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Open Days & Info Sessions

Black Dog Institute | INSIGHT

Thursday 2 June 2022, 2:00 pm

Online

Understanding mental health is a minefield for many of us, but that's where we can help. Our presentation, developed by experts, has been designed to help young people be able to:

- Identify depression from normal mood swings
- Understand types of mental health concerns
- Recognise symptoms of depression and anxiety
- Know when professional help is needed
- Understand treatment options
- Feel free and confident to talk about mental health
- Spot and monitor warning signs in themselves and others

Our free, 30 minute sessions are presented by community members with lived experience of mental illness. The presenters speak from the heart, sharing their personal story as well as our expert knowledge.

Find out more: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IQqlaJSASB60nqlnEGqTKg

TAFE NSW | Are You Gig Ready?

Friday 3 June 2022, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm

Tomaree Connected Learning Centre - TAFE NSW, Salamander Bay

This free 3 hour workshop is an opportunity for musicians looking at getting gigs, needing a refresher or wanting to try new things to improve their chance of getting work.

TAFE NSW is offering a short and sharp workshop designed to give you a heads up on how to start or reboot your musical career.

You will get an introduction to the following topics:

- Use Social Media to expose your brand through sharing, retweeting, and repinning
- Increase your Business Sense to ensure that you know your rights as a musician
- Incorporate Live Streaming in your practice to build relationships with your audience
- Improve Productivity by setting smart goals and managing time effectively

This is also a great opportunity to see the facilities available at the TAFE NSW Tomaree CLC and if wanting to take it to the next step, speak with our expert teachers about our upcoming Certificate III in Music – specialising in Music Business (CUA30920) for Semester 2 2022.

Find out more: <https://www.tafenswevents.com.au/event/are-you-gig-ready>

The Hotel School | Information Evening

Tuesday 7 June 2022, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

The Hotel School, Sydney

Are you passionate about a career in hospitality and tourism? Join us to explore how you can start an exciting global career within the hospitality, hotel and tourism industry by attending our Information Evening.

Highlights of the session include:

- Find out more about course and flexible degree options
- Meet academic staff and current students
- Career guidance & Industry insights
- Scholarships and fees
- Personalised campus tours

Bring your parents or friends along and get all your questions answered.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/the-hotel-school-sydney-information-evening-tickets-319186323887>

University of Sydney | Auditions and Portfolio Undergraduate Information Session

Tuesday 7 June 2022, 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Online

The Sydney Conservatorium of Music invites all students applying for Music degrees in 2023 to their upcoming info night, where students will receive tips on how to best prepare for an audition, how to create a portfolio and general information on our degrees. There will also be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/auditions-and-portfolio-undergraduate-information-session-registration-343816282757>

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand | Online Info Session

Wednesday 8 June 2022, 5:30 pm

Online

The LIVE Online Info Session is conducted by a senior member of our staff using a service which allows us to meet online or over the telephone. You will be able to meet our representative over a video internet connection, ask any questions and watch a presentation.

Our LIVE online session will cover the following topics.

- Introduction to Student Exchange, the regulatory environment & benefits
- Program options, destinations & eligibility
- Safety and Well being, our support system & where you will stay
- Money Matters, including available discounts & scholarships
- Deadlines & how to apply
- Why choose Student Exchange?

Find out more: <https://studentexchange.clickmeeting.com/wednesday-june-8-2022-live-online-info-session/register>

eSafety Commissioner | Safer online gaming

Thursday 9 June 2022, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Online

Help your kids stay safe by learning about the benefits and risks of online gaming.

This webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years of age.

It will cover:

- the games young people are using and how they are engaging with them
- the benefits of gaming and how to mitigate the risks
- practical strategies to use at home and where to find help and support if things go wrong.

Find out more: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars#safer-online-gaming>

GVI | Virtual Open Day

Saturday 18 June 2022, 1:00 am - 3:00 am

Online

You would love to join a meaningful GVI social development program, but it's a big decision and you want to find out more.

Our free Virtual Open Day is the perfect opportunity to discover first-hand what GVI is all about.

Connect with our passionate staff and participants to learn more, ask questions and get a special Open Day offer.

Find out more: <https://people.gviaustralia.com.au/opendays/gvi-open-day/>

University of Sydney | E12 Information Webinar

Tuesday 21 June 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Join us for an online E12 Early Offer Webinar to learn about the scheme, eligibility and how to apply.

You can also get help with your application, including some tips and tricks for responding to the three personal statement questions required in your E12 application.

