



CAREER NEWS

Term 4, Week 6 2024

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE NEWS

Applications are now open for the University of Newcastle's **High Performing Students Program (HPSP)**, a distinctive partnership with the NSW Department of Education. This program offers high-achieving high school students a valuable opportunity to experience university life by enrolling in first-year university courses while still in school.

About the Program

The High Performing Students Program allows students to explore their academic interests, make informed career decisions, and get a head start on their university education, earning credits toward future University of Newcastle degrees. For over a decade, students from across our regions have benefited from this program, gaining critical thinking and independent learning skills that align with their aspirations.

This year, the program is enhanced for 2025 to include **flexible learning options**. Students can choose face-to-face classes at Merewether High School or participate online from their home or school. Online options are ideal for some schools to consider establishing their own learning hubs.

Course Options for Semester 1, 2025

Students may apply for one of the following courses, each offering unique pathways for future studies:

1. **Globalisation and International Management (BUSN1001)**
 - Suitable for students interested in Business, Commerce, and Tourism degrees.
2. **Foundations of Health and Disease (HUBS1417)**
 - Suitable for students interested in Health, Biomedical Science, and Nursing.
3. **Discrete Mathematics (MATH1510)**
 - Suitable for students aiming for Mathematics, Software Engineering, or Computer Science.

Eligibility and Fees

The program fees for 2025 are:

- \$450 for face-to-face courses
- \$400 for online courses

Application Details

- Applications close **11.59pm Sunday 9th February 2025**.
- Each application should include letters of support from both the High School Principal and a parent/guardian.
- They can apply now by visiting our website <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/pathways/high-performing-students-program>
- Student must meet all the requirements in the application form to participate in this program.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Apprentice Construction Carpenter

ABOUT CCGT:

For over 40 years, CCGT have been the leading employer of Apprentices and Trainees on the Coast.

Throughout your apprenticeship, you will be employed by CCGT and will work day-to-day with our host employer in order to receive your on-the-job training in the industry.

ABOUT THE HOST EMPLOYER:

Our Host Employer has been in operation for over 30 years. Working on high-end, architecturally designed constructions, they pride themselves on their eye for detail & high quality work in architectural formwork & concrete.

They need a motivated Apprentice with an excellent work ethic who is willing to learn to join their team!

KEY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- General housekeeping & work site cleanliness
- Assistant to the tradesperson building forms for finished concrete
- Fitting & cutting plywood sheeting
- Pouring concrete
- Removal of formwork using a wide range of power tools
- Accurately measuring & cutting materials

DESIRED QUALITIES:

- A strong desire to learn and thrive in a team environment.
- Ability to follow instructions
- Great attention to detail & pride in your work
- Excellent work ethic
- Hold a current WHS white card.
- Drivers Licence & own vehicle essential
- Ability to perform repetitive heavy-lifting tasks for extended periods

WORK SCHEDULE:

Working hours are Monday to Friday, 7.00am - 3.30pm being 40 hrs pw with an RDO.

As part of the Apprenticeship, you will be PAID to study a Certificate III in Carpentry through

OFF-THE-JOB at TAFE NSW - Ourimbah over a period of 48 months.

For more information about this position, please contact Central Coast Group Training.



1st Year Heavy Vehicle Mechanic

Looking to start your career as a Heavy Vehicle Mechanic?

As a 1st year Heavy Vehicle Mechanic Apprentice you will have the exciting opportunity to work alongside experienced professionals in the industry learning the skills of the trade.

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ABOUT THE HOST EMPLOYER:

Our Host Employer has been providing high-quality heavy vehicle repairs and services for over 30 years. Known for their expertise and client dedication, our host offers a supportive environment where you can learn and grow as part of a hardworking team.

DESIRED QUALITIES:

- Mechanically minded and eager to learn
- Willing to work overtime and occasional Saturday shifts
- Positive, easy going personality with a can-do attitude

KEY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assisting tradesmen with service and repair tasks
 - Organising and managing parts
 - Conducting diagnostic work
 - Helping with breakdowns
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- Cleaning parts and the workshop to keep operations efficient

Working Monday to Friday, 7.00 am to 3.00 pm, with the potential for over-time and weekend work.

