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Open Days & Info Sessions

[University of Sydney | Space Engineering Webinar](#)

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

Online

Join us to learn more about studying Space Engineering at the University of Sydney! You'll hear from a current student and have the opportunity to ask them anything you'd like about studying Space Engineering here at the University.

Find out more: <https://uni->

[sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ovdDuApxSUW93aMM0VakNw](https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ovdDuApxSUW93aMM0VakNw)

[Campion College | Virtual Open Day](#)

8 July 2020, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Online

Join us for Campion's first ever Virtual Open Day! If you're thinking about enrolling as an undergrad with us in the near future, this is the perfect opportunity to find out more about Campion College and our liberal arts degree.

Find out more: <https://www.campion.edu.au/virtual-open-day/>

Portfolio Advice Sessions with Sydney Con

8 July 2020, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

Join us online and have all your questions answered about preparing your portfolio for admission to study composition, contemporary music, composition for creative industries, and digital music and media at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music at the University of Sydney. Looking towards and beyond the HSC, this event is a fantastic opportunity for year 12 students to prepare for their entry to the Con in 2021. You'll have the opportunity to have a one-on-one lesson with our academic representatives to gain advice and personalised feedback on your portfolio prior to submitting it as part of your 2021 application.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/portfolio-advice-sessions-with-sydney-con-registration-103306125402>

WEP | Student Exchange Info Session

9 July 2020, 6:00 pm

Online

What are your goals?

Imagine making friends from all over the world, learning about yourself and the world around you and seeing sights you could only dream of!

Find out more about your high school student exchange options at WEP's info session.

Find out more: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-8ckUY6RRGqkVZHPRLOE4g

Endeavour College | What You Need to Know About Enrolling Webinar

15 July 2020, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

Thinking about studying at Endeavour College of Natural Health? If you have questions about enrolling or studying Acupuncture, Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Remedial Massage or Myotherapy Degree, join us for this free webinar.

Join the Student Enrolment team for an interactive webinar to find out all you need to know about enrolling and studying at Endeavour College of Natural Health. This webinar will cover:

- Entry requirements
- How to apply
- Pathway options

- Timetabling
- Career outcomes
- Selecting the right degree for you
- Q&A

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/what-you-need-know-about-enrolling-informative-webinar2/>

Taming the Stress Monster in Adolescence Webinar

16 July 2020, 7:30 pm

Online

Commonly known as the ‘queen of common sense’, Maggie Dent has become one of Australia’s favourite parenting authors and educators, with a particular interest in the early years, adolescence and resilience, and six major books to her name including her bestselling 2018 release *Mothering Our Boys*. Maggie is host of the ABC podcast, *Parental As Anything*. In this webinar, Maggie explores stress and ways for adolescents to understand and help each other to navigate big ugly feelings, ‘ANT’ attacks (automatic negative thoughts), failure and disappointment. She also explores great ways to help calm and relax the adolescents you work or live with to study better, think better and take the high road rather than the low road on the journey to being an adult.

Find out more: https://jcu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q0fthOfCQaGhEKwqsY5_FA

UON | Year 10 Subject Selection Webinar

28 July 2020, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

The webinar will be presented by a panel of current student ambassadors, who will share their stories and experiences throughout. It will go for around 40 minutes (and 15 minutes Q&A), covering the below topics.

Presentation topics:

- Subject selection process (our 3 simple steps on how to select your subjects)
- Subject selection resources, case studies and examples.
- What if I don’t know what I want to do? or change my mind?
- What can you study at the University of Newcastle? (campus’, faculties etc)
- Differences between school life and university life (life as a student, timetables etc)
- Pathways (explaining Newstep and TAFE pathways)
- Links to speak directly to a current student ambassadors (through the ask a student chat function)

Find out more:

https://uonewcastle.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZAa0BuYkSWCz4Xxzi0sFWw

[Charles Sturt University | Open Days](#)

Albury-Wodonga: 6 September 2020, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wagga Wagga: 13 September 2020, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Dubbo: 19 September 2020, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Port Macquarie: 20 September 2020, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Orange: 26 September 2020, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Bathurst: 27 September 2020, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Want to come on campus to see what we're all about at Charles Sturt? You're in luck! Open Day will be back in 2020 and you can find out all there is to know about studying with Charles Sturt.

