

## Open Days & Info Sessions

### Queensland Police Service | Recruiting Information Session

Wednesday 31 August 2022, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Roma Street Police Station

Interested in becoming a Queensland Police Officer?

Not sure if you:

- Meet the requirements?
- Are the right person for the job?
- Get paid as a police recruit?
- How you progress in the QPS?
- What is expected during the recruiting process and the cost involved?

These and many more questions will be answered during this Recruiting Information Session. This information session is conducted by experienced, current serving police officers. Not only will they explain the requirements for entry, but they may also give you an insight into their own experiences.

During the information session you are welcome to ask questions. Recruiting staff will also be available after the presentation to answer questions.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/queensland-police-service-recruiting-information-session-registration-394868902517?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

### Life after school: Broaden your horizons with Macquarie

Thursday 1 September 2022, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Online

Do you think a career in financial services is all about spreadsheets and dusty calculators? Think again!

We're Macquarie – and we will show you everything a future career in banking and financial services has to offer.

At Macquarie, we're building a better future – whether that's accelerating the green energy transition, helping sustain global food supplies, financing social housing projects, investing in essential infrastructure or designing tomorrow's technology solutions – and we need YOU to help us do it.

If you're in Year 11 or 12, wondering about life after school, allow us to show you what a career with Macquarie can look like. Join us for this immersive virtual event where you'll get to hear from (and ask questions!) key members of our team as we explore:

- Just who Macquarie are, what we do, and how we're making a difference.

- The diverse career paths available for young people.
- The study subjects and degree programs we look for and how they align with our roles.
- Our top tips for making the most of the time you have now for future success.
- Where a career with Macquarie could take you.

This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone keen to explore a future in financial services and gain exclusive insights on planning your journey from one of the industry leaders.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/life-after-school-broaden-your-horizons-with-macquarie-virtual-event-tickets-384312407757>

### **QUT | START QUT Information Webinar**

Wednesday 14 September 2022, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Are you a Year 11 student, or a parent of a student, who's interested in learning more about the START QUT program? Find out about studying a university subject while still in high school and hear past START QUT students share their experiences.

Find out more: [https://qut.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_jLz3Rgu1TOKbq0BOYHtRiQ](https://qut.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jLz3Rgu1TOKbq0BOYHtRiQ)

### **CQUni | STEPS Term 3 Information Session**

Friday 23 September 2022, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Online

Are you thinking about furthering your education but are unsure whether you will meet the entry requirements, are returning to study after some time away, or need to meet prerequisite subjects for entry into your desired degree? Our Skills For Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) course is the perfect option to build your confidence and help you succeed at university.

STEPS is a free, Centrelink approved enabling course that is designed to help you acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to gain entry into university.

Join us for an informative session on 23 September from 12 – 1 pm AEST that covers everything you would like to know about STEPS including how it can help you meet the entry requirements of your degree, how long it takes to complete, and what the process for application is. You'll also get to meet some of our wonderful STEPS team who will support you through your STEPS study journey.

Find out more: <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/information-session/steps-term-3-information-session>

### **ACU | Talk with Nurses and Midwives**

Wednesday 5 October 2022, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Caring for others gives more than it takes. A career in nursing or midwifery means a career helping others.

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about their experiences working as nurses and midwives. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and learn what it is like working on the frontline and using your skills to help people when they need it the most.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2022/october/talk-with-nurses-and-midwives>

### **SCU | Q & A Webinar**

Tuesday 11 October 2022, 6:00 pm

Online

Join our Q & A webinar. We will walk you through the process of applying, accepting your offer and enrolling to study at Southern Cross. You will hear from study experts and current students about popular pathways into university, Southern Cross Model, student support, studying online and graduate employment outcomes.

Find out more: <https://www.scu.edu.au/info-sessions/>

### **NIE | UCAT and Pathways into Medicine Webinar**

Wednesday 12 October 2022, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Online

Are you currently studying in years 10, 11 or 12? Are you considering a career in medicine or dentistry? If you have answered yes, then you may need to sit a compulsory entry exam known as UCAT (Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test) before you can apply to certain universities.

