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## Open Days & Info Sessions

### [University of Sydney | Ask a \(Business\) Student: Live Q&A](#)

24 June 2020, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

Want to know what studying business is really like? Now's your chance. During this session you will meet some of our current students and have the opportunity to ask them anything you'd like about studying business here at the University of Sydney.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_pYLcQUdbR-OJp5A85Hu8oA](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_pYLcQUdbR-OJp5A85Hu8oA)

### [University of Sydney | Ask a \(Law\) Student: Live Q&A](#)

24 June 2020, 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Online

Want to know what studying law is really like? Now's your chance. During this session you will meet some of our current students and have the opportunity to ask them anything you'd like about studying law here at the University of Sydney.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_E4nsxMYsShGIIMcwTvY6iw](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_E4nsxMYsShGIIMcwTvY6iw)

### **Crimson Education | Ultimate US & UK University Summit**

27 June 2020, 1:00 pm - 28 June 2020, 5:30 pm

Online

Want to learn how you can gain admission to the Ivy League, Oxford, Cambridge and more? This is your (free) ticket to access some of the best university experts, former admissions officers, educational advisors and admitted students, who know what it takes to get admitted to some of the top-ranking universities in the world.

Find out more: <https://www.crimsoneducation.org/au/resources/summit/>

### **University of Sydney | Corporate roles in health with the new Bachelor of Science (Health)**

29 June 2020, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

Find out about the new Bachelor of Science (Health). This degree provides a thorough grounding in health and health systems at the local, national and global level. You will develop a strong foundation in understanding health communities and the ability to think critically about challenges in health and healthcare, which will make you a competitive graduate.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_eebe6oUnT\\_avKvijvqY0IA](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eebe6oUnT_avKvijvqY0IA)

### **Notre Dame | Early Offer Info Week**

29 June 2020, 4:00 pm - 2 July 2020, 6:00 pm

Online

Despite all the challenges this year, getting into Uni doesn't have to be stressful. Join our Early Offer Info Week for tips on submitting your best application and taking the right steps through to enrolment next year. In the last week of June, we'll deliver a series of webinars to connect you with Academics and current students so you can get the best picture of study options and life as a student at Notre Dame University.

View their schedule of webinars and register for as many as you like.

Find out more: <https://www.notredame.edu.au/events-items/early-offer-info-week>

### **University of Sydney | Pathways to studying at the Business School**

30 June 2020, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

There is more than one pathway to the University of Sydney Business School. Join us to hear about the range of admission pathways available and from current students who will share their student experience. This is the perfect opportunity to have your questions answered and

to learn about the range of industry-focused and real-world opportunities available for Business School students. Your global business journey starts here.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-CaBbfQ1RKOB0eTWO9tjeg](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-CaBbfQ1RKOB0eTWO9tjeg)

### **University of Sydney | Admission Pathways**

1 July 2020, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

Here at the University of Sydney we know that ATAR alone isn't always the best measure of your potential. If your studies in Year 11 and/or 12 have been impacted by commitments or circumstances beyond your control, join us for this webinar where we will walk you through the various admissions schemes and pathways that we offer.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_g0bG6x\\_xSxil0o8-EhVKPQ](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g0bG6x_xSxil0o8-EhVKPQ)

### **University of Sydney | Early Offer Year 12 (E12): How to Apply**

1 July 2020, 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Online

This session provides an overview of our Early Offer Year 12 (E12) Scheme, including eligibility and how to apply.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_vhUaJgx0Ry2KhfPCnRSHUg](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vhUaJgx0Ry2KhfPCnRSHUg)

### **University of Sydney | Ask an (Arts) Student: Live Q&A**

1 July 2020, 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Want to know what studying an Arts degree is really like? Now's your chance. In this session we will demystify the Bachelor of Arts and you will have the opportunity to ask questions to some of our current students.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_m9jIwUqWSZWxf7XRDWDX5A](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m9jIwUqWSZWxf7XRDWDX5A)

### **University of Sydney | Pharmacy at USYD**

2 July 2020, 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Online

A career in pharmacy is more than just pills and potions. Find out all about it from Professor Andrew McLachlan, Dean of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney, which is one of Australia's leading universities for pharmacy.

