



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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Technology Virtual Open Day

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: February 4, 2025

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

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Health and Education Virtual Open Day

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: February 4, 2025

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

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Business and Hospitality Virtual Open Day

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: February 4, 2025

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

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Design and Creative Technology Virtual Open Day

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: February 5, 2025

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

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Live Talks: Southern Cross Scholars Program

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Online

Date: February 11, 2025

Are you a Year 11 or Year 12 student wanting to enhance your academic skills, get ahead of the game in your final years of high school and prepare yourself for university?

Join us for a free Q&A session and explore the Southern Cross Scholars program where you can study a university unit while still at school, and gain entry into a Southern Cross degree.

We'll dive into the application process, program expectations and we'll also explore each unit of the Scholars program and their connection to our courses. You'll also learn about our generous scholarship opportunities that you will be eligible for upon the completion of the program.

[Find out more and register](#)

Live Talks: Accept & Enrol

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Online

Date: February 12, 2025

Are you considering university next year and not sure where to begin? Join us for an engaging Live Q & A session with the Future Students Team and some current students.

We'll dive into the application process, give you a glimpse of what a typical week looks like as a student, and even reveal the best coffee spots on campus. Whether you're looking for guidance or just curious, we've got you covered. Don't miss out - get all your questions answered in once place.

[Find out more and register](#)

SCCE Information Session Webinar

Organisation: Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Location: Online

Date: February 12, 2025

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 member of our team will share an overview of the 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.

Explore your destinations, program options and ask questions about how you can immerse yourself into a new life, culture, family, and high school overseas.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 & Beyond – With ADHD

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: February 18 & 27, 2025



Hosted by Claire Pech, CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and Amanda Krulis, endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

Targeted to parents of students with ADHD in Year 12, this webinar will share insights and practical solutions for managing this critical year and beyond and making meaningful career decisions.

Topics covered:

- Understanding the characteristics of ADHD, debunking unhelpful myths
- Exploring the similarities & differences between ADHD at School vs. Tertiary
- Considerations for choosing further studies after Year 12
- Evaluating potential action plans & pathway options
- Understanding what adjustments/supports are available after 12 Year
- Creating insight & self-awareness around current ADHD status
- Essentials of Executive Functions, impact & creating a tailored toolkit for success
- Identifying & harnessing ADHD strengths
- Managing technology with ADHD
- Career planning with ADHD
- Strategies for parents to support their kids
- Q&A

[Find out more and register](#)

Charles Sturt Explore Day

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Wagga Wagga & Port Macquarie Campuses

Date: March 4 to March 25, 2025

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12? Then Explore Day is your chance to check out what life at Charles Sturt University is like.

Explore Day features lots of workshops you can take part in, based on careers and courses you're interested in.

You'll need to book a spot in any workshop you'd like to attend.

You'll be able to:

- talk to academics about courses and careers.
- attend tours of facilities and social spaces.
- enjoy a delicious morning tea on arrival and a free lunch.
- bring along your parents or carers, teachers and friends. All our buildings are accessible, so if you're a person with disabilities, you'll be able to take part in everything.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 Medicine Information Evening

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: March 12, 2025

Are you interested in a career in medicine?

Start your medical career at one of the top medical schools in the world. Studying the Bachelor of Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine at UNSW will provide you with the theoretical understanding and practical experiences you need to launch your career as a medical professional.

UNSW's Medicine Information Evening, for current year 12 students, will provide insight into the dynamic blend of hands-on clinical experiences and research-focused learning that you will be immersed in as a UNSW Medicine student. You'll also find out detailed information on the application and admissions process for 2026 entry, including special entry schemes such as Rural, Gateway and Indigenous Entry Schemes.

Join us online where you will hear from our expert panel of academic staff, current students and advisors, and get all of your UNSW Medicine questions answered.

