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This Week's Events

JCU Exploring the World of Veterinary Science Webinar

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: Online

Date: August 4, 2026

Thinking about a future in Veterinary Science? Discover how you can transform your love for animals into a rewarding and impactful career.

This free webinar, hosted by JCU's College of Science and Engineering, is essential viewing for anyone considering the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours).

What you'll learn:

- How the course is structured and what makes studying Veterinary Science at JCU unique
- Placement opportunities and the specialist skills you'll gain in tropical and rural veterinary practice
- Real-world learning at JCU's Veterinary and Emergency Centre and Hospital, and Fletcherview Research Station
- Hear directly from academics and current Veterinary Science student about their experiences and advice
- Career pathways in veterinary clinics and hospitals, biosecurity and quarantine, research, pharmaceuticals, and wildlife conservation
- The application process, key dates, and expert tips to help you submit a strong application

[Find out more](#)

Applying to the University of Melbourne through VTAC – Online Session for Future Students

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Planning on applying to the University of Melbourne, but a little unsure of the steps involved through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)? Join us to discover everything you need to know about VTAC and answer all your application questions.

You'll be guided through the process by our Future Students team and a VTAC representative, so you can apply for your preferred Melbourne undergraduate course in 2026 with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Elevate: Boosting diversity in STEM scholarship — Applicant Information Session

Organisation: Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Applications are open for the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences & Engineering's [Elevate: Boosting diversity in STEM program](#). The Elevate program aims to address gender inequities in STEM through fostering more industry-academia collaborations in applied research and business, growing professional skills of women and non-binary people in STEM and propelling women and non-binary people into leadership.

Join our online scholarship information session to learn about eligibility, key application timelines, application tips, and answers to FAQs.

[Find out more](#)

STEM + X: Careers in Agriculture – Webinar for Students, Teachers & Parents

Organisation: Careers with STEM

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Careers in agriculture go far beyond the farm, spanning areas like biotechnology, environmental management, data science, policy, agribusiness, and global development. People with skills in these fields are now in high demand to help grow sustainable, nutritious and resilient food systems that improve the health of communities and the environment.

Join us for a free STEM + X career webinar, supported by The University of Queensland to hear from agriculture science students, graduates and lecturers who making an impact.

[Find out more](#)

ECU Open Day 2026, Perth City

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, City Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Join us at an Open Day and load up on inspiration. Explore the campus and talk to our people about how you could be studying with us.

[Find out more](#)

Next Week's Events

Murdoch Study Skills Workshop, Busselton

Organisation: Murdoch University

Location: Busselton Community Resource Centre

Date: August 10, 2026

If you're a secondary school student, join our interactive workshop for practical, evidence-based strategies to help with your schoolwork.

Want to study smarter, not harder? Join our interactive Study Skills Workshop and discover practical, evidence-based strategies to help you stay organised, focused, and confident with your schoolwork.

Learn how to strengthen your memory, and develop study habits that support long-term success. You'll leave with simple techniques you can start using straight away to feel more in control of your learning.

Perfect for students looking to boost their confidence, reduce study stress, and achieve their best.

[Find out more](#)

ECU South West Teacher Education Information Session

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Online

Date: August 11, 2026

Are you thinking of pursuing a career in Teacher Education? If so, our information evening is perfect for you!

If you're passionate about making a positive impact on young people and shaping the next generation of exceptional teachers, our School of Education offers nationally accredited programs in early childhood, primary, and secondary education, all delivered by world leaders in teacher education.

Our Information Session will cover course details, admission pathways, application processes, fees, scholarships, and flexible study options such as online or part-time learning.

[Find out more](#)

Conservation Science Careers Webinar

Organisation: Bush Heritage Australia

Location: Online

Date: August 14, 2026

All interested secondary school students and university undergraduates are invited to join Bush Heritage Australia's online event on the eve of National Science Week 2026 - Conservation Science Careers.

This virtual event offers the opportunity for students to connect with, learn from and be inspired by field professionals in conservation science.

Individual students are welcome to register, along with course managers or subject teachers who would like to bring a class or group together to join the event.

[Find out more](#)

STEM Career Speed Networking Years 10-12

Organisation: The Innovators' Tea Party

Location: City West Lotteries House

Date: August 15, 2026

A fast-paced networking event where Year 10–12 students meet women in STEM, share a cup of tea and explore real science and engineering jobs

STEM Speed Networking is a free careers event for students in years 10 – 12 who are interested in careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Join us to meet a specially curated group of Women in STEM Mentors who are all passionate about their fields & sharing their career stories. Students will have ~10 minutes with each of our incredible Women in STEM mentors before moving on to the next station. Stations will also include an activity that links the science you learn at school to real life jobs! This is a great opportunity for students to learn about STEM careers and be mentored by industry professionals.

We aim to curate our mentor team from the widest range of professions possible so that students learn about roles they never new existed - check our website closer to the date for a list of professions covered:

[Find out more](#)

ADFA Open Day 2026

Organisation: Australian Defence Force Academy

Location: ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

Date: August 15, 2026

ADFA Open Day is run each year in August. Join us online or in person 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 variety of exciting displays, take a virtual tour, and much more

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Open Day 2026, Perth

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP University College, Perth Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Ready to turn your passion into a purpose-driven career? ACAP Open Day is your opportunity to discover how our practical, people-focused courses can help you make a real difference – in your community and your life.

Join us on campus this August and experience what makes ACAP different. Whether you're considering counselling, psychology, social work, criminology, law or business, you'll get a firsthand look at the learning, support, and outcomes that set our students up for success.

From expert-led masterclasses and career panels to course advice and campus tours, Open Day is designed to give you the insight and inspiration to take the next step.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Open Day 2026, Perth

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Perth Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Whether you're still exploring your study options or you're ready to apply, SAE Open Day is the perfect place to get inspired, get informed, and get hands-on with your creative future.

Join us on campus this August to tour our studios, meet your future mentors, and experience what it's like to study at SAE – the University College built for creators and tech innovators.

