



Careers Corner Term 4, Week 10, 16 December 2022

Year 10 Careers 2022, Google Classroom: cwq4hdy
Year 11 Careers 2022, Google Classroom: opycmbw
Year 12 Careers 2022, Google Classroom: m7owsqu

JobJump: <https://www.jobjump.com.au/> The password to register is: kh

*Students and parents can sign up to Jobjump.

School Careers Website: <http://www.killarahighcareers.com/>

Careers Bullseyes: <https://myfuture.edu.au/footer/assist-others/career-bullseye-posters#/>

Articles of Interest:

<https://www.news.com.au/lifestyle/parenting/school-life/anus-vicechancellor-shares-atar-message-to-anxious-students/news-story/25d6974cb40640b9ea6db9d9b96d588c>

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/james-ruse-tops-hsc-for-27th-year-as-private-schools-rise-20221215-p5c6iq.html>

Open Days & Info Sessions

University of Sydney | UAC – Understanding how preferences and offers work

Thursday 5 January 2023, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Join us as we explain UAC preferences and offer rounds and how to maximise your chances of receiving an offer. This information will help you confidently order your preferences, navigate multiple UAC offer rounds and understand what to expect when you receive an offer. We will be looking at timelines, deadlines and using the UAC system to your best advantage.

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_msU8VayBQFOGxRz8fOnUwQ

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ADF | Defence Careers Information Session, Sydney

Tuesday 17 January 2023, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Defence Force Recruiting Centre Sydney

Are you interested to learn about the wide range of roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force?

Join us at an upcoming info session and speak with current serving members to see which Australian Defence Force career is best suited to you.

Find out more: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/q64jn64>

AIE | Information Evening

Thursday 19 January 2023, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE), Ultimo

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, film, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE Information Evening on Thu 19 January 2023. The evening will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. We will be showing off AIE student work and our staff and teachers will be available to chat with you about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career.

Find out more: https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/information-evening/

Endeavour College | Natural Health Open Day

Saturday 21 January 2023, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Endeavour College of Natural Health, Sydney Campus

Open Day is a unique opportunity to see your local campus first-hand and chat one-on-one with experts before you take the plunge and enrol.

We are opening our campus doors for Open Day on Saturday 21 January. Why not see what student life with Endeavour College looks like? Tour the facilities, learn about student life, and chat to our team of academics and admissions advisers on the day. Friends and family are welcome to accompany you.

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/natural-health-open-day/>

ADF | ADFA Careers Virtual Information Session

Tuesday 24 January 2023, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Online

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At the Australian Defence Force Academy you will receive service training while studying for your UNSW degree, and graduate as an Officer in the Australian Defence Force.

Join us for a virtual info session to find out how ADFA can change your life.

Find out more: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/n9upu7w>

Workshops and Courses

Sharp Shooters – School Holiday Sessions

Monday 19 December 2022, 9:30 am - Wednesday 25 January 2023, 3:00 pm

Sydney Olympic Park

Our 1-hour Sharp Shooters session is the ideal way to get the whole family outside. The session includes archery basics with safety and equipment supervised by our skilled instructors. After a few practice rounds, you'll enjoy challenging games and experience the thrill of hitting the target! This session is suited for kids 10 +, adults, grandparents and everybody in-between. No experience necessary.

Find out more: <https://www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/Things-to-Do/school-holiday-activities/sharp-shooters-school-holiday-sessions>

Sydney Dance School | Summer School Holiday Workshops

Tuesday 3 January 2023 - Wednesday 25 January 2023

Sydney Dance Company, Dawes Point

Young dancers will have fun, develop their dance skills and be taught by the best in the industry at Sydney Dance Company's Summer School Holiday Workshops!

Find out more: <https://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes/youth-program/school-holiday-workshops/>

NIDA | Acting Boot Camp

Saturday 7 January 2023, 9:30 am - Sunday 8 January 2023, 4:30 pm

NIDA - National Institute of Dramatic Art, Kensington

A fast-paced intensive course for acting recruits: build skills in fundamental acting technique including improvisation, character development and scenework.

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Course components:

- Spontaneity: Explore stories, ideas and narrative scene work through improvisation.
- Creative Expression: Participate in fun and engaging acting exercises to develop new creative ideas with others.
- Text analysis: Bring to life through the application of acting technique a short written text for live performance.
- Character Development: Develop a character from a scripted scene for live performance.
- Stage Craft: Consider the elements that contribute to the physical realization of a live performance.

