

### **CAREERS NEWSLETTER**

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### **Year 12 Revision Webinars**

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online

Date: August 18 to September 11, 2025

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone. This can be a stressful time, which is why ACU has teamed up with InspirED to help you do your very best and get ready for what's to come.

Between August and September join ACU for a series of free online webinars run by experienced Year 12 exam markers and assessors. They'll guide you through how to respond to possible exam questions, help you get your head around the class content to deepen your understanding, and offer plenty of tips and strategies along the way. Find out more and register

# Money, Money: Fees and Scholarships at the University of Sydney

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 18, 2025

Join us for a practical and informative webinar designed to help parents and caregivers navigate the financial aspects of supporting a young person through university.

From understanding the true cost of study and when fees are paid, to exploring loan options and what happens if plans change, our special guest from the HECS and Domestic Fees team will provide clear insights and answer your questions.

We'll also explore how scholarships can offer financial support, and how students can contribute to their education costs through on-campus jobs and casual employment. In addition, we'll touch on the broader costs of university life—such as accommodation, transport, textbooks, and everyday living expenses—and how families can plan ahead.





# 2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Newcastle & Hunter

**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events

**Location:** TBA Newcastle **Date:** August 19, 2025

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as

they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts. The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

Find out more and register

# National Fashion College Open Day 2025, Sydney

**Organisation:** National Fashion College

**Location:** NFC Sydney Campus

Date: August 19, 2025

Unlock a world of limitless possibilities at National Fashion College, where your fashion journey begins at our iconic

Sydney Campus!

Step into a realm of unmatched creativity and immerse yourself in the forefront of fashion innovation. Our pioneering courses, dynamic internship opportunities, and exclusive access to the buzz of Australian, New York, and London Fashion Weeks will propel you into the heart of the global fashion scene. Get ready to be inspired, challenged, and transformed - we can't wait to welcome you!

There will be two sessions available on the day: one from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm, and another from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm

If these times don't suit you, you can always <u>book in for a private appointment or tour instead</u>. Find out more and register

### **Monash Information Evening – Webinar**

**Organisation:** Monash University

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 19, 2025

We know that choosing a university is a big decision. Get all your questions answered at our information evening

webinar.

During the informative webinar, you'll learn about what it's like to study at Monash, our diverse range of courses, scholarships, student life and so much more!

This webinar will also focus on accommodation options and tips on how to settle into your new home at Monash University.

Find out more and register

# Western civilisation application process and interview preparation webinar

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 19, 2025

This webinar is designed to guide you through the application process for the Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation) and our combined degrees with law or teaching.

Join Associate Professor Sarah Irving-Stonebraker as she explains what makes a strong candidate and how to prepare each part of your application. You'll get step-by-step advice on:

- writing your personal statement
- choosing your referees
- structuring and preparing your written submission





getting ready for the interview.

This is your opportunity to ask questions and gain insider tips on applying for one of ACU's most distinctive and competitive programs.

Find out more and register

### ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

**Organisation:** Claire Pech Careers

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 20, 2025

Looking for ways to unlock bonus points and improve uni entry chances? Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions.

We will cover: The ATAR explained, bonus points (adjustment factors) and who qualifies, what is EAS and how to apply, dates, preferencing and decision making.

This talk is being run by Claire Pech Careers and Amanda Krulis.

Find out more and register

# **Explore Exercise and Sport Science, and Exercise Physiology at Sydney**

Organisation: University of Sydney

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 20, 2025

Exercise scientists and exercise physiologists work in sport, fitness, rehabilitation, health industries, communities and health promotion. In the Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science) you will learn about the human body, how it works during exercise, and how to optimise health and performance to help people reach their health and wellbeing goals.

In the Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise Physiology) you will explore exercise and behaviour change as strategies needed for the prevention and management of chronic diseases.

In this webinar our academic experts will break down the similarities and differences across each discipline and delve into what each degree has to offer, helping you find the career path better aligned with your interests. So, bring along your curious minds!

Find out more and register

# Navigating your post-school plans with confidence

Organisation: myfuture

Location: Online

Date: August 21, 2025

School is such a big part of your life; you might have mixed feelings as you approach the end of it. You might be excited about your next steps. But it's okay if you're not sure about your post-school plans or feeling a bit anxious or overwhelmed about it all.

In this pre-recorded session, Dr Michael Healy, myfuture's National Career Education Manager will share six simple ideas that will help you think about your future with confidence. Some of them might surprise you! We'll talk about:

- Different kinds of post-school pathways.
- Why it's OK if you don't know what you want to do.
- Why it's OK to change your mind.
- Why ATAR might not be as important as you think.
- How to research your options.
- Who to talk to for help.

This webinar is designed for students in senior secondary school, but it's suitable for parents and teachers too. Find out more and register





### **New Creative Production and Communication Courses at UTS**

**Organisation:** University of Technology Sydney

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 21, 2025

Be among the first to get an exclusive preview of our newly reaccredited 2026 degrees – before they go live on the

UTS website.

This online session is tailored for prospective students and their parents or carers who want to learn more about our updated courses, starting in Autumn 2026.

What you'll find out:

- Details of the new, integrated Bachelor of Creative Production bringing together Animation, Media Arts, and Music & Sound Design
- Insights into the new updated structure for the Bachelor of Communication with six specialisation streams
- The key changes that students and parents need to know

Find out more and register

# **Excelsia Open Day 2025**

**Organisation:** Excelsia University College **Location:** Excelsia Pennant Hills Campus

Date: August 23, 2025

Open Days at Excelsia are a wonderful chance for future students and their families to experience the heart of campus life. Come along to learn more about our courses, scholarships, student support, and what it's like to study in a welcoming, purpose-driven community. Visit our brand-new Pennant Hills location and see how Excelsia can help shape your future.

Find out more and register

# **Think Health and Nursing Open Day**

**Organisation:** Think Education

Location: Think Surry Hills, Flinders Street, Fortitude Valley & Wakefield Campuses

**Date:** August 23, 2025

Come and meet our academics and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about early entry, scholarships, entry pathways and our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and see firsthand how exciting studying at Think Education can be.

What to expect from our Open Day:

- Talk to our academics and Future Student Advisors about choosing courses, early entry, scholarships and the application process.
- Embark on a guided tour of our campus and get a feel for our recreational spaces, teaching facilities and more
- Meet our current students and find out about their experiences studying with us.

Find out more and register

## The Hotel School Industry Insights Sydney 2025

Organisation: The Hotel School Australia

**Location:** Hyatt Regency Sydney

Date: August 23, 2025

Step into the world of hospitality at Hyatt Regency Sydney! This exclusive event for Year 12 students gives you a behind-the-scenes look at one of the top venues in the industry and a taste of the exciting careers that could be yours. Key takeaways include:

- Hear from Industry Experts
- Interactive Workshop inc. Completion Certificate
- A tour of the iconic hospitality venue
- Get all your questions answered by THSA team
- Network with Industry leaders & current THSA students





Complimentary Morning Tea & Lunch provided for students

Find out more and register

# **Torrens Open Day 2025, Sydney**

**Organisation:** Torrens University Australia **Location:** Torrens Surry Hills Campus

Date: August 23, 2025

Come and meet our academics, and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about early entry, scholarships, entry pathways and the our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and find out

firsthand how exciting studying in Sydney can be.

Find out more and register

# **Avondale Lake Macquarie Open Day 2025**

**Organisation:** Avondale University

**Location:** Avondale Lake Macquarie Campus

Date: August 24, 2025

Find out why our Nursing degree is ranked #1 in Australia for overall experience by Good Universities Guide in 2025 and why we are the #1 University for graduate employment.

What to expect:

- Experience interactive campus tours of our state of the art facilities and onsite accommodation
- Chat to current students about community, social life, sport and clubs
- Learn all about our courses and how to apply from our awesome staff who are here to help you reach your dreams
- Live entertainment, giveaways and of course free food!

Find out more and register

# CSU Open Day 2025, Bathurst

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University **Location:** CSU Bathurst Campus

Date: August 24, 2025

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

Find out more and register

### 2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – South Western Sydney & Macarthur

**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events **Location:** Liverpool Catholic Club

Date: August 26, 2025

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# **Studying Medicine at Sydney**

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 26, 2025

Join us ahead of Open Day to discover how the University of Sydney can help you achieve your dream of becoming a

doctor.

Our medicine degree equips you with the clinical expertise, leadership skills, and human understanding needed to make a meaningful impact—both in Australia and around the world.