Explore your study and career pathways across animation, audio, design, film, games, music, VFX and more. Connect with current students, industry-experienced lecturers, and alumni who've turned their ideas into careers.

[Find out more](#)

Future Events

Music Careers Expo 2026, Perth

Organisation: The Push

Location: Rosemount Hotel

Date: August 18, 2026

The Music Careers Expo is for young people aged 15–25 who are curious about working in music — whether that's performing, producing, working behind the scenes or exploring other roles across the industry.

You'll hear from people working across the industry (artists, managers, producers, engineers) and have the chance to sit down one-on-one with professionals and educators for advice on your next steps.

If you love Australian music and want to work in it, this is where you start!

Parents, teachers and friends are also welcome to attend.

[Find out more](#)

Curtin Undergrad Course Expo for Future Students

Organisation: Curtin University

Location: Curtin University, Perth Campus, TL Robertson Library (Level 7)

Date: August 19, 2026

Explore a Universe of possibilities at our Undergrad Course Expo!

If you're thinking of starting uni next year, this is your chance to find out what life at Curtin is really like. Our team are ready to answer all your questions about courses, pathways, scholarships and campus life.

This event is your opportunity to:

- discover your course options
- get personalised admissions and application advice
- attend faculty info sessions
- learn about the different pathways to uni
- get help with your portfolio application.

[Find out more](#)

Curtin Boordakan-Ak Djinanginy (Looking to the Future) Day for Years 7-8

Organisation: Curtin University

Location: Curtin University, Bentley Campus

Date: August 21, 2026

A STEM exploration day for years 7 and 8 First Nations students to learn more about the exciting world of science and engineering through fun hands-on workshops, inspiring speakers and an expo.

- Participate in interactive STEM workshops with university and industry experts
- Meet role models & learn about pathways into STEM
- Hear from inspiring speakers about their own education journeys

We'll also share information about other STEM initiatives, programs and events your students can participate in. Teachers will need to register with groups of no more than 40 students.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Education Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: August 24, 2026

With [courses](#) available across early childhood, primary and secondary teaching, our friendly education academics will explain what it's really like to study at CQU. You'll learn about our strong local networks, the [support services](#) that help you succeed, and how CQU prepares you for a rewarding career in the classroom.

[Find out more](#)

ECU Science and Mathematics Showcase Evening

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, Joondalup Campus

Date: August 25, 2026

Curious about where science and mathematics can take you? Join us at ECU for our Science and Mathematics Showcase Evening.

If you're passionate about Biological Sciences, Horticulture, Physics, Mathematics, Data Science, Chemistry, Sustainability, Conservation Biology, Environmental Management, or Marine and Freshwater Biology, this event is for you!

You will hear from academic staff, learn about course and entry pathways, and take a guided tour of our cutting-edge facilities.

[Find out more](#)

Study medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 26, 2026

Join us ahead of Open Day to discover what it's like to study medicine at the University of Sydney and learn how we prepare future doctors to make a meaningful impact in Australia and around the world. Through a live Q&A with our specialist staff you'll have your questions answered ahead of Open Day, so you can arrive informed, have meaningful conversations with our team, and make the most of your time exploring our learning facilities.

[Find out more](#)

Admission to medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: August 26, 2026

Join us ahead of Open Day to explore pathways to medicine at the University of Sydney.

Learn about admission requirements, application dates and timelines, and the assessment process. We'll share details of the options available, whether you're applying to commence your studies after high-school, or after completing a bachelor's degree.

Through a live Q&A with our specialist staff, you'll have your questions answered ahead of Open Day, so you can arrive informed, have meaningful conversations with our team, and make the most of your time exploring our learning facilities.

[Find out more](#)

Curtin Kalgoorlie Open Day 2026

Organisation: Curtin University

Location: Curtin University, Kalgoorlie Campus

Date: August 27, 2026

Are you in high school and thinking about your pathway to university? Or perhaps you're already working and considering your next move. Whatever stage you're at, Kalgoorlie Open Day is your opportunity to explore a universe of possibilities and discover where a degree from Curtin can take you.

Come along and find your course, meet our staff and students, and get expert advice on careers, work opportunities, pathways, scholarships and student life – all in the unique and welcoming environment of our Kalgoorlie campus.

[Find out more](#)

RCSWA High School to Med School: Everything TISC Webinar

Organisation: University of Western Australia

Location: Online

Date: August 31, 2026

Applying to a medical school through the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) is a crucial step in a student's journey to medicine.

Chat to our experts and hear from current medical students about navigating the TISC application process. The Rural Clinical School of WA (RCSWA) is a partnership between UWA, Notre Dame Australia, and Curtin University medical schools.

Established in 2002, the school has supported hundreds of country students to enter medicine since. RCSWA also provides 12-month rural training placements across WA for penultimate and final year medical students with the aim of preparing them for future rural practice.

[Find out more](#)

ECU Computing and Security Degrees Information Evening

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, Joondalup Campus

Date: September 1, 2026

Curious about the exciting possibilities in Computing and Security? Join us for ECU's Computing and Security Showcase Evening and discover where a career in this fast-evolving field can take you.

Our Computing and Security programs include a broad choice of major subjects and cover dynamic areas such as computer science, cyber security, information technology, counter terrorism, security, intelligence, and software engineering.

On the night, you will hear from academic staff, learn about course and entry pathways, and take a guided tour of our cutting-edge facilities.

[Find out more](#)

Monash Information Evening – Webinar

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: September 1, 2026

Choosing a university is a big decision.

Join our Monash webinar to have your questions answered and get the key details you need to plan your next step.

You'll discover what it's like to study at Monash, and hear about our courses, accommodation, scholarships, support services and campus life. You'll also gain insights about moving to Monash and settling in.

This session is ideal if you're:

- Considering moving from interstate, or
- From regional or rural Victoria, or

- Live in Melbourne and are keen to know more about Monash.

Register now to secure your place.

