



Events

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

UOW Information Evening – Sutherland Shire

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Tradies Gynea

Date: March 30, 2026

UOW is here to support students, parents, and carers in making informed decisions about their future.

Join us at a location near you to get all your questions about starting university answered in one place, at one time.

Meet UOW staff and current students who are ready to guide you and share their firsthand experiences.

[Find out more](#)

Use Your Autumn Holidays to Get into a Prestigious US or UK University – Webinar for Australian Students

Organisation: Crimson Education

Location: Online

Date: March 31, 2026

We are fast approaching the Autumn holidays and it's the perfect time to get ahead in your university applications.

US and UK universities are looking for far more than good grades, so you need to be doing more than just revision over the holidays.

Whether it's starting a self-authored research project, enrolling in work experience or founding a community volunteer program, make sure you get involved in something that will make you stand out from the crowd.

In this session, we will cover:

- What Ivy League and Top UK Universities are looking for in Australian students
- How to build a powerful extracurricular profile
- How to find work experience opportunities to help improve your application
- Developing your academics, essay skills and overall candidacy to top universities

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Year 10 Information Evening: Subject Selection

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: March 31, 2026

Get advice and information that's specially tailored for Year 10 students, that will help you navigate the HSC subject selection process, explain how UNSW admissions and scholarship applications work, and give you an insight into transitioning into university life so that you can get a head start on planning your future.

Parents and teachers of Year 10 students are invited to join the evening as well as participate in the live Q&A session.

[Find out more](#)



CSU Medicine Information Night for Future Students

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: April 1, 2026

Pursue a rewarding career. Make a difference in your community. Get all the info you need to study our independently accredited Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine)/Doctor of Medicine.

Whether you're in high school, looking for a career change, or keen to take the next step in your health career – our online information night is for you! Parents, carers, and career advisers are also welcome to join.

[Find out more](#)

Your ANU Direct Entry Guide – Webinar for NSW Students

Organisation: Australian National University

Location: Online

Date: April 1, 2026

If you're completing Year 12 in New South Wales, this webinar will guide you in applying to the Australian National University via the ANU Direct Entry scheme.

We'll explain how the Direct Entry process works for NSW students, including key dates, eligibility requirements and how early offers are assessed using Year 11 (or equivalent) results. You'll also learn the benefits of applying directly to ANU and what to expect after submitting your application.

[Find out more](#)

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS

UK University Admissions Trends & Data – Webinar for Australian Students

Organisation: Crimson Education

Location: Online

Date: April 7, 2026

Find out what universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, LSE and Imperial College London are looking for!

In this webinar, our Director of UK Admissions, Lucy Baehren, will discuss admissions trends emerging in this years UK results from top colleges during the 2025-26 application cycle, and how Australian students can use this data to their advantage.

In this webinar, we will cover:

- Key insights from the latest application and acceptance rate data
- An analysis of these numbers specifically relating to top UK school admissions
- What these numbers mean for upcoming admissions cycles
- How to make sure your application stands out above the competition

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU Blacktown: Nursing, Midwifery and Nutrition Science

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Blacktown Campus

Date: April 8, 2026

Are you passionate about caring for others, promoting health or supporting wellbeing in your community? Step into the world of nursing, midwifery and nutrition science at ACU and see how you can turn compassion into a meaningful career.

Get hands on in our fully functional nursing and midwifery simulation wards, explore our science lab and see what it's really like to study in these life-changing fields. You'll meet our expert staff, hear



from current students and experience learning environments designed to prepare you for real-world practice.

This free event is open to students in Years 10 – 12.

[Find out more](#)

Experience UTS Day

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: University of Technology Sydney, City Campus

Date: April 8, 2026

Experience UTS Day is on this April school holidays! Hosted on campus, choose your workshops and experience UTS.

Here is the schedule for the day:

Registrations open: 8.30-9.30am

Welcome session: 9:30am - 9:45am

Session 1 workshops: 10.00-11.00am

Session 2 workshops: 11.15am-12.15pm

Lunch: 12.30-1.30pm

Session 3 workshops: 1.45-2.45pm

Check out the workshops on the registration page.

[Find out more](#)

In Year 12? Apply Now – What You Need to Know about ANU

Organisation: Australian National University

Location: Online

Date: April 9, 2026

In Year 12 and thinking about what's next? Now's the time to apply. Join this webinar to learn everything you need to know about applying, including key dates, eligibility requirements, and how the process works. We'll also share what you need to know about studying at ANU, so you can feel confident taking the next step.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle NUSpace Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: NUSpace, The University of Newcastle

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting in-person tour of NUSpace, at the University of Newcastle. Get ready to explore the state-of-the-art facilities and vibrant campus atmosphere.

During the tour, you'll have the opportunity to discover the latest technologies, interactive classrooms, and collaborative study areas that make NUSpace a hub of creativity and learning. Our knowledgeable staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Located on Auckland Street, NUSpace is easily accessible and offers a vibrant and inclusive community. Whether you're a prospective student, parent, or simply curious about the future of education, this tour is perfect for you.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Q Building Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Q Building, The University of Newcastle

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting tour of the Q Building at the University of Newcastle! Explore the state-of-the-



art facilities and immerse yourself in the vibrant campus atmosphere.

This in-person event is your chance to discover the cutting-edge technology and innovative spaces that make the Q Building a hub of creativity and learning.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to get firsthand experience of the Q Building. Whether you're a prospective student or simply curious about the university, this tour is the perfect chance to see what makes our campus special.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Ourimbah Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Ourimbah Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Come and explore the vibrant atmosphere of the University of Newcastle's Ourimbah Campus on the Central Coast. This in-person event is a fantastic opportunity to get firsthand experience of our beautiful campus.

During the tour, you will explore the cutting-edge facilities, including modern classrooms, research labs, and collaborative spaces. Our knowledgeable guides will share insights into the various academic programs, student support services, and extracurricular activities available at Ourimbah Campus.

Whether you are a prospective student, a parent or carer, or simply curious about the university experience, this tour is an ideal way to get a firsthand look at everything Ourimbah Campus has to offer.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Central Coast Clinical School Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Central Coast Clinical School

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting in-person tour of the Central Coast Clinical School. This event is a fantastic opportunity to explore our state-of-the-art facilities and learn more about the cutting-edge medical education and research happening on campus.

During the tour, our Student Ambassadors will take you through the various labs, study spaces, library and much more.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to explore our Central Coast Clinical School. We look forward to welcoming you!

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Gosford Central Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Gosford Central Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for an exciting in-person tour of the Central Coast Campus - Gosford Central! This event is a fantastic opportunity to explore our state-of-the-art facilities and learn more about the cutting-edge education facilities happening on campus.

