

## Open Days & Info Sessions

### VEXPO 2022

Sunday 24 July 2022, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tanks Arts Centre, Edge Hill

FNQ Volunteers Inc. is back with VEXPO (Volunteer Expo), a community event showcasing a range of Volunteer opportunities available in the Cairns region, for people of all abilities and ages to join groups and build social connections around common interests. Our not for profits does amazing work in our community and the VEXPO will provide people an opportunity to learn more about these organisations as well as the benefits of volunteering.

The 2022 VEXPO will feature over 30 social, cultural, animal welfare, recreational, and sporting not-for-profit groups that operate in Cairns.

Find out more: <https://www.tanksartscentre.com/whats-on/community/2022/vexpo-2022>

### Bond | 2022 Open Day

Saturday 30 July 2022, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Bond University

Experience our on-campus Open Day on 30 July, 2022 – a day where our campus is yours to explore.

Make the most of your Open Day experience by exploring a study area or two, take a behind-the-scenes tour of campus, be inspired by a keynote presentation – or even meet some of our students, alumni and staff in the Connect Lounge.

Find out more: <https://bond.edu.au/open-day>

### SCCE | Exchange Webinar

Tuesday 9 August 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

At SCCE, we understand that there is a lot to consider when going on exchange, which is why we are happy to offer these regular online information webinars to teach you all about your student exchange options. Our online sessions go for approximately 60 minutes. They will guide you through everything from you need to know about our programs. There is also time at the end of the presentation to ask questions, providing a wonderful opportunity to interact with both our staff and other future exchange students.

Find out more: <https://scce.clickmeeting.com/tuesday-august-9-2022-info-session/register>

## The Hotel School | Industry Insights

Saturday 20 August 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sofitel Brisbane Central

Join us for an exclusive behind the scenes look at life working in a luxurious 5-Star Hotel. Experience Sofitel Brisbane Central through the eyes of a hospitality professional. Find out what it is like to work in this dynamic environment by immersing yourself in the behind the scenes operations of a luxury hotel.

You are invited to this unique, fully interactive experience where you will meet professionals of key hotel departments and have an opportunity to understand their roles. This event is perfect for those wanting a better understanding of the complexities and depth of hospitality careers.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/industry-insights-brisbane-tickets-375648303187>

## ACU | Year 12 Revision Webinars

**Chemistry:** Monday 22 August 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**English:** Tuesday 23 August 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**General Maths:** Wednesday 24 August 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Maths Methods:** Thursday 25 August 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Legal Studies:** Monday 29 August 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**Study of Religion:** Tuesday 30 August 2022, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Join us for this free online webinar 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 content to deepen your understanding, and offer plenty of tips and strategies along the way.

You'll also have an opportunity to get your questions answered during a live 30-minute Q&A.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/year-12-revision-webinars/qld>

## Workshops and Courses

### NIE | Medical Interviews Preparation Workshop

Saturday 20 August 2022, 10:00 am - Sunday 21 August 2022, 4:00 pm

Online

The unique NIE workshop program aims for students to gain an in-depth understanding and required knowledge of the medical interview processes for specific universities, including Multi-station Mini Interview (MMI), Structured, and Semi-structured panel interviews. The workshop

is structured and based on the models that are taught during our proven one-on-one personalised medical interview sessions. The workshop will allow each and every attendee to learn the required skills and practical understanding for the university from which they received an interview offer from.

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/medical/umat-interviews/medical-interviews-workshop>

### **National Mathematics Summer School**

Sunday 8 January 2023, 9:00 am - Saturday 21 January 2023, 5:00 pm

Canberra

The National Mathematics Summer School (NMSS) is a program for motivated and high-achieving school students that has been held each January since 1969.

The 55th NMSS is planned to be held in Canberra from 8 to 21 January 2023.

Applications will open soon, and will close at the end of August.

Find out more: <https://nmss.edu.au/>

## **Scholarships**

### **Australian Muslim Academic Scholarship Program**

Value: Up to \$10,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

The Australian Muslim Academic Scholarship Program (AMAS) will support year 12 graduates with high academic merits and/or young working professionals who also possess significant leadership qualities to obtain graduate and/or postgraduate qualifications through one of our preferred university partners.

