

## Women in Defence Virtual Information Session

**Organisation:** Australian Defence Force

**Location:** Online

**Date:** June 24, 2025

The Australian Defence Force provides a supportive, inclusive and respectful workplace where you can grow both personally and professionally.

Tune in for a virtual info session to speak with current serving women in Defence to learn more.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Gold Coast Parent Information Evening

**Organisation:** Southern Cross University

**Location:** SCU Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** June 24, 2025

Here at Southern Cross University, we are organising an exclusive session designed specifically for parents and students in Years 11 & 12 and encourage you to join us for an upcoming Parents Information Evening at Southern Cross University's Gold Coast Campus.

The session will cover a wide range of topics, including:

- How to apply
- Taking advantage of our early entry application
- Why SCU
- Scholarship opportunities
- Understanding costs
- Support services
- Uni life and global opportunities

[Find out more and register](#)

## Lights, Camera, Future: Explore Film & Television at Bond

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond Brisbane Campus

**Date:** June 25, 2025

Join us at our upcoming Bond in Brisbane session: *Lights, Camera, Future: Explore Film & Television at Bond*.

Step into the world of storytelling and screen production. Hear from Dr Darren Fisher, Discipline Lead, Film, Screen & Creative Media and learn how Bond's Film & Television program prepares students for careers in directing, producing, screenwriting, and more—with industry-relevant experience from day one.

This event is part of a series of [exclusive twilight sessions at Bond Brisbane](#), each focusing on a range of topics and academic disciplines.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Mini-Spark STEM Conference, Brisbane

**Organisation:** Intuyu Consulting Pty Ltd

**Location:** Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell Campus

**Date:** June 25, 2025

Most conferences currently being offered on STEM, STEAM and Entrepreneurship tend to be targeted towards teachers and involve a series of speakers and the occasional mini-workshops. This conference is designed to be different. This conference is designed by students and teachers for students and teachers.

The intent of the It Takes a Spark STEM Conference is to bring together Students (Year 4 to 10) and Teachers to connect with inspiring industry role models, share their current school based

activities and projects using an authentic sharing and experiential model, create networks of teachers and student teams, and solve social justice design challenges.

The theme of the Mini-Spark conference will highlight how STEAM is dynamic and fun and empowers and develops people to dream and shape the future.

[Find out more and register](#)

### **Brisbane Pilot Career Seminar**

**Organisation:** Basair Aviation College

**Location:** Archerfield Airport

**Date:** June 26, 2025

Do you dream of taking to the skies and achieving your wildest aviation dreams?

Attend Basair's Pilot Career Seminar and learn everything you need to know about becoming a Commercial Pilot with Australia's leading flight training organisation.

[Find out more and register](#)

## **Next Week's Events**

### **Explore UQ: Holiday Campus Tours**

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** UQ St Lucia Campus

**Date:** June 30, 2025

Get a glimpse of the endless opportunities at UQ, whether you're interested in academics, sports or student life.

- Explore the St Lucia campus in a guided walking tour.
- Gain valuable advice and hear about the UQ student experience first-hand from current students.
- Have your questions answered by our Future Students Contact Centre team.

Open to high school students in years 10-12 and their parents and guardians.

[Find out more and register](#)

### **SCCE Information Session Webinar**

**Organisation:** Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

**Location:** Online

**Date:** July 1, 2025

Preparing for your exchange program is an important part of the process and is vital to continued program success. At these online meetings, an experienced member of our team will share an overview of the high school exchange programs with Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

You'll learn more about living with a host family and how studying overseas can help you develop confidence and independence... and gain a lifetime of memories.

Explore your destinations, program options and ask questions about how you can immerse yourself into a new life, culture, family, and high school overseas.

[Find out more and register](#)

### **Future Leaders Workshop – Gold Coast**

**Organisation:** Southern Cross University

**Location:** SCU Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** July 17, 2025

Join us for Future Leaders, a free full-day workshop facilitated by world record-breaking pilot and leadership development speaker, Lachie Smart. With engaging content, practical activities,

and a supportive environment, the event aims to inspire students to unlock their potential, lead with confidence, and make a positive impact in their schools and communities.

This event is for Year 11 and 12 students; specifically student representatives, aspiring school leaders and anyone wanting to enhance their confidence and resilience in leadership.

- Explore our campus and experience our state-of-the-art campus facilities.
- Through interactive activities, develop strategic plans and acquire essential leadership skills.
- Meet current Southern Cross University students and network with us throughout the day.
- Enjoy a catered morning tea and lunch on us.

[Find out more and register](#)

## **Brisbane Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo 2025**

**Organisation:** CareersEvent.com

**Location:** Brisbane Showgrounds

**Date:** July 19 to July 20, 2025

The Brisbane Careers Expo (TSXPO) is Queensland's largest and longest-running career fair, connecting students, graduates, and job seekers with top universities, training institutions, and employers. Whether you're exploring tertiary studies, looking for employment opportunities, or seeking career advice, this careers event is your gateway to success.

