



In the Know with Careers

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If any student has questions about the opportunities below, please email me at joanne.cupac@spc.nsw.edu.au or book an appointment via the Canvas Careers homepage.

University

Macquarie University b Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme Round 2 closes 3 September

Year 12 students can apply for an early offer based on their Year 11 academic performance together with leadership, personal development and involvement in extracurricular activities during Years 11 and 12.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions-and-entry/pathways/schemes/leaders-achievers>

Macquarie University b Campus Tours

Students and families can explore Macquarie University on a guided campus tour led by a Student Ambassador. Tours provide an opportunity to view facilities, experience the campus and ask current students about university life.

<https://event.mq.edu.au/campus-tours/registration/Site/Register>

Western Sydney University b Music Auditions

Students applying for music at Western Sydney University can book an audition and interview. Applicants are required to perform two contrasting pieces or songs, or combine a performance with the presentation of original compositions.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/how-to-apply/music-applicants>

Western Sydney University b HSC True Reward Round 1 closes 2 September

The HSC True Reward early offer program allows Year 12 students to receive an offer into most Western Sydney University degrees based on their Year 11 or Year 12 results rather than their ATAR.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward>

Western Sydney University b Discover Western: Scholarships 18 August

Year 12 students planning to study at university in 2027 can learn about the scholarships available at Western Sydney University. The webinar covers the application process and provides tips for writing an effective personal statement.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/western-webinars>

University of Sydney Open Day

29 August

Explore courses, admission pathways, scholarships and university life at the University of Sydney Open Day. Students can attend more than 40 talks, receive course advice, tour facilities and speak with academics, staff and current students.

<https://openday.sydney.edu.au>

Sydney Conservatorium of Music b Portfolio Information Evening

21 August

Students considering composition, digital music or contemporary music programs can receive personalised feedback and advice on preparing their portfolio. Students can also meet academic staff, tour the Conservatorium and learn about courses and portfolio submission requirements.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sydney-conservatorium-of-music-portfolio-information-evening-tickets-1994650523410>

University of Sydney b Dalyell Scholars

Students who achieve an ATAR of 98 or above may be eligible for the Dalyell Scholars stream. The program provides high-achieving students with enrichment opportunities including advanced study options, mentoring, professional development and domestic and international experiences.

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/applying/admission-pathways/dalyell-scholars.html>

UTS b Industry Degree Academy Cadetship: Computer Science and Cybersecurity

Applications close 13 September

The UTS Industry Degree Academy is a three-year program combining university study with paid industry employment. Students gain practical experience with industry partners while completing their degree in computer science or cybersecurity.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/for-students/admissions-entry/entry-schemes/engineering-and-information-technology-cadetship>

UTS b Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship

Applications close 6 September

The UTS Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship combines accelerated university study with two six-month industry placements. Successful students receive extensive industry experience and a scholarship worth approximately \$49,500.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/for-students/admissions-entry/scholarships/scholarships-search/bachelor-of-information-technology-co-op-scholarship>

UTS Open Day

29 August

Explore courses and career options at UTS Open Day. Students can attend information sessions and workshops, tour the campus and speak with academics and current students about courses, admission and university life.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/events/open-day>

University of Newcastle b Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)

Applications close 11 September

Year 12 students can apply through UAC's Schools Recommendation Scheme for consideration based on their Year 11 results and their school's recommendation. Students must first submit a UAC undergraduate application before completing their SRS application.

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/admissions-and-entry/entry-options/schools-recommendation-scheme>

University of Newcastle b Central Coast Open Day

29 August

Explore degrees and university life at the University of Newcastle's Central Coast Open Day. Students can attend course presentations and information sessions, tour the campus and participate in hands-on activities.

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/open-day>

University of Notre Dame Australia b Open Day

29 August

Explore Notre Dame's degrees, scholarships, admission pathways and student support services. Students and families can attend information sessions, tour the campus and speak directly with university staff.

<https://www.notredame.edu.au/engage/visit-us/openday>

UNSW Open Day

5 September

Explore study options and university life at UNSW Open Day. Students can attend information sessions, tour the campus and receive advice about courses, admission pathways and studying at UNSW.

