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Open Days & Info Sessions

[Student Exchange Australia New Zealand | LIVE Online Info Session](#)

18 February 2020, 5:30 pm

Online

The LIVE Online Info Session is conducted by a senior member of our staff using a service which allows us to meet online or over the telephone. You will be able to meet our representative over a video internet connection, ask any questions and watch a presentation.

Our LIVE online session will cover the following topics.

- Introduction to Student Exchange, the regulatory environment & benefits
- Program options, destinations & eligibility
- Safety and Well being, our support system & where you will stay
- Money Matters, including available discounts & scholarships
- Deadlines & how to apply
- Why choose Student Exchange?

Find out more: <https://studentexchange.org.au/info-sessions/live-online/>

University of Sydney | Campus Tour

6 March 2020, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The University of Sydney, Camperdown

Are you considering studying with us? Come and join us for a guided tour of our Camperdown/Darlington campus led by our Student Ambassadors. Our tours allow you to gain an insider's look at the campus and get the answers to any burning questions you have about university. Friends and family are welcome.

Find out more: <https://sydney.edu.au/engage/visit/campus-tours/book-a-campus-tour.html>

CSU | Medicine Information Nights

Bathurst: 9 March 2020, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Orange: 10 March 2020, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Wagga Wagga: 16 March 2020, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Sydney: 24 March 2020, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Port Macquarie: 6 April 2020, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Albury-Wodonga: 8 April 2020, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Come to a medicine information night and discover everything you need to know about our new five-year undergraduate entry degree. The Doctor of Medicine is a Joint Program in Medicine from Charles Sturt University and Western Sydney University.

Get all your questions answered, meet our medicine team and hear about the real-world experiences of rural and regional doctors. This is a free event for anyone interested in a career in medicine.

Find out more: <https://engage.csu.edu.au/medicine-info-nights>

HSC and Careers Expo

28 May 2020, 9:00 am - 31 May 2020, 3:00 pm

Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park

The HSC and Careers Expo provides resources and information for tertiary courses, career and employment options, the HSC, study strategies, the gap year and much more.

Exhibitors presenting at the Expo will include organisations with:

- Information and resources for the HSC
- Information about university, TAFE and training courses
- Career advice
- Study advice
- Employment advice and opportunities
- Apprenticeship and traineeship advice

- International exchange and gap year programs

There will also be a variety of seminars on topics such as:

- HSC subjects including English, Maths, Biology, Business Studies, PDHPE, Legal Studies
- Tertiary courses
- Careers
- Employment opportunities
- Gap year options

Find out more: <https://www.hscandcareers.com.au/>

Western Sydney Careers Expo

25 July 2020, 9:00 am - 28 June 2020, 3:00 pm

Sydney Showground

The Western Sydney Careers Expo provides resources and information for tertiary courses, career and employment options, the HSC, study strategies, the gap year and much more.

Exhibitors will be able to provide:

- Information and resources for the HSC
- Information about university, TAFE and training courses
- Career advice
- Study advice
- Employment advice and opportunities
- Apprenticeship and traineeship advice
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There will also be several seminars on topics including:

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- Tertiary courses
- Careers
- Employment opportunities
- Gap year options

Find out more: <https://www.westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au/>

Workshops & Courses

Street Photography Workshop with Aussie Street

29 February 2020, 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Georges Cameras

Georges are partnering up with local street photography experts, Bryce Waters and Sam Ferris (Aussie Street), to deliver a full day theoretical and practical crash course for Street

Photography. If you ever lacked the confidence to go out and shoot street photography or looking to hone your skills, this workshop is perfect for you.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/street-photography-workshop-with-aussie-street-tickets-90897371485>

HSC Success: HSC Standard and Advanced English

10 March 2020, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Charlestown Library

This workshop will give you the tools to interpret HSC exam questions, and clearly communicate your understanding with well-structured writing. Discover the tips and tricks to writing essays and extended responses, summarising, organising content and planning what you write, before you sit the exam.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hsc-success-hsc-standard-and-advanced-english-tickets-68894317759>