As part of this Apprenticeship, you will be PAID to study a Certificate III in Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology through ON the Job Training over a period of 48 months with My Trade Start.

For more information about this position, please contact Central Coast Group Training.

Job Opportunities with Central Coast Council

- **Certificate III Civil Construction**

<https://centralcoast.applynow.net.au/jobs/CEN3915-apprentice-crew-member-water-and-sewer>

Apprentice Crew Member Water and Sewer roles are available based at Woy Woy.

The successful candidates will complete a Certificate III Civil Construction while learning on the job to complete operational maintenance, repair and construction activities.

Suitable for anyone who has completed year 10 or above.

Applications close Sunday 24 November

- **Certificate III in Parks and Gardens**
- **Certificate III in Sports Turf Management**

<https://centralcoast.applynow.net.au/jobs/CEN3913-horticulture-apprenticeships-2025-intake>

Apprentice Horticulturist positions available across the Central Coast.

The successful candidates will complete either a Certificate III in Parks and Gardens or Certificate III in Sports Turf Management and will learn how to complete a number of horticultural tasks and activities, specialising in either Parks and Gardens or Greenkeeping.

Suitable for anyone who has completed year 10 or above.

Applications close Sunday 24 November

- **Certificate IV in Business Administration**

<https://centralcoast.applynow.net.au/jobs/CEN3914-trainee-administration-assistant>

Trainee Administration Assistant role is based at Charmhaven

The successful candidate will complete a Certificate IV in Business Administration and will gain valuable skills and experience to commence a career in a business environment.

Please note, successful completion of the HSC is required for this role.

Applications close Sunday 24 November

For more information contact Sheree Grehan, Organisational Development Officer, Central Coast Council, 02 4350 5257, Sheree.Grehan@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

GENERAL NEWS

The following news items are sourced from Job Jump

UAC

Videos on Nearly Every Topic for Uni

UAC hosts a series of short videos about applying to uni through UAC: from the application basics to the ins and outs of early offers, changing course preferences and what students can do if they've been disadvantaged during their final years of school.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1s00QdLq16Ee3mwajbhfA/videos>

University - Institutes

Macquarie Uni Discover Lecture - Uncovering the ancient Nile

19 November

Learn how collaborative science tells the story of Egypt's desert pyramids. The Nile is a dynamic landscape feature, changing its shape and location in response to environmental conditions. Over millennia, Egyptian settlements, communities, and their monuments rose and fell with the river. Join Associate Professor Tim Ralph as he describes a modern-day adventure, working with Egyptian scientists on an international team, using remote sensing, landscape analysis and sediment sampling to find the long-lost Ahramat Branch of the Nile River.

<https://event.mq.edu.au/discover-lecture-series/registration/Site/Register>

Explore Your Options: Save the date

17-21 December

For graduating Year 12 students - have all your questions answered at Macquarie University's Explore Your Options. Receive personalised advice at 1:1 consults with our friendly student ambassadors and discover our cutting-edge facilities and stunning grounds on a campus tour.

<https://event.mq.edu.au/discover-lecture-series/registration/Site/Register>

Sydney College of the Arts New Contemporaries Graduates Exhibition

29 November - 7 December

At the end of each academic year, we celebrate our graduating cohort and the culmination of their collective research and practice-based outcomes. We invite you to visit us at the Old Teachers' College to see this year's New Contemporaries and enjoy the work of our students and selected alumni.

Works will be on display from studio areas including Screen Arts, Photography, Painting, Printmedia, Sculpture, Ceramics, Glass and Jewellery and Object.

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/arts/schools/sydney-college-of-the-arts/galleries-and-exhibitions/sca-new-contemporaries.html>

University of Sydney Gadigal Program - Closing Soon

Apply By 1 December

The Gadigal Program is our Indigenous student pathway that supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to study at the University of Sydney.

This program will give you access to the following:

- Entry on a reduced ATAR.
- Ability to apply for an early conditional offer (receive an offer to study at Sydney before you sit your Year 12 exams).
- An academic skills program before commencing University.

