



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information.

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UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship Information Webinar

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: Online

Date: June 6, 2025

The UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship is open to school leavers from across Australia interested in studying humanities in 2026, and provides up to 30 full-time enrolled students approximately \$20,000 per year for the first 3 years of the Western Civilisation program.

Join UQ for a webinar to:

- learn more about the scholarship requirements and application dates
- explore UQ's programs in Western Civilisation.

[Find out more and register](#)

Online Campus Day

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Online

Date: June 7, 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](#)



Next Week's Events

Music Audition Information Session

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 10, 2025

Join us at our Music Audition Information Session on 10 June. We encourage you to take this opportunity to receive tailored advice from our academic staff and gain valuable insights about your audition, which is a crucial element to your application to study at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

At this online event, you'll hear from Professor Matthew Hindson, Deputy Head of School, Deputy Dean, Associate Dean (Education).

Don't miss this opportunity to discover where study at the Con could take you, and how to make your audition shine.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 Info Evening: Your Journey to UNSW, Online

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: June 10, 2025

Your journey to UNSW starts here. To help you prepare, join us at our Year 12 Info Evenings to learn about admission pathways, scholarship tips and more. You'll also hear from current UNSW students about uni life and how classes work.

We will cover the following key areas:

- Choosing your dream degree at UNSW & UAC preferencing 101
- Pathways to UNSW: Gateway Admissions Pathway
- Pathways to UNSW: Nura Gili
- Pathways to UNSW: UNSW College
- Scholarships
- Co-Op Program
- Hear from current UNSW students with Q&A style

[Find out more and register](#)

Study Environmental Engineering at the University of Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 11, 2025

Join our webinar to learn about our Bachelor of Engineering Honours (Environmental Engineering).

If you want to develop solutions to minimise chemical emissions, air pollution control or global warming, environmental engineering is for you. Gain the skills to reduce the carbon footprint of manufacturing processes and choose to specialise in advanced water treatment and purification technologies, energy optimisation, or geotechnical engineering.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 Information Evening Online

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 11, 2025

Join us online for an exclusive information evening for Year 12 students and their caregivers to answer all your questions about joining the vibrant Sydney University community next year.

Hear from our expert staff to learn about university entry, scholarships, study options, accommodation options, interstate-specific information and more.



Get expert advice on entry requirements and the application process from UAC and the Sydney Future Students team.

Discover the exciting journey that awaits you as a current student shares their own journey to university and their University of Sydney experience.

Have your questions answered during the live Q&A at the end of the session.

[Find out more and register](#)

Parents and Carers Info Session – Port Macquarie

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Port Macquarie TBC

Date: June 11, 2025

If you have a child who is currently completing senior studies, come visit us for our Parents and Carers Info Session. Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to hear from University staff and current students, with a presentation touching on areas such as:

- Our different entry schemes, such as the Early Entry Program, Schools Recommendation Scheme & Year 12 Subject Spotlight
- Our campus locations, accommodation, scholarships and more
- Student experience and support services available

Following this, there will be an opportunity for Q&As if you had any specific inquiries.

[Find out more and register](#)

Applying to UTS: Early Entry Program Info Session

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 11, 2025

Thinking of applying to UTS via our Early Entry Program?

Learn how the UTS Early Entry Program can help you secure your place at UTS before final exams – even if you're still exploring your options.

[Find out more and register](#)

Parents and Carers Info Session – Coffs Harbour

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Coffs Harbour TBC

Date: June 12, 2025

If you have a child who is currently completing senior studies, come visit us for our Parents and Carers Info Session. Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to hear from University staff and current students, with a presentation touching on areas such as:

- Our different entry schemes, such as the Early Entry Program, Schools Recommendation Scheme & Year 12 Subject Spotlight
- Our campus locations, accommodation, scholarships and more
- Student experience and support services available

Following this, there will be an opportunity for Q&As if you had any specific inquiries.

[Find out more and register](#)

Meet the University of Sydney – Orange

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: The Hotel Canobolas

Date: June 12, 2025

Join us for an information evening to find out about the University of Sydney!

Learn about our Regional and Remote Entry Scheme and MySydney Scheme.



The session will also cover information about courses, admission requirements, entry schemes/pathways, fees, scholarships and accommodation, as well as the type of support available on campus. Uni students and alumni from Regional NSW will share stories, tips on moving away from home and advice about their journey to university and beyond.

You'll also get the chance to speak with staff and students and have your questions answered.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 Info Evening: Your Journey to UNSW

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW Kensington Campus

Date: June 12, 2025

Discover your unique journey to uni and how to get there.

We'll cover how to preference your dream degree in UAC, scholarship application tips and tricks, and how you can show you are more than just your ATAR.

You'll also get a real taste of uni life! Hear firsthand from current UNSW students, and enjoy an evening of conversations with Industry Partners and UNSW faculty members.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 Gadigal Open Night

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Sydney Camperdown Campus

Date: June 12, 2025

Thinking about uni? Come along to our Gadigal Open Night!

We're inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 along to a special evening at the University of Sydney. Bring along your parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings for a yarn, a feed, and a warm welcome at the Gadigal Centre.

This is your chance to experience our vibrant community, explore your options, and get the info you need to take your next steps.

[Find out more and register](#)

Campus Tours – June

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: UON Campuses

Date: June 13, 2025

Let our Student Ambassadors show you some of our must-see teaching and learning spaces, their favourite study spots, and of course - where to get the best coffee on campus. Not only will you get a personalised tour, but an opportunity to ask as many questions as you have about what uni life is really like!