HSC Panel – Ask All Your Tricky HSC Questions

31 March 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Marrickville Library and Pavilion

HSC Panel – ask all the tricky questions of experienced HSC markers, career advisors, tutors and students. You can also hear from UAC staff on topic of ATAR, scaling and applying through UAC.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hsc-panel-ask-all-your-tricky-hsc-questions-tickets-8759003314>

Scholarships

Student Exchange Scholarships

Value: \$2,500 - \$3,500

Open/Closing Dates: December 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020

If you are planning to go on exchange and want to reduce the price of your program, you can apply for a scholarship for our standard programs departing between October 2020 – March 2021.

Fourteen partial scholarships are available each year, for year and semester applicants only.

Short program applicants are not eligible for a scholarship. There are:

- 3 Language Scholarships
- 3 International Affairs Scholarships
- 3 Community Involvement Scholarships
- 2 Australian Ambassador Scholarships

- 3 Digital Video Scholarships

All scholarships are open to students in years 8-11.

[Find out more](#)

Little Friends Scholarships

Value: \$500

Open/Closing Dates: January 27, 2020 – February 21, 2020

Our Little Friends Scholarship has been established to ensure all children have the ability to either further their education and/or be able to participate in extra-curricula activities that they may not be able to pursue due to the financial impact of Domestic and Family Violence within their family environment.

- Applications can only be submitted by a person over 18 years of age.
- Applications must be completed by either: the Parent or authorised Guardian of the child; or an authorised Social Worker, GP, School Principal, Counsellor.
- Applications must be endorsed by both the Parent/Guardian of the Child AND the nominated sponsor, i.e. Social Worker, GP, School Principal or Counsellor. Children must be between the ages of 5 and 18 years of age at date of application.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

The Mocktail Awards 2020

JMC Academy invites high school students to submit their short film for The Mocktail Awards. The nominated films will be showcased and the winner will be awarded at the prestigious Martini Awards to be held in June 2020.

This invitation is open to all high school students based in New South Wales, ACT, Victoria and Queensland who have completed a short film between 1 January 2019 to 5 April 2020.

The winning film will receive over \$2,500 worth of prizes.

Entries are open until Sunday 5 April.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/industry-events/mocktails>

Young Archie Competition 2020

The Art Gallery of New South Wales invites budding artists between the ages of 5 and 18 to submit a portrait for the Young Archie 2020 competition.

The portrait must be of a person who is special to you – someone who is known to you and who knows you and plays a significant role in your life.

Entries are open until 5.00pm on Sunday 8 March.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/prizes/young-archie/enter/>

Beamline for Schools Competition

Do you ever wonder what it's like to be a scientist? If you're up for a challenge, the Beamline for Schools Competition (BL4S) is your chance to experience it. Any high-school student from all around the world can join the adventure. Jump into the world of particle physics and think of a simple and creative experiment.

The competition is open to teams of high-school students from all around the world who, if they win, are invited (with up to two adult team coaches) to the Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron (DESY) research centre in Germany to run their experiment.

Entries are open until Tuesday 31 March.

Find out more and enter here: <https://beamlineforschools.cern/>

Future Leaders Writing Prize 2020

The Future Leaders Writing Prize is designed to recognise and reward talented young writers. It aims to encourage expressive and creative writing.

Year 11 and 12 students in Australian secondary schools are invited to submit a piece of writing (800 to 1,000 words). The writing can be fiction or non-fiction and on any topic.

This year's winner will receive a \$1,000 prize.

Entries are open until Sunday 31 May.

Find out more: http://www.futureleaders.com.au/awards/Writing_Prize_2020.pdf

National Computer Science School Challenge 2020

The NCSS Challenge is a programming competition open to all school students and teachers.

The Challenge teaches students to code in Python 3.6. Python is an easy to learn scripting language used for many different purposes such as web applications and scientific research.

