

What's On in the Next Few Weeks

[ACU | Year 12 Revision Webinars](#)

August 21 to September 7, 2023

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone. We know this can be a stressful time, which is why we've teamed up with InspirED to help you do your very best and get ready for what's to come.

Join us for a series of free online webinars run by experienced Year 12 exam markers and assessors. They'll guide you through how to respond to possible exam questions, help you get your head around the class content to deepen your understanding, and offer plenty of tips and strategies along the way.

[Find out more](#)

[UQ Ready](#)

August 22 to October 5, 2023

Join us for an informative event that will provide you with all you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

What's involved:

- Get advice on your ATAR score.
- Understand QTAC preferencing.
- Hear about accommodation options.
- Know how to respond to a university offer.
- Know how to enrol and plan your timetable.
- Get tips for successfully transitioning to university.

The information will be valuable to any high school student looking to go to any university.

Where possible, a panel of UQ students will share their experiences and give advice on how to make the most of your time at university.

Online session

6 September, 6.00pm—7.00pm

Sunshine Coast

5 October, 5.00pm—6.30pm

Sunshine Coast Grammar School

[Find out more](#)

[NIE | Casper Test Preparation Webinar](#)

September 2, 2023

NIE will be conducting a 4-hour interactive and informative webinar designed to provide students with the guidance and support they need to prepare for the Casper Test. During the workshop we will discuss the expectations of the test, how Curtin might use the results and unpack the questions and outline possible criteria for assessment. We will also work on “on camera” techniques to be able to showcase your true self while answering the questions. Finally, we will look at the timing of the applicant responses and how to get the most out of the time that you must answer each question.

[Find out more](#)

YES (Young Entrepreneur Summit) Primary, Logan

September 4, 2023

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YES is a super high energy, action-packed, one day event that features keynote presentations, panel discussions and interactive group workshops on a whole range of ‘adulthood skills’ such as public speaking, financial literacy, ideation and collaboration + team work.

This session is designed for students in Grade 3 to Grade 6.

[Find out more](#)

CQUni | SUN Term 3 Information Session

September 4, 2023

Are you a current high school student in Year 10, 11, or 12 and interested in getting a head start on your studies?

Start Uni Now (SUN) is a CQUniversity initiative that provides a real university experience by combining your school study with the challenge of university level study.

Join us for an informative session that covers everything you would like to know about SUN including what units are available, costs, how to apply, and how you may be eligible for direct entry into your course and credit towards your degree. You will also learn about how SUN can form a pathway to university that is not just reliant on your ATAR score.

Students as well as their families, friends and Support networks are all welcome to attend.

[Find out more](#)

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This event is designed for secondary school students (Grade 7 to 12) and young adults (17 to 21 years).

[Find out more](#)

JCU | Heroes in Business 2023

September 5 to September 12, 2023

JCU, in partnership with Queensland Country Bank, is giving local high school students with a passion and desire to develop a career in business, law or finance the chance to learn from industry experts.

From this one-day program you'll gain unique insights into the professions that funnel into a business, commerce and law career. One of our expert Academics will guide you through the process of creating, exploring and pitching a business opportunity, including the financial and legal implications. JCU Advisors will be on hand to provide information about courses and university life, and a Q&A with local professionals will be an opportunity for students to engage with and hear from professionals within those careers.

[Find out more](#)

Geoscience Australia | Online professional learning: Natural hazards

September 6, 2023

Natural hazards and disasters can have a lasting impact on the Earth and our communities. By examining years of satellite imagery we can observe the extent of hazard impacts on our landscape and infrastructure and plan for future events.

This teacher professional learning session will explore how Earth observation satellites are used to monitor natural hazards. Our education team will walk you through how to access real satellite imagery from the Digital Earth Australia portal and will provide you with some ready-to-use classroom activities.

[Find out more](#)

Create for a Day at SAE

September 9 to September 10, 2023

SAE Institute is opening its doors this September for a one-day program, designed to expand your skills and get you working on inspiring creative projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games or Electronic Music Production.

Don't miss out on your chance to experience life as an SAE student and discover what it means to be a creative professional, in state-of-the-art facilities with industry experts by your side. During the workshop, attendees will learn valuable practical and collaborative skills to build a creative piece of work! They will also receive a certificate of participation to acknowledge the creative project they have undertaken.

Due to the level of workshop content, this event is open to school students aged 15 years and above (Year 10 and over).

Dates:

- Saturday, 9 September, 2023 | 10:00am – 4:00pm | Brisbane, Byron Bay, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney
- Sunday, 10 September, 2023 | 10:00am – 4:00pm | Adelaide

[Find out more](#)

[endota Wellness College | Open Day](#)

September 9, 2023

Discover our nationally recognised courses and how we train our students to become job-ready and qualified in as little as 12 months! Take a tour of our spa-like campus, learn about student life on campus, enjoy a facials masterclass and receive a free goodie bag.

What's happening:

- Hear from our CEO, Helen Robb-Lacey, as she shares her passion for wellness and the incredible potential of our courses.
- Learn about career pathways and opportunities within Australia's largest spa network – your ticket to a successful and rewarding career.
- Meet our team of expert trainers and immerse yourself in an interactive masterclass.
- Enjoy nourishing nibbles and refreshments, plus goodie bags for all attendees!

[Find out more](#)

Important Future Events

[TAFE QLD | East Coast Open Days](#)

September 12 to September 14, 2023

Join us for a day filled with activities, workshops, and valuable information about our campuses, study areas and facilities. Explore an extensive selection of course options and discover the educational path that will propel you towards a successful future.

Unleash your potential, redefine your career, and ignite your passion with flexible courses and exciting new opportunities. Experience firsthand what it's like to study with Queensland's largest and most reputable training provider.

No matter your desired field of study or preferred location, our dedicated team will be readily available to assist you in making the optimal choice for your future.

[Find out more](#)

JCU | Virtual Open Day 2023

September 12, 2023

We're excited to show you why JCU is Uni....but not as you know it.

JCU's Virtual Open Day is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the University ranked number 1 in QLD for full-time employment. Get information on courses and support services in a relaxed and convenient environment, and have your questions answered via live chat with JCU advisors, current students, academics and alumni.

Explore student life through virtual presentations on study options and take a tour of our campuses and facilities.

[Find out more](#)

RBA Economic Update Webinar for High School Students

September 13, 2023

Aimed at students in Years 11-12, this webinar will feature an RBA economist sharing insights on monetary policy and current economic conditions. It's a great opportunity for students to get the latest information about what's happening in the Australian economy and pose questions to an RBA economist. Students and educators should register directly to attend this online event.