The E12 Early Offer and Scholarship Scheme is for students from rural, regional or low socio-economic backgrounds, or those facing financial hardship. It makes your pathway to the University of Sydney easier and helps reduce the financial pressure of your first-year studies. This year, over 90 courses are offered via E12, and hundreds of students enter the University of Sydney through this scheme each year.

- A scholarship valued at \$5950
- An Early Conditional Offer to the University by mid-November
- Formal UAC offer in the main offer round by meeting a reduced E12 ATAR
- The Vice Chancellor's Global Mobility Award, valued at up to \$5000 for eligible exchange programs
- Automatic consideration for a range of faculty equity scholarships
- Eligibility to apply for additional accommodation scholarships
- Support through your transition from school to university through our Prep for Sydney uni program
- University of Sydney Union Access Rewards membership for your first year
- Access to the E12 alumni and industry mentoring program in your final year of university

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_75NI_L76RjO7TZdrjGOWFw

Endeavour College | Virtual Open Day

Wednesday 29 June 2022, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Online

Attending a Virtual Open Day is a great way to find out more about studying at Endeavour with the opportunity to Q&A your study and enrolment questions with our admissions team and academics. Whether you're at home, in an office, or even overseas, you can join our Virtual Open Day from wherever you are.

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

Workshops and Courses

Whitehouse Institute of Design | Illustration and Portfolio Workshop, Online

Saturday 4 June 2022, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online

This workshop is for aspiring designers as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills and build a portfolio.

This online workshop is for aspiring designers and recommended as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills and create a portfolio for application to the Bachelor of Design program. In this 2-hour workshop, you will gain an understanding of how to illustrate with Marker and Paper, experiment with different multi-media materials and learn techniques for presenting your creative ideas.

This workshop focuses on the following areas of skill development including:

- Illustration techniques
- Application of pencils, professional markers and felt-tip pens for professional rendering
- Brief analysis of trends and preparation of illustrations to compliment a Mood Board
- Exploring an individual design aesthetic
- Beginners portfolio development and learn how to present your work for application to the Bachelor of Design program.

Find out more: <https://events.humanitix.com/illustration-and-portfolio-workshop>

University of Sydney | Music Theatre Taster

Saturday 18 June 2022, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Join Dr. Narelle Yeo, Senior Lecturer in Voice and Stagecraft and Program Leader of the Music Theatre stream of the Bachelor of Music (Performance) at the Conservatorium as she introduces you to the skills needed to be a great musical theatre performer.

During the session we will give you insights into the art of musical theatre including stagecraft and presence, vocal technique, characterisation, ensemble work and more. You will have the chance to dance, act and sing in this hands on workshop giving you not just a glimpse but a taste of the fascinating, exciting, sometimes glamorous but always hard working world of music theatre.

The Workshop presenters are drawn from the Music Theatre industry as well as the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. This Taster will be run at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

There will be some music to learn before the workshop you are also encouraged to bring sheet music for 16 bars of your favourite musical theatre solo. Bring comfortable dance gear to the workshop.

Find out more: <https://openacademy.sydney.edu.au/course/WFMTT>

Scholarships

Melbourne Chancellors Scholarship

Value: 100% fee remission and \$17,500 - \$32,500 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: August 1, 2022 – September 29, 2022

This scholarship is awarded to talented students in recognition of their outstanding academic achievement during their Australian Year 12 or International Baccalaureate (IB).

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Co-op Program

Value: \$19,600 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: May 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022

Joining the Co-op community at UNSW enables you to form life changing connections and opens up a world of opportunities. As a scholar, not only do you gain academic and professional insight from alumni, older scholars, and the broader Co-op community, you also start forming your professional and social network from day one.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Head On Photo Awards 2022

Entries for the Head On Student Awards 2022 are open to all Australian K-12 students.

This is an excellent opportunity for art students to explore and innovate within the photographic medium and get real experience in an internationally-acclaimed photography festival.

Finalists receive national and international recognition, the chance to win from a prize pool of \$70,000 and an exhibition at a high-profile Sydney location as a part of Head On Photo Festival 2022.

Entry is only \$1 per image (to verify entry), and teachers can enter on behalf of students.

Entries close Sunday 5 June.

Find out more: <https://www.headon.org.au/awards>

The Breakthrough Junior Challenge

The Breakthrough Junior Challenge is an annual global competition for students to inspire creative thinking about science.

Students ages 13 to 18 from countries across the globe are invited to create and submit original videos (1:30 minutes in length maximum) to explain a big idea in one of these fields:

- Physics
- Mathematics
- Life Sciences

The winner will receive a post-secondary scholarship worth USD\$250,000.