The National Institute of Education (NIE) is proud to present the free information seminar all about UCAT and the undergraduate pathways into medicine, dentistry, and some other health science programs. This is not a sales/advertising/promotional seminar. The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics and more.

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students, and parents to find out about the UCAT and to have their questions answered by an expert who has been working in the field since 1999.

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- UCAT vs GAMSAT – How is UCAT different?

- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate medical school interview explained and medical school interview preparation advice
- Gap Year
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Q & A

Find out more: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1GnR3yDOTbSCXkWqdzhs8A](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1GnR3yDOTbSCXkWqdzhs8A)

## Workshops and Courses

### JCU | Heroes in Business

**Mackay:** Tuesday 6 September 2022, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Rockhampton:** Wednesday 7 September 2022, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Townsville:** Monday 12 September 2022, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Mt Isa:** Wednesday 14 September 2022, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

**Cairns:** Friday 16 September 2022, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

JCU, in partnership with Queensland Country Bank, is giving local high school students with a passion and desire to develop a career in business, law or finance the chance to learn from industry experts.

From this one-day program you'll gain unique insights into the professions that funnel into a business, commerce and law career. One of our expert Academics will guide you through the process of creating, exploring and pitching a business opportunity, including the financial and legal implications. JCU Advisors will be on hand to provide information about courses and university life, and a Q&A with local professionals will be an opportunity for students to engage with and hear from professionals within those careers.

**Applications for the 2022 Heroes in Business Program close on 15 August.**

Find out more: <https://study.jcu.edu.au/BusinessHeroes>

### JCU | Heroes in Health

Thursday 8 September 2022, 12:00 am - Friday 9 September 2022, 12:00 am

Cairns

Get a sneak peek of what it's really like to be in a healthcare career at Heroes in Health. This two-day program is a joint collaboration between JCU and the Cairns Hospital that offers a unique opportunity to explore Medical, Nursing and Allied Health careers.

From this two-day program you'll gain unique insights into a career in health. You'll go behind the scenes at the Cairns Hospital, with opportunities to speak directly with health professionals

including doctors, nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists and pharmacists about their profession in the healthcare industry and their career journeys so far.

**Applications close 15 August 2022.**

Find out more: <https://study.icu.edu.au/HealthHeroesCairns>

### **Mater Education | High School Health Adventure**

Monday 19 September 2022, 8:30 am - Tuesday 20 September 2022, 3:30 pm

Monday 26 September 2022, 8:30 am - Tuesday 27 September 2022, 3:30 pm

Mater Education, South Brisbane

Are you a year 10, 11 or 12 student interested in a career in the dynamic and fast-paced world of healthcare? Mater Education's High School Health Adventure program is for you!

High School Health Adventure is a program that has been designed to create a realistic experience of 'a day in the life' of a health professional. The utilization of simulation with manikins, skills stations, digital technology and case-based scenarios help to create this real-world learning in a unique environment for high school students.

This hands on, immersive experience will cover basic health professional understanding of anatomy and physiology, give students hands on experience of managing patients requiring basic life support and emergency response, supporting patients and their family through medical procedures such as surgery and childbirth.

Find out more: <https://www.matereducation.qld.edu.au/career-entry-qualifications/high-school-health-adventure>

## **Scholarships**

### **UQ Link Scholarship**

Value: \$3,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: August 2, 2022 – December 9, 2022

This scholarship provides assistance to students who have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship, who are undertaking tertiary studies for the first time.

[Find out more](#)

### **UniSQ Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship**

Value: Up to \$29,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: August 2, 2022 – January 19, 2023

This scholarship is to reward and support the most outstanding academic achievers (ATAR 97+), who have completed Year 12 in 2022 and are commencing their studies at UniSQ in a bachelor's degree program in 2023.

[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### Maths Modelling Challenge 2022

Ever wondered the maths behind how a pandemic spreads? Or the environmental impact of getting a lift to school? Or do you want to find out the link between climate change and your WhatsApp messages?

Put your analytic brains to the test, working in small groups students have 3 real world mathematics challenges to choose and work through. Celebrating mathematics and the spirit of competition, this event aims to help high school students develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers.

