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Introduction

Hope Year 12 are doing well in their trials. Career interviews and editing applications will begin on Monday 18 August 2025 followed by editing applications. A reminder for all Year 12 students to register with UAC and pay asap to avoid paying late fees and to be able to apply for the Equity Scholarship, the Educational Access Scheme, the School Recommendation Scheme and any other Early Entry portfolio or questionnaire that they need to complete via UAC for certain courses.

Upcoming events

Guest Speakers

Year 10, 11 & 12 are all invited to attend the following presentations that will take place in Room 41 (Senior Study Room) on the following dates:

University of New South Wales
University of Technology

Monday 23 June 2025
Monday 30 June 2025

Careers' Excursions, Incursions, Work Experience & Career Programs

For Year 10:

- Burn Bright Careers Program Girraween High School Monday 17 November 2025 Periods 3 & 4
 (All Students)
- USYD Incubate and USYD Start Up Girraween High School Friday 21 November 2025 Periods 1 & 2. (All Students)
- Australian Business Week will be held from Friday 21 November 2025 Period 3 until Friday 28 November 2025 Period 5 (All Students)
- Work Experience Week will take place from Monday 1 December 2025 until Friday 5 December 2025 (All Students)
- Mock Interviews will be from Monday 8 December until Friday 12 December 2025 (All Students)

For Year 11:

- A Day @ UNSW Friday 7 November 2025 (All Students)
- Turning Point Seminar Girraween High School Monday 10 November 2025 Periods 3&4 (All Students)

For Year 12:

- Careers Seminar on Applying to Universities Process MPC Monday 18 August 2025 Period 4
 (All Students)
- Careers Formal Interviews and Editing applications Careers Office Tuesday 19 August 2025 until 23 September 2025 (All Students on individual basis)

Important messages:

Please note that the Careers Expo excursion and few of the above-mentioned excursions/ incursions are not optional. It is very important that you pay the excursion cost and hand in the notes by the due dates stated in your permission notes to avoid any inconvenience for the school and for yourself as well.

If an optional excursion falls on an assessment day or sports day and you are playing grade sports, please make sure you do not apply to go as you cannot miss your assessment or your grade sport.

Kindly be aware that if you are interested in any of the webinars and/or activities organized by external providers and are falling during school hours you must seek permission first from the Careers Adviser and do the required paperwork. Thank you for your consideration and responsible attitude.

UAC

UAC - Career mapping: where to after school?

Many students are uncertain about their next steps after Year 12. But – as Phillip Williamson, Head Teacher Careers for the NSW Government's Educational Pathways Program, writes – it is vital to go easy on yourself, self-reflect and do your research. Here are Williamson's practical tips for starting your career journey. The most important thing, he advises, is to focus on your direction, not your destination. https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/career-mapping-where-to-after-school

UAC - Studying medicine: application tips and what to expect

Fifth year student, Josh Lowinger, gives his experience applying for and studying medicine at university. Read about his experience as well as some tips for Year 12 applicants. https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/studying-medicine

UAC - I'm in Year 12: when will I get my university offer?

'I'm in Year 12, I've submitted my UAC application, and now I want to find out if I've made it into my dream course!' If this sounds like you, you're not alone. It's natural to be curious or excited about what next year has in store! It can also be hard to keep track of which UAC dates and deadlines apply to you.

So, here's a rundown of the most important offer rounds for Year 12 students in the lead up to semester 1, 2026. https://www.uac.edu.au/media-centre/news/year-12-uni-offers

UAC - How the Elite Athlete and Performer Scheme works

If you are an elite athlete or performer and your training, rehearsals, or competitive commitments have significantly affected your Year 12 studies, UAC's Elite Athlete and Performer Scheme (EAPS) provides a pathway where institutions can consider both your academic and elite achievements. Through this scheme, you may receive adjustment factors (points) to enhance your selection rank when applying for eligible courses at participating institutions. https://uac.edu.au/future-applicants/scholarships-and-schemes/elite-athlete-and-performer-scheme

Curious about a campus? - UAC Maptivate

UAC Maptivate, now available on UAC's website, is an interactive map that enables you to traverse the continent and zero in on each of UAC's participating and apply direct institutions' campuses. If you're thinking of moving from home to study – or even if you're staying local – this tool can help you start your higher education journey in the right place. Maptivate allows you to explore the location and surroundings of campuses in your area and further afield. The map has two layers that you can turn on or off to show UAC's participating institutions or apply direct institutions. You can also choose to show or hide institutions in different states and switch between map and table format. https://www.uac.edu.au/maptivate/

University – Institutes

ACU GUARANTEE

ACU Guarantee, early entry program, is now open for applications!

Applications close: 15 September 2025

How to apply | Application FAQs | Personal statement hints and tips | Offer FAQs |

Watch the ACU Guarantee video

Watch the ACU Guarantee: early offers and student pathways webinar

ANU Campus Tours

There are so many things that make ANU a special place to study, live and work, and what better way to see if ANU is your place than a free guided tour of the beautiful campus?

Join the walk down University Avenue to Kambri and explore state-of-the-art learning facilities, libraries and student residences. Along the way ACU Students will share their own experiences and insights into life at ANU.

Campus tours are a free, one-hour guided outdoor walk, rated as easy. Tours are offered every second Saturday throughout the year with additional tours available during the school holidays*. Tickets are limited, so bookings are essential. https://study.anu.edu.au/anu-future-student-campus-tour

Charles Sturt University - HSC Guide for Students

This guide will offer you resources, information and advice, that will help you during preparation for your HSC. It may assist both students and teachers but please note that it is not intended to replace advice from your school. It includes:

- links to past exams and study guides
- free online resources for each Year 12 subject or stream
- free multidisciplinary resources.

