



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video below 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)

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Events

AIM Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: June 21, 2025

Join us for Open Day, and experience everything AIM has to offer. Register to save your spot today!

See our campus, get course advice, experience live performances, meet our academics and students, and get involved in activities that will give you a taste of student life here at AIM.

Whether you're ready to study now, or in five years, Open Day is open to all and a fantastic opportunity to discover how the Australian Institute of Music can help turn your passion for music into a career.

[Find out more and register](#)

The Hotel School Sydney Open Campus 2025

Organisation: The Hotel School

Location: The Hotel School Sydney Campus

Date: June 21, 2025

Join us for an inspiring day at The Hotel School Australia's Open Campus, where you'll experience student life first hand through an exclusive Masterclass, hear from a special industry guest speaker, meet our academic and support teams, explore course options, and discover career pathways with our Professional Learning team. You'll also have the chance to connect with current students and fellow attendees - all while enjoying light refreshments.

Whether you're a high school student, considering a transfer, or exploring new opportunities, this event is the perfect way to take the next step.

[Find out more and register](#)

Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online

Organisation: National Institute of Education

Location: Online



Date: June 22, 2025

If you are in Years 10, 11, 12, or you may be older and considering sitting the UCAT in the future, then this program is for you. The Simulated UCAT Workshop program is ideal and often a necessary step towards effective and efficient preparation for the UCAT.

The workshop is primarily designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test and also for participants to gain a better understanding of their own level of preparedness for the test.

The program runs over one full day of UCAT training, and Part 2, which is a 3-hour session for students and parents.

[Find out more and register](#)

US College Admissions Webinar

Organisation: The Princeton Review Australia

Location: Online

Date: June 22, 2025

Thinking about studying in the US and finding the best-fit university?

Join this webinar to hear from Devery Doran, VP of College Counselling and former Senior Admissions Officer at Harvard, as she shares insights and practical advice for your journey.

[Find out more and register](#)

UTS Tech Fest

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: UTS City Campus

Date: June 23 to July 4, 2025

Are you a high school student dreaming of a career in tech? Come and feed your curiosity at Tech Fest.

- Explore the study and career possibilities in Engineering and IT. Whether it's cybersecurity, civil engineering, robotics, or artificial intelligence, see the exciting opportunities in these areas and how you can be part of the next big thing!
- Hear from current students about their study journeys and career aspirations. Get an insight into the life of an engineering or IT student at UTS and discover the student societies you could join.
- We'll take you behind the scenes with exclusive lab tours. See how cutting-edge tech brings new ideas to life.

[Find out more and register](#)

MySydney Entry and Scholarship Scheme Webinar

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 24, 2025

Find out how you can enter your dream degree with the MySydney Entry and Scholarship Scheme for students residing in low socio-economic areas.

Hear about the great benefits offered, including entry on a reduced ATAR, a \$8,500 per annum scholarship and a range of ongoing support throughout your studies.

Find out what you need to know about eligibility criteria, how to apply, frequently asked questions and more!

[Find out more and register](#)

Parents and Carers Information Webinar

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: June 24, 2025

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

[Find out more and register](#)

Sydney Pilot Career Seminar

Organisation: Basair Aviation College

Location: Bankstown Airport

Date: June 24, 2025

Do you dream of taking to the skies and achieving your wildest aviation dreams?

Attend Basair's Pilot Career Seminar and learn everything you need to know about becoming a Commercial Pilot with Australia's leading flight training organisation.

[Find out more and register](#)

From Sand to Circuits: How Microchips Shape Our World

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie Wallumattagal Campus

Date: June 25, 2025

Microchips are the invisible engines powering modern technology, from the 3000 chips embedded in a single car to the 20 or more you carry in your pocket every day that power your mobile phone.

Join us on a journey through the fascinating history of microchips, exploring their evolution from humble beginnings to becoming the cornerstone of all advanced electronic devices. Gain insights into the intricate manufacturing processes, the complex global supply chain that makes them possible, and the innovations shaping their future.

These monthly talks are suitable for students ages 10 and up who are starting to explore science or are already a passionate enthusiast. The series offers inspiring insights and a glimpse into the technological advancements shaping our future.

[Find out more and register](#)

Discover Nursing

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: UTS City Campus

Date: June 25, 2025

Are you planning to start your nursing studies in 2026?

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

Hear about diverse nursing careers from industry speakers, meet our academic teachers & ask current students about the UTS Bachelor of Nursing. Tour our world-class clinical facilities and explore your future campus!

[Find out more and register](#)

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2025

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: Sydney Olympic Park

Date: June 26 to June 28, 2025

The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2025 will be held on Thursday 26 June, Friday 27 June and Saturday 28 June, 9am-3pm at Sydney Olympic Park.

On Thursday and Friday, students can attend seminars on subjects including English and Maths plus presentations on subject selection for Year 10 students, information on applying through UAC and the ATAR. Seating at the seminars is on a first come, first served basis.

[Find out more and register](#)



ANSTO Science Discovery Tour

Organisation: ANSTO

Location: ANSTO Discovery Centre

Date: June 28, 2025

This tour provides an in-depth look into the world of nuclear science and the work ANSTO does in the areas of health, the environment and delivering solutions for industry.

Subject to availability, we will visit Australia's only nuclear reactor OPAL, the Australian Centre for Neutron Scattering, the ANSTO Nuclear Medicine facility and the Centre for Accelerator Science.

[Find out more and register](#)

UOW Open Day 2025, Wollongong

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Wollongong Campus

Date: June 28, 2025

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.

[Find out more and register](#)

Early Admission – Ace Your Application Webinar

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Online

Date: June 30, 2025

UOW Early Admission is our early offer program for students completing Year 12 (Higher School Certificate or other Australian equivalents) or the International Baccalaureate Diploma during 2025. This webinar is your chance to ask any questions and find out how to get an offer to uni before you sit your first exam.

Here's what we'll cover in the webinar:

- Key Dates
- Application process
- Answering the 4 short questions
- Scholarships
- Offers

[Find out more and register](#)

WSU Open Day 2025

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: WSU Parramatta South Campus

Date: July 6, 2025

Open Day will be held Sunday, 6 July 2025 and is a great opportunity to discover all that Western has to offer. Explore course options, meet academics and find out about our pathway options.

[Find out more and register](#)

UNSW Year 11 Experience Days

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW Kensington Campus

Date: July 7 to July 11, 2025

Join us on campus for an Experience Day to discover what it's like to be a UNSW student. Find your dream degree by engaging in interactive workshops about study areas you're interested in.

