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Open Days & Info Sessions

New South Wales Police – Recruitment Information Session

November 3 | Parramatta

December 1 | Parramatta

Attend an information session to find out more about being a NSW Police Officer and the recruitment process. Sessions are generally run at Police Headquarters.

Find out more - https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/news/information_sessions

ANU Online Information Week

19-22 November

Ranked #1 in Australia and #24 in the world, join us live to find out more about what studying at The Australian National University (ANU) is all about!

Whether you are about to come to ANU, still deciding or just interested, we encourage you to register and join us online. You can register to attend as many online sessions that interest you.

Your ANU Student Experience & Accommodation Options 19 November | 2.30–3.30pm

[Register Now](#)

International Students: Admissions & Alternative Pathways to ANU

Monday 19 November | 4–5pm

[Register Now](#)

Study at ANU College of Asia and the Pacific Tuesday 20 November | 3–4pm

[Register Now](#)

Science & Environment Fieldwork: student panel Tuesday 20 November | 4–5pm

[Register Now](#)

Hear from our students Wednesday 21 November | 3–4pm

[Register Now](#)

Everything you need to know about Law at ANU Wednesday 21 November | 4–5pm

[Register Now](#)

Experience Business and Economics at ANU Thursday 22 November | 4–5pm

[Register Now](#)

Undergraduate Engineering and Computer Science at ANU 22 November | 4–5pm

[Register Now](#)

Find out more - <http://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/anu-online-information-week-0>

Unlock Your Greatest Potential - Preparing for Year 11 and Beyond

27 November | 6pm – 7:30pm | [Sydney](#)

About to go into Year 11? Time to up your game! Be at this seminar to learn crucial study, time management and communication skills as well as how to get some clarity on your future.

Shillington – Info Sessions

November 23 | Sydney

Join us for an upcoming Info Session to learn about our mission, watch an interactive demonstration of design software and creative thinking techniques, meet teachers, chat with graduates, view a wide variety of student portfolios.

Find out more - <https://www.shillingtoneducation.com/au/graphic-design-course/info-sessions-and-graduation/>

The Australian National University – Advisory Day

December 14 | [International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour](#)

December 14 | [Pop-up Village, Ellery Crescent, Canberra](#)

At the Advisory Day, you will have one-on-one access to advisors, as well as representatives from our academic Colleges. We will be there to answer your questions, no matter how general or detailed, so we encourage you to come along to learn more about why ANU is the right choice for you.

Find out more - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/the-australian-national-university-4847694979>

Legal Prof Admission Board & Law Extension Committee – Diploma in Law Info Event

February 7 | Sydney, NSW

The Diploma in Law Course Information Event will help anyone thinking about studying law part time. Have the opportunity to personally ask questions of the speakers and other experts who will be present, in an informal setting. Intending students may also register and enrol on the day.

Find out more - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/diploma-in-law-information-event-tickets-50624118100?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Workshops & Courses

State Library of New South Wales – HSC Help

January 8 | [Awesome Ere Sources for English](#)

January 8 | [Awesome Ere Sources for Legal Studies](#)

January 9 | [Awesome Ere Sources for Society & Culture](#)

January 9 | [Awesome Ere Sources for History](#)

January 16 | [Awesome Ere Sources for History](#)

January 16 | [Awesome Ere Sources for English](#)

January 17 | [Awesome Ere Sources for Society & Culture](#)

January 17 | [Awesome Ere Sources for Legal Studies](#)

A great way to kick-start your HSC journey is with our free [HSC Help Introductory Sessions in the January school holidays](#).

These sessions focus on how you can access free online resources from anywhere, anytime, on any device.

- Standard, Advanced or Extension English
- Legal Studies
- Society & Culture
- History

[Book now](#) and share with your friends. These popular sessions will fill up quickly!