Throughout the session, you'll be able to ask questions directly to our specialist team any questions via a live Q&A, helping you feel confident and prepared for a more immersive experience on Open Day.

Find out more and register

# Admission to Medicine and Dentistry at Sydney

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 26, 2025

Join this pre-Open Day webinar to learn about the application process for Medicine and Dentistry at the University

of Sydney, and explore pathways to a dynamic career in health.

Find out more and register

# **Studying Dentistry at Sydney**

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 26, 2025

Join us ahead of Open Day for an exclusive webinar and discover how the University of Sydney can help you achieve

your dream of becoming a dentist.

As Australia's first dental school, our Dentistry degree equips you with the clinical expertise, leadership skills, and human understanding needed to make a meaningful impact—both in Australia and around the world.

Throughout the session, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions directly to our academic and degree specialist team via a live Q&A, helping you feel confident and prepared for a more immersive experience on Open Day.

Find out more and register

### **Discover Western Webinar – Scholarships**

**Organisation:** Western Sydney University

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 26, 2025

If you're applying to study at university in 2026, you will also want to apply for Scholarships! This webinar will go through the different types of Scholarships available, as well as the application process, and give you tips for writing

your Personal Statement. Find out more and register

# **Western Wednesday Drop-In Session**

**Organisation:** Western Sydney University

Location: Online
Date: August 27, 2025

In 2025, Western is hosting a series of online drop-in sessions for you to chat with our Future Student Engagement

Team. Drop in during any of our sessions to get your burning questions answered.





Ask about your dream degree, alternative entry pathways, scholarships, support services or any other Western-related topics.

Find out more and register

# Study in the US – Virtual Information Session

**Organisation:** Internationally Educated

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 27, 2025

Internationally Educated is excited to host a live, virtual information session providing students and families from

years nine to eleven (9-11) the opportunity to learn more about Studying in the US.

This general presentation draws on our experience having worked in US university admissions and will provide insight to the US university application process and the higher education system in the US. A brief Q&A session will

follow the presentation. Find out more and register

### **Post-UCAT Advice & Medical Interviews Information Session**

Organisation: National Institute of Education

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 27, 2025

This webinar is an excellent opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to find out about the post-UCAT steps medical school applicants are required to take.

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

- Your UCAT Scores and what they mean
- Applying to universities that do not require UCAT (JCU and Bond)
- Medical Interviews for undergraduate medicine and dentistry courses
- Interview structures and assessment criteria by universities
- Take a look at a few sample questions
- Medical interview preparation advice
- Q and A.

Find out more and register

# **Engineering the Future – Electrical Engineering and Software Engineering at Sydney**

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 27, 2025

Curious about how technology shapes the world around us? Whether it's the electricity powering our homes or the software running our phones, engineers are behind the innovations that define modern life.

At the University of Sydney, our electrical engineering and software engineering degrees prepare you to tackle society's biggest challenges—from building intelligent power systems to designing cutting-edge apps and digital infrastructure. You'll learn through hands-on projects, gain real-world industry experience, and graduate with the skills to thrive in today's rapidly evolving tech landscape.

Join this webinar to explore how our degrees can set you on the path to a rewarding career at the forefront of innovation.

Find out more and register

### ADHD & ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

**Organisation:** Claire Pech Careers

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 28, 2025

Looking for ways to unlock bonus points and improve uni entry chances? Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students with ADHD and parents, navigating university admissions.





We will cover: The ATAR explained, bonus points (adjustment factors) and who qualifies, what is EAS and how to apply with ADHD as the main contributor, dates, preferencing and decision making throughout this.

This talk is being run by Claire Pech Careers and Amanda Krulis.

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# **Sea Eagles Sports Business Academy Information session**

**Organisation:** Sea Eagles Sports Business Academy **Location:** Penn Centre of Excellence, 4 Pines Park

Date: August 28, 2025

Find out more about studying at the Sea Eagles Sports Business Academy. Course details, costs, application process

and hear from the course providers to answers any questions you may have.

Tour the world-class facilities inside the Penn Centre of Excellence where you will be studying during the Dual

Diploma Program.

Find out more and register

### **ANSTO Science Discovery Tour**

**Organisation:** ANSTO

Location: ANSTO Discovery Centre

Date: August 30, 2025

This tour provides an in-depth look into the world of nuclear science and the work ANSTO does in the areas of

health, the environment and delivering solutions for industry.

Subject to availability, we will visit Australia's only nuclear reactor OPAL, the Australian Centre for Neutron

Scattering, the ANSTO Nuclear Medicine facility and the Centre for Accelerator Science.

Find out more and register

# **UTS Open Day 2025**

**Organisation:** University of Technology Sydney

**Location:** UTS City Campus **Date:** August 30, 2025

Info sessions, campus tours, workshops, dancing robots – UTS Open Day has it all. Get a taste of what students can

expect at Australia's #1 young uni.

Find out more and register

### **USYD Open Day 2025**

**Organisation:** University of Sydney **Location:** Sydney Camperdown Campus

**Date:** August 30, 2025

Join us at the University of Sydney Open Day on Saturday 30 August 2025. Experience our vibrant student life on

campus, hear from academics and current students and discover what makes us different.

Find out more and register

### Notre Dame Open Day 2025, Sydney

**Organisation:** University of Notre Dame **Location:** Notre Dame Sydney Campus

Date: August 30, 2025

Notre Dame's Open Day is your chance to explore what university life is all about! You'll discover study options, career pathways and our student support services. Plus, you'll experience an exciting program filled with activities for future students.

Whether you're in Year 10, 11 or 12, or a graduate thinking about postgrad study, our Open Day is open to everyone – including pathways and international students, who can chat with our dedicated team. Learn about scholarships and financial assistance to make your journey affordable.





# Sancta Sophia College Open Day 2025

Organisation: Sancta Sophia College

**Location:** Sancta Sophia College, Camperdown

Date: August 30, 2025

Thinking of living on campus at the University of Sydney in 2026, 2027 or beyond? Prospective undergraduate and postgraduate residents and their families are invited to join us for our upcoming Open Day to explore all that Sancta has to offer.

Enjoy a complimentary lunch from our Dining Hall (12:00 pm to 1:30 pm), meet our residents and key Sancta staff, and take a personalised tour of the College.

Find out more and register

# **AIE Online Campus Day**

**Organisation:** Academy of Interactive Entertainment

**Location:** Online **Date:** August 30, 2025

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

Find out more and register

# **UON Open Day 2025, Central Coast**

**Organisation:** University of Newcastle

**Location:** UON Ourimbah & Gosford Campuses

Date: August 30, 2025

Open Day is packed with everything you need to know about going to the University of Newcastle. Participate in degree presentations, info sessions and tours of the campus.

Enjoy a hands-on experience with our program activations, and ask our student ambassadors questions about uni

life.

Find out more and register

# CSU Open Day 2025, Orange

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University

**Location:** CSU Orange Campus

**Date:** August 31, 2025

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.





# **Torrens Technology Virtual Open Day**

**Organisation:** Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2025

Join online as our Technology academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what

sets us apart from other universities.

Find out more and register

# **Torrens Health and Education Virtual Open Day**

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2025

Join online as our Health and Education academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global

brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

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# **Torrens Business and Hospitality Virtual Open Day**

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2025

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brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

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# 2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Sutherland Shire

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**Location:** Tradies Gymea **Date:** September 2, 2025

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### **Deadly Pathways Festival Dubbo**

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University

**Location:** CSU Dubbo Campus **Date:** September 2, 2025

Deadly Pathways Festivals are back in 2025! Join us for a high-energy day full of activity, inspiration and celebration of First Nations success.

- Meet First Nations role models in science, technology and health.
- Engage in insightful workshops led by Charles Sturt academics, and dive into hands-on activities that will ignite your curiosity and passion for learning.
- Find out about support for entry and success as a future student at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy featured entertainment by comedian Andy Saunders and talented musicians.





# Torrens Design and Creative Technology Virtual Open Day

**Organisation:** Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 3, 2025

Join online as our Design and Creative Technology academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with

global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

Find out more and register

# NAS Open Day 2025

Organisation: National Art School Location: National Art School Date: September 6, 2025

Considering art as a career or simply curious about what happens behind the school's historic sandstone walls? See what life is like for students at NAS by participating in studio demonstrations, chatting to our academic staff and visiting the NAS Gallery and student exhibition spaces across our campus.

