



# In the Know with Careers

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## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to a new school year! I look forward to another productive year working with the students at St Patrick's College, Strathfield to help them find their passion.

Dr Vittoria Lavorato's Principal's address at the Opening Mass and High Achievers' Ceremony on Friday 5 February summed it up beautifully when she said that *you should follow your passion and not chase the wealth, because if you follow your passion you would be more likely to sustain the motivation to achieve your goals.*

So, with that in mind, I would like each boy to ask themselves: *"What is my passion and what is required for me to get there?"* Work towards this goal and keep a positive mindset while striving towards it. Remember that perseverance, determination, positivity, focus, resilience and hard work are the essential traits required to achieve your goals.

Congratulations to the 2020 cohort on their HSC results and offers for 2021. It was a pleasure working with the students last year to assist them in deciding what post-school option they will take. Most of the students that applied for university managed to get into the first course of their choice.

The data from the Universities Admission Centre (UAC) revealed the following:

- There were 116 students that were accepted into a university course. This does not include any offers for courses where students applied directly to the university, as opposed to applying through UAC. I do not have access to this data, however, these would be minimal.
- Of the 116 students, the approximate percentage breakup of acceptance into specific universities are as follows:

○ University of Technology	45%
○ Macquarie University	22%
○ University of NSW	10%
○ Western Sydney University	10%
○ The University of Sydney	9%
○ Australian Catholic University	3%
○ University of Wollongong	1%
- The most popular course was the Bachelor of Construction Project Management at the University of Technology Sydney with nine students being accepted into the course. A further five students were accepted into the Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours) course at Western Sydney University. One boy was accepted into the Bachelor of Construction Management and Property course at the University of New South Wales.
- There will be 19 students completing an Engineering degree at a Sydney university with nine of these students choosing to undertake this degree at the University of Technology Sydney.
- There were eight students that were accepted into the Bachelor of Commerce/Economics Bachelor of Laws (double degree) at the University of Technology Sydney.

- There are eight students that will be undertaking a Bachelor of Business at the University of Technology Sydney with four of these students opting for the double degree option with a Bachelor of Creative Intelligence and Innovation.
- There were 28 students that received early offers under the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Scheme. Many of these students applied for this scheme as a back-up and some decided to take up offers for courses at other Universities.
- In the first round of offers for the School Recommendation Scheme, there were 46 students that received early offers on 12 November, the day after the final HSC exam was completed. There were 70 students that applied for this scheme.

## WHAT IS ON THE AGENDA IN CAREERS FOR 2021?

Throughout the year, I will be attending the Year 10, 11 and 12 Pastoral Care Periods to disseminate important information. Students in these Year groups also have access to the Careers Canvas Course which consists of information on post school options, include course and career information.

For guidance and advice that will take longer than a few minutes, all students can make an online careers appointment through Canvas Careers by clicking on the tile 'Book an Appointment'. A schedule with my availability will pop up. You then select the time that suits you. There are 10-minute or 20-minute time slots. Year 10 should only book appointments during either recess or lunch. Year 11 and 12 need to make appointments during their study periods, recess or lunch if the question is just a quick one.

Students will be emailed the Careers Newsletter on a weekly basis. Parents/carers will also receive a copy via the *Especean* and all copies will be available in Canvas Careers for students to access. Simply click on the tile 'Careers Newsletter' to access these. I encourage all students and parents/carers to browse through the newsletter each week as you may find something that will be of interest.

As the Careers Advisor at the College, other services that I will provide to the students include:

- Careers education lessons to Year 10 students
- Individual careers appointments on school and post school options available for any student in Year 10, 11 and 12. Students from other Year groups are also invited to schedule a careers appointment
- Information and guidance for HSC subject selection to Year 10, and any student in Year 11 and 12 that is thinking of dropping a subject or changing subjects.
- Work experience opportunities for students who are thinking of leaving school at the end of Year 10
- Pathway interviews with Year 12 in Term 2 and Term 3 and
- Pathway interviews with Year 11 will commence at the end of Term 3 and continue into Term 4.

Other events such as the Old Boys Careers Information Evening and the Careers Expo to be held later this year, will also provide students with an opportunity to source information on post school options.

In the year ahead, I look forward to getting to know each of the students so I can mentor and guide them to make future course and/or career choices.