[Find out more](#)

## **Competitions**

### **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 (28-30 March 2022)

- Exclusive access to meet with Australia’s elite authors and publishers

**Entries open Monday 25 July and close Friday 2 December.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.storyfest.com.au/novella-writing-competition>

### **Little Stories Big Ideas Flash Fiction Competition for Secondary School Students**

Little Stories Big Ideas is a writing competition for Australian Secondary School Students. As part of the comp, students write a story in 100 words or less to a specific themed prompt, in any literary style they like – prose, poetry, haiku or song. There are two entry categories, Year 7 to 9 (Junior) and Year 10 to 12 (Senior).

The comp runs every school term with great prizes on offer and is free to enter.

Cash prizes of \$100 plus Gift Vouchers and Memberships are up for grabs.

Entries are now open for our Term 3 competition with the theme “Body”. **Entries close Friday September 16 2022 at Midnight.**

Find out more: <https://littlestoriesbigideas.com.au/>

## **Work Experience**

### **Work Experience with Urban Utilities**

Delivering quality, safe and reliable water and sewerage services to over 1.5 million customers every day is a pretty important job. You’d be amazed at what goes on behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly.

If you are a secondary school student and keen to experience a week in the life of a professional Engineer or Scientist, our work experience for students in years 10-12 may be of interest. We’re passionate about working with water and we can show you what a future in the water industry looks like. Applications open year round. [Email us](#) for more information.

[Learn more](#)

### **Work Experience with Services Australia**

If you’re in year 10, 11 or 12 or equivalent you can register for a work experience placement. Placements are unpaid and run for 5 days on a full time or part time basis. Full time placements run for 5 consecutive business days. Part time placements run for 5 days spread over a maximum of 5 weeks.

On your work experience placement you’ll get:

- real workplace experience
- the chance to develop a range of skills while working on a variety of tasks
- to see the work we do to deliver vital services to Australians
- to work in one of our many offices, service centres or Smart Centres across Australia

- a greater understanding of our agency, including the wide range of roles we have, and the public service.

[Learn more](#)

## Careers & Jobs

### Career Opportunities in the Chicken Meat Industry

Australia has one of the most efficient chicken meat producing and processing industries in the world. Chicken meat is a hugely popular food with Australians and sees Australian consumers spend approximately \$6.6 billion each year on chicken meat products. Its unique structure creates an industry rich in diverse career, and career progression, opportunities.

There are many different types of jobs offered in this industry, from animal husbandry, agribusiness, science, engineering, quality assurance, laboratory services, marketing, transport and processing to veterinary, nutrition and management positions.

Want to know more? Check out [this video](#) about a day in the life of a Chicken Farmer.

You can also read [this handy fact sheet](#) about the Chicken Meat Industry in Australia.

Or you can read [this blog](#) written by Annabel as she first entered the industry.

## Further Learning

### Early offers made through UAC

Because UAC has several offer rounds in the first half of the year, many Year 12 students ask us if they can receive an offer now.

The short answer is 'no': the first UAC offers to Year 12 students will be made to [Schools Recommendation Scheme](#) (SRS) applicants on 11 November 2022. Offers made then are not based on HSC results and ATARs. Instead, they are based on other criteria like Year 11 results and the school's rating of the student.

Before November, offers are made to applicants who are not in Year 12 this year and already have a qualification UAC can assess. They're often applying to start a course in Semester 2.

Most UAC offers to Year 12 students are made in late December, after the release of ATARs.

If you're after an early offer, make sure to apply directly to the university of your choice through their early entry program. You can find a full list of early entry programs, including closing and offer dates, in our [Early Entry Guide](#).

### **UNSW Law Admission Test (LAT)**

If you're a domestic applicant and would like to study the Bachelor of Laws at UNSW, you'll need to sit the Law Admissions Test (LAT). Your LAT score, in addition to your academic results, such as ATAR + adjustment factors, is used in UNSW's selection process.

The 2022 LAT is on Thursday, 29 September 2022. The LAT is offered once per year and results are valid for 2 years. The LAT will be offered at in-person testing venues in Canberra and Sydney, or via remote proctoring.

Register before **5pm AEST 12 August 2022** to avoid paying a late fee.

Find out more: <https://www.unsw.edu.au/law-justice/study/undergraduate/law-admission-test>

### **Decision Making Upskilling Program**

Being able to make well-informed choices will differentiate you from others, win you friends and show your leadership potential at work.