- Ongoing academic and personal support throughout your degree.
- Up to \$5000 global mobility award for eligible exchange programs.

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/applying/admission-pathways/gadigal-program.html>

University of Sydney Webinar - Entry Schemes and Admission Pathways

4 December

There's more than one way to gain entry to your dream degree at the University of Sydney. Our entry schemes and pathways help you make the most of your ATAR by recognising your circumstances, special high school achievements and other abilities and activities. Join us to find out more.

https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_h9cL-1amRwaDsJdo06lygg

University of Sydney Webinar - Why study business at Sydney?

27 November

Discover how our degrees in commerce can prepare you for the future of work and a wide range of career opportunities. You will learn about the range of study areas available, including marketing, finance and entrepreneurship, as well as the many ways in which you can combine your interests from over 100 study areas in our shared pools of majors and minors. We will also cover internships, industry-focused experiences, and global mobility opportunities open to our Bachelor of Commerce students.

https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_10FfOmv3RR-wiPhmZmCqMA

University of Sydney Webinar - Why study civil engineering at Sydney?

20 November

Learn how our Civil Engineering degree equips you for the challenges and opportunities in the evolving world of infrastructure and development. You will explore a variety of specialised fields such as water, structures, geotechnical, humanitarian and transport engineering. Gain insights into our Professional Engagement Program, modern engineering precinct, and career options available to our Civil Engineering students.

https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TgRbN2dWSHuKvHKzHzZsoQ

University of Sydney Info Day

18 December

Visit us on campus from 1 pm on ATAR release and close of preferences day. Attend information sessions, take a campus tour, talk to our team about admission pathways, and have your degree-specific questions answered by our academics.

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate/info-day.html>

University of Sydney - Parents and caregivers webinar

16 December

On December 18, 2024, ATAR release and UAC preferences will coincide, creating a unique decision-making challenge for school leavers. Join our webinar to understand these changes and discover how you can support your child in preparing for different outcomes. Learn strategies to empower your child's future and maximise their options for university study in 2025.

https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Ws59rIP8QDu_ErQXDarLUA

University of Sydney Webinar - UAC preferencing: Your guide to admissions

December 18

Join us for an insightful session where we'll explain how UAC preferences and offers work, detailing the entire process from ATAR release through to the completion of all offer rounds for Semester 1, 2025. Discover how to confidently prioritise your preferences and navigate the UAC offer rounds to maximise your chances of receiving an offer to your dream degree.

https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xcV9e6jKTPGoOzS8DrbLqw

University of Sydney Campus Tours

11 December - Business and Economics Faculty Tours

12 December - Architecture and Design Faculty Tours

13 December - Medicine and Health Faculty Tours

14 December - Science Faculty Tours

16 December - Arts and Law Faculty Tours

17 December - Engineering Faculty Tours

Join our knowledgeable Student Ambassadors for a guided campus tour highlighting the most iconic spots on our beautiful grounds.

At the end of the 30-minute general tour, you'll have the option to participate in a faculty-specific tour to explore our dedicated teaching spaces. This segment will be led by a Student Ambassador from the faculty, giving you the chance to ask them anything about their student experience.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/campus-tours-tickets-1068888657749>

University of Sydney - Architecture, Design and Planning Webinar - Build Your Portfolio

26 November

A great portfolio could help you gain entry into your dream course. Hear from the School of Architecture, Design and Planning about our Portfolio Admission Pathway, including tips on how to build a creative portfolio that showcases your passion and potential.

https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hEluCsU4R1OdGKT7noZHEA

University of Sydney - Science Extension Mentoring Program

Registration Now Open

Connecting high school students with research mentors to enhance their science investigation skills during the HSC Science Extension course.

The Science Extension Mentoring Program offers NSW Year 12 students tailored support while undertaking the HSC Science Extension course. Through this program, students are matched with research mentors from the University of Sydney, who provide personalised guidance during the first six months of their science investigation.