The challenge is open to years 7 – 12 with entries welcome from all teams across year levels. There are no minimum team requirements per school entry. Enter a class in all year levels or just one, whatever works for you!

Join in and explore how mathematical modelling can show us not only how the world around us works – but how it can help to change it.

**Entries close 26 August.**

Find out more: <https://mielab.edu.au/mie-events/maths-modelling-challenge-2022/>

### BUFTA

The Bond University Film & Television Awards (BUFTA) is one of the premier film competitions for High School students around Australia. BUFTA gives Year 11 and 12 students the chance to win a full scholarship to study a Bachelor of Film and Television at Bond University.

There are no themes to adhere to, no objects you must use, no-one else's message to relay, simply let your imagination and ambition be your guide. There are eight categories that can be entered into, so grab your camera and go.

**Entries are open until 15 September.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.bufta.com.au/>

### Anthology Magazine Poetry Prize 2022

Established to recognise and encourage excellence in the craft of poetry writing and to provide a platform for publication, the Poetry Award is open to original and previously unpublished poems in the English language.

Entries are invited from poets of all nationalities, living anywhere in the world. Poems submitted must be on the theme of 'Dreams' and should not exceed 40 lines. There is no limit to entries per person.

The winner will receive a €500 cash prize and the chance to see their work published in a future issue of *Anthology*. The winner will also receive a one-year subscription to *Anthology* magazine.

**Entries close 31 October 2022.**

Find out more: <https://anthology-magazine.com/awards-awards/awards/poetry-award-anthology/>

## Work Experience

### Grandshake Virtual Work Experiences

Grandshake offers a ton of awesome Virtual Work Experience programs for young people across Australia aged 14-19. These programs are a great way to get a taste of your dream career, all from your own home. And they help you learn some valuable skills along the way as well.

The programs run all year, during school and the holidays, so you can sign up to start at any time. The programs typically run for four weeks, with a 2-4 hour commitment per week. Best of all, they're totally free.

Take a look at some of the programs you can explore:

- [Communication and Sustainability Cadet](#)
- [Junior Environmental Planner](#)
- [Civil Construction Cadet](#)
- [Systems and Signals Operator](#)
- [Junior Digital Engineer](#)
- [Drone Pilot](#)
- [Electrical Technician](#)

[Learn more](#)

## Careers & Jobs

### Top 5 Jobs for Night Owls

Do you dread waking up at the break of dawn? Think working from 9 to 5 might not be for you? Don't worry – there are plenty of jobs out there for those who are more active at night. We've listed our top 5 below.

### **1. Security Guard**

A job as a security guard often means you'll be staying up late, protecting places like nightclubs and business while they're closed, as well as going over security footage.

You'll need to be fit and strong for this job, and be okay with working on your own for long periods of time.

Want to know more about becoming a security guard? Take a look at our [Security Industry Job Spotlight](#).

### **2. Nurse or Paramedic**

Health emergencies can occur at any time of the day or night, so nurses and paramedics need to be on call at all times.

Although this can be a physically and emotionally draining job, it's also extremely rewarding, and best suited to those passionate about helping others.

Find out more about becoming a paramedic in our [Job Spotlight](#).

### **3. Call Centre Agent**

A job as a call centre agent is easy to start with no qualifications required. Call centres are often open all hours, ready to receive calls from clients from around the world.

You'll need to be patient and a great communicator.

Interested? Check out our [Call Centre Agent Job Spotlight](#).

### **4. Freelance Writer**

Although writers might not have to work at night, the flexibility to choose your own hours can be a great bonus. Writing is also a varied career, with options in journalism, copywriting, or even creative writing.

Though having flexible work hours is nice, you'll need to be disciplined and stick to your schedule.

You can find out about career pathways in writing in this [Job Spotlight](#).

### **5. Air Traffic Controller**

Just like most of the things on this list, air travel doesn't stop at night. As an air traffic controller, you could be called in to work shifts overnight.

If you're focused and a quick-thinker, looking for a job that can take you anywhere in the world, this could be perfect for you.

Read more about a career in Air Traffic Control in our [Job Spotlight](#).



## Further Learning

### Study Overseas – information from the Australian Government

The Australian Government has put together some information for students planning to Study Overseas – there are lots of useful tips, advice and links to resources that could help you to make it all happen.