The Challenge is unlike any other programming competition. You will learn how to program as you go along, rather than expecting you to be an expert already. If you're a seasoned coder, there is something for you too – the problems range from relatively simple to mind-bendingly hard.

The competition begins on Monday 17 February, and runs for 5 weeks.

Find out more and register here: <https://groklearning.com/challenge/>

International Mathematical Modeling Challenge

Team registrations for this [2020 maths challenge](#) are open.

To take part you'll need to:

- Enlist a team advisor, usually a teacher from your school

- Get your team together (up to 4 people)
- Sign up (it's FREE) [here](#)
- Choose the competition period you'd like to work on your problem and complete your team report. You'll have to be available for 5 days between 10 and 27 March 2020.

Entering the challenge could help you explore Maths in real world applications, encourage collaboration and teamwork skills, and it'll look great on your [resume or portfolio](#).

The results are announced in July. If your team is successful in the national round, you'll get to enter the international level too.

If you'd love to take part in more competitions, but this math challenge isn't for you, head over to our [Competitions](#) page, we add new ones every week to help you find the perfect one for you.

Further Learning

[Study Visual Communication Design at UON](#)

The University of Newcastle's Bachelor of Visual Communication Design is your first step towards a career in design, graphics, animation, and more.

The degree integrates a variety of modern technologies and channels so you can learn how to effectively communicate your ideas and information. There are four majors you can choose from to enhance your studies:

- Animation
- Graphic Communication & Typography
- Illustration
- Interaction and User Experience Design

There is a minimum Selection Rank (SR) of 62 for entry into the course.

This course could be ideal if you are looking for a career in graphic design, web design, UX design, illustration, animation, and more.

Best of all, the course is part of UON's [Year 12 Subject Spotlight Early Offer Program](#), which means you can get an early offer based on your subject results, not your ATAR.

Find out more about the degree here: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-visual-communication-design>

[Ocean Youth Program](#)

Ocean Youth is about building tomorrow's leaders and change makers to conserve and protect our oceans. As part of the program you will gain skills and implement solutions to some of the big, hairy issues our oceans face, and influence others to do it too.

The face to face program is aimed at high school aged students and delivered over a calendar year through SEA LIFE aquaria in Sydney, Melbourne, and the Sunshine Coast. The program consists of interactive, immersive, and skills building activities.

The program costs \$250 for the whole year.

Find out more and sign up here: <https://www.oceanyouth.org/oy-program/>

Hospitality Traineeship

MEGT are currently taking applications on behalf of The Sundeck Bermagui for a Hospitality Traineeship.

Through the traineeship you will earn a Certificate III in Hospitality.

Duties will include:

- Waiting tables
- Take phone bookings
- Cleaning of restaurant
- Preparing tables before service
- Cashier
- Some barista training

Applications are open until Sunday 3 May.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.megt.com.au/jobs/9270>

What are Pre-apprenticeships?

If you're wanting to kick start your career, you might be looking at doing a pre-apprenticeship. But what exactly is a pre-apprenticeship? Do you need to do one? And how do you find them? Australian Apprenticeship Pathways has written a handy guide all about pre-apprenticeships, including information about what they are, where to find them, and some stories from people who have done pre-apprenticeships.

You can find out more here: <https://www.aapathways.com.au/about/pre-apprenticeships>

Work Experience

Work Experience at Carla Zampatti

Carla Zampatti offers work experience in their head office, with the opportunity to get an insight into how the fashion industry works. Positions are subject to availability. You are encouraged to send your resume for the opportunity to gain insight and experience with them.

[Learn more](#)

Work Experience with Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP)

Spend a week immersed in the day-to-day workings of Australia's national youth theatre company. ATYP Work Experience is for students in years 10 and 11 who are passionate about theatre, not just drama students or aspiring actors. Participants will work alongside each of our departments learning how a professional company operates and what career pathways are available in the theatre industry.

Students may choose one of two weeks to attend: 10-14 August 2020 or 19-23 October 2020.

