



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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

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

Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

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

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

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

Password – pius (lower case)

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

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](#)



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](#)

NSW Mining Newcastle Careers Dinner

Organisation: NSW Mining Careers

Location: Newcastle NEX

Date: June 17, 2025

NSW mining offers rewarding careers for a whole range of people in high-skilled jobs in mining regions, rural locations and metropolitan areas.

That's because it takes a lot of people in a lot of different jobs to keep our NSW mines working.

Learn about the different types of career pathways you could follow that match your interests and skills.

As always, NSW Mining Careers Dinners are free events, including a meal, and an expansive industry showcase with displays and guest speakers from local mining employers, universities, and training providers.

[Find out more and register](#)

Parents Information Webinar

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Online

Date: June 17, 2025

Are you a parent supporting your child on their journey to university? Bond University invites you to join our upcoming online webinar designed specifically for parents like you. This informative session will give you valuable insights into what makes Bond unique, how to navigate the application process, and the wide range of support services available to our students.

We encourage you to register now to get all the information you need to help your child make the right choice for their future.

[Find out more and register](#)



Year 12 Early Entry Webinar

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Online

Date: June 17, 2025

Our students tell us that receiving an early offer to uni is a bit like having a superpower. That knowing they'd secured a spot in their dream degree took the pressure off and allowed them to better focus on their studies. In this webinar, you'll learn all about the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme, as well as our other early entry schemes. You'll also learn about each scheme's entry criteria and how you apply. And, you'll have the opportunity to not only hear from students who received early entry into their degree, but also ask them questions during a live Q&A.

[Find out more and register](#)

Western Wednesday Drop-In Session

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: Online

Date: June 18, 2025

In 2025, Western is hosting a series of online drop-in sessions for you to chat with our Future Student Engagement Team. Drop in during any of our sessions to get your burning questions answered.

Ask about your dream degree, alternative entry pathways, scholarships, support services or any other Western-related topics.

[Find out more and register](#)

Monash Information Evening – Albury

Organisation: Monash University

Location: The Albury Club

Date: June 18, 2025

We know that choosing a university is a big decision, especially if you don't live in Melbourne. Monash Information Evenings are the perfect opportunity to have your questions answered on everything you wanted to know about undergraduate study at Monash.

You'll hear about:

- our ten diverse study and discipline areas
- undergraduate course types, such as our comprehensive and specialist courses, double degrees and pathway programs
- international opportunities, including study abroad and overseas tours
- how to apply – everything you need to know about VTAC, key dates and deadlines
- scholarships and fees
- SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
- accommodation options, both on and off campus

[Find out more and register](#)

Pathways to studying law at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 18, 2025

Did you know, there are many pathways to studying law at the University of Sydney? Hear from our panel of current students who have joined the law community at Sydney through alternate pathways, transferring or studying graduate entry law.

[Find out more and register](#)



An Owner's Guide to the Mind

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: UNSW Kensington Campus

Date: June 19, 2025

Ever wish your brain came with a user manual?

Why do we miss what's right in front of us? Why do we remember some things and not others?

This free, interactive public talk draws on research in cognitive science to explore hidden patterns in how our minds work. Discover how understanding attention, memory, and perception can help us study more effectively, make better decisions, and stay safer in everyday life.

The event is perfect for students, families and curious minds of all ages.

[Find out more and register](#)

Meet the University of Sydney – Southern Highlands

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Mittagong RSL Club

Date: June 19, 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](#)

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](#)

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](#)

Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online

Organisation: National Institute of Education

Location: Online

Date: June 22, 2025



If you are in Years 10, 11, 12, or you may be older and considering sitting the UCAT in the future, then this program is for you. The Simulated UCAT Workshop program is ideal and often a necessary step towards effective and efficient preparation for the UCAT.

The workshop is primarily designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test and also for participants to gain a better understanding of their own level of preparedness for the test.

The program runs over one full day of UCAT training, and Part 2, which is a 3-hour session for students and parents.