During the tour, our Student Ambassadors will take you through the study spaces and much more the new campus has to offer.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to explore our new Central Coast Campus - Gosford Central. We look forward to welcoming you!

[Find out more](#)



University of Newcastle Callaghan Campus Tour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Come and explore the vibrant atmosphere of the University of Newcastle's Callaghan Campus in Australia. This in-person event is a fantastic opportunity to get firsthand experience of our beautiful campus.

During the tour, our Student Ambassadors will take you through the various facilities and landmarks, showcasing the state-of-the-art classrooms, modern libraries, cutting-edge research centers, and stunning outdoor spaces.

Whether you are a prospective student, a parent or carer, or simply curious about our university, this tour will give you an insight into the vibrant campus life and the endless opportunities that await you at The University of Newcastle.

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU North Sydney: Allied Health and Nursing

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Join us for Discover Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Speech Pathology – a hands-on practical event designed for students in Years 10 – 12.

Get a behind-the-scenes look at our interactive, fully functional simulation wards and labs, where you can step into the shoes of a future health professional. Take part in interactive activities, meet current students, and hear how ACU prepares graduates to care, lead, and advocate for others.

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU North Sydney: Law, Criminology and Business

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, North Sydney Campus

Date: April 10, 2026

Dream of changing the world? Ready to lead with purpose?

Join us for Discover Law, Criminology and Business at ACU North Sydney. You'll dive into hands-on workshops, explore our campus, and hear from current students about how they're studying to become ethical lawyers, strategic business leaders, and change-makers in criminal justice.

Free for students in Years 10 – 12.

[Find out more](#)

FUTURE EVENTS

UNSW Year 10 & 11 Experience Days

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW Sydney, Kensington Campus

Date: April 13 to April 15, 2026

Join us on campus for UNSW Experience Day to discover what it's like to be a UNSW student. You'll explore different skills and pathways through interactive workshops about study areas you're interested in.

- Choose from 40+ different workshops
- Connect with current students & alumni
- Explore UNSW's buzzing campus lifestyle
- Enjoy a free lunch from our delicious food trucks



[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Interior Design Business Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: April 14 to April 15, 2026

If you've always wanted to run your own creative business but lack the tools to get started, our Interior Design Business Workshop is perfect for you. Be inspired and energised by passionate Interior Designers who run their own successful practices and gain clear insights into your motivation and key business drivers.

On day one you'll drill down into what makes your offer unique, identify your target audience and develop marketing and pricing strategies. Then on day two get into the nitty gritty of contracts, fee proposals and how to successfully manage a design project, including scope creep and price objections. You'll finish the workshop exploring and discussing tactics to set yourself apart and get noticed.

[Find out more](#)

Experience Macquarie Days

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie University, Wallumattagal Campus

Date: April 15 to April 16, 2026

Make the most of the April school holidays by spending a full day on campus experiencing what uni life is really like.

Throughout the day, you'll attend real lectures, take part in hands-on workshops, explore campus facilities, and hear directly from our academics and current students.

- Attend lectures and see how uni classes work.
- Participate in interactive workshops and practical learning activities.
- Explore specialist facilities, including labs, studios and learning spaces.
- Join a guided campus tour and see where students study, collaborate and relax.
- Speak with academics, current students and student groups.
- Learn about the support services available to help you succeed at uni.
- Enjoy entertainment, giveaways and activities throughout the day.

All four faculties are showcased each day, so you can explore different interests, compare study areas and choose sessions that match what you want to learn more about.

Both days follow a similar schedule - pick the one that's most convenient for you.

Each morning and afternoon session begins with a welcome. The first 200 students to sign in each day receive exclusive Macquarie merchandise (limit 1 per student).

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Interior Decoration Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: April 15 to April 16, 2026

Be inspired. Be creative. If you love interiors magazines and beautifully styled spaces, this fun two-day workshop is for you. It's perfect for any interiors enthusiast who wants to decorate their home with skill and confidence.

This beginner's workshop will give you a taste of the Certificate IV in Interior Decoration course and you'll get a feel for our School and the passion of our Educators.

Get hands on as you learn how to put together a full interior decoration scheme for a living space in



your own home. Plan the layout, select furniture and lighting, explore colour schemes and create a sample board of your ideas.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Nursing Insights Evening – Newcastle

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus

Date: April 15, 2026

Join us for a night of deep discussions and fresh insights into the world of nursing at The University of Newcastle.

The University of Newcastle's School of Nursing and Midwifery invites you to attend our Nursing Insights Evening to learn more about the Bachelor of Nursing program. We encourage people interested in commencing study in Semester 2 or Trimester 2 2026 to attend this event. Hear from academic staff and current students about:

- Why study Nursing at The University of Newcastle?
- What will you study?
- Key highlights of our state-of-the-art medical facilities
- Opportunities within our B. Nursing program
- Student Life
- Entry Schemes/Pathways
- Q&A with students and academics

You'll also tour our brand new Health Education and Research Building, featuring cutting-edge simulation labs, modern teaching spaces, and vibrant communal areas.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Nursing Insights Evening – Central Coast

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: University of Newcastle, Central Coast Clinical School

Date: April 16, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

Digital Art Holiday Workshop for Students Aged 14+ at CDW Studios – Sydney & Online

Organisation: CDW Studios

Location: CDW Studios, Sydney Campus & Online



Date: April 17, 2026

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. This workshop is a fantastic starting point for those who are curious about venturing into the competitive world of visual effects and entertainment design.

Take this rare opportunity to learn from professional artists in a fun, engaging environment.

[Find out more](#)

Medical School Interview Preparation Workshop, Online

Organisation: National Institute of Education

Location: Online

Date: April 18 to April 19, 2026

An intensive Medical Interviews Preparation Workshop for students who received or are expecting to receive an interview offer for Undergraduate or Postgraduate Medical School.

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.

[Find out more](#)

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

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: April 18, 2026

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

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Health Sciences & Optometry Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: April 22, 2026

Interested in shaping the future of health? Start your health career at one of the best medicine and health schools in the world. Designed for current Year 12 students, this online session will introduce our Optometry programs alongside other Health Professional programs in pharmacy, physiotherapy, exercise science, exercise physiology and dietetics & food innovation.

You will gain insights into UNSW Medicine and Health's interdisciplinary learning experience and industry connection opportunities for our students. Through extensive clinical placements and experiential learning, UNSW equips students to become confident practitioners ready for the healthcare industry of today and tomorrow.

We will guide you through everything you need to know for 2027 entry, including application process, admission and entry pathways such as Gateway and Indigenous pathway. You will also learn more about student experience and future career pathways from our student panel.