[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Virtual Open Day 2026

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 1 to September 2, 2026

Ready for the next step on your career journey? Join us online as our academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

- Business, Education, Health, Hospitality, Technology and Higher Degrees by Research: Tuesday 1 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)
- Design: Wednesday 2 September - 6pm - 7pm (AEST)

[Find out more](#)

ECU South West UniPrep Information Evening

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, South West (Bunbury) Campus

Date: September 1, 2026

ECU's University Preparation Course – or UniPrep – is a free program that gets you ready for university level study by teaching you the skills required for academic success – with an emphasis on becoming an independent learner.

UniPrep is open to any Australian Citizen or permanent resident who hasn't been at school for a while, to students who are currently completing high school and want to prepare for university, or to recent school leavers who didn't get the result they'd hoped for.

If you successfully complete UniPrep, you'll be eligible to start many of our undergraduate degree courses. This is also a great session for anyone who is thinking about applying for our UniPrep Summer program, a condensed on-campus version of the course available at the South West campus.

In this session, we'll cover:

- What subjects you can expect to study in UniPrep
- How to apply for UniPrep
- Flexible study options, including full or part-time, online and UniPrep Summer
- Career advice and course selection post-UniPrep

[Find out more](#)

Murdoch Open Night 2026

Organisation: Murdoch University

Location: Murdoch University, Perth Campus

Date: September 1, 2026

Discover how your passion can become a career by exploring the many course possibilities at Murdoch University. Join us for a night of curiosity, connection, innovation and opportunity, as we explore how Murdoch University equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to solve complex problems, think critically, and adapt to new challenges.

Experience our building, Boola Katitjin, as you visit exciting expo stalls from each of our course areas and engage with speakers throughout the evening by attending our TEDx style 10 minute information sessions. With over 280 courses, there is a degree for everyone at Murdoch University.

[Find out more](#)

Study medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Join us to discover what it's like to study medicine at the University of Sydney and learn how we prepare future doctors to make a meaningful impact in Australia and around the world.

Through a live Q&A with our specialist team, you'll gain valuable insights into your study options and ask any questions you may have as you consider your future in medicine.

[Find out more](#)

Admission to medicine at Sydney

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Join us to learn about admission requirements, application dates and timelines, and the assessment process.

We'll share details of the options available, whether you're applying to commence your studies after high-school, or after completing a bachelor's degree. Through a live Q&A with our admission specialists, you'll gain valuable insights into the application process, better understand the options available to you, and ask your questions to help you plan your next steps with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

ECU Nursing and Midwifery Degrees Showcase Evening

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, Joondalup Campus

Date: September 4, 2026

If the idea of a career in nursing and/or midwifery gets your pulse racing, look no further than ECU. ECU produces some of the highest quality nursing and midwifery graduates in Western Australia and is recognised as a top 75 nursing program worldwide.

ECU prepares more nursing and midwifery students for careers in health than any other university in WA. We also offer WA's only dual Nursing/Midwifery degree – and our facilities are hard to beat too!

At our Nursing and Midwifery Showcase Evening you will have the opportunity to explore our state-of-the-art facilities, learn about our courses and the excellent support services you can expect as a student. You can speak to our Future Student Engagements Team about admission pathways, how to apply, fees and scholarships and flexible study options like online or part-time.

[Find out more](#)

ECU Teacher Education Information Session, Perth

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, Joondalup Campus

Date: September 7, 2026

Are you thinking of pursuing a career in Teacher Education? If so, our information evening is perfect for you!

If you're passionate about making a positive impact on young people and shaping the next generation of exceptional teachers, our School of Education offers nationally accredited programs in early childhood, primary, and secondary education, all delivered by world leaders in teacher education.

Our Information Session will cover course details, admission pathways, application processes, fees, scholarships, and flexible study options such as online or part-time learning.

[Find out more](#)

Inspiring Girls Careers Forum, Kalgoorlie

Organisation: Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA

Location: Kalgoorlie Overland Motel

Date: September 9, 2026

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA is excited to bring the Inspiring Girls Careers Forum to regional Western Australia again in 2026.

This unique event showcases the resources sector to female Year 6-8 students, helping discover the diverse range of roles and skills that can take them there.

What students will experience:

- Hear from an inspiring female industry guest speaker
- Take part in fun, hands-on STEM and team building activities
- Participate in a fast-paced speed-careering session
- Meet and interact with local resources representatives

By attending, students will:

- Learn about the broad pathways taken by representatives in the resources sector
- Understand the opportunities available for women working in the industry
- Gain inspiration to explore new subjects and future career options
- Build connections with local companies and professionals

[Find out more](#)

RCSWA High School to Med School: Interview Prep Workshop for Year 12s

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, South West Campus

Date: September 12, 2026

Year 12 students applying for medical school can role-play interviews and get the best tips from our experts and current medical students

Learn all about the different formats and scoring of medical school entry interviews and how you can best prepare for success.

Meet our experienced university administrators and medical students who will role-play common interview questions with you and provide valuable feedback.

Lunch is provided. Please include the names of all parents/carers attending before completing your registration.

[Find out more](#)

RCSWA High School to Med School: Online Interview Prep Workshop for Year 12s

Organisation: University of Western Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 12, 2026

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Learn all about the different formats and scoring of medical school entry interviews and how you can best prepare for success.

Meet our experienced university administrators and medical students who will role-play common interview questions with you and provide valuable feedback.

[Find out more](#)

Inspiring Girls Careers Forum, Bunbury

Organisation: Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA

Location: Mantra Bunbury Lighthouse

Date: September 16, 2026

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[Find out more](#)

It Takes a Spark STEM Conference for Year 4-10 Students and Teachers, Perth

Organisation: Intuyu Consulting Pty Ltd

Location: Frederick Irwin Anglican School, Meadow Springs Campus

Date: September 24, 2026

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 participation of the students is as important as teachers as our intent is to ignite, empower and nurture both to be leaders of STEM and Entrepreneurship within their schools. This is a conference designed and led by students and teachers for students and teachers.