- Choose from 40+ different workshops
- Connect with current students & our academics



- Explore UNSW's buzzing campus lifestyle
- Enjoy a free lunch from our delicious food trucks

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Dance Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Performing Arts Centre Alexandria

Date: July 7, 2025

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

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

[Find out more and register](#)

NAS Winter School

Organisation: National Art School

Location: National Art School

Date: July 7 to July 11, 2025

NAS' short courses are for students of all levels of experience, from beginners to intermediate and advanced. Whether you're a complete beginner, reigniting former interests, or refining your practice, you'll enjoy this immersive week of artmaking at NAS.

[Find out more and register](#)

Holiday Workshop – The Art of Lyrics, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: July 7 to July 8, 2025

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

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

[Find out more and register](#)

Holiday Workshop – Mastering Performance, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: July 7 to July 8, 2025

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

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

[Find out more and register](#)

July HSC Trial Preparation Workshops

Organisation: InspirationED

Location: Macquarie Wallumattagal Campus

Date: July 7 to July 11, 2025



Our expert HSC markers reveal the secrets to acing HSC exams in our focused subject-specific workshops.

- Learn directly from the expert HSC markers
- Access exclusive premium content
- Expert exam question deconstruction

Gain the exam edge with expert teachers in English (Advanced & Standard), Mathematics (Advanced & Standard 2), Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry and PDHPE.

[Find out more and register](#)

Campion Winter Program

Organisation: Campion College

Location: Campion College Toongabbie

Date: July 8 to July 11, 2025

Join us for Winter Program, a unique opportunity designed for Year 11 and 12 students who are earnestly contemplating enrolment at Campion College in 2026 or 2027.

Our immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. We have a fun-filled schedule including a bonfire night, movies, trivia, dancing and sports, as well as sample lectures from our history, literature, philosophy, theology and classics professors.

Given the specialised nature of this program, we have limited spots available to ensure a focused and enriching experience. We encourage interested parties to take a moment to seriously consider if this program aligns with their aspirations before registering.

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Music Theatre Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Surry Hills Campus

Date: July 9, 2025

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

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

[Find out more and register](#)

Designer for a Day Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School, North Sydney

Date: July 9, 2025

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 and register](#)

Digital Art – Holiday Workshop at CDW Studios – Sydney & Online

Organisation: CDW Studios

Location: CDW Studios Sydney & Online

Date: July 9, 2025

Level up your drawing skills in a fun, interactive, full day workshop!

Participants will get an introductory insight to the industry whilst learning techniques that they can apply straight away! Perfect for beginners who wish to learn more as well as more experienced artists who want to push their



work to the next level. These courses are a fantastic starting point for those who are curious about venturing into the competitive world of visual effects and entertainment design.

This workshop is aimed at students 14 and above with a passion for drawing.

[Find out more and register](#)

Whitecliffe | The Fashion Institute – Winter School

Organisation: Whitecliffe Institute of Creative Arts and Technology

Location: Whitecliffe Sydney Campus

Date: July 9 to July 11, 2025

Curious about a career in fashion? Our 3-Day Winter School is the perfect way to explore what it's really like to work in the industry.

Across three engaging and hands-on days, you'll learn from industry professionals and will explore key areas such as fashion styling, journalism, content creation and sustainable fashion - giving you a well-rounded view of today's evolving fashion industry.

This is a great opportunity to explore your passion, try out different parts of the industry, and build skills that could shape your future. Whether you're dreaming of being a stylist, designer, content creator, or just want to see if fashion is for you — this course is the perfect place to start.

[Find out more and register](#)

Event Creation: The Ultimate High School Workshop

Organisation: International College of Management Sydney

Location: ICMS Sydney

Date: July 10, 2025

Join us for an exciting hands-on workshop where you'll dive into the world of event planning! Whether you dream of organising epic school formals, unforgettable parties, or community events, this workshop is your chance to learn the ins and outs of creating experiences that leave a lasting impression.

[Find out more and register](#)

HSC Masterclass – School Holiday Workshop

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: July 11 to July 12, 2025

AIM's HSC Performance Workshop is designed exclusively for Year 12 Music 1 and 2 students who are interested in improving and polishing their performance works for their assessments, trial performances and HSC.

During this workshop, you will be broken up into specialised Masterclasses to workshop your HSC performance material with an expert instrumentalist in your chosen style. Together you will focus on important musical parameters based on performance characteristics and the concepts of music.

You will perform the material studied in your Masterclass and receive feedback from experienced HSC teachers and music experts. This session also covers issues such as performance anxiety and developing focus under stress, delivered by AIM's experienced lecturers.

In addition, AIM staff will provide advice on examination ensembles, performance material, scores, and parts, and provide advice on booking accompanying musicians for performance examinations.

[Find out more and register](#)

NYSF STEM Hub, Sydney

Organisation: National Youth Science Forum

Location: Sydney

Date: July 14 to July 18, 2025

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) STEM Hubs give students the opportunity to broaden their understanding of the diverse range of study and career options available in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and to encourage continued studies in these fields.



As part of the STEM Hub experience, you can:

- participate in tours of science and technology facilities,
- learn about cutting-edge research,
- engage with industry partners and research providers,
- learn about university, training and STEM career pathways,
- mix with other like-minded students from all over Australia, and
- attend social events.

If you are a year 10, year 11 or year 12 student in 2025 in Australia with an interest in STEM, we welcome you to the NYSF STEM Hubs!

Registrations close Friday 20 June.

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Classical Performance & Composition Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Surry Hills Campus

Date: July 14, 2025

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

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

[Find out more and register](#)

Quantum Future Talent: Open Day and Careers Fair

Organisation: Sydney Quantum Academy

Location: Sydney Masonic Centre

Date: July 15, 2025

Discover where quantum can take you.

The Sydney Quantum Academy is hosting Quantum Future Talent: Open Day & Careers Fair to provide information and guidance on study and career pathways in quantum science and technology.

The event is divided into two sessions: a morning session for high school and undergraduate students, parents, and career advisors, introducing quantum science, study options, and scholarship opportunities; and an afternoon session for final-year undergraduates, postgraduates, PhD candidates, and early-career researchers, offering opportunities to connect with universities and employers and learn about internships, scholarships, and career options in the quantum sector.

This event supports individuals at different stages of their education and career planning by providing access to relevant information, resources, and connections within Australia's growing quantum technology sector.