Grandshake's new 40-minute microprogram, How to Make Great Decisions, will teach you how to make the right choices, process hard decisions, act autonomously and work as a team.

Find out more: <https://www.grandshake.co/product/how-to-make-great-decisions>

### **QUT Year 12 Early Offer Scheme**

The Year 12 Early Offer Scheme can provide certainty about your future options, with an offer to study at QUT before receiving your ATAR, IB Diploma or VET Diploma. If eligible, you'll receive an offer for your QTAC first preference the day you complete Year 12.

The scheme includes more than 50 single and double degrees from a wide range of study areas including business, creative industries, engineering, health and science.

**Applications open 2 August and close 21 October.** Apply through QTAC and list an eligible course from QUT in your top three preferences to receive an early offer.

Find out more: <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/year-12-early-offer-scheme>

### **START QUT STEM Intensive**

START QUT (STEM Intensive) is the delivery of a first year QUT STEM unit in a two week intensive study program in the summer holidays, 9-20 January 2023. This unique program is designed for current Year 11 students entering Year 12 in 2023.

You can participate in one of our study units to see the differences between high school and university, while gaining an insight into STEM studies in a safe and supportive environment.

There are no tuition fees for successful applications.

**Applications for the program open 15 July and close on 24 August 2022.**

Find out more and apply: <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/options/start-qut-stem-intensive>

## Resources

### Consumer Rights for young people in Australia

Before you buy anything, whether it's material goods or a service, you should know:

- your legal rights
- how to protect yourself from scams and other dishonest activities
- what to do, or where to find help, if things go wrong

The older you get and the larger your purchases are, the more important it is that you're on top of how to look after yourself and your investments.

### What is consumer protection law?

Consumer law is there to monitor relationships between individual consumers (you) and businesses selling you goods and services.

Basically, it's in place to prevent people taking advantage and selling you things that don't work, are overpriced, or illegal.

### Who's in charge of consumer protection?

In Australia, the [Australian Competition and Consumer Commission \(ACCC\)](#) are the Government organisation in charge of protecting your consumer rights. They make sure that businesses are doing the right thing. Ensuring that industries are regulated (meaning there are rules they must stick to that make life fairer for everyone), price monitored, and preventing illegal or anti-competitive behaviour.

### What are my rights?

As a consumer in Australia, you can expect:

- To deal with businesses who are honest, reliable, and registered
- Any products that you buy should be [safe](#) and [do the job](#) they're advertised to do
- Get refunds or replacements if you buy items that don't work, are faulty, or never turn up
- Have the law behind you if you need to deal with circumstances where you've been tricked or deceived

### Tips for making safe purchases

There are a lot of dishonest people out there who are more than happy to take or steal your money. You might think that you'll never fall for a scam, but unfortunately it happens all the time to people of all ages.

Bear in mind these tips:

- Banks will **never** ask for your bank details over the phone.
- No reputable business will ask you to pay in [gift cards](#) and if they do, it's a scam.
- If you are making a payment over the phone or online and handing out your card details, you should only have to provide the card number, name on the card, expiry date and [CVC / CVV](#) (card verification code) on the back. You will **never** have to give your bank account number or BSB number.
- Do not sign a contract unless you have read and understood all the term, clauses and small print – they are legally binding

### Check out the seller

Before you buy anything, check that the business selling it is:

- genuine (as in it really does exist)
- registered (with the [Australian Securities and Investments Commission \(ASIC\)](#) register or [ABN lookup](#)), and
- has a good reputation (look at reviews and testimonials from a variety of sources)

Websites like [Scamadviser](#) can be a useful starting point.

### Keep records or proof of purchase

When you buy anything, make sure you get a receipt and keep it. Taking a photo is useful too, as sometimes the ink fades until you can't read it.

If your goods come with a warranty (a type of guarantee from the manufacturer about the condition of the product, repairs, or exchange), or a guarantee (a legally binding assurance of quality) make sure you keep it.

Sometimes you might have to register your item or service, or get a record (even just a stamp) that your warranty/guarantee has been acknowledged or activated. So make sure you do that too.