Teachers will have both formal and informal opportunities to speak to other teachers who have enacted programs and activities in their schools and get their questions answered.

The Problem Solver design challenges are all hands-on so students and teachers will experience first-hand what it is like to be part of great STEM and entrepreneurial learning. This will spark new ideas about curriculum and pedagogy.

[Find out more](#)

School Holiday Aviation Program for Young People Aged 15+ in Perth

Organisation: Flight Standards

Location: Flight Standards, Jandakot Airport

Date: October 1 to October 3, 2026

This three-day program is a fantastic opportunity to learn many of the hands-on skills required to pilot an aeroplane in a fun and relaxed environment.

All practical and theory training is delivered by Flight Standards instructors, with each participant receiving pre- and post-flight briefings. Participants have the opportunity to go on a "behind-the-scenes" tour of the airfield, visit on-field aviation organisations, and visit the control tower (subject to operational requirements). Then to cap it all off, they will get to actually fly an aeroplane in two experience lessons, plus spend some time in the flight simulator.

The focus of the course is understanding what it takes to become a pilot, including the medical requirements, structure of a typical training day, knowledge and skills required to obtain your licence, and various training pathways for a career in aviation or becoming a recreational pilot.

While targeted at participants 15 years of age, participants over 13 years of age will be considered based on height and maturity.

[Find out more](#)

Events & Hospitality – Youth Career Series

Organisation: Shire of Chittering

Location: Sandalford Wines

Date: October 1, 2026

This Career Series youth event with Sandalford & Stringybark introduces students aged 13+ to the fast-paced, people-focused world of events, hospitality, and wine careers. Set across their unique venues, the experience gives young people a feel for what it takes to bring events to life, while also showcasing opportunities within the wine industry, from production through to customer experience.

During the visit, students meet team members from a variety of roles including event coordination, venue operations, food and beverage, and wine-related careers such as cellar door experiences, sales, and marketing. Staff share their career journeys in a friendly and down-to-earth way, helping students see how different skills and interests can lead to a place in the industry.

Overall, the event is designed to be hands-on, engaging, and inspiring. By exploring real venues and hearing directly from industry professionals, students gain a clearer understanding of the wide range of opportunities available and the pathways they can take to get there.

[Find out more](#)

Create for a Day at SAE Perth

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Perth Campus

Date: October 3, 2026

This October school holidays, SAE University College Perth is opening its doors for Create for a Day: a one-day, hands-on experience where you'll step into the studio, lab or production space and start creating.

Choose from:

- Animation
- Audio
- Computer Science
- Design
- Film
- Games
- Songwriting & Electronic Music Production

Create for a Day lets you skip the textbooks and jump straight into building, recording, designing, coding or filming, all guided by lecturers who work in the industry.

By the end of the day, you'll walk away with your own finished project and a certificate of participation, plus a clearer idea of what studying at SAE is really like and where your skills could take you in the future.

Open to students in Years 10-12 and young creatives up to age 21.

[Find out more](#)

Technology & Robotics – Youth Career Series

Organisation: Shire of Chittering

Location: Australian Automation and Robotics Precinct

Date: October 8, 2026

The Youth Career Series at the Australian Automation and Robotics Precinct (AARP) offers students aged 13+ a unique, hands-on introduction to the future of technology and innovation. During the visit, participants will tour the state-of-the-art facility, gaining insight into how robotics, automation, and autonomous systems are shaping modern industries.

Students will also meet Autonomo, a newly launched training academy focused on building practical skills in robotics and autonomous technologies, helping prepare the next generation for high-tech careers. In addition, they will engage with RS Components, a global distributor of industrial and electronic products, and tour their lab to see real-world applications of engineering and innovation in action.

This experience is designed to inspire young people by connecting them directly with industry leaders and emerging career pathways in advanced technologies.

[Find out more](#)

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- How to apply for UniPrep
- Study options, including full or part-time and online
- Career advice and course selection post-UniPrep

[Find out more](#)

Murdoch Year 12 Online Information Evening

Organisation: Murdoch University

Location: Online

Date: October 20, 2026

Year 12 is almost over, what happens next? Take the leap from secondary school to university!

There are hundreds of study choices for school leavers. We're here to help you through this exciting new chapter in your life by providing all the information you need to transition through the remainder of Year 12 and beyond.

Join us for an Information Session where we'll cover:

- Course options
- Understanding ATAR outcomes & University offers
- Using alternative pathways & Cert IV
- Application processes
- Key dates
- Fees & Scholarships
- Orientation
- Much more!

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Aviation Careers and Networking Event – Joondalup

Organisation: Sky Careers

Location: Edith Cowan University at the Joondalup Campus, Perth

Date: October 21, 2026

Aviation careers extend far beyond the cockpit, from working in ground support in Antarctica, to piloting drones that track marine life, winching out of a helicopter as an aircrew officer, or travelling the world as an onboard chef, the aviation industry offers pathways as diverse as the people within it.

Our Aviation Careers and Networking Events are immersive, industry-connected experiences designed for anyone aged 18 and over who wants the opportunity to connect directly with aviation professionals, explore the hundreds of pathways and careers available, and gain real-world insight into one of the most exciting and rapidly evolving industries.

These FREE events combine industry speakers, a wealth of knowledge, practical tools and resources, emerging trends and valuable networking opportunities all in one inspiring day. As a special thank you, all attendees will receive a free Altitude Membership valued at \$249.00. This membership provides ongoing access to Sky Careers' premium content and industry updates.

If you're under 18 then you'll need a parent or legal guardian to go with you and you'll both need to register separately to attend this event. Registrations are required for ALL attendees.

[Find out more](#)

Inspiring Girls Careers Forum, Karratha

Organisation: Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA

Location: Red Earth Arts Precinct

Date: November 5, 2026

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA is excited to bring the Inspiring Girls Careers Forum to regional Western Australia again in 2026.