[Find out more](#)

UQ | InspireU STEM Camp

September 17 to September 22, 2023

Immerse yourself in a week-long (17-22 September) university experience to learn about opportunities across the STEM fields. Year 10-12 students will get to explore potential study options and gain practical insights into a range of disciplines.

You're eligible if you:

- are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- are enrolled in high school at the time of application
- are enrolled in ATAR subjects and eligible for an ATAR score
- have a school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

You will:

- participate in a week-long (17-22 September) on-campus residential camp
- attend engaging sessions to further understand humanities and social sciences
- take part in practical, hands-on experiences

- explore UQ facilities and services
- connect with current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students
- meet fellow high school students.

There are no costs for students.

[Find out more](#)

UN Youth | Aotearoa Leadership Tour 2023

September 18 to October 2, 2023

The Aotearoa Leadership Tour brings together 16 young Australians in Years 10 – 12 to explore indigenous rights, culture and reconciliation from 18th September to 2nd October. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore Australia's relationship with its first peoples through an intercultural tour of New Zealand.

The tour focuses on the rich history and tradition of the Maori people, and the methods used to preserve this culture. You'll spend two weeks travelling through Wellington, Auckland, Waitangi, Rotorua and Sydney to meet and work with local communities, grassroots organisations, government representatives and NGOs at the forefront of the fight for indigenous rights.

All young people in Years 10-12 are welcome, and we strongly encourage those from diverse and minority backgrounds to apply.

[Find out more](#)

BOP Industries | Creating Your Digital Presence Workshop

September 18 to September 19, 2023

Do you have a business idea that you would love to bring to life? Join us at the Young Entrepreneurs Hub in September where we will be working to help you build and launch your own business.

Over two action-packed days, we will be working with high school students to build their own businesses as part of the [Young Entrepreneurs Hub](#). With the program hosted at the [WeWork Co-Working Space](#) in Brisbane City, and facilitated by the [BOP team](#) of expert facilitators, this is a great opportunity for young people looking to bring their business ideas to life.

For our program on the 18th and 19th of September, we will have a specific focus on helping students build the digital presence for their business as they create their own website and business social media accounts. Over the course of the two days, we will organise specialised masterclasses and expert mentors to work with students to design and launch their websites and social media accounts.

[Find out more](#)

JMC Academy | Songwriting & Recording Workshop, Brisbane

September 19 to September 20, 2023

Day 1 (Tue 19th Sept): Songwriting

On the first day of the workshop, we'll explore the art of songwriting. After introductions and analysing a popular song, we'll delve into the key elements of rhythm, melody, harmony, and lyrics through interactive exercises. In a collaborative activity, we'll break into groups to write an original song. This hands-on experience will foster teamwork and creativity. Throughout the workshop, we'll provide guidance and support, emphasising the joy of collaborative song writing.

Day 2 (Wed 20th Sept): Recording Studio

On the second day, we'll transition to the recording studio to bring our songs to life. We'll start with an introduction to the studio, familiarising ourselves with the equipment and recording process. We'll record instruments and vocals and learn basic recording techniques with the assistance of a JMC band where needed. The day will culminate in listening to rough recordings of our songs and each participant will be sent a final mix of their song after the completion of the workshop.

[Find out more](#)

[JMC Academy | Graphic Design Workshop, Brisbane](#)

September 19 to September 20, 2023

Come along to our 2-day graphic design workshop during the September school holidays. It's going to give you some amazing insights into the world of design thinking and prototyping, both on paper and digitally.

We want to make sure everyone has a great experience, so we're aiming for a group of at least 6 and no more than 12 participants. This way, we can all interact and engage with each other effectively and create a really productive learning environment.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

[Turning hobbies into scholarship opportunities](#)

Imagine turning your hobbies, passions, and talents into not just enjoyable pastimes, but also scholarship opportunities that open doors to your academic dreams. Whether you're a musician, an artist, an athlete, a coder, or a community volunteer, there's a scholarship out there with your name on it. Let's dive into how you can make the most of your interests to land scholarships in fields you're genuinely enthusiastic about.

Identify your passion

The first step is to pinpoint your hobbies and passions. Whether it's playing a musical instrument, creating art, participating in sports, coding, volunteering, or anything else, your genuine enthusiasm will shine through in your scholarship application.

Research relevant scholarships

Once you've identified your interests, start searching for scholarships that align with them. There are scholarships for almost every hobby and talent out there, so do some research to find opportunities that match what you love to do.

Showcase excellence

Scholarships often require showcasing excellence in your chosen hobby or passion. Dedicate time to improve your skills and stand out from the crowd. This could mean taking classes, attending workshops, or participating in competitions related to your interest.

Create a compelling story

Your scholarship application is a chance to tell your story. Explain why your hobby is meaningful to you and how it has shaped your goals and aspirations. Personal anecdotes and insights can make your application memorable.

Highlight transferable skills

Even if your hobby seems unrelated to your chosen field of study, there are often transferable skills. For example, if you're passionate about photography and you're applying for a science scholarship, you can emphasise skills like attention to detail and patience, which are valuable in both areas.

Tailor each application

Avoid sending generic applications. Tailor each one to the specific scholarship you're applying for. Highlight aspects of your hobby that align with the scholarship's values and goals.

Obtain strong recommendations

Teachers, coaches, mentors, or community leaders who have seen your dedication to your hobby can provide compelling recommendations that reinforce your passion and commitment.

Be genuine

Scholarship committees appreciate authenticity. Be yourself in your application, interviews, and any interactions. Let your passion shine through without trying to be someone you're not.

Scholarship opportunities aren't just about funding your education; they're about showcasing your uniqueness and your commitment to your passions. By following these steps and putting your authentic self forward, you can increase your chances of turning your hobbies into meaningful financial support.

You can search for scholarships on our database [here](#).

Scholarships - continued

Scholarship application pitfalls to avoid

When it comes to pursuing higher education and achieving your dreams, scholarships can be a game-changer. These financial awards can make your study goals even more attainable. But the journey to securing scholarships is not without its challenges. One thing to keep in mind is avoiding common mistakes that can hinder your chances of success. Let's delve into some of these scholarship application pitfalls and learn how to steer clear of them.

Procrastinating on deadlines

Missing deadlines is perhaps one of the most common mistakes students make when applying for scholarships. Scholarship committees have strict schedules, and failing to submit your application on time can instantly disqualify you. To avoid this, create a calendar with application deadlines well in advance. Set reminders and allocate enough time to complete each application thoroughly.