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Contemporary Music Performance & Music Production Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Surry Hills Campus

Date: July 17, 2025

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

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

[Find out more and register](#)

Building Your Fashion Empire: From Vision to Vogue

Organisation: International College of Management Sydney



Location: ICMS Sydney

Date: July 17, 2025

Designed for high school students, this hands-on workshop is your chance to dive into the exciting world of fashion and global brand management. Through expert insights and practical exercises, you'll learn how to craft a unique brand identity, understand your target audience, and master key marketing strategies.

[Find out more and register](#)

This is MUSIC@WESTERN

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: WSU Kingswood Campus

Date: July 18, 2025

Interested in studying MUSIC@WESTERN? Whether you are a player, a maker, or just interested to see what we do? This is MUSIC@WESTERN day.

See our current students perform. Engage in performance, production and career workshops. Have lunch (on us) with staff and students, parents and teachers.

Everyone is welcome!

After lunch you are invited to interview for course entry. Interviews from 1pm. Get an early offer for 2026.

[Find out more and register](#)

2025 NYSF National Youth STEM Summit

Organisation: National Youth Science Forum

Location: Melbourne

Date: July 19 to July 21, 2025

Returning in 2025, the National Youth STEM Summit is an exclusive three-day conference-style event specifically designed to help you smash your study goals and secure your dream job.

The program boasts a diverse range of sessions, including:

- Keynote presentations from some of Australia's foremost STEM leaders
- Panel discussions exploring a range of topics, disciplines, and study and career pathways
- Workshops that offer practical strategies to help you thrive in your studies and/or career
- Networking opportunities to connect with like-minded peers and key government, industry and academic professionals

This Summit is aimed at young people between 18-25 who have completed high school and are making decisions about their futures in STEM.

Thanks to generous support from a range of sponsor organisations, we can offer Equity pricing alongside Standard registration. Additional support may become available through Access and Equity Scholarships.

Registrations close Monday 30 June.

[Find out more and register](#)

AIT Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Technology

Location: AIT Sydney Campus

Date: July 19, 2025

AIT's Open Day is perfect for those wanting to explore the endless opportunities available in the growing creative industries and to get your questions answered for the Feb 2026 intake.

On the day you'll enjoy:

- Exploring the Careers and Courses: Discover our degrees plus insights into careers and study paths.
- Our Hands-On Creative Workshops: Watch live demos led by our expert educators
- A Guided Campus Tour: Explore our campus and the state-of-the-art facilities
- Discovering Our Facilities: Experience our well equipped Post Production Studio and Green Screen Room
- Chatting with Our Experts: Engage with course advisors, educators and current students to have all your questions answered.



[Find out more and register](#)

UOW Open Day 2025, Liverpool

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Liverpool Campus

Date: July 26, 2025

The University of Wollongong (UOW) Open Day is the perfect opportunity to visit our Liverpool 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.

[Find out more and register](#)

ACU Open Day 2025, Blacktown

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Blacktown Campus

Date: July 26, 2025

Open Day is your chance to find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU before you enrol. You'll be able to check out the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry pathways, and talk to experts about your study options and career goals.

[Find out more and register](#)

Northern Rivers Careers Expo 2025

Organisation: Connect Northern Rivers

Location: Lismore Showgrounds

Date: July 29, 2025

Held annually in July, the Northern Rivers Careers Expo is the region's premier careers event. Showcasing career advice, further education, jobs and training, it is an opportunity for local school leavers, job seekers and workers to develop genuine long-term career prospects.

Exhibitors include apprenticeship organisations, career pathway advisers, employers, tertiary education, training providers, universities and volunteer organisations. A one-stop-shop for anyone wanting to begin or grow their career.

[Find out more and register](#)

2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Central Coast

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Mingara Recreation Club

Date: July 29, 2025

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 and register](#)

2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Parramatta & Hills District

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Wenty Leagues

Date: August 5, 2025

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[Find out more and register](#)

CDW Studios Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: CDW Studios

Location: CDW Sydney Campus

Date: August 9, 2025

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 and register](#)

CSU Open Day 2025, Wagga Wagga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Wagga Wagga Campus

Date: August 10, 2025

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 and register](#)

SCU Open Day 2025, Coffs Harbour

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Coffs Harbour Campus

Date: August 10, 2025

Open Day at Southern Cross University is a perfect opportunity to discover which courses spark your interest and the campus or study mode that works best for you.

Our friendly study specialists will be on hand to step you through the process of applying for your dream course and answer any questions you have about studying with us.

[Find out more and register](#)

Sydney Careers & Employment Expo 2025

Organisation: Kym Jones Exhibitions

Location: Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park

Date: August 15 to August 16, 2025

Sydney's Careers & Employment Event will open on August 15 & 16, 2025, at the Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park. The Expo will showcase over 120 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

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

[Find out more and register](#)



Decoding the Ocean

Organisation: Australian National Maritime Museum

Location: Australian National Maritime Museum

Date: August 15, 2025

This special Science Week event for high school students brings together ocean scientists and the Royal Australian Navy. Students will take a deep dive into oceanography and learn how STEM can help us to decode the ocean.

On the day, students will attend an inspiring speaker session led by scientists working on a range of STEM topics, such as climate science, meteorology and science communication.

The Navy is packed with STEM opportunities, from survival training to mathematical modelling, submarines and more! At this event, students will also hear from Navy representatives as they discuss the science and technology behind the Navy.

After the presentations, students can explore the museum, including HMAS Vampire (a Navy Destroyer) and our latest science exhibitions during a self-guided visit.

[Find out more and register](#)

Macquarie Open Day 2025

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie Wallumattagal Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

We can't wait to welcome you to our campus in 2025!

What you can do on Open Day:

- Attend an info session on some of our most popular degrees
- Speak with our academics about our degrees, majors and specialisations, and how they'll uniquely prepare you for your first career, or help you upskill or reskill if your career is already underway
- Learn about our scholarships, adjustment factors and pathways; and RPL (recognition of prior learning) if you've studied before
- Chat with current students about uni life
- Jump on a campus tour and check out our awesome facilities

Open Day is an experience made for (YOU)^{us}.

<https://youtu.be/uYH0yfYWQZY>

[Find out more and register](#)

UON Newcastle Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: UON, Callaghan & City Campuses

Date: August 16, 2025

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 and register](#)

ICMS Open Day 2025

Organisation: International College of Management Sydney

Location: ICMS Manly Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

At the ICMS Open Day you will learn about all the degrees offered and discover why ICMS's personal mentoring approach could make all the difference to your future career success – and help you to make the most of your student years!