[Find out more and register](#)

US College Admissions Webinar

Organisation: The Princeton Review Australia

Location: Online

Date: June 22, 2025

Thinking about studying in the US and finding the best-fit university?

Join this webinar to hear from Devery Doran, VP of College Counselling and former Senior Admissions Officer at Harvard, as she shares insights and practical advice for your journey.

[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](#)



July HSC Trial Preparation Workshops

Organisation: InspirationED

Location: Macquarie Wallumattagal Campus

Date: July 7 to July 11, 2025

Our expert HSC markers reveal the secrets to acing HSC exams in our focused subject-specific workshops.

- Learn directly from the expert HSC markers
- Access exclusive premium content
- Expert exam question deconstruction

Gain the exam edge with expert teachers in English (Advanced & Standard), Mathematics (Advanced & Standard 2), Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry and PDHPE.

[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](#)

Whitecliffe | The Fashion Institute – Winter School

Organisation: Whitecliffe Institute of Creative Arts and Technology

Location: Whitecliffe Sydney Campus

Date: July 9 to July 11, 2025



Curious about a career in fashion? Our 3-Day Winter School is the perfect way to explore what it's really like to work in the industry.

Across three engaging and hands-on days, you'll learn from industry professionals and will explore key areas such as fashion styling, journalism, content creation and sustainable fashion - giving you a well-rounded view of today's evolving fashion industry.

This is a great opportunity to explore your passion, try out different parts of the industry, and build skills that could shape your future. Whether you're dreaming of being a stylist, designer, content creator, or just want to see if fashion is for you — this course is the perfect place to start.

[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

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) STEM Hubs give students the opportunity to broaden their understanding of the diverse range of study and career options available in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and to encourage continued studies in these fields.

As part of the STEM Hub experience, you can:

- 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 other like-minded students from all over Australia, and
- attend social events.

If you are a year 10, year 11 or year 12 student in 2025 in Australia with an interest in STEM, we welcome you to the NYSF STEM Hubs!



Registrations close Friday 20 June.

[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.

Thanks to generous support from a range of sponsor organisations, we can offer Equity pricing alongside Standard registration. Additional support may become available through Access and Equity Scholarships.

Registrations close Monday 30 June.

[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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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.

[Find out more and register](#)

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](#)

Decoding the Ocean

Organisation: Australian National Maritime Museum

Location: Australian National Maritime Museum

Date: August 15, 2025

This special Science Week event for high school students brings together ocean scientists and the Royal Australian Navy. Students will take a deep dive into oceanography and learn how STEM can help us to decode the ocean.

On the day, students will attend an inspiring speaker session led by scientists working on a range of STEM topics, such as climate science, meteorology and science communication.

The Navy is packed with STEM opportunities, from survival training to mathematical modelling, submarines and more! At this event, students will also hear from Navy representatives as they discuss the science and technology behind the Navy.

After the presentations, students can explore the museum, including HMAS Vampire (a Navy Destroyer) and our latest science exhibitions during a self-guided visit.

[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}.

[Find out more and register](#)



Newcastle Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: UON, Callaghan & City Campuses

Date: August 16, 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: 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

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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.

[Find out more and register](#)

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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.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Northern Rivers

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Northern Rivers Campus

Date: August 17, 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.

[Find out more and register](#)

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.

[Find out more and register](#)



Open Day 2025, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 17, 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.
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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.

[Find out more and register](#)

ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: August 20, 2025

Looking for ways to unlock bonus points and improve uni entry chances? Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions.

We will cover: The ATAR explained, bonus points (adjustment factors) and who qualifies, what is EAS and how to apply, dates, preferencing and decision making.

This talk is being run by [Claire Pech Careers](#) and [Amanda Krulis](#).

[Find out more and register](#)

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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[Find out more and register](#)



ADHD & ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: August 28, 2025

Looking for ways to unlock bonus points and improve uni entry chances? Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students with ADHD and parents, navigating university admissions.

We will cover: The ATAR explained, bonus points (adjustment factors) and who qualifies, what is EAS and how to apply with ADHD as the main contributor, dates, preferencing and decision making throughout this.