<https://mentoring.sydney.edu.au/p/p26>

Discover Nursing at UTS

20 November

Discover how you can become a Registered Nurse at Australia's #1 uni for academic reputation in nursing and midwifery*. Hear about diverse nursing careers from industry speakers, meet our academic teachers & ask current students about the UTS Bachelor of Nursing. Tour our world-class clinical facilities and explore your future campus!

<https://events.humanitix.com/discover-nursing-uts>

ANU Webinar - Moving interstate for University

9 December

Join us to hear about life on campus at the Australian National University. During this webinar you will hear from current students with lived experience, discussing what it's like to move interstate for university, the different accommodation communities on campus, the various supports available including the Tertiary Access Payment, networks/clubs to join and the essentials to settle in comfortably. We'll also have a live Q&A session where you can get all your questions answered. This webinar aims to provide prospective interstate students with all the information they need to feel confident and prepared for their move to ANU. It's a great opportunity to get a real sense of what to expect and to ask any questions you might have.

<https://study.anu.edu.au/events/moving-interstate-university>

ACU - Discover Exercise and Sports Science at ACU Blacktown

27 November

Get your workout clothes on and discover the range of cutting-edge equipment for training and rehabilitation that you will have access to when studying sport and exercise science with ACU. Go behind the scenes at the state-of-the-art Blacktown Exercise Science and Technology Hub (BEST), chat to current staff and students, hear about international study opportunities, and see what sets us apart. This event is designed for high school students in Years 10 to 12, however anyone, including parents and caregivers, is most welcome to attend. Places are limited – be sure to register your attendance to guarantee your spot.

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2024/november/discover-exercise-and-sports-science-at-acu-blacktown>

Reminder - Charles Sturt University - Careers in Health Info Night

20 November - Port Macquarie

Wondering what it takes to become a doctor, radiographer, or paramedic? Or what a day in the life of a nurse, pathologist, pharmacist, podiatrist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist or psychologist is really like?

Find out at Careers in Health Info Night – an evening event dedicated to exploring health careers!

If you're considering a career in health but not quite sure which direction to take, then we prescribe this not-to-be-missed event! Join us on campus in November to get a real-world look into a wide range of health careers. Current high school students, school leavers, those looking for a career change, TAFE students, parents, carers, and career advisers are all welcome to attend.

Hear from a range of healthcare professionals, from nurses to pharmacists, podiatrists to occupational therapists, pathologists to exercise scientists, and dentists to physiotherapists. Learn about health careers from the frontline workers who are living, breathing, and making a difference in health.

<https://cvent.csu.edu.au/event/36c3bb17-8b09-421f-9255-31f412671f51/summary>

Notre Dame Pathways to Medicine Information Session

19 November

Considering a career in Medicine? Register to watch this information session exploring our undergraduate programs in and exciting opportunities for students interested in pursuing careers in Medicine.

<https://events.nd.edu.au/pathways-to-medicine>

UNSW Young Women in Engineering Pathway Program

Registration Now Open

The UNSW Young Women in Engineering Pathway Program is an alternate pathway program for high school students* in Year 11 and 12 who will be applying for an eligible engineering degree at UNSW Sydney and expecting an ATAR within the Faculty of Engineering Admissions Scheme (FEAS) eligibility** range. The one-month program runs from February to March and has capacity for 120 motivated students to participate each year.

If you're a student who wants to make a difference in the world, has an interest in helping others and would love to learn how engineering can make an impact, then this program is for you!

Gain valuable skills by participating in an engineering challenge set by one of the eight engineering schools in the UNSW Faculty of Engineering. Guided by a lead academic and UNSW Women in Engineering student ambassadors, you will work with like-minded students in small teams to tackle an engineering challenge associated with their ongoing research.