Join us online to hear from our expert panel of academic staff and current students and get all



your questions answered about UNSW health programs.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Info Night, Sydney

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP University College, Sydney Campus

Date: April 23, 2026

Join us on campus and discover how ACAP can help you make a real difference in the lives of others. Find out about our degrees in psychology, social work, counselling, criminology, coaching and law, as well as the career paths available to you.

ACAP's degrees of difference have been shaping futures for over four decades. As a global leader in the vast field of applied psychology, our professionally accredited qualifications contribute to societal well-being, embodying values of integrity, equity, and social justice.

Join our on-campus info night and discover our industry-driven programs, meet our industry experts and see how ACAP can help you achieve a career that'll make a real degree of difference.

[Find out more](#)

SAE University College Info Night, Sydney

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Sydney Campus

Date: April 23, 2026

Just make the first move in your dream career – join us at your local SAE campus for Info Night!

This is your chance to get a feel for the vibe at an SAE campus. Explore our creative and technology courses, meet industry experts and chat to the campus teams about student life. You can even take a tour of our facilities and check out some of the awesome student projects on display.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – For Educators: HSC True Reward, Pathways & Early Offers

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: April 27, 2026

This webinar is for Principals, Careers Advisers and Teachers, covering details about our HSC True Reward Early Entry Program, Alternate Pathways, Scholarships and more.

[Find out more](#)

Discover Western Webinar – Your Pathway from TAFE to University

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: April 28, 2026

This webinar is for current or former TAFE or Vocational Education students to learn about Western's Vocational Pathways. Your studies may make you eligible for entry to Western, and you may even be eligible for credit towards your degree! Our knowledgeable staff will talk you through your options.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: April 29, 2026



Thinking about a career in Arts, Design & Architecture? Discover what's possible at UNSW's Arts, Design & Architecture Information Evening — designed especially for current Year 12 students and anyone considering studying an undergraduate degree at UNSW.

University is your time to explore. Whether you're passionate about Arts & Humanities, inspired by Architecture and the Built Environment, or driven to create through Design and Fine Arts, UNSW Arts, Design & Architecture (ADA) offers a degree to match your ambition. From professionally accredited programs like Social Work and Education to creative and future-focused degrees, you'll build skills that set you apart.

Our degrees don't just prepare you for your first job — they equip you with adaptability, critical thinking and creative confidence to thrive across multiple careers in a changing world.

Join us online to:

- Hear from our Dean, Professor Claire Annesley
- Gain insights from current students and alumni
- Explore degrees and admission pathways
- Get your questions answered in a live Q&A

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney On-campus Info Night 2026

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Seymour Centre, University of Sydney, Camperdown/Darlington Campus

Date: April 29, 2026

Are you in Years 10 to 12 and ready to explore your future? Join us for an information night to discover how the University of Sydney can help you shape the future you want.

Connect with current students and alumni, each representing a diverse range of degrees and pathways to higher education, and discover what life is really like as a university student. Plus, University staff and a UAC representative will be available to answer your questions and guide you through your options.

[Find out more](#)

Collarts Course Info Night, Online

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Online

Date: April 29, 2026

Our 100% online, self-paced creative courses are designed for students who need flexibility without compromising quality. Whether you're balancing full-time work, raising a family, living in a rural area, or managing unique access needs, you can study on your own terms and build a future in the creative industries.

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

- Meet [Program Leaders and Lecturers](#)
- Tour our [campuses](#), including studios and facilities
- Chat to Student Ambassadors and [Course Advisors](#)
- Participate in live demonstrations
- See student work and career journeys on display
- Learn about exclusive opportunities through our [industry partnerships](#)
- Enjoy live performances from our students and alumni
- Receive on-the-spot assistance [submitting your application](#)

[Find out more](#)



UNE Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of New England

Location: University of New England, Armidale Campus

Date: May 1, 2026

Thinking about uni after school? Come and see what UNE has to offer.

Open Day gives you a real sense of university life. You can weigh up your options, check out campus, and meet the people who'll be teaching you. You'll get to tour facilities, sit in on information sessions, and try out some interactive activities. You'll also have the opportunity to ask lecturers all your questions about courses, what to expect, or what it's like to study in your area of interest. You'll experience the community side of UNE too. From the moment you arrive, you'll see why students consistently rate us highly for social equity and overall experience.

[Find out more](#)

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

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: May 4, 2026

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

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Parents and Carers Information Webinar

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 5, 2026

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

Presentation topics:

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

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

[Find out more](#)

Applying to Medicine Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: MedEntry

Location: Online

Date: May 5, 2026

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

Webinar Highlights:

- UCAT Mastery: Dr. Ray Boyapati, a seasoned expert in medical admissions, will share strategies and tips to help you master the UCAT, ensuring you approach this critical exam



with confidence.

- **Interview Success:** Learn the art of presenting your best self during medical school interviews. Gain insights into common interview questions, communication skills, and effective ways to showcase your passion for medicine.
- **Work Experience Strategies:** Dr. Boyapati will offer guidance on acquiring meaningful and relevant work experience in the medical field. Understand how to make the most of your experiences to strengthen your application.

[Find out more](#)

Bachelor of Accounting at UTS Information Evening

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

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

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

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

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

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

Hear authentic stories from those who've walked the path you're considering. Our alumni share real insights about their careers post-graduation, while current students offer a genuine look at campus life and coursework. Whether you're certain about your direction or just starting to explore possibilities, these conversations will provide the clarity you need.

No matter where you are in your decision-making journey, you'll gain valuable perspectives on what studying and working in your chosen field truly involves.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Joint Medical Program Online Information Session

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 6, 2026

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

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



students and academics who teach into the program.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Teachers and Educators

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 7, 2026

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ACU Talk with Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 13, 2026

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ACU Talk with Law, Criminology and Business Professionals

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

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[Find out more](#)

Collarts Course Info Night, Sydney

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Collarts, Sydney Campus - Waterloo

Date: May 14, 2026

Collarts has announced the launch of a new campus in Sydney, with the acquisition of the Sydney



Film School and Sydney Actors School, based at Waterloo Studios.

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

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[Find out more](#)

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

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 16, 2026

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

[Find out more](#)

Greater Western Sydney Careers Market 2026

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre

Date: May 20 to May 21, 2026

This event offers exhibitors the opportunity to speak to thousands of Greater Western Sydney high school students and careers advisers as these students explore career paths and further education options available to them.

Organisations such as Universities, Registered Training Organisations (RTO), Apprenticeship Centres, Group training Organisations, Private Colleges, Professional Associations and Employers attend this event to inform students about everything they need to know, covering all questions about careers and educational options after high school.