Want to know more about how to apply to NAS? See us at our course enquiry desk, speak with our faculty in a one-on-one consultation or pop into one of the information sessions running throughout the day.

What can you expect at Open Day?

- Explore the campus with a guided tour
- Get an inside look into art school life with the open studios and creative workshops
- Have your questions answered in a one-on-one portfolio consultation
- Get application ready with a drop-in information session

Find out more and register

### **ACPE Open Day 2025**

**Organisation:** Australian College of Physical Education

**Location:** ACPE Sydney Olympic Park

Date: September 6, 2025

Exploring your study options for a career in the sport industry? Join us on campus. See where you will study, meet our students and lecturers, and participate in info sessions and practical sessions to take the next step with confidence.

- Discover your study course options
- Find out where a qualification from ACPE can take your career
- Take a campus tour
- Discuss your study options with our Admissions team
- Meet with academic and student support staff
- Chat with current students about their experience at ACPE
- Enrol for your preferred course on the day, and secure your place

Find out more and register

# **ACU Open Day 2025, North Sydney**

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University **Location:** ACU North Sydney Campus

Date: September 6, 2025

Open Day is your chance to find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU before you enrol. You'll be able to check out the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry pathways, and talk to experts about your study options and career goals.





# **UTAS Open Day 2025, Rozelle**

**Organisation:** University of Tasmania **Location:** UTAS Rozelle Campus **Date:** September 6, 2025

Visit us at our Open Day 2025 event in Sydney. You will have the opportunity to explore our campuses, discuss your

study options, and discover how studying at the University of Tasmania could be the perfect fit for you.

Find out more and register

# **UNSW Open Day 2025**

Organisation: University of New South Wales

**Location:** UNSW Kensington Campus

Date: September 6, 2025

At UNSW Open Day 2025, you'll discover the progress you can make as one of Australia's most employable graduates. Whether you're looking to start uni next year or in a few years, you're a parent or you're considering

postgrad – we'll have something for you.

Find out more and register

# **Rural Health Pathways Showcase**

**Organisation:** Rural Doctors Network

**Location:** ICC Darling Harbour **Date:** September 8, 2025

High school students, careers advisers, teachers and parents are invited to RDN's Rural Health Pathways Showcase. Learn about study pathways and careers in medicine, nursing, midwifery, allied health, Aboriginal health and administration.

Attendees will have a chance to:

- Talk to universities and rural workforce agencies about study pathways and career opportunities;
- Speak one-on-one with and be inspired by health students, recent graduates and health professionals about their journeys; and
- Participate in hands-on activities that will give an insight into a day in the life of health professionals.

Find out more and register

# 2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Western Sydney

**Organisation:** Brett Carter Events

Location: Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre

Date: September 9, 2025

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### SDS Open Day, September

**Organisation:** Sydney Design School **Location:** Sydney Design School **Date:** September 13, 2025

If you're considering studying with us, our Open Day is a great way to get to know us better. Explore our studios, browse through our Graduate Exhibition, meet students and Educators, watch a live Info Session and get creative making a mood board or digital model.





# Sydney Actors School & Sydney Film School Open Day 2025

Organisation: Waterloo Studios Location: Waterloo Studios Date: September 13, 2025

Come along and meet our incredible staff and students! Take a tour of the building, see our tutors in action, and even participate in some activities! Learn what makes Sydney Actors School & Sydney Film School the best places to begin your acting and filmmaking journey. Practical based learning within a strong community - there's nothing like it! See for yourself at our 2025 Open Day.

Find out more and register

### **USYD Online Open Night**

**Organisation:** University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 18, 2025

Open Night is your opportunity to experience the University of Sydney from wherever you are. Join us online for an interactive evening designed specifically for prospective domestic undergraduate students from interstate and regional areas in Australia, New Zealand, and offshore.

Whether you're exploring your study options, want to understand entry pathways and scholarships, or are curious about life on campus, this event is for you. You'll hear from current students, and connect with our faculty, admissions, student support and scholarship staff, as well as a range of accommodation providers, in live breakout rooms.

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# **Free Online HSC Study Sessions**

**Organisation:** Western Sydney University

**Location:** Online

Date: September 29 to October 3, 2025

From Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October 2025, Western Sydney University will be offering a range of online study sessions to assist Year 12 students in their preparations for the HSC.

These will be delivered by highly qualified senior teachers with 24 free sessions across 15 key HSC subject areas, with sessions that include content analysis, tips and strategies, and a detailed exploration of key syllabus and curriculum areas.

Students also have the opportunity to sit a practice exam and deconstruction, with feedback and advice from experts.





# **Discover Teaching & Psychology at Strathfield Campus**

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University

**Location:** ACU Strathfield Campus

Date: October 1, 2025

Are you passionate about shaping young minds or helping others thrive? Take part in hands-on workshops where you'll gain practical insights into what it's really like to work as a teacher or psychologist.

Tour our facilities and hear firsthand from current students about their rewarding journeys and experiences in these impactful fields.

Whether you're interested in becoming a teacher or pursuing a career in psychology, this event will give you a closer look at how ACU can help you make a difference in the lives of others.

Find out more and register

# **EmpowerHER STEM Summit Junior**

**Organisation:** University of Wollongong **Location:** UOW Wollgongong Campus **Date:** October 1 to October 2, 2025

The University of Wollongong is thrilled to announce the return of the EmpowerHER STEM Summit Junior in 2025. This hands-on, two-day event, taking place during the Spring school holidays, is designed for fierce female students in Years 7, 8 & 9.

Brace yourself for an exciting experience as we raise the STEM-bar for girls and ignite their passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths (STEM)!

Students will journey through UOW's vibrant Wollongong Campus and mind blowing Bluescope site to witness STEM in action. Accompanied by faculty, current students, and industry professionals, this event promises an enriching, yet collaborative experience.

Find out more and register

# **UOW Creative and Performing Arts Workshops**

**Organisation:** University of Wollongong **Location:** UOW Wollongong Campus **Date:** October 1 to October 2, 2025

The University of Wollongong (UOW) is excited to present a new series of school holiday workshops designed to ignite creativity and foster skill development among high school students. Led by UOW academics who are experts in their respective fields, these workshops offer hands-on experiences in creative writing, journalism, and visual arts.

These workshops aim to inspire students in Years 9 and 10 and strengthen their connection with the university community, providing a glimpse into the vibrant academic environment at UOW.

**Registration closes Friday 5 September.** 

Find out more and register

# **Discover Business at ACU North Sydney**

**Organisation:** Australian Catholic University **Location:** ACU North Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2025

In today's fast-paced world, where technology and AI are reshaping industries, are you ready to take on the challenges of the modern business world? Discover how ACU can help you become a business leader, entrepreneur or social innovator in the modern global economy.

At this event, you'll take part in a hands-on workshop with current students and staff to learn how ACU can kickstart your career in business.

You'll explore the unique opportunities we offer, from working with cutting-edge technology and machine learning to making valuable industry connections, engaging with the community, and even studying abroad.





# Holiday Workshop – The Songwriter's Toolkit, Sydney

**Organisation:** Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2025

Created for students in Years 9-12, AIM's new high school music workshops provide incredible opportunities to explore songwriting, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators.

This songwriting workshop is essential for any high school students curious about writing songs and performing and is a golden opportunity to work with incredibly accomplished songwriters. Join us these school holidays and discover the songwriter and performer you were born to become.

Find out more and register

# Holiday Workshop - Mastering Performance, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: October 3, 2025

AIM's new school holiday workshop is designed for high school students interested in Music Performance. Created for students in Years 9-12, the workshops provide incredible opportunities to experience playing and performing music, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators.

Over the course of the workshop, students will work with two professional musicians, Adrianna Cicchitelli & Gian Timothy Gho, to expand their performance skills in a collaborative and inspiring environment. They will workshop communication in an ensemble, chart reading, rhythm, pitch, dynamic, improvisation, stylistic interpretation and performance. Under their guidance, they will use these new rehearsal and performance techniques to create a small set of diverse songs in collaboration with other students in the class to present a performance for family and friends.

Find out more and register

# School Holiday 'Out There' Sailing Program

Organisation: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Location: Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club Date: October 7 to October 10, 2025

The 'Out There' School Holiday Sailing Program is for participants who are 12-17 years old looking to try a new activity, have some fun and engage with others whilst sailing.