**Note:** be careful if you buy something online, especially from overseas, as your rights may be different.

### Tips to remember when buying online

- **Never** send your credit card number via email.
- Opt for full payment on delivery, rather than paying the full amount in advance.
- Use gift cards, vouchers, and credit notes as soon as possible so you do not miss the expiry date.
- Never sign up for open-ended charges against your card.
- When you enter your card details, do not provide your bank account number as well.
- Contact your credit card provider immediately if you become aware of an unauthorised transaction on your account (there's usually a number on the back you can call).



### **Find out more**

If you'd like to read more about your rights as a consumer, visit the ACCC website here:

<https://www.accc.gov.au/>

Or take a look at more money tips on the Study Work Grow website [here](#).

### **Three reasons why we still study Shakespeare**

Ever wondered why we still study Shakespeare's work, even though he died over 400 years ago? His plays and poems are still taught in classrooms across the English-speaking world, and once you get past the *thous* and *doths*, there's a lot you can learn from his work.

Read this blog to find out the top three reasons: <https://whywestudy.com/three-reasons-why-we-still-study-shakespeare/>

## **Job Spotlight**

### **How to become a Financial Planner**

Financial Planners, also known as Financial Advisors, help clients to set financial goals and provide advice on the best ways to invest and spend their money. They can work with individuals as well as businesses and government.

If you have a sharp mind for maths, enjoy helping people, and are willing to commit to lifelong learning and development, this could be the perfect career for you.

#### **About you:**

- Analytical and thorough
- Excellent problem solver
- Fantastic communicator
- Mathematically minded
- Willing to act ethically
- Can work independently
- Committed to lifelong learning
- Critical thinker

#### **The job:**

- Analysing a client's current financial situation
- Making investment recommendations

- Monitoring investments on a client’s behalf
- Developing budgets and savings plans
- Helping clients to save for retirement
- Advising on superannuation matters
- Ensuring you are always acting in the client’s best interests

### **Lifestyle Impact: Low**

- Part Time opportunities: Very low – only around 15% of Financial Planners work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 44 hours a week, which is average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Financial Planners’ salary (average) \$110,000\* per year (source: seek.com.au). \*Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Strong (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Most of your work will probably be done indoors, during normal business hours.

### **Financial Planners are most in demand in these locations:**

Around 24,100 people worked as Financial Planners in Australia in 2021 (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au). Demand is highest in New South Wales and Victoria. Most Financial Planners work in the Financial and Insurance Services industry.

### **How to become a Financial Planner in Australia**

To become a Financial Planner, you’ll need to complete an accredited degree, undertake a year of training and an exam, and gain registration with the Australian Security and Investments Commission (ASIC).

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a focus on English and Maths.

Step 2 – Complete an approved undergraduate qualification, generally a Bachelor of Business majoring in Financial Planning, or Bachelor of Accounting. You can see the full list of approved qualifications [here](#).

Step 3 – Complete a full-time professional year that includes at least 1,500 hours of work activities and 100 hours of structured training (a total of 1,600 hours).

Step 4 – Complete the [Financial Adviser Exam](#) before starting the third quarter of your first professional year.

Step 5 – Register for an [AFS License](#) with the Australian Security and Investments Commission (ASIC).

Step 6 – Complete 40 hours of professional development each year, and comply with the [Code of Ethics](#).

Find out more here –

<https://www.afa.asn.au/>

<https://asic.gov.au/>

### **Similar Careers to Financial Planner**

Accountant

Business Development Manager

Actuary

Statistician

Bookkeeper

Auditor

Broker

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

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### **What do Financial Planners do?**

Financial Planners help their clients find the best way to save, invest and spend their money.

#### **Which industries employ Financial Planners?**

Financial Planners are mostly employed in the Financial and Insurance Services industry.

#### **What options are there for career progression?**

There are different kinds of Financial Planning you might like to specialise in, including superannuation, tax planning or debt management.

#### **Do I need to go to university to become a Financial Planner?**

Yes, you will need to study an accredited undergraduate degree, and also meet further requirements and continuing professional development.

### **Where do Financial Planners work?**

Financial Planners might work for a private firm, or in-house for a business or organisation. They might even work freelance, operating their own small business.

### **What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Financial Planner?**

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if a career as a Financial Planner is right for you, here's a few things you could do right now:

1. Start working on your maths skills. Create your own budget or try and help the family with theirs, and start researching how investments, taxes and superannuation work.
2. See if you can find work experience in business or finance. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
3. Talk to a Financial Planner 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 finance.

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