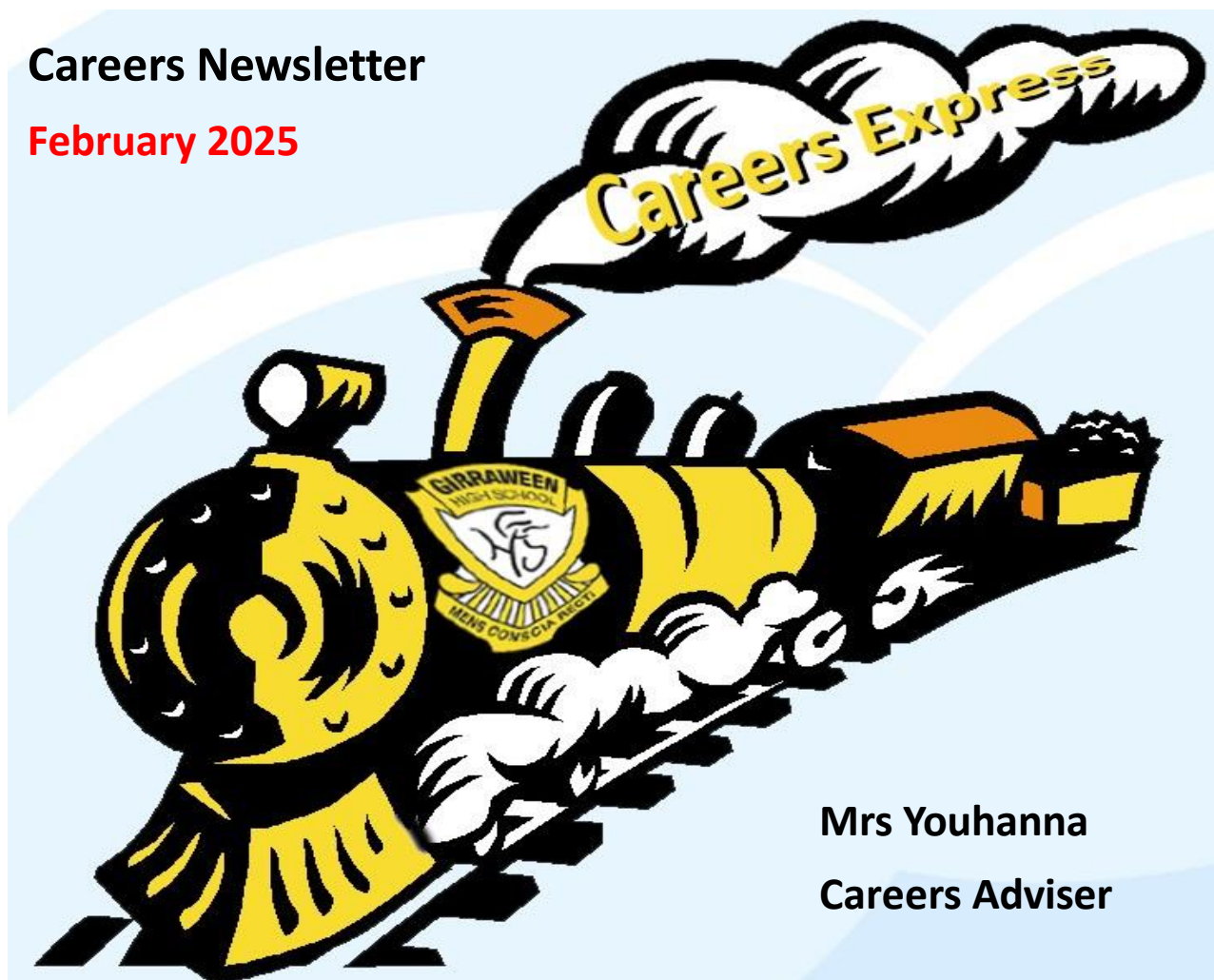


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Introduction:

A warm welcome to 2025 school year, hope you all had a lovely holiday, are enthusiastic about this year and have an enjoyable and productive year. Please be aware that the purpose of this publication is to keep you up to date with information as it comes to the school. Your responsibility is to research about anything that interests you and to see the Careers Adviser whenever you need.

This term, I will attend several “Careers Adviser’s Days” at various universities. These seminars are valuable sources of information. I will pass much of this information on in the next few months via the Careers Newsletter and emails. Although these days take me out of school, it is imperative to get feedback and updated careers information from universities to help each current and future Year 12 cohort.