[Find out more and register](#)

Sydney West Careers & Employment Expo 2025

Organisation: Kym Jones Exhibitions

Location: Sydney Showground

Date: March 14 to March 15, 2025



Sydney West's New Careers & Employment Event will open on March 14 & 15, 2025, at the Sydney Showground. 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](#)

BiG Day In, UTS Day 1

Organisation: ACS Foundation

Location: The Great Hall @ UTS

Date: March 18, 2025

Join us in The Great Hall @ UTS on Tuesday 18 March for the 2025 BiG Day In IT Careers Conference. Hear from speakers from Microsoft, Google, Adobe, Westpac, Woolworths, Wisetech Global, Defence Jobs Australia, Animal Logic and more to come to learn where a STEM career can take you.

[Find out more and register](#)

BiG Day In, UTS Day 2

Organisation: ACS Foundation

Location: The Great Hall @ UTS

Date: March 19, 2025

Join us in The Great Hall @ UTS on Wednesday 19 March for the 2025 BiG Day In IT Careers Conference. Hear from speakers from Microsoft, Google, Adobe, Westpac, Woolworths, Wisetech Global, Defence Jobs Australia, Animal Logic and more to come to learn where a STEM career can take you.

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Best Field Trip in the World 2025

Organisation: University of the Sunshine Coast

Location: Various

Date: April 10 to April 13, 2025

University of the Sunshine Coast's award-winning Best Field Trip competition is back!

This is your chance to win a four-day rollicking adventure for year 11 and 12 students, exploring world-heritage wonders and hanging out with UniSC staff and students as well as some of our sporting superstars. The prize includes:

- Return travel from your residing destination
- All transfers, accommodation and meals
- Tickets to an NRL game at Suncorp Stadium
- Kayaking tour and overnight at Noosa
- Sightseeing and overnight stay at K'gari

We know the best memory is a shared memory, so each winner will be able to bring along a friend!

Entrants to the competition must submit a 100-word entry which responds to the question: What do you think life after high school will be like?

Entries close **Sunday 9 March 2025**.

[Find out more and register](#)

HSC Shakespeare Seminars with USYD

Organisation: Bell Shakespeare

Location: The Neilson Nutshell, Pier 2/3

Date: April 30 to May 2, 2025

Join us at the Neilson Nutshell at Pier 2/3, or access digital recordings, for our series of live HSC Shakespeare Seminars in partnership with the University of Sydney.

Presented onsite at Pier 2/3 in The Neilson Nutshell, each seminar will feature Bell Shakespeare artists in conversation with a leading academic from the University of Sydney presenting illuminating and engaging content



on each play. Actors from Bell Shakespeare will perform key scenes and soliloquies to demonstrate ideas presented and key content from each play.

Part performance, part interactive seminar, these sessions are designed to directly link to NSW HSC modules and give students the edge in upcoming exams. Combining live performance, academic analysis and illuminating dramatic insights in conversation, seminars will be presented in a dynamic format showing the interplay between text and drama.

Sessions for 2025 include:

- Wednesday 30 April 2025, 10am – 12pm
The Tempest / Hag-Seed
- Thursday 1 May 2025, 10am – 12pm
Henry IV Part 1
- Friday 2 May 2025, 10am – 12pm
Richard III / Looking For Richard

[Find out more and register](#)

Flinders University Student Access Scholarships

Organisation: Flinders University

Location: South Australia

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open Date: December 16, 2024

Close Date: March 19, 2025

[Find out more](#)

The Tuckwell Scholarship Program

Organisation: Australian National University

Location: Australia

Value: \$26,000 AUD per year

Close Date: April 10, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Griffith Adora Indigenous Nursing and Midwifery Scholarship

Organisation: Griffith University

Location: Queensland

Value: Up to \$15,000 AUD

Open Date: August 1, 2024

Close Date: March 10, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Wool4School Competition Australia

Organisation: Wool4School

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Open Date: December 2, 2024

Close Date: July 17, 2025

[Find out more](#)

World Illustration Awards 2025

Organisation: Association of Illustrators

Location: All

Value: See details

Open Date: December 4, 2024

Close Date: February 11, 2025

[Find out more](#)

[5 work experience ideas for students who love travel](#)



Do you dream about exploring new places and can't wait to start travelling? While you might not be jetting off just yet, there are plenty of ways to get involved in the travel industry while you're still at school. Here are 5 work experience ideas that could help kick-start your future career in travel.