The Brisbane Careers Expo is your ultimate gateway to:

- Latest Career Opportunities: Connect with 100+ employers, universities, and training providers.
- Tertiary Studies Expo: Compare courses, scholarships, and pathways with leading institutions.
- Expert Guidance: Attend seminars on career paths and emerging industries.
- Real Student Insights: Chat with current undergraduates about courses, workloads, and campus life.

[Find out more and register](#)

## **2025 NYSF National Youth STEM Summit**

**Organisation:** National Youth Science Forum

**Location:** Melbourne

**Date:** July 19 to July 21, 2025

Returning in 2025, the National Youth STEM Summit is an exclusive three-day conference-style event specifically designed to help you smash your study goals and secure your dream job.

The program boasts a diverse range of sessions, including:

- Keynote presentations from some of Australia's foremost STEM leaders
- Panel discussions exploring a range of topics, disciplines, and study and career pathways
- Workshops that offer practical strategies to help you thrive in your studies and/or career
- Networking opportunities to connect with like-minded peers and key government, industry and academic professionals

This Summit is aimed at young people between 18-25 who have completed high school and are making decisions about their futures in STEM.

Thanks to generous support from a range of sponsor organisations, we can offer Equity pricing alongside Standard registration. Additional support may become available through Access and Equity Scholarships.

**Registrations close Monday 30 June.**

[Find out more and register](#)

## Open Day 2025, Moreton Bay

**Organisation:** University of the Sunshine Coast

**Location:** UniSC Moreton Bay Campus

**Date:** July 20, 2025

UniSC Open Day is all about welcoming community and future students on to campus to check out UniSC's program offerings, meet staff and explore UniSC's world class teaching and learning facilities.

[Find out more and register](#)

## World Religions Experience Day 2025

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** UQ St Lucia Campus

**Date:** July 23 to July 24, 2025

Explore how major world religions have had, and continue to have, profound impacts on societies around the globe.

- Experience a day at the St Lucia campus of UQ
- Hear from world-leading scholars in the study of religion
- Learn about specific religions and the place of religion in the contemporary world
- Take part in sessions on topics such as Islam and Society, Science and Religion Conflict, Hinduism: Sacred Texts, and The Ethics and Reception of Job.

Open to year 11 students who are currently studying religion at school or who have a keen interest in arts and humanities and their teachers.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Open Day Online Chat Session July

**Organisation:** CQUniversity

**Location:** Online

**Date:** July 24, 2025

We see you planning your next study move, and we know there's a lot to consider, so we're here to help. Whether you are considering starting a TAFE or university qualification at CQU, our team are here to answer your questions.

Chat with our staff about your course of interest, pathways to university, student support services, or anything else you'd like to know about studying with CQUniversity.

All you need to do is head over to our Facebook page and send us a message during the session and you'll receive real-time answers to all your questions.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** July 26, 2025

Open Day is the perfect way to learn more about everything a university has to offer – whether that's done through meeting students and academics, roaming our beautiful campus, or even testing out our facilities.

[Find out more and register](#)

## QPS Open Day, Brisbane

**Organisation:** Queensland Police Service

**Location:** Bob Atkinson Operational Capabilities Centre

**Date:** July 26, 2025

Are you looking for a challenging and rewarding career? Join us on July 26, at our QPS Open Day to learn all about a career with the Queensland Police Service.

Take this rare opportunity to check out our state-of-the-art training facilities and chat with our specialist units like the Dog Squad, Road Policing Command, Dive Squad, Mounted Unit, Stock Squad, PolAir and many many more.

Policing can be a lifelong career with many different pathways, so take your time touring our training facility, driver training track and firearms range, and drop in to an information session throughout the day where you can ask questions about your future career.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** Queensland University of Technology

**Location:** QUT Gardens Point & Kelvin Grove Campuses

**Date:** July 27, 2025

Discover the real QUT — with behind-the-scenes tours, study area advice, talks with students and academics, and the chance to explore campus life and opportunities outside the classroom.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Open Day 2025, St Lucia

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** UQ St Lucia Campus

**Date:** August 3, 2025

We can't wait to welcome you to Open Day at UQ's St Lucia campus in Brisbane. Explore your interests and study options, immerse yourself in university life and get answers to all your questions.

