

ST PIUS X COLLEGE CHATSWOOD



Careers Newsletter

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JobJump - Parents and students please watch YouTube video and sign up

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

To register go to https://www.jobjump.com.au/

Search school - St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

Parent information: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be

iCanMed | How to finish your UCAT prep in terms 1 and 2

March 27, 2023

To help students succeed, iCanMed has broken down 100,000 UCAT exam questions to identify the key question types that are asked every year. By analysing trends and gaining a full understanding of how the exam works, we've developed rock-solid preparation strategies and plans that enabled our iCanMed students to average a 90th percentile, and a quarter of our students to score in the 95th+ percentile range (top 5%). In this 1.5-hour webinar, we will be:

- 1. Identifying the most common mistakes that cause students to waste valuable UCAT time
- 2. Outlining optimal methods for preparing for the UCAT (minimum time, maximum return)
- 3. Sitting a short mock test, followed by live step-by-step teaching of the most commonly-asked questions
- 4. Explaining why most students who wait until Term 2 to start UCAT preparation have an extremely high chance of failure

Find out more

Endeavour College | Enrolling at Endeavour: All Your Questions Answered

March 28, 2023

Thinking about turning your passion into your purpose with a career in natural health?

Our interactive webinars are a perfect way to find out more about our courses, the enrolment process as well as what it's actually like to study at Endeavour College of Natural Health.

In this webinar, our Director of Sales and Admissions, Katrina Arch, will share with you all you need to know about enrolling and studying at Endeavour College.

Find out more

SCCE | Exchange Webinar

March 28, 2023

Preparing for your exchange program is an important part of the process and is vital to continued program success. At these online meetings, an experienced high school exchange advisor will share an overview of high school exchange programs with Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

You'll learn more about living with a host family and how studying overseas can help you develop confidence and independence... and gain a lifetime of memories.

Find out more





March 29, 2023

Want to work for a major tech company like Microsoft, Oracle and Google? Or launch your own start-up? Then the Bachelor of Advanced Computing could be for you. Specialise in Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Software Development or Computational Data Science, as well as a second major from our shared pool of 100+ majors from across the University. From intelligent drones to virtual reality apps, cybersecurity to the Internet of Things, you will learn the design principles and programming skills to build the systems behind emerging technologies. Carve your own unique path with our accredited and flexible advanced computing program. Find out more

University of Sydney | Interaction Design at Sydney

March 29, 2023

Learn about how our new Bachelor of Design (Interaction Design) will provide you with the innovative technical and social design skills to become a leading-edge designer in today's fast-paced job market. Find out how your passion for creativity and problem solving can be harnessed for a career in digital and visual design.

Find out more

Charles Sturt | 2023 Medicine Information Night

March 29, 2023

Come to our free online medicine information night and discover everything you need to know about our five-year undergraduate entry degree – the Doctor of Medicine.

Based at our Orange campus in regional NSW for two years followed by three years of rural and regional placements, the Joint Program in Medicine is offered by Charles Sturt in partnership with Western Sydney University.

Whether you're in high school, looking for a career change or keen to take the next step in your health career – this information night is for you! Parents, carers and career advisers are also welcome.

Find out more

eSafety | Navigating online friendships

March 29, 2023

This 30-minute webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in secondary school.

It will cover:

- how to support young people to have safe and respectful online relationships
- what to do when something happens at school and ends up on social media or private messaging apps
- how to report to social media platforms and eSafety.

Find out more

Bond | Virtual Open Day

April 29, 2023

Can't make it to campus? No problem – our Virtual Open Day experience makes it possible to get to know us at the click of a button. Tune into Virtual Open Day at any time and watch as we dive deeper into our faculties, go behind the scenes of student life, and chat with some amazing Bondies in this unmissable snapshot of the Bond University experience.

Find out more





Navigating the world of scholarships can sometimes seem like a daunting task. With so many opportunities available, it's crucial for you to identify scholarships that are not only financially beneficial, but also align with your goals and circumstances. We've come up with some things to consider when searching for scholarships to help you make an informed decision.

Eligibility criteria

This one seems obvious, but it's important! Always ensure you meet the specific eligibility requirements of a scholarship before applying, or you might be setting yourself up for disappointment.