Find out more: [https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RXYamriGR5GBFOhkVxwrrpQ](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RXYamriGR5GBFOhkVxwrrpQ)

### **UOW | Bachelor of Arts in Western Civilization – Information Session**

2 July 2020, 6:30 pm

Online

Join Professor Daniel Hutto as he discusses the ground-breaking Bachelor of Arts in Western Civilisation. Learn how this degree explores ideas that have been inspiring people since their inception — in Ancient Greece and Rome, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, the Enlightenment and the Modern Era. You will have the unique opportunity to directly engage with a carefully curated selection of some of the most influential works in the Western tradition of thought and art.

Learn about the thirty generous scholarship opportunities valued at up to \$30,000 per annum across the full course of study, as well as one international return airfare for an approved overseas experience as part of your studies. We'll also discuss the double degree options available, career prospects from the degree and how to apply for study in 2021.

Find out more: [https://uow-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_F8ApJMk6TeOAfsga2gPVLA](https://uow-au.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_F8ApJMk6TeOAfsga2gPVLA)

### **ACU | Community Achiever Program (CAP) – Facebook Messenger Live Chat**

10 July 2020, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Online

Join us for an online chat session and ask us questions about the Community Achiever Program (CAP). Speak to ACU staff and have your questions answered live.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2020/july/community-achiever-program-facebook-messenger-live-chat>

### **Crimson Education | How to Ace the SAT – Webinar**

12 July 2020, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Online

Are you looking to ace the SAT?

Join Sydney based Academic Advisor, Duoao Sun and Duke University recent admit, Alanna, as they breakdown the SAT and share their experiences on how to effectively tackle the exam. The topics that will be covered include:

- What is the SAT and how does it impact US admissions
- The changes around SAT requirements due to COVID-19
- Study strategies & top tips
- Alanna & Duo's SAT experiences
- Top free SAT resources
- Crimson's SAT Mastery Course
- What to focus on after the SAT

Find out more: <https://app.livestorm.co/crimson-education/anz-how-to-ace-the-sat>

## Workshops & Courses

### [AIE | My Journey into the Film Industry Workshop](#)

25 June 2020, 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

AIE Alumni, Jake Dobbie, talks about his journey into a career in the film industries.

Find out more: <https://aie.edu.au/workshop/my-journey-into-the-film-industry-jake-dobbie/>

### [JMC Academy | Online High School Workshops](#)

6 July 2020, 10:00 am - 10 July 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

JMC Academy is proud to present our first ever series of Online High School Workshops. These workshops have been designed for High School students in school years 9-12 and provide an insight into life at JMC Academy.

All workshops will be held online, via Zoom and will be interactive, making them the perfect creative experience for your upcoming school holiday break.

The workshops include:

- Character Drawing
- Electronic Music Production
- How to Create Content for Social Media
- Sketchnoting
- Songwriting and Production

Find out more: <https://www.jmccademy.edu.au/events/workshops/upcoming-jmc-workshops>

### [Online Auslan Classes](#)

Have you ever thought about learning Auslan, the Australian sign language?

Deaf Services are holding online classes for beginners to learn Auslan, starting in July.

Learn basic conversational skills with no experience required, all from the comfort of your own home.

The first class starts on Tuesday 21 July.

Find out more and enrol here:

<https://www.deafservices.org.au/services/Education/Community-Classes>

## Competitions

### [Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University Australia – Bright Awards](#)

Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University has launched Bright Awards for 2020; a competition designed to highlight young creative talent and support the arts in high schools across Australia.

Entries are now open for students in years 10-12 and their school to win monetary prizes to help kick start creative dreams.