What CSU has to offer

If you live near one of the campuses, you are welcome to visit and study in the libraries during opening hours. Campus maps are available online. Library opening hours and information about access is available on the library homepage. https://libguides.csu.edu.au/HSC/home

Macquarie University - How to Apply for the Bachelor of Actuarial Science with Professional Practice

Apply By 2 September - Students interested in the Bachelor of Actuarial Studies with Bachelor of Professional Practice (Honours) (Cooperative education program) must apply via the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme and preference the single degree Bachelor of Actuarial Studies. Learn more about the Cooperative education program including eligibility, key dates and application details with the link below.

https://www.mq.edu.au/study/find-a-course/undergraduate/employability-initiatives/cooperative-education-program-in-actuarial-studies

Macquarie University Open Day

16 August - Open Day is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about Macquarie University, get a real feel for the campus and facilities and chat to current students and staff. Students can register to explore what Macquarie Uni has to offer. https://event.mq.edu.au/open-day/

Macquarie University - Year 12 Webinars

Thinking about university next year? You probably have loads of questions.

That's why the on-demand webinars were created just for Year 12 students.

Get the inside scoop on everything from choosing the right degree and navigating entry programs, to applying for university and managing stress in your final year.

- Year 12 Guide to Uni On-Demand Webinar Kickstart your journey to uni by getting the low-down on all the essentials. You'll learn all about our various entry options and explore the ins and outs of the UAC process, including how to manage your preferences, and understanding selection ranks.
- Year 12 Early Entry On-Demand Webinar 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. https://page.mq.edu.au/year-12-webinar-series-2025.htm

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Macquarie University - Bubble Tea Business Innovation Challenge

Registration Closes 8 August - Consumer preferences are constantly evolving, and it takes sharp strategy, creativity, and financial savviness to thrive in today's fast-paced business world. Bubble tea was once the hottest craze, followed by the frozen yoghurt boom, and now fried chicken chains are dominating the scene. Do you have what it takes to lead the next wave of innovation? Welcome to the Bubble Tea Business Innovation Challenge where future business leaders are made! Hosted by the Department of Accounting and Corporate Governance at Macquarie Business School (MQBS), this exciting three-stage inter-school competition invites high school students across New South Wales to step up, think big, and predict the trends of tomorrow by pitching their unique business idea to take over Australia's food scene! https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=wRTFghenh0C-BtQNIHCtUtZL-q-J5AhCuy53m968F91UMkY4NkdENFIXUTIUWIFUWkpRUUFaVjA3VS4u&route=shorturl

Macquarie University - Learn More About The New Bachelor of Health Sciences

If you're thinking about studying a health degree at university next year, don't miss your chance to watch the exclusive Bachelor of Health Sciences: First Look Video! Innovative and versatile, our brand-new degree will prepare you for a career where you can make a meaningful impact in the dynamic health sector. Whether you're drawn to digital health or clinical operations; health coaching or advocacy and welfare ... or something entirely different – a career in health offers job security, a competitive salary and diverse pathways across both traditional and holistic healthcare. So, with health sciences professionals more in-demand than ever, what are you waiting for? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W0fKemdSWZU

University of Canberra - Sydney Hills Education Open Day

Passionate about shaping young minds?

Discover how the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Birth to Five) at UC Sydney Hills can launch your career in one of the most rewarding and impactful professions. Here's what you can expect:

- Explore the Early Childhood Education program in detail
- Tour the vibrant campus and modern learning spaces
- Join hands-on workshops tailored for future educators
- Meet academic staff and current students for real-world insights
- Enjoy free snacks, coffee, and the famous UC blue cupcakes! https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/uc-sydney-hills-education-open-day-tickets-1344998238939

University of Newcastle Subject Spotlight Scheme - Early Offer Program

If you are a Year 12 student currently completing an Australian Year 12 qualification, you can receive an offer to selected undergraduate degrees. This offer is based on strong results in English (Standard or Advanced) and at least one HSC subject related to your preferred degree and is not reliant on your ATAR.

https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/admissions-and-entry/entry-options/subject-spotlight-scheme

University of Newcastle – Joint Medical Program (JMP)

Applications Close 30 September - To apply to the Joint Medical Program in 2026, you must complete the following three steps. Our Joint Medical Program is world-class and entry is competitive. Each year, 170 places are available in the program across both the University of Newcastle and the University of New England; more than 3,000 people apply for those places. Your application will go through a rigorous selection process. If your application isn't successful, we encourage you to apply again the following year or to consider one of the many alternative degrees offered by the University of Newcastle or the University of New England. https://www.newcastle.edu.au/joint-medical-program/how-to-apply

University of Notre Dame Young Achievers Early Offer Program

Round 1 Deadline - 18 August - If you are a Year 12 student, this program could be just what you need to secure a place at a university that values your growth as a person, not just your academic achievements. An early offer can give you the security of knowing you have a place to study at university before the main rounds of offers. The Young Achievers Early Offer Program at Notre Dame is open to students undertaking Year 12 in Australia. It is an excellent opportunity for you to feel confident as you work towards your final exams. https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/applications-and-admissions/pathways/early-offer