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/engineering/study-with-us/young-wie-club/young-wie-pathway-program>

CQ Online Chat Session

21 November

We see you planning your next study move, and we know there's a lot to consider, so we're here to help. Whether you are considering starting a TAFE or university qualification at CQUniversity, our team

are here to answer your questions. Join our Online Chat Session on Wednesday, 22 November, and chat with our staff about your course of interest, student support services, or anything else you'd like to know about studying with CQUniversity. All you need to do is head over to our CQUniversity [Facebook](<https://www.facebook.com/CQUniversityAustralia>) page and send us a message during the session and you'll receive real-time answers to all your questions.
<https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/748225/online-chat-session-november>

UNSW SciX Student Information

Registration for SciX is now open and close 20th December

The SciX@UNSW program is designed to support passionate high school students who are eager to delve into scientific research. Join one of our research groups and conduct an independent research project, ideal for HSC Extension Science, IB independent projects, or as a taste of a career in research science. The projects are overseen by our academic research staff and are delivered primarily by our graduate research students. They will introduce you to cutting-edge research tools and methodologies and guide you as you extend your scientific skills.

https://scix.au/student_info/

University - General

Starting university? These are the tips I wish I knew about as a student

Personally, my idea of what to expect from university life came in the form of trashy US college movies. Ones that involved pies.

I was gearing up for non-stop debauchery, but the reality was far different — a demanding workload, strict deadlines and the ultimate test of mental, emotional and physical strength.

With the wisdom of hindsight, there are a lot of things I wish I could tell my younger self to get the most out of my university experience

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-02-19/starting-university-tips-guide-for-students/10812548>

C.A.S Hawker Scholarship

Applications Open 18 November and close 6 January

The Scholarship is available to Australian undergraduate and post-graduate students.

Scholarships are valued at up to \$60,000 and contribute to the cost of residential fees.

Successful applicants are those who most convincingly demonstrate their potential as a future leader, the contribution they have made to their school and community and their academic ability, in keeping with the example C.A.S. Hawker set as a leader and his contribution and service to Australia.

<https://www.hawkerscholarship.org>

Free UCAT Handbook

This comprehensive guide covers everything you need to know about entry into medicine and dentistry, including: How to get into medicine and dentistry How to prepare for and succeed in the UCAT How to prepare for medical interviews Detailed admissions information for all courses
<https://www.medentry.edu.au/resources/free-resources#ucat-handbook>

Simulated UCAT Day Workshop: 2-part program

21 December

The Simulated UCAT Day (SUD) 2-Part workshop conducted over a full day and a follow-up session. If you are in Yrs. 10, 11, 12, or you may be older and considering sitting the UCAT in the future, then this program is for you. The Simulated UCAT Workshop program is ideal and often a necessary step towards effective and efficient preparation for the UCAT.

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

preparedness for the test. Over the course of the years, the program has evolved into a more comprehensive and holistic exercise, which not only achieves its primary goal, but it is also exposing students to a wealth of knowledge about all other aspects of the journey into a medical degree. The latest update has seen the program grow into a 2-Day event as the sheer amount of content covered was too great to fit into a 1-day program.

<https://www.nie.edu.au/ucat-courses/simulated-ucat-day-workshop>

University of Melbourne Accommodation - 2025 applications open

Explore our trusted University accommodation options. Designed for University of Melbourne students, find quality and secure accommodation made for their needs and success. Students are encouraged to apply early to secure their room.

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/accommodation>

TAFE

Apprenticeship Incentives Explorer

See what specific financial support and payments you may be eligible for with the Incentives Explorer. As an apprentice or employer, you may be eligible for Government payments throughout an Australian Apprenticeship. Use the Incentives Explorer to see what payments and incentives you could claim. Answer questions as accurately as possible to see what you may be eligible for.

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.au/support-and-resources/incentives-explorer>

Financial Support for Apprentices - Trade Support Loan

A Trade Support Loan is an interest free loan to help you purchase trade tools and supplies while being an apprentice. You can borrow up to \$24,492 (2023-2024), which is paid in monthly instalments. You will not have to repay your loan until you are earning an income above the minimum repayment threshold (\$51,550 for 2023-24). Once you complete your apprenticeship, you will receive a 20% discount on your loan amount.

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.au/support-and-resources/financial-support-apprentices#trade-support-loan-1>

Financial Support for Apprentices - Living Away From Home Allowance

If you have to move away from your parents' or guardians' home to take up or continue training as an Australian Apprentice you may be eligible for the Living Away From Home Allowance (LAFHA) to support you with the additional costs of living. LAFHA is a weekly tax-free payment that reduces as you progress in your training: * In your first year of training you would receive: \$77.17 per week * In your second year of training you would receive: \$38.59 per week * In your third year of training you would receive: \$25 per week

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.au/support-and-resources/financial-support-apprentices#living-away-from-home-allowance-3>

Apprenticeships - Support for Diverse Cohorts

The Australian Government is improving access to Australian Apprenticeships and helping build a more diverse workforce. See if you're eligible for additional support.