Please be advised that:

- If you are interested in a Campus Tour of both the Newcastle and Central Coast campuses, you will need to register for two different tour dates.
- Campus Tours of Callaghan, NUSpace and the Q Building can occur on the same day.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025

Organisation: National Institute of Dramatic Arts

Location: NIDA Sydney Campus & Online

Date: June 14, 2025

Interested in studying at NIDA, or curious about what goes on behind the National Institute of Dramatic Arts? NIDA Open Day is the perfect opportunity to visit the campus and get a taste of the NIDA experience.

Whether you want to perform on stage or be behind the scenes, you can learn about all NIDA's course offerings, meet alumni and current students, observe classroom activities, check out students' creative work in costume,



make-up, design and much more, as well as find answers to your questions, get tips for your application, chat to our expert teaching staff and join the audience for live student productions.

At Open Day, you'll get a sense of what life at NIDA is really like, and where a future in the dramatic arts can take you.

[Find out more and register](#)

EngFest 2025

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Bathurst Campus

Date: June 16, 2025

EngFest is Charles Sturt's annual celebration of civil engineering, with exhibitions and presentations of student works and research, school visits and information sessions, a careers expo, industry networking, professional development events and more.

It brings together students, cadet and professional civil engineers, researchers, representatives of Engineers Australia, interested members of the public and school students.

[Find out more and register](#)

Elevate Program: Applicant Information Session

Organisation: Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering

Location: Online

Date: June 16, 2025

Applications are open for the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences & Engineering's [Elevate: Boosting diversity in STEM program](#). The Elevate program aims to address gender inequities in STEM through fostering more industry-academia collaborations in applied research and business, growing professional skills of women and non-binary people in STEM and propelling women and non-binary people into leadership.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program and applying for the 2026 intake is invited to join ATSE for a public online information session.

The session will be accessible, with live captions, and an ASL interpreter. Event recordings will be made publicly available after the event on ATSE's YouTube channel.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 10 Subject Selection Webinar

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: Online

Date: June 16, 2025

Hosted by the UOW Schools Engagement Team, this webinar is designed to guide Year 10 students and their families through subject selection for Years 11 and 12.

In this session, we'll cover pre-requisites, assumed knowledge, ATAR considerations, and the importance of Year 11 in preparing for university. You'll also hear from experts at UOW, along with a representative from the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC), who will provide valuable insights into UAC, the ATAR, and the steps to applying for university entry.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 Regional Gadigal Open Night

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: School of Rural Health, Dubbo

Date: June 19, 2025

Thinking about uni? Come along to our Regional Gadigal Open Night!

We're inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 along to a special evening at USYD's School of Rural Health, Dubbo. Bring along your parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings for a yarn, a feed, and a warm welcome to the University of Sydney.



This is your chance to experience our vibrant community, explore your options, and get the info you need to take your next steps.

[Find out more and register](#)

Sydney Open Campus 2025

Organisation: The Hotel School

Location: The Hotel School Sydney Campus

Date: June 21, 2025

Join us for an inspiring day at The Hotel School Australia's Open Campus, where you'll experience student life first hand through an exclusive Masterclass, hear from a special industry guest speaker, meet our academic and support teams, explore course options, and discover career pathways with our Professional Learning team. You'll also have the chance to connect with current students and fellow attendees - all while enjoying light refreshments.

Whether you're a high school student, considering a transfer, or exploring new opportunities, this event is the perfect way to take the next step.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: June 21, 2025

Join us for Open Day, and experience everything AIM has to offer. Register to save your spot today!

See our campus, get course advice, experience live performances, meet our academics and students, and get involved in activities that will give you a taste of student life here at AIM.

Whether you're ready to study now, or in five years, Open Day is open to all and a fantastic opportunity to discover how the Australian Institute of Music can help turn your passion for music into a career.

[Find out more and register](#)

UTS Tech Fest

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: UTS City Campus

Date: June 23 to July 4, 2025

Are you a high school student dreaming of a career in tech? Come and feed your curiosity at Tech Fest.

- Explore the study and career possibilities in Engineering and IT. Whether it's cybersecurity, civil engineering, robotics, or artificial intelligence, see the exciting opportunities in these areas and how you can be part of the next big thing!
- Hear from current students about their study journeys and career aspirations. Get an insight into the life of an engineering or IT student at UTS and discover the student societies you could join.
- We'll take you behind the scenes with exclusive lab tours. See how cutting-edge tech brings new ideas to life.

[Find out more and register](#)

PwC Early Careers Recruitment Expo

Organisation: PwC

Location: Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney & Perth

Date: June 24 to June 25, 2025

Get ready to explore a career with PwC and discover firsthand what working with us is all about. We're hosting an exclusive event just for high school students, parents and educators to help students navigate where they'll fit across PwC. Secure your spot now and join us for this unique opportunity.

Here's what to expect from the expo:

- Hear from leaders who have walked in your shoes
- Meet our people who have gone through our Early Careers Programs
- Get application ready with key insights and top tips



- Tackle real case studies and put your skills to the test
- Learn how to craft a standout CV
- Find out everything you need to know about our Programs
- Get an all-access pass into our offices, see what it would be like if you worked with us
- Take home exclusive PwC goodies

Alongside getting to know our people, we want to get to know you too! This is your chance to showcase your skills in person and stand out.