University of Notre Dame - Open Day

30 August - Notre Dame's Open Day is your chance to explore what university life is all about! You will discover study options, career pathways and student support services. Plus, you will experience an exciting program filled with activities for future students. Whether you are in Year 10, 11 or 12, or a graduate thinking about postgrad study, the Open Day is open to everyone – including pathways and international students, who can chat with the dedicated team. Learn about scholarships and financial assistance to make your journey affordable. https://www.notredame.edu.au/engage/visit-us/openday

University of Notre Dame - Medicine Information Session 2025

30 September - Join the online information session designed to provide you with crucial insights into Notre Dame's Doctor of Medicine program. This webinar offers a unique opportunity to delve into the program's structure, entry pathways and exciting new developments. https://events.nd.edu.au/doctor-of-medicine

UNSW Aviation Open Day

20 September - Are you passionate about flying or curious about a career in aviation? Join UNSW for an unforgettable experience at the UNSW Aviation Open Day, held at the state-of-the-art Bankstown Airport flight training facility!

- Explore the fleet of Diamond DA-40 and Piper Seminole PA44 aircraft up close
- Experience the cutting-edge flight simulators
- Chat with expert instructors and current students
- Tour the facilities and get a feel for life at UNSW Aviation
- Ask anything—UNSW will help you navigate your aviation journey!

Whether you're dreaming of becoming a pilot or just want to learn more about aviation, this is your chance to get inspired and informed. https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/unsw-aviation-open-day-tickets-1490015569679

UNSW x Science in the Swamp

17 August - UNSW is taking SciFest off campus and into the wild! As proud partners of Science in the Swamp, UNSW is bringing the best of science, tech and imagination to Sydney's Centennial Park for one unforgettable day of handson discovery. Step into the UNSW SciFest Village — your hub for curious minds of all ages. From drone soccer and space exploration to the quirks of native wildlife, UNSW will be showcasing the full spectrum of STEMM with interactive exhibits, pop-up experiments, and engaging experiences led by real UNSW researchers. Get up close with 3D anatomy models, test your reflexes in fitness challenges, marvel at optical illusions, and even meet some scaly reptile friends. Whether you're a budding scientist, a curious parent, or just up for something new, there's something for everyone. https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/unsw-x-science-swamp

University of Sydney Webinar - Money, Money, Money: Fees and Scholarships

18 August - Join USYD for a practical and informative webinar designed to help parents and caregivers navigate the financial aspects of supporting a young person through university.

From understanding the true cost of study and when fees are paid, to exploring loan options and what happens if plans change, the special guest from the HECS and Domestic Fees team will provide clear insights and answer your questions. You will discover how scholarships can offer financial support, and how students can contribute to their

education costs through on-campus jobs and casual employment. In addition, USYD will touch on the broader costs of university life—such as accommodation, transport, textbooks, and everyday living expenses—and how families can plan ahead. https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN koCjcCyJSzin1DeC0Eo1xw#/registration

University of Sydney Webinar - Explore Exercise and Sport Science, and Exercise Physiology at Sydney

20 August - Exercise scientists and exercise physiologists work in sport, fitness, rehabilitation, health industries, communities and health promotion. In the Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise and Sport Science) you will learn about the human body, how it works during exercise, and how to optimise health and performance to help people reach their health and wellbeing goals. In the Bachelor of Applied Science (Exercise Physiology) you will explore exercise and behaviour change as strategies needed for the prevention and management of chronic diseases. In this webinar the academic experts will break down the similarities and differences across each discipline and delve into what each degree has to offer, helping you find the career path better aligned with your interests. So, bring along your curious minds! https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN idS9UOVgTdmilL 1PR3rmA#/registration

University of Sydney Webinar - Studying Medicine at Sydney

26 August - Join USYD ahead of Open Day to discover how the University of Sydney can help you achieve your dream of becoming a doctor. The medicine degree equips you with the clinical expertise, leadership skills, and human understanding needed to make a meaningful impact—both in Australia and around the world. Throughout the session, you will be able to ask questions directly to USYD's specialist team any questions via a live Q&A, helping you feel confident and prepared for a more immersive experience on Open Day. https://unisydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN-8MSUp1IUSnS76lD1UABLMg#/registration

University of Sydney Webinar - Studying Dentistry at Sydney

26 August - Join USYD ahead of Open Day for an exclusive webinar and discover how the University of Sydney can help you achieve your dream of becoming a dentist. As Australia's first dental school, the Dentistry degree equips you with the clinical expertise, leadership skills, and human understanding needed to make a meaningful impact—both in Australia and around the world. Throughout the session, you will have the opportunity to ask questions directly to the academic and degree specialist team via a live Q&A, helping you feel confident and prepared for a more immersive experience on Open Day. https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN IhvltS3vR7Wn-Ql7nYJhsA#/registration

University of Sydney Open Day

30 August - Join the University of Sydney Open Day on Saturday 30 August 2025. There is so much to see and do at Open Day, so register today and start building your personalised timetable.