[Find out more](#)

University of Newcastle Year 10 Subject Selection Webinar

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Online

Date: May 20, 2026

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

Presentation topics:

- Subject selection process (our 3 simple steps on how to select your subjects)
- Subject selection resources, case studies and examples



- What if I don't know what I want to do or change my mind?
- What can you study at the University of Newcastle?
- Differences between school life and university life
- Pathways to University
- Ask a Student platform

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

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Arts Students and Graduates

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 20, 2026

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

Hear authentic stories from those who've walked the path you're considering. Our alumni share real insights about their careers post-graduation, while current students offer a genuine look at campus life and coursework. Whether you're certain about your direction or just starting to explore possibilities, these conversations will provide the clarity you need.

No matter where you are in your decision-making journey, you'll gain valuable perspectives on what studying and working in your chosen field truly involves.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Talk with Biomedicine and Nutrition Experts

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: May 21, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

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

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 21, 2026

Getting through the final school years with ADHD can be challenging — and choosing subjects that don't suit your strengths or learning style can make it even harder. This webinar is designed to help parents of students with ADHD in Year 10 understand how to make subject selections that support motivation, confidence, and success.

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

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

[Find out more](#)



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

Organisation: National Institute of Education

Location: Online

Date: May 27, 2026

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

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

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

[Find out more](#)

Year 12 & Beyond – With ADHD

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: May 28, 2026

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

This webinar is designed for students navigating Year 12 with ADHD. Year 12 can feel overwhelming — for both students and parents. Planning ahead is often difficult for students with ADHD, and the administrative load of applications, deadlines and information can quickly become confusing. In this webinar, we simplify the **Early Entry process** — explaining what it is, what to prioritise, and how families can plan ahead with greater confidence.

[Find out more](#)

HSC and Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: Winx Stand, Randwick Racecourse

Date: May 28 to May 30, 2026

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

[Find out more](#)



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

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: June 9, 2026

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

[Find out more](#)

Northern Beaches Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Youth Up Front

Location: Miramare Gardens, Terrey Hills

Date: June 18, 2026

For over two decades, this premier event has connected thousands of secondary students with leading education, training, and employment providers, helping them navigate their future pathways.

We strive to provide access to a wide variety of universities, private colleges, vocational education providers, traineeship providers, gap year providers, and other career and transition services for:

- Senior school students in Years 10, 11, and 12
- Families, support workers, and carers for senior school students
- School, VET, and university staff who support transitioning students
- Services and providers who need information, links, and resources to assist transitioning students

This event is free to attend, however registration is essential for planning. Registered schools will receive a copy of the Risk Management document to support their school excursion and copies of the Careers Expo preparation booklet for students prior to the expo.

[Find out more](#)

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

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: June 20, 2026

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

[Find out more](#)

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: The Dome - Sydney Showground

Date: June 25 to June 27, 2026

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

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

[Find out more](#)



ACPE Careers in Sport Day

Organisation: Australian College of Physical Education

Location: Australian College of Physical Education

Date: July 3, 2026

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

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

Unlock your access to successful careers in sport:

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

Careers in Sport Day is perfect for:

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

[Find out more](#)

WSU Open Day 2026

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

Date: July 5, 2026

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

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

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

[Find out more](#)

Sydney Design School Introduction to SketchUp Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: July 6 to July 8, 2026

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

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

[Find out more](#)

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

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

Date: July 7, 2026

Are you passionate about making an impact in the lives of young people? Do you want to inspire the



next generation through teaching? At ACU, you'll learn how to turn your passion for education into purpose: shaping minds, inspiring curiosity and helping students to thrive.

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

[Find out more](#)

Discover ACU Strathfield: Exercise and Sports Science and Biomedical Science

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus

Date: July 7, 2026

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

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

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

[Find out more](#)

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

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School

Date: July 9, 2026

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

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

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

ANU Changing Futures Scholarship

Organisation: Australian National University

Location: Australia

Value: AU\$8,000 per year

Open Date: March 11, 2026

Close Date: May 8, 2026

[Find out more](#)



Redkite Dare to Dream Scholarship

Organisation: Redkite

Location: Australia

Value: Up to AU\$5,000

Close Date: April 27, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Hermitage Schools Science Competition: Fungal Forensics – for Prep to Year 12 Students

Organisation: Queensland Government

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition for Year 5-12 Students

Organisation: Australian Mathematics Trust

Location: Australia, New Zealand

Value: See details

Close Date: May 1, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad

Organisation: Australian Mathematics Trust

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: September 4, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Australian Virtual Astronaut School Challenge 2026

Organisation: Australian Virtual Astronaut Challenge

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: November 6, 2026

[Find out more](#)

The 2026 Yarning Competition for Year 7-12 Students

Organisation: Australian Parliament House

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: May 11, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

What it really means to be an entrepreneur

Have you ever had an idea and thought, "someone should make that"? Maybe you noticed a problem nobody seemed to be fixing, or spotted a way to do something better. That instinct, seeing



an opportunity and wanting to act on it, is exactly what being an entrepreneur is about. You don't need to be a genius, have a rich family, or even finish school to get started. In this article we'll explain the basics about what being an entrepreneur means.

So, what actually is an entrepreneur?

Simply put, an entrepreneur is someone who starts their own business or venture. They identify a need, come up with a way to meet it, and then go about making it happen. That could mean anything from launching a global tech company to selling handmade jewellery at a local market. Entrepreneurs come in from all backgrounds, and can be any age. [Melanie Perkins](#) was a 22-year-old university student in Perth when she started what would eventually become Canva, now one of Australia's most valuable companies. She didn't have a business empire behind her. She had an idea, a laptop, and a lot of persistence.

What do entrepreneurs actually do day to day?

This varies hugely depending on the type of business, but most entrepreneurs wear many hats. They research ideas, talk to customers, manage money, promote their work, solve problems, and make decisions — often all in the same day. Early on especially, when there's no one else to hand things off to. You are the team.

There is no map to follow to becoming an entrepreneur, although there are lots of self help and development books, podcasts, and videos which you might find handy for inspiration. That's part of what makes it exciting, and part of what makes it hard. Your idea is your guide, so be adaptable and flexible, but always keep that in mind.

Can anyone become an entrepreneur?

Yes, absolutely anyone. Entrepreneurship isn't a personality type that you're either born with or you're not. It's a set of skills and habits that can be learned and developed over time. Curiosity, resilience, the ability to listen, able to adapt, and most importantly perseverance.

That being said, some factors will help determine how far you go. Having a real understanding of the problem you're solving matters. Talking to people who might use your product or service before you invest time and money into it is one of the smartest things you can do. The more you understand your audience, the better your chances.

What are the risks — and how do you manage them?