Event dates

Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney - 24 June 2025, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Perth - 25 June 2025, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Expressions of interest to attend close 13 June 2025.

[Find out more and register](#)

Discover Nursing

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: UTS City Campus

Date: June 25, 2025

Are you planning to start your nursing studies in 2026?

Discover how you can become a Registered Nurse at Australia's #1 uni for academic reputation in nursing and midwifery.

Hear about diverse nursing careers from industry speakers, meet our academic teachers & ask current students about the UTS Bachelor of Nursing. Tour our world-class clinical facilities and explore your future campus!

[Find out more and register](#)

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2025

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: Sydney Olympic Park

Date: June 26 to June 28, 2025

The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2025 will be held on Thursday 26 June, Friday 27 June and Saturday 28 June, 9am-3pm at Sydney Olympic Park.

On Thursday and Friday, students can attend seminars on subjects including English and Maths plus presentations on subject selection for Year 10 students, information on applying through UAC and the ATAR. Seating at the seminars is on a first come, first served basis.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Wollongong

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Wollongong Campus

Date: June 28, 2025

The University of Wollongong (UOW) Open Day is the perfect opportunity to visit our amazing Wollongong campus, speak with our staff and students, and see why UOW is ranked as one of the best universities for student experience.

Whether you are looking at your next steps after Year 12, or you finished school some time ago and are looking for a pathway into university, Open Day is for you.

[Find out more and register](#)

2025 STEM-Sell

Organisation: The Engineering Link Group

Location: WestConnex Motorway Control Centre

Date: July 1 to July 2, 2025



The Engineering Link Group's STEM-Sell program is designed for Year 8 and 9 students. This engaging, low-stakes competition allows teams of three students from each school to complete an engineering challenge. Hosted either at a venue nominated by the sponsor or at a local high school, the program provides a unique opportunity for students to explore the exciting world of engineering.

Due to the demand in 2024, we are offering two separate days. Schools are encouraged to register for one day only. The program on both days is the same.

Date: Tuesday 1st July **OR** Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Time: 9.15 am to 2.15 pm

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: WSU Parramatta South Campus

Date: July 6, 2025

Open Day will be held Sunday, 6 July 2025 and is a great opportunity to discover all that Western has to offer.

Explore course options, meet academics and find out about our pathway options.

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Dance Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Performing Arts Centre Alexandria

Date: July 7, 2025

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites dancers to join us on campus for a day of dance. Register and bring your friends along and get ready to move!

Dancers will have a chance to participate in contemporary & improvisation classes facilitated by AMPA's inspiring faculty and experience what studying dance full-time is like at AMPA. A Q&A with the program's Head of Dance will allow aspiring dancers, choreographers, and dance teachers, to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit their future careers.

[Find out more and register](#)

NAS Winter School

Organisation: National Art School

Location: National Art School

Date: July 7 to July 11, 2025

NAS' short courses are for students of all levels of experience, from beginners to intermediate and advanced.

Whether you're a complete beginner, reigniting former interests, or refining your practice, you'll enjoy this immersive week of artmaking at NAS.

[Find out more and register](#)

Holiday Workshop – The Art of Lyrics, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: July 7 to July 8, 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: July 7 to July 8, 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.

Learn, practice and perform contemporary and classic pop, rock and soul tunes, under the expertise of Australia's leading music mentors.

[Find out more and register](#)

Campion Winter Program

Organisation: Campion College

Location: Campion College Toongabbie

Date: July 8 to July 11, 2025

Join us for Winter Program, a unique opportunity designed for Year 11 and 12 students who are earnestly contemplating enrolment at Campion College in 2026 or 2027.

Our immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. We have a fun-filled schedule including a bonfire night, movies, trivia, dancing and sports, as well as sample lectures from our history, literature, philosophy, theology and classics professors.

Given the specialised nature of this program, we have limited spots available to ensure a focused and enriching experience. We encourage interested parties to take a moment to seriously consider if this program aligns with their aspirations before registering.

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Music Theatre Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Surry Hills Campus

Date: July 9, 2025

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites aspiring Music Theatre majors aged 16 and over to join us on campus for a day of music!

Attendees will have the chance to sit in on a performance class, participate in workshops/Q&As facilitated by AMPA's music faculty and experience what studying music is like at AMPA. Experience a day in the life of an AMPA music student to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit your future.

[Find out more and register](#)

Designer for a Day Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School, North Sydney

Date: July 9, 2025

Curious about what it might be like to work as an Interior Designer? We have developed the perfect one day workshop for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to find out more. You'll get hands on in our studios experimenting with colour and materials. Find out what it takes to become a professional Interior Designer and understand what an average day looks like on the job! We've included a 3D modelling activity to give you an opportunity to create an interior space.

[Find out more and register](#)



Event Creation: The Ultimate High School Workshop

Organisation: International College of Management Sydney

Location: ICMS Sydney

Date: July 10, 2025

Join us for an exciting hands-on workshop where you'll dive into the world of event planning! Whether you dream of organising epic school formals, unforgettable parties, or community events, this workshop is your chance to learn the ins and outs of creating experiences that leave a lasting impression.

[Find out more and register](#)

HSC Masterclass – School Holiday Workshop

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: July 11 to July 12, 2025

AIM's HSC Performance Workshop is designed exclusively for Year 12 Music 1 and 2 students who are interested in improving and polishing their performance works for their assessments, trial performances and HSC.