Learn about applying to uni, living on campus and what support is available. You can also discover the fun side of uni through our clubs, societies and sporting teams.

All things happening at Open Day 2020:

- live entertainment, competitions and giveaways
- food trucks with FREE food
- faculty, campus and accommodation tours
- course and uni life information sessions
- expo hub where you can meet our expert teaching staff and find out what to expect in lectures and tutorials.

Find out more: <https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events/open-day>

Workshops & Courses

[MedEntry | Online UCAT Workshop](#)

4 July 2020, 10:00 am - 5 July 2020, 6:00 pm

Online

MedEntry has run online courses for several years, and we have sophisticated technology to ensure they are run in an engaging, interactive and professional manner.

Their online workshops will cover everything you need to know about the UCAT:

- All 5 UCAT Subtests
- Short mini-tests for hands-on experience
- Worked examples highlighting essential techniques
- Exclusive insider tips
- University interview advice
- PLUS a bonus full-length practice exam

Find out more: <https://www.medentry.edu.au/our-services/ucats-services/ucats-workshop/online-workshop>

InspirED | July HSC Trial Preparation Lectures

6 July 2020, 10:00 am - 17 July 2020, 4:15 pm

Online

InspirED's July Trial Preparation Lectures prepare students for the most commonly asked question types in trials/HSC exams. Due to COVID-19 they are delivering this experience as a livestream interactive webinar.

You will practice possible questions and receive exemplary responses/solutions across a range of exam questions.

All of the major subjects are available, including:

- English – Advanced and Standard
- Mathematics – Standard 2, Mathematics, Extension 1 & Extension 2
- Science – Biology, Chemistry and Physics
- HSIE – Ancient History, Business Studies, Economics, Geography, Legal Studies & Modern History
- PDHPE – CAFS & PDHPE
- Studies of Religion – 1 & 2 unit
- Visual Arts
- Society & Culture

Find out more: <https://inspired.edu.au/july-hsc-trial-preparation-lectures/>

AIE | Online Holiday Courses

7 July 2020, 10:30 am - 16 July 2020, 3:00 pm

Online

These July school holidays, AIE will be holding their holiday courses online via Zoom. The classes on offer include:

- 2D Character Design and Animation
- Game Development in Unreal 4
- Designing Games

Each class runs over three days, and participants receive a digital certificate of completion. If you have a passion for design, art or games, these courses could be a great way to inspire you.

Find out more: <https://aie.edu.au/course/online-holiday-courses/>

Monash | Conquering Code

10 July 2020, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Online

Coding is the language of the future. Now is your chance to enhance your skills in this rewarding and creative outlet.

Run by Monash IT and Code Like A Girl, attendees will learn from incredible female role models, including those studying IT at Monash.

In a supportive environment, we'll give them the tools and knowledge to take their coding capabilities to the next level – while working alongside peers in our Code Like A Girl workshop.

They will also be able to:

- Chase the exciting opportunities available for women in IT
- Find their FIT as they get to know the Monash IT crowd
- Hear from some of our current students and understand what led them to choose IT
- Explore the experiences that Monash IT offers and discover how our degrees empower them to create, not just consume, IT.

Find out more: <https://www.monash.edu/it/about-us/news-and-events/events/events/2020/conquering-code>

Campion College | Winter Workshops

13 July 2020, 10:00 am - 17 July 2020, 2:00 pm

Campion College, Toongabbie

Over five fun and informative days, Campion will be offering a series of free Winter Workshops for senior high school students and recent high school graduates (ages 16-20).