What to expect:

- Attend sessions to uncover your study area of interest and find out more about the degrees we offer.
- Enter a competition, grab some freebies, listen to live music, get hands-on in a workshop or come on a tour.
- Get to know UQ. Ask current students and teachers all your questions and find out about student life.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Open Day 2025, Sunshine Coast

**Organisation:** University of the Sunshine Coast

**Location:** UniSC Sunshine Coast Campus

**Date:** August 3, 2025

UniSC Open Day is all about welcoming community and future students on to campus to check out UniSC's program offerings, meet staff and explore UniSC's world class teaching and learning facilities.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Open Day 2025, Springfield

**Organisation:** University of Southern Queensland

**Location:** UniSQ Springfield Campus

**Date:** August 9, 2025

Open Day is the best way to get a feel for the campus, learn more about your study options, student clubs, sports teams, events, as well as finding out what it's really like to study at UniSQ.

- Chat one-on-one with lecturers and students and learn about the opportunities included in your degree.
- Get ready for take-off. Be immersed in live demonstrations of our flight simulator. You could even fly the simulator yourself - make sure you arrive early as there are limited spots.
- Tour our multi-million dollar engineering lab.
- Get up close with some of Australia's most unique wildlife with our wildlife and environmental science experts.
- Go behind the scenes and uncover how a live television show is produced or be a part of a live radio program in the studio.
- Heard of the new work order? Learn more with our Business Head of School and find out how we're preparing graduates for the future of business.
- Get a one-on-one career counselling session to help plan your future. It's free but places are limited so make sure to get there early to secure your spot.
- Sit back and relax to live music while you enjoy lunch from our food trucks.

[Find out more and register](#)

### Medical Interviews Preparation Workshop Online

**Organisation:** National Institute of Education

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 9 to August 10, 2025

The unique NIE workshop program aims for students to gain an in-depth understanding and required knowledge of the medical interview processes for specific universities, including Multi-station Mini Interview (MMI), Structured, and Semi-structured panel interviews.

The workshop is structured and based on the models that are taught during our proven one-on-one personalised medical interview sessions. It will allow each and every attendee to learn the required skills and practical understanding for the university from which they received an interview offer.

[Find out more and register](#)

### Open Day 2025

**Organisation:** Griffith University

**Location:** Griffith Nathan & Gold Coast Campuses

**Date:** August 10, 2025

Spanning across Brisbane South (Nathan) and Gold Coast campuses, Open Day will showcase our world-class facilities, unique student life, and give you direct access to students and academics.

[Find out more and register](#)

### Heroes in Business, Brisbane

**Organisation:** James Cook University

**Location:** Brisbane

**Date:** August 12, 2025

JCU, in partnership with Queensland Country Bank, is giving local high school students with a passion and desire to develop a career in business, law or finance the chance to learn from industry experts.

From this one-day program you'll gain unique insights into the professions that funnel into a business and commerce career. Our experienced Professor in Management will expertly lead you through the process of creating, exploring and pitching a business opportunity, including the marketing and financial implications.

JCU Advisors will be on hand to provide information about courses and university life.

[Find out more and register](#)

### **Ideas Camp 2025**

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Bond Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** August 13, 2025

Whether you have a business idea that will set the world on fire, or if you want to blaze your own trail despite being unsure of your career path, then get ready to unleash your inner entrepreneur!

Ideas Camp is a hands-on, one-day business workshop designed exclusively for our next gen corporate adventurers. Join us and as we bring together some successful young entrepreneurs and current Bondies to stir the embers of your business dreams.

If you're in Year 10, 11 or 12, are dreaming of a career in business, and want to be inspired, you won't want to miss Ideas Camp.

[Find out more and register](#)

### **BiG Day In, Gold Coast**

**Organisation:** ACS Foundation

**Location:** Griffith Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** August 14, 2025

Join us at Griffith University for the 2025 BiG Day In Gold Coast – bring your Year 9-12 students to hear where a career in STEM can take them from industry speakers from Woolworths, Technology One, Westpac, Canstar & more to come.

[Find out more and register](#)

### **Open Day 2025, Brisbane**

**Organisation:** ACAP University College

**Location:** ACAP Brisbane Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025

Open Day is your chance to experience the ACAP difference, and find your path in the applied professions. Whether you're interested in Counselling, Psychology, Social Work, Criminology, Law, or Business, ACAP is your pathway to making a difference.

Be part of a workshop, meet our industry-renowned facilitators, and hear all about life as an ACAP student. Join us for a day of exploration and inspiration!

[Find out more and register](#)

### **Open Day 2025, Brisbane**

**Organisation:** SAE University College

**Location:** SAE Brisbane Campus

**Date:** August 16, 2025

We're opening the doors to the campus for our biggest event of the year – Open Day!

Come and tour our facilities, speak to faculty members, meet current students, and find out everything you need to know about studying at SAE.

If you're considering studying creative media, come along to SAE's Open Day to speak to our experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry.

[Find out more and register](#)

### **ADFA Open Day 2025**

**Organisation:** Australian Defence Force Academy



**Location:** ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

**Date:** August 16, 2025

Join us online or in person for ADFA Open Day to learn about life on campus and how you can receive a fully funded UNSW degree.