Local tourism office

Want to help show off the best parts of your hometown? Your local tourism office could be the perfect place to start. You might:

- Help create brochures and social media posts
- Learn how tourism marketing works
- Update visitor information
- Get involved in planning local events

Plus, you'll learn heaps about what makes your area special – you might even discover some hidden gems you didn't know about!

Travel content creation

If you love taking photos and telling stories about your adventures, this could be for you. You could:

- Shadow a travel blogger or content creator
- Learn how to create engaging posts
- Get tips on travel photography
- Find out how social media marketing works

Even if you can't find someone to shadow, you could start your own travel blog focusing on local attractions and day trips.

Hotels and events

Ever wondered what it takes to run a hotel or organise big events? This kind of work experience can show you the behind-the-scenes action. You might learn about:

- Guest services
- Event planning
- Hotel operations
- Customer service

These skills are super valuable and can be used in lots of different careers.

Cultural programs

While full cultural exchange programs usually happen after school, there might be shorter programs available in your area. Look for:

- Cultural festivals that need volunteers
- Community centres that run multicultural programs
- Organisations that work with international students
- Local tourism programs focusing on Indigenous culture

Parks and nature

Love the outdoors? National parks and nature reserves often offer work experience opportunities. You could:

- Help with conservation projects
- Learn about local wildlife
- Work on environmental education programs
- Assist with visitor services

Good to know

Most work experience is unpaid, but the skills and connections you make can be super valuable for your future career - plus, it's a great way to test if working in travel is really what you want to do.

Want to find out more? [Check out our website for more work experience ideas and opportunities here.](#)

[How to balance study, activities, and social life in high school](#)



Between studying for tests, playing sports, joining clubs, and hanging out with friends, it might seem impossible to fit everything in. But don't worry - with some planning and smart strategies, you can find a balance that works for you. Let's take a look at some tips to help you balance study, activities, and social life in high school.

Why is balance important?

Having a good balance in your life helps you do better at school while staying healthy and happy. It means you can keep up with your friendships, avoid feeling stressed, and still have time for the things you enjoy. When you're juggling lots of different activities, finding this balance becomes really important.

Tips for finding your balance

Everyone manages their time differently, but these tips can help you find what works for you. Try a few of them out and see which ones make the biggest difference to your day.

Work out what matters most

Take some time to think about what's really important to you. Write down:

- Your main school goals
- The activities you love doing
- Time you want to spend with friends and family
- Things that help you relax

Having this clear picture will help you figure out where to spend most of your time and energy.

Get organised

Using a [planner or calendar](#) can make a huge difference. Write down all your assignments and due dates, then block out time for study, sports, and other activities. Make sure to include some free time to relax or catch up with friends. Setting reminders on your phone for important tasks can help you stay on track too.

Learn to say no sometimes

It's okay to turn down invitations or opportunities if you're already busy. You don't have to do everything! Focus on the activities that mean the most to you and politely decline the rest. This might feel difficult at first, but it gets easier with practice.

Study smarter, not harder

Find [study techniques](#) that work for you. You could try breaking study sessions into shorter chunks, using flashcards or mind maps, or studying with friends. Taking regular breaks is important too - it helps you stay focused and remember more of what you're learning.

Talk to people who can help

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you're feeling overwhelmed. Your teachers, family, and friends want to support you. They might have good advice or be able to help you manage your commitments better. And sometimes just talking about how you're feeling can make things clearer.

Take care of yourself

Looking after yourself is really important when you're busy. Make sure you're getting enough sleep and eating properly. Regular exercise helps too, even if it's just a walk around the block. Take breaks when you need them, and spend time doing things you enjoy.