Hosted on campus with COVID-19 safety measures in place and lead by our esteemed academics, our Winter Workshops provide the chance to develop your critical and creative thinking. This is the perfect opportunity to try something new, meet like-minded peers and get a taste of college life. Workshop materials and a light lunch will be provided.

Find out more: <https://www.campion.edu.au/winter-workshops/>

Praxical Science Workshops

15 August 2020, 9:00 am - 23 August 2020, 5:00 pm

Online

Praxical is a new learning initiative to create online workshops where everyone can actively engage in the scientific process.

For National Science Week this year, Praxical will be producing a series of workshops where you will get the opportunity to engage in the scientific data and skills used by leading research organisations to understand the world around us.

Praxical is collaborating with Australia's leading research organisations, so that in the workshops you will get to work on real data and to solve real problems. These organisations include ANSTO, the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Australian Centre for Astrobiology.

The workshops will be accompanied by “Zoom a scientist” sessions so you can meet the researchers behind the data. These sessions will allow you to talk with scientists, asking questions about the workshop, their career choice or how to get more involved in the science. Register for the Eventbrite event to express your interest in participating in the workshops during National Science Week.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/praxical-science-workshops-tickets-108804902392?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

Online Student Drone Course

Learn with National Drones Institute, one of Australia’s leading CASA accredited RPAS training providers in Australia.

This online course is fun, interactive and educational taking you through the foundations of flying a drone under 2kg.

The course is self-paced, meaning you can learn in your own time.

Find out more and register here: <https://nationaldronesinstitute.com.au/our-course-2/10-online-student-drone-course/>

Scholarships

Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Memorial Scholarship

Value: Up to \$60,000

Open/Closing Dates: December 7, 2020 – January 8, 2021

The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate and post-graduate students in Australia.

The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is available to any Australian student undertaking a three or four year course of study approved by the Trustees. Undergraduate students who have commenced their studies are also eligible to apply for the scholarship. Successful applicants can choose to study at one of the nominated Australian universities or colleges. In some instances the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is also offered to postgraduate students who can undertake a one year course of study at the University of Cambridge in the UK. Successful applicants are required to study at one of the following institutions:

- Australian National University – ACT
- Flinders University of South Australia – SA
- University of Adelaide (including Roseworthy Campus) – SA
- Roseworthy Residential College
- University of New England – NSW
- University of South Australia – SA

- Marcus Oldham College – VIC
- University of Cambridge – UK

[Find out more](#)

QS Undergraduate Scholarship

Value: \$10,000 USD

Open/Closing Dates: April 30, 2020 – April 30, 2021

QS is proud to announce the QS Undergraduate scholarship.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. You must start your first year of study in the next academic year
2. You must study at a bachelor / undergraduate level
3. You must be admitted to study at a university featured in a QS ranking at any position.
Please check here: [QS World University Rankings®](#), [QS World University Rankings by Subject](#), [QS World University Rankings by Faculty](#), [QS Top 50 Under 50](#), or [QS University Rankings by Region](#).
4. You must have accepted an offer from a school by the time we select a winner in May
5. The scholarship must go towards your tuition fee

[Find out more](#)

Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships

Value: \$5,000

Open/Closing Dates: May 1, 2020 – July 3, 2020

The Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships were first launched in 2014 to assist apprentices who have experienced hardship in their life to successfully complete their apprenticeship.

To be eligible the apprentice must:

- be an Australian citizen or hold permanent resident status
- be a first year apprentice in an apprenticeship arrangement that commenced between 1st March 2019 and 3rd July 2020
- be registered in NSW and employed by an employer based in NSW
- have experienced hardship in their life.

Scholarships are open to NSW registered apprentices in both metropolitan and country areas, including school based apprentices.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Real Film Festival Short Film Competition

The Real Film Festival (RFF) is on the lookout for fearless filmmakers prepared to tell their untold stories.

The RFF's most popular short film competition invites filmmakers of all levels to find inspiration and tell your story through film. We will select a range of films celebrating real people, real places and real stories.