- Learn about Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degrees
- Attend Degree Course Briefings with Lecturers
- Get insights from Current Students



- Find out about Scholarships, Early Entry, the Leadership Entry Program and the Elite Athlete Program
- Learn about our Work Integrated Learning (Internship) Program
- Speak personally to Admissions

[Find out more and register](#)

ACAP Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP Sydney Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

Open Day is your chance to experience the ACAP difference, and find your path in the applied professions. Whether you're interested in Counselling, Psychology, Social Work, Criminology, Law, or Business, ACAP is your pathway to making a difference.

Be part of a workshop, meet our industry-renowned facilitators, and hear all about life as an ACAP student. Join us for a day of exploration and inspiration!

[Find out more and register](#)

ACAP Open Day 2025, Byron Bay

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SAE Open Day 2025, Byron Bay

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE Byron Bay Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

We're opening the doors to the campus for our biggest event of the year – Open Day!

Come and tour our facilities, speak to faculty members, meet current students, and find out everything you need to know about studying at SAE.

If you're considering studying creative media, come along to SAE's Open Day to speak to our experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry.

[Find out more and register](#)

SAE Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE Sydney Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

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La Trobe Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: La Trobe University



Location: La Trobe Sydney Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

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 and register](#)

ADFA Open Day 2025

Organisation: Australian Defence Force Academy

Location: ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

Date: August 16, 2025

Join us online or in person for ADFA Open Day to learn about life on campus and how you can receive a fully funded UNSW degree.

Don't worry if you can't make it in person, you can still attend ADFA Virtual Open Day online. Register now to reserve your spot at the online event, or join us in person with no registration required.

On the day, you will have the chance to:

- Explore world-class UNSW degrees, with information sessions about Business, Arts, Science, Engineering, Computing and Cyber Security.
- Learn about military training, studying and life on campus from current ADFA Trainee Officers.
- Watch a range of exciting military displays from Navy, Army and Air Force.
- Take a tour of the campus, and much more.

[Find out more and register](#)

SCU Open Day 2025, Northern Rivers

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Northern Rivers Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

Open Day at Southern Cross University is a perfect opportunity to discover which courses spark your interest and the campus or study mode that works best for you.

Our friendly study specialists will be on hand to step you through the process of applying for your dream course and answer any questions you have about studying with us.

[Find out more and register](#)

CSU Open Day 2025, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

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.

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ACU Open Day 2025, Strathfield

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Strathfield Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

Open Day is your chance to find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU before you enrol. You'll be able to check out the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry pathways, and talk to experts about your study options and career goals.

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2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Newcastle & Hunter

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: TBA Newcastle

Date: August 19, 2025

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ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: August 20, 2025

Looking for ways to unlock bonus points and improve uni entry chances? Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions.

We will cover: The ATAR explained, bonus points (adjustment factors) and who qualifies, what is EAS and how to apply, dates, preferencing and decision making.

This talk is being run by [Claire Pech Careers](#) and [Amanda Krulis](#).

[Find out more and register](#)



Excelsia Open Day 2025

Organisation: Excelsia University College

Location: Excelsia Pennant Hills Campus

Date: August 23, 2025

Open Days at Excelsia are a wonderful chance for future students and their families to experience the heart of campus life. Come along to learn more about our courses, scholarships, student support, and what it's like to study in a welcoming, purpose-driven community. Visit our brand-new Pennant Hills location and see how Excelsia can help shape your future.

[Find out more and register](#)

2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – South Western Sydney & Macarthur

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Liverpool Catholic Club

Date: August 26, 2025

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[Find out more and register](#)

ADHD & ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: August 28, 2025

Looking for ways to unlock bonus points and improve uni entry chances? Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students with ADHD and parents, navigating university admissions.

We will cover: The ATAR explained, bonus points (adjustment factors) and who qualifies, what is EAS and how to apply with ADHD as the main contributor, dates, preferencing and decision making throughout this.

This talk is being run by [Claire Pech Careers](#) and [Amanda Krulis](#).

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UON Central Coast Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: UON Ourimbah & Gosford Campuses

Date: August 30, 2025

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 and register](#)

USYD Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Sydney Camperdown Campus

Date: August 30, 2025

Join us at the University of Sydney Open Day on Saturday 30 August 2025. Experience our vibrant student life on campus, hear from academics and current students and discover what makes us different.

[Find out more and register](#)

UTS Open Day 2025



Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: UTS City Campus

Date: August 30, 2025

Info sessions, campus tours, workshops, dancing robots – UTS Open Day has it all. Get a taste of what students can expect at Australia's #1 young uni.

[Find out more and register](#)

CSU Open Day 2025, Orange

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Orange Campus

Date: August 31, 2025

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.
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2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Sutherland Shire

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Tradies Gynea

Date: September 2, 2025

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[Find out more and register](#)

Deadly Pathways Festival Dubbo

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Dubbo Campus

Date: September 2, 2025

Deadly Pathways Festivals are back in 2025! Join us for a high-energy day full of activity, inspiration and celebration of First Nations success.

- Meet First Nations role models in science, technology and health.
- Engage in insightful workshops led by Charles Sturt academics, and dive into hands-on activities that will ignite your curiosity and passion for learning.
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- Enjoy featured entertainment by comedian Andy Saunders and talented musicians.

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ACPE Open Day 2025

Organisation: Australian College of Physical Education

Location: ACPE Sydney Olympic Park



Date: September 6, 2025

Exploring your study options for a career in the sport industry? Join us on campus. See where you will study, meet our students and lecturers, and participate in info sessions and practical sessions to take the next step with confidence.

- Discover your study course options
- Find out where a qualification from ACPE can take your career
- Take a campus tour
- Discuss your study options with our Admissions team
- Meet with academic and student support staff
- Chat with current students about their experience at ACPE
- Enrol for your preferred course on the day, and secure your place

[Find out more and register](#)

ACU Open Day 2025, North Sydney

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU North Sydney Campus

Date: September 6, 2025

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[Find out more and register](#)

UTAS Open Day 2025, Rozelle

Organisation: University of Tasmania

Location: UTAS Rozelle Campus

Date: September 6, 2025

Visit us at our Open Day 2025 event in Sydney. You will have the opportunity to explore our campuses, discuss your study options, and discover how studying at the University of Tasmania could be the perfect fit for you.

[Find out more and register](#)

UNSW Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW Kensington Campus

Date: September 6, 2025

At UNSW Open Day 2025, you'll discover the progress you can make as one of Australia's most employable graduates. Whether you're looking to start uni next year or in a few years, you're a parent or you're considering postgrad – we'll have something for you.

