00 pm

Whitehouse Institute of Design

Immerse yourself in the creative experience of learning photography as Whitehouse introduces "Photography and Creative direction". You will learn fundamental aspects of a professional shoot and image styling through an intimate and hands-on approach. Initial concept development through to final shooting will all be covered.

Students will be engaged to conceive and showcase their creative potential within the contexts of fashion, food, and still life photography for the magazine and advertising industries.

Find out more: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/image-styling-photography-workshop-summer-workshop-5-days-20-hours-sydney-campus-tickets-66150486887

Centrelink Relocation Scholarship

Value: Variable

Open/Closing Dates: November 1, 2019 - December 31, 2020

If you have to live away from your family home to study at University you may be able to get additional financial help through the Relocation Scholarship.

You must do 1 of the following:

- move to or from a <u>regional or remote area</u> in Australia to study
- do approved study overseas for your Australian course

• do an approved <u>regional placement</u>.

You must get at least \$1 of any of these payments:

- Youth Allowance as a student
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance, or
- Energy Supplement

Find out more

WSU Liverpool City Council Equity Scholarship

Value: \$2,000

Open/Closing Dates: August 10, 2019 - March 20, 2020

This scholarship assists disadvantaged students to study any undergraduate degree in the School of Nursing and Midwifery or School of Social Sciences and Psychology at the Liverpool campus.

Applicants must:

- be Australian citizens or permanent residents
- receive an offer to study or be currently enrolled in any undergraduate degree in the School of Nursing and Midwifery or School of Social Sciences and Psychology at the Liverpool campus
- demonstrate equity considerations such as economic, social or other disadvantage, based on <u>equity considerations</u> as assessed by the University

Find out more

UON LGBTQIA+ Shaping Futures Scholarship

Value: \$4,000

Open/Closing Dates: October 1, 2019 – March 6, 2020

The Shaping Futures Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 with the aim of helping those students who are most in need. The LGBTQIA+ Shaping Futures Scholarship hopes to support a student who identifies as LGBTQIA+ and who is managing study alongside personal circumstances

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in any year of an undergraduate degree program at UON.
- Be enrolled full-time.
- Demonstrate academic progress either by the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent required for entry for commencing students, or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0 for continuing students.
- Demonstrate impact of personal circumstances, such as carer, sole parent, financial hardship, English language difficulty, Indigenous Australian, long term medical condition or effects of abuse, disability, refugee status, regional/remote disadvantage.
- Identify as LGBTQIA+
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Not be the recipient of another UON Donor-funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.

Find out more

UON Friends of the University Lorna George Memorial Scholarship

Value: \$4,000

Open/Closing Dates: October 1, 2019 – March 6, 2020

Lorna's discipline was in social work, which she was very passionate about. If is for this reason that the Friends of the University wish to honour her memory by establishing this scholarship in this area of study.

To be eligible to apply for this scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled in 1st year of the Bachelor of Social Work (Hons) program at UON.
- Be enrolled full-time.
- Demonstrate academic achievement either by an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or equivalent of 75 or higher for commencing students, or a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 5.0 for continuing students.
- Demonstrate impact of personal circumstances, such as carer, sole parent, financial hardship, English language difficulty, Indigenous Australian, long term medical condition or effects of abuse, disability, refugee status, regional/remote disadvantage.
- Not have previously received this scholarship.
- Not be the recipient of another UON Donor funded or sponsored scholarship concurrently.
- Be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident.

Find out more

UNE William McIlrath Rural Scholarship

Value: \$10,000

Open/Closing Dates: November 1, 2019 – January 1, 2020

The William McIlrath Rural Scholarship is established to encourage and assist rural and regional students to undertake a full-time undergraduate degree at the University of New England.

Who can apply?

- The applicant must be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident as defined by the Commonwealth
- Open to applicants who are completing Year 12 and gap year/s students who are commencing university study for the first time
- An ATAR of at least 86.3 is required
- The applicant's residential address must be either regional or remote as defined by the Government Remoteness Tool
- The applicant is enrolling in any of the following UNE Schools: School of Science and Technology, School of Environmental and Rural Science, School of Rural Medicine, School of Health, School of Education, School of Law and UNE Business School.

Find out more

<u>Digital Service Representative Traineeship</u>

Service NSW are seeking passionate and customer-focused applicants to undertake Digital Service Representative Traineeships in their Lismore office. There are potentially two positions available, with one Indigenous Identified position, for highly-motivated candidates to join their team.