This talk is being run by [Claire Pech Careers](#) and [Amanda Krulis](#).

[Find out more and register](#)

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](#)

2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Sutherland Shire

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Tradies Gynea

Date: September 2, 2025

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[Find out more and register](#)



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.
- Find out about support for entry and success as a future student at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy featured entertainment by comedian Andy Saunders and talented musicians.

[Find out more and register](#)

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

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



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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

CGA Merit-Based Scholarship Programme

Organisation: Crimson Global Academy

Location: Australia, New Zealand

Value: See details

Open Date: June 2, 2025

Close Date: August 24, 2025

[Find out more](#)



DAFI Scholarship Programme

Organisation: UNHCR

Location: All

Value: See details

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

2025 Focus on Ability Film Festival

Organisation: NOVA Employment

Location: All

Value: See details

Close Date: July 1, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Harvard Crimson Global Case Competition 2025

Organisation: Crimson Education

Location: All

Value: See details

Open Date: July 14, 2025

Close Date: October 15, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

Work Experience

[5 questions to ask while you're on work experience](#)

Work experience is one of the best ways to test drive a career and see what working life is really like. But to get the most out of it, you need to do more than just show up and follow instructions. The people around you have years of experience and knowledge that could be incredibly valuable for your future - so here are 5 key questions to ask that will help you make the most of your work experience placement.

What does a typical day actually look like in this role?

Job descriptions can sound pretty formal and boring, but the reality of a job is often quite different. By asking about daily tasks and responsibilities, you'll get a real picture of what working in this field is like.

You might discover that a marketing job involves way more spreadsheets than you expected, or that being a vet means a lot of paperwork between treating animals. Understanding the day-to-day reality helps you figure out if this career would actually suit your personality and interests.

How does what I'm learning at school connect to this job?

This is a great question to ask because it helps you see the bigger picture of your education. Maybe you're wondering why you need to study chemistry if you want to work in business, or whether your art classes will actually be useful in a law career.

When you understand these connections, it can help motivate you in subjects that might seem irrelevant right now. Plus, you might discover you need to focus more on certain subjects or pick up new skills to reach your career goals.



What's the most challenging part of this job, and how do you handle it?

Every job has its tough moments, and it's better to know about them upfront rather than being surprised later. Maybe it's dealing with difficult customers, working to tight deadlines, or staying up-to-date with constantly changing technology.

Learning how other people cope with these challenges can give you valuable strategies for [handling stress and problems](#) - skills that will be useful in any career path you choose.

How is this industry changing, and what should I be prepared for?

Industries evolve rapidly these days, especially with [new technology constantly emerging](#). The job market your parents entered will look completely different by the time you're ready to start working.

By understanding where an industry is heading, you can make smarter choices about what to study and which skills to develop. You might learn that certain roles are becoming automated, while new opportunities are opening up in other areas.

What resources or connections would you recommend for someone starting out?

This question can unlock a treasure trove of information. Professionals often know about industry publications, useful websites, professional associations, [networking events](#), or even specific people who could help you learn more.

Building these connections early can give you a huge advantage when you're ready to apply for jobs or further study. Plus, it shows you're serious about the field and thinking ahead.

Make the most of your opportunity

Don't worry about asking "dumb" questions - the people supervising you expect you to be curious and want to learn. Take notes during conversations, ask for contact details if appropriate, and always follow up with a thank you message after your placement ends - you never know when these connections might be helpful in the future.

If you're interested in learning more about work experience, [you can find out more on our website here](#).

Subject Selection, University

[ATARs and Selection Ranks: What they are and how they work](#)

If you've ever felt confused about what an ATAR or a selection rank is, how they work, why they matter, or how they're calculated, you're not alone. This guide breaks it down in a way that's easy to understand.

What is an ATAR?

The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) is a figure that's calculated based on how well you did in Year 12 compared to all other Year 12 students in your state. Your ATAR can be anywhere between 0 and 99.95, and is measured in increments of 0.05.