Neglecting proofreading

A well-written application reflects your commitment and attention to detail. Typos, grammatical errors, and unclear language can detract from your message and leave a negative impression. Before submitting any application, proofread it carefully. Consider asking a friend, teacher, or family member to review your application as well, as a fresh pair of eyes can catch mistakes you might have missed.

Ignoring eligibility requirements

Scholarship applications often come with specific eligibility criteria. Ignoring or misinterpreting these requirements can lead to disappointment. Before applying, thoroughly read the eligibility guidelines and ensure you meet all the criteria. If you don't, it's best to focus your efforts on scholarships that align with your qualifications.

Using generic essays

Scholarship essay prompts are unique, and using a one-size-fits-all approach can hurt your chances. Tailor each essay to address the specific question or topic provided. Personalise your response by sharing relevant experiences, achievements, and goals that demonstrate why you're an ideal candidate for that particular scholarship.

Forgetting required documents

Some scholarships require additional documents, such as transcripts, recommendation letters, or a portfolio. Forgetting to include these materials can mean your application will be considered incomplete. Create a checklist for each scholarship application, ensuring you've gathered and attached all the necessary documents before submission.

Overlooking small awards

While aiming for large scholarships is enticing, don't dismiss smaller awards. These can add up and contribute to your overall financial support. Applying for a mix of scholarships, big and small, increases your chances of success.

By being aware of these common scholarship application mistakes and taking proactive steps to avoid them, you're positioning yourself for success. Approach each application with care, attention to detail, and a strong belief in your own abilities. Your hard work and perseverance will pay off, leading you one step closer to achieving your educational dreams.

You can find more scholarship tips and search our database [here](#).

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Defence Geospatial Intelligence Trainee Program

The Defence Geospatial Intelligence Trainee Program is a competency based civilian training program. Participants undergo workplace training while completing a Certificate IV in Spatial Information Services.

Trainees complement their study with relevant and practical employment in a unique environment. They do full-time paid work while completing their qualification. Employment is guaranteed on successful completion of the program.

Benefits of doing the Trainee Program are:

- paid employment while undertaking academic study
- practical, high-quality, full-time work to support academic study
- employment as a Trainee Australian Public Service (APS) (Technical) level 3 while participating in the program
- opportunities for career progression within Defence.

Trainees are given the opportunity to work on exciting, real world projects using leading edge technology. They work in a range of job disciplines, including cartography, photogrammetry, data acquisition, data management and web mapping services.

Find out more about the program [here](#).

Getting Ready for Work

[9 networking tips for introverts](#)

If you prefer your own company over meeting new people, [networking](#) might seem like an impossible task. But don't worry – it's totally doable and can be a game-changer for your career. We have some handy tips to help you navigate the world of networking as an introvert.

Start small

Begin by attending smaller events or gatherings. These settings are usually less overwhelming and provide a chance for more meaningful conversations. As you gain confidence, you can gradually move on to larger events.

Set goals

Before you attend an event, set [achievable goals](#) for yourself. They don't need to be huge – maybe it's meeting two new people or engaging in one in-depth conversation. Having a purpose can help you stay focused and motivated.

Do your homework

Research the event and its attendees beforehand. Knowing a bit about the people you might meet can make initiating conversations easier. You could even come up with a few conversation starters.

Leverage your listening skills

Introverts often excel at listening. Use this strength to your advantage by asking open-ended questions and genuinely engaging in conversations. People love to talk about themselves, and you'll stand out as a great listener.

Take breaks

Remember, it's okay to step away and recharge. Find a quiet spot to collect your thoughts, then return to the event with renewed energy.

Use online platforms

Social media can be a fantastic way for introverts to connect. Start conversations online, and when you meet in person, it'll be easier to continue the dialogue.

Bring a friend

If you're comfortable, attend events with a friend. This can provide you with a familiar face and make you feel more at ease.

Quality over quantity

Networking isn't about collecting as many business cards as possible. Focus on building a few meaningful connections rather than spreading yourself thin.

Practice and patience

Like any skill, networking takes practice. Be patient with yourself and celebrate your small victories along the way.

Remember, introverts have unique qualities that can be incredibly valuable in networking situations. Your listening skills, thoughtfulness, and ability to form deeper connections can set you apart. So, take a deep breath, step out of your comfort zone a little, and embrace the world of networking – it's a journey worth taking.

Find more tips and resources to help you build your dream career [here](#).

Getting Ready for Work - continued

[7 tips to protect yourself from workplace bullying](#)

We tend to associate 'bullies' with the school yard. But unfortunately bullying can follow us long past the time we leave the school gates.

Workplace bullying is a huge issue in Australia. Even if you've escaped bullying at school, you could still find yourself the target of bullies as an adult, so you need to know why they do it (hint: it's not about you) and how you can protect yourself.

Why do people bully?

It's not really about the victim. Generally, bullies are using ineffective coping techniques to tackle issues in their own lives, like a lack of confidence or a feeling that they've lost control.

People become bullies because:

- They want to have control over others
- They want to improve their social status
- They don't feel very good about themselves, and want others to feel as bad as they do

- They are angry or frustrated about something and take it out on you
- They have been bullied themselves in another setting, and bullying gives them back their feeling of power

(For more on why people bully, check out [this resource](#) from Kids Helpline.)

See, none of these reasons include anything about the victim.

Which means there's **nothing you've done wrong**, and there's **nothing wrong with you**.

People who bully others are actually [more likely to have lifelong issues with anxiety and depression](#) than those who have never bullied (see [this article](#) for more info).

The same reasons for bullying apply to bullies at school and in the workplace. The difference is that in a workplace the bully is often also the boss. So, how can we protect ourselves from becoming a victim of workplace bullying?

Seven tips to protect yourself from bullying

Tip 1 – Keep a diary

Record when, where, who was there, and what happened. Include every interaction, and also record how it made you feel. If you're ever in a position where you need to prove what happened you'll be armed with the facts.

Tip 2 – Maintain your professionalism

Remember that you're there to work, not hang out. Sure, make friends and have a good time, but maintaining some of the professional lines in your workplace can help you more easily identify inappropriate behaviour.

Tip 3 – Don't separate yourself from your old friends

Even if your workplace becomes your favourite place to hang out (and with some offices now boasting cafés, bars, chill out zones, and weekly drinks sessions, it's possible you'll enjoy work more than home), try to keep some friends who don't work in the same place as you, and put energy into those relationships.