- 40+ talks get an overview of our courses, programs and pathways.
- Course advice areas speak directly to your future lecturers and have your questions answered.
- Get personalised advice from staff everything from admission, student support, scholarships, to picking your major.
- See the campus come alive see activations, exhibits, interactive demos and facilities across campus.
- Take a tour building, facilities, and accommodation tours are running throughout the day. https://openday.sydney.edu.au

University of Sydney Guaranteed Entry Requirements

Select your UAC preferences with confidence Find out what selection rank you need to guaranteed entry to your dream course. Guaranteed Entry gives you a confirmed place in an eligible degree if you achieve the required selection rank and meet any other admissions criteria. Your selection rank is your ATAR plus any adjustment factors you receive through our admission pathways. https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/applying/how-to-apply/undergraduate/guaranteed-entry.html

University of Sydney - St Andrews College Scholars Award

Closes 17 August - The St Andrew's Scholars program seeks to support our future leaders by awarding up to three scholarships each year. The Scholarships will provide financial support of full fee-relief and will be awarded for a maximum of 3 years. The Scholars will be exceptional young men and women who will thrive academically, are 'engaged in life' and have the potential to make a significant positive contribution to college and, in the future, the wider community. https://www.standrewscollege.edu.au/scholarships-3/

University of Sydney - St Andrews College Creative Arts Scholarships

Closes 24 August - The College offers a variety of creative arts scholarships. Students are obligated to complete, or participate in, activities related to their scholarship in order to fulfil the requirements. Scholarships available are:

- Choral Scholarship
- Instrumental Scholarship
- Keyboard Accompanist Scholarship
- Convenor of Choral Music
- Convenor of Chamber Music Scholarship
- Convenor of Jazz and Contemporary Music Scholarship
- Scott West Organ Scholarship
- Piping Scholarship
- Cultural Project Scholarship (for Dance/Drama/Visual Arts/Debating/Public Speaking)
- Major Residential Music Scholarship for Exceptional Music Students https://www.standrewscollege.edu.au/scholarships-3/

University of Sydney - The Women's College - Open Day 2025

30 August - Meet staff and students and take a tour of college. Hear from Principal Dr Tiffany Donnelly at 11am and at 2pm and enjoy some light refreshments. Learn about student support including academic and tutorial assistance, mentor program, internships and leadership programs. Tours will be running throughout the day. All welcome. https://www.thewomenscollege.com.au/event-detail/open-day-2025/

UTS Webinar - New Creative Production and Communication Courses at UTS

21 August - Exciting new course changes for Creative Production and Communications 2026. Get an exclusive preview of UTS's newly reaccredited degrees for 2026 before they go live on the UTS website. This session is designed specifically for prospective students and their parents and/or carers who have questions about UTS's updated courses. What you'll find out:

- Details of the new, integrated Bachelor of Creative Production bringing together Animation, Media Arts, and Music & Sound Design
- Insights into the new updated structure for the Bachelor of Communication with six specialisation streams
- The Key changes that students and parents need to know https://events.humanitix.com/uts-soc-new-degrees-sneak-peek-students-and-parents

UTS Open Day 2025

30 August - Explore your course and career options at UTS Open Day! With over 100 info sessions, workshops, campus tours and more on offer, it is a great opportunity to talk to academics and current students and get your UTS questions answered. https://www.uts.edu.au/events/open-day

UTS Science Aptitude Test

12 January - The aptitude assessment is a multiple-choice test of your general knowledge, logic and language skills. If you perform well, you may be offered a place at UTS. Taking the test is an alternative entry to undergraduate science courses. If you want to study science but do not meet the minimum selection rank for your course, by taking the test you may be offered a place. This depends on your performance on the test and whether you show an

aptitude for science or mathematics. https://www.uts.edu.au/for-students/admissions-entry/entry-schemes/science-aptitude-test

University Of Wollongong Early Entry Closes Soon

Closes 8 August UOW Early Admission is the early entry offer program for students completing Year 12 (Higher School Certificate or other Australian equivalents) during 2023. When you apply for Early Admission, UOW considers your unique skills and experiences, alongside your Year 11 results, so you can earn an offer to university before you sit your first exam. Getting early entry to UOW means less stress for you at that time and provides you with the certainty that next year you'll be studying at a uni who knows you're more than your ATAR. https://www.uow.edu.au/early-admission/

University of Wollongong - PECAN+ CTF Cybersecurity Competition

23-24 August - PECAN+ is a national Capture The Flag (CTF) style cyber security competition for beginner, intermediate and advanced high school students in Years 10 to 12. Compete in person to solve challenges, and uncover digital flags, in a range of topic areas including cryptography; digital forensics; OSINT; reverse engineering; steganography; web exploitation and more. Registration includes a fun Training Day to support competitors in developing their skill using cyber security tools, virtual machines, Linux and ethical hacking. National prizes on offer for First, Second and Third placed Teams in each skill Division, as well as prizes for the Top-scoring All Female Teams and best performing indigenous competitor, plus more! Put your problem-solving and teamwork skills to the test and learn cybersecurity skills in a fun, practical way. https://future-students-events.uow.edu.au/PECAN_CTF_2025

University of Wollongong - CAPA Workshops

1-2 October - The University of Wollongong (UOW) is excited to present a new series of school holiday workshops designed to ignite creativity and foster skill development among high school students. Led by UOW academics who are experts in their respective fields, these workshops offer hands-on experiences in creative writing, journalism, and visual arts. These workshops aim to inspire students and strengthen their connection with the university community, providing a glimpse into the vibrant academic environment at UOW. Register now to attend! https://future-students-events.uow.edu.au/CAPA

University of Wollongong - Management Cadetships

Applications Close 10 August - Aimed at Year 12 school leavers UOW's Management Cadetships offer a four-year program providing students with the opportunity to gain experience in a range of areas across the university. In addition to experiencing a wide range of spheres, cadets will also undergo a 12-month placement in a field related to their undergraduate degree.

https://eigl.fa.ap1.oraclecloud.com/hcmUI/CandidateExperience/en/sites/CX 1/job/5386

