Macquarie University Webinar for Year 12 Students



Year 12: Get Ready With Us Webinar Wednesday, 15 November 2023 6:00-7:00pm AEDT

We have brought our Year 12 webinar series forward, to help better prepare your students for Year 12 and the transition to university. This isn't your typical webinar; it's an experience tailored just for new Year 12 students and designed to change how they approach your senior year. We'll keep it fun, engaging and, most importantly, useful.

Here's a glimpse of what they can expect:

- **Personal Stories:** Hear inspiring anecdotes from students who have been through Year 12 and have come out on top.
- Study Hacks: Learn practical tips and tricks that have helped our students successfully navigate Year 12.
- **Planning the Year Ahead:** We'll provide a roadmap for 2024 so students feel organised and don't miss important dates.
- Live Q&A: Have the opportunity to ask questions.

Encourage your students to register to watch live, or on demand at a time that suits them! Careers advisers, teachers and parents are more than welcome to join as well.

Register for webinar

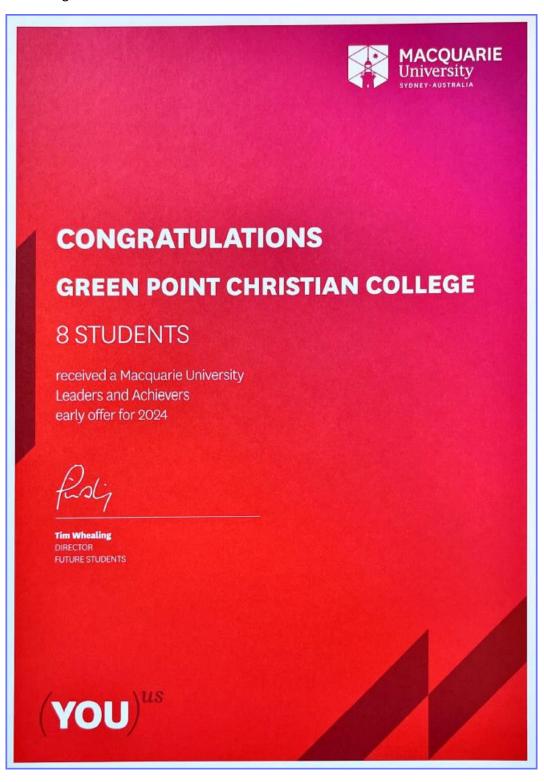
Macquarie University Leaders and Achievers Program

A number of students applied for early entry to Macquarie University via their Leaders and Achievers Program.

Macquarie University writes...

Our Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme looks for students who are performing well at school and have demonstrated initiative and commitment through leadership, community, sport, or casual work activities.

Eight students successful gained positions for study in 2024. This secured them a position in a degree program for next year prior to sitting the HSC exams.



Australian Institute of Music



Our Tune Your Future Info Day is designed to help those students who want to enter the music and arts industries but don't know how. This is an opportunity for them to meet other young talented artists and music enthusiasts, enjoy great live performances, network with industry professionals and check our campus, courses and careers that AIM really has to offer. They will also have the chance to discover more about our music-focused courses and get 1 on 1 career advice.



On the day, students will have the opportunity to:

- Get guidance on our courses designed for excelling in the music industry
- Discover the thriving career opportunities for their skills and interests
- · Performances by students and staff
- Tour our facilities, built specifically for musicians
- Audition on the day for your future degree

Whether they're still considering their options or have auditioned for AIM, we're here to help the next generation of artists.

Do you have questions?

Contact one of our dedicated AIM representatives at <u>1300 301 983</u>. Alternatively, send us an email to <u>enquiries@aim.edu.au</u> and we'll get in touch!

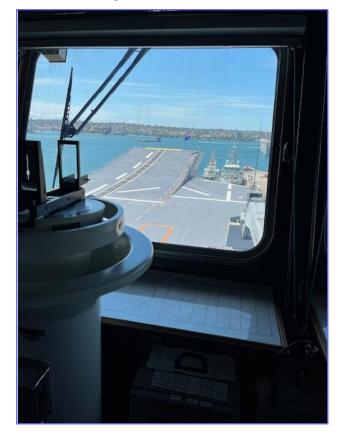
Navy Expo Excursion

On Tuesday 7 November, the Navy held an Expo at the Convention Centre in Darling Harbour. Two students attended and experienced a simulated experience at flying a helicopter, opportunity for conversations with Navy personnel and a tour of HMAS Adelaide. Many career opportunities are available in the Navy. For more information, visit Navy - Browse Jobs (adfcareers.gov.au)

In the International Convention Centre...