Read more – <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/before-you-go/activities/studying>

### What you need to know about Co-op Scholarships

Successfully applying for a co-op scholarship could do much more for you than simply covering your costs.

#### Premium scholarships with extra value

[Scholarships](#) are generally sums of money donated to applicants who meet the eligibility requirements specific to that scholarship. There are thousands available in Australia.

They could really make a difference to your tertiary education experience by removing financial pressure and other barriers that could otherwise prevent you from achieving your goals. Or they could help you start your working life with less debt than you'd otherwise have.

How great is that?

Co-op Scholarships go the extra mile. Not only do they provide some financial benefit (or in some cases **a lot**), they could also provide you with amazing extras such as:

- Mentoring
- Leadership and development programs
- Work experience
- Paid internships
- Tuition fees paid
- Guaranteed accommodation
- Access to workshops and special events
- Networking

#### Who can apply for a Co-op Scholarship?

Each scholarship is unique to the institution or provider, so you'll have to check that you'll meet the eligibility requirements before you spend time applying.

Co-op scholarships are generally open to high achievers. If you think that doesn't sound like you, it's still worth checking – merit isn't just given for amazing academic results, although it is often a pre-requisite.

Some scholarships will accept applications from people who've been recommended by their school for their outstanding contributions. Others want to reward individuals who've worked

hard and made a difference with community involvement, or perhaps have shown great potential with their leadership abilities.

### **Competitive but worth the rewards**

These esteemed scholarships are highly sought after, so the applications can be highly competitive – but they are definitely worth your time applying.

Many of these programs have a 100% success rate for employment upon graduation.

You might receive an income while you're still studying at uni, as some internships are salaried.

If you don't leave university with a job already lined up, the fact that you received a Co-op Scholarship will look fantastic on your resume, could appeal to potential employers, and may have provided you with relevant work experience and useful industry contacts.

In other words, you'll definitely be ahead of the pack.

### **There are benefits to just applying for a co-op scholarship**

Putting yourself forward for Co-op Scholarships and completing the application will give you invaluable experience in completing intricate applications and doing well at interviews.

Your confidence could receive a little boost knowing that you're considered eligible, that your application was considered, and that you put yourself outside your comfort zone and survived intact.

In some cases, if your application isn't successful but the panel were impressed by your application, they could suggest alternative scholarships and programs to apply for.

Even if you don't exactly meet the eligibility requirements but you're close, you've excelled in some areas and your application really stands out, providers might just bend the rules for an outstanding candidate...it could be you.

### **So what's the catch?**

If you're granted one of these highly prized Co-op Scholarships you'll be expected to take your studies seriously.

You'll have to make sure you stay on track and achieve your predicted ATAR results (or better).

Once you've enrolled at university and started your course, you'll have to maintain the required GPA in order to keep the scholarship. You might even have to comply with other requirements,

e.g.:

- Help out at orientation week
- Commit to helping out on campus
- Active involvement within your chosen department
- Attending all additional programs and events that you're entitled to

## **Get help finding out more about Co-op Scholarship programs**

At Study Work Grow we've done the research for you and put it all in one easy to read place; our updated guide contains:

- Institutions and providers who are offering this specific kind of co-op scholarship
- Scholarship values and inclusions
- Eligibility criteria
- Application process
- Key dates

You can find all of this information and more in our [Co-op Scholarships Guide](#).

## **Frequently asked questions (FAQs) about Co-op Scholarships**

### **What ATAR do I need to be eligible for a co-op scholarship?**

It really depends on the institution. For example, at [UNSW](#) you'll need a predicted ATAR of 96 or above to apply, whereas at [Federation Uni](#) if you have a predicted ATAR of 80 you could be eligible.

Some programs don't even specify an ATAR.

### **How are co-op scholars selected?**

The application process for each scholarship varies, but you'll often have to:

- Meet all the eligibility requirement
- Complete a special application form available from the institutions before the closing date
- Provide supporting evidence and recommendations
- Complete a personal statement, answer some questions, or prepare a video or other element of the application
- Attend and interview to be assessed

You should carefully read all of the application details for the Co-op Scholarship you're interested in applying for to make sure you know exactly what to do.