This year we have 8 categories. Each short film must take inspiration from one of the following criteria:

1. Impacts of COVID-19
2. Stories from the Hunter region NSW
3. Reconciliation
4. Living with a disability
5. Celebrating diversity and inclusion
6. Homelessness
7. Social justice, environmental and human rights issues
8. Reducing waste

The closing date for entries is Friday 18 September.

Find out more and enter here: <https://realfilmfestival.com.au/short-film-competition/>

SAETA Spring Poetry Festival

Students and teachers are invited to submit poems to this year's Spring Poetry Festival.

Spring Poetry Festival is open to students and teachers in Australian schools.

There are two prizes of \$50 each for the best entries from students in Years 11-12, and for the best entries from Year 10 and under.

The closing date for entries is Friday 7 August.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.aate.org.au/saeta-content/writers/spring-poetry-festival>

AlburyCity Short Story Award

The annual AlburyCity Short Story Award is open to entrants throughout Australia.

Stories can be up to 3000 words and on any theme.

There is a first prize of \$1,000.

Entries are open until Thursday 23 July.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.writearoundthemurray.org.au/competitions/short-story-competition>

Careers & Jobs

[Top 5 Jobs for Night Owls](#)

Do you dread waking up at the break of dawn? Think working from 9 to 5 might not be for you? Don't worry – there are plenty of jobs out there for those who are more active at night. We've listed our top 5 below.

1. Security Guard

A job as a security guard often means you'll be staying up late, protecting places like nightclubs and business while they're closed, as well as going over security footage.

You'll need to be fit and strong for this job, and be okay with working on your own for long periods of time.

Want to know more about becoming a security guard? Take a look at our [Security Industry Job Spotlight](#).

2. Nurse or Paramedic

Health emergencies can occur at any time of the day or night, so nurses and paramedics need to be on call at all times.

Although this can be a physically and emotionally draining job, it's also extremely rewarding, and best suited to those passionate about helping others.

Find out more about becoming a paramedic in our [Job Spotlight](#).

3. Call Centre Agent

A job as a call centre agent is easy to start with no qualifications required. Call centres are often open all hours, ready to receive calls from clients from around the world.

You'll need to be patient and a great communicator.

Interested? Check out our [Call Centre Agent Job Spotlight](#).

4. Freelance Writer

Although writers might not have to work at night, the flexibility to choose your own hours can be a great bonus. Writing is also a varied career, with options in journalism, copywriting, or even creative writing.

Though having flexible work hours is nice, you'll need to be disciplined and stick to your schedule.

You can find out about career pathways in writing in this [Job Spotlight](#).

5. Air Traffic Controller

Just like most of the things on this list, air travel doesn't stop at night. As an air traffic controller, you could be called in to work shifts overnight.

If you're focused and a quick thinker, looking for a job that can take you anywhere in the world, this could be perfect for you.

Read more about a career in Air Traffic Control in our [Job Spotlight](#).

[Is a Career in Nutrition Right For You?](#)

There are many ways you can use a career in nutrition to help people, including in sports, health and aged care.

But how do you know if a career in nutrition is right for you?

Take a look at TafeCourses' blog to find out all about careers in nutrition, what makes a good nutritionist, and how you can become one.

Read it here: <https://www.tafecourses.com.au/resources/is-a-career-in-nutrition-right-for-you/>

[Building a Career as a Comedian Online](#)

Sarah Cooper was a UX designer, now famous online for her Donald Trump Lip-sync videos. Although she's exploded to popularity the last few months, she's spent years honing her comedic skills online.

If you have ever considered a career in comedy, she shares some tips on her success and how she went from working in an office to having millions of followers online.

You can read about her journey here: <https://trungtphan.com/sarah-cooper-10000-hours/>

Further Learning

[Macquarie Leaders & Achievers Early Entry Scheme Now Open](#)

Concerned about your university entry in 2021?

The Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme gives you the opportunity to secure an offer for your dream degree before your final exams!

We'll consider your Year 11 performance, leadership and your contribution to your community through your extra-curricular activities.

Watch this video to find out more about the scheme, the application process and key dates:

https://youtu.be/szFvzGUI8_Y

To be considered for an early offer in the first round on 5 August, students must submit their application by 2pm on Friday 10 July 2020.

Final closing dates for applications is 31 August 2020.

To assist you further, we also invite you to book a 30 minute 1-on-1 consultation with our expert student advisers to discuss your personalised study options.

Find out more: <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/entry-requirements/domestic/macquarie-entry/macquarie-leaders-and-achievers>

Auditions Open for the Sydney Conservatorium of Music

Are you thinking of studying the Bachelor of Music at the University of Sydney Conservatorium of Music?

Auditions to start in Semester 1 2021 are now open. Due to COVID-19, the auditions will take place online, through a recorded video of your performance and a live zoom interview.

Both the July and September rounds are open for applications. For an offer in August, apply before 30 June. For an offer in October, apply before 18 September. You will also need to apply through UAC.

Find out more and apply here: <https://app.getacceptd.com/sydneycon>

What Can You Do With a Physics Degree?

Do you love science? Thinking about studying a physics degree? You might be wondering where it can take you in the future.

Physics degrees don't just lead to careers in astrophysics and research. You might be surprised about the breadth of careers available to you, including in health, IT, energy and more.

Take a look at this blog from Top Universities to find out more:

<https://www.topuniversities.com/student-info/careers-advice/what-can-you-do-physics-degree>

The Value of an Arts Degree

With the recent changes to university fees, Arts and Humanities degrees are set to become more expensive.

This move from the Government has been seen by some people as a way of saying that these degrees are "less important".

But there are many valuable skills that can be learned in these degrees.

Take a look at journalist and ex-rugby player Peter FitzSimons' article to see why he believes Arts degrees are so important: <https://amp.smh.com.au/national/i-am-eternally-grateful-for-my-humble-arts-degree-20200622-p554zq.html>

Work Experience

[Work Experience with Northern Beaches Council](#)

Work experience participants on the Northern Beaches often come from schools, universities, TAFEs and private organisations. They can also come from agencies involved in labour market programs.

How to apply

Send us your short application including:

- Start date and length of the program you're proposing
- Area of Council where you'd like to be placed
- Insurance documents

If you're a student, include the name of your school or university, who will provide insurance documents. If you're not a student, please arrange your own insurance cover.

[Learn more](#)

[LifeSkills Virtual Work Experience](#)

Virtual Work Experience gives you a unique opportunity to gain work experience in a company that you might not normally get access to while highlighting the essential skills you might need. You'll get to see the inner workings of Freeformers, a 'digital transformation' agency, and actively work with different departments on one exciting project, helping them solve problems and complete real-life tasks.

[Learn more](#)

Resources

Get 20% off the Subject Selection Workbook from Ponder Careers

Study Work Grow has partnered with Ponder Careers to create the [Subject Selection Workbook](#).

If you're not sure where to start, or just want to feel confident about your decisions, then the Subject Selection Workbook will walk you through the process one step at a time. Start by setting some goals for Year 11, Year 12, and beyond, then plan a pathway to help you get where you want to go. You'll find subjects that help you explore your interests, prepare for further education and ensure you're on the right path to meet all your senior requirements.

[Go here](#) and use **code SWG2020** to get 20% off your copy of the workbook - ponder.careers/product/subject-selection-workbook/

2 Soft Skills everyone needs – Adaptability & Flexibility

Traits that could help you to be successful at school, work, and in life

School, uni, VET they all teach you hard skills in life and obviously that's really important.

Working on developing your [soft skills](#) is equally important. It could really pay off in applications and interviews if you can demonstrate that you've got those skills (and provide examples to back up your claims).