This is a chance for students to have their work recognised by industry professionals working in the field. This competition is for anyone just starting out, with a couple of years of practice or really proud of their major work.

We are searching for the most creative, disruptive and innovative minds across Australia.

Key dates:

- Entries Close: 16 November 2020
- Assessment: 17 November – 27 November 2020
- Awards announced: 7 December 2020

Find out more and register: <https://www.billyblue.edu.au/apply/bright-awards>

### [MHFA Creative Writing Competition](#)

Entries to the Mental Health Foundation Australia's Youth Creative Writing Competition are open.

You are invited to submit a story, poem, play, or other form of writing on the theme of "Mental Health Matters". Entries are open nation-wide to primary and secondary school students.

**Entries are open until Friday 31 July.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.mhfa.org.au/CMS/australian-young-writers—creative-writing-2020>

## Careers & Jobs

### [A Day in the Life of a Geospatial Scientist](#)

If you love science, technology and the environment, you might consider a career as a geospatial scientist.

But what does a typical day of a geospatial scientist involve?

Check out this video series of Karen Joyce from SheMaps as it follows her visit to Heron Island for a field work project.

See the series here: <https://www.geospatialsience.com.au/a-day-in-the-life/>

## Further Learning

### [National Youth Science Forum – Applications Extended](#)

The NYSF Year 12 Program is a 10-day residential program designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage continued studies in these fields.

**Applications for the 2021 program have been extended until Monday 20 July.**

Get your application in here: <https://www.nysf.edu.au/what-we-do/how-to-apply/>

### [Become a Lenovo Gaming E-pprentice](#)

Did you know that around 60% of Australians would consider a career in gaming?

If one of them is you, then this could be your chance. Lenovo are offering one lucky candidate a Gaming E-pprenticeship.

You will be rewarded with \$5,000 and a heap of the latest gaming gear to develop your gaming and streaming skills. You will also get three one-on-one training sessions to learn about some of the key aspects of the gaming industry.

To apply, you just need to submit a short video demonstrating your passion for gaming.

Applications are open until Monday 29 June.

Find out more and apply here: <https://legionepprentice.thinkfwd.com.au/>

### [Learn the Science of Fishing with UTAS](#)

Do you love fishing, or want to help create a more sustainable future for our oceans?

UTAS' Science of Fishing teaches you all about the biology and behaviour of fish, as well the secrets behind fishing techniques.

Learn from experts from the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies all about the science of fishing sustainably.

You can study this course as an individual unit, or as part of UTAS' Diploma of Sustainable Living.

The course is offered online and free for all domestic students.

Find out more and enrol here: <https://www.utas.edu.au/sciences-engineering/science-of-fishing>

### [Careers Event University Videos](#)

Careers Event has launched a series of videos with all the information you need to know about university.

There are course videos from several unis, including ACU, ANU, Griffith, Monash, The University of Adelaide and more. There are also presentations on accommodation and support services, as well as study tips and overseas study.

Take a look at the videos here: <https://www.careersevent.com/seminar-category/universities/>

### **Apprenticeships in NSW**

If you are thinking of doing an apprenticeship, MIGAS currently has plenty of positions open for applications.

There are apprenticeships available in mechanical, automotive, fabrication and more.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.migas.com.au/jobs/new-south-wales/>

## Resources

### **7 Tips to help with Year 10 Subject Selection**

#### **It IS confusing, you're not alone**

Year 10 is an exciting time, but with it comes some big decisions.

Staying on to complete your high school certificate? Great news. Now you'll have the freedom to choose which subjects you'd like to study in Years 11 & 12. The pressure might feel huge.

Take a breath, it's ok if you don't know what career you want yet – you still have plenty of time to decide and plan for your post school options and pathways. We've put together some tips to bear in mind, they could help you with your Year 10 subject selections.