[Learn more](#)

Work Experience with Woolworths Limited

If you are interested in completing work experience in one of our stores, you can approach the store of your choice directly with your request. A limited number of work experience students are accepted for short periods within our support office environments. To apply for a support office work experience position, you will need to submit your request in writing to the support office of the division you would like to work in.

The Woolworths Group includes stores such as:

- Woolworths
- Big W

[Learn more](#)

Resources

Have you thought about work experience yet?

When you're still at school it's the ideal time to have a crack at work experience.

It could help you decide what careers really interest you, as well as which ones to rule out.

Which in turn could help you choose which subjects and courses you'll need to study.

You'll learn new skills and get insight that could help you both at school and down the track.

It's never too early or too late to try out different roles and gain more experience. So whether you're still at school or studying at university, organising a work placement is a smart move.

Some of the main benefits include:

- Pinning down your personal career goals by sampling different industries and jobs without the commitment of a permanent contract.
- Gaining first-hand experience of an industry. In addition to having the right qualifications, this could be a competitive advantage over other applicants when you're applying for jobs.
- Improving your knowledge and skills.

- Building up a network of contacts, which could be great for references, recommendations, and potential job opportunities.

You'll get to

- see how the working world works
- experience how people work together
- find out if an industry or job is as you imagined, and decide if it's the right fit for you

Give perspective to your schoolwork

- understand how important good English, maths and tech skills are at work
- find out how things you've learnt about at school are put into practise

Learn and grow

- get the opportunity to test drive and improve your communication, teamworking, planning, organising, timekeeping, and problem-solving skills, for example
- teach you to cope in new environments and settings
- find out how to work co-operatively with people you don't know
- build your confidence and independence

Add it to your resume

- work experience could make you more appealing to potential employers
- counts as experience on job applications
- demonstrates you're motivated and keen to learn
- you'll have examples to use during interviews
- could put you ahead of other applicants

Where to find work experience

If you're tempted to get some work experience, speak to your school, TAFE or university. As work experience is often included as part of your studies, they may have a program already in place that could get you into some work experience.

Alternatively, you could contact organisations you'd like to work with directly and see if you can score your dream opportunity. Large companies and organisations, your local council and local businesses in your area are good examples of places to start your search.

During high school most of the work experience you'll undertake will be unpaid. Don't see that as a negative, you'll be receiving training, mentoring and exploring your interests and suitability for careers and industries in return.

Volunteering with community or local organisations can count as work experience too, and if you are enthusiastic, reliable and willing to learn, it could lead to more work experience opportunities and potentially job offers.

You can also search on our [Work Experience](#) database for placements available to apply for, information, tips and blogs. We'll also be publishing our complete [Guide](#) to Work Experience soon.

In our Guide you'll find everything you'll need to know about Work Experience including:

- The benefits
- What you can and can't do
- What to expect during your placement
- How to go about finding Work Experience
- The practicalities of going on your placement
- Your obligations and the paperwork you'll need to complete

We can help you get the most out of your placement.

[How to boost your public speaking skills](#)

According to Warren Buffett, developing your public speaking skills could increase your net worth by 50%.

Working on your soft skills including verbal and non-verbal communication could be time really well spent, ultimately boosting your confidence and making you more appealing to potential employers.

Here's a [useful article](#) which talks about the benefits of working on your communication skills, it also provides 6 practical tips on how you could start boosting your talents right away.

"If you can't communicate and talk to other people and get across your ideas, you're giving up your potential." - Warren Buffet

[Making Money as a Teenager](#)

Sometimes finding a job can be difficult, and especially if you have to juggle it around study and other extra curricular activities. But there are plenty of other ways you can earn a bit of extra cash with just a small investment of your time.

1. Babysitting

Got a neighbour or someone you know with kids? You might be able to offer to babysit for them – it's a great way to show that you are trustworthy and responsible, while also making a bit of money.

2. Dog Walking

This one is great for helping you get outside and get a bit more active – plus you get to spend your time with cute animals.