Don't worry if you can't make it in person, you can still attend ADFA Virtual Open Day online. Register now to reserve your spot at the online event, or join us in person with no registration required.

On the day, you will have the chance to:

- Explore world-class UNSW degrees, with information sessions about Business, Arts, Science, Engineering, Computing and Cyber Security.
- Learn about military training, studying and life on campus from current ADFA Trainee Officers.
- Watch a range of exciting military displays from Navy, Army and Air Force.
- Take a tour of the campus, and much more.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Open Day 2025, Gatton

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** UQ Gatton Campus

**Date:** August 17, 2025

Discover your passion for agricultural studies and animal sciences at UQ Gatton Open Day. Explore the heritage-listed campus and world-class facilities.

What to expect:

- Attend sessions to uncover your study area of interest and find out more about the degrees we offer.
- Enter a competition, grab some freebies, listen to live music, get hands-on in a workshop or come on a tour.
- Get to know UQ. Ask current students and teachers all your questions and find out about student life.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Heroes in Sport

**Organisation:** James Cook University

**Location:** Townsville

**Date:** August 18 to August 20, 2025

Do you have a passion and desire to develop a career in physiotherapy and sports and exercise science? From this full-day program you'll gain unique insights into a career in sport.

You'll go behind the scenes at the Cowboys Community, Training and High Performance Centre, and learn from industry experts in physiotherapy and sports and exercise science before hitting the field for a high performance training session.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Gold Coast Online Open Day

**Organisation:** TAFE Queensland

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 20, 2025

Whether you're looking to kick-start your career or upskill, we've got you covered.

Experience our on-demand video content and explore the study areas that spark your interest. Take a virtual tour of our state-of-the-art facilities, reserve your spot for an in-person campus tour, read firsthand experiences from our students about their TAFE Queensland journey, and much more.



Our Online Open Day is an opportunity to:

- Watch on-demand videos featuring our experienced educators
- Explore our virtual campus tours of key learning spaces
- Discover inspiring student stories
- Access digital course guides
- Learn about enrolment, course fees and available subsidies
- Chat live with us during business hours
- Book an in-person campus tour

[Find out more and register](#)

## ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

**Organisation:** Claire Pech Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 20, 2025

Looking for ways to unlock bonus points and improve uni entry chances? Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions.

We will cover: The ATAR explained, bonus points (adjustment factors) and who qualifies, what is EAS and how to apply, dates, preferencing and decision making.

This talk is being run by [Claire Pech Careers](#) and [Amanda Krulis](#).

[Find out more and register](#)

## Open Day 2025, Gold Coast

**Organisation:** Southern Cross University

**Location:** SCU Gold Coast Campus

**Date:** August 24, 2025

Open Day at Southern Cross University is a perfect opportunity to discover which courses spark your interest and the campus or study mode that works best for you.

Our friendly study specialists will be on hand to step you through the process of applying for your dream course and answer any questions you have about studying with us.

[Find out more and register](#)

## Open Day 2025, Cairns

**Organisation:** CQUniversity

**Location:** CQUni Cairns Campus

**Date:** August 28, 2025

Join us for the CQU Cairns Open Day. It's a great way to explore the campus, check out our facilities and hear all about available courses direct from our friendly teaching staff. You'll also be able to discuss scholarships, pathways, student support services and more.

With our wide range of TAFE and university courses offered online and on campus we can help find the best study option for you. So come along and get a taste of what CQUniversity has to offer.

[Find out more and register](#)

## ADHD & ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

**Organisation:** Claire Pech Careers

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 28, 2025

Looking for ways to unlock bonus points and improve uni entry chances? Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students with ADHD and parents, navigating university admissions.

We will cover: The ATAR explained, bonus points (adjustment factors) and who qualifies, what is EAS and how to apply with ADHD as the main contributor, dates, preferencing and decision making throughout this.

This talk is being run by [Claire Pech Careers](#) and [Amanda Krulis](#).

[Find out more and register](#)

## Open Day Online Chat Session August

**Organisation:** CQUniversity

**Location:** Online

**Date:** August 29, 2025

We see you planning your next study move, and we know there's a lot to consider, so we're here to help. Whether you are considering starting a TAFE or university qualification at CQU, our team are here to answer your questions.

Chat with our staff about your course of interest, pathways to university, student support services, or anything else you'd like to know about studying with CQUniversity.

All you need to do is head over to our Facebook page and send us a message during the session and you'll receive real-time answers to all your questions.

[Find out more and register](#)

## InspireU STEM Camp

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** UQ St Lucia Campus

**Date:** September 14 to September 19, 2025

Immerse yourself in a week-long university camp to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics study options and careers. The camp is perfect for students planning on going to university to explore what degree to study and build their knowledge about university life. The program exposes you to various career and study options at UQ.