During this workshop, you will be broken up into specialised Masterclasses to workshop your HSC performance material with an expert instrumentalist in your chosen style. Together you will focus on important musical parameters based on performance characteristics and the concepts of music.

You will perform the material studied in your Masterclass and receive feedback from experienced HSC teachers and music experts. This session also covers issues such as performance anxiety and developing focus under stress, delivered by AIM's experienced lecturers.

In addition, AIM staff will provide advice on examination ensembles, performance material, scores, and parts, and provide advice on booking accompanying musicians for performance examinations.

[Find out more and register](#)

NYSF STEM Hub, Sydney

Organisation: National Youth Science Forum

Location: Sydney

Date: July 14 to July 18, 2025

A STEM Hub is a non-residential STEM experience where you can connect with STEM pathways and careers around Australia. You'll join exclusive behind-the-scenes experiences typically inaccessible to the public and connect with STEM professionals—a crucial networking opportunity for your future.

Whether you're passionate about robotics, biomedicine, astronomy, biology, or anything in between, there's a STEM Hub waiting to show you what a STEM career is really like!

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Classical Performance & Composition Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Surry Hills Campus

Date: July 14, 2025

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites aspiring Classical musicians and Composers aged 16 and over to join us on campus for a day of music!

Attendees will have the chance to sit in on a performance class, participate in workshops/Q&As facilitated by AMPA's music faculty and experience what studying music is like at AMPA. Experience a day in the life of an AMPA music student to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit your future.

[Find out more and register](#)

Quantum Future Talent: Open Day and Careers Fair

Organisation: Sydney Quantum Academy

Location: Sydney Masonic Centre

Date: July 15, 2025

Discover where quantum can take you.



The Sydney Quantum Academy is hosting Quantum Future Talent: Open Day & Careers Fair to provide information and guidance on study and career pathways in quantum science and technology.

The event is divided into two sessions: a morning session for high school and undergraduate students, parents, and career advisors, introducing quantum science, study options, and scholarship opportunities; and an afternoon session for final-year undergraduates, postgraduates, PhD candidates, and early-career researchers, offering opportunities to connect with universities and employers and learn about internships, scholarships, and career options in the quantum sector.

This event supports individuals at different stages of their education and career planning by providing access to relevant information, resources, and connections within Australia's growing quantum technology sector.

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Contemporary Music Performance & Music Production Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Surry Hills Campus

Date: July 17, 2025

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites aspiring contemporary musicians and music creators aged 16 and over to join us on campus for a day of music!

Attendees will have the chance to sit in on a performance class, participate in workshops/Q&As facilitated by AMPA's music faculty and experience what studying music is like at AMPA. Experience a day in the life of an AMPA music student to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit your future.

[Find out more and register](#)

Building Your Fashion Empire: From Vision to Vogue

Organisation: International College of Management Sydney

Location: ICMS Sydney

Date: July 17, 2025

Designed for high school students, this hands-on workshop is your chance to dive into the exciting world of fashion and global brand management. Through expert insights and practical exercises, you'll learn how to craft a unique brand identity, understand your target audience, and master key marketing strategies.

[Find out more and register](#)

This is MUSIC@WESTERN

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: WSU Kingswood Campus

Date: July 18, 2025

Interested in studying MUSIC@WESTERN? Whether you are a player, a maker, or just interested to see what we do? This is MUSIC@WESTERN day.

See our current students perform. Engage in performance, production and career workshops. Have lunch (on us) with staff and students, parents and teachers.

Everyone is welcome!

After lunch you are invited to interview for course entry. Interviews from 1pm. Get an early offer for 2026.

[Find out more and register](#)

2025 NYSF National Youth STEM Summit

Organisation: National Youth Science Forum

Location: Melbourne

Date: July 19 to July 21, 2025

Returning in 2025, the National Youth STEM Summit is an exclusive three-day conference-style event specifically designed to help you smash your study goals and secure your dream job.

The program boasts a diverse range of sessions, including:

- Keynote presentations from some of Australia's foremost STEM leaders



- Panel discussions exploring a range of topics, disciplines, and study and career pathways
- Workshops that offer practical strategies to help you thrive in your studies and/or career
- Networking opportunities to connect with like-minded peers and key government, industry and academic professionals

This Summit is aimed at young people between 18-25 who have completed high school and are making decisions about their futures in STEM.

Registrations will open in mid-April, and equity pricing is available for individuals who are full-time students, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders, from rural or remote regions, have a disability, or are experiencing financial hardship.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Technology

Location: AIT Sydney Campus

Date: July 19, 2025

AIT's Open Day is perfect for those wanting to explore the endless opportunities available in the growing creative industries and to get your questions answered for the Feb 2026 intake.

On the day you'll enjoy:

- Exploring the Careers and Courses: Discover our degrees plus insights into careers and study paths.
- Our Hands-On Creative Workshops: Watch live demos led by our expert educators
- A Guided Campus Tour: Explore our campus and the state-of-the-art facilities
- Discovering Our Facilities: Experience our well equipped Post Production Studio and Green Screen Room
- Chatting with Our Experts: Engage with course advisors, educators and current students to have all your questions answered.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Liverpool

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Liverpool Campus

Date: July 26, 2025

The University of Wollongong (UOW) Open Day is the perfect opportunity to visit our Liverpool campus, speak with our staff and students, and see why UOW is ranked as one of the best universities for student experience.