Entries are due by 25 June.

Find out more and enter here: <https://breakthroughjuniorchallenge.org/>

BBA Photography Prize 2022

International open call to all photographers, above 18 years, all genders and nationalities. No restrictions on social, ethnic or educational background. So whether you are a seasoned fine art photographer with an existing track-record, a promising talent starting your journey or simply enthusiastic about photography. The BBA Photography Prize 2022 is a great opportunity to show your works.

Entering with up to 15 images entitles you to be eligible for the long and shortlist and to show your photographs physically at our exclusive exhibition in Berlin.

Entries close 2 August 2022.

Find out more and enter here: <https://bba-gallery.com/photography-prize>

Work Experience

Work Experience with Randwick City Library

Randwick City Library accepts placement applications from High School, TAFE or University students currently studying for a qualification in library and information science. We also accept applications from students wishing to do community service as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Please note that full work experience placements are primarily conducted at Lionel Bowen Library, Maroubra.

[Learn more](#)

Careers & Jobs

Careers in the Correctional Services

In Australia, the Correctional Services industry provides management and supervision of offenders in prisons, juvenile and immigration detention, as well as parole services.

You've probably heard of [Correctional Officers](#) (or Prison Officers), but there are lots of other jobs within the Correctional Services industry too.

You could be working for one of the many services supporting the operation of correctional facilities, from the provision of food, clothing, maintenance, and security, to rehabilitation programs, and health care.

Jobs to explore

Interested in a career that offers training, progression, and job security? Why not have a look at some of the jobs you could do within Correctional Services. Here are a few examples:

- Custodial Correctional Officer
- Custodial Officer
- Probation Services Officer
- Case Manager
- Cultural Liaison Officer
- Trainer
- [Psychologist](#)
- Health worker
- Trade Instructor

- Administration Officer
- Intelligence Analyst / Advisor
- Stores Personnel
- Catering Manager
- Human Resources Officer
- Systems Administrator
- Building and Grounds Maintenance

Correctional Services in your state / territory

Each state or territory manages their own correctional services. You can find out more about the jobs available, the eligibility requirements for each job, how to apply and other information on their websites here:

- [Queensland](#)
- [New South Wales](#)
- [Australian Capital Territory](#)
- [Victoria](#)
- [South Australia](#)
- [Northern Territory](#)
- [Western Australia](#)
- [Tasmania](#)

Similar [careers](#) to consider

If you've thought about a career working within the Correctional Services but you're not convinced it would be perfect for you, you could also look at:

- [Police](#)
- [Fire Service](#)
- [Paramedic](#)
- [Security Industry](#)
- [Intelligence Security Industry](#)
- [Australian Defence Force](#)
- [Law](#)
- Counsellor

Further Learning

My VET Journey

Vocational Education and Training (VET) opens doors to endless career opportunities.

In this video, former VET students look back on their VET journey and how it shaped their successful careers.

Watch the full video here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/educational-pathways-program/resources/my-vet-journey>

Apprenticeship pathways for students with a disability

Australian Apprenticeships & Traineeships Information Service (AATIS) in proud partnership with Melbourne Apprenticeship Disability Network (MADN) bring you a series of blog posts and resources to support those living with a disability, to understand Australian Apprenticeships and how they can be a viable pathway for all Australians.

This blog will help you to understand your rights, considerations to be aware of and the best way to navigate job seeking. It will cover:

- Disclosure
- Adjustments
- Rights
- Inherent Requirements
- Evidence of disability

Read the full blog here: <https://www.aapathways.com.au/aatis-blog/part-1-getting-the-most-out-of-an-apprenticeship>

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) 2023

Applications are now open for students who want to be a part of the National Youth Science Forum in 2023!

The NYSF Year 12 Program offers an exciting range of in-person and digital science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) experiences for participants across Australia. If you're a year 11 student (in 2022) and passionate about STEM, apply now!

In 2023, the NYSF Year 12 Program will run from 10 to 24 January. Students will have opportunities to:

- participate in tours of science and technology facilities, and learn about cutting edge research;
- engage with industry partners and research providers;
- learn about university and STEM career pathways;
- mix with other like-minded students from all over Australia; and
- network with former NYSF participants to further increase understanding of STEM related study and career experiences.

NYSF offers Access and Equity Scholarships to students who require additional financial assistance due to experiencing financial or other forms of disadvantage or will incur additional costs to fully participate in the Year 12 Program. Information regarding Access and Equity Scholarships, including how to apply, will be sent to successful program applicants later in the year.