Tip 4 – Do what you can to separate yourself from the person

If you can, change your shifts so they don't overlap, or see if you can work in a different department. It's not always a long term solution, but separating yourself can help you deal with the immediate problem while you look for a long-term solution.

Tip 5 – If you feel safe and confident enough you can stand up to the bully

State clearly that you're not going to tolerate their behaviour, and that you're aware that you can take action to get them to stop. Try to ensure you have witnesses, or put it in writing so you have documented evidence.

Tip 6 – Report it

The best thing you can do if you're experiencing any form of bullying is tell someone. Your employer not only has an obligation to keep you safe at work, chances are they're also probably a good person who doesn't want any of their workers to be hurt or upset. You could go to your manager, someone in human resources, or even a union representative.

Tip 7 – What about if your boss or manager is the problem?

All of the above tips can help, but if your boss or manager is causing the issue you may need to go 'over their head' to get the problem to stop. Organisations are becoming more proactive at stomping out bullying at every level, so chances are someone more senior than your boss or manager will want to help.

If all else fails you can try your legal options. Contact your local [Legal Aid clinic](#), explain what's happening, and they should be able to point you in the right direction. This [resource](#) from the Fair Work Ombudsman goes over your rights and options to stop bullying in the workplace.

What you can do to help stop bullying

- Bullying. No Way! Have put together some [resources](#) for parents to help you learn how to respond if your child is being bullied.
- The [School Toilet Project](#) recognises that school toilets are 'the one place we know upset students naturally gravitate to', and aims to make them safe, nurturing places.
- ReachOut have some advice about what to do if you [witness someone else being bullied](#).
- The National Centre Against Bullying has some tips for you if you want to [help a friend who is being bullied](#).

How to find help if you are being (or have been) bullied at school

- Go to your teachers. They're trained to help you and support you, and they can be instrumental in stopping the bullying.
- Tell your parents. If they don't know what's happening it's hard for them to help you, and trust me, they want to help you.
- Call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800. They'll talk you through everything and help you work out some next steps. Their [website](#) is packed with articles and resources to help you as well.
- headspace are another fantastic resource – you can [call them or chat with them online](#).
- ReachOut have lots of fantastic [online resources](#) to help you understand bullying a find a way to move beyond it.
- Want to know where you stand? [Youth Law Australia](#) can help you learn about your legal rights when it comes to bullying and [cyberbullying](#).

Friday 18 August was [National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence](#). NDA encourages whole-school communities to work together to implement evidence-informed positive and proactive solutions to prevent and address bullying.

Work Experience

[5 work experience ideas for high school students who love cooking](#)

Work experience is a fantastic way to get a taste of the culinary world and learn valuable skills along the way. If you need some inspiration, we have some work experience ideas for students who love cooking – read on.

Local restaurants or cafes

Imagine spending a week in a bustling restaurant kitchen, learning from experienced chefs as they whip up delicious dishes. Work experience in a local eatery can give you insights into kitchen operations, meal preparation, and the art of plating. You'll gain exposure to different cooking techniques and might even have the chance to contribute to the creation of mouthwatering dishes.

Catering companies

Catering companies offer a diverse range of culinary experiences. From preparing finger foods for events to crafting elegant multi-course meals, you'll get hands-on experience in a dynamic setting. Working with a catering team will teach you about menu planning, food presentation, and the importance of timing in the kitchen.

Bakeries and pastry shops

If you have a sweet tooth and a knack for baking, a bakery or pastry shop is the perfect place for your work experience. You'll learn the art of making pastries, cakes, bread, and other delectable treats. Understanding the precision required for baking and the creativity involved in decorating will be valuable skills you can carry with you.

Cooking classes and culinary schools

Some culinary schools or cooking classes might offer opportunities for students to assist during workshops and classes. This immersive experience can expose you to a variety of cuisines, cooking methods, and interaction with fellow cooking enthusiasts. It's a great way to enhance your skills and learn from experienced chefs.

Nutrition and meal planning

If you're interested in the nutritional aspect of cooking, work experience with a nutritionist or a meal planning service could be a fantastic opportunity. You'll gain insights into crafting balanced meals, understanding dietary restrictions, and creating meal plans that cater to specific health goals. This experience bridges the gap between cooking and wellness, offering a holistic perspective on the culinary world.

Remember, work experience is all about learning, so don't be afraid to ask questions, observe closely, and take notes. Each day presents a chance to absorb new knowledge and build connections with professionals in the culinary industry.

Find out more about work experience and search for placements [here](#).

Competitions

The 2023 Simpson Prize Competition

The Simpson Prize is a national competition for Year 9 and 10 students that focuses on the service of Australians in World War I.

One winner and one runner-up from each State and Territory will participate in a three-day program in Canberra. Winning students will also travel to key historical and commemorative sites across Australia, noting that the final itinerary is subject to confirmation.

To enter the Simpson Prize you must respond to the question using the Simpson Prize Australian War Memorial Source Selection and your own research:

“Commemoration of the Anzac tradition has widespread support in Australia despite different historical interpretations and debates about the nature and significance of the Anzac legend.”

To what extent does your own research support this view?

Entries are open until Friday 3 November.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.simpsonprize.org/>

International Short Story Writing Competition '23

We're looking for short stories! Think you can write a winning story in 1,500 words or less?

Enter GEMA's International Short Story Writing Competition today!

If you are a writer aged 18 or younger and wanting to get published, participate to see your work published in book form, distributed globally, and win trophies, medals, Kidzania passes, free access to GEMA's creative writing program, and certificates!

Entries are open now and close 8 October.

Find out more and enter [here](#).

Storyfest National Novella Writing Competition

The Storyfest National Novella Writing Competition is open to all Australian high school students. It is a wonderful opportunity for serious student writers, encouraging them in their literary growth – and there are also some fantastic prizes on offer.

All state winners will be awarded:

- Cash prizes
- Flights and accommodation to the Gold Coast
- Tickets to attend Somerset Storyfest (25-27 March 2024)
- Exclusive access to meet with Australia’s elite authors and publishers

Entries close Friday 1 December.

Find out more and enter [here](#).

MiNDFOOD Short Story Competition

Due to popular demand, our short story competition has been renewed for 2023!

Each month, MiNDFOOD will publish one reader’s short story, with the best story published over the course of a year going on to win \$1000. We are looking for unpublished stories from budding non-professional writers who may need a nudge to showcase their talent. Each month, the staff of MiNDFOOD will choose the best story to publish and, at the end of the year, will choose the award for Best Short Story.