[Find out more and register](#)

Rural Health Pathways Showcase

Organisation: Rural Doctors Network

Location: ICC Darling Harbour

Date: September 8, 2025

High school students, careers advisers, teachers and parents are invited to RDN's Rural Health Pathways Showcase. Learn about study pathways and careers in medicine, nursing, midwifery, allied health, Aboriginal health and administration.

Attendees will have a chance to:

- Talk to universities and rural workforce agencies about study pathways and career opportunities;
- Speak one-on-one with and be inspired by health students, recent graduates and health professionals about their journeys; and
- Participate in hands-on activities that will give an insight into a day in the life of health professionals.

[Find out more and register](#)



2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Western Sydney

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre

Date: September 9, 2025

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SDS Open Day, September

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: September 13, 2025

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

[Find out more and register](#)

Deadly Pathways Festival Port Macquarie

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Port Macquarie Campus

Date: September 18, 2025

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Outward Bound Expedition VIC

Organisation: Outward Bound

Location: Buchan, VIC

Date: September 22 to October 1, 2025

Join a crew of adventurers from across Australia for 10 days of challenge, connection and serious outdoor action. Expedition is designed for 15–24 year olds chasing something real—big hikes, big moments, and big personal growth.

You'll push your limits on epic activities like the Giant Ladder, high ropes, abseiling, hikes and an unforgettable overnight solo. Along the way, you'll build resilience, confidence, and a deeper connection to yourself, others, and the environment. Walk away with skills and stories that'll stick with you, wherever life takes you next.

To apply, create a quick 1–2 minute video answering: "Why do you want to join the Expedition program?"

[AOBDF Scholarships](#) are available to individual participants wanting to attend School Holiday Adventures, Duke of Ed or for Schools seeking funding assistance for individual students.

[Find out more and register](#)

Free Online HSC Study Sessions

Organisation: Western Sydney University



Location: Online

Date: September 29 to October 3, 2025

From Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October 2025, Western Sydney University will be offering a range of online study sessions to assist Year 12 students in their preparations for the HSC.

These will be delivered by highly qualified senior teachers with 24 free sessions across 15 key HSC subject areas, with sessions that include content analysis, tips and strategies, and a detailed exploration of key syllabus and curriculum areas.

Students also have the opportunity to sit a practice exam and deconstruction, with feedback and advice from experts.

[Find out more and register](#)

Outward Bound Junior Adventure ACT

Organisation: Outward Bound

Location: Tharwa, ACT

Date: September 29 to October 3, 2025

Get outdoors on a 5-day school holiday adventure with likeminded young adults, 12-15 years, from across the country.

Be introduced to authentic adventure the Outward Bound way. Embrace the peak activities including overnight journeying and camping, abseiling, climbing, and high ropes. Discover there is more in you than you thought possible, and bring home knowledge and skills that will support you in your future pursuits, no matter where you go.

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Outward Bound Expedition WA

Organisation: Outward Bound

Location: Walpole, WA

Date: September 30 to October 9, 2025

Join a crew of adventurers from across Australia for 10 days of challenge, connection and serious outdoor action. Expedition is designed for 15–24 year olds chasing something real—big hikes, big moments, and big personal growth.

You'll take on high ropes, epic coastal paddling, multi-day hikes, and an unforgettable solo night under the stars. It's all about finding your limits, backing yourself, and building the kind of skills that stick with you wherever life takes you.

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2026 National Youth Science Forum Year 12 Program

Organisation: National Youth Science Forum

Location: ANU Acton Campus & UQ St Lucia Campus

Date: January 6 to January 21, 2026

Are you in Year 11 in 2025? Apply now to join us in January!

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Year 12 Program gives students that are about to start Year 12 a broader understanding of study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Staying on campus at university colleges, students are immersed in science and technology. Participants:

- participate in tours of science and technology facilities,
- learn about cutting-edge research,
- engage with industry partners and research providers,
- learn about university, training and STEM career pathways,



- mix with like-minded students their age from all over Australia,
- participate in social and team building activities, and
- network with former NYSF participants.

In January 2026, the NYSF Year 12 Program will run two summer sessions at:

- The Australian National University, Canberra (6 –14 January 2026)
- The University of Queensland, Brisbane (13 – 21 January 2026)

As part of the application process, any students experiencing financial hardship or another disadvantage that negatively impacts their ability to attend the program may apply for an [NYSF Access and Equity Scholarship](#).

We also encourage students to seek financial support from NYSF's founding partner, Rotary. Many Rotary Clubs are familiar with the NYSF and able to offer some level of funding or assist students to fundraise to attend. You can use the [Rotary Club Finder](#) to search for your local Club.

Applications close 20 June 2025. You will be advised of the outcome of your application by mid-August.

[Find out more and register](#)

Scholarships

Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: Australia

Value: \$49,500 AUD + 2 industry placements

Open Date: June 2, 2025

Close Date: September 7, 2025

[Find out more](#)

PEF National Regional & Remote Tertiary Scholarship

Organisation: Public Education Foundation

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$3,000 AUD per year

Open Date: June 2, 2025

Close Date: August 27, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Sony World Photography Awards Youth Competition

Organisation: World Photography Organisation

Location: All

Value: See details

Open Date: June 1, 2025

Close Date: January 6, 2026

[Find out more](#)

BIOTech Futures Challenge 2025

Organisation: BIOTech Futures

Location: All

Value: See details

Open Date: May 7, 2025

Close Date: July 28, 2025

[Find out more](#)



CreAIT High School Competition

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Technology

Location: New South Wales, Victoria

Value: See details

Open Date: June 2, 2025

Close Date: August 8, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

Jobs & Careers

What's the difference between a career, a job, and work?

We talk a lot about careers, jobs, and work - but what do these words actually mean? Are they really all just different words for the same thing, or are there subtle differences?

Well, they actually do all mean different things. And most importantly, knowing the differences can not only help you plan out your future, but also re-think what success in our working lives means.

What is a career?

"Career" is a word we use to describe the jobs and work we do throughout our lives. It comes from an old word for chariot, and can also be used to describe forward movement (as in, the car *careered* off the road).

In the past, the only people who had a career were the lucky people who could choose what they did, such as men who worked in management. Most careers moved forward in a pretty predictable way - as long as you turned up and did your job, you could expect to eventually be promoted.

Other people (like women, minorities, factory workers, and those with less money) were unlikely to have a "career" - instead they would have "jobs", which didn't have clear paths for advancement.

Today, we know that straightforward careers are actually the exception rather than the norm. The main reason people could have them in the past is because they relied on others in their lives to do everything else (like raise kids, clean the house, cook meals, and plan holidays).