Whether you are looking at your next steps after Year 12, or you finished school some time ago and are looking for a pathway into university, Open Day is for you.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Blacktown

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Blacktown Campus

Date: July 26, 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.

[Find out more and register](#)

Northern Rivers Careers Expo 2025

Organisation: Connect Northern Rivers

Location: Lismore Showgrounds

Date: July 29, 2025

Held annually in July, the Northern Rivers Careers Expo is the region's premier careers event. Showcasing career advice, further education, jobs and training, it is an opportunity for local school leavers, job seekers and workers to develop genuine long-term career prospects.



Exhibitors include apprenticeship organisations, career pathway advisers, employers, tertiary education, training providers, universities and volunteer organisations. A one-stop-shop for anyone wanting to begin or grow their career.

[Find out more and register](#)

2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Central Coast

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Mingara Recreation Club

Date: July 29, 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](#)

2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Parramatta & Hills District

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Wenty Leagues

Date: August 5, 2025

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[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Wagga Wagga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Wagga Wagga Campus

Date: August 10, 2025

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Open Day 2025, Coffs Harbour

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Coffs Harbour Campus

Date: August 10, 2025

Open Day at Southern Cross University is a perfect opportunity to discover which courses spark your interest and the campus or study mode that works best for you.



Our friendly study specialists will be on hand to step you through the process of applying for your dream course and answer any questions you have about studying with us.

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Sydney Careers & Employment Expo 2025

Organisation: Kym Jones Exhibitions

Location: Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park

Date: August 15 to August 16, 2025

Sydney's Careers & Employment Event will open on August 15 & 16, 2025, at the Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park. The Expo will showcase over 120 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new opportunities.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie Wallumattagal Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

We can't wait to welcome you to our campus in 2025!

What you can do on Open Day:

- Attend an info session on some of our most popular degrees
- Speak with our academics about our degrees, majors and specialisations, and how they'll uniquely prepare you for your first career, or help you upskill or reskill if your career is already underway
- Learn about our scholarships, adjustment factors and pathways; and RPL (recognition of prior learning) if you've studied before
- Chat with current students about uni life
- Jump on a campus tour and check out our awesome facilities

Open Day is an experience made for (YOU)^{us}.

<https://youtu.be/uYH0yfYWQZY>

[Find out more and register](#)

Newcastle Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: UON, Callaghan & City Campuses

Date: August 16, 2025

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

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025

Organisation: International College of Management Sydney

Location: ICMS Manly Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

At the ICMS Open Day you will learn about all the degrees offered and discover why ICMS's personal mentoring approach could make all the difference to your future career success – and help you to make the most of your student years!

- Learn about Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degrees
- Attend Degree Course Briefings with Lecturers
- Get insights from Current Students
- Find out about Scholarships, Early Entry, the Leadership Entry Program and the Elite Athlete Program



- Learn about our Work Integrated Learning (Internship) Program
- Speak personally to Admissions

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP Sydney Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

Open Day is your chance to experience the ACAP difference, and find your path in the applied professions. Whether you're interested in Counselling, Psychology, Social Work, Criminology, Law, or Business, ACAP is your pathway to making a difference.

Be part of a workshop, meet our industry-renowned facilitators, and hear all about life as an ACAP student. Join us for a day of exploration and inspiration!

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Open Day 2025, Byron Bay

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP Byron Bay Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

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Open Day 2025, Byron Bay

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE Byron Bay Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

We're opening the doors to the campus for our biggest event of the year – Open Day!

Come and tour our facilities, speak to faculty members, meet current students, and find out everything you need to know about studying at SAE.

If you're considering studying creative media, come along to SAE's Open Day to speak to our experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry.

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Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe Sydney Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

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Open Day 2025, Northern Rivers

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Northern Rivers Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

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Open Day 2025, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

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Open Day 2025, Strathfield

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Strathfield Campus

Date: August 17, 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.

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Open Day 2025, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

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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.

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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.

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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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Central Coast Open Day 2025

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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

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.

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2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Sutherland Shire

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Tradies Gynea

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.
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- Enjoy featured entertainment by comedian Andy Saunders and talented musicians.

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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](#)

Open Day 2025, North Sydney

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU North Sydney Campus

Date: September 6, 2025

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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](#)

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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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.

[Find out more and register](#)

Deadly Pathways Festival Port Macquarie

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Port Macquarie Campus

Date: September 18, 2025



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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.

[Find out more and register](#)

2026 National Youth Science Forum Year 12 Program

Organisation: National Youth Science Forum

Location: ANU Acton Campus & UQ St Lucia Campus

Date: January 6 to January 21, 2026

Are you in Year 11 in 2025? Apply now to join us in January!

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Year 12 Program gives students that are about to start Year 12 a broader understanding of study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Staying on campus at university colleges, students are immersed in science and technology. Participants:

- participate in tours of science and technology facilities,
- learn about cutting-edge research,
- engage with industry partners and research providers,
- learn about university, training and STEM career pathways,
- mix with like-minded students their age from all over Australia,
- participate in social and team building activities, and
- network with former NYSF participants.

In January 2026, the NYSF Year 12 Program will run two summer sessions at:

- The Australian National University, Canberra (6 –14 January 2026)
- The University of Queensland, Brisbane (13 – 21 January 2026)

As part of the application process, any students experiencing financial hardship or another disadvantage that negatively impacts their ability to attend the program may apply for an [NYSF Access and Equity Scholarship](#).