This four-day program will include a variety of sailing activities that are focused on having fun and learning basic sailing skills. Sessions will be conducted on a mix of Club vessels, including the RPAYC's fleet of Elliott 7 Keelboats, Pacer Dinghies, Windsurf and SUP Boards, Hobie-Cat dinghies and Powerboats.

Find out more and register

# **HSC Study Session With Dymocks Tutoring**

**Organisation:** International College of Management Sydney

**Location:** ICMS Manly Campus **Date:** October 8 to October 9, 2025

Are you a current Year 12 student stressed about your upcoming HSC exams? Don't be! ICMS, in collaboration with Dymocks Tutoring, is thrilled to invite you to our free revision days on 8 and 9 October 2025.

Throughout the day, you'll have the incredible opportunity to attend up to three sessions run by expert tutors from Dymocks. These sessions are designed to cover a range of subjects, including English, Mathematics, and Business Studies.

Whether you're looking for a comprehensive review of all modules, seeking valuable tips and tricks, or in need of practical guidance on how to excel in the HSC exam, this event is tailored to meet your needs.





# **Campion Study Camp**

**Organisation:** Campion College

**Location:** Campion College Toongabbie **Date:** October 8 to October 10, 2025

Looking for the perfect place to focus on your studies during the school holidays? Campion College's Study Camp is a brand-new initiative launching in 2025, designed to help Year 11 & 12 students make the most of their time away from school. With 6–8 hours of study each full day, a peaceful and focused environment, and the chance to connect with like-minded peers, this camp provides the ideal setting to stay on track with your academic goals.

But it's not all work! Between study sessions, enjoy fun activities to help you recharge, nutritious meals and snacks, and comfortable on-campus accommodation with 8–9 hours of sleep each night. There will also be opportunities for reflective discussions, offering encouragement and perspective during this important time. On the final night, students will join Campion College students, faculty and staff for Formal Hall – a special evening featuring a two-course meal and guest talk in the college's Grand Hall.

To ensure a focused and supportive experience, Study Camp will be limited to 30 students. Find out more and register

# **Deadly Pathways Festival Wagga Wagga**

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University **Location:** CSU Wagga Wagga Campus

**Date:** October 16, 2025

Deadly Pathways Festivals are back in 2025! Join us for a high-energy day full of activity, inspiration and celebration of First Nations success.

- Meet First Nations role models in science, technology and health.
- Engage in insightful workshops led by Charles Sturt academics, and dive into hands-on activities that will ignite your curiosity and passion for learning.
- Find out about support for entry and success as a future student at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy featured entertainment by comedian Andy Saunders and talented musicians.

Find out more and register

# **Experience Engineering!**

**Organisation:** Engineers Australia **Location:** WSU Kingswood Campus

Date: October 24, 2025

Experience Engineering! is designed to capture the imagination of female and non-binary students in Years 7-10. They will discover how they can use their Maths, Science and Technical knowledge combined with their creativity and communication skills to solve set tasks and problems. This is what Engineering is all about!

The activities are devised by our Engineering Universities and delivered by current Engineering students - with the assistance of Engineers.

Find out more and register

# **UNSW WRL Open Day 2025**

**Organisation:** University of New South Wales **Location:** UNSW Water Research Laboratory

Date: October 25, 2025

Ever wanted to know why rips form in the surf? Or what happens to all the sand on the beach in a storm? What amount of water does it take for a car to float? How are dams, harbours and breakwalls designed? And how, exactly, do these things get tested anyway?

Based on Sydney's Northern Beaches at Manly Vale, the <u>UNSW Water Research Laboratory</u> (WRL) is one of the biggest scientific and engineering facilities in Australia, tucked away below Manly Dam.

Come tour our massive labs, meet the experts, and see engineering and science at work.





#### **Year 11 & 12 Masterclass – Northern Rivers**

**Organisation:** Southern Cross University

**Location:** SCU Lismore Campus **Date:** November 13, 2025

Join us for Masterclass Day where you will take a deep dive into different study areas of your choice. Meet our students and academics, experience our campus facilities and learn more about university life on this interactive and fun day!

What can I expect?

- Live like a University student for the day and elect two interactive workshops in your preferred areas of study
- Experience our state-of-the-art campus facilities
- Meet inspiring people, from academics to current students

Find out more and register

# **Making It In Media**

Organisation: Charles Sturt University Location: CSU Bathurst Campus Date: November 14, 2025

Are you passionate about content creation, news, journalism, media, advertising or public relations? If you're a student in Years 9, 10, 11 or 12, join us for our free Making it in Media workshoot

student in Years 9, 10, 11 or 12, join us for our free Making it in Media workshop!

Ever wondered what it's really like to host a podcast, write newsworthy articles or work in TV? In this exciting full-day workshop, you'll dive deep into the dynamic worlds of design and content creation, news and media, and strategic communication.

This interactive, hands-on experience invites you to collaborate with other students and explore the diverse majors you'll discover at Charles Sturt.

Find out more and register

# **Camden Careers and Jobs Expo 2025**

Organisation: Camden Council Location: Camden Civic Centre Date: November 20, 2025

Hosted by Camden Council, this exciting event brings together job seekers, exhibitors, students, and industry leaders for a day packed with opportunities. Whether you're launching your career, switching industries, or looking to advance your skills, this is the event you don't want to miss!

- For Job Seekers: Discover a wide range of job opportunities, connect with employers, and explore career paths that could change your future.
- For Exhibitors: This is your chance to showcase your business, engage with potential candidates, and promote your training programs to an eager audience.
- For Students/Schools: Explore endless career pathways, network with employers, and find out about study and training options to kickstart your journey post school.

Find out more and register

# **Engineering Summer School 2025**

**Organisation:** Engineers Australia

**Location:** Sydney

Date: December 7 to December 12, 2025

Engineering Summer School has been running for 33 years and supported by the Office of NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer. It is a collaboration between Engineers Australia, our Engineering Universities and Industry partners. ESS2025 is for students sitting their HSC or equivalent in 2026. The aim of the week is to provide an insight into the vast number of areas where Engineers work, the numerous degrees available, and the amazing career opportunities both in Australia and globally.





ESS2025 is a fully residential program, allowing you to start building your networks as you find your "tribe". You will:

- Stay on campus at USYD
- Visit 5 key universities and 5 key organisations
- Meet loads of Engineers from wide and wild ranging areas

Find out more and register

# JB Fairfax Award for Rural & Regional Journalism and Communications

Organisation: Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

**Location:** New South Wales

Value: \$12,500 AUD
Open Date: July 1, 2025
Close Date: August 18, 2025

Find out more

# **Charles Sturt Transgrid Engineering Scholarship**

**Organisation:** Charles Sturt University

**Location:** Australia **Value:** \$20,000 AUD

**Open Date:** August 1, 2025 **Close Date:** November 24, 2025

Find out more

# Monash MRS Undergraduate Accommodation Scholarship

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Australia Value: \$2,500 AUD

Open Date: August 4, 2025 Close Date: October 10, 2025

Find out more

### **JMC No Limits National High School Competition**

**Organisation:** JMC Academy

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$2,000 AUD
Open Date: August 1, 2025
Close Date: September 30, 2025

Find out more

# How to get the most out of an informational interview

Career conversations – whether they're casual chats or more formal informational interviews – are one of the most powerful tools you have for exploring your future. They're like getting insider access to the careers you're curious about, and the best part? Most people are surprisingly happy to share their experiences with someone who's genuinely interested.

#### What exactly is an informational interview?

A informational interview or career conversation is simply talking with someone who works in a field or job you're considering, with the goal of learning more about what their work is really like. It's not about asking for a job (that would be awkward!) – it's about gathering honest, first-hand information to help you understand whether a particular path might suit you.

These conversations can happen in different ways. You might have a planned 20-30 minute chat with a family friend who works in marketing, bump into someone at a community event and end up discussing their career as a





paramedic, or even learn from professionals sharing their experiences on podcasts or social media. The key is that you're hearing from someone with real experience, not just reading generic information online.

### **Understanding different types of interviews**

Not all career conversations serve the same purpose, and understanding what you need can help you make the most of each opportunity:

#### The exploration chat

This is perfect when you're in the early stages of considering a career path. Maybe you've heard about sports psychology or environmental science, but you don't really know what these professionals actually do day-to-day. An exploration chat helps you understand the basics and might even introduce you to related careers you'd never considered.