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 Sydney ~	Monday 5 May 2025
Western Sydney University	TBA
University of Technology	TBA
Australian Catholic University	TBA
University of Notre Dame	TBA
University of New South Wales	Monday 23 June 2025

Careers Excursions, Incursions, Work Experience & Career Programs

For Year 10:

- A Big Day in IT - Western Sydney University Parramatta City Campus - Wednesday 28 May 2025 (Optional)
- The Western Sydney Careers Expo - The Sydney Showground—Sydney Olympic Park - Friday 27 June 25 (All Students)
- UTS Start Up and Burn Bright Careers Program – Girraween High School – Monday 17 November 2025 (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:

- Navigating Future Careers – Girraween High School – Monday 24 February 2025 (All Students)
- Sydney Metro – Western Tunnelling Project STEM – Wednesday 12 March 2025 (Optional)
- Turning Point Seminar – Girraween High School – Monday 10 November 2025 – Periods 3&4 (All Students)

For Year 12:

- The Western Sydney Careers Expo at the Sydney Showground—Sydney Olympic Park or on Thursday 26 June 25 (All Students)

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 on your assessment or your grade sport.

Kindly note 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.

JobJump Website:

JobJump is a website that the school is registered with for use by students, parents and teachers. When you register on JobJump you will receive the News on the Careers you like. Plus, you will be able to use all parts of the JobJump website to help you plan and assist in achieving your Career dreams. To register with JobJump, go to the front screen of the website at www.jobjump.com.au

STEP 1. Enter in the first white box the first letters of your school's name and when the full name appears in blue just below, click on your school's name and it will enter automatically into the first white box.

STEP 2. In the second white box, enter your email address and then click the Login button.

STEP 3. A new screen will appear which asks you to type in lower case letters your school's password. **Insert the school's password: hounddog**

The Western Sydney Careers Expo:

The Western Sydney Careers Expo will be held at Sydney Showground—Sydney Olympic Park on Thursday 26, Friday 27, Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 June 2025 from 9am until 3pm. The Expo brings together organizations providing tertiary course, career, vocational, employment, HSC and gap year information and resources. It also features over 120 seminars on topics including tertiary and training courses, career and study advice. HSC subjects' seminars most of which are presented by the NSW Board of Studies. The school has booked for all **Year 12** to attend this expo on **Thursday 26/06/25 and Year 10 to attend the expo on Friday 27/06/25**. The students will be provided with a QR code that will entitle them to re-visit the expo if they wish on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 June 2025.

Year 10 Work Experience Week:

Some of the most important decisions Year 10 students will make during their time at school are about what career directions and further study and training they will pursue when they finish their secondary education. One activity to support students with this planning is providing a curriculum-based workplace learning program. Workplace learning programs are learning activities in real workplaces that help young people to gain practical experience of work as well as learn industry and workplace skills as part of their studies. These programs are available in Year 10 and the Work Experience period is in Term 4- Week 8 from Monday 1 December until Friday 5 December 2025. Paperwork and more information will soon be emailed to parents and students.

University- Institutes

The Australian National University (ANU) Tuckwell Scholarship

Opens 5 March (TBC) - One of the most prestigious scholarships in Australia. The program has a focus on giving back to Australia and is the only one of its kind that nurtures Scholars to fulfil their broader community ambitions over and above the pursuit of an undergraduate degree. Each year ANU awards 25 Scholarships and offers talented and motivated students the opportunity to realise their potential by providing financial support, personal enrichment and development opportunities. <https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/apply/2026-tuckwell-scholarship-application-guide>

The Australian National University (ANU) Open Day 2025

29 March - Don't just imagine it. Experience your future at ANU Open Day.

What to expect:

- Dive deeper into degrees at information sessions.
- Connect with experts and students at the Study Options Expo.
- Take a campus tour.
- Explore student accommodation.
- Wander around the campus and discover the welcoming community. <https://study.anu.edu.au/events/anu-open-day?tab=About-1>

The Australian Catholic University (ACU) Campus Tours

Do you want to explore your campus and discuss your study options? Book a campus tour with ACU's friendly staff. <https://www.acu.edu.au/student-life/experience-uni-before-you-start/explore-your-local-campus/campus-tours>

CSU- Accommodation and Camps Tour

Get a feel for university life and see what's possible at Charles Sturt. Book a tour time that suits you – The Student Ambassadors will take you on a tour around campus giving you first-hand insight into the Charles Sturt experience. You can ask them what's great - and even not so great - about Charles Sturt as they share their experience and tips as students on campus. You will get to see the classrooms, facilities, and support services available to students so you can imagine yourself in their shoes. You will learn what they have accomplished at Charles Sturt - and get inspired to find out what you could do too. <https://study.csu.edu.au/why-charles-sturt/campus-tours>

Charles Sturt University Courses Offered Online

Studying an online degree allows you to work within your own time frame, wherever you may be. That is just one of the benefits of online education. Charles Sturt University offers everything from short courses to bachelor's and master's degrees online, so you can study the way that suits you. At Charles Sturt University you can choose from hundreds of online courses available across 21 different career areas – all fully supported. Study support. Wellbeing support. Tech support. <https://study.csu.edu.au/online>

Charles Sturt University Medicine Information Night

1 April - Interested in a career in medicine?

Join the online Medicine Information Night to discover everything you need to know about studying medicine at CSU. Get ready for a rewarding career and make a positive difference in your community with the five-year undergraduate entry degree, Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine) / Doctor of Medicine.