What does it mean to be [Adaptable](#) and [Flexible](#)?

We've put these two skills together as they're quite similar, but it's useful to be able to distinguish between the two.

"Adaptability is a willingness to confront or change your own ideas and preconceptions.

Flexibility is more a willingness to "meet others halfway" procedurally." [Forbes](#)

Being adaptable could help you to **react positively to changes** in your environment, whilst causing the minimum amount of disruption to you.

This year you may have experience a shift at short notice, to online learning and studying from home.

For the majority of students that would have been total change to your normal day-to-day environment, getting to grips with new routines, adjusting to the technology and a different way of learning. Doing all that whilst being isolated from friends, your cohort, and possibly your support network.

But you did it – that's a great demonstration of adaptability.

Whereas flexibility is your ability to **quickly adjust to changes in your life and plans** without it creating a lot of stress and drama (at least to the outside world).

For example, pre-lock down you might have been planning a gap year next year, but now you've altered your plans will apply for uni next year and do the gap year after you graduate instead.

Or, perhaps you were planning on applying for a specific course but they've adjusted the pre-requisites, so you've found an alternative course or pathway that'll help you reach the same end goal.

Maybe you've decided to study online to save money and enable you to work while you study in response to this year's pandemic. That's being flexible, meeting the same end goal but going about achieving it a different way better suited to the situation.

How flexibility and adaptability could benefit you

Developing these skills could help you:

- Be happier in life by taking change in your stride
- Feel more satisfied in your education and career
- Be more successful by not letting obstacles stop you

- Stay positive and on top of things, even when situations don't go your way
- Approach life with a "can do" attitude, achieve more and make the most of opportunities
- Confront challenges confidently
- Become a better leader and team player
- Increase your value to employers
- Exercise emotional intelligence and boost your confidence

Ways you can become more flexible and adaptable

Wondering how you can put some work in to developing these skills further?

Well you could:

- Say YES to more opportunities
- Step outside your comfort zone
- Keep an open mind and encourage others around you to do the same
- Take every opportunity to learn
- Set goals and stick to them – milestones may move or change, that's ok it's part of process
- Ask for feedback and really take it on board
- Don't give up – problem solve, get creative, make a Plan B
- Focus on keeping a positive attitude
- Challenge yourself

Add these soft skills your resume

Since soft skills are important and highly sought after, so it's important to put them on your resume.

It'll show educators and potential employers that you'll fit in, try your best and accomplish the work necessary to achieve your objectives.

You could simply state that your flexible and adaptable, or use phrases including:

- Comfortably adjusts to change
- Stay positive and productive even when faced with challenges or problems
- Thinks creatively
- Develops new and innovative solutions
- Learn quickly and happy to try new methods of working
- Flexible approach to work
- Able to prioritise workloads and adapt to changing timelines

Tip: When you put something on your resume make sure that it's relevant to the position that you're applying for, reflects well on you, and most importantly – you can **provide examples** when you're asked in an interview.

Learn about other soft skills

There are lots of other soft skills that you should consider working on too.

They'll supersize your resume, make you stand out to potential employers, and could benefit you in lots of other ways.

Find out [why your soft skills matter](#) and [10 top employability skills](#) in the linked blogs.

How Can Parents Help Their Kids Find a Career?

The job market has changed so much over the last few years, it can be hard for parents to find ways to help their children decide on a career.

Australian Apprenticeship Pathways has written a great blog with some tips for parents to help their kids think about the pathways available to them, particularly VET.

Take a look here: <https://www.aapathways.com.au/aatis-blog/parents,-how-can-you-help-you-children-get-a-caree>

What Do Year 12 Students Have to Say About Uni Fee Changes?

You might have heard recently that the government has announced changes to uni course fees. They are making degrees they see as "job relevant" significantly cheaper, such as nursing, teaching and STEM courses.

On the other hand, humanities, arts and business degrees will all be increasing in cost.

So what might this mean for you? Will you be re-evaluating your course choices for next year because of these changes?