This unique event showcases the resources sector to female Year 6 students, helping discover the diverse range of roles and skills that can take them there.

What students will experience:

- Hear from an inspiring female industry guest speaker
- Take part in fun, hands-on STEM and team building activities
- Participate in a fast-paced speed-careering session
- Meet and interact with local resources representatives

By attending, students will:

- Learn about the broad pathways taken by representatives in the resources sector
- Understand the opportunities available for women working in the industry
- Gain inspiration to explore new subjects and future career options
- Build connections with local companies and professionals

[Find out more](#)

Inspiring Girls Careers Forum, Port Hedland

Organisation: Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA

Location: The Hedland Hotel

Date: November 6, 2026

The Chamber of Minerals and Energy WA is excited to bring the Inspiring Girls Careers Forum to regional Western Australia again in 2026.

This unique event showcases the resources sector to female Year 6-8 students, helping discover the diverse range of roles and skills that can take them there.

What students will experience:

- Hear from an inspiring female industry guest speaker
- Take part in fun, hands-on STEM and team building activities
- Participate in a fast-paced speed-careering session
- Meet and interact with local resources representatives

By attending, students will:

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ECU South West Future Undergraduate One-to-One Appointments

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Edith Cowan University, South West (Bunbury) Campus

Date: November 10, 2026

ECU South West is at the centre of education, health and science in this amazing part of Western Australia. Our campus also has strong links with the surrounding community, including with key employers.

As a student at ECU South West, you'll enjoy smaller class sizes and huge support in whatever course you choose.

If you'd like to ask all sorts of questions about studying with us, here's your chance. This month we're offering personalised one-to-one appointments for anyone considering undergraduate study at ECU South West.

This gives you an opportunity to:

- Talk to a friendly – and knowledgeable – staff member about entry pathways and undergraduate courses at any of our three campuses, including the new ECU City campus
- Get help on how to apply for your dream course

Appointments are for twenty minutes and are available from 2:00pm - 7:00pm.

Light refreshments will also be available.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

Swansea University International Excellence Scholarship Academic Year 26/27

Organisation: Swansea University

Location: All

Value: £7,000

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

Aberystwyth University International Accommodation Award

Organisation: Aberystwyth University

Location: All

Value: £6,000

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

Curtin Principal's Regional Starter Scholarship (Future Students)

Organisation: Curtin University

Location: Western Australia

Value: AU\$1,500

Open Date: July 22, 2026

Close Date: November 23, 2026

[Find out more](#)

ECU ATAR High Achievement Scholarship

Organisation: Edith Cowan University

Location: Western Australia

Value: \$3,000 AUD

Open Date: July 1, 2026

Close Date: December 20, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Curtin Principal's Recommendation Award (Future Students)

Organisation: Curtin University

Location: Western Australia

Value: AU\$1,000
Open Date: July 22, 2026
Close Date: November 23, 2026
[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Adelaide Fringe Poster Competition 2027

Organisation: Adelaide Fringe
Location: All
Value: AU\$10,000
Close Date: August 30, 2026
[Find out more](#)

International Youth Math Challenge 2026

Organisation: International Youth Math Challenge
Location: All
Value: See details
Close Date: September 27, 2026
[Find out more](#)

Pollinator Photography Competition 2026

Organisation: When Bee Foundation
Location: Australia
Value: Up to AU\$,1500
Close Date: October 25, 2026
[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

Short Courses & Microcredentials

Here's how you can boost your resume with a short course

When you're just starting out on your career journey, having qualifications on your resume can make all the difference. Short courses are a great way to add valuable skills and certifications to your resume without needing to commit to a full degree or diploma. They show employers that you're proactive, willing to learn, and capable of applying your skills in real-world situations. Whether you're looking for a part-time job, a career boost, or just want to expand your knowledge, short courses can help set you apart from the crowd. Employers value skills that are practical and relevant, and short courses are a way to demonstrate that you have both. From First Aid to digital literacy, these qualifications not only give you knowledge but also offer you formal certifications that make you more employable. The following are examples of short courses you can take to give your resume a competitive edge.

First Aid and CPR

First Aid and CPR courses are highly regarded across many industries. Employers in areas like retail, hospitality, childcare, and even corporate offices appreciate employees who can respond calmly and appropriately in emergency situations. Having this certification shows that you're responsible and equipped to handle unexpected health and safety incidents.

How to put this on your resume

First Aid and CPR Certified

- Completed First Aid training (Provide First Aid and CPR) with St John Ambulance (2023)
- Gained skills in responding to workplace and public emergencies with confidence and care

Lifesaving and water safety

If you're interested in working at the beach, pools, or in outdoor recreation, a lifesaving qualification is a must-have. Courses in water safety and lifesaving demonstrate physical fitness, the ability to stay calm under pressure, and an awareness of public safety. It's a great qualification for anyone looking to work in surf lifesaving clubs, camps, or aquatic centres.

How to put this on your resume

Bronze Medallion (Lifesaving and Water Safety)

- Certified in surf and pool lifesaving techniques, including rescue and first aid
- Developed strong swimming skills and an ability to assess and respond to dangerous water conditions

Refereeing or coaching

For those involved in sports, taking a refereeing or coaching course can open doors to paid or volunteer opportunities in community sports. These courses show that you understand the rules of the game, have leadership abilities, and can manage a group effectively. Refereeing in particular demonstrates decision-making under pressure.

How to put this on your resume

Level 1 Soccer Referee

- Qualified to referee junior and community soccer matches through Football UK (2023)
- Developed conflict resolution, rule enforcement, and leadership skills on the field

Barista and Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA)

If you're looking to work in hospitality, having barista training or an RSA certification can be essential. These courses teach you the practical skills to serve customers in cafés, restaurants, and bars. Employers in this industry will expect you to know the basics, so having this on your resume can give you a head start over others who need training on the job.