Raffles College of Design Work Experience

Recently, we have had a high volume of work experience requests from students in year 10 and 11. While we cannot take every student individually, we will now be accepting year 10 and 11 for our workshop. For those who are interested in design we have a few spots left in Term 4 from the 12th-15th November. We can take students into the following courses:

1. Fashion Marketing

2. Graphic Design

3. Interior Design

4. Photography

From 9am-4pm everyday, students will be attending classes taught by industry lecturers and will be participating in activities designed to build a portfolio.

This is a great opportunity for students to get experience within their desired field and leave with a portfolio of work. If you would like to register students or want more information please click "I'm Interested!" below or email me via reply email and I will send you further details.

[I'm Interested](#)

Find out more - <https://www.raffles.edu.au/>

ARC – Interview Skills Bootcamp

November 9 | Parramatta, NSW

Are you a recent school leaver preparing for your first job interview? ARC and City of Parramatta have partnered to offer you the ARC Interview Skills Bootcamp at no cost. Get the skills you need and gain confidence.

Find out more - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/arc-interview-skills-bootcamp-free-workshop-tickets-51318503024>

Girls in Politics – Camp Parliament for Girls

January 12 | Sydney, NSW

Camp Parliament for Girls Sydney 2019 is a political leadership program that introduces girls ages 10 to 15 to the parliamentary system of government. All participants earn a Certificate of Completion for participation.

Find out more - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-parliament-for-girls-sydney-2019-tickets-45095373476?aff=erellivmlt>

Girls in Politics – Camp United Nations for Teen Girls

May 11 | Sydney, NSW

Camp United Nations for Teen Girls is a political leadership program that introduces girls to international politics and the work of the United Nations. All activities will be guided by a camp counsellor in small working groups of delegates.

Find out more - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-united-nations-for-teen-girls-sydney-2019-tickets-50525415879>

TAFE, VET & Apprenticeships

ACT Fire & Rescue – Application Process

Applications open in February!

As you consider your future employment with ACT Fire & Rescue, we also encourage you to think of the opportunities that exist for you within our multi-service agency. The ESA comprises the ACT Ambulance Service, ACT Fire & Rescue, the ACT Rural Fire Service, the ACT State Emergency Service and the ESA Support Services.

Find out more - <http://esa.act.gov.au/actfr/careers/>

Essential Energy – Apprenticeships - NSW

If you would like to express your interest in our 2020 Apprentice intake, we can keep you up to date on when applications open.

Find out more - <https://www.essentialenergy.com.au/careers/apprenticeships>

Embroidery Internships – UK

Ever dreamt of working in textiles? One of the world's most prestigious embroidery institutions, Hand & Lock, are looking for unpaid interns.

Want to work in textiles but stay in Australia? Consider fashion, costume, conservation, fine art, or design.

Find out more - <http://handembroidery.com/contact/careers-in-embroidery/>

Rio Tinto Apprenticeships 2019 – Residential Port Hedland (Dampier Salt)

We're looking for talented people who are eager to learn and develop in various career paths through our unique apprenticeship programs.

- Mobile Equipment Mechanic – Heavy Duty Diesel Fitter
- Fixed Plant - Mechanical Fitter
- Electrician

Applications will close on the 9th of November 2018.

Apply here -

<https://au.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=2a54ba3c7b29bd1f&tk=1cqn8p0t18220803&from=serp&vjs=3>

Competitions & Scholarships

Marcus Oldham – Australian Thoroughbred Scholarship

This scholarship is only available to Australian applicants enrolled or intending to enrol in the Diploma of Equine Management.

Find out more - <https://marcusoldham.vic.edu.au/scholarship/australian-thoroughbred>

Southern Cross University – Scholarships

2019 Scholarship Applications Now Open! We offer scholarships for undergraduates and are proud to announce for 2019, our range of academic merit-based scholarships.

Find out more - <https://www.scu.edu.au/scholarships/>

University of Wollongong – Scholarships

At the University of Wollongong (UOW), our scholarships and grants will help you reach your goals with scholarships ranging from \$2000 for a single year to \$40,000 for the duration of a degree.