We also encourage students to seek financial support from NYSF's founding partner, Rotary. Many Rotary Clubs are familiar with the NYSF and able to offer some level of funding or assist students to fundraise to attend. You can use the [Rotary Club Finder](#) to search for your local Club.

Applications close 20 June 2025. You will be advised of the outcome of your application by mid-August.

[Find out more and register](#)



Scholarships

Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$32,500 AUD

Open Date: July 28, 2025

Close Date: January 13, 2026

[Find out more](#)

AIQS Donald Napier Scholarships

Organisation: Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors

Location: Australia

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open Date: May 1, 2025

Close Date: October 1, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

2025 Newcastle Future Entrepreneurs Challenge

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Australia

Value: \$2,000 AUD

Open Date: May 5, 2025

Close Date: August 22, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

Subject Selection, University

Understanding the ATAR – Common questions answered

If you're not entirely sure how the ATAR system works, why you might need one, and how they're calculated, you're definitely not alone. The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (or ATAR) can seem confusing at first, but once you understand the basics, it all starts to make sense. Here are some of the most common questions answered and misconceptions about the ATAR busted.

What is an ATAR?

Your ATAR is a number between 0 and 99.95 that represents your overall academic achievement at high school compared to the rest of your cohort.

Here's the important bit: it *isn't* a "score" or a "mark", and it doesn't reflect your individual achievements in isolation - which is important to remember. Instead, it shows where you sit compared to everyone else who completed Year 12 in your state or territory.

Can you receive an ATAR of 100?

Nobody can receive an ATAR of 100, and that's because the ATAR is a rank (not a percentage or mark), measured in increments of 0.05.

The highest ATAR you could get is 99.95 - this signifies you performed better than 99.95% of students in your state, while an ATAR of 80.00 indicates that you sit in the top 20% of your cohort, and so on.



In order to receive a rank of 100, you need to score higher than 100% of your cohort...including yourself!

What's the lowest ATAR that you can get?

30.00 is the lowest ATAR reported. If you rank lower than that, your results will just say "30.00 or less".

Who needs an ATAR and why?

If you're in Year 12 and hoping to head to university straight out of high school, applying with your ATAR is the most straightforward way of receiving an offer.

This doesn't mean if you're not ATAR-eligible or receive a low ATAR that you can't go to university. It just means you might have to take a different pathway, and it could take a little longer.

ATARs can also be used as a guide of your performance at university, but it's not always an accurate reflection of how successful you're likely to be. For example, a student with an ATAR of 70.00 who is capable and motivated is more likely to do well in a course than a student with an ATAR of 90.00 who doesn't apply themselves.

How do institutions use the ATAR?

Universities often receive many more applications for courses than they have places available, so they need a way to work out who should be admitted first. This is typically done by setting a minimum selection rank (SR) for each course.

As a Year 12 student, your SR is based mostly on your ATAR - so if you receive an ATAR of 79, you know that your selection rank will definitely be at least 79 too (it could even be higher - we'll go into more detail on this soon).

Does your ATAR expire?

No - you can still use your ATAR to gain entry to university even if you graduated 20 years ago. This means you don't need to worry if you're thinking of taking a gap year or aren't sure if you want to head straight to university after school.

Most universities will use your [highest eligible ranked qualification](#) for entry. So, for example, if you go on to complete a Certificate IV qualification, you might also be able to use this for admission. Then once you've finished an undergraduate degree, you'll use that for admission if you want to study a postgraduate qualification, and so on.

How and when will I receive my ATAR?

ATARs are usually released in mid-December, just before TACs send out their first round of university offers to school leavers. You should receive an email from your state or territory's TAC or education department with information on how to view your results.

Top tip: Make sure that you register a personal email address instead of your school one, as you may lose access to your school emails once you graduate.

Who calculates the ATAR?

ATARs are calculated by Tertiary Admissions Centres (or TACs) for each state:

- [UAC](#) in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory
- [QTAC](#) in Queensland
- [VTAC](#) in Victoria
- [SATAC](#) in South Australia and the Northern Territory
- [TISC](#) in Western Australia
- [UTAS](#) in Tasmania

How is your ATAR calculated?

While exact calculations can vary a little between states, the process is similar everywhere:

- Your results from a set amount of your best subjects/units are taken (for example, in NSW your top 10 units are chosen - 2 of these must be from English).
- Your marks are then scaled - more about this next.
- Your scaled results are added together to give an aggregate number.



- Your aggregate results are compared with all other ATAR-eligible students, and your ATAR is based on where you sit in that comparison.

What is scaling?

Scaling is based on the idea that students shouldn't perform better or worse based on the subjects they choose. It accounts for differences between subjects and individual students' abilities to determine what your results would look like if everyone did the same subjects and were all marked the same way.

For example, trying to compare results from dance to physics is challenging. The scaling systems have been developed to iron out these differences so universities can assess applicants from a single source.

Can you increase your ATAR once you receive it?

Technically, no. You might have heard that some universities offer [adjustment factors](#) - but these are only used to calculate your selection rank, not actually change your ATAR.

So how do adjustment factors work if they don't increase your ATAR?

Adjustment factors are the bonus points added to your ATAR to calculate your selection rank. Each university calculates selection ranks individually, and your SR is only valid at that institution.

If you apply to multiple universities, you might find your selection rank is different at each - sometimes there are even differences in how adjustment factors are applied for different courses at the same university.

If you meet the minimum ATAR requirement, are you guaranteed entry?