How to put this on your resume

Barista Skills Certificate

- Trained in making espresso, managing coffee machines, and customer service at XYZ Coffee School
- Developed fast-paced multitasking skills and a high standard of product presentation

Workplace safety

Workplace safety courses are applicable in nearly any industry, from construction to retail. Courses like 'White Card' training, which is required for construction work, show that you understand the importance of health and safety regulations and that you can identify potential hazards.

How to put this on your resume

White Card Certification (Workplace Safety)

- Gained skills in identifying safety risks and enforcing safety protocols in the workplace
- Certified in WHS (Workplace Health and Safety) requirements for construction and trade environments

STEM and digital skills

Short courses in areas like coding, data analysis, or even basic IT skills are highly valued across industries, not just in tech. Learning digital skills can set you apart in a world where technology is becoming central to many job roles. For example, courses in Excel, programming languages, or even graphic design show employers that you're adaptable and tech-savvy.

How to put this on your resume

Introduction to Coding (Python)

- Completed a 12-week online course through Codecademy, focusing on Python programming fundamentals
- Gained practical skills in coding, problem-solving, and logic development

Environmental care and horticulture

If you're interested in outdoor work, environmental care, or even sustainability, taking a course in horticulture or environmental management can be a great way to show your commitment to the environment. It's also a qualification that stands out for roles in parks, gardens, and conservation work.

How to put this on your resume

Introduction to Horticulture

- Learned key skills in garden maintenance, plant care, and environmental sustainability
- Developed hands-on experience in landscaping and green space management

Cooking courses

Whether you're considering a role in hospitality or just love food, cooking courses can provide you with valuable kitchen skills. From basic cooking techniques to food safety, these courses demonstrate that you can work in a fast-paced, practical environment. Employers in the food industry will value your ability to prepare and handle food safely.

How to put this on your resume

Basic Cooking Skills Certificate

- Gained experience in food preparation, kitchen safety, and customer service through college short course
- Developed an understanding of safe food handling and storage practices

What to do next

First, think about which areas you're interested in, do you want to work in hospitality, sports, technology, or the environment? Then, explore the short courses available in your area, either in-person or online. Many community centres, libraries, TAFEs, and online platforms like [Coursera](#) or [Udemy](#) offer accessible and affordable options.

Once you've completed a course, make sure to add it to your resume in a clear and concise way. Don't forget to mention the skills you gained and how these can be applied to the workplace.

Never stop learning

Taking short courses is a simple and effective way to boost your resume, no matter what stage you're at in your career. Even seasoned professionals well into their careers need to learn new things or update their skills. Whether it's First Aid, digital skills, or workplace safety, these qualifications will help you stand out and make you more attractive to potential employers. Short courses are a practical step you can take now to build a resume that gets you noticed.

You can read more about short courses and skills on our website [here](#).

Work Experience

Work experience for students who love dance

Job opportunities in the arts extend well beyond the stage. Teaching, event planning, design, and community outreach are all part of the picture too, alongside performing itself. If you love to dance, here are a few work experience ideas that can help you explore your passion and turn it into something closer to a career.

Dance studios and academies

Reach out to local dance studios or academies in your community. Many welcome high school students for short-term work experience, and the day-to-day can involve:

- Assisting with dance classes, from setting up the space to helping younger students with choreography
- Observing instructors to see how a class is structured and paced
- Helping with front-of-house tasks like reception, scheduling, or costume fittings
- Getting a behind-the-scenes look at how a studio actually runs, including how classes are booked and how recitals get planned

Smaller, independently-run studios are often the easiest to approach, since they tend to have less red tape around taking on a student for a short placement.

Event planning and coordination

If you're drawn to the idea of organising dance events or performances, work experience with an event planning business is worth pursuing. Coordinating a dance recital or performance involves a lot more than the routines themselves. It calls for booking venues, managing running sheets, liaising with performers and families, and solving the small logistical problems that come up on the day. Shadowing someone in this kind of role gives you a much clearer picture of what goes into an event before the audience ever sees it.

Costume and set design

If your creative interest leans more toward the visual side of dance, costume and set design is worth exploring. Local theatres, dance companies, and school productions often need extra hands during the lead-up to a show. This could mean sewing or altering costumes, helping build and paint set pieces, or assisting a designer with sourcing fabric and materials. It's a good option for students who enjoy dance as an art form but are more interested in what happens off stage than on it.

Fitness and wellness centres

Dance isn't only a performing art, it's also a serious form of physical fitness. Fitness and wellness centres that run dance-based classes, like Zumba, barre, or dance cardio, sometimes take on students to help with class setup, assist instructors during sessions, or support marketing efforts like flyers and social media posts.

Community outreach programs

Many community organisations use dance as a tool for connection and engagement, particularly with groups who might not otherwise have easy access to dance classes. Look for organisations running these kinds of programs in your area. You could end up assisting with outreach initiatives directly, or helping run workshops alongside a qualified instructor, gaining experience in both dance and community-facing work at the same time.

Getting started

Work experience is a chance to explore your interests, build skills, and start making connections in an industry that often runs on relationships as much as qualifications. Don't be afraid to reach out to local studios, event businesses, theatres, or community organisations directly, explain your interest in dance, and ask whether they'd consider taking on a student for a short placement.

Read more about work experience and careers on our [website here](#).

Jobs & Careers

What is it like to work in a vineyard?

Vineyards are agricultural areas where grapevines are cultivated for grape production. They're used to grow healthy, high-quality grapes for a range of purposes, including wine, grape juice, and raisins. Beyond grape cultivation itself, vineyards contribute to the broader economy by supporting the food and wine industry, providing employment across both regional and seasonal roles, and drawing tourism through tastings and vineyard tours.

Every vineyard is different, but there are a few things you can generally expect:

- A genuine connection to the land, since the work is about keeping growth healthy, productive, and sustainable over the long term
- A reasonable level of physical stamina, since many roles, though not all, involve outdoor work in variable weather
- Seasonal shifts in workload, since roles and responsibilities change significantly depending on the time of year, particularly around harvest

Cultivate grapevines for wine, juice, or fruit

Vineyards sit within the agriculture, forestry, and fishing industry, and come in a few distinct types depending on what they're growing for. Winemaking vineyards focus on producing grapes for wine production, table grape vineyards grow varieties intended for direct consumption, and raisin vineyards specialise in cultivating grapes suited for drying.