Essentially, your career is a combination of the jobs and work you do over your lifetime. And it's unlikely to look like a straight line - there will be times when you make great leaps forward, but there will also be times when you seem to stand still, or even go backwards. But this is all totally normal!

If you move into another field entirely then you may feel that you have ended one career and started another - we call this a "career change".

What's a job?

A "job" is a much more static than a career: it's a set of tasks that you perform on a regular basis in return for a set benefit (typically pay).

To move forward in your career, you may be promoted from one job to another or find a job somewhere else - the job itself is static, while you move around.

As an example, you may have a *career* in nursing, but your current *job* is a ward nurse in the respiratory unit of your local hospital. In the future, you could move into a job as a nursing unit manager, or a job as a research nurse. Your career will still be in nursing, but your job will change.

So, what's work then?

We use the word "work" to refer to something that we *need* to do. This means it's an activity that serves a purpose - it isn't just something you *want* to do (but you can still enjoy it, of course).

Your job is a form of work - most of us do it because we need the money to fund the rest of our lives. If you weren't paid, then you probably wouldn't turn up.

But work isn't just something you do in return for money. In fact, there are lots of other things that count as work that won't earn you a cent. This is typically called "unpaid work", and includes things like caring for family members,



cleaning and maintaining your living space and clothes, managing your professional networks, and even growing your own food.

Just because something doesn't have a monetary value doesn't mean it's *valueless* - all of these things are important in different ways, and are often things we couldn't survive without. It's simply easier to track and measure paid work, so that's what most people (including the government) focus on.

Why is this important?

How you see your work, job, and career can have a big impact on how successful you feel.

For example, parents who have to take time out of their jobs to care for their children may feel less successful than their peers who can work full-time without distractions, but they only feel this way because they don't count all their unpaid caring work as 'work'.

We know that earning lots of money or climbing the corporate ladder [doesn't necessarily lead to happiness](#), so re-framing what you consider to be "success" can help when thinking about your future career.

The world of work is always changing, and those shiny, linear careers we spoke about earlier have largely disappeared. So if you can reset your thinking before you've even started your journey, you'll be more prepared for the ups and downs when they appear.

Find out more

Looking for more resources on careers, jobs, and work? [You can read heaps of other blogs and find inspiration on our website.](#)

Gap Years

What a gap year really costs

Would you like to take a gap year, but are afraid you won't be able to afford the costs? Or perhaps you're really keen, but your parents are worried about the money and don't want you ending up in debt.

These are both valid and sensible concerns! But if a gap year is what you really want and you have a plan in mind, you might be pleasantly surprised about how affordable some options are. Let's take a look.

The nuts and bolts of gap year costs

Even if you're already working and plan to live at home rent-free for the next 12 months, you'll need a financial plan. Without one, you could fritter away all your hard-earned salary and not may not be able to achieve your goals at the end of your gap year.

Unfortunately, the reality is travel, study, and gap year programs almost always have costs associated with them. Thankfully, there's a fairly simple way to prepare.

First, you need to figure out how much it's going to cost you overall. Don't forget to include the smallest details, because they all add up.

Then, figure out how you're going to be able to afford *everything*, and then some - running out of money half way through your gap year isn't ideal.

If your parents or other family are helping you out, great! You still need to know what costs to expect, then plan a budget to make sure your money will last as long as it needs to. After all, their pockets are only so deep, so don't expect constant top-ups.

Our biggest tip? Try to avoid getting into debt for a gap year. Ending your gap year with a lot of money owing (and don't forget interest on top) could set your future plans back.

The three steps to gap year success

Keen to take a gap year, but unsure where to start? Here are a few simple steps to follow.

Plan

Work out what you want to do and where you want to go. You need these details first so you can work out how much everything will cost.



Budget

Once you know how much you need, write a clear budget that lists *every* item. You'll need at least a fairly accurate estimate of your overall costs to ensure you save enough.

Save

Once you know how much you need, you can set some goals and start saving. Having a backup plan is usually also a good idea, just in case something unexpected happens or you change your mind.

Your gap year options

There are tonnes of different gap year options to choose from, and the costs vary between all of them. Even so, we've broken down a few different gap year options and the costs you can expect to be associated with each. Keep in mind these lists aren't comprehensive and there may be other costs we haven't included - at the end of the day, it's up to you to create a thorough budget and prepare accordingly.

Travel

If you want to explore the world and broaden your horizons, travel is the quintessential gap year choice. Think of a travel gap year like a really long holiday - most of the costs are the same, just stretched out over a longer period of time.

Here are some of the things you'll need to include in your budget:

- Travel to, from, and between your destination/s
- Accommodation
- Food (remember, you'll probably be doing a lot of dining out)
- Daily travel (bus or train fares, bike or car rental costs, etc.)
- Tours and experiences
- Souvenirs and gifts
- Emergency money
- Pre-travel costs (passport fees, medical checks, visa applications, etc.)

Work

It might not seem like everyone's idea of fun, but sometimes the only way you can afford a gap year is to combine it with a job. On the bright side, you'll gain heaps of valuable skills, meet heaps of new people, and potentially end up with more money than you started with.

It's pretty common to combine travel with work, so as well as the above costs, here are some other things you might need to consider:

- Uniform and/or tools
- Travel to and from work
- Applying for a working visa (if working overseas)
- Income tax

Learn

A break from formal learning like school or university doesn't mean you need to totally switch your brain off. Lots of people use their gap year as an opportunity to follow their passion or learn something they've always wanted to.

If this sounds like something you might like to do, here are some costs you might need to prepare for:

- Course or workshop fees
- Materials and/or tools
- Travel costs

Specialised programs

There are heaps of providers out there that offer ready-to-go gap year packages, making the planning process a breeze - all you need to do is sign up, pay the fee, and get ready to go! This makes them a great 'set-and-forget' option (if you can afford the initial fees).

The overall costs of these programs vary wildly depending on lots of factors, like what's involved, where you'll go, how long the program is, and even the provider themselves. Your upfront costs are usually high, but generally you



don't need to worry about ongoing costs during the program, as things like accommodation, meals, and travel are covered.

Your costs typically include:

- Program fees
- Connecting travel (e.g. from your hometown to the city the program departs from)
- Optional experiences not included in the program fees
- Souvenirs and gifts
- Emergency money
- Pre-travel costs (passport fees, medical checks, visas, etc.)

Think outside the box

Need a bit of extra help meeting your savings goals? Here are some options you might not have considered.