Torrens University Love What You Do Scholarship

Receive 20% off your course fees. - To help you love what you do, Torrens University offers a range of scholarships across all faculties. The Love what you do Scholarship recognises and supports students who demonstrate academic drive, community involvement and a genuine passion for their chosen field. This scholarship rewards individuals who have shown exceptional dedication to their education and community while fostering a creative and innovative approach to their future careers. https://www.torrens.edu.au/how-to-apply/fees-scholarships/domestic/love-what-you-do

Torrens University's Open Day

23 August - Open Day gives you a taste of what we do and how we do it. Meet our academics, talk to current students and tour campuses. https://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/open-day

Torrens University's Open Day

16 August - Ready to turn your passion into a purpose-driven career? ACAP Open Day is your opportunity to discover how practical, people-focused courses can help you make a real difference — in your community and your life. Join on campus this August and experience what makes ACAP different. Whether you're considering counselling, psychology, social work, criminology, law or business, you'll get a firsthand look at the learning, support, and outcomes that set students up for success. From expert-led masterclasses and career panels to course advice and campus tours, Open Day is designed to give you the insight and inspiration to take the next step. https://www.acap.edu.au/events/open-day-sydney/

Western Sydney University - HSC True Reward

Round 1 Offers Close 3 September

Take the stress out of Year 12. Apply for the 2026 HSC True Reward program today to receive an offer for your dream degree as early as September – before your HSC exams begin! WSU's HSC True Reward early offer program will give school leavers much needed peace of mind, providing students with an early offer into most university degrees based on their Year 11* or Year 12 results. HSC True Reward was first launched in 2017, providing students with an early offer into Western based on HSC results, instead of a scaled ATAR, following analysis showing subject performance is a reliable indicator of student success. The HSC True Reward program is open to domestic and international NSW HSC students. https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward

Western Sydney University Scholarships

Western Sydney University offers \$20 million in scholarships every year. This includes a generous range of university and donor-funded opportunities. Scholarships applications are now open. Please refer to the individual scholarship pages for eligibility criteria that may apply. Please continue to check these pages or contact WSU's team on 02 9852 5501 and scholarships@westernsydney.edu.au, to find out the opportunities available for you. https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/important-dates

Western Sydney University - Experience Design@WESTERN

15 August - Interested in studying Design@WESTERN? Excited about graphic design, illustration, UX/UI or photography. WSU would like to invite you to attend a portfolio interview for the chance of an early entry offer (September) into the Design program. This is a great opportunity for Year 12 students and parents to:

- Hear from recent graduates
- Meet the Design tutors and lecturers
- Check out our facilities
- Take part in hands-on workshops
- Take part in course entry interviews https://events.humanitix.com/portfolio-day-design-western

VTAC applications for courses have officially opened today!

To help navigate <u>VTAC</u>, students are invited to the upcoming 'Applying to UniMelb through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)" webinar this Wednesday 6 August between 6-7pm AEST. This session is tailored for interstate applicants and will go through the undergraduate courses at Melbourne and their entry requirements, the role of VTAC for applications and receiving offers, information about the special consideration and equity scheme and Access Melbourne. There will be a live Q&A running throughout the session where students will be able to get tailored advice for their future studies. Registration for this webinar is essential and can be done via the link provided below: https://study.unimelb.edu.au/student-life/events/applying-to-unimelb-through-VTAC

Cadetships & Scholarships

BlueScope Engineering Cadetships 2026

Applications Close 17 August - Step into a Cadetship at the Port Kembla Steelworks where steel shapes not just our bridges, hospitals, homes, and stadiums, but your future too. BlueScope's program has been designed to blend paid real-world experience with your studies, so you can launch your career while you study. Each year, the Manufacturing business in Port Kembla, NSW offers amazing opportunities for highly motivated students to join the team in Electrical, Materials, Mechanical, Civil/Structural, and Computer Engineering.

Combining part-time study with paid, hands-on work, the Cadetship program allows you to start your career journey while undertaking your university studies. You will work alongside experienced and supportive professionals, contribute to meaningful projects, and earn a competitive salary - all before you graduate. Whether you're finishing Year 12 or in your first or second year of an undergraduate Engineering degree, this is your opportunity to gain a real head start in the industry. https://careers.smartrecruiters.com/BlueScope/engineering-cadetships

2026 Accounting Cadetship Opportunity – William Buck

William Buck is one of Australia's leading mid-tier accounting firms, with offices in Sydney CBD and Parramatta. William Buck is currently looking to offer Accounting Cadetships to Year 12 graduates, which will commence in January 2025, in their Parramatta office. This is a paid Cadetship, which will provide the opportunity for students to obtain invaluable on the job training within a leading accounting firm whilst studying an accounting related degree (part-time). With study leave, textbook allowance and a nurturing work environment, a Cadetship with William Buck provides a boost to future career progression and skill development. To check out more information about William Buck, click here: About Us - William Buck Applications should be submitted directly through our careers portal by Monday 15 September 2025 - HARRIE - Administration - Career - View Job - Accountant Cadetship The successful candidates will be offered a position for 2026 on the provision that they are accepted into a part-time university degree related to the accounting field.

WiseTech Earn & Learn (Cadetship) - Become a Software Developer straight out of school

Applications Close 31 August - WiseTech's Earn & Learn program gives you a full-time, paid job as a software developer while also supporting you through a four-year university degree.