Find out more - <https://www.uow.edu.au/about/scholarships/index.html>

ACS Foundation Scholarships

These are mostly for university undergraduate students, but you can apply for them once you're at uni. These internships at some of Australia's leading companies give you invaluable work experience as well as financial support throughout your studies, and they could increase your chances of getting a job after uni.

Find them here -

<https://www.acsfoundation.com.au/index.cfm?action=scholarships&temID=currentscholar>

University Information

US College Essay Review Service from Crimson Education

US College Essay Review! Don't send off your essay without having it read by college admission experts from Crimson Education! 24-72hr turnaround and it could make all the difference. Learn more here: <https://www.crimsoneducation.org/au/essay-review/>

Charles Sturt University – Elite Athlete Program

Are you an elite athlete who also wants to get a degree? Charles Sturt University (CSU) can help you be your best in both your sport and your studies. CSU is a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly University Network, and proudly supports elite and pre-elite athletes, elite sports personnel and performers who choose to study at CSU.

Find out more - <https://insight.futurestudents.csu.edu.au/csus-elite-athlete-program-support-for-success/>

Western Sydney University – HSC True Rewards

Our unique program makes an early offer into a University degree based on corresponding HSC subject band outcomes, not the ATAR. Why? Because at Western we recognise that too often, the ATAR system overlooks natural strengths and talent.

Find out more - <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward.html?icid=fs-omc-hsctrueaward>

Resources, Guides & Other News

Interactive ICT Career Wheel

Explore Careers in Technology from ACS
<https://www.careersfoundation.com.au/>

Top 10 Skills Employers Look For – Loyalty

It's common sense that when an employer is looking for a new employee, they'd select the person who they think:

1. will put in the maximum effort at work,
2. wants to be part of their organisation and
3. wants to stay with the company for the mid-to-long term

Why? Because they're more likely to be happy and productive

Read more - <http://studyworkgrow.com.au/top-10-skills-employers-look-for-loyalty/>

Want to be an astronaut but don't want to move to the US?

Great news - an Australian company is planning on launching their own commercial rockets in the next few years.

Which means more Australian space jobs.

Find out more - <https://www.createdigital.org.au/space-startup-australias-first-commercial-rocket-launches/>

Have you heard of 'Alternative Pathways'?

Up until the last 10 or 15 years most people followed the same path for their careers:

School > uni or TAFE (or job) > work

Times have changed.

Sure, you can still follow the same pathway, but if that won't work for you then you have options.

If you have an idea of what you want to do, but can't follow the most obvious path to get there, then you need to know about alternative pathways.

Reasons why you might follow an alternative pathway:

- You didn't get the results you needed
- You missed a prerequisite subject (or failed it)
- You need to move a long way to follow your dream and you're not ready for that yet
- You've had enough of study for now and want a break before uni

There's more than one way to skin a cat

If you're really worried your results won't be what you need, don't panic, your life isn't over.

This is where alternative pathways come into play. There's always another option, a plan B. For example, you really want to be a Surgeon, you've checked out some of the Medicine Degrees being offered at Uni's around the country. But it's becoming clear there's no way that your ATAR / OP will be good enough to get you onto one of those courses, what's your next move?

Well, what are your options - give up on your dream career? Settle for second best? No way José. All you need to do is think outside the box.

Could you apply for a Bachelor of Nursing degree? The requirements aren't as tough and the spaces are less competitive. But... Nursing?? That's not what you had in mind.

Bear with me, once you've completed your Nursing (or other health sciences) degree – you can then apply to do a postgraduate qualification in Medicine and once that's completed, you can specialise in Surgery if that's still your dream. Find out more about [pathways to medicine here](#).

The bonus is that you're still studying within the industry you're pursuing, still getting qualifications and invaluable experience, AND you can probably work as a registered nurse whilst studying medicine. Which means not only are you getting work experience and building up a reputation for yourself, but you're earning too.

What if Uni isn't an option?

I'll be honest, if your only goal is to go to uni then you probably need to look at your long term career plan a bit more closely. In fact, choosing a career based on the type of degree you get to do doesn't make much sense – your degree will take between 3 and 5 years, but your career will hopefully be around 40 years.