The ATAR is not a percentage

It's important to understand that an ATAR of 70 does not mean you scored 70% overall in your exams. It means you're in the top 30% of students who completed Year 12.

The ATAR is a rank - it represents the percentage of students who you have performed better than at high school. For example, if you get an ATAR of 89.00, you performed better than 89% of other Year 12s in your state, and potentially across Australia.

Because it's a rank, your ATAR depends not only on how well you did, but how well everyone else did too. So if the rest of your year performs just as well or better than you did, your ATAR might be lower expected. Or you may receive a higher than expected ATAR if lots of other people in your cohort also struggled this year.

Universities use your ATAR as a way of determining which school leavers to offer university places to.

The highest ATAR is 99.95

The top ATAR you can receive is 99.95, meaning you have performed better than 99.95% of all other ATAR-eligible students in your state or territory.

In order to get an ATAR of 100, you'd have beat 100% of your cohort...including yourself, which is impossible.



Not everyone gets an ATAR

You can finish Year 12, receive your high school certificate, and not receive an ATAR.

You can only receive an ATAR if you satisfy the rules in your state or territory, such as passing enough approved subjects. For example, in Victoria you must have at least four VCE study scores in an acceptable combination of subjects in order to receive an ATAR.

Even if you aren't eligible for an ATAR, there are still plenty of ways to get into university. They generally offer lots of alternative pathways to many of their programs, including undergraduate degrees.

How your ATAR helps universities

ATARs exist to help universities with their admissions processes. So unless you're planning on going to university at some point, then your ATAR isn't really all that important.

Universities receive loads of applications every year, and ATARs help them compare students fairly by using a single number. This is much easier than trying to compare results from different subjects (and even across different states). If many people apply for a course and there aren't enough places, universities can use the ATAR to decide who gets in.

You can use your ATAR from one state to apply to university in any other state - it's valid across Australia.

In addition, ATARs can sometimes be used as a guide of your potential to do well at university. Although it's not always accurate, they might use it to assess your potential as a basis for admissions.

Who calculates and releases ATARs?

ATARs are calculated and released by the Tertiary Admissions Centres in each state and territory: [UAC](#) (NSW & ACT), [QTAC](#) (QLD), [VTAC](#) (VIC), [SATAC](#) (SA & NT), [TISC](#) (WA), and [UTAS](#) (TAS).

How is the ATAR calculated?

Each state has a slightly different method, but the general idea is the same:

1. Scores from your top subjects are added to your results from any mandatory subjects (e.g. English or Maths) to create an aggregate score.
2. Using those aggregate scores, a complex algorithm is applied to create rank tables, converting your aggregate into an ATAR.

ATARs are the same no matter where you are in Australia. An ATAR of 81.00 in South Australia, for example, is the same as an ATAR of 81.00 in any other state or territory.

Once your results are released and you know what your ATAR is, it will never change.

Scaling levels the playing field

You might have heard people say that some subjects are "scaled up" or "scaled down". That's true – sometimes it can seem unfair that some students get "extra points" (adjustments) to their ATAR, but it's really about making the results as fair as possible.

Scaling makes sure that students aren't disadvantaged (or overly advantaged) based on their subject choices. It's also used to adjust for things like varying performance across schools - such as the difference between a top selective school and a small remote school.

Think of it this way: if one student studied dance and languages while another studied predominantly STEM subjects, how can you compare their results? The scaling system is designed to even out the differences in the thousands of different subject variations, helping universities to assess applicants from a single source – their ATAR.

What's the difference between an ATAR and a selection rank?

Your selection rank (or SR) is your ATAR *plus* any [adjustment factors](#) you might be eligible for. These can come from things like:

- living in a rural area
- doing well in certain subjects
- having a tough personal situation
- applying through special entry programmes



For example, if your ATAR is 86 and you receive 3 adjustment points, your selection rank becomes 89. This higher rank can help you get into a course with a higher cut-off.

How university adjustment schemes work

If a university offers adjustment factors, your ATAR number remains the same but your selection rank will be higher. That means you could receive an offer to a course you listed in your [preferences](#) even though your ATAR is below the cut off, because your selection rank gets you over the line.