Find out more: <https://www.open.nida.edu.au/course/OHAB710>

CCE | HSC Chemistry Preparation Course

Thursday 12 January 2023, 8:30 am - Friday 13 January 2023, 4:30 pm

The University of Sydney Business School, Darlington

This course provides consolidation of the key content and skills from Module 5 Equilibrium and Acid Reactions. There is a focus on those cognitive skills needed to access and apply chemical knowledge in an HSC assessment context. The workshops are activity based whereby students explore and apply chemical knowledge and skills using a combination of lectures, tutorials and problem-solving sessions with immediate feedback from teachers. In short, this course is designed to review key concepts and skills with a view to maximising results in a variety of chemistry assessment tasks.

Find out more: <https://cce.sydney.edu.au/course/HSC1>

Australian Museum | Let's Get Sketching

Friday 13 January 2023, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

Australian Museum, Darlinghurst

Let's Get Sketching workshops are led by paleo-artist and scientific illustrator, Celia Curtis.

In these 90-minute sketching workshops, learn to improve your creative skills and start thinking in a different way. Sketch at your own pace, draw, have fun and socialise with likeminded others. Sketching helps develop a number of different areas of your brain, including your ability to focus and pay attention, hand-eye coordination and strategic thinking.

Find out more: <https://australian.museum/event/lets-get-sketching/>

Online School Holiday Cooking Classes

Monday 16 January 2023, 3:00 pm - Friday 20 January 2023, 4:00 pm

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Join us for our popular 5-day Jamie's Ministry of Food online cooking classes, where you'll learn delicious Jamie Oliver recipes, handy kitchen tips and professional skills!

Find out more: <https://events.humanitix.com/mfs013>

Starting High School in 2023

Tuesday 17 January 2023, 12:30 pm - Wednesday 18 January 2023, 3:30 pm

Online

Starting high school is an adventure and like all adventures, it can be a bit daunting. The best way to enjoy an adventure is to be well prepared. New teachers, new routines and new friendships are all part of this experience. In order to be able to take advantage of all that high school has to offer and to manage your time and your own stress levels, this jam-packed workshop will look at:

- understanding your learning style,
- developing new friendships,
- designing your perfect home study environment,
- time management skills,
- organisation and filing,
- note taking and study skills
- managing your workload
- maintaining a good school/ leisure balance
- keeping everything in perspective
- talking to teachers and asking questions
- stress reduction strategies!

Find out more: <https://events.humanitix.com/starting-high-school-in-2023-2-session-course-january>

NSW SES Excursion

Thursday 19 January 2023, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

69 The Mall, Bankstown

Explore behind-the-scenes at the state's emergency and rescue service: the control room, the vehicles, the equipment. Learn from experts how to tarp, prepare sandbags, and run a generator to prepare for floods and storms. All participants receive a free lunch and safety goodies pack.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-ses-excursion-summer-school-holidays-2023-tickets-474964600907>

NIE | Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online

Saturday 21 January 2023, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

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

This event will be conducted by the National Institute of Education in partnership with UCAT Preparation Australia, and MICAS (Medical Interviews and Career Advice Services). The workshop is primarily designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test and also for participants to gain a better understanding of their own level of preparedness for the test. Over the course of the years, the program has evolved into more comprehensive and holistic exercise, which not only achieves its primary goal, but it is also exposing students to a wealth of knowledge about all other aspects of the journey into a medical degree.

Find out more: <https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/product/216-simulated-ucats-day-workshop>

Saxophone Academy Sydney 2023 Summer School

Sunday 22 January 2023, 9:00 am - Wednesday 25 January 2023, 4:00 pm

Loreto Kirribilli

With COVID putting hold to the 2021 and 2022 Summer Schools we are so excited to be able to meet with you all again for our 11th summer school.

Sunday the 22nd of January will be open to all ages and levels, a Saxophone Funday where we will play in a supersized saxophone ensemble, talk all things saxophone and hear some incredible guests perform.

Then the 23rd-25th will be our traditional style Summer school (targeted to students Grade 5 AMEB and above), with an opportunity for students to work on repertoire and technique in group lessons, play in ensembles small and large, and watch and participate in masterclasses. The Sunday Funday is included in the Summer School Price.

Find out more: <https://saxophoneacademysydney.com/2023-summer-school>

Scholarships

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship for Rural and Regional Students

Value: \$6,500 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: December 2, 2022 – January 27, 2023

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The Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Scholarship for rural and regional students aims to assist academically outstanding but disadvantaged students, from a rural or regional area, who have been offered a full-time place at an Australian University for the first time.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Gail Kelly Young Women Leaders Scholarship

Value: \$10,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: November 15, 2022 – January 16, 2023

The purpose of these scholarships is to financially support outstanding future women leaders undertaking undergraduate study in any discipline.