Application deadlines

It's essential to be aware of the application deadlines for any scholarships you want to apply for. Most scholarships have strict closing dates and won't accept late submissions, so make good notes of any deadlines to ensure you don't miss out.

Award amount and duration

Consider the scholarship's award amount and duration to determine if it will provide sufficient financial support throughout your studies.

Renewability

Some scholarships are renewable, meaning they can be awarded for multiple years if you maintain certain criteria (e.g. meeting a minimum GPA). Consider if a renewable scholarship is more beneficial to you than a one-off award.

Application requirements

Each scholarship will have unique application requirements, including essays, letters of recommendation, or interviews. Evaluate the effort needed for the application process and ensure you can provide all necessary materials within the deadline.

Scholarship restrictions

Some scholarships come with specific restrictions or conditions, such as requiring you to study a particular course, attend certain promotional events, or write letters of thanks to donors. Make sure you're comfortable with any conditions before applying.

Impact on other financial support

Receiving a scholarship may impact your eligibility for other financial support, such as government payments and grants. If you're unsure, reach out to the institution you're applying to and ask if a scholarship might affect your other financial support options.

If you want to find out more about scholarships and search for opportunities, take a look at our scholarships database <u>here</u>.

How to Prepare for Virtual Interviews

Although video and phone interviews have both been around for a long time, in the post-COVID era, Zoom and the like have never been more popular. In some instances, this method of interviewing may have replaced physical interviews because it's just easier all around.

You should treat a virtual interview as you would any other interview and consider these tips.

Find a suitable location

Choose somewhere well lit, quiet and out of the way. You'll need to focus and avoid distractions.





Make sure that you can be seen well, you're not just a silhouette and think about what's on view in the background.

If you can't find a great spot at home consider asking your library or school if they have a room you can use.

Get your technology sorted

Work everything out beforehand, what technology you'll need, where you'll set it up. Make sure any apps are up to date and you know how to use them.

Have a practise run.

Ensure everything is fully charged, you have good internet connection or enough data.

Stay away from filters.

Remove distractions

Silence or turn off your phone.

Turn off notifications on your computer or phone as well.

Let everyone around you know you're on an interview.

Focus

Use all of your communication skills to show that you're giving your full attention to what's being said or asked. A good posture, eye contact, nodding and other non-verbal gestures all show the interviewer that you're actively listening (don't forget, if you've muted your audio, they won't hear you if you're agreeing verbally).

Mute yourself

When you're not talking use this function to block out other sounds around you.

Make good eye contact

In face-to-face interviews it's easy to give good eye contact to show that you're engaged.

We recommend that you look at the camera and consider closing the window where you can see yourself – that way it won't look like you're watching yourself instead of paying attention to the interviewer.

Be professional

Look smart, use great vocabulary, be polite.

Plan a couple of questions to ask them about the job or their organisation.

Remember

Make a note of the date and time, schedule reminders if necessary.

Check you have a link or invitation ahead of time and make sure you know where it is in your emails. If you need to download apps or software then make sure you get that sorted ahead of the date too.

Introduce yourself and pay attention to the interview panels names and their job roles.

At the end of the interview remember to thank them for their time – you could even send a follow up email thanking them too.

Get more job application tips

If you're looking for some more help on how to complete a great job application or how to ace your interviews, check out some of the other blogs on our website <u>here</u>.

5 Questions to Ask While You're on Work Experience





Work experience is invaluable to help you gain hands-on experience in your chosen field, explore potential career paths, and develop essential skills for your future. By actively engaging in the experience and asking questions, you can make sure you're getting the most out of your placement. Here are five key questions you should be asking while you're on work experience.

What are the primary responsibilities and daily tasks in this role?

Understanding the day-to-day activities and expectations of a job can provide you with a clearer picture of what a career in that field entails, helping you make informed decisions about your future.

How do the skills and knowledge I'm gaining (or will gain) in my studies apply to this job?

Connecting the knowledge acquired in the classroom to real-world work situations is crucial for understanding how your education translates to the workplace. This can also help identify any gaps in your knowledge or skills that you can address.

What are the most challenging aspects of this job, and how do you overcome them?