Scale matters too. A small, family-run vineyard might have staff covering several roles at once, from pruning to running the cellar door, while a larger commercial operation is more likely to have dedicated teams for growing, processing, and visitor experience.

Key tasks

- Prune and train vines along trellises to support optimal growth
- Monitor soil health, and build and repair irrigation systems as needed
- Protect vines from pests and disease throughout the growing season
- Harvest ripe grapes once they reach the right point, often called vintage in the wine industry
- Sort, process, and coordinate transport logistics for harvested grapes
- Guide visitors on tours and advise on tasting and food pairing
- Sell products directly from the vineyard, including cellar door sales
- Keep thorough records and documentation across growing, harvest, and sales

You can expect varied hours and on-site work

Working hours for vineyard employees vary depending on the time of year and the specific role. You'll typically work longer hours during the growing season, and especially during vintage, when ripe grapes need to be picked and processed within a narrow window. Weather conditions can also shift working hours at short notice, since decisions like when to harvest depend on catching the right conditions.

While some administrative and marketing tasks can be done remotely, the core activities involved in vineyard management and grape cultivation mainly require hands-on, on-site work.

Vineyards are also more commonly found in rural areas than metropolitan ones. Rural areas offer the expansive land and specific environmental conditions, such as suitable soil types and climates, that grape cultivation depends on.

The Career Clusters you'll find in a vineyard

People from all [Clusters](#) are needed for a vineyard to run successfully, but the most common ones you'll find are Makers, Informers, and Coordinators. In many roles, you might find yourself performing tasks across multiple Clusters at once.

What do Makers do in a vineyard?

Makers in a vineyard play a crucial role in growing, maintenance, and operations. They might repair and maintain physical infrastructure, operate machinery like tractors and mechanical harvesters to plant, water,

and process grapes, or drive the trucks that transport goods to and from the vineyard. Their tasks involve hands-on work, technical expertise, and a solid understanding of the equipment and systems involved.

- Farmers & Harvesters
- Equipment Technicians
- Maintenance Workers
- Truck Drivers

The role of a Linker in a vineyard

Linkers in vineyards help build connections with suppliers and customers, while promoting the vineyard's offerings and reputation to the wider public. They answer questions for visitors and customers, maintain relationships between suppliers and wholesalers, and put together marketing materials to promote the vineyard through channels like social media, cellar door signage, or wine club communications.

- Visitor Liaisons
- Supplier Relationship Officers
- Marketing Specialists

Where you'll find Coordinators in a vineyard

Coordinators are responsible for the administrative and managerial functions of a vineyard, and mostly work behind the scenes. This can include planning harvesting schedules, monitoring staff performance, managing inventory and ordering supplies, organising events held at the vineyard, keeping thorough records, or overseeing budgets and spending.

- Operations Managers
- Event Planners
- Logistics Managers
- Administrative Assistants

What do Informers do in a vineyard?

Informers apply detailed knowledge of agriculture, winemaking, and food to improve the quality and quantity of a vineyard's output. They might select appropriate grape varieties for the site's soil and climate, monitor soil and plant health, develop new pest control methods, test grapes for sugar content and ripeness, or provide visitors with in-depth information on the vineyard's history and processes.

- Viticulturists
- Agronomists
- Food Technologists
- Tour Guides

The role of Innovators in a vineyard

Innovators help develop new infrastructure, systems, and processes to improve a vineyard's output. They might design new equipment for grape growing and cultivation, create more efficient grape processing systems, implement sustainable growing practices, find ways to bring emerging technology into the visitor experience, or create branding for packaging and advertising.

- Engineers
- Systems Developers
- Experience Designers
- Graphic Designers

How do Guardians work in a vineyard?

Guardians in a vineyard play a vital role in the health, safety, and wellbeing of both the vineyard and its workforce. They do this by implementing and overseeing safety protocols, ensuring the vineyard complies with relevant industry and environmental standards, or providing emergency first aid to injured workers or visitors. This can extend to areas like chemical handling procedures for pest control products, and machinery safety around harvesting equipment.

- Workplace Health & Safety Officers

- Compliance & Standards Officers
- First Aid Officers

How to get started in vineyard work

Vintage is usually the easiest way into the industry without any prior experience. Vineyards need a lot of extra hands over a short, intense window when grapes are ready to pick, and this seasonal work tends to prioritise reliability and a willingness to work outdoors over formal qualifications. It's a realistic starting point for a student looking to test out the industry over a school holiday period.

From there, the right next step depends on which side of the work appeals to you:

- For the hands-on growing and maintenance side, covered by Makers and Informers, a vocational qualification in an area like production horticulture or viticulture is the common route, often paired with a traineeship where you're paid to work on-site while you study
- For the coordination and outward-facing side, covered by Coordinators, Linkers, and Innovators, relevant study areas include agriculture, business, marketing, or environmental science, usually combined with practical experience gained on-site
- For the safety and compliance side, covered by Guardians, the qualifications involved are often broader workplace health and safety certifications that apply across many industries, not just vineyards

Reaching out directly to a local vineyard to ask about work experience or casual seasonal roles is a straightforward way to get a feel for the work before committing to formal study in any of these directions.

How do we expect working in a vineyard to change in the future?

Like many other workplaces, vineyards will see significant change in the years ahead, driven by advancing technology, climate change, and rising demand for sustainability.

Increased use of technology, such as drones for monitoring vine health, precision agriculture tools, and data analytics, is expected to change the way workers approach tasks like harvesting, processing, and pest management.

There's already a growing global emphasis on sustainable and organic farming practices. Vineyards may need to adopt eco-friendly solutions for pest control, water conservation, and energy efficiency to meet rising demand for environmentally conscious products from both consumers and retailers.