- Participate in a week-long on-campus residential camp
- Attend engaging sessions
- Take part in practical, hands-on experiences
- Explore UQ facilities and services
- Connect with current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students
- Meet fellow high school students.

You're eligible if you:

- are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- are enrolled in high school at the time of application
- are enrolled in ATAR subjects and eligible for an ATAR score
- have a school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

All reasonable costs for the camp, including all travel, flights, accommodation, meals and excursions are paid for by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit (ATSISU).

[Find out more and register](#)

## Year 12 Academic Bootcamps

**Organisation:** Griffith University

**Location:** Griffith Gold Coast & Logan Campuses

**Date:** September 22 to October 2, 2025

Griffith's Academic Bootcamps are highly effective four-day courses run in the September school holidays, designed to help Year 12 students achieve their full academic potential in their final external exams. They aim to improve confidence and understanding in senior science and maths subject areas, reducing anxiety around assessment and preparing students for future tertiary study.

**Week one: 22 - 25 September 2025**

- General Maths
- Maths Methods

**Week two: 29 Sept - 2 Oct 2025**

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Psychology

The 2025 Bootcamps will be held on campus at Griffith University Gold Coast and Logan during the September school holidays.

[Find out more and register](#)

**Beginner Language Bootcamp at UQ IML**

**Organisation:** University of Queensland

**Location:** Online

**Date:** September 22 to September 26, 2025

Join UQ's Institute of Modern Languages (IML) for an exciting 5-day immersive language program designed specifically for students in years 7 and 8.

What's involved:

- Learn from experienced UQ IML tutors in a fun, online setting
- Choose from French, German, Japanese or Spanish – no previous experience required
- Learn over 5 days, from Monday to Friday
- Sessions run daily for 1.5 hours, from 9am to 10:30am

**Applications close 12 September 2025.**

[Find out more and register](#)

**Scholarships****Bond University Sport Scholarships**

**Organisation:** Bond University

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** 100% tuition remission

**Open Date:** May 1, 2025

**Close Date:** July 31, 2025

[Find out more](#)

**PEF National Tertiary Scholarship**

**Organisation:** Public Education Foundation

**Location:** Australia

**Value:** Up to \$3,000 AUD per year

**Open Date:** June 2, 2025

**Close Date:** August 27, 2025

[Find out more](#)

**Macquarie Cooperative Education Program in Actuarial Studies**

**Organisation:** Macquarie University

**Location:** New South Wales

**Value:** \$21,600 AUD per year

**Open Date:** June 16, 2025

**Close Date:** September 2, 2025

[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### **Crikey! Magazine Photography Competition 2025**

**Organisation:** Australia Zoo

**Location:** All

**Value:** See details

**Open Date:** June 5, 2025

**Close Date:** August 31, 2025

[Find out more](#)

### **Horizon Academic Essay Prize**

**Organisation:** Horizon Academic

**Location:** All

**Value:** See details

**Close Date:** July 13, 2025

[Find out more](#)

## Weekly Posts

### Work Experience

#### **Why work experience matters for your future**

Choosing a career path can feel overwhelming when you're making decisions based on limited information. You might have strong academic interests or exciting ideas about certain industries, but how do you know if those translate into careers you'll actually enjoy? The answer lies in getting real-world experience before committing to a future direction - and that's where work experience comes in.

Work experience bridges the gap between theory and reality, giving you insights that no amount of research can provide. It's your chance to test assumptions, explore different environments, and discover what truly motivates you.

#### **The reality behind the dream job**

We've all fantasised about our ideal career based on films or social media...but the reality can be quite different. Work experience shows you what a job actually involves rather than just the highlight reel.

Take marine biology – you might picture swimming with dolphins, but a work experience placement might reveal that much of the job actually involves:

- Data analysis in labs
- Writing detailed reports
- Applying for research funding

That's not necessarily bad news, but it helps you make informed decisions about whether the reality matches your expectations.

#### **Try before you commit**

Work experience lets you test different industries and company cultures without the long-term commitment. You might discover you thrive in the fast-paced environment of a marketing

agency but find corporate banking too rigid. Or perhaps hands-on work gives you more satisfaction than desk-based roles.

This exploration is especially valuable when you're torn between options. Instead of choosing based on theory, you can make decisions based on actual experience.

### **Skills you can't learn in a classroom**

Work experience develops [essential human skills](#) that education alone can't teach. You'll learn to navigate workplace dynamics, communicate across different levels, and adapt to professional expectations.

These transferable skills make you more employable regardless of your eventual career choice. Plus, you'll start building a network of contacts who could become mentors or future employers.

### **Building confidence and self-awareness**

Successfully completing work experience proves you can handle real workplace responsibilities. This confidence becomes [invaluable during job applications and interviews](#), where you can speak from experience rather than just theory.

Work experience also helps you identify your strengths in a real-world context. You might discover you're naturally good at problem-solving under pressure or excel at explaining complex ideas – insights that could shape your career direction.