### The gap-filling conversation

You've done some research, read a few articles, maybe even looked at university courses, but you still have specific questions or concerns. Perhaps you're worried that becoming a teacher means you'll struggle financially, or you're not sure if you need to be incredibly artistic to work in graphic design. This type of conversation helps fill in the missing pieces.

#### The focused interview

This comes later in your exploration when you're pretty confident about your chosen field. Now you want insider information: which universities have the best reputation in this field? What skills should you be developing now? Which companies are great to work for? This conversation helps you plan your next steps more strategically.

#### Who should you talk to?

The good news is that potential conversation partners are everywhere – you just need to know where to look:

#### Start close to home

Begin with your existing network. Ask your parents, relatives, teachers, and family friends about their careers or if they know someone in the field you're interested in. Your dentist, your neighbour, your part-time job supervisor – you'd be amazed how many different careers are represented in the people you already know.

# **Expand through school connections**

Your school's careers advisor or guidance counsellor often has connections with professionals in various fields. Many schools also have alumni networks or parent volunteer programmes where people are specifically willing to share their career experiences with students.

#### Professional networks and community groups

Look for local professional associations, industry groups, or community organisations. Many professionals belong to groups like the local medical association, teachers' union, or business networking groups. These organisations often welcome inquiries from students and may even have formal mentoring programmes.

#### **Online platforms**

LinkedIn can be incredibly useful for finding professionals, especially if you're looking for people in specific companies or roles. Many professionals are open to helping students and will respond to polite, well-crafted messages.

#### Community events and open days

University open days, career fairs, industry conferences, and community events are goldmines for meeting professionals. Don't just collect brochures – engage in conversations with the people representing different organisations.





#### How to approach someone for a career conversation

Asking someone for their time can feel intimidating, but remember that most people are flattered when someone shows genuine interest in their career. Here's how to make the approach:

### Be clear and specific

Whether you're writing an email, sending a LinkedIn message, or asking in person, be upfront about what you're seeking. Mention that you're a student exploring career options and would appreciate a brief conversation about their experiences.

### Make it easy for them

Suggest a specific time frame (like 20-30 minutes) and offer flexibility about when and how to meet. You could suggest a coffee catch-up, a phone call, or even a video chat — whatever works best for them.

### Show you've done your homework

Demonstrate that you've already done some basic research. Instead of saying "tell me about marketing," try "I've been reading about digital marketing and I'm curious about how the day-to-day work differs from what I see in university course descriptions."

Subject: Student seeking career advice - Marketing Professional Dear [Name],

I hope this email finds you well. I'm a Year 12 student at [School] currently exploring career options, and I'm particularly interested in marketing. [Mention how you found them - through LinkedIn, a mutual connection, etc.] I've been researching the field and reading about different specialisations within marketing, but I'd love to hear about the reality of working in this industry from someone with first-hand experience.

Would you be willing to spare 20-30 minutes for a brief conversation about your career path and what working in marketing is really like? I'm happy to work around your schedule and can meet in person, by phone, or via video call – whatever is most convenient for you.

Thank you for considering my request. I really appreciate your time.

Best regards,

[Your name]

[Your contact details]

# Preparing for your career conversation

Preparation is absolutely key to making the most of your time together, and the good news is that most of the prep work is quite straightforward.

#### Do a bit of research

The first thing you'll want to do is learn some fundamental information about the field beforehand.

This doesn't mean becoming an expert overnight, but reading a few articles, checking out job descriptions, and familiarising yourself with common terminology shows respect for their time and allows you to ask more insightful questions. Instead of asking what marketing is, you can ask about the difference between digital marketing roles and traditional marketing positions.

#### Prepare some questions in advance

Write down around five to eight questions that reflect what you genuinely want to know, keeping in mind what stage of exploration you're at.

If you're just starting to explore, focus on understanding what the work is really like day-to-day. If you're further along in your research, you might want to ask about specific qualifications or next steps.

You don't need to stick rigidly to your list – the best conversations often flow naturally and take unexpected but valuable directions.

Need some help coming up with questions? We have some you might like to use below.

#### Be organised

Don't forget the practical side of preparation either!





Confirm the time and location the day before your meeting, and make sure you know exactly where you're going and how long it will take to get there. Plan to arrive a few minutes early, and think about what you'll wear based on the setting. If you're meeting at their workplace, err on the side of being slightly more formal than you might normally dress.

### Write things down

Finally, bring a notebook and pen with you. Taking notes shows you're serious about the conversation and helps you remember important details later.

You don't need to write down absolutely everything, but jotting down key insights, specific advice, or contact details will be incredibly useful when you're reflecting on the conversation afterwards.

#### **Essential questions to ask**

The best questions are open-ended and encourage storytelling. Here are some proven conversation starters organised by exploration stage:

#### For early exploration

- Can you walk me through what a typical day or week looks like in your role?
- What do you enjoy most about your work? What's most challenging?
- How did you end up in this career? Was it always your plan?
- What skills or qualities are most important for success in this field?
- What would someone be surprised to learn about your profession?

#### For deeper understanding

- What are the different pathways into this career?
- How has the industry changed since you started working in it?
- What advice would you give to someone just starting to consider this field?
- Are there related careers I should also be exploring?
- What are the biggest misconceptions people have about this work?

### For focused planning

- Which qualifications or courses would you recommend?
- What should I be doing now to prepare for this career?
- Are there particular companies or organisations you'd recommend researching?
- What professional bodies or resources should I know about?
- What trends do you see affecting the future of this industry?

# **Practical questions**

- What's the work-life balance like in this field?
- How do career progression and salary expectations typically work?
- What are the main challenges facing professionals in this industry right now?
- If you were starting over today, what would you do differently?

### Making the most of your conversation

You've got them to give you some of their valuable time, so ensure you make the most of the conversation. There are four key things to remember here:

- **Listen actively** Focus on what they're saying rather than just waiting for your turn to ask the next question. Ask follow-up questions based on their responses this shows genuine interest and often leads to the most valuable insights.
- **Be genuine** Don't pretend to be someone you're not. If you're nervous, it's okay to mention it most people will appreciate your honesty and may even share their own experiences of career uncertainty.
- **Respect their time** Stick to the agreed timeframe unless they indicate they're happy to continue. Watch for signs that they need to wrap up and be prepared to conclude gracefully.





• **Show appreciation** - Thank them genuinely for their time and insights. Let them know specifically what you found most helpful about the conversation.

### Following up after your conversation

What you do after your conversation can be just as important as the conversation itself. A thoughtful follow-up can turn a single conversation into an ongoing connection:

- **Send a thank-you message** within 24-48 hours, send a brief email thanking them for their time. Mention one or two specific things you learned that were particularly valuable.
- **Update them on your progress**, and if you make decisions based partly on your conversation with them, let them know. People appreciate hearing how their advice influenced your choices.
- **Connect on LinkedIn** if appropriate; send a LinkedIn connection request with a personalised message referencing your conversation.
- Offer to help if there's ever an opportunity perhaps with a student survey, a small research project, or by volunteering for their organisation.

#### **Overcoming common concerns**

If you're feeling hesitant about reaching out to professionals, you're definitely not alone. Many students worry that they're too young or inexperienced to have valuable conversations with working professionals.

But the reality is quite the opposite – most professionals remember being in your shoes and are often eager to help. Your youth and genuine curiosity are actually advantages. People want to support the next generation, and many professionals view these conversations as a way of giving back to their communities.

Another common concern is not wanting to bother anyone with your questions. Remember that the worst someone can say is no, and you'd be surprised how often people say yes.

Many professionals are flattered when someone shows genuine interest in their career and are happy to share their experiences. If someone can't meet with you, it's usually because of timing or other commitments, not because they don't want to help.

#### Making career conversations a habit

Rather than thinking of career conversations as a one-off activity, consider making them an ongoing part of how you explore your options. Each conversation adds another piece to your career puzzle and helps you build a clearer, more nuanced picture of what different paths might involve.

You might discover that speaking with three different engineers gives you vastly different perspectives on the field, or that a casual chat with someone working in social services opens your eyes to career paths you'd never previously considered.

The more conversations you have, the more confident you'll become in asking questions, engaging with professionals, and ultimately making decisions about your future.

You'll also start to develop valuable networking skills and build connections that might prove useful throughout your career. These aren't just conversations about work – they're opportunities to practice professional communication, learn about different industries, and understand how various career paths unfold in real life.