3. House and Yard Work

Your parents will appreciate your help around the house more than you might think. Take the time to fire up the mower or vacuum cleaner every now and then and you might find yourself handsomely rewarded.

4. Doing the paper route

This one might seem a bit old fashioned, but there are still plenty of companies out there looking for people to deliver their goods. Check out a company like [Salmat](#) to see what this might involve.

5. Go Online

Finding yourself with no spare time? Going online and doing things like completing surveys, or even offering your talents through a website like [Fiverr](#) or on social media, can be a great way to make a little extra cash in your own time.

Take a Gap Year and Earn Money

The idea of a gap year can sometimes seem a bit daunting – what if I want to go away on an awesome holiday, but I don't have enough money? And you probably don't want to spend all your time working.

Well, there are some ways you can combine the two. Year 13 has written a great article featuring some gap year ideas that are more interesting than your standard holiday.

1. Work and ski in Japan

If you love the snow, this one could be for you. Spend your time at a ski resort (for free!) while working as a ski instructor, or in retail, hospitality or concierge work. Check out [boobooSKI](#) to learn more.

2. Volunteer at a wildlife sanctuary

What if you want to give something back during your gap year? [Totally Travel](#) can send you to animal and wildlife sanctuaries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. You have the chance to get some good hands-on experience with the animals.

3. Be an Au Pair in Canada

Maybe sports and the outdoors isn't your thing – how about working as an au pair? [JCR AU Pairs](#) can set you up with a host family, and in exchange for some housework and babysitting,

you get free accommodation, meals, and some money to experience the sights on your days off.

Read the full article at Year 13 here: <https://year13.com.au/articles/gap-years-ideas>

Indigenous Scholarships Portal

The Aurora Education Foundation has created a website filled with scholarship opportunities for Indigenous students.

Whether you're looking to go to uni, TAFE or other studies, there are heaps of scholarships to find. They also provide information on how to apply.

Check it out here: <https://indigenousscholarships.com.au/>

Job Spotlight

Sommelier

What do they do?

Sommeliers (also known as wine waiters) are experts in wine. They study everything there is to know about wine from the grapes, regions, and preparation methods to which pairings work well with certain foods.

Sommeliers work in fine dining restaurants, hotels, and the retail industry. From serving choosing and serving wines, to writing about wines, becoming a wine buyer, or working for vineyards as a sales representative.

A love of wine, a good nose and excellent palate could make you the perfect candidate to be a sommelier.

Duties:

- Selecting and buying a wine list for a specific business
- Pairing food with a wine that will compliment or enhance the flavours
- Updating wine lists in line with menu change
- Maintaining inventory
- Educating other staff members about the wine list and how to choose, store and serve wines
- Engaging with customers, finding out their likes and budget then helping them decide which wines best fit their needs
- Testing the quality of wines before serving (in case they are corked or flawed)
- Serving wine to the customers, using the correct corking, tasting and pouring techniques, glassware and decanting methods
- Making sure the customers are happy and providing them with more details or other options throughout the course of their meal if necessary

- Continuing to study wines, taste new producers, blends, vintages, and regions
- Attending industry events

Skills required:

- Amazing customer service and knowledge of products (wines, spirits and other beverages)
- Teamwork – working with business owners, chefs and other wait staff to ensure the best overall service
- Excellent communication and people skills
- Attention to detail
- Passionate

Pathways

Obtain work experience or VET qualifications within the hospitality or viticulture industries.

Get your responsible service of alcohol license.

Learn a lot about wines and beverages.

Obtain qualifications within the industry such as the 4 levels of:

- *Introductory Sommelier*
- *Certified Sommelier*
- *Advanced Sommelier*
- *Master Sommelier*

Offered at [The Court of Master Sommeliers](#) annually.

Average salary for a Certified Sommelier is \$60,000 per year (Source: seek.com.au)

Job growth in this area is predicted to be **moderate** (Source: joboutlook.gov.au).

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