Careers with STEM has interviewed some Year 12 students on their thoughts about the changes. Read their thoughts here: <https://careerswithstem.com.au/university-fee-changes/>

Changes to the NSW Curriculum

The NSW Government has recently announced that they will be making some big changes to the NSW curriculum starting from 2021, including cutting some subjects.

The aim of the changes is to take pressure off teachers and students and increase educational outcomes. There will also be more vocational subjects for secondary school students.

Some of the subjects expected to be dropped include puppetry, wearable fashion and drones.

Read more about the upcoming changes: <https://www.9news.com.au/national/nsw-education-subjects-to-be-dropped-from-decades-old-curriculum/92125058-3a37-4dfb-91f6-a5f75282b924>

Job Spotlight

How to become a Costume Designer

What do Costume Designers do?

Costume Designers design and create costumes for actors in film, television and on stage. They enhance authenticity and encourage imagination by creating costumes accurate to individual settings and time periods.

Costume Designers also design costumes for fancy dress and specific events (e.g. Halloween) and sold in retail outlets.

Are you creative with an eye for detail and work well under pressure? A career as a costume designer could be perfect for you.

About you:

- Artistic with good colour and design sense
- Knowledge of fashion, pattern making and sewing
- Works to strict deadlines and thrives under pressure

The job:

- Work with customers or directors to determine the style of costumes and budget
- Research to ensure you get the details right
- Take accurate measurements and prepare materials for production
- Undertake or supervise the creation, alteration, and repair of costumes

Costume Designer salary in Australia (average) \$61,380 per year

(Source: [payscale.com](https://www.payscale.com))

As with most careers, pay varies with time and experience. Some costume designers can earn up to \$123,000 a year (source: [payscale.com](https://www.payscale.com)).

Job growth in costume design is stable (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](https://www.joboutlook.gov.au))

If you'd like to be competitive in this field, you should get as much work experience as possible, be prepared to move and travel a lot, and keep your knowledge up to date.

How to become a Costume Designer in Australia

A degree isn't essential for entry to this career, but some formal training may be preferred by employers unless you have an amazing resume and portfolio of your works.

Step 1 – Study English, Maths and any creative classes that inspire you at high school.

Step 2 – Get relevant work experience by volunteering at your local theatre or film company.

Step 3 – Choose and complete a relevant qualification. Consider VET pathways. Examples include:

- [Bachelor of Fine Arts \(Design for Performance\)](#) from NIDA
- [Bachelor of Fine Arts \(Design and Production\)](#) from the University of Melbourne

- [Certificate III in Applied Fashion Design and Technology](#) from TAFE QLD

Step 4 – Find an internship or mentor and gain further work experience. Make useful industry contacts and keep an up to date portfolio of your works.

Step 5 – Continue to build on your skills through professional experience and short courses.

Find out more here –

<https://www.design.org.au/>

Similar Careers to Costume Designer

[Fashion Stylist](#)

[Event Planner](#)

[Interior Designer](#)

[Makeup artist](#)

[Food Stylist](#)

Location Scout

Corporate Stylist

[Visual Merchandiser](#)

Set Designer

[Photographer](#)

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- **How long does it take to become a Costume Designer?**

Becoming a costume designer could take 4 to 5 years after leaving high school if you do a degree. Otherwise you could start in a junior role as soon as you leave school and work your way up.

- **Where do Costume Designers work?**

Costume designers work as part of a team for theatre and film companies, television stations, and video production houses – often working alongside the director, make-up artists, set designers and other creatives. You could find yourself working on set, backstage, in an office, or in a workshop.

- **Do I need to go to university to become a Costume Designer?**

No, you don't have to go to university. But relevant qualifications and lots of work experience could fast track your career and open up more opportunities.

- **Is Costume Designer a good career to aim for?**

If you love the creative arts and would like a career that could be flexible and varied, costume design could be a rewarding career for you.

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