Entries need to be 2000 words in length and previously unpublished.

Find out more and enter [here](#).

2023 ACMF National Songwriting Competition

The 2023 ACMF National Songwriting Competition is now open.

Every year, students from schools across Australia are invited to put pen to paper and enter their original song in the competition.

Entry is free for students from Years K-12.

Winners receive prize-money which can be allocated towards musical equipment or tuition.

Entries for the competition close on 30 September.

Find out more and enter [here](#).

Resources

Navigating LGBTQIA+ identity in the workplace

When you’re starting your journey in the workplace, there are lots of new things to think about. For those who identify as LGBTQIA+, there is an extra layer of considering whether or not you should come out at work. This is a significant step, and it’s completely normal to have mixed

feelings about it. Firstly, remember you're not alone, and your feelings are valid. Let's explore some reasons why you might want to come out, and why you might choose not to.

Why you might like to share your identity at work

One compelling reason to come out in the workplace is the opportunity to just be yourself. Being open about your identity can be empowering. It allows you to build relationships based on honesty and trust. When you're true to who you are, you're likely to experience a sense of relief and increased self-esteem. Plus, you could become an inspiration to others who may be going through similar experiences.

Sharing your LGBTQIA+ identity can also play a role in fostering a more inclusive workplace environment. Your visibility can educate your colleagues about diversity and contribute to a culture of acceptance. By being a positive example, you might encourage your workplace to implement policies that protect the rights of LGBTQIA+ individuals. This can lead to a more supportive and understanding atmosphere for everyone.

Why you might like to keep your identity private at work

On the other hand, choosing not to disclose your LGBTQIA+ identity in the workplace is also a valid choice. Remember that your personal life is just that – personal. It's okay to prioritise your comfort and privacy. If you feel that your work environment might not be as accepting as you'd like it to be, it's perfectly alright to keep this aspect of your life to yourself. Your wellbeing matters most, and only you can decide when and if you're ready to share.

Another reason you might hesitate to come out is the fear of discrimination. Sadly, not all workplaces are as inclusive as we'd hope. It's important to consider your safety and wellbeing. If you're worried about potential negative consequences, it's okay to prioritise your safety. Remember that you can still find community and support outside of work.

I'm not LGBTQIA+ – what can I do to help?

Supporting LGBTQIA+ co-workers, whether or not they've come out, involves listening without judgment, as well as respecting the person's privacy and personal wishes. Remember, it's never OK to out someone without their express permission. Your kindness and understanding can help create a safe and welcoming workplace where everyone feels valued and accepted.

Resources and support

No matter what you decide, it's crucial to have resources and support at your fingertips. Organisations like LGBTQIA+ advocacy groups, local community centres, and online forums can offer guidance, advice, and a sense of belonging. Don't hesitate to reach out for help, whether it's for advice on coming out or for assistance if you face discrimination.

In the end, coming out as LGBTQIA+ in the workplace is a personal choice. Trust your instincts and prioritise your wellbeing. Remember that you deserve to work in an environment where

you're respected and valued. Be patient with yourself, and take one step at a time. You're never alone on this journey.

For more information and assistance, check out these helpful resources:

- [ReachOut](#)
- [QLife](#)
- [PFLAG](#)
- [LGBT Foundation](#)

You can also find more wellbeing resources on our website [here](#).

[Navigating the AI revolution – career paths for tomorrow's high school graduates](#)

If you've been watching the news this week, there's been plenty of talk about AI and its potential to take over a significant number of jobs. The way that it has been reported may have created a ripple of anxiety amongst young people still in high school or at university and parents as well.

But please bear in mind that what you hear about on the news probably isn't the whole story. While it's true that certain roles may be automated, it's important to remember that in this era characterised by rapid technological advancements, the AI revolution is also going to open up a ton of other avenues for innovation and career opportunities.

Instead of worrying about what could change, let's refocus on the positives and consider all the potential for new ways of working, as well as the new jobs that could be created.

Will robots take my job?

Hundreds of jobs that existed in the past are obsolete now, [from carriage makers and chimney sweeps, to projectionists and clock keepers](#). And that's not a bad thing; often the jobs were boring, hard manual work, or downright dangerous. Just like we're experiencing now, the industrial and technological revolutions caused huge changes to the workforce, which in turn allowed the development of new jobs and the lifestyles we enjoy today.

Although AI might reshape certain industries, it's important to remember that the majority of careers won't be entirely replaced, but rather *transformed* with some changes to the daily tasks.

We've put together a short list of jobs that could be automated, along with along with suggestions for other jobs less likely to be automated but which require similar skill sets:

Data Entry and Administrative Assistants

Routine and repetitive tasks like data entry could easily be replicated by AI, whereas decision-making and customer service will remain valuable. If you have one of these roles in mind, you could consider adapting or upskilling into data analysis or interpretation instead.

Manufacturing Workers

As automation in factories increases, workers could transition to other roles like supervising and training colleagues or maintaining and improving the automated processes.

Retail Clerks and Cashiers

With the rise of online shopping and self-service tills, retail roles might evolve into customer experience and relationship management positions instead.

Drivers

As autonomous vehicles become more popular, ultimately there may be fewer driving jobs around. Instead, you could think about careers in fleet management, vehicle maintenance, urban planning for future transportation needs, or be the innovator, designer, or engineer for new vehicles and their programming.

Bank Tellers

Banking is already increasingly digitalised. Instead of thinking about becoming a teller, you could pivot to financial advising, investments, or mortgage broking. You'd be helping clients make the best decisions based on their unique goals and circumstances.

Telephone and Switchboard Operators

This career has been declining for quite a while due to technological advances, people having their own phones and laptops with calling functions, as well as the rise of emailing. Some roles, such as emergency dispatchers, will be harder to automate because of the level of engagement that's required with the caller. And if you enjoy helping other people and have great social skills, then there are lots of other careers you could consider.

Thinking about a job that's not on this (very short) list, but worried it could be automated? No problem; you could check out the Labour Market Information in your area and look at the growth and demand for those roles, or see where it's ranked on this [database](#). Then consider what other jobs could be a great match for your skills and interests that may have a lower chance of being automated.

Career fields at less risk of automation

Many jobs require uniquely human skills. Things like emotional intelligence, creativity, critical thinking, and complex problem-solving are just a few examples of skills that are going to be very hard, if not impossible, for AI to replicate (or replicate well at least).