For example, Beth has applied to do a Bachelor of Medical Science. The course information states you need a minimum ATAR of 89. Beth's ATAR results are released and she receives an ATAR of 86. The university she applies for offers adjustment factors which she is eligible to receive. Once they're applied to her ATAR, she has a selection rank of 89 and is accepted onto the course.

Each institution may have their own adjustment schemes, and even different courses at the same university may apply them differently.

University course cut-offs and how they work

University courses often have a limited number of places, so there's only so many applications they can accept. Some courses might have a minimum ATAR or selection rank requirement (sometimes called a cut-off). These are often the courses that receive more applications than they have places available. The cut-off is reflective of the popularity of that course, not necessarily how easy or hard it is going to be. If lots of applicants list a specific course on their preferences this year, the required ATAR to receive an offer might go up next year.

It's important to remember that lots of universities take into account more than just your ATAR when making offers. They want well-rounded applicants who can offer more than just a high ATAR, so you might be invited to an interview, do an audition, or provide a portfolio, for example. It's the perfect opportunity to show them more about you, your skills, strengths and values.

An example of how university course cut-offs work

Course X has 100 places, but 200 students apply for a place. Therefore, only the students with the top 100 selection ranks will be offered places. The lowest selection rank offered a spot then becomes the course cut-off.

Take a look at these students who applied for Course X:

- Student 98 has a selection rank of 78 (ATAR of 78)
- Student 99 has a selection rank of 78 (ATAR of 76 plus 2 bonus points)
- Student 100 has a selection rank of 77 (ATAR of 77)
- Student 101 has a selection rank of 76 (ATAR of 76)
- Student 102 has a selection rank of 76 (ATAR of 75 plus 1 bonus point)

Therefore, the cut-off for this course would be 77.

Student 99 received an offer despite receiving an ATAR of 76 because their selection rank bumped them over the cut-off. Student 101 didn't miss out because they were incapable of completing the course - they missed out simply because their selection rank was lower than 100 other applicants.

You can get into university without an ATAR

Back in 2018, [Victoria University's Mitchell Institute](#) reported that:

"Only a quarter of undergraduate university admissions for domestic students are made on the basis of an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)."

Over the last few years, many universities began to lower (or in some cases remove) ATAR requirements for entry as they'd witnessed the stress and disruption many students experienced.

Even universities who still use ATARs as a means of admission will often have [alternative entry pathways](#), so you still have options to consider.

Low ATAR options are available too

If you search [Course Seeker](#) for courses that require an ATAR between 30.00 and 60.00, there are a staggering **1354** results - so there's plenty to choose from, even if you think you might receive a low ATAR.

It's a good idea to list courses with lower ATAR requirements in your preferences. Even if they're at the bottom list, you will have a better chance of receiving an offer than missing out entirely.



Need more help?

If you're still unsure about anything, including whether or not you're eligible to receive an ATAR, speak to your school. They can help you work out what you need to do next.

If you want more help on university applications, contact the relevant [TAC](#) - or if you applied directly to a university, then give them a call.

We also have more information about [offers](#), [changing preferences](#), and much more on our website at [Study Work Grow](#).

Money

Unlocking scholarships: Application tips and advice

Thinking about your future? Scholarships might seem like something only for the elites, but the reality is that scholarships aren't just for top athletes or academic superstars. They're available to students pursuing all sorts of paths, from vocational training to apprenticeships, and they come in more varieties than you might imagine.

Over [1.8 million scholarships awarded every year](#) in the US alone, and a regular high school student could eligible to apply for as many as 50 to 100 scholarships. You read that right – dozens of opportunities could be waiting for you right now. So read on to learn more about scholarships, where to find them, and tips on how to apply.

What exactly are scholarships?

Think of scholarships as free money for your education. Unlike loans, you won't have to pay scholarships back, making them one of the best ways to fund your future studies and help you to get ahead. They're essentially financial gifts from organisations, governments, universities, or individuals who want to invest in your potential. Scholarships can cover anything from a few hundred dollars to full tuition fees, and some even include living expenses, textbooks, or equipment costs. Even a small amount of money could make a big difference to your educational journey.