### **Can I defer my Co-op Scholarship?**

Some scholarships allow you to defer, but it's unlikely Co-op Scholarships will because they are so competitive and sought after – you'll need to check with the individual provider to confirm this though.

If you are successful in receiving a scholarship and then need to defer your enrolment, you might have to complete another application and go through the entire process the following year (if the institution allows for that).

## Applying to University in the UK from Australia

If you'd like to study in the UK, there are a few things that you'll need to know.

### Step 1 – Find out about Student Visa requirements

It's a great idea to start by looking at the [UKCISA \(UK Council for International Student Affairs\)](#) website. They specialise in providing advice and information to international students. You'll have to make sure that you meet the [requirements for a Student Visa](#) and are eligible before you apply.

Make sure that you only take advice about your student visa from lawyers authorised by a designated professional body (for example, barristers, solicitors and legal executives) or advisers regulated by the [Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner](#) (OISC).

### Step 2 – Will your Australian results qualify you to apply?

As a general guide, universities look for qualifications that are equivalent to the British high school A-levels. This usually means finishing Year 12 and receiving your high school certificate. Each university you apply to will look at your results (including ATAR and individual subject results) and use them to determine the equivalent UK results. For example, the [London School of Economics](#) considers an ATAR of 96 to be equivalent to an A-level grade of AAB.

Similar to universities here, some degrees might also have pre-requisite subjects (such as Biology for medicine).

A portfolio may also be required for some art and design courses.

### Step 3 – Make sure your studies will be officially recognised

Check if the University you'd like to study at provides officially recognised degrees on the gov.uk website here: <https://www.gov.uk/check-university-award-degree>.

### Step 4 – Apply

The UK has a centralised applications system over there that's a little like our TACs here in Australia (UAC, VTAC, QTAC, SATAC, TISC). It's called [UCAS](#) (the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service) and is generally the easiest way for you to get into a UK-based institution. You can apply for up to a maximum of five universities through this one online portal.

You can read a detailed guide on how to apply through UCAS here:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/filling-your-ucas-undergraduate-application>

### **Writing a personal statement**

If you're applying through UCAS, you'll need to include a personal statement as part of your application. The personal statement is one of (if not the most) important parts of your university application in the UK.

It's a chance for you to tell the unis about yourself and why you should study with them. Keep in mind that you will only submit one statement that goes to all the unis you apply to.

See some tips on writing a personal statement here:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/writing-personal-statement/how-write-personal-statement>

### **Getting a reference**

You'll also need to include a reference in your application. This is a written recommendation from a teacher, careers adviser, or professional who knows you academically. Everyone needs a reference unless you get permission from your chosen universities and colleges.

Find out more about references here: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-university/how-get-ucas-undergraduate-reference>

### **Your exam results**

Because Australian schools run on a different schedule to schools in the UK (their academic year begins in September and ends in June/July), you'll need to manually submit your results to the universities once you receive them. Some universities will ask for your results as soon as you submit your application, while others may conduct a preliminary assessment before asking for proof of your results.

If you haven't received your results yet, you'll need to supply predicted results instead.

### **You might be asked to attend an interview**

Part of your application might include attending an interview. This is an important step in the process, so being prepared is crucial.

You can find out more about the interview process here:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/undergraduate-interview-invitations>

### **Make sure you apply before the [2023 entry application deadlines](#)**

Like here in Australia, you'll need to get your applications in on time. Late applications aren't accepted, so if you miss out you're going to have to wait until next year (which isn't the end of the world as you'll be able to take your time choosing subjects, work to save up some money, or take a Gap Year).

- **Applications are open now for 2023 study** – they opened on 17 May this year.

- **15 October 2022 at 18:00 (UK time) early applications close** for 2023 entry to any course at the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, or for most courses in medicine, veterinary medicine/science, and dentistry. You can add choices with a different deadline later, but don't forget you can only have five choices in total.
- **25 January 2023 at 18:00 (UK time) equal consideration applications close** for 2023 entry to the majority of courses.
- **30 June 2023 at 18.00 (UK time)** is the last chance for you to have your applications sent to the university of your choice. Any applications received after this date will go through the clearing system (see below).
- **21 September 2023 at 18.00 (UK time)** is the final deadline for applications to 2023 courses.