While the ATAR is important, it's not the only thing universities look at. You might have to complete prerequisite subjects, attend an interview or audition, or provide a portfolio, for example.

Some courses also have caps on the number of students admitted each year (particularly for areas such as medicine, nursing, and other health sciences). This means it's possible you might not receive an offer, even if you meet - or exceed - the minimum ATAR requirement.

Do you need an ATAR to go to university?

Not necessarily - most universities offer alternative entry pathways into their courses. In fact, only around 1 in 4 students (26%) are admitted based on their ATAR alone. The other 74% gain entry using a combination of things, including their ATAR, adjustment factors, entry schemes, portfolios, auditions, interviews, school recommendations, and other additional tests.

Other entry pathways include undertaking bridging or foundation programs, completing a vocational course and applying for university down the track, or looking at other internal options to get you where you want to be.

The bottom line

Remember, your ATAR is just a number - it's not a measure of your worth, intelligence, or future success. Whether you receive the ATAR you were hoping for or not, there are always options available to help you reach your goals. Want to learn more about your study options after high school? You can find information about university courses, alternative pathways, and vocational education [on our website here](#).

People with Disability, Study Tips

Learning your way: Study tips for diverse learners in high school

High school can feel overwhelming at times for any student, but if you have a learning disability, ADHD, autism, or another condition that affects how you learn, the challenges might seem even bigger. The good news is that with the right strategies and support, you can absolutely thrive in high school and set yourself up for success in whatever comes next. Here are our study tips for diverse learners.

Understanding your learning style

One of the most powerful things you can do is understand how you learn best. Everyone processes information differently, but this is especially important when you have a disability that affects learning.



Maybe you're a [visual learner](#) who needs to see information in diagrams, charts, or colour-coded notes. Perhaps you learn better when you can move around or fidget while studying. Some students find they understand concepts better when they can discuss them out loud or teach someone else.

Take some time to reflect on when you feel most focused and engaged. Do you [concentrate](#) better in the morning or afternoon? Do you prefer quiet spaces or a bit of background noise? Understanding these preferences can help you create the best possible learning environment for yourself.

Building your support network

You don't have to navigate high school alone. Building a strong support network is crucial for your success, and there are more people willing to help than you might realise.

Support from your school

Start with your school's learning support team or disability services coordinator. These professionals are specifically trained to help students with disabilities succeed. They can help you access accommodations like extra time on tests, note-taking assistance, or alternative formats for assignments.

Support from your teachers

[Your teachers are also key allies](#). Don't be afraid to speak with them about your needs, they genuinely want to help their students succeed. If you're struggling with a particular subject or teaching style, have a conversation about what might work better for you.

Support from other students

Consider connecting with other students who have similar experiences. Many schools have support groups or clubs where you can meet peers who understand what you're going through. Sometimes just knowing you're not alone can make a huge difference.

Effective study strategies

Finding [study methods](#) that work with your brain, rather than against it, can transform your academic experience. Here are some approaches that many students with disabilities find helpful.

The Pomodoro Technique

The [Pomodoro Technique](#) can be particularly useful if you struggle with focus or attention. This involves studying for 25-minute periods followed by 5-minute breaks. It prevents burnout and makes large tasks feel more manageable.

Note-taking alternatives

If you have difficulty with traditional note-taking, try [alternatives](#) like mind mapping, voice recordings, or drawing diagrams. Some students find that creating visual summaries or using apps that convert speech to text can be game-changers.

Audiobooks

For those who struggle with reading, audiobooks and text-to-speech software can open up a whole world of learning. Many textbooks are available in audio format, and there are excellent free tools that can read web pages and documents aloud.

Active learning

[Active learning techniques](#) often work well for students with learning differences. Instead of just reading your notes, try explaining concepts to a friend, creating flashcards, or finding real-world examples of what you're studying.

Managing your time and staying organised

Organisation and [time management](#) can be particularly challenging when you have a disability, but developing these skills will serve you well throughout your life.



Use tools to help

Consider using digital tools to help keep track of assignments and deadlines. Many students find that having everything in one place – whether it's a smartphone app, computer program, or physical planner – reduces stress and helps prevent important tasks from slipping through the cracks.

Break things down

Break large projects into smaller, more manageable chunks. Instead of "write history essay," your to-do list might include "choose topic," "find three sources," "create outline," and "write introduction." This makes big tasks feel less overwhelming and gives you a sense of progress along the way.

Start a routine

Don't underestimate the power of routines. Having consistent daily and weekly routines could reduce the mental energy you need to spend on planning and decision-making, leaving more capacity for learning.

Communicating your needs

Learning to [advocate for yourself](#) is one of the most valuable skills you can develop. This means understanding your rights, knowing what accommodations help you learn best, and being able to communicate these needs clearly and confidently.

Be specific

When requesting accommodations, be specific about what you need and why it helps. Instead of saying, "I need extra time," try, "I need extra time because my processing speed is slower, and this accommodation allows me to demonstrate my knowledge without being limited by time pressure."

It's OK to ask for help

Remember that asking for help isn't a sign of weakness – it's a sign of maturity and self-awareness. The ability to recognise when you need support and seek it out appropriately is a skill that will benefit you throughout your education and career.

Preparing for your future

High school is not just about getting through each day – it's also about preparing for whatever comes next, whether that's university, vocational training, or entering the workforce directly.

Accommodations and support

Start thinking early about what accommodations and support you might need in your chosen post-school path. If you're planning to attend university, research the [disability support services](#) at institutions you're considering. Many offer excellent support, but services can vary significantly between schools.

