

Careers Newsletter

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The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side

(Margaret Carty)

Beyond School Study Guide

The new [Beyond School Study Guide](#) is designed to help senior students navigate their way into higher education. It provides information on

- higher education pathways
- higher education fees and government loans
- student support services.



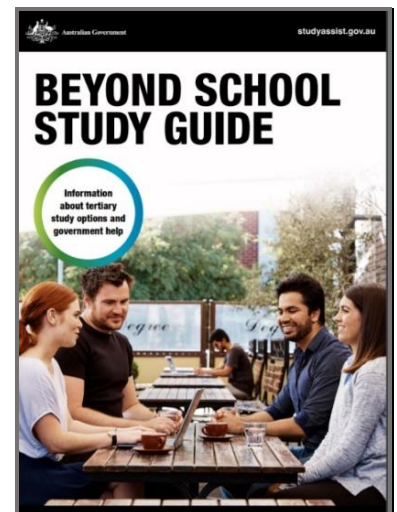
PwC's Higher Apprenticeship Program

Did you know you can join PwC without a degree?
Traditionally there has only been one route to a career in professional services. Uni. Degree. Career. But the world of business is changing and so are we. There are now opportunities for students to join us straight out of high school.

As an apprentice, students get to learn on-the-job, developing broad skills in business and technology in a hands-on environment, and receive the study support required to earn a professional qualification in **Information Technology (IT)**, at the same time!

Applications are open now for apprentices joining PwC in January 2020.

Find out more about the various programs at [PwC's Higher Apprenticeship Program](#).



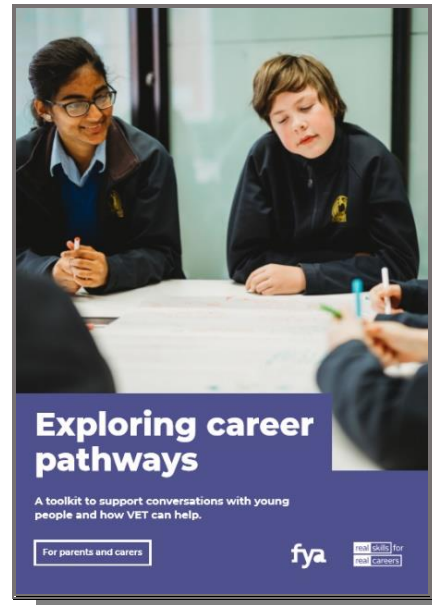
VET Toolkit for Parents

The Foundation for Young Australians [FYA](#) undertook research for the groundbreaking [New Work Mindset](#) report in 2016.

It has built on findings in that research to develop a [VET Toolkit for Parents](#) which includes a glossary and discussions about how to use VET to design your best possible career.

There is a Self-Assessment Audit Tool which students can use to help to make career decisions.

You can find the Toolkit [HERE](#).




New Job Outlook Skills Match Tool

Job Outlook has developed a new career match tool that will give you ideas about the sorts of jobs that match your interests, what level of pay to expect and if there is growth in that industry.


You can [go here to do the quiz](#).

START SKILLS MATCH




1. Your Jobs

Enter jobs you have worked in. You can include unpaid work.



2. Your Skills

See skills you may have from your jobs.



3. New Job Ideas

Get ideas for jobs that use your skills.

Career Focus - Landscape Architect

Landscape architects find creative ways to build on, into and around land to better preserve, display, and borrow from it. **This is a fun job for someone who is creative and enthusiastic about nature.**



Landscape Architects plan and design land areas for projects such as open space networks, parks, schools, institutions, roads, external areas for all building types, land subdivisions, and commercial, industrial and residential sites.

You usually need a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture to work as a Landscape Architect. In some states, training may also be available through VET (Vocational Education and Training).

Landscape Architects earn an average of about \$1674.00 per week

Upcoming Open Days 2019

ACT:

University:	Open Day Date:	Website:
Australian National University	Saturday 31 August 2019	Visit
University of Canberra	Saturday 31 August 2019	Visit
University of NSW (ADFA)	Saturday 24 August 2019	Visit
Australian Catholic University	Saturday 31 August 2019	Visit

NSW:

University:	Open Day Date:	Website:
University of Sydney	Saturday 31 August 2019	Visit
University of NSW	Saturday 7 September 2019 (Kensington)	Visit
	Saturday 24 August 2019 (ADFA)	Visit
Macquarie University	Saturday 17 August 2019	Visit
University of Newcastle	Thursday 15 August 2019 (Port Macquarie)	Visit
	Saturday 3 August 2019 (Central Coast)	
University of Wollongong	Saturday 31 August 2019 (Newcastle)	Visit
	Saturday 3 August 2019	
Charles Sturt University	Sunday 4 August 2019 (Bathurst)	Visit
	Sunday 11 August 2019 (Wagga Wagga)	
	Sunday 18 August 2019 (Albury-Wodonga)	
	Sunday 25 August 2019 (Port Macquarie)	
	Friday 30 August 2019 (Dubbo)	
	Friday 6 September 2019 (Orange)	
Southern Cross University	Sunday 18 August 2019 (Gold Coast)	Visit
	Saturday 17 August 2019 (Lismore)	Visit
	Friday 16 August 2019 (Coffs Harbour)	Visit
	TBA (National Marine Science Centre)	Visit
University of New England	Friday 10 May 2019	Visit
University of Technology - Sydney	Saturday 31 August 2019	Visit
Western Sydney University	Sunday 18 August 2019	Visit
Australian Catholic University	Saturday 7 September 2019 (Strathfield)	Visit
	Saturday 24 August 2019 (North Sydney)	

Open Day

La Trobe University (Sydney)	Thursday 22 August 2019	Visit
CQ University (Sydney)	Thursday 22 August 2019	Visit
University of Tasmania	Sunday 1 September 2019 (Rozelle/Darlinghurst)	Visit
University of Notre Dame	Saturday 31 August 2019	Visit

Getting the most out of an Open Day

Most institutional Open Days are held in late July and August (see above page for Open Day dates). However, you are more than welcome to contact an institution to arrange a visit any time.