Learning about the challenges professionals face in their roles and the strategies they employ to address them can help you develop resilience, adaptability, and problem solving skills that are essential for success in any career.

How do you see this industry evolving over the next few years, and what can I do to stay competitive? Gaining insights into industry trends and potential changes can better prepare you for the future job market, ensuring you remain competitive and up-to-date with relevant skills and knowledge.

Can you recommend any resources, professional associations, or networking opportunities that could help me?

Expanding your professional network and staying informed about industry news and opportunities can be a big help as you progress in your career. By seeking advice from experienced professionals, you can identify valuable resources to help support your growth and development in your chosen field.

If you're interested in learning more about work experience, you can read more blogs and search for opportunities on our website here.

Wombat Books Illustration Challenge 2023

Wombat Books are seeking original illustrations from Australian school-aged students (aged 5 - 18) to publish in a unique picture book by the team at Wombat Books.

The Challenge has been established in order to provide aspiring young illustrators with the opportunity to be published in a professionally produced children's book and gain an introduction into the world of illustrating. Winning illustrations will be published in *a new book* which is due for release in 2024. Illustrators will receive two free copies of the book. They will also be acknowledged on the Wombat Books website. Judging decisions will be made by Wombat Books.

Entries are open until 1 November.

Find out more and enter here: https://wombatrhiza.com.au/illustration-challenge/

University Spotlight – Macquarie University

If you want to know what it's like to study at Macquarie University, take a look at our latest University Spotlight.

Campuses & Access

Macquarie University's main Wallumattagal campus is around 15km north of the Sydney CBD. The





Wallumattagal campus is very large and widespread, taking around 20 minutes to cross on foot. They also have a small campus in the centre of Sydney city. Both campuses are easy to access by public transport, and have ample parking spaces for people who need to travel by car. There is also a shuttle for travel across the Wallumattagal campus.

Most of the buildings at the Wallumattagal campus are easily accessible, and major buildings have lifts for access to upper floors.

Online Learning

Most of Macquarie's undergraduate courses are available to study on-campus only, but they do have some options for online study, mainly in arts and education. They also offer short courses and microcredentials online.

Some units, particularly those that include lab work or practical experiences, can only be done on campus.

Study Options

Macquarie offer undergraduate courses in all standard study areas, including the <u>Bachelor of Clinical Science</u> which offers a pathway to their <u>Doctor of Medicine</u>.

Macquarie also offer <u>double degrees</u> and <u>combined bachelor and master degrees</u> in many areas, meaning you can complete two qualifications in less time than it would take separately.

The academic year is split across two sessions, running roughly from mid-February to late-November, with a month-long break between sessions. They also offer an optional third session from early-December to early-January. Each session also includes around ten days of non-teaching. No classes are run over the Christmas and New Year period. You can view the academic calendar for the year here.

Courses at Macquarie are split into a 'Core Zone' and a 'Flexible Zone'. The Core Zone consists of pre-selected units that must be completed as part of your chosen degree. The Flexible Zone consists of units that can be chosen from any study discipline. Units can be studied in any order, provided you meet any prerequisites.

Accommodation & Living

Macquarie currently have one university-owned accommodation option on-campus, as well as three non-university colleges on-campus. There are also three other privately-owned accommodation options close to campus.

Sizes vary from studio to multi-bedroom options. 2023 prices vary from between \$240 to \$700 per person per week, depending on size and location. The fees for all accommodation options include utility bills — electricity, water, and internet access. All options include furnishings. Non-university colleges have catering options. Many options include additional facilities, such as laundries, sporting facilities, dedicated support services, student clubs, study areas, special events, and more.

Macquarie does not currently offer guaranteed accommodation.

Contracts are offered on 12-month terms. Students must reapply for accommodation at the end of their contract.

You can see all accommodation options and application processes here.

Living off campus in Sydney can get quite expensive (the <u>current median rental price</u> for an apartment in Macquarie Park is \$550 per week), and rental options are generally highly competitive. More affordable options further away can mean a long travel time to and from campus.