<https://www.openday.unsw.edu.au>

UNSW b Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders Program

Applications close 29 November

The Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders Program recognises significant achievements in sport, academia, leadership and music. Eligible Year 12 students may receive up to five adjustment points towards admission to an undergraduate degree at UNSW.

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/sport/unsw-elite-athlete-program>

TAFE & Apprenticeships

TAFE NSW for Schools

TAFE NSW offers courses that allow school students to develop practical skills, gain industry experience and work towards nationally recognised qualifications. These courses can provide pathways into further study, apprenticeships, traineeships and employment.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/partnerships/schools>

HTN b Total Chef Professional Program

Students interested in becoming a chef can undertake a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery apprenticeship through HTN. The program combines formal training with practical industry experience, masterclasses and opportunities to build a professional portfolio of culinary skills.

<https://www.htn.com.au/total-chef-professional/>

NECA b Electrical Apprenticeships

Students interested in becoming an electrician can register their interest in electrical apprenticeship opportunities through NECA. Apprenticeship pathways are available across a range of electrical fields.

<https://www.necatrainng.com.au/electrical-apprentices/expression-of-interest/>

NECA b Electrical Training Pathways

Explore the range of electrical training and career pathways available through NECA, including electrical, solar, battery and telecommunications courses.

<https://www.necatrainng.com.au/electrical-training-courses/>

Apprenticeships R Us b Automotive Apprenticeships

Students interested in the automotive industry can explore apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities across areas including light and heavy vehicles, auto electrical, spray painting, panel beating, motorcycle mechanics and automotive administration.

<https://www.apprus.com.au/apprenticeships-traineeships/>

Explore a Career in Landscaping

Landscaping offers a practical and creative career for students who enjoy working outdoors and solving problems. Explore the different career and training pathways available within the landscaping industry.

<https://www.landscapeassociation.com.au/careers/explore-landscaping-careers/>

Private Colleges

Sydney Actors School b Applications Open

Applications are open for the Sydney Actors School Diploma. Students develop practical skills for screen and stage and graduate with professional material including a showreel, voice reel and experience in film and theatre productions.

<https://www.sydneyactorschool.edu.au/acting-and-musical-theatre-application/>

Sydney Flight College b Trial Introductory Flights

Students considering a career as a pilot can experience flying firsthand through a trial introductory flight. Options range from introductory flying experiences to more comprehensive packages exploring different aspects of aviation.

<https://www.sfcaero.com.au/trial-introductory-flights>

NIDA b 2027 Applications Now Open

Applications close 28 September for many courses b some close earlier

Applications are open for NIDA courses across acting, musical theatre, design, directing, costume, make-up, technical theatre, stage management, writing and other performing arts disciplines. Students should check individual course closing dates carefully.

<https://www.nida.edu.au/study/students/how-to-apply>

Sydney Film School b Applications Open

Students interested in filmmaking can explore practical training at Sydney Film School. Courses focus on developing the creative and technical skills required to work within the film and screen industries.

<https://sydneyfilmschool.edu.au/filmmaking-application/>

AFTRS b Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production

Applications close 7 October

Students interested in film, television and screen production can apply for the three-year Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production. The course develops practical and creative skills across a range of production roles and prepares students for careers within the screen and media industries.

<https://www.afrs.edu.au/award-course/bachelor-of-arts-screen-production/>

Le Cordon Bleu Sydney Open Day

22 August

Students interested in cuisine, p tisserie, hotel management, restaurant management or business can explore courses and career pathways at Le Cordon Bleu. The day includes cooking demonstrations, information sessions and opportunities to speak with staff.

<https://www.cordonbleu.edu/sydney/open-day/en>

Career Exploration

Resume Writing b A Practical Guide

A strong resume is an important part of applying for work experience, casual employment, apprenticeships and future career opportunities. This guide provides practical advice on resume structure, content and preparing an effective job application.

<https://au.jobted.com/blog/how-to-write-resume>

Career in the NSW Police Force b University Certificate in Workforce Essentials

Students considering a career with the NSW Police Force should be aware of the University Certificate in Workforce Essentials offered through Charles Sturt University. The course is the mandatory academic requirement for applicants progressing towards the Associate Degree in Policing Practice.

<https://handbook.csu.edu.au/course/2026/1015WE01>