[Find out more](#)

Charles Sturt Alexandra Catherine Henderson Memorial Prize

Value: \$1,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2022 – February 3, 2023

A scholarship for any year undergraduate students studying any course in Animal and Veterinary Sciences on the Wagga Wagga campus.

[Find out more](#)

Macquarie Amanda Crowley Memorial Actuarial Scholarship

Value: \$10,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2022 – January 8, 2023

Supporting high achieving students undertaking actuarial studies in memory of Amanda Crowley.

[Find out more](#)

UNE Indigenous Medical Scholarship

Value: \$6,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2022 – January 2, 2023

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The purpose of the UNE Indigenous Medical Scholarship is to attract more Indigenous students to study medicine at UNE. This scholarship will assist Indigenous students to alleviate their financial burden whilst studying Medicine at UNE.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Autism Inclusion Equity Scholarship Blacktown Campus

Value: \$4,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: August 1, 2022 – March 1, 2023

This scholarship was established to support students with autism who will be commencing undergraduate studies at ACU's Blacktown campus.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

CApture Film Festival 2023

The inaugural CApture Film Festival is a showcase supported by the NSW Department of Education's [CApture filmmaking resource](#). The interactive resource supports students to produce their own short films as they are guided by interviews from award-winning industry experts, real-world short film examples and engaging activities.

Submitted films from Stage 5 students must be between 3 and 5 minutes in duration, include the signature item 'window' and adhere to the guidelines of a G or PG-rated film.

Expressions of interest to submit a film for the CApture Film Festival are now open to students in Years 9 and 10 from public schools across NSW.

Expressions of interest close Friday 21 April 2023.

[Find out more.](#)

2023 NAIDOC Week Poster Competition

The National NAIDOC Committee is delighted to once again invite Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to submit their artwork to the 2023 National NAIDOC Week Poster Competition. All artwork submitted must reflect the 2023 National NAIDOC Week Theme – For Our Elders.

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The Committee is also happy to announce that this year, for the first time, group entries will be eligible for the poster competition.

The National NAIDOC Week Poster Competition represents a unique opportunity for talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists aged 16 years and over to have their work recognised both nationally and internationally.

The winning artist will receive a \$10,000 cash prize (tax free) and their artwork will be used as the official 2023 National NAIDOC Week Poster.

Entries close Monday 6 February 2023.

Find out more: <https://www.naidoc.org.au/news/2023-national-naidoc-week-poster-competition-now-open>

Careers & Jobs

Starting your job search

Once you've [understood what motivates you and where your skills, strengths and interests lie](#); you'll be in a great position to form an idea of jobs that appeal to you (as well as ones that don't). This knowledge will also be useful when you're writing your resume, filling in job applications, and even in interviews.

You'll have a great starting point to be able to talk about yourself and answer all the important questions you'll be asked. Once you start work, choosing jobs that align with your strengths can help you feel comfortable in the job quicker too.

The goal is to find careers or jobs that are rewarding beyond just a salary. So, ready to start looking for work? Here are a few things to remember:

Ask Around

Talk to your teachers, parents, older siblings and your friends about the work they do. Find out how they got started, which jobs they've tried, what they like about work they've done and what the challenges were too.

If you've thought of a job that looks interesting but haven't seen an opening, you can always pop in and have a chat with the manager. Take a copy of your resume and just let them know that you're really keen.

If you're in a job and curious to try something else, why not start by speaking with your employer? They could be supportive and recommend other pathways, or suggest alternative positions to apply for.

It's ok to try new things

Whilst it's great to commit to a job, don't feel you have to stay there forever. It's definitely OK to look for other jobs and try lots of different work to find the roles and work environments that suit you the best. Plus, lots of the skills you'll learn in each job will be useful in other jobs.

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If you do want to leave, it's important to do the right thing by your employer. Bear in mind they could be the reference for your next position (and subsequent ones after that).

It's not a race

Starting work or changing jobs is a process. If you're lucky enough to fall in to work and love it – that's great.

But if it takes some time, you have to apply for lots of positions, or you change your mind once you've started working, that's OK too.

Your experience and ability to bounce back is part of learning. Although it may not feel great at the time, re-framing your mindset and moving on can teach you lots of valuable lessons too.