Applications are open until 14 August.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.nysf.edu.au/programs/year-12-program/>

Resources

10 Famous People who took Gap Years

If you or your parents need some convincing that a gap year isn't a bad thing, have a quick look at this list – it could help change your minds.

Celebrity gap years

There are heaps of famous people who took [gap years](#), either before university or college, or before they started their careers or later in life (only they're called career breaks then).

Here are some examples of 10 famous people who took gap years and went on to be hugely successful.

1. **Steve Jobs** – the co-founder, chief executive and chairman of Apple – dropped out of College to spend a year in India. He famously spent months meditating in the mountains and learning how to tap into what was important to him. He went home and revolutionised the world of technology with the invention of the Mac.
2. **Elon Musk** spent over a year travelling around Canada before he started College. He worked odd jobs which included weeding vegetable beds, shovelling out grain bins, sawing logs and cleaning the boiler room of a lumber mill for eighteen dollars an hour. He went on to become one of the highest earning entrepreneurs of all time.
3. **Malia Obama** took a gap year in 2017 before she started at Harvard. She was lucky enough to travel extensively and get work experience at the US Embassy in Madrid, and with a film studio in New York.
4. **Prince William's** gap year consisted of British Army training exercises in Belize, working on dairy farms in England, visiting charities in Africa, and for ten weeks taught children in southern Chile. He also spent a fair bit of time scrubbing toilets (true story) and had a go at being a local DJ.
5. **J.K. Rowling** took a year out in 1991. She lived in Portugal teaching English at a night school while working on a novel (guess which one!) that would later make her famous.
6. **Hugh Jackman** spent his gap year as a teaching assistant in the UK. He then went on to become famous for his acting – not sure what that says about the kids in his class.
7. **Emma Watson** spent time working for a fashion brand and designing an ethically sourced clothing range.
8. **Gwyneth Paltrow** became fluent in Spanish after spending her gap year in a tiny village near Toledo in Spain.
9. **Bradley Cooper** learnt to speak French fluently after taking a year out in Aix-en-Provence.
10. **Ed Sheeran** took a year out at the height of his career to travel for a year – his success wasn't affected at all.

Taking a gap year could pay off

Taking a gap year [isn't a break from learning altogether](#); it's just a break from the traditional forms of learning like school and university.

But a gap year well spent could really benefit you, your resume, and your future studies.

You can read our blog [about alternative gap year ideas](#) if you're not able to travel overseas.

Dos and Don'ts for Subject Selection in Year 10

Choosing subjects to study in senior high school is hard. If you're feeling confused or overwhelmed about it all, here's our top tips and advice to help get you started on the right track.

Things you could do

- Start to think about your subjects now if you haven't already
- Double check the compulsory subjects that you have to take at your school
- Pursue your interests. If you love Art and Japanese, then choose those subjects. But balance them with other studies that will make you ATAR eligible (if uni is an option) and that will give you the most flexibility in your options after Year 12
- Research the post high school pathway you're planning on taking. See what subjects may be required to help get you in to the course, apprenticeship, traineeship or career
- Speak to an expert (teachers and careers practitioners at your school) to see if the combination of subjects on your shortlist will make you eligible for an ATAR or not
- Whether your electives provide the best range of options for after high school or could they limit your opportunities

- Discuss your options with a broad range of people from teachers and parents, to Future Student teams at universities and prospective employers at Careers Fairs
- Be realistic. E.g. You might love animals but you're not great at Chemistry or Maths and you're scared of some animals. Looks like becoming a Veterinarian might not be a dream career for you, think about other options from dog handling in customs or the police, to animal behavioural studies instead.

We recommend that you don't:

- Put off thinking about your options and leaving it until the last minute, then choosing random subjects
- Choose subjects just because you think that they're easier or they might scale better and will help you to get a better ATAR
- Don't just take the easy route. If you're going to study Maths or English for example, go for the harder options instead. Because:
 - You could surprise yourself and do really well
 - The next two years at school could be really boring if you don't challenge yourself
 - You can always go down a level but it's unlikely that you can move upwards once you've made your choices
 - You don't really want to limit yourself do you?
- Choose subjects that will really limit what you can do or apply for after Year 12. For example, if you choose only STEM subjects then you'll be ensuring that your future study or work opportunities will only be in that field
- Forget about Maths – lots of universities list English as their only prerequisite, but you'll find that not only is Maths incredibly useful in life, it's also essential assumed knowledge for lots of degrees and other courses
- Choose subjects because your best mate is taking them or your parents would be happy if you did
- Try out the [Subject Selection Calculator](#) to get some ideas about subjects to choose in Year 11 and 12

Don't stress out

Yes, Subject Selection is important, but it's not the be all and end all.