Campus & Teaching Facilities

There is a variety of cafés and restaurants on the Wallumattagal campus. Other facilities include sport and fitness centres, childcare facilities, museums, galleries, and a private hospital and health clinics (which are also





used for teaching and research). There are ample parks and green spaces across campus too. The Wallumattagal campus is home to the state-of-the-art Macquarie University Library, which features a robotic item retrieval system, several study spaces, access to computers, and printing services. Macquarie are currently in the process of building a purpose-built Law School on the Wallumattagal campus, expected to be completed in late 2023.

Student Support

UTAS offer a variety of student support services, ranging from study, disability, LGBTQIA+, career, and support for Indigenous students. All of this information is easy to find and access on their website here.

They also offer several safety and security services across campus.

Industry Partnerships

Each undergraduate degree at Macquarie includes a <u>Professional and Community Engagement</u> (PACE) unit, where you will engage in a practical learning opportunity with a real organisation.

Their <u>cooperative education program</u> includes built-in placements as part of your degree, as well as access to exclusive mentoring and networking events.

Many of their degrees have been <u>designed in close consultation with industry partners</u> (including companies like Adobe, Fujitsu, and Deloitte), giving you access to the latest career and industry insights.

Information Accessibility

Macquarie's website is modern and easy to navigate. It has a handy search function, and essential information about courses, scholarships, and support options are easy to find.

Tours & Information Sessions

You can book an in-person campus tour or virtually tour the facilities at the Wallumattagal campus <u>here</u>. Macquarie run both online and on-campus information events for future students occasionally throughout the year. You can view the upcoming calendar of events <u>here</u>.

Next Steps

If you're interested in study at Macquarie University and want to find out more information, the best way to do this is to contact them, either by phone on 02 9850 6767, or by booking a 30-minute <u>personal consultation</u>. Macquarie also run one <u>Open Day</u> a year, currently scheduled for 12 August 2023.

Here's How You Can Combine Study With Exercise

When you're feeling bogged down with school work, finding the time to balance both study and fitness can be tricky. But it's important to prioritise both, as they contribute to your wellbeing and success. To help you make the most of your time and achieve a healthy work-life balance, we've come up with three effective ways you can combine study and exercise. These methods will not only help you maintain an active lifestyle, but also improve your focus during study sessions.

Take active study breaks

Incorporate short, physical activities during your study breaks to help refresh your mind and energise your body. For instance, you could try doing a quick 10-minute yoga session, taking the dog for a short walk, or even dancing to your favourite song. These activities help increase blood flow to your brain, promoting better focus and retention when you return to your studies.

Listen to audiobooks and podcasts

Use your exercise time to listen to audiobooks or podcasts related to your studies. This allows you to absorb new information while engaging in physical activities such as jogging, cycling, or walking. Plus, the combination of exercise and learning can help enhance memory retention, and make your study (or exercise) experience



more enjoyable.



Start an active study group

Organise a study group with your friends that incorporates physical activities into your study sessions. For example, you could have a short discussion about a specific topic while walking, or take breaks to play team sports like basketball or soccer. This approach will enable you to combine social interaction with both learning and exercise, making it more engaging and fun.

You can find more study and wellbeing tips on our website here.

3 Benefits of Studying Overseas

Pursuing higher education at an overseas university can be a transformative experience, offering you a wealth of opportunities to expand your horizons, both personally and professionally. If you're thinking about studying abroad, there are several compelling reasons to take the leap and embark on this exciting journey. We've provided some of the benefits of studying overseas you might like to take a look at.

Cultural immersion and global mindset

Studying abroad exposes you to different cultures, customs, and ways of thinking, which can contribute to personal growth and enhance your adaptability. You will have the opportunity to interact with people from diverse backgrounds, learn new languages, and experience a different educational system. This cultural immersion can also help you develop a more global mindset, something that is highly valuable in today's interconnected world.

Access to specialised courses or research opportunities

Overseas universities might offer unique programs or research opportunities that aren't available at home. For instance, if you're interested in sustainable urban planning, you might choose to study at a university in the Netherlands, a country known for its innovative approaches to urban design, cycling infrastructure, and water management. You could gain first-hand exposure to cutting-edge practices and techniques that could be applied back at home, and become a leader in your field.