Based on the Orange campus, Charles Sturt University offers the Joint Program in Medicine in partnership with Western Sydney University. You can expect to study for two years, followed by three years of rural and regional placements. Whether you are in high school, looking for a career change or keen to take the next step in your health career — this information night is for you and your Parents/carers. <https://cvent.csu.edu.au/event/d1c7818e-f129-4957-a065-293beba7598b/summary>

Charles Sturt University Explore Days Happening Throughout March

4 March - Albury-Wodonga

11 March - Bathurst

18 March - Wagga Wagga

25 March - Port Macquarie

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12? Then Explore Day is your chance to check out what life at Charles Sturt University is like. Keen to check out where you will be staying? Look at the accommodation and tour the campus, chat with students and get the lowdown from lecturers. There's even a free lunch and a swag bag of goodies. But the best bit about Explore Day? It's all about you! Pick which interactive session/s interests you, book your spot and then get set for some hands-on learning – and a whole lot of fun. Each of the Explore Day campuses will run different sessions on everything from arts to vet science, so there's lots for you to explore. <https://study.csu.edu.au/why-charles-sturt/events/explore-day>

Southern Cross University Early Offer

Closes 30th September Take the stress out of Year 12 with an Early Offer. The Early Offer program allows you to secure your place in a Southern Cross University degree before your Year 12 results are even released. It's designed to remove some of the pressure from Year 12 and give you a pathway directly into university study that is not based solely on your Year 12 results. <https://www.scu.edu.au/study/high-school-students/entry-pathways/early-offer/>

University of New South Wales 360 Virtual Tours

Tour through UNSW on your mobile or PC. Explore the different departments and see what University life is like. Imagine yourself enjoying the experience of studying in a tertiary environment and making new friends along the way. Some of the greatest things happening on this planet are being developed in the labs and study rooms at UNSW. <https://www.360tour.unsw.edu.au>

UNSW Aviation Information Session

6 March - As air traffic continues to increase, the industry needs more airline pilots and aviation professionals to meet demand. Hear from UNSW Aviation staff and students and find out how you can kick start your career in this important industry. Discover the exciting world of aviation at UNSW as speakers will delve into their personal experiences and share their insights into the broad range of career opportunities in the aviation sector. Connect with the staff and students during the Q&A to discover the diverse range of student experience opportunities on offer at UNSW and get all your questions answered. <https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/unsw-aviation-information-session>

UNSW Year 12 Medicine Information Evening

12 March - Are you interested in a career in Medicine?

Start your medical career at one of the top medical schools in the world. Studying the Bachelor of Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine at UNSW will provide you with the theoretical understanding and practical experiences you need to launch your career as a medical professional. UNSW's Medicine Information Evening, for current year 12 students, will provide insight into the dynamic blend of hands-on clinical experiences and research-focused learning that you will be immersed in as a UNSW Medicine student. You will also find out detailed information on the application and admissions process for 2026 entry, including special entry schemes such as Rural, Gateway and Indigenous Entry Schemes. Join UNSW online where you will hear from expert panel of academic staff, current students and advisors, and get all your UNSW Medicine questions answered.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/unsw-year-12-medicine-information-evening-tickets-1149355546379?aff=>

University of Sydney Info Nights

Designed for students in Years 10 – 12 and their caregivers, The Info Nights are your chance to learn about admission requirements, entry schemes, pathways, fees, scholarships, financial assistance and support services from the expert staff and UAC representative. Year 10 students will join a separate session to year 11 and 12 students, which includes an interactive activity to help link your interests and strengths to courses and careers, with a particular focus on subject selection for Years 11 and 12 to ensure you're prepared to meet university entry requirements. Register at an event below: ● Fairfield RSL - 19 March ● Penrith Panthers - 20 March ● The Entertainment Grounds (Central Coast) - 25 March ● PARKROYAL Parramatta - 26 March ● Liverpool Civic Place - 27 March

University of Sydney Webinar- Study Advanced Computing at Sydney

26 February - Want to work for a major tech company like Microsoft, Oracle and Google? Or launch your own start-up? Then USYD's Bachelor of Advanced Computing could be for you. Specialise in Computer Science, Cybersecurity, Software Development, Information Technology or Data Science and combine with the shared pool of 100+ majors. From intelligent drones to virtual reality apps, cybersecurity to the Internet of Things, you will learn the design principles and programming skills to build the systems behind emerging information technologies. Find out more in the webinar. https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7S9edr6zTfOZw2xEZBQ21w#/registration