### Where history can take you

Do you think history is just about memorising dates from dusty old books? Think again. History is one of the most versatile subjects you can study, and could help you to build a toolkit of skills that employers across every industry will value. From detective work to storytelling, critical thinking to cultural understanding, history graduates are shaping our world in ways you might never have imagined.

History isn't just about the past, it's about understanding how the world works, how people think, and how to navigate complex issues and thinking with confidence. Ready to discover where history can take you? It could be your secret weapon for career success.

#### The superpowers history gives you

When you study history, you're not just learning facts; you're developing a remarkable set of transferrable skills that make you incredibly valuable in today's job market.





### Critical thinking and analysis

History teaches you to examine sources, weigh evidence, make connections, and spot bias from a mile away. You'll learn to ask all the right questions: Who wrote this? Why? Does this make sense? Is this true? What's missing from this story? These skills are pure gold, but particularly now in our age of information overload and fake news.

#### **Research mastery**

Historians are expert detectives, tracking down clues across libraries, archives, and databases. You'll master the art of finding reliable information quickly and efficiently, which is invaluable whether you're preparing a business report or investigating a news story.

#### **Communication excellence**

As a history student you'll become a brilliant storyteller who can take complex ideas and make them engaging and accessible. You'll learn to write persuasively, present confidently, and adapt your communication style for different audiences, from academic papers to social media posts.

### **Cultural intelligence**

Understanding different time periods and societies makes you exceptionally good at working with diverse groups of people. You'll develop empathy, cultural sensitivity, and the ability to see situations from multiple perspectives.

#### **Problem-solving prowess**

Historical events are like giant, messy case studies filled with competing interests, unintended consequences, and complex causes. Studying them teaches you to navigate ambiguity, think systemically, and approach problems from multiple angles.

#### Where history can take you

Have you ever wondered why certain news stories trend whilst others disappear, how successful companies build their brands, or why some political campaigns succeed whilst others fail spectacularly? The answers often lie in history - understanding patterns, precedents, and the deeper currents that shape human behaviour. If you're considering studying history at high school, you'll be opening doors to an incredible range of career possibilities that extend far beyond what you might imagine. Let's take a look at some of the role history could help you to succeed:

### Media and communications

Your storytelling skills and ability to research complex topics make you perfect for a career in journalism, content creation, or public relations. History graduates often become:

- **Journalists** covering everything from politics to business
- Documentary makers bringing fascinating stories to life
- Content strategists helping brands tell their stories
- Social media managers creating engaging historical content

#### **Business and finance**

The analytical and research skills you develop studying history are highly prized in the business world. Many history graduates thrive as:

- Management consultants solving complex business problems
- Investment analysts researching companies and market trends
- Project managers coordinating complex initiatives
- <u>Business development specialists</u> identifying new opportunities

#### **Government and policy**

Your understanding of how societies work and change makes you valuable in shaping public policy and governance. You could become a:





- Civil servant developing and implementing government policy
- Political advisor providing strategic guidance to decision-makers
- Diplomat representing your country's interests abroad
- Policy researcher analysing the potential impact of proposed changes

#### Law and justice

The critical thinking and argument skills developed through history make it an excellent foundation for legal careers, where you might work as a:

- Lawyer arguing cases and interpreting complex legal precedents
- Paralegal supporting legal research and case preparation
- <u>Court administrator</u> managing the systems that keep justice flowing
- Legal researcher investigating case law and regulatory changes

### **Education and training**

Share your passion for understanding the world by helping others develop the same critical thinking skills as a:

- Teacher inspiring the next generation of curious minds
- Corporate trainer helping businesses develop their staff
- Museum educator making history come alive for visitors
- Curriculum developer designing engaging learning experiences

#### Arts and culture

Your deep appreciation for human creativity and cultural context opens doors in the creative industries. Careers for people with an interest in history include becoming a:

- Museum curator selecting and presenting collections
- Heritage consultant helping preserve important historical sites
- Arts administrator managing cultural organisations
- Exhibition designer creating immersive historical experiences

#### More jobs that need history

Enjoying history but not inspired by any of the jobs mentioned so far? That's fine - there are heaps more to explore too, like:

- <u>Archivist</u> preserve and organise historical documents and records that help us understand our shared heritage.
- Genealogist help people discover their family histories using research skills and historical knowledge.
- Intelligence analyst use research and analytical skills to assess threats and provide strategic insights to government agencies.
- **Historic preservation specialist** protect and restore important buildings and sites for future generations.
- **Travel writer** combine your knowledge of different cultures and places with storytelling skills to guide modern explorers.
- Market researcher investigate consumer behaviour and business trends using the same skills you'd use to analyse historical patterns.
- **Film researcher** ensure historical accuracy in movies and TV shows, helping bring the past to life on screen
- **Publishing editor** use your research skills and attention to detail to help authors tell their stories effectively.
- **Data analyst** apply your pattern-recognition skills to make sense of large datasets in business or government.
- Anthropologist study human cultures and societies, both past and present, to understand how we've
  evolved as a species.
- **Political campaigner** use your understanding of how societies change to help shape public opinion and policy.
- **Grant writer** research funding opportunities and craft compelling proposals for non-profits and cultural organisations.





• **Corporate historian** – help companies understand their heritage and use their stories for marketing and strategic planning.

#### **Getting started**

If you're interested in any of these careers and you're already studying history, you're already on the right track. Make sure to:

- **Develop your digital skills** learn to use databases, digital archives, and data analysis tools.
- **Build a portfolio** whether it's blog posts, research projects, or multimedia presentations.
- Seek <u>work experience</u> museums, archives, newspapers, and government offices all offer valuable opportunities.
- Join relevant societies connect with professional historians and learn about career opportunities.
- **Consider interdisciplinary studies** combining history with business, technology, or science can open even more doors.

#### Your future starts here

History isn't just about understanding the past; it's also about shaping the future. Whether you end up investigating corporate corruption as a journalist, advising governments on policy, or helping a start-up understand its market, your skills and passion for history could give you the tools to make a real difference.

Ready to discover more about study and career options? Explore the comprehensive guides and resources on our website here.

# 10 things every entrepreneur should know

Ever watched Dragons' Den and thought, "I could do that!" or had a brilliant idea whilst lying in bed at 2am? You're not alone. Entrepreneurship is like a thrilling roller coaster – terrifying and exhilarating all at once. But before you quit school to become the next Mark Zuckerberg, here are 10 things every entrepreneur should know (according the people who have been there themselves already).

#### Start with a problem, not just an idea

Every great businesses solve real problems or fill voids. Your mate struggling to find decent study spaces during exam season might seem like a minor annoyance, but if students across your city share that frustration, you could be looking at a real business opportunity.

Before you fall in love with your idea, ask yourself: "What problem does this actually solve?" The most successful entrepreneurs are problem-solvers first, idea-generators second.

#### You don't need to be the smartest person in the room

Contrary to popular belief, you don't need to be a genius to succeed in business. What you do need is curiosity, persistence, and the wisdom to surround yourself with people who know things you don't (as well as the ability to take their advice when it's offered).

Think of yourself as the conductor of an orchestra – you don't need to play every instrument perfectly, but you need to bring out the best in everyone else.

### Failure is your friend (kind of)

Every entrepreneur fails. The difference between successful ones and the rest? They see that they're failing quickly, learn from their experiences, and move on. Failure isn't the opposite of success – it's a stepping stone towards it. If your first attempt at selling homemade candles doesn't work out, don't bin the whole idea. Ask yourself what you learned, how to improve you product, branding, market placement, budgeting etc, and importantly - how you can do it better next time.

#### Money management is everything

You might have the best product in the world, but if you can't manage money, your business won't survive. This doesn't mean you need to become an accountant, but you do need to understand the basics: income, expenses, profit, and cash flow. You'll do well to learn about taxes and insurance too if you want to avoid problems later on.





Start simple: track every penny that comes in and goes out. There are brilliant apps and tools that can help with this, but even a basic spreadsheet will do.

#### Your network is your net worth

This might sound cheesy, but it's true. The people you know – and more importantly, the people who know you – can open doors you didn't even know existed.

Start building relationships now. Join entrepreneurship clubs at school, attend local business events and networks, or connect with like-minded people online. Every conversation is a potential opportunity.

### Listen to your customers (they're usually right)

Your customers will tell you exactly what they want – if you're willing to listen. Don't be so attached to your original vision that you ignore feedback.

If people keep asking for a blue version of your product instead of red, maybe it's time to consider making blue ones. Your ego might prefer red, but your bank account will prefer whatever sells.