Once you've submitted your UCAS application, you can track your progress here:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/tracking-your-ucas-application>

### **Types of offers**

Once your application has been processed by the university, they will send you an offer. It can either be conditional (you need to meet extra requirements before it becomes certain), unconditional (you're in as soon as you accept), or unsuccessful (unfortunately you didn't get in during this round of applications).

Find out more about the different types of offers: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/after-you-apply/ucas-undergraduate-types-offer>

### **Step 6: If you don't get an offer you can still apply though Clearing**

If you didn't get an offer from any universities, all is not lost. UCAS has a process known as Clearing – a way for universities to fill any spots they have remaining after offers have been sent.

Once Clearing applications open (usually around July) search on the UCAS website for any courses available in Clearing, then either express your interest or contact the university directly to discuss your options.

Find out more about Clearing: <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/what-clearing>

### **Step 7: Research and apply for any Scholarships, grants, and bursaries for international students**

Just like here in Australia, universities and other providers in the UK offer a variety of scholarships and grants to help you fund your studies.

To find scholarships, the best place to look is on the website of the university you're interested in or contact them directly.

See more about scholarships and financial support:

<https://www.ucas.com/finance/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries-eu-and-international-students>

### **Step 8: Plan where you'll be living**

If you get into a uni in the UK, the next thing you'll need to do is find accommodation. Like here in Australia, you can choose between on-campus accommodation at the university, or private accommodation somewhere else.

UCAS has lots of great resources on finding accommodation here:

<https://accommodation.ucas.com/>

### **Virtual Open Days and Expos**

Before you start your applications, attending open days is a great way to get a feel for a university and ask any lingering questions you might have. Even if you're on the other side of the world, you can always attend a virtual open day from the comfort of home.

Find open day events in the UK (including virtual) here:

<https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/events-and-open-days>

### **You can apply directly to universities as well**

The same as here, in the UK lots of universities allow you to apply directly as well. If you know where you'd like to study, hop onto the uni website and look for their applications pages or head for the international students' pages.

Contact them for more details about the process and what you'll need to do to apply. They're there to help you and will often have students who've been through the process to advise you.

### **Other resources**

Get tips and advice from other Australian Students who've studied in the UK from the British Council on their website: <https://study-uk.britishcouncil.org/>

Lots of universities have their own international student teams who you can contact for more help and advice.

You can also use services like [AUG](#) to find out more information; for a fee they can help you to apply as well.

## Resources

### Student Exchange Programs

Have you always dreamed of travelling overseas and experiencing new things? Through a Student Exchange Program, you could have the opportunity to study and live in another country.

#### What is Student Exchange?

As the name suggests, Student Exchange gives you the opportunity to travel to another country and attend school there – and in return, a student from the country you’re visiting will live and study in Australia.

You’ll attend school and learn just like the other students, and experience life with a host family. You can study overseas from as little as four weeks all the way up to an entire year.

#### Where can I go?

There are lots of countries you can choose from – you’ll need to check with your school or private provider. The most popular destination countries for Australian and New Zealand students include USA, UK, Germany, France, Japan, Italy, Canada, Belgium, Spain and Argentina.

#### Am I eligible?

If you’d like to participate in a Student Exchange program, you generally need to be between the ages of 15-18 (in Year 9-12), and an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident. Some schools and States might have additional specific eligibility criteria, including minimum academic requirements, so make sure to check first.

You’ll also need to be prepared to travel away from your friends and family, feel comfortable in an unfamiliar place, and potentially meet language requirements (depending on where you’d like to travel).

#### How can I organise a placement?

You’ll need to speak to your school or find a registered provider in order to organise your exchange.

If you’re organising exchange through a private provider, make sure they are registered to provide programs in your State or Territory – this means the provider is safe and reliable, meaning you can travel with less stress.

You should start organising your placement as soon as possible, as you’ll generally need to apply quite early and there may be caps on how many students can go on exchange each year.