The Australian Government provides additional support for:

- Women in Trades
- First Nations Australians
- People with disability

Find out what support you can get as part of your apprenticeship.

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.au/support-and-resources/support-priority-cohorts>

Find Out More About Tocal Short Courses

Tocal's skills training offers courses delivered in varying modes from fully online, to fully face-to face. Funding may be available for eligible participants. All trainers are current, experienced industry professionals.

Courses available in:

- Production
- Bees
- Business Management
- Farm Skills
- Livestock
- Machinery and Equipment
- Safety
- Weeds and Pests

<https://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/courses/short-courses>

CIT Information Sessions

Did you know we hold information and enrolment sessions for the courses we have on offer? With a wide range of courses commencing, including flexible, full- and part-time study options, CIT can equip you with the industry-aligned skills you need to kickstart your dream career today!

https://cit.edu.au/citevents/information_and_enrolment_sessions

Visit TAFE at Mini Electrical Vehicle Challenge Festival

27 November

The Hunter Valley Electric Vehicle Festival is an annual event with a view to enhancing interest in clean energy transport in the region.

This event will be hosted by TAFE NSW Newcastle. The HVEVF 2024 Mini EV Challenge is open to all Hunter Valley Primary and Secondary/High Schools.

The goal is to stimulate careers, innovation, teamwork, skills development and entrepreneurialism in Solar Vehicle design and construction. This relates directly with our Renewable Energy courses and promotes TAFE NSW to students whom have campus tours to selected locations throughout the day and representation with tables promoting elements of renewable energy for TAFE NSW plus TSC staff hosting tours on the day.

<https://www.tafenswevents.com.au/event/mini-electrical-vehicle-challenge-festival>

Private Colleges

Get an Early Offer into JMC Academy

Get an offer to start in February 2025

JMC Academy's Early Entry Program offers a great opportunity for students to secure their spot in their chosen course ahead of their final exams. This program allows students with creative potential to jumpstart their education journey. It's a fantastic way for students to ease the stress of their final year, knowing they have a place waiting for them at JMC, and can fully concentrate on their current studies with confidence and clarity.

<https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/study-at-jmc/early-entry-program/>

Newswriting Basics Jschooll Journalism College

Next Intake 5 December 2024

Newswriting Basics is a micro journalism course offered to senior secondary students this summer by Jschooll Journalism College.

<https://jschooll.com.au/micro/>

ACAP Online Information Session - Social Work

20 November

Can you imagine yourself making a difference in a not-for-profit organisation, or working in the criminal justice system, or the government? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Social Work.

In this real-time online information session Professor Annie Venville will share insights into studying Social Work at ACAP and provide details of courses you could take to help others develop better self-awareness for a more positive path in life.

<https://www.acap.edu.au/events/online-info-session-social-work/>

ACAP Online Information Session - Criminology

21 November

Can you imagine yourself working in investigations, intelligence, or even corporate crime? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Criminology.

In this real-time online information session Matthew Thurgood will share insights into studying Criminology at ACAP and ultimately provide insights into what courses you could take to gain skills, influence positive change and develop practical responses that can have a positive impact on criminal justice issues.

<https://www.acap.edu.au/events/online-info-session-criminology/>

AIT Info Night

26 November

You'll hear from our inspiring Academic Director and meet our very talented current students talk about what it's like to study at AIT. You will have the opportunity to speak to our friendly course advisor crew one-on-one and learn about the flexible learning options and pathways available, career outcomes, and more. You'll get to meet the Admissions Team to discuss the admissions process or even better - Apply on the spot to save your seat in the next Intake!