University of Sydney Webinar- Your Passport to an International Career: Bachelor of International Studies

5 March - Ever dreamt of making a global impact? In Sydney's Bachelor of International Studies, you will dive into the world's most challenging issues and gear up for a career that knows no borders - be it in business, diplomacy, policymaking, or advocating in a global civil society. Join the webinar and discover how this degree can help you navigate the global arena. Don't just watch the world change - be the change! https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_c-hcRr_3TnuRk9zu_uZHw

University of Sydney Webinar- Study Animal and Veterinary Bioscience at Sydney

12 March- The Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience at Sydney offers you the opportunity to acquire an industry-oriented science-based education that leads to a career in a wide variety of veterinary and animal science industries. Whether you wish to become an animal welfare champion or an expert consultant in animal behaviour and management, the future holds endless possibilities. Join to explore the field with a very expert and academic coordinator. https://unisydneymzoom.us/webinar/register/WN_udcy2a1WQWG85lbMx_lbpQ#/registration

University of Sydney Webinar- Pathways to studying Law at Sydney

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

https://unisydneymzoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HwaKe91zSBKiqkx8UBHTng#/registration

University of Sydney Webinar- Study Medicine at Sydney

26 March - Passionate about studying Medicine and making a difference in the world? Seize this opportunity to discover how the University of Sydney can help you achieve your dreams of becoming a doctor!

The University of Sydney Medicine Degree will equip you with the clinical expertise, leadership skills, and human understanding needed to impact lives positively, both in Australia and globally. Join this webinar to find out about the flexibility and rewards of the double degree programs in Medicine. Learn how to best prepare for the admissions process and set yourself up for success. https://unisydneymzoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KN7Au5CUS6O-ydPutMKOdq#/registration

University of Wollongong 360 Virtual Tours

Select a scene below to begin your tour. Use your mouse to pan across each scene or simply let the auto-scroll run through the scene for you. You can easily navigate between each scene by using the drop-down menu or the previous and next arrows at each side of your window. Alternatively, virtually walk through using the hotspot icons within each scene. To tour the Southwestern Sydney Campus, click on the blue 'Campus Scenes' button below and select the 'South Western Sydney Campus'. <https://www.uow.edu.au/about/locations/campus-map/virtual-tours/>

University of Wollongong- Year 12 Future Talk Webinar Series

Multiple Dates between March to September

Year 12 can be a stressful time—not just for students, but for their families and carers too. Making big post-school decisions can feel overwhelming, so these sessions are designed to provide clarity, support, and practical advice to help you navigate this important year with confidence.

You will gain insights on:

- How to support students through the HSC
- The challenges they may face—and how you can help
- UOW degrees, programs, and study options
- Financial considerations for families, including scholarships, budgeting, accommodation, and moving away from home
- Navigating higher education pathways and the evolving world of work
- Understanding university jargon and demystifying the application process
- Key industry trends shaping the job market
- Connecting with other parents going through the same journey
- UOW's support services for a smooth transition to university
- Practical advice on Early Admission, UAC, and university applications
- A chance to ask questions in a friendly, supportive environment

https://mkto.uow.edu.au/DOMUGWEB20253434FutureTalk2025_Registration.html

Western Sydney University's 2026 Course Guide

WSU's new course guide for 2026 is now available.

Western Sydney University's 2025 Course Updates

- B Creative Industries: - 2 New Majors available: Digital Cultures and Drama (this can lead to a career as a Drama teacher with further study)
- Dip. Educational Studies: Can be used as an alternative entry pathway into B Education (Secondary), not just into B Education (Early Childhood) and B Education (Primary)
- B Nursing: Can be completed part-time. Students are required to complete a program variation form for approval.

Western Sydney University's SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Bankstown Sports Club Scholarship in Social Work. The Bankstown Sports Club Scholarship in Social Work provides recipients with the opportunity to advance their own education in the field of social work, easing the financial barriers that may impact on their access to tertiary education. Valued at \$10,000 per year up to four years.

Applications are to be submitted through the Universities Admissions Centre. MORE INFORMATION:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/opportunities/scholarships/all_uws_scholarships/bankstown-sports-club-scholarship

Western Sydney University's Wednesday Drop-In Sessions:

26 February and 26 March

In 2025, Western is hosting a series of online drop-in sessions for students to chat with Future Student Engagement Team. Drop in during any of the sessions to get your burning questions answered. Ask about your dream degree, alternative entry pathways, scholarships, support services or any other Western-related topics.