View from the bridge HMAS Adelaide ...

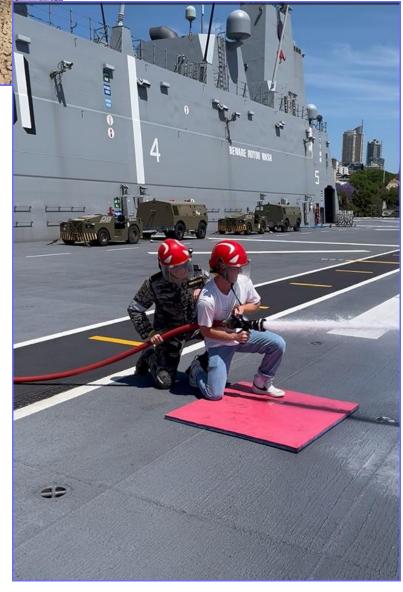




.... Helicopter simulation



Fire safety equipment on board.....



Job Opportunities

Automotive Spray Painting Apprenticeship

A smash repair shop in Gosford is looking for a passionate car enthusiast who would be interested in starting an Automotive Spray painting apprenticeship next year.

For more information phone the owner, Kirsti, on 0447510172 or email her at Kirsti@ccsmash.com.au



1st or 2nd Year Apprentice Baker

Are you ready to turn your love for baking into a fulfilling career?

As an Apprentice Baker, you will have the exciting opportunity to gain firsthand experience, work alongside industry professionals and learn the essential skills of the trade.

WHO YOU'LL BE WORKING WITH...

We are recruiting for a local independent bakery that has been in operation for around 40 years and is known for their high-quality bakery products. All goods are produced & baked on-site by their highly-skilled team of professionals who are passionate about delivering high-quality products, services, and continuous learning.

DESIRED QUALITIES:

- · Ability to multitask and work under pressure
- Ability to apply cleanliness & hygienic practices
- Have an enthusiasm and passion for baking
- Possess an honest & trustworthy demeanor
- A strong work ethic and the ability to work as part of a team
- A desire to make people smile with your delectable creations

KEY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Following applicable health and safety regulations
- Weighing and mixing ingredients
- Assisting in baking quality products according to company recipes and procedures.
- Use of ovens, mixers, and other bakery equipment
- Packing of orders for delivery to wholesale customers
- Continuous learning and development of skills
- Ordering ingredients
- Opportunity to develop pastry chef skills
- Pick and pack orders at the end of the shift

Working throughout the week, varied start & finish times (38 hours per week), with the potential for overtime.

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

General News

The following news items are sourced from Job Jump

UAC

UAC - What it is like studying at a regional university

Hear our regional institutions discuss the benefits and considerations of studying at a university outside metropolitan areas.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81FVsEGaw44

UAC - Welcome Class of 2024 - An Introduction to UAC and Applying for University

The Community Engagement Team welcomes the new Year 12 Class of 2024!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=102wYbAjyq4

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/UC1s0OQdLq16Ee3mwajbhfhA/videos

University - Institutes

Western Sydney True Reward- Apply For next Offer Round

Apply By 6 December

The program provides students an early offer based on their HSC results instead of a scaled ATAR. The next round closes on the 6th of December with unconditional offers released on the 14th December.

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward

Western Sydney University Japanese Speech Contest

25 November

The Western Sydney Japanese Speech Contest will bring together Japanese learners from high schools across Western Sydney and beyond.