#### Where can I find out more?



Find out more about Student Exchange in your State or Territory:

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

### **National Science Week 2022**

This year, National Science Week will take place from Saturday 13 to Sunday 21 August.

All around Australia there will be a huge variety of live online events, virtual tours, competitions and fun activities to participate in and grow your STEM knowledge.

Take a look at what's on and find a whole bunch of resources here:

<https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

### **Three ways you'll use your history skills at work**

Ever wondered what the point is in learning all about the things that have been and gone?

History has a lot to teach us about where we come from and where we might go in the future, and you'll need the skills you gain from studying history throughout your life.

The study of history helps us understand what has happened, and teaches us the skills to critically reflect on the evidence to reach a decision about what took place.

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## **Job Spotlight**

### **How to become a Fitter**

Fitters are qualified tradespeople who shape, assemble, and fit machinery parts (generally made of metal). You might be putting together brand new parts as a Fitter and Turner, or repairing and maintaining old parts as a Maintenance Fitter.

If you like to work with your hands and have a mind for maths, this could be the perfect job for you.

**About you:**

- Excellent problem solver
- Fit and active
- Good with your hands
- Great maths skills
- Precise and analytical
- Safety minded
- Quick thinking
- Works well under pressure

**The job:**

- Reviewing plans, drawings, and blueprints
- Choosing appropriate materials and machining methods
- Using tools to cut, file, plane, bore and drill metal
- Fitting and assembling fabricated parts
- Checking accuracy and fit of parts
- Diagnosing issues with parts and repairing them
- Performing general maintenance on machines
- Ensuring WHS rules are strictly followed

**Lifestyle Impact: Moderate**

- Part Time opportunities: Very low – only around 6% of Fitters work part-time (source: [labourmarketinsights.gov.au](http://labourmarketinsights.gov.au)).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 51 hours a week, which is above average (source: [labourmarketinsights.gov.au](http://labourmarketinsights.gov.au)).
- Fitters' salary (average) \$80,000\* per year (source: [seek.com.au](http://seek.com.au)). \*Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Stable (source: [labourmarketinsights.gov.au](http://labourmarketinsights.gov.au)).
- You'll be doing most of your work indoors in manufacturing plants and workshops, as well as some work out in the field.

**Fitters are most in demand in these locations:**

Around 62,200 people worked as Fitters in Australia in 2021 (source: [labourmarketinsights.gov.au](http://labourmarketinsights.gov.au)). There is huge demand for Fitters in Western Australia and Queensland. Most Fitters work in the Mining, Manufacturing, and Construction industries.

## **How to become a Fitter in Australia**

To become a Fitter in Australia you will need to complete a relevant VET course, usually as part of an apprenticeship.

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

Step 2 – Find an employer willing to take you on as an apprentice, or consider a school-based apprenticeship.

Step 3 – Complete your VET qualification, usually a [Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade](#), while getting on-the-job experience.

Step 4 – Once you've completed your apprenticeship, start working as a fully qualified Fitter.

Step 5 – Consider specialising with further training.

Find out more here –

<http://manufacturingaustralia.com.au/>

## **Similar Careers to Fitter**

Joiner

Carpenter

Surveyor

Engineer

Mechanic

Plumber

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

## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **What do Fitters do?**

Fitters are responsible for manufacturing and fitting machine parts.

### **Which industries employ Fitters?**

Fitters are mostly employed in the Mining, Manufacturing, and Construction industries.

### **What options are there for career progression?**

You can start out with a basic qualification, before choosing to specialise in a particular area, including Diesel and Heavy Machinery, Marine, Mining, Construction, and more.

### **Do I need to go to university to become a Fitter?**

No, but you will need to complete a VET qualification and get some hands-on experience, preferably through an apprenticeship.

### **Where do Fitters work?**

Fitters usually work for private businesses, but can also work for local councils and government bodies. With enough experience, you might even like to consider starting your own business.

### **What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Fitter?**

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

1. Get hands-on wherever you can – take a woodworking or shop class at school, offer to fix your mate's broken bike, or even put together your own computer at home.
2. See if you can find work experience in manufacturing or a related field. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
3. Talk to a Fitter to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in construction or manufacturing.

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