The next drop-in session is on: Wednesday 26 February | 5pm

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/dropin>

Discover Western Sydney University's Webinar Series

The 2025 Discover Western webinar series will feature webinars aimed at Educators, Parents and Students. Hear all about the early offer program, alternative entry, Scholarships and student life.

Register your interest to be kept up to date on Western events, including webinars.

MORE INFORMATION: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/webinars>

Save The Date: Western Sydney University Open Day 2025

WSU's Open Day will take place on Sunday 6 July at the Parramatta South campus. REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/openday>

University – General

Bond University Year 12 Extension Program

Maths Stream - 11 & 12 April

Business Stream - 14 * 15 April, 1 & 2 May

Start your university journey ahead of the rest

Get a head start on your studies with the Bond Business School Year 12 Extension Program, which comprises fast-paced and fun two-day workshops designed to prepare you for university life. Facilitated by world-class academics, the Extension Program offers an enriching opportunity that supports the existing Year 12 curriculum across areas such as business and maths. Faced with real-world situations, participants will hone their skills, problem solve, and work collaboratively with their peers. The Extension Program is free of charge to students.

Top performing students from the days will be awarded one of ten part-fee scholarships exclusive to the Year 12 Extension Program. <https://bond.edu.au/study/experience-bond-for-yourself/high-school-student-experiences/experience-a-study-area/year-12>

UCAT 2025 Key Dates

Candidates taking the UCAT ANZ in 2025 for entry to Medicine and Dentistry courses in universities across Australia and New Zealand in 2026 should note these key dates. No exceptions made to these deadlines.

- 4 March - Bookings open
- 9 May - Concession application deadline
- 16 May - Booking deadline and Access arrangement deadline
- 30 May - Late booking deadline and late Access arrangement deadline
- 6 June - Final late booking deadline
- 11 June - Cancellation deadline
- 1 July - Testing begins
- 5 August - Last testing date
- Early September - results delivered to universities <https://www.ucat.edu.au/about-ucat-anz/ucat-anz-test-cycle/>

MedEntry UCAT Workshops

29 March, 19 April, 17 May or 12 July

Feeling intimidated by the UCAT? You're not alone. Most students are nervous as they approach this huge obstacle in their medical career. But you can sit the UCAT with confidence, knowing you have the right strategies and techniques to overcome every challenge. <https://www.medentry.edu.au/ucat-workshop>

University of Melbourne – 2025 The Hansen Scholarship Program Open

Applications Close 31 March - The Hansen Scholarship is a flagship scholarship program at The University of Melbourne. Each year the Hansen Scholarship recognises students from around Australia who have demonstrated resilience to adversity, and a commitment to supporting others. Recipients will be awarded accommodation, an allowance, and financial and personal support.

Scholarship includes:

- a standard room for 52 weeks each year, at no charge, for the standard full-time, three-year undergraduate degree at Little Hall residence in Lincoln Square South.
- an allowance of \$4000 per year for general living expenses for the standard full-time duration of the undergraduate degree.
- full fee remission for asylum seekers who would otherwise have to pay international fees.
- a one-time grant of up to \$4000 to support an approved activity for the Scholar's development such as an international exchange, an international subject, an internship or similar role.
- access to a mentoring program, pastoral care, and development programs available to all students at Little Hall as well as a tailored program of mentoring and support exclusively for Hansen Scholars.
- priority access to graduate accommodation at Little Hall should the Hansen Scholar wish to pursue graduate studies at Melbourne after completing their undergraduate degree; and
- next steps funding after completion of the scholar's undergraduate degree (competitive process to apply for up to \$25,000 for a career-related activity)
- students who meet the requirements for the Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship will receive the Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship Guaranteed Commonwealth Supported Place in one of the professional master's degrees for students who meet the prerequisite course and entry requirements for the master degree.

<https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/hansen-scholarship>

ComparEd Empowering decisions, inspiring opportunities.

Thinking about higher education study? Wish you could ask someone about their experience? Explore and compare institutions and study areas based on real life student experiences. With ComparED, you can explore and compare the quality of higher education institutions and study areas you are interested in, based on the experiences of

others. Be empowered to choose what's right for you! Search institutions or study area. Empowering decisions, inspiring opportunities <https://www.compared.edu.au>

Crimson Education Webinar- Ivy League and Oxbridge Admits:

Meet the Australians Accepted In 2025!

25 February - It's no easy feat getting into top US and UK universities! Admissions Officers aren't just interested in academics and test scores, the best applicants reflect on their interests and develop them throughout high school and late primary school and then weave them into a compelling story on their university application.

To find out what you should do to prepare for top US and UK university admissions, Crimson Education has invited a panel of students that received 2025 offers from the Ivy League and Oxbridge!