Gap year scholarships

Apply for money towards your time out - there are [scholarships and grants](#) on offer through gap year providers or external organisations. If your application is successful, you could receive money to put towards your program fees, or receive a bit extra to use how you'd like.

Government payments

It's always worth having a chat with government services too. They won't be handing out money for nothing, but if you're volunteering or earning below a certain threshold during your gap year, there could be some financial assistance you're eligible for.

Just can't afford it?

And if all these options still feel out of reach, there are lots of other ways to have a great gap year too. You could travel locally, find work experience or volunteer, or even just take some time out to relax, refresh, and do some self-improvement. Ultimately, the choice is yours.

Find out more

If you want more information about opportunities or how to plan your gap year, [head over to our gap years page](#) or grab a copy of our [Gap Year Guide](#).

Pathways

What is the IB Diploma Programme and could it be right for you?

If you're heading to high school soon and considering your senior options, you might have heard about something called the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme. But what exactly is it? How does it compare to your state's senior certificate? And most importantly, should you consider it for your final years of school? Let's break it down for you.

What makes the IB different?

The IB Diploma Programme (DP) is a two-year international curriculum designed for students aged 16-19. It was developed in 1968 in Geneva, Switzerland to "provide students with a balanced education, facilitate geographic and cultural mobility and to promote international understanding."

The IB is recognised globally and [taught in over 150 countries around the world](#) - so if you're thinking about studying overseas after high school, this could help you to apply with ease.

You can still apply to overseas universities using your country's high school certificate, and even if you're planning to study at home, local universities recognise the IB for entry too. But if you're looking for something a bit different from the usual curriculum, the IB might be for you.

The Diploma Programme incorporates the IB [learner profile](#), designed to help students develop skills to become responsible, global learners. You won't just understand how the world works, but also how you can help make it better.



What will you study during the IB Diploma Programme?

The IB Diploma curriculum and structure is quite different from traditional high school, made up of a combination of the DP Core and subject groups. Here's what you'll need to complete:

- [The DP core](#): The heart of the IB, these components are designed to "broaden students' educational experience and challenge them to apply their knowledge and skills." It consists of:
 - Theory of knowledge (TOK), a 100-hour course that encourages you to think about *how* we know what we know, exploring questions about knowledge itself across different subject areas.
 - The extended essay (EE), an independent 4,000-word research project on a topic of your choice, giving you a taste of university-level research.
 - Creativity, activity, service (CAS) projects, which require you to engage in activities outside the classroom for 3 hours a week that develop your personal growth. This could include sports, volunteering, creative pursuits, or community service.
- [Six subjects](#): You'll choose one subject from six groups based on your interests and goals.
 - The groups are language and literature, language acquisition, individuals and societies, sciences, mathematics, and arts.
 - Subject offerings can vary depending on your school, and you may be able to opt out of the arts and select a second subject from one of the other groups.
 - 3 or 4 subjects must be studied at Higher Level (HL) and 2 or 3 at Standard Level (SL), with HL subjects requiring more depth and study time.

How does IB scoring work for university entry?

Your [final IB score](#) is calculated out of 45 points total. Each of your subjects can earn you up to 7 points, and you can earn up to 3 additional points from your performance in TOK and the EE. To pass the programme and gain the Diploma, you must receive a minimum of 24 points and successfully complete all DP Core components.

When applying to university, Your final IB score will typically be converted to your state or country's normal equivalent - this conversion happens automatically, so you don't need to worry about calculating it yourself.

In some cases, you may need send an official transcript of your results to the university. This should be done on your behalf by your school's IB Programme Coordinator.

Will universities accept your IB results?

Many universities in [over 110 countries around the world](#) formally recognise the Diploma Programme for undergraduate entry. Even if the university you want to attend isn't on the IBO's list, they may still accept the DP for entry - you'll need to check their website directly.

In most cases, you'll need to have completed and been awarded the full IB Diploma to be eligible for entry to university. If you're not awarded the full Diploma, you may need to contact universities directly about your eligibility to apply and consider [alternative pathways](#) to study.

You'll apply through the same entry method as other high school students. Some universities even offer specific scholarships or pathways for high-achieving IB students.

Is the IB Diploma Programme right for you?

The IB Diploma Programme works well for students who:

- Enjoy learning across multiple subject areas
- Can handle a demanding workload consistently
- Have strong time management and independent study skills
- Are interested in a global perspective on education
- Might be considering university study overseas
- Like to think deeply about big questions and make connections between different subjects

However, it might not be the best fit if you:

- Prefer to focus intensively on just one or two subject areas
- Have significant commitments outside school (like elite sport or work)
- Find it difficult to manage multiple deadlines and assignments
- Prefer more flexibility in your subject choices



Weighing up the pros and cons

Nobody can tell you what the best option will be for you, but before making any decisions it's best to take some time to really work out which option could be best, taking into account your lifestyle and commitments, as well as taking into account your end goals.

Benefits of the IB Diploma Programme

- Global recognition could open doors to universities worldwide
- Develops critical thinking and research skills
- Encourages a well-rounded education and global perspective
- Regarded well by universities for its academic standards
- Your final score stands on its own merit and will be assessed across two year levels of work
- You'll gain independent study skills and a great work ethic
- If your family plan to move between states or countries, the workload and subject offerings won't vary much between schools

Potential challenges to completing the IB Diploma Programme

- Demanding workload across all subjects can leave less time for extracurricular activities or casual work
- All subjects are academically challenging with no 'easier' options
- Less flexibility or choices in subject selection compared to regular curriculum
- Requires strong time management and self-discipline
- If you score below 24 you will not receive a full Diploma
- You may not be eligible for some university programs
- May be less familiar to some employers compared to state certificates

Tips for success in the IB Diploma Programme

If you decide the IB Diploma Programme is right for you, here are some strategies to help you succeed:

Stay organised from the start

You're going to need to be on top of your studies from day one. Use planners, set reminders, break large assignments (particularly the extended essay) into smaller, more manageable tasks, and definitely don't leave things until the last minute.

Don't underestimate TOK and CAS

While these components might seem less intensive than your other subjects, they do contribute to your final score and will require consistent effort throughout the programme.

Ask for help when you need it

IB teachers understand the demands of the programme and want to see you succeed, so don't wait until you're struggling to reach out for support.

Build connections with your classmates

Having a support network of students going through the same experience can be invaluable. Study groups and meet ups might help you stay motivated and on track.

Maintain balance

While the IB is demanding, remember that your [physical and mental wellbeing](#) are still important. Make time for sleep, exercise, and activities you enjoy.