#### **Taking the next step**

Your schools and careers advisors will help you out, they'll guide you through the process and can give you great advice. Ultimately though, it's your decision.

### **Here are our top 7 Tips to help with your Year 10 Subject Selection**

#### **1. Build solid foundations**

What do we mean? Well, no matter what you do after high school, there are some [fundamental skills](#) you're going to need like communication, writing, resilience, critical thinking and problem-solving to name a few.

Working hard at school now and choosing a cross section of subjects could ensure that you'll have better developed skills across the board when you leave Year 12.

#### **2. English is important**

Yep if you'd like to be a teacher, writer or journalist then you definitely need your [English](#) to be great, but it's also important elsewhere.



Your ability to communicate can impact on every part of your life. Making a great first impression really counts, whether it's face-to-face, over the phone, in an application, email, or letter.

So the better your grip on the English language, the easier your path to success could be.

### 3. So is Maths

It's hard to imagine when you're struggling over an algebra equation in the classroom how you're ever going to need strong maths skills after school. But you will.

Studying maths could help you develop logical reasoning, analytical and interpretive skills. Maths will also be important in most areas of your life from cooking, banking, and budgeting, to saving for holidays.

Science and Finance based jobs are clearly going to require strong maths skills, but the reality is that decent maths abilities will benefit you in most jobs.

Maths plays an important part in other school subjects including science, social studies, and even music and art.

### 4. Create opportunities

If you love science in Year 10 and you only do STEM courses in Year 11 & 12, you might be narrowing down your options for courses you can take at uni. Which is no bad thing, unless you have a change of heart about your career prospects.

Choosing a broad range of subjects could help you cover more bases, giving you more options to pursue at the end of Year 12.

### 5. Find out what you're capable of

Tempted to take the easy options that'll mean the least number of exams, assignments or just plain thinking? Maybe you're hoping that you'll do better if you take easier subjects and boost your [ATAR](#)? Please don't.

- For a start there's **no guarantee** that you'll get a better [ATAR](#)
- You'll be [limiting yourself](#) both in the courses you'll be eligible to apply for after high school, and in what you think you're capable of achieving
- You won't develop those [useful skills](#) we mentioned earlier like problem solving, critical thinking and resilience if you always take the easiest route
- If you're not challenging yourself at school you'll be bored, time will drag on and you could even be less motivated and end up achieving less.

Ultimately you might just be cheating yourself.

## 6. Do what you love

It's important that you enjoy school, pursue your hobbies – who's to say you won't go on to have a career in those areas, and have a good balance of work and fun in life.

Take subject selection seriously, but don't discount art, music, or sport because you think you "should" be doing something others might consider more valuable.

## 7. Keep an open mind

For most of us it's hard to predict what we'll be doing in 12 months, let alone 5 or 10 years from now.

Try new things, apply yourself, leave yourself open to more options down the track and you could be rewarded with more choice and greater opportunities.

Most importantly do your research, there'll always be different pathways to get where you want to be, you never know what you'll discover along the way.

### Need more information to help with Year 10 subject selection?

Have a look at some of the [resources on offer](#), they might help you with your decision making and offer a bit of reassurance about the options you'd really like to choose.

### [Help Stop Cyberbullying](#)

Did you know that up to 1 in 5 young people have experienced cyberbullying?

If you or your friends have been bullied online, there are resources out there to help.

Take a look at the Queensland Government's Stop Cyberbullying website to find out more about what cyberbullying is, how to stop it, and where you can get help.

Find out more here: <https://www.csyw.qld.gov.au/campaign/stop-cyberbullying/children-young-people>

### [CQUni | What's the difference between high school and uni?](#)

Are you wondering what the big differences are between high school and uni? CQUni has compiled a short video to help you understand what the differences are and what's the most important thing to remember when transitioning from a high school student to a university student. Watch the video or visit the FAQs to find out what's the difference between high school and uni.