Let's take a look at some examples of fields that are less likely to become fully automated as they rely on human skills so much:

Healthcare Professionals

Doctors, nurses, dentists, and therapists need to have empathy, compassion, and the ability to make complex decisions based on a multitude of factors. While AI can aid in diagnostics and data analysis, the human touch remains irreplaceable for patient care.

Creative Professions

Artists, animators, writers, musicians, and designers need originality and emotional expression. While AI might be one of the tools used, the actual creative process requires imagination and the ability to evoke emotions that AI would struggle to replicate.

Social Services

Social workers, counsellors, psychologists, and other professionals who deal with complex human brains and emotions, in an enormous variety of situations, must possess high levels of observation, understanding, communication, and empathy to create the perfect support for each client and their situation.

Education

We already know that you can learn a lot from computers and other digital technology, but human educators go beyond delivering information. Effective educators also must be able to form relationships, provide mentoring, be emotionally supportive, personalise guidance to individual students' needs, and most importantly engage learners of all kinds. Teachers and trainers also help students to develop critical thinking, nurture curiosity, and learn other essential life skills.

Research and Development

While AI could be used for data analysis and number crunching, forming the basis of project work, there are still human skills involved, like creativity, intuition, depth of knowledge in specific subject areas, contextual awareness, adaptability, and the ability to draw patterns or make connections that AI would miss. These are all essential in areas of research and development that are not likely to be replaced.

Innovation

Can a robot really decide what fashions people will find comfortable, or what flavour combinations work well together, what smells nice, or feels pleasant on our skin? Probably not. Therefore jobs from marketing and sales to cosmetics, fashion, and cooking will continue to require human input.

In every industry you can look for the careers that are unlikely to be replaced and learn where opportunities will always exist for humans, not AI.

Careers created by AI

By this point hopefully you're feeling positive about the future and the number of careers already out there that need a human element.

Now let's consider all the possible jobs which have yet to be created that could come about as a result of the evolution of AI; and there's likely to be a lot!

Here are a few examples:

AI Ethicists/Transparency Advocates

You could be the person providing human assessments of AI systems, monitoring them for bias, fairness, and potential social impact, ensuring that technology serves humanity responsibly.

Virtual Reality Architects

They could be designing immersive digital environments for education, entertainment, therapy, and more as virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) develop. You'd need skills in design, technology, and psychology to create engaging and functional VR experiences.

Personal Data Brokers

They could be the mediators between consumers and organisations, negotiating data-sharing agreements while ensuring privacy and compensation.

Robot Behaviour Designers

People might be needed to model and fine-tune robot behaviours, ensuring safe and meaningful interactions. A combination of skills in psychology, engineering, and design could be important to create robots that respond appropriately to human cues.

Cybersecurity AI Analysts

This would be similar to existing cybersecurity roles, but more focused on developing AI systems or programs that proactively detect and defend against cyberattacks. You'd need to specialise in AI, programming, cybersecurity, and perhaps have background in understanding criminal minds too.

Elderly Companion Developers

You could be responsible for creating companions that can provide emotional support, reminders, and basic assistance to the elderly (ideally between human visits and interactions).

Developers and programmers who also understand human psychology and aged care could be perfect for these roles.

Urban Farmers/Green Infrastructure Managers

In the future, we might combine traditional farming knowledge with AI-powered monitoring and optimisation. This could ensure sustainable food production to support growing populations, even in urban environments.

Stay positive

Try to ignore the media doom and gloom, continue to focus on identifying opportunities, developing diverse skill sets, and cultivating a mindset of lifelong learning. That way you'll always be ready for changes and can easily adapt.

Remember that the high school students of today have the potential to become the innovators and problem solvers of tomorrow's AI-enhanced world.

Keeping your study momentum strong

As we get closer and closer to the end of the year, it's easy to feel a mix of excitement and exhaustion. However, it's crucial to keep your study momentum going strong until the very end. We have some tips will help you stay focused, motivated, and on track during this final stretch.

Set clear goals

Start by defining what you want to achieve by the end of the year. Whether it's acing a final exam, completing a project, or raising your grades, having clear goals will give you a sense of purpose and direction.

Break it down

Big goals can be overwhelming. Break them down into smaller, manageable tasks. This approach not only makes your goals less daunting but also allows you to celebrate small victories along the way.

Stay organised

Keep your study materials and space organised. Having a clutter-free workspace and well-organised notes can save you precious time and reduce stress.

Review regularly

Don't wait until the last minute to review what you've learned. Regularly revisit your notes and materials to reinforce your understanding and prevent cramming.

Stay healthy

Your physical wellbeing can [directly impact your ability to study effectively](#). Make sure to eat well, exercise, and get enough sleep. A healthy body supports a focused mind.

Reward yourself

Treat yourself for reaching milestones. It could be something small like watching your favourite show or enjoying a tasty snack. Rewards help keep you motivated and make the journey enjoyable.

Seek support

Don't hesitate to ask for help when needed. Whether it's a teacher, a classmate, or a parent, seeking support shows strength, not weakness.

Stay positive

Positivity goes a long way. Instead of dwelling on mistakes or setbacks, focus on what you've accomplished so far and the progress you're making.

Remember, it's okay to have moments of fatigue or doubt. The key is to acknowledge these feelings and not let them derail your efforts. You've come this far, and with determination and consistent effort, you can finish the year strong.

Find more study tips on our blog [here](#).

Workplace Spotlight

[What is it like to work in a radio station?](#)

Radio stations are broadcasting facilities that serve as platforms for transmitting audio content to a wide audience. The primary purpose of a radio station is to entertain, inform, educate, and connect with listeners by delivering a variety of audio content, such as music, news, talk shows, interviews, discussions, advertisements, and more.

While each radio station is different, they do have some things in common:

1. Communication is key – getting information across in an informative and entertaining manner is important for success in radio, particularly when you're relying on verbal communication alone.
2. Most work is done indoors – but you might have the opportunity for field reporting and research too.
3. They're more common in metro areas – but regional and rural areas often have community stations as well.

Entertain and inform audiences

Radio stations play a multifaceted role, catering to the various interests and needs of their audiences while also contributing to cultural enrichment, information dissemination, and community engagement.

Key tasks

- Host live shows and interviews
- Select and play music
- Write and deliver news updates
- Edit audio content
- Operate broadcasting equipment
- Create promotional content
- Manage social media presence
- Schedule program line-up
- Conduct audience interactions
- Monitor broadcast quality

You can find radio stations in the information media and telecommunications industry

Radio stations are mostly found in the information media and telecommunications industry. Various radio stations cater to diverse tastes and needs, including music (pop, rock, classical, etc), talk shows, and local news.