All contestants will be awarded a participation certificate

1st prize in each division will win a \$150 gift voucher

2nd prize in each division will win a \$100 gift voucher

3rd prize in each division will win a \$75 gift voucher

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/schools/sohca/news_and_events/news_and_events/western_sydney_japanese_speech_contest

Sydney College of the Arts New Contemporaries Graduates Exhibition

1-9 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.html

University of Sydney Gadigal Program - Closing Soon

Apply by 28 November

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

Through the Gadigal Program you will have:

- the opportunity to apply for a Gadigal early conditional offer
- lower minimum ATAR requirements
- access to an academic skills program before commencing University
- ongoing academic and personal support throughout your degree.
- up to \$5,000 global mobility award for eligible exchange programs.

https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/applying/admission-pathways/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-pathways.html

ARTiculate Ancient History: What's new in ancient Pompeii? A review of recent archaeological research 14 November

Our knowledge of the daily lives of the inhabitants Pompeii is continually changing and evolving thanks to recent archaeological work on site. By highlighting some of the latest discoveries from the new excavations in Regions V and IX and from a suburban Roman villa together with the results of some recent conservation of houses in Pompeii, this talk will address various aspects of quotidian life across all strata of Roman society. In addition to the exciting discoveries on site, intriguing material can also be found in the archives of Pompeii and one such find shall be revealed.

https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/3916951743010/WN_7INQiJvZQH2bcp30s-F_8Q

ANU College of Law - Ask us anything

29 November

Join us for our upcoming drop-in session, where you will have the opportunity to speak with current students and faculty members to get an inside look at what it's like to study law at The Australian National University. This is a casual, come-and-go event where you can drop in and ask anything you would like - from admissions and scholarships, to study plans and specialisations (and everything in between). We will be on hand to answer your questions and provide information on our programs, courses and resources. Don't miss this opportunity to get a firsthand look at what it's like to study law at the ANU College of Law.

https://www.anu.edu.au/events/anu-college-of-law-ask-us-anything

ACU Pathways Finder Tool

There are alternative pathways into a course if a student doesn't receive the ATAR they were hoping for, including our Foundation Studies program, certificates and diplomas. Use the pathways finder tool to narrow down admission pathways for a study area or course of interest and explore your options.

https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/acu-pathways/pathwayfinder

Discover Teaching at ACU's Strathfield Campus

22 November

Discover why ACU is ranked in the top 50 universities in the world for education*. Explore the different types of learning styles and consider how to use different techniques in your lesson planning. Visit our visual arts and design studios, metal and timber workshops, and textiles and food technology laboratories to learn how you can study those subjects to become an expert in your chosen field.

https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2023/november/discover-teaching-at-strathfield-campus

Discover Physiotherapy at ACU's North Sydney Campus

28 November

Want to know how physiotherapists help people improve their health and live well? In this hands-on activity, you'll learn the techniques they use to quantitively measure strength and determine injury in patients. Visit our interactive, fully functional physiotherapist simulation wards. Discover how our students engage in highly realistic interactions with high tech manikins to develop and practise interpersonal and decision-making skills which make ACU physiotherapist students in high demand when they graduate.

https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2023/november/discover-physiotherapy-at-north-sydney-campus

Get the University of Canberra Course Guide for 2024

If you're currently studying in Year 12, it's time to choose your own adventure. You'll walk your own path at UC, where our hands-on, innovative approach to education is guaranteed to get you ready for the future. We'll connect you with industry, offer you opportunities to study overseas and prepare you for your career through internships and our Work Integrated Learning (WIL) program. Thousands of students, just like you, have chosen UC to kickstart their future and – as the leading university in Canberra for full-time graduate employment*– it's not hard to see why.

https://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/study-at-uc/school-leaver

University of Canberra - Sport, Exercise Science and Rehabilitation at UC Information Session

14 November

Join us to learn more about UC's sport and exercise courses, Bachelor of Sport and Exercise and Bachelor of Exercise Physiology and Rehabilitation. In this webinar, you'll have the opportunity to hear from our teaching staff and from a current student about what you can expect from the program and how it can support you on your way to a fulfilling career in sport and exercise science.

https://www.canberra.edu.au/events/Home/Event/462523

University of Canberra - Bachelor of Science Information Session

21 November

Join us to learn more about UC's science course, Bachelor of Science and the different specialisations within the course. In this webinar, you'll have the opportunity to hear from our teaching staff and from a current student about what you can expect from the program and how it can support you on your way to a fulfilling career in science. https://www.canberra.edu.au/events/Home/Event/462535