Combine university recognized coursework, real-world experience at one of Australia's most successful tech companies, and university funding to give you an unparalleled head-start on your career in tech. No prior coding experience necessary. https://wisetechglobal.com/careers/students-and-graduates/earn-and-learn-program/

NSW Department of Education Teacher Education Scholarship

Application Close 12 September - If your future plans include completing an initial teacher education degree or you are currently studying to become a secondary mathematics, science, technological and applied studies (TAS) or English teacher or an inclusive/special education teacher (K - 12), you could be eligible for the Teacher Education Scholarship. The Teacher Education Scholarship provides financial support of up to \$7,500 per year whilst studying full-time, a \$6,000 appointment allowance and a permanent teaching position with the NSW Department of Education following successful completion of studies. https://education.nsw.gov.au/teach-nsw/get-paid-to-study/teacher-education-scholarship

teach. Rural Scholarship

If you are interested in becoming a secondary teacher or inclusive/special education teacher (K - 12) in a rural or remote NSW public school, apply for the teach. Rural Scholarship.

- Successful applicants receive:
- up to \$50,000 in equivalent course contribution fees
- \$7,500 per year of full-time study (pro-rata for part-time study)
- a \$6,000 appointment allowance

- a \$500 per week rural practicum allowance
- a permanent teaching position in a NSW public school upon successful completion of studies.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/teach-nsw/get-paid-to-study/teacher-education-scholarship

Elevate Scholarships - Women in STEM

Applications Close 1 September - ATSE's Elevate: Boosting women in STEM program will award up to 500 undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships to women and non-binary people in STEM. Elevate aims to address gender inequities in STEM through fostering more women and non-binary led industry-academia collaborations in applied research and business, growing professional skills of women in STEM and propelling women and non-binary people into leadership.

The Elevate program provides:

- A scholarship
- Access to events and networking
- Mentoring
- Wellbeing support during scholars' university studies

Elevate scholarships are awarded across three categories - — Undergraduate, Postgraduate Research and Leadership. The program is funded by the Department of Industry, Science and Resources and the Department of Defence. A network of partner organisations from across industry and academia support program delivery. https://www.atse.org.au/what-we-do/pathways-into-through-stem/elevate

AIQS Donald Napier Scholarship - Apply Now

Applications Now Open, closes 1 October - AIQS offers a number of scholarships each year for Year 12 students who qualify for entry into a Quantity Surveying, Construction Economics, Construction Management (Economics) or other appropriate course at an AIQS accredited program in Australia. There are four scholarships offered each year

- General (open to all people)
- First Nations people (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)
- Disadvantaged (financial, carer, medical condition or disability, regional or remote)
- Diversity (including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, marital status, language)

The value of the scholarship is AU\$5,000 https://www.aiqs.com.au/scholarships

Country Education Foundation - Tim Fischer Fellowship

Applications Close 17 August - The Tim Fischer Fellowship (TFF) is a prestigious program designed to support individuals passionate about making a difference in rural and regional Australia. Inspired by Tim Fischer's honesty, integrity, and selflessness, this Fellowship supports a recipient with up to \$50,000 in funding, mentorship, and networking opportunities to help turn their bold ideas into reality. Whether you're an aspiring leader, a dedicated professional, a researcher or an emerging innovator, this Fellowship is your opportunity to create real impact and advance your career. https://cef.org.au/Programs/tim-fischer-fellowship/

Choosi Futures Grant Program

Closes 31 October - The value of this grant is AUD \$5,000 and is paid as a lump-sum payment to the winner. Choosi is passionate about helping to make a healthier Australia and as part of this commitment, we developed the annual Choosi Futures Grant Program — a financial assistance of \$5,000 that's offered to one lucky student enrolled in a full-time, accredited Australian education institution studying a certificate, diploma, degree, or traineeship in any of the following areas: Medicine, Health Sciences & Healthcare, and/or Specialist Healthcare. https://www.choosi.com.au/grants/futures-grant

Attention Schools in the Shoalhaven – Shoalhaven Education Fund

Closes 31 October - Shoalhaven Education Fund (SEF) supports local youth to achieve their career aspirations through post-school education and training. The Shoalhaven Education Fund (SEF) was established to provide much needed financial assistance and support to local youth to help them achieve their post high school education, training and vocation aspirations. https://shoalhaven.cef.org.au

General

Applying Interstate

To apply to interstate universities, you need to apply directly through each State's Tertiary Admission Centre. Each state has its own procedures and costs.

If you apply interstate, these places are in addition to your 5 NSW preferences.

These websites will be useful:

QLD ~ <u>www.qtac.edu.au</u>
SA and Northern Territory ~ <u>www.satac.edu.au</u>
Victoria ~ <u>www.vtac.edu.au</u>
WA ~ <u>www.tisc.edu.au</u>
Tasmania ~ www.utas.edu.au

Student Life in the Tertiary World

Choosing what to study and where to study is just the tip of the iceberg. Once you've finally made the big decision and turned up for your first day, student life is everything that follows.

Your time as a student is a whole lot more than just showing up to class and displaying a diploma on your wall. Rather, it's about the complete picture and what you get out of your experience, including minor ups and downs and the general challenges that come with taking time out to complete post-compulsory education.