For anyone starting a business carries risk. You might spend time and money on something that doesn't work. Ideas that seem brilliant on paper don't always land with customers. That's not a reason not to try, it's a reason to be smart about how you start.

Here are a few ways to reduce your risk:

- **Start small.** Test your idea before going all in. Can you try it on a small scale first, with minimal cost, to see if it gets traction?
- **Do your research.** Is there actually demand for what you're offering? Are there competitors already doing it? What can you do differently or better?
- **Ask for feedback early.** It's far better to hear "this isn't quite right" from a friend before you launch than from a customer afterwards.
- **Keep your costs low.** The less you spend getting started, the less you stand to lose if it doesn't work out.
- **Learn from failure.** Most — often more than once. Failure isn't always the opposite of success; it's usually part of the path to it, as long as you learn something from it.

What are the rewards?

The obvious one is financial, if your business does well, you could earn money doing something



you've built yourself. But honestly, that's not the only reward, and for many people it's not even the main one.

Entrepreneurship gives you a level of freedom and ownership that's hard to find elsewhere. You decide what you work on, how you work, and why. You solve problems that matter to you. You build skills like creativity, financial literacy, communication, and problem-solving, that are valuable in life no matter what you go on to do next.

There's also something satisfying about creating something from scratch. Seeing an idea move from your head into the real world, and watching other people find value in it, is a feeling that's difficult to replicate.

How do you get started?

You don't need a fully formed business plan or a perfect idea to begin. Start by paying attention. What frustrates you? What do people around you complain about? What are you good at that others find difficult? Often the best business ideas come from real, lived experience.

From there, keep it simple. A small idea executed well beats a grand idea that never gets off the ground. Talk to people, test your assumptions, and don't be afraid to adjust as you go.

Finding mentors or asking for advice from established people in the industry is an excellent way to get started, they'll have ideas and tips that you may not have considered. Just remember to safeguard your ideas until you can take ownership of them.

Find out more

If you're curious about what starting and running your own business might look like, head to our [entrepreneurship page](#) for more ideas, inspiration, and practical tips that could help you get started.

GAP YEARS

Your gap year questions answered

Finishing high school is a huge deal. You've spent years studying, sitting exams, and being told what to do and when to do it. So the thought of taking a gap year to go out and do your own thing, in your own time, is perfectly reasonable.

A gap year is just a period of time between finishing school and starting your next chapter (or a break you take between any of the chapters in your life). It's one option that more and more students are seriously considering. But what does it actually look like? And is it the right move for you? Let's break it down.

What is a gap year, exactly?

Think of a gap year as taking a pause. Instead of going straight from Year 12 into university, a job, or an apprenticeship, you take some time — usually around 12 months, to do something different. That "something different" can look a thousand different ways depending on your preferences, finances, and a world of other variables. It might entail travelling overseas, volunteering in your community, working a job to save money, learning a new skill, or even just taking a breath and figuring out what you actually want. There's no single right answer, and that's kind of the point.

Does a gap year have to involve going overseas?

This is one of the most common questions people ask, and the short answer is: absolutely not. The narrative around gap years has shifted significantly in recent years, and students are increasingly choosing them out of a genuine desire for growth, clarity, and wellbeing, not just a ticket to Bali. A local gap year can be just as valuable. You could pick up casual work in your town, do a short course, get your driver's licence, volunteer with a local charity, or even start a small side project. Staying close to home doesn't mean standing still, it could mean putting down roots, building real-world skills, and figuring out what kind of life you want to build.



What can you actually do in a gap year?

The options are broader than most people think. Here are some popular ideas:

Volunteering — Whether it's helping at a wildlife sanctuary, working with kids, or supporting community organisations, volunteering is a great way to build skills and make a real difference. It also looks excellent on a resume.

Work and save — Many students use a gap year to work and build up their savings. This is especially smart if you're planning to study later and want some financial breathing room. Think of it as funding your future self.

Travel — Australia, the UK, New Zealand, and several other countries plenty of programs, opportunities, and support for young people taking a gap year, and travel could open your mind in ways a classroom simply can't. Even a regional road trip could shift your perspective.

Internships and work experience — Spending time in an industry you're curious about is one of the smartest things you can do before committing to a degree or career path. You might discover that you love it or that you definitely don't, which is equally useful.

Short courses and skill-building — Learn to code, get a first aid certificate, take a photography class, study a language. A gap year is a rare window of time that's genuinely yours to use.

Will it hurt my chances at university or with employers?

The surprising answer (particularly for parents), is probably not. Universities are increasingly supportive of gap years, allowing you to defer offers - just check with the university and your specific course before you accept - with some colleges even offering structured gap-year programs and counselling centres encouraging healthy breaks.

As for employers, a gap year done with intention; where you've worked, volunteered, travelled, or learned something, tells a story of someone proactive, adaptable, and self-motivated. Those are some of the qualities workplaces value.

What if I'm not sure what to do yet?

Like so many other people in the same boat, at any age, taking a gap year could help answer some of life's big unknowns. You'll have time and experiences to help you ponder what career you want, where you want to live, and how to go about building a life that suits you. Start with one question: what do I want more of in my life right now? More money? More experience? More adventure? More rest? Your answer can point you in the right direction.

You don't need a perfect plan right now, but it's worth weighing up if a gap year could be right for you. If so, it's time to start researching your options and getting organised.

If you're stuck in the decision-making lane, talk to people who've done it — a careers teacher, a family member, or even someone you follow online who's been on a gap year. Real stories are often more useful than any guide.

Ready to explore your options?

A gap year isn't for everyone and that's fine. But if you're curious, open-minded, and looking for a way to grow into yourself before diving into the next big thing, it might just be the best decision you ever make. Head to our [gap year resources page](#) to explore more ideas and find out what a gap year could look like for you.

RESUMES & CVS, SKILLS FOR WORK

CV and resume basics to get you started

Your first job application can feel like stepping into unfamiliar territory. You know you need a CV or resume, but where do you actually start? The good news is that once you understand what goes in and why, it's far more manageable than it might seem.

You might have heard of a **CV** (curriculum vitae) and a resume, the two names could be confusing,



but they are essentially the same thing - it might just depend on where you live and where in your career you are. CV's and resumes sometimes have slightly different formats, but for entry-level and student applications, the terms are often used interchangeably. We'll use both in this article. Let's go through some basics that could help you craft a great application and secure that all-important interview.

What is a CV or resume?

A CV or resume, is a document that summarises who you are, what you've studied, and what experience you've gained. Its job is to convince an employer — quickly — that you're worth interviewing.

Consider it your written first impression. A hiring employer spends on average [just 7 seconds reading each resume](#) before deciding whether to read further, so clarity matters as much as content. A great resume could make sure your application ends up in the "interview" pile, bringing you one step closer to securing a job.