Putting that to one side, let's assume you want to go to uni and know what you want to study but you didn't get the marks...

The good news is that for plenty of careers, there are many other ways you can get the skills and experience you need to follow your chosen profession.

Sure, a degree might get you there quickly (or just seem easier), but there's nothing to stop you from working for a couple of years and then applying for the course you want. In fact, your work experience will probably help you do better in your degree than you would have if you had started straight from school.

Here are some alternatives:

- University pathways
 - Choose a course with a lower ATAR/OP in the same field
 - Do a uni pathway course
- Take a bridging course (find out more about them [here](#))
- Study at TAFE or through an RTO

- For example, want to do engineering but didn't get in? You can [study engineering at TAFE](#)
- Get an apprenticeship – you can always go to uni later on to consolidate your skills (plus you won't be broke through uni)
- Find a job and gain work experience, preferably in the same field
 - Wanted to be a lawyer? Lots of legal secretaries become lawyers, plus they've got support while they study

If not getting into your dream course is enough to push you into a different field, then you possibly weren't that passionate about it in the first place.

How to get started

Before you make any firm decisions, take a step back & try to think objectively about **you** want out of life.

Do you have a plan already? Know what would you like to be doing in 5 or 10 years?

Yes – think about ways you can still achieve that goal if everything isn't going as you hoped. **Ask your teachers** for advice, they may be able to help

No – what is it you would you like to do? In your heart of hearts, without thinking about what your friends or family would like you to do, what will earn you the most money, what's "cool" or not. Be honest with yourself.

Either way, create your goal and then think of a plan to get you there.

I'm a huge fan of lists.

They can help you weigh up your options, make sure you don't forget anything and help you make real progress in terms of checking things off.

Look at your options, talk to your teachers or careers advisors, and [check out our resources](#) for lots more information.

You're in control of your future and you **can** figure something out.

If you'd like more information about how alternative pathways could work for you, keep an eye out for our next blog. We'll be explaining in more detail about what pathways are out there and how you to access them.

Coming Soon

Find every upcoming event at the [MHSCareers Calendar](#)

Tuesday 30 October

[National Indigenous Story Awards Deadline](#)

[Student Exchange Australia/New Zealand – Live Online Info Sessions](#)

[NIDA HSC Workshops & Study Days](#)

[AFTRS Industry Certificates: Taster Sessions & Info Night 5:30pm](#)

[BASAIR Career Info Seminar 7:00pm - 8:30pm](#)

Wednesday 31 October

[Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors Scholarships Deadline](#)

[TAFE NSW Degree Early Entry Program applications close](#)

[US Athletic Scholarships: How Academics Can Increase Your Chances](#)

[US Sport Scholarships – Info Sessions with Crimson Education](#)

[UTS – HSC Live Q & A's](#)

[Endeavour College of Natural Health – Webinars](#)

Thursday 1 November

[UNSW – Art & Design Campus Tours - NSW](#)

[US Athletic Scholarships: How Academics Can Increase Your Chances](#)

[US Sport Scholarships – Info Sessions with Crimson Education](#)

[William Angliss Scholarships close 4:00pm](#)

Friday 2 November

[Macquarie University – Campus Tours](#)

[The National Young Leaders Day](#)

[UNSW – Friday Campus Tours - NSW](#)

[Blue Mountains City Council – Annual Trainee Program applications close 5:00pm](#)

[Bright Awards entries close](#)

Saturday 3 November

[Macquarie University – Campus Tours](#)

[UNSW – Saturday Campus Tours - NSW](#)

[US Sport Scholarships – Info Sessions with Crimson Education](#)

[Sydney Design School Open Day 10:00am - 12:00pm](#)

Sunday 4 November

[Girls Programming Network](#)

Monday 5 November

[UTS - Galuwa Experience - NSW](#)

[Macquarie University – Campus Tours](#)

[Student Operation Art Workshops](#)

[Western Sydney University – High School Mooting, Kirby Cup - NSW](#)

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