Know you're not on your own

There will always be someone around that you can ask for help. Whether you're just looking for opportunities, applying or even once you've started a new job.

Most people around you at home, school, or work want you to be successful. If they're not able to help out, they could recommend someone else who can or suggest where you could look next.

Need more help?

Keep an eye out for our [Getting a Job Guide](#) (coming soon) for more information that could help you to be successful.

Hot Tips to Land a Summer Job

There's no difference between applying for a casual summer job, part time work, or a high-powered graduate career – employers will want to know you're taking their business seriously and you'll be giving the job your all.

So whether you're applying for a few hours a week at Maccas or a full-time position in the reservations office of a 5-star hotel, you've got to give it your best shot if you really want the job.

Ace your applications

Make sure your application:

- Addresses *all* the criteria in the advert
- Contains a tailored cover letter and resume highlighting how you meet the criteria
- Has up to date and accurate information
- Looks fantastic – if it's hand-written then make sure you take the time to make it neat and legible
- Has been proof-read – check the spelling and grammar, make sure it reads well and makes sense
- Gets in on time, or if there's no deadline, at the earliest date possible to give yourself the best chance (i.e. *don't procrastinate*)

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Once you've submitted an application, remember to check your emails, voicemails or answer all your calls. You don't want to miss an opportunity if you've been selected for an interview or even got the job.

Make a great impression

You can land a job without an interview, but it's more common that your application will get you shortlisted. Then you'll have to attend an interview, which will determine if you'll be offered the job.

Prepare by practising [mock interviews](#) and finding the [perfect outfit](#) that gives you confidence and makes the right impression.

Do some research about the company and the job you've applied for – it'll show in the interview. Come up with couple of relevant questions and remember to ask them towards the end of the interview.

It's perfectly normal to be nervous, but try to stay as calm as possible so that you can do yourself justice.

Thank the interviewer for their time before you leave.

Read our [top 5 interview tips blog](#) if you'd like a little more information.

Follow up

Once you've submitted an application or you've had an interview, if you don't hear back within a week or so, give them a call or email just to follow up.

It could show that you're enthusiastic and serious about the job.

Further Learning

What's On This Week – 12-18 December 2022

Here are some important dates and events coming up for the week ahead.

New South Wales

- ATARs are released on 15 December – access your results through [UAC](#)
- [Change of Preference](#) for December Round 2 Offers through UAC close on 16 December
- If you're interested in study, pop in to one of these change of preference or info day events:
 - [Explore your Options](#) at Macquarie (12-23 Dec)
 - [Options Day](#) at SCU (15-16 Dec)
 - [ATAR Information Day](#) at University of Newcastle (15 Dec)
 - [ATAR Release Day Webinar](#) at University of Wollongong (15 Dec)
 - [Change of Preference Event](#) at ACU (16 Dec)
 - [Info Day](#) at University of Sydney (16 Dec)

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- [Info Day](#) at UNSW (16 Dec)
- [Info Day](#) at UTS (16 Dec)

Victoria

- VCE results ATARs are released on 12 December – access your results through [VTAC](#)
- [Change of Preference](#) for December round offers through VTAC close on 14 December
- To be considered for offers in January round 1, make sure you pay your VTAC fees before 19 December
- If you're interested in study, pop in to one of these change of preference or info day events:
 - [Change of Preference Advice](#) at ACU (12-14 Dec)
 - [Change of Preference Support](#) at Deakin University (12 Dec)
 - [Change of Preference Support](#) at La Trobe (12-13 Dec)
 - [Info Days](#) at Federation University (13 Dec)
 - [Change of Preference Event](#) at RMIT (13 Dec)
 - [Change Day Expo](#) at Monash University (13 Dec)
 - [Change of Preference Expo](#) at Swinburne University (13 Dec)
 - [Change of Preference Expo](#) at University of Melbourne (13 Dec)

Queensland

- ATARs are released on 16 December – access your results through [QTAC](#)
- If you're interested in study, pop in to one of these change of preference or info day events:
 - [Guided Campus Visits](#) at ACU (15-16 Dec)
 - [Explore Your Options](#) at Griffith (15-23 Dec)
 - [Options Day](#) at SCU (15-16 Dec)
 - [Change of Preference Online Chat](#) at CQUni (16 Dec)
 - [Real Decisions](#) at QUT (16 Dec)
 - [Change of Preference Info Sessions](#) at UniSQ (16 Dec)
 - [ATAR Advice Online](#) at UQ (18 Dec)