What happens on an Open Day?

On Open Day you can visit an institution when it's at its best. Everyone is there – academics, lecturers, current students and information officers. More importantly, you can talk with academics, lecturers and current students about what certain courses are actually like, and what is required to get into them.

Who should attend an Open Day?

Anyone who is considering studying at a tertiary level in the next few years should attend.

Why should you attend an Open Day?

Apart from the opportunity to obtain course information there are many other reasons why attending an Open Day is a good idea:

- You are going to feel more comfortable arriving at a university or TAFE institute on the first day of classes if you have been there before.
- What is really involved in the course or courses you are interested in?
- If you have to move away from home, where are you going to live?
- Will you be happier studying in a large metropolitan institution or a smaller, perhaps rural institution?
- What does the place 'feel' like? Is it a bustling environment with lots of activity or a quieter, more relaxed campus set in landscaped grounds?
- How are you going to get there? Is it close to public transport or should you start saving now for a car?

If you don't know the answers to any of these questions, then you should attend an Open Day!

How to make the best of Open Days?

To make your Open Day visits fun and informative, here are some pointers:

- Write down a list of questions you would like to ask about particular courses
- Be there early. Crowds tend to develop as the day progresses
- On arrival, get a map from a central point and ask for directions to the relevant faculties or schools
- Ask questions!
- Don't spend the day collecting printed information only. Use the opportunity to speak directly with academics before applications close
- Introduce yourself to selection officers if you feel it is appropriate, but don't be pushy

- Check out the residential colleges, if available. After all, it is you that will be living there.
- Walk around the campus. Have a good look! See what sporting facilities and other services are available.
- Enjoy the visit!

Volunteering



Thinking of taking up a volunteering opportunity and giving back to your community? Whether you have a little or a lot of time to spare, there are plenty of ways to get involved and make a difference to the lives of others and to your community and at the same time develop some employability skill and work experience.

Some volunteering opportunities that are available include:

NSW Health

NSW Health considers its volunteers to be an essential and valuable asset to the delivery of public health services across NSW. Their tireless and enormous effort directly supports and delivers better outcomes for patients, staff and visitors. [Find out about volunteering with NSW Health.](#)

Ambulance Service of NSW

Volunteer ambulance officers, peer support officers, chaplains and consumer representatives help Ambulance Service of NSW improve access to and the quality of their services, particularly in isolated communities. [Find out about volunteering with Ambulance Service of NSW.](#)

Community Fire Units

If you live in an urban area close to bushland, you can help your local community with preparation for, prevention of, and protection from bushfires by becoming a Community Fire Unit (CFU) member. [Find out about Community Fire Units.](#)

NSW Rural Fire Service

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) relies on volunteers to keep our communities safe. You don't have to be a firefighter – you can also contribute through a range of other roles such as administration, communications, catering, community education and engagement, training and more. [Learn more about volunteering with the RFS.](#)

NSW State Emergency Service (SES)

NSW SES provides 24-hour emergency assistance to those impacted by storm, flood or tsunami in NSW. It relies on its 9,000 volunteers to do so – whether they be on the ground or supporting in media liaison and community engagement roles. [Become a volunteer with NSW SES.](#)

Volunteer in Policing (VIP) Program

NSW Police require the support of volunteers to assist in their local communities by providing victim support and customer service, supporting witnesses through the court process, performing

community liaison roles, assisting with youth programs, and more. [Find out more about the VIP Program.](#)

For more information on becoming a volunteer and the various opportunities available, please visit volunteering.nsw.gov.au.

Selecting Subjects for an Australian Apprenticeship or Traineeship

As we get into the second half of 2019, students will begin to make decisions about their future; and decisions about what subjects to take on in years 10, 11 and 12.

Deciding what subjects to select in the finals years of school can feel like a tough assignment, which is why it is important to consider a few things before submitting preferences.

Firstly, consider what it is you would like to take on once school has finished, and consider what type of career you would like to pursue.

Different jobs require different skills, so try doing some research into the type of work you're interested in and see if it sounds like something you would be comfortable taking on.

A great place to start doing this research is the 'Find My Work Type' section of the AAPathways website. You can access these resources here: www.aapathways.com.au/career-research/interest-explorer-page

For many students, the next step from high school will be straight into University. For many others, the next step will be into an Australian Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

For those looking to go to university, subject selection can be easily laid out. On the flip side, for students thinking about an apprenticeship or traineeship, subject selection may not be as obvious.

It is important to consider how the subjects you choose might help you in your life after school.

If you are thinking of doing an apprenticeship or traineeship, it is still important to choose subjects that can be applied in the trade or industry of your choice.

To help make these decisions, you should try to think about what skills are needed to succeed in your apprenticeship or traineeship.

For example; to succeed as an electrician it is important to have a good understanding of numbers and equations. So, you should aim to select subjects that are closely related to maths.

When selecting subjects, it is important to think of how you can apply your learning to life after school. Try to keep this in mind!

To learn more about Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships, visit www.aapathways.com.au and follow the [Australian Apprenticeship and Traineeship Information Service on Facebook](#).