#### Time is your most valuable resource

Unlike money, you can't make more time. Successful entrepreneurs learn to prioritise ruthlessly. Not every opportunity is worth pursuing, and not every task needs to be done perfectly. Learn to say no to good opportunities so you can say yes to great ones.

And remember, you don't have to do everything yourself, outsource jobs and pay someone else to help out.

#### You need thick skin

Rejection is part of the entrepreneurial journey. Investors will say no, customers will complain, and critics will question your decisions. Don't take it personally – it's just business.

Develop resilience like you're training for a marathon. Start small and build up your tolerance for disappointment and criticism, take time to reflect on what you've been told and then.... do better.

### Legal stuff matters (even if it's boring)

Ignoring legal requirements won't make them go away. Whether it's registering your business, understanding tax obligations, or protecting your intellectual property, these basics are crucial.

You don't need to become a lawyer, but you do need to understand the rules of the game you're playing. So do some research, ask for advice if necessary - getting things right and knowing what your obligations are from the start could save you a bunch of time, money, and stress later on.

### There's no such thing as overnight success

Despite what social media might suggest, the majority of successful businesses take years to build. The entrepreneurs you see on magazine covers have usually been working behind the scenes for much longer than you realise, and the business that's done well probably isn't their first rodeo.

Prepare for a marathon, not a sprint. Success often comes to those who persist when others give up.

#### Taking your first steps

Ready to take the plunge? Here's how to begin:

### **Test your idea cheaply**

Before investing significant money, test your concept on a small scale. Create a simple prototype, run a survey, or start with a basic version of your product (MVP) or your service (MVT).

#### Start while you're studying

You don't need to drop out of school, college, or uni to start a business, but there's also no need to wait to get going with your idea - many successful entrepreneurs began while they're still at school or university.

Use your current situation as a safety net while you experiment, as having a Plan B is always the best way to go.





#### Learn from others

Read books, listen to podcasts, and watch interviews and shows about entrepreneurship. Learning from others' mistakes and their genius tips are a sensible way to get ahead.

#### Find a mentor

Look for someone who's been where you want to go. This could be a teacher, family friend, or local business owner willing to share their experience.

### Where to find help

There are lots of people and places that will help you to get started, be a sounding board for your ideas, offer advice and help implement solutions. Aside from your family, friends, and school networks, here are some other places to look for support:

#### Online resources

There are plenty of companies that offer programmes and advice specifically for student entrepreneurs, such as:

- YEP (global)
- Nestlé Youth Entrepreneurship Platform (global)
- Young Enterprise Scheme (NZ)
- ASE (Australia)
- The King's Trust Free Enterprise Programme (UK)
- Junior Entrepreneur Programme (Ireland)
- <u>Futurpreneur</u> (Canada)
- Future Founders (US)
- YEA (US)

Government websites often have free resources and guides for starting businesses too.

#### **Local support**

Many communities have business incubators, co-working spaces, or entrepreneurship programs. Libraries often host business workshops and have resources available, or can connect you to the best places to look elsewhere.

#### **Educational institutions**

Your school, local college, or TAFE might offer entrepreneurship courses or have teachers who can guide you.

### **Peer networks**

Connect with other young entrepreneurs through social media groups, local meetups, or <u>entrepreneurship</u> <u>competitions</u>.

#### **Professional services**

When you're ready, consider consulting with accountants, your bank, lawyers, or business advisors. Many offer free initial consultations.

#### Ready to start building?

Entrepreneurship isn't just about making money – it's about creating something meaningful and solving problems that matter. Whether you dream of launching a tech startup or opening a local café, these principles will serve you well.

Remember, every successful entrepreneur started exactly where you are now: with an idea and the courage to pursue it. The difference between dreamers and achievers isn't talent or luck – it's taking that first step. You can explore more career paths and opportunities on our website here.





### What is an undergraduate certificate?

If you're exploring your study options after leaving school or considering a career change, you might have come across something called an undergraduate certificate. But what is an undergraduate certificate exactly, and could it be the right choice for you? We'll break down everything you need to know about this flexible qualification.

#### So what is an undergraduate certificate?

An undergraduate certificate is a short-term qualification designed to give you foundational knowledge in a specific field. Usually taking anywhere from 3 to 12 months to complete, these certificates offer an introduction to a subject area without the time commitment of a full degree.

Think of it like dipping your toes in the water before diving into the deep end. You get to explore a field of study, develop new skills, and gain qualifications that can either lead to employment or serve as a stepping stone to further education.

These certificates usually cover content at various academic levels, from foundational skills through to more advanced concepts. For example in Australia they cover content between Levels 5 to 7 on the <u>Australian Qualifications Framework</u>. This is the same level as anything from a Diploma to a Bachelor Degree. The specific level depends on the institution and the particular certificate you choose.

### Understanding undergraduate vs postgraduate study

You might wonder why it's called "undergraduate" when you've probably heard that term used for bachelor's degrees. Here's the thing: undergraduate simply means any qualification you can study without already having a degree. It's the opposite of postgraduate study, which requires you to already hold a degree for entry. So whether you're studying a certificate, diploma, or bachelor's degree straight from school (or later in life without prior higher education), you're an undergraduate student.

### Why consider an undergraduate certificate?

There are plenty of compelling reasons to choose an undergraduate certificate over jumping straight into a longer qualification.

#### **Lower entry requirements**

Perhaps you have your heart set on a particular field but don't quite meet the entry requirements for a full degree. Undergraduate certificates often have more accessible entry requirements, making them an excellent stepping stone. Many institutions will then give you credit towards a longer qualification if you decide to continue your studies.

### Time efficient

In our fast-paced world, spending three or four years studying isn't always a practical option. Undergraduate certificates allow you to gain qualifications and skills in months rather than years. This means you can start working in your chosen field sooner or test the waters before committing to longer study.

#### Try before you buy

Unsure whether you'll actually enjoy studying the psychology, business, or creative writing degrees you've been contemplating? An undergraduate certificate lets you experience what the subject is really like before investing in years of study. You'll engage with similar content to what you'd find in a longer qualification, giving you a genuine taste of what's ahead.

#### **Flexible**

Most undergraduate certificates offer flexible study options, including online delivery and part-time schedules. This makes them ideal if you're working, caring for family, or have other commitments that could make traditional full-time study challenging. If you manage to handle everything brilliantly and you're still keen to study afterwards, you'll have the confidence to know that you can give it a good shot.





### Career advancement and upskilling

Already working but want to climb the career ladder? Undergraduate certificates are brilliant for developing new skills, specialising in a niche area, or transitioning into a related field. They're particularly valuable in industries that evolve quickly, where staying current with new knowledge and skills is essential.

#### **Cost-effective learning**

Let's be honest – education can be expensive. Undergraduate certificates understandably cost significantly less than full degrees while still providing valuable, recognised qualifications. This makes them a smart choice if you're budget-conscious or want to minimise student debt.

### What can you study?

The range of undergraduate certificates available is quite impressive, with more options being added all the time. You'll find options in areas like:

- Business and entrepreneurship
- Health and community services
- Information technology and digital skills
- Creative arts and design
- Education and training
- Engineering and technical fields
- Hospitality and tourism

Many institutions design these certificates around industry needs, so you're likely to find options that align with current job market demands. <u>Course Seeker</u>, is an example of one search engine you could use to browse and compare your options, including entry requirements, institutions, delivery mode, and more.

### Will it actually help your career?

The short answer is yes, but it depends on your goals and industry. Many employers value the practical, focused skills that undergraduate certificates provide. They demonstrate your commitment to professional development and can set you apart from other candidates.

In some fields, an undergraduate certificate might be all you need to start working. In others, it might be the foundation for further study. The key is researching your chosen industry to understand how employers view these qualifications.

# Making your decision

Before enrolling, consider what you want to achieve. Are you looking to start a new career (or career change), advance in your current role, or explore a potential field of study? Understanding your goals will help you choose the right certificate and institution.

Research the specific requirements and outcomes of any certificate you're considering. Look at what skills you'll develop, how the qualification is viewed by employers in your chosen field, and whether it offers pathways to further study if that's something you might want later.

#### **Finding your options**

When you're ready to explore specific undergraduate certificates, start by researching institutions in your area or those offering online study. Many universities, vocational education providers, and private colleges offer these qualifications.