Check in and reflect

Every now and then, ask yourself how you're managing. Are you enjoying your activities? Do you have enough free time? If things aren't working, it's okay to make changes. Finding the right balance might take some time, but you'll get there.

Remember, everyone's different - what works for your friends might not work for you. Keep trying different approaches until you find what fits your lifestyle best.

Want more tips?

[You can find more advice about managing school life and wellbeing on our website here.](#)



3 skills you need for the future world of work

The world of work looks really different now compared to even a few years ago. And with changes like working from home, AI, and the rise of side hustles and start-ups, the jobs of tomorrow will look totally different to the ones we know today. So if you don't even know what the jobs will look like, how can you prepare? Let's look at three key skills that could help you succeed in the future world of work.

People skills

No matter how much technology takes over, being able to work well with others will always be important. Even if you end up in a job where you're looking at screens all day (which many of us do), you'll still need to talk to people - whether that's in person, through email, or in video calls.

Why are people skills so valuable?

- Employers want team members they can easily communicate with
- If you work for yourself, you'll need to talk to customers and suppliers
- Being able to work well in a team is super important in most jobs
- Good communication can help you stand out from other job applicants

Problem-solving

These days, employers often care more about how quickly you can learn and solve problems than what degrees you have. This is especially true in tech jobs, where finding smart solutions quickly is super valuable.

Problem-solving involves:

- Coming up with creative solutions
- Thinking critically about situations
- Spotting problems before they become bigger issues
- Finding new ways to do things better

Time management

This might seem like a simple skill, but it's super important. It starts with getting your homework done on time at school, but in the workplace, missing deadlines could cost a business money or opportunities.

There might be tons of apps out there to help you stay organised, but at the end of the day, you need to be able to:

- Work out which tasks are most important
- Get things done on time
- Plan your day effectively
- Meet deadlines without stress

Why these skills matter

While there are loads of other skills that can make you great at your job, these three are a solid foundation for any future. People skills help you work effectively with others, whether you're explaining ideas to colleagues or dealing with customers. Problem-solving abilities mean you can think on your feet and find creative solutions without always needing help. And time management helps you juggle multiple tasks, meet deadlines, and build a reputation as someone reliable.

The great news is that you're probably already developing these skills without even realising it. Every time you:

- Work on a group project at school
- Figure out a tricky homework problem
- Meet an assignment deadline
- Balance study with other activities

You're building exactly the kind of skills that employers are looking for.

Want to know more?

Curious to learn more about the future world of work? [You can explore different pathway options and learn about skills on our website here.](#)

How boost your study motivation (even when you really don't feel like it)



Let's be honest - sometimes studying is the last thing you want to do. Whether you're scrolling through TikTok or staring at your textbook wondering where to begin, finding the motivation to start can feel impossible. But don't worry - we have some practical tips to help boost your motivation, get into study mode, and actually get things done.

Start with small, defined goals

Big goals with no clear end like "study for exams" can feel overwhelming. Instead, break things down into smaller chunks that feel more manageable, like:

- Read one chapter
- Complete 5 practice questions
- Write notes for 20 minutes
- Review yesterday's class notes

When you tick off these smaller tasks, you'll feel a sense of achievement that motivates you to keep going. Plus, those small wins add up to big progress over time.

Find your perfect study routine

We all work differently - some people love studying early in the morning, while others focus better at night. Try out different times and places until you find what works for you. The key is to:

- Pick specific times for studying
- Choose a quiet spot where you won't be disturbed
- Remove distractions (yes, that means putting your phone away)
- Stick to your schedule once you find what works

Make it less boring

Nobody wants to spend hours just reading textbooks and copying notes. Good news - there are tons of ways to make studying more interesting and actually help the information stick in your brain better:

- Create colourful mind maps
- Make flashcards (either physical ones or use apps like [Quizlet](#))
- Record yourself explaining topics and listen back
- Try teaching the material to someone else
- Use YouTube videos to help understand difficult concepts

Study with friends (who actually study)

Finding the right study buddies can make a huge difference to both your motivation and your grades. The key is choosing friends who are actually interested in studying, not just hanging out. A good study group can:

- Quiz each other on topics
- Share notes and resources
- Keep each other accountable
- Celebrate when someone does well

Just make sure to choose friends who will actually help you knuckle down, not distract you with gossip or games.