The benefits go beyond the money

While the financial support is obviously fantastic, many scholarships offer much more than just monetary value. When you receive a scholarship, you're often joining a community of like-minded people who can become valuable connections throughout your career.

Lots of scholarship programmes also offer mentoring, workshops, internship or other work opportunities, networking events, and access to professional development.

Plus, listing a scholarship on your resume could demonstrate to future employers or universities that you're someone worth investing in. It shows initiative, achievement, and the ability to successfully navigate competitive processes.

Where to find scholarship opportunities

With so many scholarships out there, a simple Google search might yield an overwhelming amount of results, which means you'll need to dig a bit deeper. The good news is there are excellent databases and platforms designed specifically to help students like you discover opportunities.

Here are some of the most comprehensive scholarship databases to get you started:

Australia and New Zealand scholarship databases

- [Study Work Grow](#)
- [StudyAssist Australia](#)
- [Universities New Zealand](#)

Global scholarship platforms

- [Fastweb](#) – for US domestic students only
- [Scholarships.com](#) – find US College scholarships
- [UK Scholarships](#) - for students studying in the UK



- [International Education Financial Aid \(IEFA\)](#) – for international students wanting to study in the US or Canada
- [InternationalScholarships.com](#) – for students from any country
- [Scholarships Portal EU](#) - high education scholarships from 47 countries
- [Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships](#) - search scholarships in 56 countries
- [EduCanada Scholarships](#) - for Canadian and International students

Where else to search

Each university or training organisation usually has their own scholarships page to search, so head directly there to learn about opportunities.

Don't forget to check with your school's careers counsellor, local community organisations, and any companies or industries you're interested in.

And many businesses offer scholarships to students pursuing relevant fields - they often have less competition than national programmes too.

Types of scholarships available

Scholarships come in more varieties than you might expect, and they're certainly not all about having perfect grades.

Merit-based scholarships

These scholarships primarily recognise academic achievement, but they also consider artistic talent, leadership skills, community service, or exceptional abilities in specific areas.

Need-based scholarships

As the name suggests, these scholarships are designed to help students from families with limited financial resources or facing other barriers to pursue their educational goals.

Field-specific scholarships

These scholarships are aimed at students entering particular industries or study areas, from healthcare and engineering to trades and creative arts.

Identity-based scholarships

These scholarships are designed to support students from specific backgrounds, whether that's based on ethnicity, gender, religion, or other personal characteristics.

Activity-based scholarships

Similar to merit scholarships, these scholarships reward involvement in sports, volunteering, part-time work, or extracurricular activities.

Location-based scholarships

These scholarships are offered to students from particular geographic areas or those planning to study in specific regions.

How to apply for scholarships

It might seem daunting, but breaking your application down into manageable steps makes it much more achievable. Here are some of our tips to simplify the scholarship application process.

Invest your time

Research your options, be prepared to submit separate applications and take the time to tailor each one and make it unique.



Start early and stay organised

Create a spreadsheet to track deadlines, requirements, and application progress. Millions of dollars in scholarships remain unclaimed because students fail to apply for them, often simply due to missed deadlines.

Read the criteria carefully

Make sure you are eligible before spending time on an application. Pay attention to details like age requirements, field of study, and geographic restrictions.

Double check how and when applications need to be submitted, if you have the necessary technology, whether you need to submit copies of verified paperwork, and what might be expected from you if you're awarded a particular scholarship.

Tell your story authentically

Scholarship committees want to understand who you are beyond your grades. Share your experiences, challenges you've overcome, goals you're working towards, and why this particular opportunity matters to you.

Have strong references

Choose referees who know you well and can speak specifically about your character, achievements, or potential. Give them plenty of notice and provide them with information about the scholarship and why you're applying.

Proofread everything

Spelling mistakes and grammatical errors can seriously damage your application. Ask someone else to review your application before submitting it.