You will complete a Certificate III Customer Engagement over 12 months through a combination of formal training with a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and practical on-the-job experience with the Service NSW.

Applications are open until Tuesday 10 December.

Find out more and apply here: http://jobs.hvtc.com.au/job/job details.cfm?id=458522

Indigenous Designer Traineeship

Under their Indigenous Workforce Services program, along with one of their clients, Programmed Training Services are seeking candidates of Aboriginal descent who have a passion and interest in design and drawing or working in an office environment.

During the Traineeship you will gain skills, knowledge and an understanding of the specific job role and be trained by qualified professionals, as well as earning a nationally recognised qualification.

Find out more and apply here: https://www.jobs.programmed.com.au/apprenticeships-and-traineeships-jobs/draftsperson-traineeship/2819913

Greencross Vet Nurse Internship Program

Greencross Vets' Nurse Internship program offers challenging and rewarding opportunities to launch your veterinary career.

Combining your study with a professional internship at Greencross Vets is a great way to gain real-life work experience and expand your veterinary skills. The Internship includes:

- Allows candidates to work towards achieving a Certificate II in Animal Studies
- Provides an accelerated program that can be completed over 6 months
- Comprehensive induction process with Internship Program Coordinator
- Support network of an experienced mentor and dedicated veterinary team
- Guaranteed clinic placement for practical skills and experience, completing 240 hours of voluntary placement across 30 work placement days
- Certificate of completion
- Theory based learning (including online workshops)

The internship is available in clinics across New South Wales, Victoria, Australia Capital Territory, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland.

Find out more here: https://www.greencrossvets.com.au/careers-veterinarian-aspx/careers-2/careers-internship-overview-aspx/

Bond University Student for a Semester

Are you an ambitious Year 11 or 12 high school student living on the Gold Coast, Brisbane or Northern NSW?

Bond University's Student for a Semester program gives high achieving year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to gain an authentic university experience before they finish high school.

Student for a Semester students enrol in a Bond University subject, attend lectures and tutorials on campus, complete assignments and sit their subject exams.

You'll be mixing with uni students, meeting academics and getting involved in university life. You're welcome to use the Main and Law Libraries and can socialise in the on-campus cafes and restaurants.

Applications for the January 2020 semester close on Thursday 5 December.

Find out more and apply here: https://bond.edu.au/future-students/study-bond/see-yourself/student-semester

Changed your mind? No problem, change your preferences

Applying to uni has been designed to be a flexible system (within reason). Universities and admission centres recognise entering into tertiary studies is a big decision and people change their minds for all kinds of reasons.

It happens and it's no big deal, with just a little bit of time and effort you can easily get back on track.

Before you get your ATAR

Maybe you submitted your uni application in a hurry and didn't give much thought to the order of your preferences.

Have you done a bit more research and found a different course that would suit you better, or read up on one of the courses you'd already chosen but decided that's the one you'd **really** like to study?

Perhaps a change of circumstances has meant you'll need to rethink where you'll be able to go to uni.

Whatever the reason, you can reorder your preferences any time. You'll need the login and use the password you created when you originally applied, so dig those out and hop online to see what you need to do next.

If you're having any trouble give the relevant admissions centre a call, or if you're changing a direct entry application, contact the university directly – speak to the admissions team, they'll know how to help.

Use the window between ATAR release date and offers rounds

The whole results-to-offers process moves quite quickly, so if you're thinking you might want (or have) to change your preferences then keep reading...

In each state, the ATAR results are released on different days and the main round of offers made through Tertiary Admissions Centres happen a couple of days after that. They always allow a period where you can change your preferences between receiving your ATAR and offers being made.

Say you get a lower ATAR than expected. You could reorder your preferences listing a course with lower entry requirements first, you'll be more likely to receive an offer **and** you get to influence which course you'd like as your second option.

Or, if you did way better than expected, you can move a course with a higher selection rank to your top spot (just make sure you're not moving it because you can and that it's something that you do actually want to study).

Here's the dates you'll need to know if you don't want to miss that opportunity.

State	Admissions Centre	Results Release Date	Change of preferences cut- off for main round offer
NSW & ACT	<u>UAC</u>	17 December	By midnight 19 December
Victoria	<u>VTAC</u>	12 December	By 4pm 14 December
Queensland	QTAC	14 December	By 10am 16 December
WA	TISC	19 December	By 11pm 20 December
SA & NT	SATAC	Check <u>SACE</u> between	18 December
		16- 18 December	
Tasmania*	<u>UTAS</u>	17 December	_

^{*}UTAS issue main round of offers to Tasmanian students on 18 December and to interstate students in January, you'll need to call and check with them what their system for changing preferences is.