If you're thinking about vocational training or apprenticeships, consider how your disability might affect different career paths and what accommodations might be available. Remember, there are successful people with disabilities in virtually every field – from medicine and law to trades and technology.

Build a portfolio

Consider developing a portfolio that showcases your strengths and achievements. This might include examples of creative problem-solving, leadership experiences, or projects you're particularly proud of. Your unique perspective and experiences can actually be significant assets in many careers.

Building confidence and resilience

Perhaps most importantly, work on building your confidence and resilience. Having a disability can sometimes make you more aware of your challenges than your strengths, but it's crucial to recognise and celebrate your abilities.



Track your success

Keep a record of your successes, both big and small. When you master a difficult concept, complete a challenging project, or help a classmate understand something, make note of it. These reminders can be invaluable in tough periods.

Don't be afraid to fail

Remember that everyone faces challenges and setbacks – having a disability doesn't make you any different in this regard. What matters is how you respond to these challenges and what you learn from them.

Look for role models

Consider finding role models who have disabilities and have achieved success in areas that interest you. Seeing others who have navigated similar challenges can be incredibly inspiring and help you envision your own future possibilities.

Making the most of available resources

There are many resources specifically designed to help students with disabilities succeed.

Assistive technology

Take advantage of assistive technology that can support your learning – from simple tools like coloured overlays for reading to sophisticated software that can help with writing and organisation.

Local support services

Many countries have specific programs and support services for students with disabilities. Research what's available in your area and don't hesitate to access these resources. They exist to help you succeed.

Advocacy organisations

Connect with disability advocacy organisations in your community or online. These groups often provide valuable information, support, and networking opportunities that can be helpful both now and in the future.

Remember your potential

High school might feel challenging now, but the skills you're developing – self-advocacy, problem-solving, resilience, and creative thinking – will serve you well throughout your life. Every challenge you overcome makes you stronger and better prepared for whatever comes next.

Your journey might look different from your classmates', but it's important to focus on your own progress, celebrate your achievements, and remember that success comes in many different forms.

We have lots more information on our website on [study tips](#) or [support for students with disabilities](#).

Job Spotlights

How to become a Genetic Counsellor

Genetic counsellors (also known as genomic counsellors) educate and guide individuals or families about genetic factors that might affect them or their loved ones. Their role is to help people understand the medical, psychological, and hereditary impact of genetic conditions, as well as advise them about their options and the outcomes that treatment might have.

If you're empathetic and kind, have excellent communication skills, and are passionate about helping people better understand their genetics, this could be the role for you.

What skills do I need as a genetic counsellor?

- Fantastic communicator
- Great interpersonal skills
- Critical thinker
- Empathetic & kind



- Strong research skills
- Inquisitive & adaptable
- Emotionally resilient
- Great social awareness

What does the job involve?

- Interviewing patients & researching family medical history
- Analysing & interpreting genetic tests & results
- Explaining results to patients & families
- Helping patients understand potential impacts
- Offering emotional support to patients
- Advising patients on treatments & outcomes
- Providing referrals to further support options
- Developing treatment plans with other healthcare workers

What industries do genetic counsellors typically work in?

- Health Care & Social Assistance
- Public Administration & Safety

What Career Cluster do genetic counsellors belong to?

Genetic counsellors are mainly [Guardians](#), interested in supporting people's health and wellbeing and willing to work hands-on with clients and patients.

They also have some overlap with the [Informer](#) Cluster, particularly when it comes to communicating and sharing knowledge.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

Many genetic counsellors work normal business hours, with only the occasional need for overtime, weekend, or holiday work. There are a few part-time opportunities available, but most genetic counsellors work full-time.

You will be doing most of your work indoors, typically in a healthcare setting - this could be in a hospital, private clinic, community health centre, research institution, or even medical laboratory.

Most genetic counsellors can expect to earn an above average salary throughout their careers.

How to become a genetic counsellor

In order to work as a genetic counsellor, you'll need to obtain an accredited Master's degree in Genetic Counselling, before applying for certification from the relevant board or authority in your country.

The certification process typically involves completing 2-3 years of on-the-job experience and passing an additional examination. To remain certified, you will need to engage in continuing professional development throughout your career.

There are many areas of genetics you might like to specialise in, such as reproduction, paediatric, oncology (cancer), neurology, or cardiovascular.

- Finish high school with a focus on English, Maths, and Sciences.
- Complete an undergraduate qualification - as part of your degree, it's recommended that you complete subjects in:
 - Genetics
 - Biology, biochemistry, or biomedical sciences
 - Psychology
- Gain professional or volunteer experience in healthcare, sciences, or counselling.
- Study an accredited Master's program in Genetic Counselling.
- Start working as a trainee/associate genetic counsellor.
- Apply for certification and register as a fully qualified genetic counsellor.
- Keep updating your skills and knowledge throughout your career.



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

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if becoming a genetic counsellor is right for you, here are a few things you could do right now:

- Start building important skills by doing volunteer work or participating in extra-curricular activities.
- See if you can find work experience in a healthcare setting. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
- Talk to a genetic counsellor 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 genetic counselling.

Where can I find more information?

- [Human Genetics Society of Australasia](#) (AUS & NZ)
- [Genetic Counsellor Registration Advisory Board](#) (UK)
- [National Society of Genetic Counselors](#) (US)
- [Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors](#)

Similar careers to genetic counsellor

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