Expanding professional networks and career opportunities

Studying abroad can significantly expand your professional network and open up new career opportunities. For example, pursuing a business degree in the United States can give you access to internships at multinational corporations, or opportunities to collaborate with professionals from various industries. Upon returning home, this international experience and the connections made during your studies can give you an edge in the job market and potentially lead to more diverse career options.

Want to find out more about your study options and opportunities? Take a look at our website here.

The Careers Clusters in a library

Libraries are important community hubs that provide a variety of services. They lend out many more resources than just books, including DVDs, CDs, magazines, comics, music scores, instruments, toys, game consoles, and even digital files like e-books, audiobooks, music, and videos. They also provide free and low-cost education and entertainment for communities through workshops, classes, and short courses. Libraries can also offer access to computers, internet, printers, photocopiers, and other technology people need that they may not have access to at home.





While every library is different, they tend to have a few things in common:

- 1. Accessible to everyone you will be talking to and interacting with people from all walks of life, so good people skills are key.
- 2. They're not always quiet libraries often host events, workshops, and classes, so there's always lots of variety.
- 3. Lots of indoor work most of the work in libraries is done inside, though they can also have some outdoor spaces too.

Key Outcome - providing access to books and other resources

The main purpose of libraries is to provide public access to a wide variety of knowledge, resources, and support.

Key Tasks -

- Answer questions and help people find what they need
- Sort, maintain, and grow collections
- Design and run workshops and classes
- Keep spaces clean and accessible to all

Industry

You can find libraries in the education and community services industry

There are lots of different kinds of libraries, including ones attached to schools and universities, public libraries, government libraries, and even specialised academic and research libraries.

Work Environment

You can expect regular hours and on-site work in a range of locations

Regular hours | Work on-site | Jobs in all locations, including metro, regional, and rural | Moderate job growth

Libraries can have different opening hours depending on the services they offer – some are open from the usual 9 to 5, some are open in the evenings, and some are open 24/7. Combined with a high share of part-time work availability, this means there is lots of flexibility with your working hours.

A lot of the work in libraries needs to be done hands-on, but there are some roles that can be done from home, mainly in admin.

You'll find libraries across the country, including in regional and rural areas. Most towns and cities have a public library, and there are often libraries attached to schools and other educational institutions.

The Career Clusters you'll find in a library

People from all the Clusters are needed for a library to run successfully, and many workers will find themselves doing jobs across more than one Cluster.

The role of a Maker in a library

Makers are responsible for maintaining and repairing the physical parts of the library, as well as keeping it clean and tidy for patrons. They also need people to maintain their large digital databases and networks, as well as ensure computers and other systems keep running smoothly.

- IT & Systems Technicians
- Cleaners
- Maintenance Workers





The Linkers in libraries provide services for people in need (for example, they may help elderly people to use computers or people who don't speak English well to fill out important forms), and assist with checking materials in and out. They also need people to run the library's social media accounts and keep the website updated, as well as promote their events and workshops.

- Community Services Workers
- Library Technicians
- Social Media Manager
- Marketing Manager

The role of a Coordinator in a library

Coordinators in libraries are responsible for cataloguing and sorting the library's collection and overseeing the acquisition of new items. They may also review the services and items on offer and ensure they are keeping up with the needs of the community. They are also usually the people in charge of budgets and expenses, as well as overseeing the hiring of other staff.

- Collection Developers/Archivists
- Accounts Officers
- Payroll Officers

Where do you find Informers in a library?

You'll often find Informers in libraries helping people learn how to use the library's systems and services. They might also conduct workshops or classes. Informers can even perform research on request, helping to locate a specific item or piece of information, or track down historical records.

- Librarians
- Researchers
- Teachers/Educators

What types of Innovators work in a library?

Innovators in libraries are responsible for developing new programs to engage the community and foster a love of learning and reading. They might also develop new methods of storing and sorting data to make it easier for staff and the public to access. Innovators also design the layout and interior of a library, maximising space and accessibility.

- Program Developers
- Software Developers
- Interior Designers

How do Guardians work in a library?

Guardians in libraries include the people who keep the place safe and secure, ensuring all visitors are comfortable. They may also need people to assist in minor emergencies, and make sure that staff have a safe working environment.