What to include on your resume

You don't need a long work history to write a good resume. At this stage, it's about showing what you do have. The key sections to include are:

Contact details — your name, phone number, and a professional-sounding email address.

Education — list your school and any subjects, qualifications, or certificates that are *relevant* to the role.

Work experience — this can include part-time jobs, volunteer work, and formal work experience placements. Even informal experience counts; babysitting, helping at a community event, or assisting a family business are all worth including if they show relevant skills.

Skills — think about what you're genuinely good at. Communication, reliability, working in a team, using certain software, list what's relevant and be honest (or it could get embarrassing during an interview).

Achievements and interests — awards, leadership roles, sports, or hobbies can round out the picture, particularly if you don't have much paid work history yet.

Keep it to one page if possible, two at most. Remember, each time you edit your CV or resume for a specific job, the goal is to impress the person reading it and make them see you're the best fit for the job they're advertising.

How to format it

Your CV doesn't need to look flashy. Unless you're applying for a creative role, simple and clean is the right approach. Use a readable font, keep a logical structure, and make sure the most important information stands out at a glance.

Avoid cluttering the page with decorative borders, multiple colours, or complex tables. These can cause problems if an employer is using automated screening software (more on that below). White space is your friend; it makes the document easier to scan.

Applicant tracking systems

Many larger employers use [Applicant tracking systems](#) (ATS) to filter applications before a human ever looks at them. These systems scan for keywords and phrases that match the job description, filtering out applications that don't fit before passing the rest along.

You probably won't know whether a particular employer uses one, so it's worth assuming they do. Read the job advertisement carefully and reflect its language back in your CV where it's accurate. For example, if the ad mentions "customer service skills" and you have them, use that exact phrase.

Don't stuff in keywords that don't apply, **do** mirror the language where it fits.

Complex formatting, tables, and images can also confuse these systems, which is another reason to



keep your layout straightforward.

Don't skip the cover letter

A cover letter gives you the space to speak directly to the employer in a way a resume or CV can't. It should be brief, ideally a couple of short paragraphs and no more than a page, written in a professional but natural tone.

A good cover letter covers a few key things including who you are, why you want this particular job, and how your skills match what they're looking for. It should end with a clear call to action, such as inviting them to review your attached resume or requesting an interview.

Read the job ad before you write it. Picking up on the specific language and priorities the employer has used, and reflecting focus words in your letter, shows you've actually engaged with the role rather than sending out a generic template.

Remember to thank the employer for their time and consideration. Here's an example:

Tailor it every time

One of the most common mistakes is sending the same resume and cover letter to every job. It saves time in the short term, but it rarely gets results. If you're visiting businesses directly on the off-chance they'll have a position for you, not replying to a position vacant ad, handing out a standard resume and cover letter could be OK and in this instance shows great initiative.

Employers can usually tell when an application has been personalised. It signals effort and genuine interest, and those things do count. Customising your resume and cover letter for each job you apply for shows you've put in effort and could boost your chances of securing the job.

By making a few targeted adjustments such as updating the skills you emphasise, tweaking the cover letter opening and adding something specific to that organisation, as well as mirroring the language of the ad — could make a real difference. Sure, it might take you a bit more time, but it could well be worth it if it gets you an interview.

Ready to take the next step?

Building a strong resume is a useful skill you'll develop as you start your career journey and something you can easily work on right now.

If you'd like more guidance on skills for the workplace you'll find heaps of other blogs on resume basics, preparing for work, and finding your dream career on our [first jobs page](#) or for more [specific resume and CV related advice check here](#). The [super simple resume builder online tool](#) could also be handy to get you started.

VOLUNTEERING

So you love animals? Here's how to volunteer

Do you light up when you see a dog? Do you slow down every time you pass a cat? If animals are your thing, you're certainly not alone and the good news is, there are real, meaningful ways to channel that passion into action right now, even as a high school student. Volunteering with animals you could come out with skills, experiences, and connections that grow long after the work is done, not to mention the rewards that only come with helping animals to thrive.

What kinds of roles are out there?

Animal volunteering covers a surprisingly wide range of work. It's not all cuddles and feeding time — though if you're lucky there could be plenty of that too.

At animal shelters and rescue organisations, you might help with cleaning enclosures, preparing food, help with feeding and the washing up, socialising shy or anxious animals, or assisting with adoption events. Groups like the [RSPCA](#) (which operates across Australia) and the [SPCA](#) (in New Zealand) regularly welcome volunteers, including younger people in some roles. It's hands-on,



practical work that'll teach you patience and responsibility quickly.

Wildlife carers do something a little different. They help rehabilitate injured or orphaned native animals from joeys, possums, and birds, to reptiles, before releasing them back into the wild. Organisations like [WIRES](#) in New South Wales, [Wildcare](#) in Tasmania, and similar groups around Australia and New Zealand train volunteers thoroughly before they start. Some roles are suitable for teens, while others require you to be 18 or have a parent involved. Always check the age requirements before applying and be mindful that you may need be licensed and stick to certain rules regarding the reporting and handling of wildlife.

If you're drawn to the ocean, marine conservation volunteer programmes are another option. Groups involved in [turtle nest monitoring](#), whale and dolphin research, or [reef health surveys](#) often run community volunteer days. Think of it as citizen science, where you become part of a bigger research picture just by showing up.

Conservation and land care groups also need people to help with all kinds of projects from feral animal monitoring, habitat restoration, and wildlife surveys, to clean up days. These roles usually put you outdoors, working alongside ecologists, scientists, and other professionals, as well as other passionate members of the public. It's a great way to get a feel for environmental careers.

Where do you find opportunities?

Start local. Your nearest animal shelter or wildlife rescue group is often the easiest place to begin. Ring them up or check their website, many have a dedicated volunteering page.

Beyond that, here are some good places to look:

- [Seek Volunteer](#) — Australia's largest volunteering platform, with animal-related roles listed across the country.
- [Volunteering New Zealand](#) — a similar hub for students in Aotearoa
- [Conservation Volunteers Australia](#) — connects volunteers with wildlife and conservation projects.
- **Your local council** — many councils run wildlife or environmental programmes and need community helpers.
- **School and community noticeboards** — local shelters and other organisations might post flyers looking for help or advertising events you can go to

Don't be afraid to reach out directly to an organisation you admire, even if they haven't advertised. It's amazing how many doors open if you're willing to volunteer. The worst they can say is not yet.

What will you actually get out of it?