Research your options



The decision to study the DP is made long before you finish school, so you'll need to have a good idea what you're signing up for and the post-school options you're aiming for. You can usually transfer from the DP to the regular curriculum if you change your mind, but not the other way around.

Making your decision

The IB Diploma Programme isn't the right choice for every student, but for those who thrive on challenges and enjoy learning across multiple disciplines, it could be a great pathway to consider. It doesn't just teach subject content - it develops resilience, independence, critical thinking skills, and a global perspective that could serve you well in your future studies and career.

Whether you're planning to study at home or overseas, the IB could help to keep doors open.

If you're interested in learning more about the IB Diploma Programme, speak with your school's careers adviser or IB coordinator. They can help you understand whether your school offers the programme, what subjects are available, and whether it aligns with your goals and interests.

Find out more

Want to explore more study options? [You can find information about pathways and qualifications on our website here.](#)

Subject Selection

Why going to subject selection events is a smart move

Subject selection can feel overwhelming. One minute you're cruising through school, and the next everyone's asking about your future, whether you want to go to university, or careers you've barely heard of. Before you get caught in a spiral of "what if I choose the wrong thing?", there's one simple move that can make everything less stressful: go to subject selection events.

Whether you go to the event your school hosts, an information night at a university, or a webinar or expo run by another organisation, here's why subject selection events are worth your time.

You don't know what you don't know

You might think you have it all figured out: you're taking advanced maths and physics because you want to study engineering. But then you attend a university information night and discover that some engineering programs actually prioritise design thinking and problem-solving over high-level mathematics. Maybe you discover a job you've never heard of before at a careers expo, or the subjects you planned on taking clash on your school timetable.

Subject selection events give you access to valuable information, advice, and options you might not discover just by searching online or chatting to friends.

You'll have real conversations with real people

You can't beat hearing things straight from the source.

Teachers can explain exactly what it's going to be like to take a subject in senior years, including how much coursework and assessment to expect. Knowing you and your past performance, they can also help manage your expectations - for example, if English has never been your strong suit but you plan on selecting extension English, you may need to work extra hard to keep up.

At university events, student advisers, professors, and current students can walk you through prerequisites, course options, and what student life is actually like. Apprenticeship and training providers could give you a clear picture of what study and work commitments involve day-to-day for the pathways you're considering.

Even chatting with older students or recent graduates could give you a better feel for whether a subject or pathway is going to suit you.

You can bring your family along

Even if your [parents or carers](#) encourage independence and support you to make your own choices, bringing them along to a subject selection event could provide a sounding board for ideas.



If you have parents and family members who feel strongly about you pursuing a particular pathway, they might learn more about the workload expected from you and the outcomes you can expect, which might not align with what they had in mind.

They'll hear the same information, ask different questions (usually the practical ones you haven't thought of yet), and help you remember the important details later. Plus, it saves you having to go home and explain everything to them.

It helps your future self

[The subjects you choose right now](#) won't lock you into a career forever, but they could keep opportunities open that might be harder to access later.

Subject selection events help you understand how your subject choices connect to different university courses, traineeships, or jobs. With some research and thought, you won't find yourself in Year 12 wishing you'd chosen different options two years ago.

You might actually enjoy it

It sounds surprising, but it's true. Some of these events have interactive sessions like [quizzes](#), mini-exhibitions, or short taster workshops that help you picture life after school.

Plus, being surrounded by people all working out their futures too could bring you peace of mind that you're definitely not alone.

You have nothing to lose

So if there's a subject selection event coming up at your school, go. University or training provider open day? Sign up. Local careers expo? Worth a visit. It's all part of piecing together what you want your next steps to look like. Remember, it's completely normal to not have all the answers yet. But showing up, asking questions, and gathering information means you'll be in a much better position to make choices you actually feel confident about.

Find out more

Want to explore more about subject selection? [You can find lots of helpful resources and advice on our website here.](#)

Job Spotlights

[How to become an Anthropologist](#)

Anthropologists research and examine all aspects of human society and behaviour, both past and present, including languages, art, belief systems, rituals, music, economic systems and more. They can research ancient cultures to uncover new information, or research current trends and patterns to provide insights to governments and businesses.

If you're curious, patient, and have a passion for history and culture, a career as an anthropologist could be worth considering.

What skills do I need as an anthropologist?

- Curious & inquisitive
- Organised & methodical
- Critical thinker
- Empathetic & open
- Skilled communicator
- Analytical & thorough
- Can work alone & in teams
- Good problem-solver

What does the job involve?

- Conducting research & presenting findings



- Comparing sets of data to find trends
- Gathering & analysing artefacts & records
- Explaining findings to others
- Working with other social professionals
- Providing culturally-specific advice
- Organising & safely storing items
- Educating others on different cultures

What industries do anthropologists typically work in?

- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
- Education & Training
- Health Care & Social Assistance

What Career Cluster do anthropologists belong to?

Anthropologists belong to the [Informer Cluster](#) - they need to have a lot of curiosity and great communication skills, ready to share their knowledge with others.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

Most anthropologists work average hours, and there are plenty of part-time opportunities available.

While some of the work is hands-on, you may also be able to conduct work remotely or from home, particularly when conducting certain research and communicating with clients. There is also lots of opportunity to travel.

As an anthropologist you can expect to earn an average salary throughout your careers.

How to become an anthropologist

To work as an anthropologist, you will typically need to study a relevant undergraduate qualification, such as in arts or social sciences. Postgraduate study is also highly desirable in this field. You may also need to be fluent in another language, depending on which culture you would like to research.

You might choose to specialise in a particular area of anthropology down the track, such as linguistics, culture, biology, or archaeology.

- Finish high school, focusing on subjects such as English, History, and Social Studies
- Complete a relevant university qualification, typically an undergraduate degree in Anthropology, Arts, or Social Sciences
- Start building work experience
- Consider undertaking a Master's degree in Anthropology, or potentially even a PhD

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

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if becoming an anthropologist is right for you, here are a few things you could do right now:

- Work on your research and writing skills, which will be vital in this career. Delve deep into a particular area of interest and find out everything you possibly can.
- Try and find work experience in places like a museum, cultural institution, or research institution.
- Talk to an anthropologist to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in anthropology.

Where can I find more information?

- [World Council of Anthropological Associations](#)
- [Australian Anthropological Society](#)
- [Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa/New Zealand](#)
- [Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania](#)
- [Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK](#)
- [American Anthropological Association](#)
- [Canadian Anthropology Society](#)



Similar careers to anthropologist

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