Join the panel of students to find out what they did to help them get accepted to some of the world's most competitive universities. <https://www.crimsoneducation.org/au/campaign/early-admits-discussion-panel-jan-2025/>

Crimson Education Webinar- Australian Women in US College Sport

6 March - There's never been a better time to get recruited as a female athlete in the US College system. With increased team sizes, scholarship opportunities and NIL deals, the potential to balance studies with a fulfilling sporting career are all possible for Australian female athletes. Join the expert panel of accomplished women athletes who have successfully made the journey from Australia & New Zealand sports to collegiate success. Hear from both current student-athletes and coaches to get a great overview of the system.

<https://www.crimsoneducation.org/au/athletics/webinar/au-women-in-sport-webinar-march-2025/>

General

Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prizes 2025

Entries Close 14 April - Sponsored by the University of Sydney, the Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize encourages students to communicate a scientific concept in a way that is accessible and entertaining to the public while painlessly increasing their science knowledge or, as prize patrons Dr Karl and Adam Spencer like to say, "Learn something without even noticing". It is intended to support budding young scientists across the nation, who will be our future leaders in research, discovery and communication. <https://australian.museum/get-involved/eureka-prizes/sleek-geeks-science/>

Science Events- Science Alert – CSIRO Events

A one stop shops for some of the best science events in the country if not the world! There's something for almost everyone here. <https://events.csiro.au>

STEM + X: Science Webinar

26 February - Join this free webinar, supported by QUT, to dive into how you can turn your interest in science into a fulfilling career. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pPiBT4vFTv-pQ3WBhdFTBQ

Apply for the International Science School 2025

Applications Close 4 April - The Professor Harry Messel International Science School (ISS) will be held at the University of Sydney from Monday 7 to Friday 18 July 2025. This is a fully funded two-week program bringing together top science students in Year 11 and 12 from across Australia and around the world, featuring inspiring talks by leading scientists, tours of cutting-edge research facilities, and a range of other amazing activities.

From 6–19 July 2025, 110 science students from across Australia and around the world will gather at the University of Sydney for the Professor Harry Messel International Science School. It's two weeks of inspiring science – and it's absolutely free! If you're be in Years 11 or 12 (or equivalent) in 2025 don't miss out – [get your application in now!](https://www.sydney.edu.au/science/industry-and-community/community-engagement/international-science-school.html) <https://www.sydney.edu.au/science/industry-and-community/community-engagement/international-science-school.html>

Sydney Writers Festival- Secondary School Days

22 May 2025 - The Concourse Chatswood and 23 May 2025 - Sydney Town Hall

Hear from Australia's most exciting literary talents.

Over four presentations, students will be inspired and challenged through thoughtful discussion of literature and ideas. Authors will share insights into the writing process, invite students to consider new perspectives, and encourage them in their own creative pursuits. The Secondary School Days program is programmed with students in Years 7 to 10 in mind but is suitable for all high school students. <https://www.swf.org.au/education/secondary-school-days>

2025 Voyages – Join the Young Endeavour

Aged 16-23 and ready to set sail on a new adventure?

Applications are now open for voyages sailing along the eastern and southern coastline of Australia in 2025.

Young Endeavour undertakes around 20 voyages each year, mostly along the east and south coasts of Australia.

During each voyage we embark 24 young Australians – the Youth Crew – and nine specially trained Royal Australian Navy Staff Crew. <https://youngendeavour.gov.au/apply-now>

ADF Gap Year- Register your interest

Spend an exciting 12-months in the Navy, Army or Air Force, where you'll get paid for meaningful work while travelling around Australia, gaining skills for life, and making lifelong friends.

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White Card Training for Work Experience in Construction with Advanced OHS

Any student interested in doing work experience in the construction industry is required to complete the Construction Induction Course also known as 'White Card'. Advance OHS has been conducting White Card Courses for over 20 years. Their trainers have extensive experience in teaching high school students and creating a fun and educational environment. <https://advanceohs.com.au/white-card-for-high-schools/>

Apple Developer- Swift Student Challenge

Submissions open to 23 February

Apple is proud to support and uplift the next generation of developers, creators, and entrepreneurs with the Swift Student Challenge. The Challenge has given thousands of student developers the opportunity to showcase their creativity and coding capabilities through app playgrounds and earn real-world skills that they can take into their careers and beyond. <https://developer.apple.com/swift-student-challenge/>

The 11 Second Club- Animation Competition

Current Competition ends 28 Feb

The 11 Second Club is a monthly character animation competition open to everyone! Join the 1614169 members and participate in the forums to get feedback on your work. <https://www.11secondclub.com/>

University of Sydney HSC Shakespeare Seminars

30 April - The Tempest / Hag-Seed

1 May - Henry IV, Part 1

2 May - Richard III / Looking for Richard

In these annual Shakespeare seminars, Professor Liam Semler and Associate Professor Huw Griffiths from the Discipline of English at the University of Sydney collaborate with James Evans, Associate Director of Bell Shakespeare, to discuss and explore each play.