You can expect varied hours and on-site work

Varied hours | Work on-site | Jobs more common in metro areas | Moderate job growth

Many radio stations broadcast 24/7, which means they need people on-hand at all times of the day or night to ensure content goes out smoothly. Your shifts and schedules will vary depending on your exact role.

On-site work is typically more common due to the need for technical equipment, but some roles can be done remotely, particularly in administration and marketing.

Radio stations are found more often in metropolitan areas due to larger audiences, resources, and advertising opportunities. However, regional and rural areas often also have local stations catering to their communities' specific needs and interests.

The Career Clusters you'll find in a radio station

People from all Clusters are needed for a radio station to run successfully, but Linkers are typically the most common Cluster. In many roles, you might find yourself performing tasks across multiple Clusters.

What do Makers do in a radio station?

Makers in a radio station are primarily responsible for installing, operating, and maintaining the equipment that ensures smooth broadcasting operations. For non-live broadcasts, they might also edit pre-recorded content and ensure it's of a high quality.

- Sound Engineers
- Broadcast Technicians
- Content Editors

The role of a Linker in a radio station

Linkers help to connect a radio station's content to a wider audience. They are the people we hear on the radio presenting programs and talking with audiences. Other Linkers help to promote the station both on-air and through other channels, such as social media, and form partnerships with local businesses and other community organisations.

- Broadcasters/Hosts
- Partnerships Managers
- [Social Media Managers](#)

Where you'll find Coordinators in a radio station

Coordinators oversee many of the behind-the-scenes operations of a radio station, including managing programming schedules, screening phone calls, managing budgets, and overseeing other workers in the station.

- Station Managers
- Production Directors
- Accounts Managers

What do Informers do in a radio station?

Informers provide knowledge and information to both other workers in a radio station and to audiences. They might keep listeners up to date with news and events, report on topics and stories of interest, or share their specialist knowledge through commentary and analysis.

- [Journalists](#)
- News Reporters
- Special Correspondents

The role of Innovators in a radio station

Innovators are responsible for creating a lot of the content that goes out on the airwaves. They might write scripts and copy for broadcasters to read, come up with new ways of engaging listeners, or create pre-recorded content that can be played to entertain and inform audiences.

- Radio Producers

- Content Creators
- [Copywriters](#)

How do Guardians work in a radio station?

Guardians in a radio station screen content to prevent misinformation, offensive material, or content that could negatively impact the station's reputation. They are also responsible for ensuring the station's content meets any regulatory guidelines and industry standards.

- Compliance Officers
- Ethical Standards Officers

How do we expect working in a radio station to change in the future?

The radio industry is undergoing several changes, largely due to technological advancements and shifts in media consumption.

Radio stations are increasingly embracing on-demand content, such as podcasts. This has created lots of new roles in content creation, editing, and distribution, and ensures that radio stations remain relevant in an increasingly digitised world.

Hybrid models that combine traditional radio broadcasts with digital and online platforms are also becoming more common, requiring workers to manage multi-channel content delivery.

This also allows radio stations to incorporate visual media into the mix as well.

Advancements in technology have also enabled easier remote collaboration, potentially altering the traditional on-site work model for some roles.

Workplace Spotlight - continued

What is it like to work in a bookstore?

The main purpose of a bookstore is to provide a place for people to discover, explore, and purchase different types of written content. Whether it's fiction, non-fiction, self-help, or educational materials, a bookstore is where people can go to find all these options in one location.

Bookstores also serve as places where people can gather, discuss literature, attend author events, and engage with a community of fellow readers.

While every bookstore is different, they do have some things in common:

1. Customer service is key – being able to help people find what they need and answer their questions is important for success.
2. A sense of community – bookstores serve as more than just retail spaces; they also bring together people who share a passion for reading and learning.
3. They're diverse – specialty bookstores exist, but most have something for everyone, catering to different tastes, ages, and preferences.

Discover and explore literature

Bookstores play a vital role in society by not only providing a diverse range of reading materials for individuals to explore and enjoy, but also by creating welcoming spaces that encourage intellectual growth, foster a love for literature, and facilitate meaningful connections within the community.

Key tasks

- Assist customers in finding books
- Organise shelves and displays
- Recommend books based on preferences
- Process customer transactions
- Arrange events and book signings
- Manage inventory and restock shelves
- Handle online orders and deliveries
- Create eye-catching window displays
- Manage book club or reading group arrangements
- Keep the store clean and tidy

You can find bookstores in the retail trade industry

Bookstores are mostly found in the retail trade industry. There are various types of bookstores, including independent shops with unique selections, chain bookstores offering wide options, and specialty stores catering to specific interests like art, cooking, or travel.

You can expect regular hours and on-site work

Regular hours | Work on-site | Jobs more common in metro areas | Moderate job growth

Bookstores, like most retail businesses, are usually open from 9 to 5. If they are hosting a special event, they might sometimes stay open later into the evening.

On-site work is more common in bookstores due to the need for customer assistance and organising physical stock.

Bookstores are often more common in metropolitan areas where there's a larger population and higher demand for diverse reading materials and cultural events. This doesn't mean you can't find bookstores in rural areas, they might just be fewer in number.

The Career Clusters you'll find in a bookstore

People from all [Clusters](#) are needed for a bookstore to run successfully, but Linkers are typically the most common Cluster. In many roles, you might find yourself performing tasks across multiple Clusters.

What do Makers do in a bookstore?

Makers in a bookstore might help with the initial fit-out and build of the shop, as well as running and repairing any technology integrated with the store (such as point-of-sale systems, etc). They also need people to help keep the store clean, tidy, and presentable.

- Shopfitters
- [Maintenance Technicians](#)
- [Cleaners](#)

The role of a Linker in a bookstore

Linkers are there to help customers in a bookstore find what they need and answer any questions or queries they might have. They help to design and setup attractive displays to entice people into the store, and plan any events the store might run. Linkers are also needed to run any social media sites for the store and advertise the business to the public. Some Linkers might connect with schools, libraries, and other organisations to arrange book loans, educational programs, and special promotions.

- Retail Assistants
- [Visual Merchandisers](#)
- [Social Media Managers](#)
- Event Planners
- Outreach Officers

Where you'll find Coordinators in a bookstore

Coordinators are responsible for the behind-the-scenes operations of a bookstore, including managing rosters and accounts, keeping track of stock levels and incoming orders, or helping with planning events and promotions.

- [Store Managers](#)
- Accounts Administrators
- [Event Planners](#)

What do Informers do in a bookstore?