Tips to maximise your scholarship chances

With so many opportunities out there, what are your chances of actually receiving one? They might be higher than you think...

Apply widely but strategically

[Around 1 in 8 students receive a scholarship](#), but your odds improve significantly with each quality application you submit. Focus on scholarships where you genuinely meet *all* the criteria rather than applying randomly.

Look for niche opportunities

Smaller very specific scholarships may have fewer applicants. That scholarship for LGBTIQ+ students studying veterinary science might have much better odds than the generic academic excellence award.

Don't count yourself out

Around [30% of scholarships are given to students with a GPA of 3.0 to 3.4](#), and 5% are awarded to students with a GPA lower than 2.4. Many scholarship donors value character, potential, and other factors over perfect grades.

Scholarships exist for non-university paths

You can also secure scholarships for vocational training, apprenticeships, short courses, and other educational pathways, so don't limit yourself to thinking scholarships are only for university degrees if you plan on taking a different pathway.

Reapply if and when possible

Some scholarships are renewable or allow multiple applications. So even if you're unsuccessful initially, you might succeed in future rounds as your experience and qualifications grow.

The bottom line

Scholarships represent a great investment in your future in the time and effort in applying versus potential reward. With hundreds of thousands of opportunities available and a vast range of eligibility criteria for them, there's likely funding out there that could help make your educational dreams more affordable.



Our top tips for students looking for scholarships are:

1. Do the research and start looking now
2. Be organised and prepared to invest the time do each application as well as you can
3. Remember that scholarships aren't just for the top 1% of students

[You can find more information and tips about scholarships on our website here.](#)

Job Spotlights

How to become a Professional Athlete

Professional athletes are sportspeople who compete in their chosen sport at an elite level. They usually play for state, national, or international teams or individually and compete in well-known events and tournaments.

If you're highly competitive, have a passion for sports, and are willing to commit to long hours of training, you might have what it takes to become the next world number one.

What skills do I need as a professional athlete?

- Excellent fitness
- Competitive & dedicated
- Resilient & tough
- Good communicator
- Loves sport
- Great teamworker
- Focused & organised
- Willing to be a role model

What does the job involve?

- Participating in rigorous training
- Attending practice sessions
- Competing in sporting events
- Developing strategies to improve performance
- Assessing past performance
- Working with coaches & dieticians
- Following all sporting rules & regulations
- Undertaking promotional & sponsorship activities

What industries do professional athlete typically work in?

- Arts & Recreation Services
- Education & Training

What Career Cluster do professional athlete belong to?

Professional athletes are usually [Guardians](#), interested in maintaining their own health and wellbeing and always striving to be the best version of themselves.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

You won't have a "normal" working week as an athlete - your schedule will fluctuate depending on your chosen sport, the time of year, and whether there are any events or competitions coming up.

Many sports are played outdoors, but there are lots of indoor sports too, so you won't necessarily be outside all the time. Most athletes can expect to do a lot of travel, both domestically and internationally.

Average salaries can vary greatly for athletes, and will change based on a variety of factors.

How to become a professional athlete

There are no formal qualifications required to be a professional athlete - you'll just need lots of dedication and persistence. The earlier you start playing or competing, the better off you'll be when it comes time for selection at an elite level.



As many athletes need to retire earlier than average, it's a good idea to do some studies alongside your training and think about an alternative career for down the track.

- Finish high school
- Play or compete at a local level
- Keep training and look after your health and fitness
- Research pathways to state or national levels of competition

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 professional athlete is right for you, here are a few things you could do right now:

- Sport can be physically and mentally demanding, so start working on your resilience and build strong support networks.
- Start competing in your chosen sport at an amateur level and research pathways into professional or high performance opportunities.
- Talk to a professional athlete 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 your chosen sport.

Where can I find more information?

- [Australian Institute of Sport](#)
- [High Performance Sport New Zealand](#)
- [UK Sport](#)
- [Sports Governing Bodies in the US](#)
- [National Sport Organisations in Canada](#)

Similar careers to professional athlete

- Coach
- [Dietitian](#)
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- Referee
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