This section covers everything you need to know about life as a student but probably haven't even thought about yet, from student services and how to use them to helpful hints for when you begin job hunting. https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/articles/study-information/student-life

Future Doctors Australia - A 4 Day Program for ages 14 to 18

Register Now for 22-25 January - This popular program will book out, so register now to ensure you have your spot! Gaining medical work experience is essential for young people considering a medical career. It provides insight into the field, helps develop skills and attributes, and provides networking opportunities. However, obtaining medical work experience can be challenging due to various restrictions such as limited opportunities, safety concerns, and confidentiality issues. That's why NIE has developed the "Future Doctors Australia" program. This engaging and high-impact 4-day program provides young people with a unique opportunity to gain medical work experience in a safe and structured environment. Participants will have the opportunity to spend time with current junior and senior medical students. They will also have the rare opportunity to spend time with more senior clinicians and various medical specialists. You will learn about clinical specialist's relevant fields of work, ask them questions, and learn some hands-on skills from them. https://www.niecareers.com.au/future-doctors-australia

Basair Info Sessions Sydney Pilot Career Seminar

Next Sessions: 19 August, 23 September

Learn about a career as a Commercial Pilot at one of our free information seminars. Basair Aviation College runs monthly seminars in Sydney, Brisbane and Newcastle. Learn more about a career in aviation and the benefits Basair can provide for your training as a commercial pilot. https://basair.com.au/Events/

Sydney Quantum Academy - School Holiday Tech Camp

Dates TBD, expected to run in the first week of the October Holidays

The 2025 SQA QxQ Quantum Tech Camp is delivered by Sydney Quantum Academy (SQA), in collaboration with Qubit by Qubit (QxQ) — a leading organisation in quantum education.

The camp is designed for high school students to learn more about the fascinating world of quantum - from strange phenomena like superposition and entanglement, the massive potential of quantum computing, and the diverse career pathways emerging in the field. The program includes a mix of in-person lectures and virtual sessions delivered by some of Australia's leading quantum researchers. You'll also take part in workshops, learning how to code quantum gates and circuits — the building blocks of quantum algorithms. https://sydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cN4ioJVduxbwXBk

Soil Week - Schools Competition

Entries Close 12 October - The entries over the last two years have been fantastic.

Topic – "The World Beneath Our Feet – Its Importance to Our Food and Environment"

In your most creative format, talk about the importance of healthy soil and its connection to our food.

Entries can be in any format that can be emailed in or shared via Google Docs (including photos of posters etc.). Previous entries have included videos, magazines, artworks, recording a performance, writing a play, murals, video games, picture story books, websites, comic strips etc. Entries can be individual students, a small group or a whole class. https://soilweekaustralia.com.au/schools-competition/

Entrepreneurship Education

Unlock your entrepreneurial potential and gain the skills necessary to succeed. Study on the stunning East Coast of Australia. Enjoy beautiful sun and surf filled days and progress your career with Entrepreneur Education. https://www.entrepreneur.edu.au

Careers in Shipping

The shipping industry plays a vital role in international trade and in the economic progress of most countries. Due to its international involvement and operations, it is different in many respects from other industries and offers interesting and diverse career opportunities. Shipping operates in a keenly competitive international market and as the growth in international trade increases and ships to carry the trade are in greater demand, career prospects also improve. Employment opportunities arise for bright young people with or without their higher school certificate or university degrees. On-the-job training is available for everyone to learn about the shipping industry. Positions also become available for graduates or those who already have professional qualifications. The shipping industry attracts a wide range of disciplines including accounting, IT, customer service, marketing, logistics and international business. In more specialised sectors of the industry, ship chartering and broking skills are often in demand. https://www.shippingaustralia.com.au/careers-courses/

Your ultimate step-by-step guide to successful selection into the Australian Defence Force

The Defence Exam Mastery System is your personal guide for the best practice possible leading up to your selection tests and exams. This groundbreaking system will get you rapidly up to speed in the most challenging aspects of ADF selection. From your initial Virtual YOU assessment day through to additional officer selection boards and additional testing days (including pilot testing). You will get the exact preparation you need to achieve your goals. You will get instant access to hundreds of sample test questions, detailed explanations and lessons, training strategies, tips and techniques. This is the most comprehensive guide available to prepare you for the rigours of ADF recruit selection. https://www.defenceready.com.au/adf-exam-prep/

Applications to Sydney Youth Orchestra Now Open

Application Close 4 September - Established in 1973 by legendary conductor and educator Peter Seymour, The Sydney Youth Orchestra has become an important stepping stone for hundreds of young musicians into professional careers in the music and arts sector. https://thesyo.com.au/audition/

The Simpson Prize

Closes 5 November - The Simpson Prize is a civics-based, national research competition for Year 9 and 10 students which focuses on the service of Australians in World War One and World War Two.

The 16 winners and runners-up, two from each state and territory, will travel to Canberra to participate in a 3-day study program in March 2026. The results of the 2026 Simpson Prize will be available on this website at the conclusion of the Canberra Study Program. In April the 8 winners will travel to an overseas destination for an extensive commemorative study tour culminating in Anzac Day ceremonies at that location.

https://www.simpsonprize.org

Turn your passion into opportunity with the Immerse Education Essay Competition!

Write a 500-word essay on a subject that inspires you, from Medicine and Business Management to AI and Law, and you could win a 100% scholarship to attend an Immerse summer school in world-class university locations, including Oxford, Cambridge, New York, Boston, Singapore, or Sydney.