Australian Capital Territory

- ATARs are released on 15 December – access your results through [UAC](#)
- [Change of Preference](#) for December Round 2 Offers through UAC close on 16 December
- If you're interested in study, or have concerns about changing your preferences, you can contact your university of choice:
 - Call ANU on 1800 620 032, or [submit an enquiry online](#)
 - Call the University of Canberra on 1800 864 226, or [submit an enquiry online](#)

South Australia

- Keep an eye out for ATAR results, coming early next week
- Don't forget you can [change your preferences](#) through SATAC any time up until 4 January

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- If you're interested in study, or have concerns about changing your preferences, you can contact your university of choice:
 - Call Flinders University on 1300 354 633, or [book an appointment online](#)
 - Call the University of Adelaide on 1800 061 459, or [chat online](#)
 - Call the University of South Australia on 08 8302 2376, or [submit an enquiry online](#)

Western Australia

- Keep an eye out for ATAR results, coming early next week
- If you're interested in study, pop in to one of these change of preference or info day events:
 - [Application Support Week](#) at Curtin University (18-23 Dec)
 - [A Day in the Life of a Uni Student](#) at University of Notre Dame (18 Dec)
 - [ATAR Help Day at UWA](#) (18-19 Dec)

Northern Territory

- Keep an eye out for ATAR results, coming early next week
- Don't forget you can [change your preferences](#) through SATAC any time up until 4 January
- If you're interested in study, or have concerns about changing your preferences, you can contact your university of choice:
 - Call Charles Darwin University on 1800 061 963, or [enquire online](#)

Tasmania

- ATARs are released on 14 December – you will be [emailed your results](#)
- If you're interested in study, pop in to one of these change of preference or info day events:
 - [Know Your Options](#) at UTAS (16-19 Dec)

Alternative Pathways

You've spent the last few years studying hard, and have applied to uni. But what happens if offers start rolling out and you miss out?

We know it can be disappointing, but it's important to not give up. There's always another way to get into the course of your dreams.

Maybe you could consider taking an alternative pathway.

What are alternative pathways?

Like the name suggests, alternative pathways are different ways of getting into university. Instead of taking the traditional route of applying with your ATAR at the end of Year 12, many unis offer tons of different ways you can get in instead.

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They do this so that nobody is disadvantaged – maybe you had an illness that affected your studies, or you had music or sporting commitments that took up a lot of your time. Maybe you just didn't quite get the ATAR you were expecting, or missed a prerequisite subject. Or maybe you feel like you're not quite ready to jump into uni straight after school.

There are options out there for everyone.

What are some common alternative pathways?

- Choose a course with a lower ATAR in the same field and transfer.
- Do a uni pathway course.
- Take the [Special Tertiary Admissions Test](#) (STAT).
- Take a bridging course (find out more about them [here](#)).
- Study at TAFE or through an RTO.
 - For example, want to do engineering but didn't get in? You can [study engineering at TAFE](#).
- Get an apprenticeship – you can always go to uni later on to consolidate your skills (plus you can earn some money while you learn).
- Find a job and gain work experience, preferably in the same field, then apply as a mature-age student.

Plus, heaps of universities offer their own special internal pathways. For example, Macquarie University offer fourteen [different pathways](#) for admission – that's right, fourteen! Here are just a few of them:

- Didn't quite get the ATAR you were hoping for? Try the [Next Step Program](#).
- Disadvantaged by something beyond your control? The [Educational Access Scheme](#) (EAS) could be for you.
- Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? Check out [Walanga Muru](#).

Your options are (nearly) endless!

Where can I find out more?

If you're feeling uncertain about entry into your dream course, you can always contact the university directly and chat about your options. At the end of the day they want you to study, so they're bound to be able to help you out.

You can also take a look at our handy [Alternative Pathways Database](#), filled with pathway options from unis around the country.

Resources

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7 ways to look after yourself over the holidays

The holidays are finally here, and it feels great to take some well-deserved time off and just do nothing for a few days. But how can you make sure that at the end of the summer you're feeling on form and ready to kick goals in 2023?

We've got a few ideas that could help.

The physical stuff

Catch up on your sleep – it can be good for your body, mind and soul. We're all happier and healthier if we're getting plenty of rest.

Don't forget to keep active too, whether it's taking the dog for a walk or going adventuring with friends or family.

Your body is a temple

When you're on a break from routine, or you're busy out and about, it can be tempting to take the easy option of fast food and snacking all the time. That's fine, but try to make sure that you sneak some healthy options in from time to time as well.