Each session includes in-depth analysis by one of our academics, covering close reading, literary techniques, different interpretations, themes, and character analysis. The Players from Bell Shakespeare also perform key scenes and soliloquies. Part performance, part interactive seminar, these sessions are designed to directly link to HSC

modules and give students the edge in their upcoming HSC exams. <https://www.sydney.edu.au/arts/industry-and-community/high-school-engagement/hsc-shakespeare-seminars.html>

HSC History Extension: writing the project 2025

6 March

This interactive online seminar is presented by Museums of History NSW and the State Library of NSW.

There will be two focus areas:

- Jonathon Dallimore will assist students to whittle down the scope of their research question, refining big ideas to an achievable and tangible focus.
- Jonathon Dallimore is currently working as the Executive Officer (Professional Services) for the History Teachers' Association of NSW. He is the author of various HSC History texts including *Russia and the USSR, 1917 – 41* (HTA NSW, 2020), *Conflict in Indochina* (Cengage, 2018) and a contributor to the *History Extension Resource Book 2nd Ed.* (HTA NSW, 2020). Jonathon was a recipient of a NSW Premier's Scholarship (2016) which took him to Russia for the centenary of the Russian Revolution and an Andrew Dennis Scholarship (UNSW, 2017) which took him to complete fieldwork on the former Thai-Burma Railway. He currently teaches History Methods at the University of New South Wales and the University of Wollongong.
- Michelle Kennedy will interrogate high-quality examples of past student's writing samples, identifying methods to compose a well-structured and engaging major work.
- Michelle Kennedy is the current Head of HSIE at North Sydney Girls High School. She has taught Ancient, Modern and Extension History for 25 years and is a regular presenter at HTANSW conferences and HSC study days. Michelle has worked on History Extension syllabus development and program writing for NESA and is a contributor to the *History Extension Resource Book 2nd Ed.* (HTA NSW, 2020) and *HTA Ancient History Study Guide* (HTA NSW, 2019). Michelle has 20 years' experience marking the HSC and was the Supervisor of Marking for History Extension in the period 2018-2023. [https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hsc-history-extension-writing-the-project-2025-tickets-1119463197559?aff=](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hsc-history-extension-writing-the-project-2025-tickets-1119463197559?aff=1119463197559)

Australian History Competition

Registration Closes 31st March - Competition Date: 27 May

Not only is the Australian History Competition an opportunity to showcase that History is as important as Maths, English and Science, but delivery in hardcopy also gets students away from screens in a fun and engaging way and helps them develop crucial skills in seeing different points of view. With a focus on testing interpretation and analysis rather than prior knowledge, the competition is accessible to year 7-10 students of all levels, giving every student the chance to excel! <https://australianhistorycompetition.org.au>

The Whitlam Institute's What Matters? Writing Competition

Inspired by Gough Whitlam's commitment to involving young people in shaping Australia's future, the What Matters? writing competition is currently open to school students in years 5 to 12 from Australia. Responding to the simple question 'what matters?', entrants are free to express their views on any matter they care about.

Part writing exercise, part civics and citizenship activity, What Matters? is the perfect opportunity to empower students to raise their voices on issues that are important to them and know that their perspectives are valuable, no matter their age, background or viewpoint. Entries can be fiction, non-fiction, poetry or prose of up to 600 words, and submitted online. Sign up below to receive updates on the competition.

<https://www.whitlam.org/what-matters>

Future Leaders Academy (FLA) Real-World Leadership Experiences for Senior High School Students

Future Leaders Academy (FLA), is an international leadership program designed to empower Year 11 & 12 students with essential leadership, teamwork, and confidence-building skills. This flagship Student Leaders Program (SLP) has so far transformed the lives of over 400 alumni, equipping students with practical leadership experiences beyond the classroom. FLA provides immersive week-long leadership courses, in the Pacific Islands (Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Tonga), where students step outside their comfort zones, engage in experiential learning, and

build critical 21st-century skills valued by universities and employers alike. This program provides international cultural exposure & personal growth opportunities that will help students enhance communication, resilience, and problem-solving skills, build lifelong friendships and leadership networks and develop key team leadership skills. Courses also count toward the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award – Residential Project. Open for school Captains, Prefects, Aspiring Leaders, Sports Leaders or Community Leaders. Visit FLA's website to learn more & apply: <https://www.flacademy.com/pacific-student-leaders-programmes>

Year 12 and Beyond with ADHD

27 February - For students in Year 12 with ADHD - a practical webinar is being offered for parents early in Term 1 27th February 2025. If you are interested, please access the link below to get your tickets soon. This talk is being run by Claire Pech (a Careers Advisor who works with Year 12's and adults with ADHD) and Amanda Krulis, an Organisational Psychologist. <https://events.humanitix.com/year12-and-beyond-with-adhd>