Deadline: 18 September 2025

Register your interest and receive the competition guide here

Young Scientist Awards

1 September - The Young Scientist Awards Program is a student competition that encourages students to undertake authentic scientific investigations or create technology/engineering innovations. It provides a valuable opportunity for students to gain state-level recognition for their work, win cash prizes, and be nominated to progress to the national level at the ASTA iCubed Awards. The program is open to all school students from K-12 across NSW and recognises their efforts and achievements through a host of prizes and awards. There are several awards across all year groups with a vision to inspire the next generation of emerging scientists. https://youngscientist.au

Become a Surveyor

It is important to find a career you will love. Being a surveyor isn't just a career, it's a profession that is critical to the ongoing development of Australia, and Australia needs you right now! That is why there are work experience options that allow you to experience the diversity surveying offers. Your love for technology, science, geography, maths and working outdoors should take you to places other than an office cubicle. You have the entire world to explore. Becoming an engineer, doctor, lawyer, or accountant shouldn't be the only career option you consider. https://www.surveyingcareers.com.au

Youth at the Zoo

November Intake – Express Your Interest

The program is open to teens aged 13 – 19 years old. Members will have the opportunity to take part in a range of training programs, volunteer their time with Guest Services team or at Special Events, take part in campaigns, interact with Zoo guests, attend Social Nights and so much more.

As you get older you can even put up your hand for additional responsibilities like training for the overnight programs or becoming a Leader or Mentor for younger YATZ. Members will develop important skills in communication, both in person and via email as they manage their availability with the YATZ Coordinator via the online Volunteer Management System called Volgistics. Due to the popularity of the program, applications are opened twice yearly, in May and November. To receive information about the next round of applications, you must first join the waitlist for the Sydney or Dubbo program. https://taronga.org.au/work-at-taronga/youth-at-the-zoo

Exchange WEP – Choose a Country

Options abound when it comes to where you can go on exchange. As country destinations available for Australian students are changing constantly, it is always advisable to check to see what new countries have been added, or what conditions may have forced the removal of a destination. WEP guarantees country of choice!

Many of WEP's programs include weekends away excursions, mini-tours, group orientations and day trips. Browse through the country pages to find out what each destination has on offer. Click on the link for a full list of included program extras! https://www.wep.org.au

Exchange WEP – Online Info Session

14 August - Jump on your device and join an online WEP Talk, as they present information about WEP and student exchange programs, including the best time to go, which countries offer which program, information about host families, schools, and all other things student exchange! https://www.wep.org.au/events/wep-talk-online-14-Aug

AIFS Au Pair Life

You will spend 12 months living in the USA with a carefully selected host family. You will receive a weekly stipend, private bedroom, all meals and a study allowance towards taking classes. The minimum weekly stipend is calculated by the U.S. Department of State after accounting for costs associated with weekly room and board. Host families and au pairs are free to agree to compensation higher than the legally applicable minimum.

You will provide up to 45 hours of childcare per week for your host family. Duties may involve a range of general child-related tasks such as feeding and bathing babies, planning fun activities, homework help or driving to appointments. You'll only be placed with a host family whose needs match your childcare experience. https://www.aifs.com.au/programs/au-pair-in-america/what-is-it

Building the cyber security workforce

Cyber security is now one of the most rapidly growing industries globally. The threat posed by the perpetrators of malicious cyber activities has spurred governments, the private sector and the research community to invest in cyber security products and services to the tune of around US\$250 billion by 2026.

https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/articles/education-blogs/guest/building-the-cyber-security-workforce-australia-needs

JOBTED Resume Writing – A Practical Guide

A new practical guide on how to write an effective resume. This comprehensive Resume Writing Guide is intended to help students and job seekers to create a resume and job application. Check it out for lots of good advice. https://au.jobted.com/blog/how-to-write-resume

Unique Student Identifier (USI) Get Students Uni Ready With a USI

Students thinking about going to university next year can get ready now by creating a Unique Student Identifier (USI). They will need a USI to accept a Commonwealth supported place, apply for commonwealth financial assistance, and to graduate in 2023 and beyond. https://www.usi.gov.au

Digging Up the Neighbourhood Walking Tour

8 October - Starting at Susannah Place, this walking tour explores some of the fascinating archaeological sites in The Rocks and Millers Point, including a rare opportunity to view the Parbury Ruins. Unearthed during the construction of an apartment block and now preserved below ground, the Parbury Ruins feature the extensive remains of an 1820s cottage once owned by ex-convicts. https://mhnsw.au/whats-on/events/digging-up-the-neighbourhood-2025/

Engineering Summer School 2025 - Expression of Interest

7-12 December - Engineering Summer School has been running for 33 years and supported by the Office of NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer. It is a collaboration between Engineers Australia, our Engineering Universities and Industry partners. The aim of the week is to provide an insight into the vast number of areas where Engineers work, the numerous degrees available, and the amazing career opportunities both in Australia and globally. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8A0zk6zofM6lqQ8Ras-zfSibp_x_QTexRuEu98LVmFyky5Q/viewform

Future Health Worldbuilding Competition 2025

Submissions Close 25 September - The Future Health Worldbuilding Competition is an exciting, new free competition open to young people in Years 7 – 10 in NSW. This free, publicly available competition has great prizes including: an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour at our largest innovation centre, workshops with health professionals and more! Fifteen years from now, Australia's biggest healthcare system will likely face significant challenges due to factors like climate change, population and demographic changes, and rising costs. There will also be significant opportunities thanks to emerging technologies, breakthroughs in medical research, and advancements in all aspects of life and work. Through this competition, you'll get to dive into the megatrends that are expected to shape the future of healthcare in NSW and produce a creative vision of the future for a chance to win exciting prizes and gain unprecedented access behind the scenes of NSW Health. https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/futurehealthcomp

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