For students who have applied via **direct entry** to institutions, look on their website or give the admissions centre a call for dates and instructions.

But wait... there's more

Didn't get an offer in the main rounds? Or maybe you did get an offer but it's not the one you wanted. Well, good news, there's still time to change your preferences if you'd like to. If you got an offer but it's not your first preference and that's the one you really, really want, accept the offer you received and leave your preferences as they were. You might be offered a place for your first preference course in the next round of offers.

That can happen if somebody else doesn't accept an offer, so a place becomes available for the next in line students.

You might have been offered your first preference but not be as excited about it as you ought to be, that's ok too. Again, you can accept your offer, reorder your preferences list for the next round of offers and see if you get another offer for the course you want. These are the dates you'll need to know for the next round of offers:

State	Admissions Centre	Change of Preferences Closes for next round of	
		offers round	

NSW & ACT	<u>UAC</u>	By midnight 5 January
Victoria	<u>VTAC</u>	Between 10am and 4pm 2 January
Queensland	<u>QTAC</u>	By 4.30pm 7 January
WA	TISC	By 11pm 8 January
SA & NT	SATAC	7 January
Tasmania*	UTAS	28 February

Change your preferences even after you've accepted an offer

Say what? Yep it's true – even if you received an offer in the main round, you can **still change your preferences.**

(If you get an offer, it's probably always best to accept it. That way, if you don't receive an offer in later rounds, you still have that option ready to go). For example:

- you receive an offer in main rounds for your first preference but have changed your mind about the course you want
- accept your offer
- reorder your preferences before the cut-off date (see above table) for the next round, put the course you'd like in first place
- wait to see what offers you get in the next round
- accept your new offer
- withdraw your enrolment from the first institution

Just make sure that you withdraw your enrolment before the census date (check with the uni), otherwise you could end up paying two lots of fees.

For more information about change of preferences, you can download our guide.

Don't give up

If things don't work out the way you hoped with your results and offers, there are still lots of different ways that you'll be able to access the courses and careers that you'd like to pursue.

Our 2019 guide to Alternative Pathways is coming out soon, and there's lots more resources that you might find useful on our <u>website</u>.

University Offers Simplified

In an ideal world, you'll know exactly what you'd like to study and where. You put that in your first preference spot on your university application which you then submit to the admissions centre (or direct to some institutions).

The ATAR release date comes around, you get the score you wanted – or better – and a few days later you receive an offer to study the course you wanted.

Unfortunately, life isn't always that straight forward. So what happens if you miss out on your first preference, don't get any offers at all, or get an offer for your first preference but change your mind and want to study something else?

We've created a step by step flow chart that explains the offers process and your options in each scenario. Check it out here.

And YES, you can accept an offer in the main round and still wait for other offers in future rounds.

If you find yourself in the position of having received multiple offers that you've accepted, that's absolutely fine. Then you get to choose which offer best suits you and simply withdraw from the other offers.

Important: remember to withdraw from any institutions you've accepted offers from but don't want to study at anymore **before the census date** – or you might find yourself paying for more than one lot of uni fees.

For more information about changing preferences, key dates, etc., you can download our 2019 guide <u>here</u>.

7 ways volunteering could benefit you

Volunteering your precious free time to help worthy causes is a really noble undertaking. You won't earn big bucks, but there are plenty of other ways that becoming a volunteer could be of value.

1. Learn new skills

No matter where you decide to volunteer, there will always be an element of training. While the skills may seem basic or trivial, they could be essential building blocks for future careers. For example, if you're collecting, organising, accounting for, and distributing donations from school fundraisers, you might be learning more than you think about finances, budgeting and inventory. Skills useful in almost all jobs including management, accounting, or running your own business.

Then there's the other skills that you might not even realise you're working on, like communication, teamwork, independence, problem solving, and customer service – the list goes on.

2. Give your resume a boost

If you have lots of part time or summer work experience on your resume that's fantastic. Got computer skills? Excellent.

But adding a few more lines will never hurt. Showing commitment to community efforts, or any kind of voluntary work, will speak volumes about your personality. If you're happy to keep showing up without getting paid, you must be dedicated and motivated, all qualities that universities and future employers will look favourably on.

3. Make you stand out in admissions

Whether you're applying to uni, TAFE, or looking for work, chances are you'll be up against a lot of other applicants. Some might have a higher ATAR than you, some may have relevant work experience.

How will you stand out? Well, what you choose to do outside of the classroom could make all the difference.