Informers have in-depth knowledge of the books in a bookstore and share it with the public through reviews and recommendations. Other Informers might work as curators, researching and hand-picking books to cater to a store's unique market or needs.

- Critics/Reviewers
- [Curators](#)

The role of Innovators in a bookstore

Innovators help to make bookstores dynamic and immersive spaces. They might explore new ways to engage customers and use technology to enhance the customer experience, both in-person and online.

- Experience Designer
- [UX Designer](#)

How do Guardians work in a bookstore?

Guardians in bookstores help to keep customers, staff, and goods safe and secure. Some Guardians might help to ensure that the bookstore is accessible to all customers, including those with disabilities.

- Security Officers
- Accessibility Officers

How do we expect working in a bookstore to change in the future?

Looking ahead, the experience of working in a bookstore is likely to undergo some shifts. While the heart of a bookstore lies in its physical space, where customers can explore shelves and engage in face-to-face conversations, technological advancements will likely play a bigger role. Bookstore workers might find themselves adapting to a blend of traditional and modern approaches.

With the rise of online shopping and digital content, bookstores might need to expand their online presence. This could involve managing e-commerce platforms, responding to customer inquiries via digital channels, and ensuring smooth online transactions.

As virtual events become more common, bookstore workers might also take on responsibilities related to organising and hosting virtual book launches, author talks, and online reading groups. This digital engagement can help bookstores connect with a wider audience and offer unique experiences beyond the physical store.

To stay relevant, bookstores could focus on creating captivating in-store experiences. This might involve integrating technologies like augmented reality to enhance the browsing process, interactive displays that provide book recommendations, or even offering workshops and classes to foster a sense of community.

Job Spotlight

[How to become a Machine Learning Engineer](#)

Machine Learning Engineers are professionals who work on creating and developing systems that can learn and improve from data. These systems are designed to recognise patterns and

make decisions on their own. They work with large amounts of data to train algorithms, which then learn from the data and get better over time.

If you're interested in technology, problem solving, and helping computers learn to do amazing things, this career might be something to consider.

If you have these skills, you could make a great Machine Learning Engineer

- Excellent problem solver
- Knowledge of programming
- Good maths skills
- Great communicator
- Committed to lifelong learning
- Adaptable and resilient
- Good attention to detail
- Mindful of ethical implications of your work

What's involved in the job?

- Choosing the right machine learning algorithms for specific tasks
- Gathering and organising data from various sources, ensuring it's relevant and accurate
- Processing and preparing data for training and testing models
- Designing and building your own machine learning models
- Keeping detailed records of your work, including code, methodologies, and results
- Creating visual representations of outputs to understand patterns, insights, and model results
- Integrating the trained model into applications, websites, or other systems for real-world use
- Presenting findings and insights to both technical and non-technical audiences

Where do Machine Learning Engineers work?

As a Machine Learning Engineer, a majority of your work will be done indoors, typically in settings such as offices, laboratories, or remote workspaces.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

Most Machine Learning Engineers work full-time, and part-time and casual roles aren't very common. They often work for private tech companies, research institutions, or for the Government.

Many Machine Learning Engineers earn an above average salary throughout their career.

Machine Learning Engineers are more commonly found in metro or urban areas. But with the rise of remote work and the increasing importance of technology in various industries, opportunities in rural and remote areas may grow.

How to become a Machine Learning Engineer

To become a Machine Learning Engineer you will need to complete a relevant university degree, as well as some further training.

Step 1 – Complete high school with a strong focus on English and Maths. IT and Sciences could also be beneficial.

Step 2 – Find work experience with STEM or tech-related organisations or businesses.

Step 3 – Complete a relevant undergraduate degree, such as in computer science, data science, or software engineering.

Step 4 – Start building a portfolio of your works to show to prospective employers or clients.

Step 5 – Commit to lifelong learning and stay updated with the latest developments in the industry.

Find out more here:

- [Coursera](#)
- [BrainStation](#)
- [Forage](#)

Similar Careers to Machine Learning Engineer

- Data Scientist
- Software Engineer
- AI Developer
- Research Analyst
- Computer Scientist
- Bioinformatics Scientist
- Tech Innovator

Find out more about alternative [careers](#).

Job Spotlight - continued

How to become a Surveyor

Surveyors are responsible for taking precise measurements of plots of land and preparing plans for construction or mapping based on these measurements. You could be measuring pieces of land as small as house blocks, all the way up to large stretches of coastline.

If you want a job that will keep you on your feet and take you to new places, this could be the perfect career for you.

If you have these skills, you could make a great Surveyor

- Great problem solver
- Can work in teams
- Observant and analytical
- Fit and active
- Excellent communicator
- Critical thinker
- Careful and precise
- Great time management skills

What's involved in working as a Surveyor?

- Measuring distances and angles to accurately define land boundaries
- Working with a variety of technical equipment, including GPS, theodolites, drones, and more
- Compiling and analysing gathered data
- Preparing site plans, reports, and maps
- Presenting data to clients and other professionals
- Liaising with builders, architects, urban planners, and engineers
- Monitoring any environmental problems or concerns

Where do Surveyors work?

As a Surveyor, a majority of your work will be done outdoors, and if you need to meet a deadline you may need to work in all kinds of weather. But you will still do some work indoors as well.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

Most Surveyors work full-time, and part-time and casual roles aren't very common. They can work for private companies, such as architects, builders, real estate agencies, or engineers, or for the Government.

Most Surveyors earn an above average salary throughout their career. Surveyors are needed nearly everywhere imaginable, from the middle of cities to rural locations, so there's always lots of opportunities available.

How to become a Surveyor

To become a Surveyor you will need to complete a relevant university degree, as well as some further training.

Step 1 – Complete high school with a focus on English, Maths and Sciences.

Step 2 – Find work experience in construction, STEM, or environment-related areas and businesses.

Step 3 – Complete a relevant undergraduate degree, such as surveying, engineering, or geospatial science.

Step 4 – Complete any necessary registration, examination, or licensing processes.

Step 5 – With experience, consider applying for further specialist memberships and roles.

Find out more here:

- [Geospatial Council of Australia](#)
- [Survey and Spatial New Zealand](#)
- [Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors](#) (UK)
- [National Society of Professional Surveyors](#) (US)
- [Association of Canada Lands Surveyors](#)

Similar Careers to Surveyor

- Architect
- Urban Planner
- Engineer
- Environmental Scientist
- Builder
- Cartographer
- Industrial Designer

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