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ait-info-night-sydney-26-november-tickets-1047371986807>

AIE Online Campus Day

30 November

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day on Sat 30 November 2024. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/online-campus-day/

International College of Management ICMS Parents' Information Evening

21 November

Learn about the UAC preference process, get a summary of key dates and entry requirements, find out about FEE-HELP and High Academic Places and other tuition fee-related options. Hear from a Dean who will explain the Authentic, Industry-Driven, Assessment-based Teaching methods at ICMS. Find out about industry placement, hear from current students and faculty academics.

<https://www.icms.edu.au/event/parents-information-evening/>

The Grove Studios Academy Open Day

7 December

The Grove Studios Academy will be hosting an open day, join us for a tour of our iconic music studios and learn more about our diploma and advanced diploma of music (sound production).

<https://www.thegrovestudiosacademy.com/events>

AFTRS Introduction to VFX and 3D Animation Short Course

2-22 December

This course aims to demystify the visual effects and animation industry by providing a core understanding of the workflows, processes and tasks involved in contemporary digital visual effects, animation and post-production.

Conducted by industry leader and creative professional, Alexander Hoetzer, you will be prepared to engage with a wide range of creative industries, and in a wide range of tasks. Gain insider perspectives on professional creative processes which will help close knowledge gaps in foundational topics and provide an overall perspective of visual effects and animation workflows.

<https://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-course/intro-to-vfx-3d-animation/>

Introduction to Producing and Screen Business at AFTRS

2-22 December

“What does a Producer do?” In this introductory, seminar-style course you will get a good insight into the role – and how much it varies across different types of content. You will become familiar with the workflows of a producer in both TV, film and creative agencies, and learn the most effective and efficient ways to produce a project. You’ll get real world advice, case studies and information on how money influences the creative decisions you will be making.

Delivered by AFTRS MASB Program Convenor Peter Herbert, and industry expert Dr. Pieter Aquilia.

<https://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-course/intro-to-producing-and-screen-business/>

General

NSW Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship

Applications Open 16 December

Make a difference and care for Mob. Working with NSW Health as an Aboriginal nursing or midwifery cadet offers many opportunities.

Connection to culture is central to the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Care and cultural understanding from an Aboriginal nurse or midwife allow patients to feel safer and advocated for when away from family and community.

Cadetships are available to support your dream of giving back to your community. They offer financial support, work placements and mentoring exposing you to the diverse possibilities of nursing and midwifery. They are a chance to focus on your studies, experience the workforce and build relationships.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/aboriginal-strategy/cadetship/Pages/default.aspx>

4 Surprising Cyber Security Paths

These four experts all work for one of the world’s biggest cyber security companies – but took very different paths to get there.

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/4-surprising-cyber-security-career-paths/>

HELP Loans

If you're going to study at a university or higher education provider, you might be enrolled in a place where the Australian Government pays part of your fees. This is called a Commonwealth supported place (CSP).

If you're enrolled in a CSP, you still have to pay some of your fees. You could get a HECS-HELP loan to pay for these.

If you aren't enrolled in a CSP, you are enrolled in a fee paying place. You could get a FEE-HELP loan to pay for your fees.

Each semester you might have to pay a fee for student services and amenities. You could get a SA-HELP loan to cover this fee.

If you're enrolled in a CSP and want to study overseas, you could get an OS-HELP loan to help pay your expenses.

<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/financial-and-study-support/how-student-loans-work>

Sign up for NaNoWriMo's Young Writers Program

Participants aged 17-and-under (18 is okay if still in high school) can sign up for accounts at ywp.nanowrimo.org. If you're participating with a teacher or group leader, you can join their online classroom to stay connected.

To work on a novel, you can join an official event (like NaNoWriMo in November, or Camp NaNoWriMo in April and July), set a word-count goal, and try to reach it by the end of the month. The Young Writers Program allows participants to set individualized goals. 1,000 words? 10,000? 100,000??? It's up to you! Use the progress-tracking tools on our site to stay on track. If no official event is happening, you can create a personal challenge with your own deadline for a new or existing project.