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10 surprising things you didn't know about Cabin Crew

Find out more about what the role of Cabin Crew is onboard an aircraft. It's not just about good customer service! <https://aviationaustralia.aero/blog/10-surprising-things-you-didnt-know-about-cabin-crew/>

Careers at Council

This is the industry's go-to source of information about work in local government. Explore the many and varied roles in the Career Areas section. <https://www.careersatcouncil.com.au/career-areas/>

Careers in Maths

See how different people in a wide range of careers use Maths as part of their daily routine at work. The site increases Australia's mathematically capable workforce through hundreds of profiles, videos, jobs. Delivering Maths careers materials to students and is committed to working towards increasing Australia's mathematically capable workforce through hundreds of profiles, videos and jobs. <https://careers.amsi.org.au>

Careers Harvest

Great website on all career fields and pathways on the land, environment and agriculture. Explore career options, scholarships and internships on offer. <https://www.careerharvest.com.au>

Quiz- Which health science course is for you?

Considering a health science course? Imagine a career where you are helping people to have a happier and healthier life. This is what health science careers are all about and there are a lot to choose from! Use this quiz to work out which health science course is best based on your interests. <https://careerswithstem.com.au/quiz-which-health-science-course-is-for-you/>

Love Animals? Taronga Talks- The podcast from Taronga

Working at Taronga Zoo is more than just a job – for staff Taronga means family. The deep connections the staff develop with wildlife and the natural world affects the lives of others, near and far. From Sydney to Dubbo, Taronga's people all have amazing untold Zoo stories that will touch your heart and open your eyes. <https://taronga.org.au/get-involved/taronga-talks#latestepisode>

The Hour of Code

The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities but expanding to all sorts of community efforts. <https://hourofcode.com/au>

Land, Environment and Agriculture Scholarships

If you are interested in a career in agriculture, Careers Harvest provides a directory for scholarships in the field of agriculture, land and environment. <https://www.careerharvest.com.au/scholarships>

How to Survive Year 12

The thought of embarking on your final year of school can trigger a range of emotions — excitement, nervousness, stress, nostalgia, anxiety, sadness or just impatience to get out into the world. Whether you're excited to have taken the next step or are just hanging out for the end, here are some tips to help you get through Year 12.

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/education-blogs/tertiary-study/year-12-survival-tips>

Past HSC Exams Papers

Higher School Certificate exam papers, with marking guidelines and HSC marking feedback, are available for each course. Select a learning area from clicking the link below to see exam paper packs by course for each HSC year.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/resources/hsc-exam-papers>

InspirationED HSC Webinar- Setting up for Success

19 March - Embark on your HSC journey with confidence through our "Strategies for HSC Success" webinar, tailored for Year 11 and 12 students. Led by a Senior HSC Marker, this session delves into effective study techniques, exam hacks, and strategies for excelling in HSC assessment tasks. Whether you're beginning your HSC preparations or seeking to enhance your performance, our webinar is your gateway to unlocking academic success with expert insights and practical advice. It's suitable for both students and parents. For more information visit:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_UmlcKXspRkyxSfy9Pm-WOA#/registration

What You Need to Know About Your Rights as a Casual Employee

There are several different types of employment arrangements under Australia's workplace laws. One of the most common types that students work under is casual employment. Casual jobs are defined as jobs that usually:

- are short-term or temporary
- involve irregular hours
- aren't guaranteed to be ongoing
- provide extra hourly rate as they don't provide paid holiday leave or sick leave.

Casual employees are employed on an hourly, daily or weekly basis without any commitment – from the employee or the employer – that the job is permanent or guaranteed. <https://myfuture.edu.au/career-articles/details/what-are-your-rights-as-a-casual-employee>

Standing out without having work experience:

Tips on how to get experience to impress an employer. It can be hard to get a job if you have no work experience. There are some things you can do to get work experience, even if you haven't worked in a paying job yet. These things will help you stand out without work experience. <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs/getting-job/ultimate-guide-first-job>

Medical Work Experience – Projects Abroad- for Year 10 and 11 Students

Getting medical work experience as a student can be extremely difficult. Project Abroad offers young people from secondary and senior secondary school a safe, guided experience into the world of medicine through their High School Special Projects. The medical internships abroad for high school students focus on experiential education, so you learn by doing. You can expect to: Shadow doctors and other medical professionals in busy hospitals and clinics,

attend medical workshops and seminars, get first-hand insight into the healthcare challenges people face every day, participate in community healthcare outreaches that serve people in need and learn essential medical skills like measuring blood pressure and blood sugar levels <https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/medical-work-experience-teenagers/>

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