Volunteering is a great way to show you care about others and that you can manage your time well enough to balance a volunteer job with your other commitments.

4. Form connections and networking contacts

Volunteering could introduce you to people you wouldn't have met otherwise. Those people could become friends, mentors, or your inspiration. The more you get involved with projects outside your school, the wider you're casting your net. You'll end up with more contacts that could be helpful in providing you with paid holiday jobs, work experience, references, and even full-blown job offers.

If you already know what you want to study at uni, try finding volunteer opportunities in those areas. For example, if you're interested in politics, see if you can volunteer with your local politician. There's every chance your volunteer experience could help you in your future endeavours.

5. Personal development

When you're at high school, chances are that you're operating within a fairly limited social circle. You'll be engaging with your family, school friends and teachers, possibly a few friends outside of school.

Volunteering will introduce you to new situations and people, potentially really different to what you've known up until now.

You could:

- Increase your confidence
- Learn to communicate more effectively with different audiences
- Become a better listener
- Learn about your personal strengths and weaknesses
- Be more aware of and active about social justice issues

6. Positive impacts on your health

Studies have shown that volunteering could contribute to improved mental and physical health

Increased physical activity, providing a sense of purpose, kicking goals, achieving good things, and focusing on other people's problems rather than your own can create a "helper's high".

You could feel happier, less stressed and be fitter as well.

7. Feel great about yourself

So this is a bit cheeky, as it kind of ties in with number 6, but we felt it deserved its own spot. When you volunteer, you're not only benefiting yourself, you're having a positive impact on lots of other people around you too.

Potentially you'll be helping an individual and an organisation, your community and subsequently you're contributing to the wealth and health of a nation.

When you realise that your actions are so widespread, you might feel humbled and you should definitely feel proud of your contribution, it could definitely improve your self-esteem and feelings of self-worth.

Find a volunteering position that works for you

It's ok if you're not ready to commit yourself straight away. Start by having a look around your community, find out what the options are near you. See how much of commitment you'll be asked to make, then decide if it's something that you can fit in (and that you'd like to do).

Maybe you'd love to volunteer, but you can't fit it in to your busy school term schedule. Why not see if there's a way you can offer your help during the school holidays.

JOB SPOTLIGHT

Cartographer

What do they do?

Cartographers produce maps, charts and plan. From interactive maps to driving directions, they might be used by individuals, businesses, or specific industries (e.g. oceanographic or military).

Although it might sound like a career from centuries gone by, cartographers are more in demand now than ever and jobs are expected to increase over the coming years. If you love maps and geography, you're great at researching with good technical skills and design abilities, then a career as a cartographer could suit you down to the ground.

Duties:

- researching, collecting, storing, retrieving, evaluating and manipulating data to create political, physical, topographic, climatic, economic, resource, and road maps, as well as maritime charts and others
- using geographical information systems (GIS) to replicate and study geographical landscapes and features

- collating and analysing new data from satellites, planes etc. to plot heights and positions of geographical features
- doing topographic land surveys and hydrographic surveys of the sea and coastal areas
- using desktop publishing and specialist technical and mapping software to design maps for different media (e.g. digital, interactive, or paper-based)
- ensuring details are accurate and to scale
- editing older versions of maps, updating them to include or remove roads, structures and landmarks
- managing mapping projects and overseeing staff

Skills required:

- knowledge of geography, environment and maths
- reliably thorough, accurate, neat, with great attention to detail
- analytical thinking and tech skills
- excellent communication skill verbal, written and report writing
- outstanding graphic and design skills and knowledge
- the ability to work well with others
- normal colour vision

Pathways

You could complete a VET qualification in spatial information services, some courses are even offered online.

Combining a tertiary qualification with an apprenticeship (e.g. GIS Assistant or GIS Officer), could fast track your career and ensure better employment prospects once you've completed your apprenticeship.

You could enrol in the <u>AGO Trainee Program</u> with the ADF where you'll get workplace-based training while completing a Certificate IV in Spatial Information Services.

Your employment prospects could be improved with a degree in cartography, geography, GIS, land surveying, earth sciences, oceanography, civil engineering. You could always begin your career with a VET qualification and go to Uni if you wanted to fast track your career or specialise within this industry.

Some employers could accept degrees in computer science, software engineering or graphic design. Especially with a major in geographical, spatial or geospatial science, geography, geomatics or surveying could also work.

Average salary \$1,958 per week (Source: Joboutlook.gov.au) Job growth in this area is predicted to be **strong**.

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