Still have questions about CQUni? Make sure you keep in touch to receive more information from CQUniversity, or Book a Conversation with one of their dedicated team.

Find out more – <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses/future-students/future-study-options/high-school-to-uni/year-12-uni-toolkit>

### **MHFA Future Leaders Program**

Applications to the Mental Health Foundation Australia's Future Leaders Program are open. Applications are open nation-wide to all members of the community aged between 12 and 19 years who are passionate about youth mental health.

In your role as a Future Leader, you will have the opportunity to identify and discuss key issues affecting young people in mental health and contribute ideas for youth programs.

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.mhfa.org.au/CMS/future-leaders-program>

### **How Parents Can Help their Year 12 Students**

Do you have a child currently in Year 12? This year has presented students with many challenges.

If your student is feeling lost, confused, or unsure about the future, there are ways you can help.

Raising Teenagers has written an article with some tips on how you can support your child through these tough times.

Take a look here: <http://www.raisingteenagers.com.au/what-the-final-class-of-2020-needs-from-you-right-now/>

## **Job Spotlight**

### **How to become an Interpreter**

#### **What do Interpreters do?**

Interpreters understand and translate text or speech into a different language. Often, they work in real time, providing instantaneous translation between parties. They can work in settings such as business, legal, and community.

If you have great communication skills, speak another language fluently and have a passion for helping people, this could be the perfect job for you.

#### **About you:**

- Excellent language skills with extensive vocabulary
- Good communication and people skills
- Emotional intelligence, resilience, and strong cultural awareness

#### **The job:**

- Determine the needs of clients
- Provide translations (spoken and written) between parties, using appropriate language for each setting (e.g. courts, hospitals, schools, workplaces and conferences)

- Remain professional and impartial, ensure that clients are satisfied with the outcomes

### **Interpreter salary (average) \$49,718 per year**

(Source: payscale.com)

**Job growth as an Interpreter** is moderate (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

Being able to speak, listen and write fluently in your chosen language is very important. For example, if you want to be a Chinese interpreter, you would be expected to be able to speak at a conversational level and confidently read text.

### **How to become an Interpreter in Australia**

If you aren't fluent in a foreign language, completing a VET or university qualification is a preferred pathway to learn.

**Step 1** – Study English and your language of interest at school and get good grades.

**Step 2** – Study a relevant degree at university, or get a VET qualification, such as:

- [WSU's Bachelor of Arts \(Interpreting and Translation\)](#)
- [Monash's Bachelor of Global Studies](#)
- [The University of Adelaide's Bachelor of Languages](#)
- [TAFE NSW's Diploma of Interpreting](#)
- [ACU's Diploma in Languages](#)

**Step 3** – Immerse yourself in the culture of your chosen language, either through work experience or by travel, to deepen your understanding of the language and culture.

**Step 4** – Become certified through an organisation such as the [National Accreditation Authority for Interpreters and Translators \(NAATI\)](#).

**Step 5** – Upskill with short courses and continued professional development.

Find out more here –

- <https://www.naati.com.au/>
- <https://ausit.org/>

### **Similar Careers to Interpreter**

[Auslan Interpreter](#)

Translator

Languages Teacher

Linguist

Find out more about [alternative careers](#).

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- **How long does it take to become an Interpreter?**

It could take between 4 and 5 years from finishing school to become an Interpreter if you need to obtain a relevant qualification and learn a language fluently. If you speak more than one language fluently, you could start working sooner. It could still be worth considering completing a qualification; it will look great on job applications.

- **Where do Interpreters work?**

Interpreters can work in-house for a business, as part of the media, in the community, or freelance.

- **Do I need to go to university to become an Interpreter?**

Having a formal qualification can greatly improve your chances of finding work. VET qualifications are often sufficient and could take less time to complete.

- **Is Interpreter a good career to aim for?**

If you have a passion for helping people and love learning different languages, a career as an Interpreter could be ideal for you.

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