Consider factors like delivery mode (online vs on-campus), duration, cost, entry requirements, and whether the certificate offers credit towards further qualifications. Don't hesitate to contact institutions directly with questions – they want you to succeed and are usually happy to provide guidance.

#### Your next steps

An undergraduate certificate could be exactly what you need to kickstart your career, change direction, or simply explore a new interest. The flexibility, accessibility, and practical focus of these qualifications make them an excellent choice for many people.





Take some time to research your options, speak with careers advisors or industry professionals, and consider how a certificate might fit into your broader life and career goals. With the right choice, you could be on your way to new opportunities in just a few months.

# 7 tips to protect yourself from workplace bullying

Many of us grow up thinking of bullying as something confined to childhood — playground taunts, group exclusion, or schoolyard intimidation. But for too many Australians, bullying doesn't stop at the school gates. It shows up again in workplaces, where it can be harder to spot and even harder to escape.

Workplace bullying is a serious issue that affects thousands of adults every year. And even if you were never bullied at school, it's still possible to find yourself the target of harmful behaviour later in life. That's why it's important to understand what drives people to bully (spoiler: it's not about you) and how you can protect yourself if it happens.

### Why do people bully?

It's not really about the victim. Generally, bullies are using ineffective coping techniques to tackle issues in their own lives, like a lack of confidence or a feeling that they've lost control.

People become bullies because:

- They want to have control over others
- They want to improve their social status
- They don't feel very good about themselves, and want others to feel as bad as they do
- They are angry or frustrated about something and take it out on you
- They have been bullied themselves in another setting, and bullying gives them back their feeling of power (For more on why people bully, check out <u>this resource</u> from Kids Helpline.)

See, none of these reasons include anything about the victim.

Which means there's **nothing you've done wrong**, and there's **nothing wrong with you**.

People who bully others are actually <u>more likely to have lifelong issues with anxiety and depression</u> than those who have never bullied (see <u>this article</u> for more info).

The same reasons for bullying apply to bullies at school and in the workplace. The difference is that in a workplace the bully is often also the boss. So, how can we protect ourselves from becoming a victim of workplace bullying?

### Seven tips to protect yourself from bullying

# Tip 1 - Keep a diary

Record when, where, who was there, and what happened. Include every interaction, and also record how it made you feel. If you're ever in a position where you need to prove what happened you'll be armed with the facts.

#### Tip 2 - Maintain your professionalism

Remember that you're there to work, not hang out. Sure, make friends and have a good time, but maintaining some of the professional lines in your workplace can help you more easily identify inappropriate behaviour.

#### Tip 3 - Don't separate yourself from your old friends

Even if your workplace becomes your favourite place to hang out (and with some offices now boasting cafés, bars, chill out zones, and weekly drinks sessions, it's possible you'll enjoy work more than home), try to keep some friends who don't work in the same place as you, and put energy into those relationships.

## Tip 4 - Do what you can to separate yourself from the person

If you can, change your shifts so they don't overlap, or see if you can work in a different department. It's not always a long term solution, but separating yourself can help you deal with the immediate problem while you look for a long-term solution.

#### Tip 5 - If you feel safe and confident enough you can stand up to the bully

State clearly that you're not going to tolerate their behaviour, and that you're aware that you can take action to get them to stop. Try to ensure you have witnesses, or put it in writing so you have documented evidence.





#### Tip 6 - Report it

The best thing you can do if you're experiencing any form of bullying is tell someone. Your employer not only has an obligation to keep you safe at work, chances are they're also probably a good person who doesn't want any of their workers to be hurt or upset. You could go to your manager, someone in human resources, or even a union representative.

### Tip 7 - What about if your boss or manager is the problem?

All of the above tips can help, but if your boss or manager is causing the issue you may need to go 'over their head' to get the problem to stop. Organisations are becoming more proactive at stomping out bullying at every level, so chances are someone more senior than your boss or manager will want to help.

If all else fails you can try your legal options. Contact your local <u>Legal Aid clinic</u>, explain what's happening, and they should be able to point you in the right direction. This <u>resource</u> from the Fair Work Ombudsman goes over your rights and options to stop bullying in the workplace.

#### What you can do to help stop bullying

- Bullying. No Way! Have put together some <u>resources</u> for parents to help you learn how to respond if your child is being bullied.
- The <u>School Toilet Project</u> recognises that school toilets are 'the one place we know upset students naturally gravitate to', and aims to make them safe, nurturing places.
- ReachOut have some advice about what to do if you witness someone else being bullied.
- The National Centre Against Bullying has some tips for you if you want to <u>help a friend who is being bullied</u>.

### How to find help if you are being (or have been) bullied at school

- Go to your teachers. They're trained to help you and support you, and they can be instrumental in stopping the bullying.
- Tell your parents. If they don't know what's happening it's hard for them to help you, and trust me, they want to help you.
- Call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800. They'll talk you through everything and help you work out some next steps. Their website is packed with articles and resources to help you as well.
- headspace are another fantastic resource you can call them or chat with them online.
- ReachOut have lots of fantastic <u>online resources</u> to help you understand bullying a find a way to move beyond it.
- Want to know where you stand? <u>Youth Law Australia</u> can help you learn about your legal rights when it comes to bullying and <u>cyberbullying</u>.

11 to 15 August 2025 is <u>Bullying No Way Week</u>. Bullying No Way Week is Australia's key bullying prevention initiative for schools. It provides an opportunity for schools to create a shared understanding about bullying behaviours and share their bullying prevention policies and strategies, and the theme for 2025 is Be Bold. Be kind. Speak up.

### **How to become a Visual Merchandiser**

Visual merchandisers create eye-catching store displays and layouts to attract customers into retail settings and maximise sales. They use colours, lighting, props, and products to influence how people experience and interact with brands.

If you have a great sense of style, love retail, and enjoy creating spaces that capture people's attention, a career as a visual merchandiser could be right for you.

# What skills do I need as a visual merchandiser?

- Creativity and imagination
- Customer focused mindset
- Strong attention to detail
- Good understanding of colour and design





- Excellent communication skills
- Great time management skills
- Can cope with the physical demands of the job
- Flexibility and adaptability

#### What does the job involve?

- Design and create displays and in-store layouts
- Choose colours, lighting, and props that enhance products
- Decide which products are to be displayed and where
- Install, maintain, and pack up displays
- Plan seasonal campaigns and product launches
- Collaborate with your team on promotional campaigns
- Manage budgets for display materials and props
- Keep up to date with trends in fashion, design, and retail

#### What industries do visual merchandisers typically work in?

- Retail Trade
- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Manufacturing

#### What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

This job offers a high amount of flexibility, with around half of all visual merchandisers working part-time. Most work standard business hours, but you might need to work evenings or weekends during busy shopping periods or seasonal changes.

The work can be quite physical, involving lifting props, climbing ladders, and moving displays around. Travel is sometimes part of the role, particularly if you work for a large retailer with stores in multiple locations.

While visual merchandisers mostly work in retail settings, there are also opportunities in museums, hotels, airports, and other commercial environments.

Visual merchandisers typically earn an average salary, with opportunities for growth as you gain experience.

#### How to become a visual merchandiser

There's no single path to becoming a visual merchandiser, but there are several things you can do to help you break into the field

Many visual merchandisers obtain a qualification in design, visual arts, fashion, or marketing. Courses in interior design, graphic design, or retail management can also be useful.

Alternatively, you might like to start in a retail sales position and work your way up. Many visual merchandisers learn about customer behaviour and retail operations while working in other roles.

No matter which pathway you take, it's beneficial to build a strong portfolio of work you can show to potential employers. Showing off your design skills in other mediums (like graphic design, photography, fashion design, or even visual arts) is a great starting point.

#### What can I do right now to work towards this career?

If you're still in school and interested in a career as a visual merchandiser, here are some steps you can take right now:

- Practice at home by creating your own displays rearrange your bedroom, style a bookshelf, or even help organise your school's display boards.
- Gain retail experience through casual work or work experience. Understanding how shops operate and customers behave is valuable for any visual merchandiser.
- Take workshops and short courses in design that can help you build important skills. There are lots of courses you can take online and some for no cost.

#### Where can I find more information?

• Australian Retailers Association





- <u>Shop!</u> (Aus & NZ)
- The British Display Society
- Retail Design Institute

# Similar careers to visual merchandiser

- Interior Designer
- Graphic Designer
- Architect
- Marketing Manager
- <u>Fashion Stylist</u>
- Jewellery Designer
- Retail Assistant
- Advertising Agent