### **Standing out from the crowd**

In a competitive job market, work experience often separates candidates. Employers consistently value practical experience alongside academic qualifications. When you can demonstrate workplace understanding and relevant experience, you become much more attractive to employers.

Work experience also shows initiative and commitment. It proves you've taken proactive steps to explore your options rather than simply hoping for the best.

### **Making the most of your placement**

To maximise your work experience:

- Approach it with curiosity and [ask plenty of questions](#)
- Volunteer for different tasks when possible
- Observe how various roles interact
- Pay attention to what energises or drains you

Our biggest tip: don't avoid fields you're unsure about. Sometimes the most valuable experiences are the ones that help you rule out certain paths, saving you time and energy later. So treat every opportunity professionally – you never know where it might lead.

### **Start exploring today**

Work experience isn't just about ticking a box on your resume – it's about actively exploring your future and making informed decisions. Whether you're considering university, apprenticeships, or entering the workforce directly, work experience provides insights that can help you move in the right direction.

Ready to get started? You can search for work experience opportunities and find practical tips for making the most of your placements on our [work experience page](#).

## **Personal Skills**

### **[The 7 best time management apps for students](#)**

We all struggle with time management from time to time, and as a student, juggling homework, extracurriculars, social life, and sometimes even a part-time job can be a real balancing act. Luckily, there's an app out there for just about anything nowadays, which means there are loads of time management apps available to help boost productivity. We've gone ahead and found 7 of the best apps to help students keep on top of their tasks and manage their time effectively.

### **1. Todoist**

[Todoist](#) allows you to create to-do lists and organise them by project, making it easy to keep track of your homework, assignments, and other responsibilities. With features like due dates, priority levels, and reminders, you'll never miss a deadline again. Plus, the app syncs across all your devices, so you can access your tasks wherever you are.

### **2. Trello**

If you're a visual learner, [Trello](#) might be the perfect app for you. Trello uses boards, lists, and cards to help you organise your tasks and projects. You can create different boards for each subject or activity, add due dates, attach files, and even collaborate with classmates on group projects.

### **3. Forest**

Struggling with distractions while trying to study? [Forest](#) is a unique app that helps you stay focused and manage your time better. When you need to concentrate, you plant a virtual tree that grows as long as you stay on task. If you leave the app, your tree dies. It's a fun way to gamify your productivity and reduce screen time. Plus, the app partners with real tree-planting organisations, so you're helping the environment while you study!

### **4. My Study Life**

[My Study Life](#) is designed specifically for students, making it a perfect choice for managing your school schedule. It allows you to store your class timetable, track homework assignments, and set reminders for exams and due dates.

### **5. Evernote**

[Evernote](#) allows you to create notes, to-do lists, and reminders all in one place. You can organise your notes by notebooks and tags, making it easy to find what you need. Evernote also supports voice notes and document scanning, so you can document information as needed.

### **6. TickTick**

[TickTick](#) combines a to-do list, calendar, and habit tracker in one app. You can create tasks, set due dates, and add reminders to stay on track. The habit tracker feature is great for students looking to build positive routines, such as daily study sessions or regular exercise.

### **7. Notion**

[Notion](#) combines note-taking, task management, and database functions in one place. You can create customised templates for different subjects, keep track of assignments, and organise your study materials.

### **Want more?**

These apps are just the first step to making the most of your study. We have [lots more tips and ideas on our website here](#), covering everything from last minute study tips to burnout and how to manage it.

## Jobs & Careers

### [10 jobs for people who love reading](#)

If you love getting lost in a good book, chances are you're the imaginative type, and want a fun job that reflects that. Reading can be a fantastic hobby, but did you know it could also lead to a cool career?

Whether you're into fiction, non-fiction, or even comic books, there are jobs out there where your love of reading can really pay off. Here are 10 awesome jobs for people who love reading.

#### 1. Librarian

Librarians are living the dream - they get to spend their days surrounded by books, and helping connect others to their passion. Their job involves helping people find the information they need, recommending great reads, and organising all the books in the library. If you love reading and helping others discover new books, this might be the perfect job for you.

**How to get there:** To become a librarian, you normally need to study information science, which means either a VET qualification in Library and Information Services, or more commonly a uni degree in Information Studies. Most librarians have a degree in this field, plus of course a passion for books and reading.

#### 2. Book Editor

Book Editors work closely with authors to make sure their stories are the best they can be. They read manuscripts, suggest changes, and help authors improve their work. If you love reading and have a keen eye for detail, being a Book Editor could be your dream job.

**How to get there:** A degree in [English](#), [Journalism](#), or [Communications](#) can help you get started. Strong reading and writing skills are also a must. For a step-by-step, check out our guide on [How to become a Book Editor](#).