Joanne Cupac  
**Careers Advisor**

## UNIVERSITY

### **Highest Ranking Unis**

The 2021 ratings have officially landed, providing a series of rankings and insights on Australian universities, to assist in the decision-making process when deciding where to study. Independent university rankings remain important for prospective students when choosing where to study, with good rankings often being associated with quality education. The *Good Universities Guide* is Australia's most trusted resource on higher education. For over 20 years, it has been a point of reference for students wanting to make well-informed choices when it comes to the right course, the right provider and ultimately the right career for them. The *Good Universities Guide* is available on the link below:

[https://www.australiancareersservice.com.au/industry-news/the-highest-ranking-universities-for-2021?utm\\_source=ACS+Members+Mailing+List+%28All+emails%29&utm\\_campaign=59a1bd8f82-ACS+Newsletter+January+20+COPY+01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_1ec9b0522b-59a1bd8f82-122934277&goal=0\\_1ec9b0522b-59a1bd8f82-122934277&mc\\_cid=59a1bd8f82&mc\\_eid=853cf5abd8](https://www.australiancareersservice.com.au/industry-news/the-highest-ranking-universities-for-2021?utm_source=ACS+Members+Mailing+List+%28All+emails%29&utm_campaign=59a1bd8f82-ACS+Newsletter+January+20+COPY+01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1ec9b0522b-59a1bd8f82-122934277&goal=0_1ec9b0522b-59a1bd8f82-122934277&mc_cid=59a1bd8f82&mc_eid=853cf5abd8)

### **Medicine – Your Free Guide**

Throughout the medical training pathway, medical students and doctors in training will be exposed to many different areas of medicine and then choose a speciality area that is of interest to them. Over 75% of medical students change their first career preference during medical school.

For further information, please refer to: <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/medical-career/>.

### **UCAT Test Dates, Fees and Processes**

Candidates taking the UCAT in 2021 for entry to universities in Australia and NZ in 2022 should note these key dates:

BOOKINGS OPEN	1 March 2021
Concession application deadline	10 May 2021
Access Arrangements application deadline	17 May 2021
BOOKING DEADLINE	17 May 2021
Late booking deadline	31 May 2021
Cancellation deadline	7 June 2021
Testing begins	1 July 2021
Last testing date	11 August 2021
Results delivered to universities	by early September 2021

Full details are available on: <https://www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/dates-and-fees/>.

### **Intensive Training UCAT Workshop Interactive (2-day event)**

Saturday 27 February

Proudly conducted by the National Institute of Education (UCAT NIE). Parents are invited to Day 2 of the workshop (Pathways into Medicine and Medical Interviews). To enrol:

Ph: (02) 4367 0404 / mob: 0404 197 178 / 0412 439 115 / [www.nie.edu.au](http://www.nie.edu.au) / [enquiries@nie.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@nie.edu.au)

<https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/product/216-simulated-ucat-day-workshop>

### **Discover Western Webinars: Subject Selection & Future Careers in various fields (Year 10 focus)**

Webinars start from Monday 22 February at 5.00pm Audience: Year 10 Focus (also open to all senior students), parents and teachers.

Want to know more about different careers and degrees? Not sure what subjects to pick in Year 10? Let us support you to make informed decisions. To view the list of webinars that WSU offer throughout the year, click on the link below.

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

### **Register here:**

[https://wsustudents.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bCtkdG6X1RafZai](https://wsustudents.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bCtkdG6X1RafZai)

## **How To Get Into Oxford & Cambridge From Australia**

Saturday 13 February

Join this webinar hosted by Former Oxford Admissions Officer, Hannah Rowberry, to gain insight into the UK application process from the fundamentals to sharing tips specifically for Australian and Kiwi students to help separate you from the global competition.

**Register here:** <https://bit.ly/3cpgC13>

## **TAFE**

### **Engineer Success Story**

As hundreds of Year 12 students across Western Sydney focus on one of the most important periods of their lives, a Rouse Hill local has proved that an ATAR is not the only way to your dream career. Cameron Gaul has always wanted to be an engineer since he was young but when he saw the ATAR to get into the course, he considered other pathways to university. After hearing about the TAFE NSW Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation, an alternative pathway into higher education that does not require an ATAR, Cameron jumped at the opportunity. He is now in his first year of a Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) at Macquarie University and said he is thriving at University.

[Read more here.](#)

### **Be qualified with the TAFE NSW and UTS Engineering Pathway Program**

TAFE NSW and the University of Technology have partnered to bring your students an innovative pathway towards a great engineering qualification. By successfully completing the Dip of Engineering–Technical (MEM50212) course and an integrated UTS Foundation Maths subject (35010), students will receive 24 credit points (equivalent of six months) for a range of UTS Engineering programs.

For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/3bW5V62>.

## **COLLEGE**

### **NIDA Student Courses available on Saturdays**

Practical, skill-based learning led by industry experts across a range of performing arts disciplines. NIDA courses for grade 7-10 students are designed to support and inspire young people at any stage of their creative development.

### **Learning framework**

Each term, we focus on a specific area of performance practice to ensure students have a varied experience and learn a range of essential creative skills.

### **Students are able to join us at the start of any term during the year.**

NIDA Open Drama courses are designed across a four-term structure within the following learning framework:

**Term 1** Improvisation and Performance Craft

**Term 2** Voice and Movement

**Term 3** Devising and Contemporary Performance

**Term 4** Script Work and Staging

For further information, please go to: <https://www.open.nida.edu.au/course/OTDK910>.