- Security Guard
- First Aid Officers
- Workplace Health & Safety Officers

How do we expect working in a library to change in the future?

Libraries have already become much more digitised over the last decade or two, and will continue to provide lots of services and resources in the online space. People can now access library collections and ask questions





without even needing to leave the house.

Despite this, libraries still remain an important space for people who have limited access to technology, or those who need assistance using technology, as well as being important for fostering a sense of community. So it is likely that libraries will continue to maintain a physical presence well into the future.

How to become an Interior Designer

Interior Designers plan, design and coordinate the creation or renovation of spaces to live or work in, incorporating individual clients' tastes, as well as functional purpose, into their designs (and budgets). They use elements of design, decoration, safety, traffic flow, building structure, building codes, ergonomics, spatial concepts, and psychology to complete a project.

Interior designers may be self-employed or work for design and architectural firms. The job often involves collaborating with architects, builders, cabinet makers and other tradespeople, engineers and design consultants. Fields of specialisation include commercial interior design, industrial design, environmentally-friendly and ergonomic design, as well as film set design and construction.

If you love decorating rooms and positioning furniture, and have a great eye for detail, colour and spatial arrangements, a career in interior design could be perfect for you.

About you:

- Excellent communication skills
- Creative and artistic
- Good at problem-solving and lateral thinking
- Works well independently and as part of a team
- Aptitude for technical drawing and illustration
- Spatial planning skills
- Project management skills
- Knowledge of industry standard design software

The job:

- Meeting with clients, architects and tradespeople to discuss the needs of the client
- Developing designs that meet the brief, are functional, appealing and appropriate for the space
- Incorporate building safety, planning, and other legal requirements
- Use design software to create models and visuals
- Prepare and administer tenders and contract documents
- Research and prepare plans, diagrams and sketches for interior constructions, materials, finishes, lighting and furnishing
- Select suppliers for materials and labour
- Estimate costs and submit quotes for client approval
- Inspect and supervise on-going work to ensure quality and safety standards, costs and deadlines are met
- Design exhibitions, commercial display stands or stage, film and television production sets

Lifestyle Impact: Low

- Part Time opportunities: Moderate around 37% of Interior Designers work part-time (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 45 hours a week, which is just above average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- Interior Designers' salary (average) \$55,640* per year (source: ato.gov.au). *Salaries greatly vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Very strong (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).





• You will be doing most of your work indoors.

Interior Designers are most in demand in these locations:

Most work for Interior Designers is found in capital cities and larger metropolitan areas. Most Interior Designers work in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry.

How to become an Interior Designer in Australia

A VET or university qualification in applied design, interior design, interior architecture, or spatial design is the most common pathway.

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a focus on English, Maths, and Arts or Design.

Step 2 – Complete a relevant VET course to build on your skills and experience, such as:

- Certificate III in Design Fundamentals
- Diploma of Interior Design

There are also lots of short courses and workshops you can take.

Step 3 – Consider upskilling with an undergraduate level degree in design to consolidate your knowledge and make yourself more attractive to potential employers.

Step 4 – Start working as an Interior Designer, either freelance or as part of a design firm or business.

Step 5 – Once you have lots of experience, consider starting your own business.

Find out more here –

https://www.design.org.au/

http://australiandesignalliance.com/





Similar Careers to Interior Designer

Graphic Designer
Visual Merchandiser
Architect
Curator
Fashion Designer
Jewellery Designer
Landscape Designer

Find out more about alternative <u>careers</u>.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What options are there for career progression?

You might start out working for someone else as part of a business or firm, before moving on to work freelance. With enough experience you might even like to start up your own business.

Do I need to go to university to become an Interior Designer?

Not necessarily – VET qualifications can be suitable. However, you might be able to access a wider variety of opportunities if you have a university-level qualification.

Where do Interior Designers work?

Interior Designers usually work in offices and design firms. You might also get the chance to travel to clients' homes to inspect the area in person too.

What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become an Interior Designer?

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

- 1. Start taking short courses and workshops to build on your design skills. There are lots of free and even online courses you can take.
- 2. See if you can find work experience in design. 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 an Interior Designer 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 design.

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