#### 3. Bookstore Owner

Imagine owning a cozy bookstore filled with all your favourite reads, where everyone you meet is there because of a love of books. Bookstore owners run their own shops, choose which books to sell, and often get to talk to customers about their favourite books all day. If you love reading and want to share that passion with others, this could be a great fit for you.

**How to get there:** Experience working in a [bookstore](#) can help, and you'll need some business know-how (like a [Certificate IV in Entrepreneurship and New Business](#)) to run your own shop.

#### 4. Book Reviewer

Are you super opinionated about the books you read? Book reviewers get paid to read books and share their opinions. They write reviews for newspapers, magazines, websites, or even their own blogs. If you love reading and enjoy sharing your thoughts on books, this job could be perfect for you.

**How to get there:** Start by writing reviews for fun on your own blog or social media, build a readership, then start submitting your reviews to publications. With practice and dedication, you could turn your passion into a life-long career.

#### 5. Literary Agent

Literary agents are like the agents you've probably heard about in the film industry, except they help authors get their books published instead of helping actors find jobs. They read manuscripts, choose the ones they think will be successful, and then find a publisher to make it happen and negotiate with them on your behalf. If you love reading, are a people person, and have a good sense of what makes a book great, being a literary agent could be right up your alley.



**How to get there:** Normally you'll need a minimum of a bachelors degree in a relevant field like [English](#) or [Communications](#) in order to become a Literary Agent. Then, it's all about business and networking, which is why most Literary Agents start out by working in publishing companies.

## 6. Translator

If you're bilingual and love reading, being a translator could be a fantastic job. Translators take books written in one language and translate them into another, making stories accessible to a wider audience.

**How to get there:** You'll need to be fluent in at least two languages and might need a degree in [Translation](#) or [Linguistics](#).

## 7. Comic Book Writer

If you love reading comic books, why not be part of creating them? Comic book creators write stories, design characters, and bring those characters to life with art. Whether you focus on writing, drawing, or both, working in comics could be a dream job for you.

**How to get there:** Practice your writing or drawing skills, and consider a degree in [Creative Writing](#) or [Graphic Design](#). These days, lots of universities also offer courses that are specific to the art of comic books, like this [BA in Comic & Concept Art](#), or this course in [Comics and Sequential Storytelling](#). You can also start by creating your own comics online.

## 8. Archivist

Archivists work in libraries, museums, and other institutions to preserve old books, documents, and manuscripts. They make sure important pieces of history are kept safe and organised for future generations to enjoy.

**How to get there:** A degree in [History](#) or [Information Studies](#), plus a postgrad degree in [Archival Studies](#), is typically required for this highly specialised role. If you love reading and history, this job could be absolutely perfect for you.

## 9. Ghostwriter

Ghostwriters write books, articles, or blogs for other people, and usually stay anonymous for it (ie: it won't be your name on the work that's published). If you love reading and writing but don't mind someone else getting the credit, ghostwriting could be a fun way to use your skills.

**How to get there:** Strong writing skills and experience in writing are key, so start by writing your own stories or helping others with theirs. Most ghostwriters also start off as freelance writers, so this is another pathway to keep in mind.

## 10. Audiobook Narrator

If you have a great voice and love reading out loud, being an audiobook narrator could be a cool job for you. You'll get paid to read books and bring the characters and stories to life for listeners who might not be able to access the typical format of the written word.

**How to get there:** Practice reading out loud and consider taking [voice acting classes](#). You might also need to create a [demo reel](#) to show off your voice.

## Want more?

Loving books doesn't just have to be a hobby - there are plenty of careers where you can turn your passion for reading into a job. Whether you want to work directly with books or help others enjoy them, there's something out there for every book lover.

If you want more, we have heaps of [alternative careers](#) and tips about the world of work on our website [here](#).

## University

### What's the difference between business and commerce?

If you're keen to learn more about the world of enterprise at university, you might already be looking into your future degree. And you also might have run into this conundrum - should I study business or commerce? You might even be wondering, are these two degrees even different?

We're here to answer your questions, and the first is, yes, there is a difference (we promise). Read on to find out more about the finer details of the difference between business and commerce.

#### **Business: broad knowledge**

A business degree is usually the first thing that comes to mind when you think about studying business at university. This is a common course that you can study at pretty much any university, and for a good reason.

A business degree equips you with the foundation skills you need to work in almost any industry and role. If you're not quite sure which area you'd like to specialise in, or you just want to be an all-round pro, business is an ideal choice.

As a general rule, you'll also learn more "people-centred" skills in a business degree; think things like communication, sales, leadership, marketing, and so on. These are core skills you can take into any role, setting you up for future success.

But if you do want to specialise, you can do that too. You can always take a major (or two) and really expand your horizons. For example, you could study the [Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#) major at Murdoch University, or [Human Resource Management](#) at the University of Bedfordshire.