Take proper breaks

Your brain needs rest to stay focused and actually remember what you're learning. Think of it like charging your phone - you can't use it non-stop without eventually needing to plug it in. Try to:

- Take short breaks every 30-45 minutes
- Get some fresh air
- Move your body - even a quick walk helps
- Eat proper meals (not just snacks!)
- Get enough sleep

Remember, pushing yourself too hard can lead to burnout, which definitely won't help your motivation.

Don't give up

Some days you'll feel super motivated, and others you'll struggle to even open your books - and that's totally normal! The key is to keep trying, even when it's hard. Start with just 10 minutes a day, and usually once you're over the first hurdle, you'll find yourself wanting to continue.

Want more study tips? [Check out our other helpful resources here.](#)



How to become an Event Planner

Event planners are responsible for planning, organising, and overseeing a variety of events. This can include functions, conferences, parties, meetings, weddings, and much more. They usually work with clients to tailor events exactly to their vision and requirements.

If you're outgoing and friendly, organised with excellent time management skills, and love to entertain and make people happy, a career as an event planner could be perfect for you.

What skills do I need as an event planner?

- Excellent communication and organisation abilities
- Strong attention to detail
- Creative problem-solving skills
- Budget management expertise
- Leadership and team coordination
- Time management and multitasking
- Design and aesthetic awareness
- Customer service focus

What does the job involve?

- Meeting with clients to discuss their vision and requirements
- Planning event details like dates, locations, and themes
- Coordinating with vendors for catering, decor, and entertainment
- Inspecting venues for suitability
- Managing budgets and creating cost estimates
- Preparing contracts and handling payments
- Overseeing event setup and execution
- Solving last-minute problems during events
- Maintaining relationships with suppliers and venues

What industries do event planners typically work in?

- Administrative and Support Services
- Arts and Recreation Services
- Accommodation and Food Services

What Career Cluster do event planners belong to?

Event planners are primarily part of the [Coordinator Cluster](#) because they organise and manage complex events while working with multiple stakeholders. They also use some skills similar to [Linkers](#) (connecting with clients and vendors) and [Innovators](#) (creating unique event experiences).

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

Event planning often involves irregular hours, including evenings and weekends when most events take place. While some part-time opportunities exist, most event planners work full-time. The work can be demanding with tight deadlines, but also very rewarding when events run smoothly.

Salaries vary depending on experience, location, and whether you work for yourself or an organisation, but most event planners can expect to earn an average salary throughout their career. Future growth looks strong as demand for both in-person and virtual events continues to increase.

How to become an event planner

While formal qualifications aren't always required, many event planners start with relevant education and build experience through internships or entry-level positions. Common pathways include:

- Completing high school with focus on business and communication subjects
- Pursuing relevant qualifications in event management, hospitality, or business
- Gaining experience through internships or assistant positions
- Building a portfolio of successfully managed events



- Developing industry connections and networking
- Considering specialised certifications in event planning
- Starting your own business once you have experience

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

If you're in high school and interested in becoming an event planner, here are some steps you can take:

- Volunteer to help organise community events or functions, whether you're working front-and-centre or behind the scenes.
- Look for work experience with event planning companies or venues, and start building important contacts for the future.
- Join school committees that plan events, or practice organising small events for family and friends.

Where can I find more information?

- [International Live Events Association](#)
- [International Association of Exhibitions and Events](#)
- [Meeting Professionals International](#)
- [Meetings & Events Australia](#)
- [New Zealand Events Association](#)
- [Association of Event Organisers](#) (UK)
- [National Association for Catering and Events](#) (US)
- [Canadian Society of Professional Event Planners](#)

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