The subjects you choose now won't make or break your career success in future years, there will always be alternative pathways and Plan B's.

So give it some thought sure, consider all your options absolutely, but don't lose sleep over it.

Use the [Subject Selection Calculator](#)

It could help you to discover your options and get some help making your subject selections easier, and all it takes is a couple of clicks.

You need to enter some initial choices, then the calculator will suggest other subjects and possible careers that you might like to explore, help to narrow down your results and then provide you with information about the prerequisites or assumed knowledge for each field.

Looking for more information?

Head over to our [Subject Selection](#) page where you'll find lots more resources, including:

- [Navigating Year 10 Subject Selection](#)
- [7 Tips to help with Year 11 & 12 Subject Selection](#)
- [5 tips for Year 10 Subject Selection](#)

- A flow chart of the 7 Steps for Selecting Senior Subjects
- The new [Subject Selection Calculator](#)

Or grab your copy of our [Subject Selection Handbook](#), which could help you to work through your options more easily.

Job Spotlight

[How to become a Cosmetic Chemist](#)

Cosmetic Chemists are responsible for creating and formulating cosmetics and personal care products, such as makeup, soaps and cleansers, toothpaste, sunscreen, deodorant, hair dye, and more. They can be involved in every stage of the process, from initial acquisition of materials right through to the launch of a new product.

If you are curious and creative and have an interest in chemistry, you might like to consider a career as a Cosmetic Chemist.

About you:

- Analytical and thorough
- Curious and inquisitive
- Excellent problem solver
- Fantastic communicator
- Technically minded
- Can work in teams and alone
- Safety conscious
- Can keep up with trends

The job:

- Mixing raw materials to make new solutions
- Ensuring products are safe and fit for use
- Providing technical documentation to support your product
- Keeping manufacturing areas clean and sterile
- Brainstorming new product ideas and formulas
- Investigating new and developing technologies
- Researching current market trends and demands
- Streamlining production and manufacturing processes

Lifestyle Impact: Low

- Part Time opportunities: Low – around 17% of Chemists work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 43 hours a week, which is around average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Chemists' salary (average) \$75,000* per year (source: seek.com.au). *Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Stable (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You will be doing most of your work indoors, in laboratories and offices.
- Your work schedule will most likely follow standard business hours – though you may have to put in extra time and effort if you want to start your own business.

Cosmetic Chemists are most in demand in these locations:

Although there is no data available specifically on Cosmetic Chemists, around 3,700 people worked as General Chemists in 2021 (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au). Demand for Chemists is highest in Victoria. Most Chemists work in the Manufacturing and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industries.

How to become a Cosmetic Chemist in Australia

You will need to complete a VET qualification at minimum in order to work as a Cosmetic Chemist in Australia. Further university-level training can boost your employment prospects.

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

Step 2 – Study a [Diploma of Personal Care Formulation](#).

Step 3 – Consider upskilling with a relevant undergraduate degree, such as Pharmaceutical Science or Chemistry.

Step 4 – Start working as a Cosmetic Chemist and build on your experience.

Step 5 – Consider starting your own business and creating your own line of personal care or cosmetic products.

Find out more here –

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

Similar Careers to Cosmetic Chemist

Food Technologist

Lab Technician

Makeup Artist

Pharmacist

Microbiologist

Beauty Therapist

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

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do Cosmetic Chemists do?

Cosmetic Chemists, also known as Cosmetic Scientists, research and formulate new cosmetics and personal care items.

Which industries employ Cosmetic Chemists?

Cosmetic Chemists work commonly in the Manufacturing and Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industries.

What options are there for career progression?

You might start working as a lab technician, before moving into roles in research and development. You might even like to start your own business and create your own brand of cosmetics or personal care items.

Do I need to go to university to become a Cosmetic Chemist?

Not necessarily – a VET qualification is the minimum requirement, but further university studies can boost your employability.

Where do Cosmetic Chemists work?

Cosmetic Chemists can work in manufacturing plants, laboratories, offices, and more. Demand is currently highest in Victoria, and most roles are in capital cities.

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

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

1. Start following trends in the cosmetic and personal care industry – see where your interests might lie and where jobs might be growing in the future.
2. See if you can find work experience or get casual work to start building on important skills that you'll need for the job.
3. Talk to a Cosmetic Chemist 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 chemistry or manufacturing.

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