Business courses also tend to have slightly lower entry requirements. They're also incredibly popular, so you won't have to go far to find a university that offers this course.

#### **Commerce: specialised knowledge**

A commerce degree is for those who really want to get into the nitty-gritty of a particular business area. These courses tend to be much more thorough and in-depth, while focusing on a particular area.

A commerce degree gives you specialist skills and knowledge in your chosen area. These degrees are more analytical, and commonly involve a bigger emphasis on mathematics. If you have a particular career path in mind, a commerce degree can be a great way to learn the specific skills you need to get there.

Some common majors for commerce degrees include things like [Business Analytics](#) from Carleton University, or [Economics](#) from the University of Auckland.

Commerce courses can have slightly higher entry requirements, and also sometimes include mathematics as a prerequisite.

#### **The similarities?**

Although they have their differences, the business and commerce degrees share a lot of similarities as well.

Both are great at equipping you with the skills and knowledge you need for your future career. One isn't inherently "better" than the other, and what you learn in each will differ from university to university.

You might also see some universities offer the same major in both degrees - in this case, the content is usually largely the same and both degrees would be considered equally by employers. For example, the [Accounting](#) major is offered in both of La Trobe's business and

commerce degrees - the only things that might differ between the two are other core subjects, and which electives you can choose to study.

### **The final decision**

When making a decision about which course to study, the best course of action is to always do your research. Read the course information and handbook for each course carefully, and see if there is anything about a particular degree or university you do (or don't) like.

Want to know more about your university options? [Make sure to take a look at our other blogs and resources here.](#)

## **Job Spotlights**

### **[How to become an Industrial Designer](#)**

Industrial designers combine art, business, and engineering to develop concepts for the products we use every day. From smartphones and cars to medical devices and furniture, they shape the look, feel, and functionality of almost everything in our built environment.

If you love solving problems through creative design, have a keen eye for aesthetics, and enjoy bringing ideas to life, a career as an industrial designer could be perfect for you.

#### **What skills do I need as an industrial designer?**

- Creative and innovative
- Good eye for design
- Technical problem-solver
- Great attention to detail
- Excellent collaborator
- User-focused mindset
- Can work well under pressure
- Strong communicator

#### **What does the job involve?**

- Developing product concepts using traditional and digital tools
- Creating 3D models and prototypes to test design ideas
- Presenting design concepts to clients and stakeholders
- Refining designs based on feedback and testing results
- Conducting user research to understand customer needs and preferences
- Collaborating with engineers, manufacturers, and marketing teams
- Evaluating materials, manufacturing processes, and production costs
- Ensuring products meet safety standards and regulatory requirements

#### **What industries do industrial designers typically work in?**

- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- Manufacturing
- Retail Trade

#### **What Career Cluster do industrial designers belong to?**

Industrial designers are creative problem-solvers who create and develop the products we use, making them excellent [Innovators](#).

#### **What kind of lifestyle can I expect?**

Industrial designers typically work standard business hours, though project deadlines may require occasional overtime. The work environment is usually office-based with access to

design studios, workshops, and prototyping facilities. Travel may be required to visit manufacturing facilities, attend trade shows, or meet with clients.

Most industrial designers earn an average salary throughout their careers.

Many industrial designers enjoy flexible working schedules, especially in creative agencies. The work involves a mix of independent design time and collaborative team meetings.

### **How to become an industrial designer**

The pathway to becoming an industrial designer typically involves finishing high school, earning a bachelor's degree in industrial design or a related field, and building a strong portfolio of design work.

Most employers require a bachelor's degree in industrial design, product design, or a related discipline such as engineering or fine arts. Many programs include courses in drawing, computer-aided design and drafting (CADD), and 3D modelling, as well as covering information about industrial materials and manufacturing methods.

Building a professional portfolio showcasing your best design work is crucial for finding work as an industrial designer.

### **What can I do right now to work towards this career?**

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if becoming an industrial designer is right for you, here are a few things you could do right now:

- Develop your drawing and sketching skills through art classes and practice - you might like to also start learning basic computer design software.
- Seek work experience or internships with local design firms or manufacturers, or participate in design competitions or maker spaces in your community.
- Talk to an industrial designer about their career experience. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in design.

### **Where can I find more information?**

- [Design Institute of Australia](#)
- [Toi Manahau Designers Institute of New Zealand](#)
- [Chartered Society of Designers](#) (UK)
- [Institute of Designers in Ireland](#)
- [Industrial Designers Society of America](#)
- [Canadian Design Network](#)
- [DesignSingapore Council](#)

### **Similar careers to industrial designer**

- [Toy Designer](#)
- [UX Designer](#)
- [Graphic Designer](#)
- [Mechanical Engineer](#)
- [Architect](#)
- Fashion Designer
- [Urban Planner](#)
- Automotive Designer

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