Volunteering with animals teaches you skills that employers and universities genuinely value. Working with animals builds empathy, patience, and the ability to stay calm under pressure — because animals don't always follow instructions, and they pick up on your energy instantly. You'll also develop communication skills, particularly if you're working in a team or interacting with the public at adoption events or community days.

Conservation roles add another layer. You might learn about data collection, scientific observation, and even basic field research methods. That kind of experience is gold if you're thinking about vet science, zoology, environmental science, or marine biology.

There's also the personal growth side of things. Committing yourself to show up week after week, even when you're tired or the work is unglamorous, builds the kind of reliability and dedication that shapes your character. It's the difference between saying you care about something and showing it.

How to reflect this on your resume and applications

Don't just list "volunteer at animal shelter" and leave it at that. Think about what you actually did and what you learned and write a bit about that. For example:

"Volunteered weekly at [shelter name], assisting with animal care, socialisation, and community adoption events. Developed teamwork, time management, and communication skills in a fast-paced



environment."

If you applied for something specific and had training in it, like wildlife first aid or data collection, remember to mention that too. It shows initiative and follow-through.

When writing personal statements for university or job applications, use your volunteering experience as evidence. Instead of saying "I am passionate about animals," say "I have volunteered with [organisation] for six months, where I..." — and then show what you did and what it taught you. Concrete examples always land better than general claims.

Remember you always ask for [references or referees](#) who can be contacted to support your application.

A few things to keep in mind

Some roles may require parental permission or supervision if you're under 16 or 18. Be realistic about your time, even a few hours a fortnight is valuable and sustainable. It's better to commit to a little and do it consistently than to overcommit and burn out or let people down.

Ready to get started?

The animal world needs more people who care. It can be a great way to determine if a career working with animals is for you, or whether you'd like to do something else every day and just help when and where you can. You don't need to wait until you're an adult, or you've finished school, or until you've got qualifications. You can start now with what you have, where you are.

Head over to our [volunteering page](#) for more ideas and inspiration to help you find your next step.

HUMAN SKILLS

10 questions to ask your future self

Thinking about your future can feel overwhelming, especially when everything still feels up in the air. But you don't need to have it all figured out right now. Sometimes even if you do think you have it all sorted, sometimes things happen that you don't expect, and that's OK. Having a plan can help you to get started and navigate any bumps along the way.

Asking yourself the right questions is one of the most practical ways to get there. It helps you identify what you want, rather than defaulting to whatever seems easiest or most obvious. The goal isn't to lock in a perfect plan. It's to give yourself something useful to work with.

What to ask yourself

These ten questions are designed to make you think not stress you out. There are no right or wrong answers, and your responses will probably change over time. That's completely fine.

Work through them honestly, and don't overthink it. Even rough answers are useful.

- **How would you describe your future self?** Think about your character — what kind of person do you want to be? Calm under pressure? Creative? Someone people can count on?
- **Where does your future self live?** City or regional? Close to family or somewhere new? Your location affects your options more than most people realise.
- **What job is your future self doing?** It doesn't have to be a specific title. Even a general field or type of work counts.
- **How much does your future self earn?** Money isn't everything, but it matters. Think about the lifestyle you want and what that actually costs.
- **What does a typical day look like?** Indoor or outdoor? Desk-based or on your feet? Working with people or independently? The day-to-day texture of a job is easy to overlook when you're focused on the big picture.
- **What hobbies does your future self enjoy?** Your interests outside of work tell you a lot about your values and what energises you. Sometimes they even point toward a career.
- **How does your future self handle conflict?** This one's worth sitting with. The ability to



- manage disagreement and navigate difficult conversations is one of the most useful skills in any job.
- **What do other people say about you?** Think about the reputation you want to build — both professionally and personally.
- **How does your future self feel about themselves?** Confident? Settled? Purposeful? Wellbeing is part of career planning, not separate from it.
- **What has your future self achieved?** This could be a qualification, a project, a business, a relationship, or a personal milestone. It's your list — not anyone else's.

What to do with your answers

Once you've worked through the questions, the next step is to reverse-engineer them. Start from where you want to end up, and work backwards to what you can do right now.

If your future self is a nurse, what does that pathway actually involve? Research the qualifications, the entry requirements, and the subjects that will support you. That gives you something concrete to act on today, not someday in the future.

The same logic applies to the non-career questions. If you want your future self to feel confident in social situations, that's a skill you can start building now. If you want to be fitter and more active, you don't need to wait until after school to begin.

The point isn't to create a rigid plan you have to stick to forever. It's to give yourself a direction.

Think of it less like a contract and more like a compass, it keeps you on the right track even when the goals shift.

Keep revisiting

Your answers will change, that's absolutely normal and expected. Goals shift as you learn more about yourself and the world. What matters is that you keep checking in. Set a reminder to revisit these questions every six months or so, and update your answers as you go.

If your thinking has shifted significantly since the last time, that's actually useful information. It might mean you've grown, clarified what you want, or discovered something that changed your perspective.

Start exploring your options

If you're starting to get a clearer picture of what you want, the next step is to explore what's actually possible. Our [Building Skills](#) section has loads of practical resources to help you develop the habits, mindset, and skills that will carry you forward, whatever direction you choose.

JOBS & CAREERS

Careers in the Food, Fibre and Timber Industries

Quick question: what do a stable hand, a furniture maker, a master fisher, and a park ranger all have in common?

The answer is that they all work in industries covered by the [Food, Fibre & Timber Industries Training Council](#) (FFTITC). Chances are, you hadn't connected all of those dots before. That's because this group of industries is so broad that almost any interest you have could find a home somewhere within it, and the free career resources from the FFTITC are a fantastic place to start exploring.

It's bigger than you think

Most people hear food, fibre, and timber and picture a wheat farm or a sawmill. Those are part of it, but they're just two cogs in a very large machine. The FFTITC covers more than a dozen distinct industries including "agriculture, animal care, horticulture and landscape horticulture, meat and seafood processing, conservation and ecosystem management, forestry, furnishing, horse racing and breeding, and the textile trades including fashion and creation of innovative natural fibre products".



Think about fibre, for example. Fibre comes from plants, animals, and even synthetic sources. The industries built around it stretch from sheep stations producing wool all the way to manufactured textiles and fashion. Someone who loves design and sustainability could find themselves working in sustainable furnishings or the fashion supply chain, and trace the origins of their materials right back to a paddock or a forest.

Or consider timber. It's not just about cutting down trees, it's about managing forests responsibly, processing wood into products, designing furniture, and building the supply chains that connect raw materials to finished goods. Forestry and wood products is a whole career ecosystem of its own, from harvesting crews to structural engineers to interior designers.

Sectors that might surprise you

The FFTITC's [Career Booklet](#) covers pathways across all of these sectors, which makes for some interesting reading.