University of Canberra - Technology and Software Engineering Information Session

21 November

Join us to learn more about UC's technology courses, Bachelor of Information Technology and Bachelor of Software Engineering. In this webinar, you'll have the opportunity to hear from our teaching staff and from a current student about what you can expect from the programs and how it can support you on your way to a fulfilling career in tech. https://www.canberra.edu.au/events/Home/Event/462536

University of Canberra - Accounting at UC Information Session

30 November

Join us to learn more about UC's undergraduate accounting and commerce courses. In this webinar, you'll have the opportunity to hear from our teaching staff and from a current student about what you can expect from the program and how it can support you on your way to a fulfilling career in finance.

https://www.canberra.edu.au/events/Home/Event/462534

University of Canberra - Justice Studies and Law Information Session

27 November

Join us to learn more about UC's justice studies and law courses, Bachelor of Justice Studies and Bachelor of Laws. In this webinar, you'll have the opportunity to hear from our teaching staff and from a current student about what you can expect from the program and how it can support you on your way to a fulfilling career in the justice sector or law.

https://www.canberra.edu.au/events/Home/Event/462526

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.

Through this process that connects you to experts in engineering and world-class research, you will gain insights into sustainable and innovative technologies and develop key skills in design thinking, problem-solving, communication and teamwork that will be advantageous to the commencement of any engineering degree, and make friends before starting uni!

This transformational program can not only help you gain entry to UNSW Engineering, but by completing activities and attaining badges under the three program pillars of INSPIRE, ENGAGE and EMPOWER you can automatically qualify to be interviewed for a paid UNSW Student Ambassador role upon starting an engineering degree at UNSW Sydney!

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

Reminder - UNSW ADA Portfolio Entry Early Conditional Offer Workshop

14 November

Submit a portfolio of your best work to showcase your talent and you could receive an early conditional offer to study at UNSW in 2024.

With UNSW Portfolio Entry Early Conditional Offer Scheme, your pathway into uni is unique - just like you. Here at UNSW, we want to reward your passion, creativity and potential to succeed in your degree area. That's why from Term 1 2024, we'll be evolving our UNSW Portfolio Entry Scheme to offer early conditional offers, giving you the opportunity to demonstrate your passion and talent alongside your ATAR.

Join us on the UNSW Art & Design Paddington Campus to hear from UNSW staff and academics about submitting an outstanding portfolio for a range of degrees across our Arts, Design & Architecture Faculty for 2024.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ada-portfolio-entry-early-conditional-offer-workshop-tickets-731019197097

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.

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/everyday/starting-university-tips-guide-for-students/10812548

C.A.S Hawker Scholarship

Applications Open 4 December

Closes 5th January 2024

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

NIE UCAT Workshop Dates (Online)

Next Dates: 16 December, 27 January

Dates available until July 2024

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.

This event will be conducted by the National Institute of Education in partnership in partnership with UCAT Preparation Australia, and MICAS (Medical Interviews and Career Advice Services).

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

NIE UCAT Sydney Workshop - Limited Seats for January!

27 January 2024

The Simulated UCAT Day Workshop is a 2-part event, the first of which is a full-day program delivered either as a face-to-face event across most major cities in Australia OR as an online event run live by senior UCAT trainers. The second follow-up component is run as a 3-hour LIVE-online class and you can select when you wish to attend this day.

https://www.nie.edu.au/products-listing/product/216-simulated-ucat-day-workshop

TAFE

Listed Current Vacancies - Central Coast Group Training

CCGT manage all aspects of the employment process from recruitment & selection, training & experience, right through to qualifications & completion.

Ph: 4353 2655 or info@ccgt.com.au

https://ccgt.com.au/view-jobs/

How do I find a landscaping apprenticeship position?