Young writers can write directly in their YWP writing space (or in a separate document), find inspiration in our noveling resources, and tap a worldwide community of fellow writers for support in our forums. National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is a fun, empowering approach to creative writing. The challenge: draft an entire novel in just one month. Why do it? For 30 wild, exciting, surprising days, you get to lock away your inner editor, let your imagination take over, and just create!

<https://ywp.nanowrimo.org/pages/for-writers>

7 Excellent Career Ideas For Language Learners

Here is an excellent message for all of you who love learning a language. Are you learning a language to further your career? 'Do you have a career in foreign languages? Of all the people I've surveyed and listened to over the years, career is one of the most popular motivators for foreign language learning. The reality is that for most people they don't actually have a 'passion' or deep interest in learning languages like some of us do.

<https://www.mezzoguild.com/foreign-language-careers/>

International Student Art Contest - Science Without Borders

Entries close 3 March 2025

The *Science Without Borders Challenge* is an international contest that engages students and teachers in ocean conservation through art. This annual competition inspires students to be creative while promoting public awareness of the need to preserve, protect, and restore the world's oceans and aquatic resources, contributing to the overarching goals of the Khaled bin Sultan Living Oceans Foundation. The *Challenge* is open to primary and secondary school students 11-19 years old, with scholarships of up to \$500 awarded to the winning entries

<https://www.livingoceansfoundation.org/education/science-without-borders-challenge/>

The Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize

Nominations Close 24 December

This prize is presented each year to a student or students who have overcome significant hardship to achieve academic excellence in their HSC. Find out about nominations, past recipients and donors.

This award was first presented in 1993 in memory of Brother John Taylor who made a significant

contribution to education in NSW.

The Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize recognises excellent achievement in the HSC by a student or students despite disability or another disadvantage.

The prize consists of a cash grant, a trophy and a certificate recognising the award.

It's administered by a committee representing NESA, Catholic Schools NSW, the NSW Department of Education and the Association of Independent Schools NSW.

School staff members and principals can make nominations for the Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize. Nominees need to have overcome significant disadvantage and achieved academic excellence in the HSC.

The committee awarding the prize make a decision about each student's circumstances. They consider both the extent of the disadvantage and the academic achievement demonstrated by the student's HSC results.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/awards-and-events/brother-john-taylor-memorial-prize>

LetzLive Gap Year

As industry leaders and a respected partner of prominent schools, we provide overseas Gap Year opportunities for young people across the world. Since embarking on our own Gap Year, we can personally relate to the experiences had by our participants and provide ongoing support every step of the way with full-time staff located in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. We believe the support we offer and how we place participants based on their skills and preferences are just some of the reasons why we are leaders in the Gap Year field.

Over the years we have established solid relationships with over 200 prominent schools globally and several hundred placements annually. Let us guide you through the whole process so you can begin the best year of your life.

<https://www.letzlive.org/types/gap-year/>

7 ways to get started in tech

There's never been a better time to sort your future study game plan. Yep, you can definitely get a head start while you're still at high school – in fact, we highly recommend it! Follow the seven steps below to get started in tech. Your future self (who will be in an awesome tech career, no doubt) will thank you for it.

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/7-ways-to-get-started-in-tech/>

Looking for Work Experience in Tech? Texperience to jump start your tech career!

Want an elite tech job, like 3D animator, YouTube data scientist or Apple software engineer, but not sure where to start? If so, this list of companies offering tech-focused work experience programs is for you!

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/texperience-to-jump-start-your-tech-career/>

Save the Date - BiG Day In Newcastle @ UON

7 May

Join us at the 2025 BiG Day In Newcastle IT Careers Conference! You are invited to attend this exciting event on Wednesday 7 May 2025, from 9:00 - 2:30 pm. We'll again be in the Great Hall, University of Newcastle's Callaghan Campus.

Don't miss out on amazing presentations from organisations like Mudbath, Australian Signals Directorate, Wisetech Global, Google, Microsoft, Defence Force Recruiting, TCS, Westpac and more! Secure your spot by booking tickets early.

Tickets cost \$10 per student. Stay tuned for updates on confirmed speakers and exhibitors. More details coming soon!

<https://acsfoundation.eventsmart.com/events/big-day-in-newcastle-wednesday-7-may-2025-uon/>