Eating and drinking to excess could make you bloated and sluggish in the short term, or feel run down and lethargic in the long term. Either way, you might end up not having enough energy to enjoy your holidays.

Have a go

Is there something that you've been interested to learn more about or have a try of, this year, but you've just never had time (or at least that's been your excuse)? Well, why not make some time this summer? Whether you love it and find a new hobby or absolutely hate it, at least you'll know.

Embrace the Christmas spirit

And no, we do not recommend getting into your parents' bar.

Christmas is a time for generosity, kindness, and charity towards others. Volunteering is one way that you could really get on board with those values; you could make a world of difference to someone less fortunate than you. Plus there are some other perks, like feeling better about yourself, having fun, gaining some new skills and friends, and looking great on your resume.

See the people who matter most

Prioritise quality time with friends and family, build on your connections, make wonderful memories and have fun.

Live guilt free

Make the most of your holidays by not over scheduling your time.

Living life in the fast lane the whole time could leave you burnt out before the next year has even begun. If you have commitments like a summer job or volunteering, then of course you'll need to honour those. But having free time to do as you please is important too.

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Create a “holding pen”

Got a list of things to do? Maybe you've got goals to achieve, a resume to write, a study plan to create? Whatever is on your to do list, work out which tasks you can put off for now, then schedule them in your calendar for later in the year. That way you know you won't forget about anything, and you'll get the essentials covered in time, so you can sit back, relax and enjoy your summer.

Job Spotlight

How to become a Hairdresser

Hairdressers cut or style hair in order to change or maintain a person's image. This is achieved using a combination of hair colouring, haircutting, and hair texturing techniques.

If you like people and get a buzz from helping them look and feel better about themselves, you've lots of physical stamina, and you're creative with great attention to detail, you'd make a great hairdresser.

About you:

- Creativity and communication
- Technical skills – use a range of equipment and products
- Great teamworker
- Friendly and outgoing
- Continuous learning – new trends and techniques
- Attention to detail
- Cleanliness and good personal grooming

The job:

- Cut, colour, straighten, perm, treat and maintain your clients' hair
- Offering advice on styling, colouring and maintenance
- Shampooing, conditioning and treatments
- Braiding, adding hair extensions, weaves and dreadlocks
- Cut or style weaves or hair pieces
- Shaving or trimming beards and/or moustaches
- Taking bookings, diary management and processing payments
- Keeping your tools and premises clean and sanitary

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Lifestyle Impact: Moderate

- Part Time opportunities: High – around 49% of Hairdressers work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 41 hours a week, which is average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Hairdressers' salary (median) \$30,000* per year (source: ato.gov.au). *Salaries can vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Strong (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You will be doing almost all of your work indoors.
- You will likely need to do work outside of regular business hours, including on weekends and holidays.
- You need to be prepared to do a lot of work on your feet.

Hairdressers are most in demand in these locations:

Demand for Hairdressers is spread fairly evenly across both metropolitan and regional areas. Most Hairdressers work in the Retail Trade industry.

How to become a Hairdresser

To become a Hairdresser you will usually undertake an apprenticeship, combining practical experience with study.

Step 1 – Complete Year 10 with a focus on English and Maths.

Step 2 – Find an employer willing to take you on as an apprentice, and complete a [Certificate III in Hairdressing](#).

Step 3 – Once you've finished your apprenticeship, you can work as a fully qualified Hairdresser.

Step 4 – There are lots of short courses and workshops you can take to hone your skills, including hair colouring, styling, and more.

Step 5 – Once you have lots of experience, consider doing a [Diploma of Salon Management](#) and starting your own business.

Find out more here –

<https://www.theahc.org.au/>

<https://hairstylistsaustralia.com.au/>

Similar Careers to Hairdresser

Barber

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Costume Designer
Massage Therapist
Fashion Designer

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What options are there for career progression?

You might start out as a junior Hairdresser in a salon, before building up your skills and becoming a colouring specialist or even salon manager. With enough skills and experience, you might even like to start your own business.

Do I need to go to university to become a Hairdresser?

No, you do not need to go to university to become a Hairdresser. However, you will need to complete a VET qualification, usually as part of an apprenticeship.

Where do Hairdressers work?

Hairdressers can work in salons, beauty clinics, retail stores, mobile by driving to a client's home, or out of their own salon at home.

What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Hairdresser?

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

1. Find workshops and short courses you can take to start building on your hair styling skills.
2. See if you can find work experience in retail or hairdressing. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
3. Talk to a Hairdresser to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in hairdressing.