There are many different ways to find an apprenticeship position, from contacting landscaping companies directly to listing yourself with apprenticeship organisations. Through our representation at careers expos, our links to TAFE institutions, our active presence at landscaping and other expos, as well as our prominent website, we are often the first place individuals turn to in finding an apprenticeship position and we receive many calls and emails from employers looking to hire apprentices. We can connect you with businesses looking to take on an apprentice in your area. Click on the link and scroll down to the bottom to fill in our 'Apprenticeship Expression of Interest Form' and we will contact you shortly to discuss apprenticeship opportunities. There are companies that specialise in matching trade companies with apprentices. Contact us for details at team@landscapeassociation.com.au https://www.landscapeassociation.com.au/become-an-apprentice/

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

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

Private Colleges

Carlton College of Sport - Open Day

12 December

A College Open Day gives students the opportunity to tour the IKON Park campus facilities, learn more about the courses available, the placement opportunities and the pathways beyond studying at the Carlton College. https://calendly.com/carlton-college/carlton-college-of-sport-open-day?month=2023-12

JMC Academy Early Entry Program

Why wait? Get an early offer to start studying in February 2024 now!

Why wait for your ATAR to be released to know how you'll be spending the next few years of your study time? Apply through JMC's Early Entry program to secure your conditional offer in our February 2024 intake before you even sit your final exams!

Early entry is available for all current Year 12 students in Australia, looking to study at our Sydney or Brisbane campuses. Applying is easy and should only take a few minutes, you can apply directly by clicking here and a member of our team will be in touch to guide you through the process.

Once we've received your application we'll give you a buzz and organise for you to have a chat with one of our awesome admissions advisors. During this appointment they'll be able to confirm your application details, assess the best course & study options for you and finalise your offer!

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

Newswriting Basics Jschool Journalism College

Next Intake 5 December 2023 Newswriting Basics is a micro journalism course offered to senior secondary students this summer by Jschool Journalism College.

https://jschool.com.au/micro/

Jschool Journalism College Three Online Units

Intake from December 2023

From Jschool's Diploma of Journalism are on offer to keen senior secondary students this summer Introduction to Reporting; Shorthand (speed writing) History, Literature & Language for Journalists https://jschool.com.au/single-subjects/?rd--study-single-subjects

Waterloo Studios Make A Short Film January Intake

8 January

Tickets on sale now

Calling all young filmmakers! Have you got a great idea for a 2-minute movie? What are you waiting for: it's time for lights, camera, and action! In this course you will learn how to develop a screenplay, plan a film, then shoot it yourself with real cameras and equipment.

But it doesn't stop there: you will cut your movie together with editing software, and at the end of the week it's time to grab the popcorn as you watch your film on the big screen in our Soundstage.

- For students who are passionate about film, television and online media
- Young filmmakers get involved in a variety of roles, from directing to editing
- Suitable for complete beginners, no previous experience is required

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/make-a-short-film-january-2024-intake-tickets-617552455017

General

NSW Health Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship program

Applications Open 11 December

The NSW Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship Program provides support and assistance to Aboriginal people studying an undergraduate nursing or midwifery degree at university.

Cadetships include:

- a study allowance of \$600 per fortnight while studying for 40 weeks
- \$500 per semester support allowance
- 12 weeks paid employment in a local public hospital or Justice Health facility
- support from an Aboriginal mentor, cadet coordinator and additional clinical support.
- the possibility of ongoing employment when you successful complete your studies and the program

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/scholarship/Pages/aboriginal-cadetships.aspx

NSW Health Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Undergraduate Scholarships

Applications Open 11 December

NSW Health Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Undergraduate Scholarships of up to \$1000 per subject are available for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery. **NSW Health Aboriginal Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse Scholarships** of up to \$15,000 per year is available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who hold a Diploma of Nursing qualification and are undertaking a Bachelor of Nursing.

To apply, you must be:

- an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- known and accepted in the community that you live or have lived
- a resident of NSW
- enrolled in an Australian Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery degree
- willing to participate in an evaluation or telephone survey about the Aboriginal scholarships program

Connection to culture is central to the health and well-being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Scholarships are available to assist your dream of giving back to and caring for your community. With financial support provided by NSW Health, you can focus on your studies and continue your journey to becoming a nurse or midwife.

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarship/Pages/aboriginal-undergraduate-scholarships.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. Up-front payment discount

From 1 January 2021, if you are eligible for HECS-HELP and make an upfront payment of \$500 or more, or make an up-front payment equal to 90 per cent of your student contribution amount, you will receive a 10 per cent discount. The discount is an incentive to pay up-front, either fully or partially, and will decrease your student debt. https://www.studyassist.gov.au/help-loans

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 4 March 2024

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

Closes 19 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

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