Racing and horse breeding sits comfortably alongside dairy, livestock, and horticulture. If you love horses, careers in this sector go well beyond jockeying - think stud farm management, equine veterinary nursing, breeding technician roles, and stable management. It's a skilled, specialised industry with clear vocational pathways.

With growing global demand for sustainable protein, Seafood and aquaculture is another standout. The farming of fish, shellfish, and seaweed are some of the fastest-growing sectors in food production. Roles range from hands-on hatchery work and boat operations to water quality management, food safety testing, and export logistics.

Conservation and ecosystem management might seem an unlikely inclusion, but the connection makes sense. Healthy land, water ways, and biodiversity underpin the entire food and fibre system. Careers here include animal control officers, land care specialists, and environmental field managers — roles that are increasingly in demand as industries work to meet sustainability targets.

The fibre-to-fashion connection

One of the least obvious but most interesting pathways is the thread that runs from raw fibre all the way to finished textiles and fashion. The [Careers in the Agriculture Supply Chain](#) resource illustrates just how many roles exist between the production of a raw material and the moment a consumer picks it up. In the fibre and textile space, that journey might pass through wool classing, fibre processing, quality assurance, textile manufacturing, product design, and retail. Each step requiring different workers with their own skills and qualifications.

If you're drawn to fashion but also care about sustainability and where materials come from, this end of the industry offers a genuinely interesting intersection of creative and technical skills.

How to get started

Why not have a read of the booklet and explore the FFTITC's detailed occupational profiles such as the [AgTech Specialist profile](#) illustrating roles and skills required and showing how pathways are structured. Many pathways into these industries are accessible through VET qualifications, which means you can often start building job-ready skills without a university degree — and in some cases, while you're still in school through school-based apprenticeships or traineeships.

Start with what genuinely interests you, whether that's animals, the environment, design, technology, or food science. Then work backwards to see which sector connects with you and your skills, strengths, and values.

Start exploring your options

Whether you end up managing a breeding stud, designing sustainable furniture, or certifying seafood for export, there's a real career in this space that could suit you. Head to our [Jobs & Careers page](#) to keep exploring, or check out our [Apprenticeships & Traineeships](#) section if you're ready to



look at practical, work-based pathways into any of these industries.

JOB SPOTLIGHTS

How to become a Forensic Accountant

Forensic Accountants investigate financial crimes, disputes, and irregularities by analysing financial records to uncover the truth behind the numbers. They work across fraud investigations, insurance claims, legal disputes, and corporate misconduct cases, often presenting findings as expert witnesses in court. If you enjoy solving complex puzzles, have a sharp eye for detail, and want an accounting career that goes well beyond spreadsheets, this role combines financial expertise with investigative work that genuinely matters.

What skills do I need as a Forensic Accountant?

- Analytical & methodical
- Curious & investigative
- Attention to detail
- Clear communicator
- Ethical & impartial
- Financial data analysis
- Report writing & presentation
- Calm under pressure

What do Forensic Accountants do?

When a new matter comes in, you're reviewing the brief, identifying what financial information is needed, and planning your approach. This might mean requesting bank statements, tax records, business contracts, or transaction histories. You'll work through large volumes of data methodically, looking for inconsistencies, unusual patterns, or evidence that money has moved in ways it shouldn't.

Much of your day-to-day work happens collaboratively. You might be part of a team that includes lawyers, investigators, and other financial specialists, each contributing expertise to build a complete picture. You'll prepare detailed written reports that translate complex financial findings into clear language that judges, lawyers, and clients can understand. On some matters, this means attending court to present your findings as an expert witness.

Forensic Accountants work across a surprisingly wide range of matters, from business fraud and insurance claims to family law disputes where assets may be concealed. Some practitioners specialise in areas like cybercrime, money laundering, or asset recovery, building deep expertise over time. Between engagements, you're maintaining case files, staying current with regulatory changes, and potentially mentoring junior staff or contributing to proposals for new work.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Most Forensic Accountants work standard business hours, though deadlines tied to court dates or regulatory investigations can require extended hours during critical phases of a matter. Many firms offer hybrid working arrangements, with time split between office-based work and client or court appearances.

The work environment is primarily office-based, though site visits to client premises, government agencies, or legal offices are common. Some matters may require travel, particularly when working on large or geographically dispersed investigations. The work is intellectually demanding rather than physically demanding, with long periods of focused analysis, report writing, and stakeholder meetings.

Forensic Accountants are most commonly found in professional services firms, ranging from large accounting practices to specialist forensic consulting firms, where they work across a broad range of



commercial and legal matters. Government agencies and law enforcement bodies such as taxation authorities and financial crime units also employ Forensic Accountants to investigate fraud and asset recovery. Law firms rely on them to support litigation in commercial disputes and insolvency matters, while insurers bring them in to assess and quantify complex claims.

Most Forensic Accountants earn an above-average wage, reflecting the specialised nature of the role. Those who develop expertise in high-demand areas, or who move into senior and managerial positions, can earn significantly more. Demand for forensic accounting skills continues to grow as awareness of financial crime increases across both the private and public sectors.

How to become a Forensic Accountant

1. Complete an undergraduate degree: A bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, or a related business discipline is the standard starting point. Some universities offer majors or electives in forensic accounting, which can give you useful grounding in investigative techniques alongside core accounting knowledge.

2. Build foundational accounting experience: Most Forensic Accountants spend several years in general accounting before moving into forensics. Audit and insolvency are particularly valued pathways, as both develop the analytical rigour and eye for discrepancy that forensic work demands. Roles in taxation or government audit are also strong foundations.

3. Obtain professional accreditation: Membership with a recognised professional accounting body is expected in most roles. Specialist qualifications such as a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) designation can strengthen your profile and open doors to more specialised investigative work.

4. Move into a forensic role: Entry points include graduate programmes at professional services firms, internal audit roles within government agencies, or forensic support positions at specialist consulting practices. Many people transition into forensics after three to five years in audit or insolvency.

From here, you could progress to senior investigator or manager roles, move into practice leadership, specialise in areas such as financial crime or cybercrime investigations, develop a profile as an expert witness, or transition into advisory roles within regulatory bodies or government agencies.

What can I do right now?

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

- Explore the field by researching real fraud investigations or financial crime cases in the news, and look into career resources published by professional bodies like [CPA Australia](#) and [Chartered Accountants ANZ](#).
- Study maths and business subjects to build the numerical and analytical foundations that all accounting work relies on. Economics and legal studies are also useful for understanding how financial systems and the law intersect.
- Sharpen your problem-solving skills through activities that ask you to evaluate evidence and construct a clear argument, such as debating, logic puzzles, or case study competitions.

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