With shifting climate patterns, vineyards will also need to adapt by experimenting with new grape varieties suited to warmer or more unpredictable conditions, adjusting planting and harvesting schedules, and implementing practices that help reduce the impact of extreme weather events on a season's yield.

Find out more

Read more about different careers and workplaces on our website [here](#).

Jobs & Careers

What's the difference between data science and data analytics?

Data science and data analytics are two of the most talked about careers in the tech world right now, and it's common for people to use the terms without really knowing what separates them. Both involve working with data to help people make better decisions, but the type of question each one is trying to answer, and how they go about answering it, isn't quite the same. Getting a clearer picture of each could make it easier to work out which direction, if either, suits you better.

What is data analytics?

Data analytics is about looking at information that already exists to answer a specific question. A Data Analyst might be asked to work out why sales dropped in a particular month, which pages on a website people spend the most time on, or how a change to one process affected everything downstream of it. The goal is to make sense of information that's already been collected and turn it into something someone can actually use.

Before any of that analysis can happen, the data usually needs cleaning up. Records might be incomplete, formatted differently across systems, or duplicated in ways that would throw off the results. Once it's in a

usable state, analysts apply statistical methods to work out what's going on, then explain their findings clearly enough for someone without a data background to follow.

What is data science?

Data science starts from a similar place, but it usually goes a step further. Instead of only explaining what's already happened, a lot of data science work is focused on predicting what might happen next, or building something that can respond to new information without a person needing to step in each time. A Data Scientist blends statistics, programming, and elements of artificial intelligence to build models that learn from data and improve as more of it comes in.

The datasets involved also tend to be larger and messier, sometimes too complex to make sense of with simpler tools. A lot of the job is trial and error, testing different approaches until one actually holds up. An analytics project usually starts with a clear question that needs answering. A data science project can just as easily start with curiosity about what a dataset might reveal that no one thought to ask about yet.

What sets the two apart

There's plenty of common ground between the two. Both rely on statistics, both require patience working through messy information, and both only matter once the person doing the work can explain what they've found to someone else. That shared ground is part of why the two careers get mixed up so often.

The clearer difference is in the direction each one looks. Analytics tends to look backward, examining what's already happened to support a decision that needs to be made now. Data science tends to look forward, building something that can predict, adapt, or automate without someone checking every new piece of data that comes through. Building predictive models generally calls for a deeper background in programming and mathematics, while strong analytics work leans more on statistics and the ability to explain numbers in a way that makes sense to someone else.

What the daily work involves

Analysts typically spend their time in spreadsheets and database query tools, pulling, sorting, and summarising information, then building it into charts or dashboards that are easy to read at a glance. A typical day might involve digging into a dataset, checking it for errors, running a few calculations, and pulling together a report that answers whatever question a team or manager has asked.

Data Scientists lean more on programming languages built for handling large volumes of data, along with machine learning frameworks, tools that help build and test models capable of learning from patterns. Their day might involve writing code to clean up a dataset, trying out different modelling approaches, and checking how well a model actually performs before it's trusted to run on its own.

Neither role works in isolation. A model or a report only has value once someone else understands what it means, so both jobs involve regularly explaining technical findings to people who might not have a technical background themselves.

Study pathways

Both careers are usually studied at university, often through degrees in mathematics, statistics, computer science, or a dedicated data science or analytics program. Some universities offer these as standalone degrees, while others fold them into a broader science or commerce qualification as a major.

Strong performance in maths at school helps with either pathway, and data science degrees in particular tend to expect a solid grounding in programming from early on. Vocational qualifications and short courses in data analysis or coding can also open a way into analytics roles, especially for anyone who wants to build practical skills before committing to a full degree.

Both fields keep evolving quickly, so a lot of people working in them keep adding new skills well after they finish studying, through extra courses, on the job learning, or simply keeping up with how the tools change.

Working out which one fits you

Data analytics could be a good fit if you:

- Like solving clear, well-defined problems using information that already exists
- Enjoy explaining findings to people without a technical background

- Are comfortable working with spreadsheets, dashboards & reports
- Prefer having a specific question to answer rather than an open brief

Data science could be a good fit if you:

- Enjoy open-ended problems & testing different approaches to solve them
- Are interested in programming & building things that improve over time
- Like working with especially large or complex datasets
- Are curious about what data can reveal beyond the original question

Plenty of people end up moving between the two over the course of their career. The overlap between them means the skills you build in one tend to carry across if you ever decide to head toward the other.

Want to learn more about your future career options? [Check out our other guides and resources here.](#)

University

7 benefits of uni at school programs

Most students spend Years 11 and 12 doing exactly what everyone else is doing, the same subjects, the same exams, the same timetable. But there's another option that you may not have heard about. Universities let school students enrol in real university units, often for course credit, while they're still finishing their final years of school. It might be called "uni at school", "enhancement studies", or "university extension", depending on where you look. Whatever the name, the idea is the same; a taste of university, years before you actually start. If you want to dive into university-level subjects and experiences while still enjoying the familiar environment of high school; we'll explain what's involved, and why it could be worth a look.

What is uni at school, exactly?

They're programs designed to let school students study one or two university subjects alongside their normal school workload. You might attend lectures either on campus or virtually, join online tutorials, or complete coursework in your own time. There are often other benefits as well, like specific events, mentoring, networking, and more. At the end, you'll get graded, and in many cases, the points or grades could count towards a degree later on.

It's not the same as a school elective. You'll be taught by university lecturers, using university resources, and held to university standards. That's part of what makes it valuable.

1. Explore subjects your school doesn't teach

School curriculums are broad, but they can't cover everything. Uni at school programs could open the door to subjects like criminology, astrophysics, or public health, things you'd never usually encounter before enrolling in a full degree.

Or, if there's a subject area you love at school and intend to continue studying, you could get some insight into what a university course in the field would look like and get a jump on your tertiary studies.

Other than the chance to delve deeper into topics you love, you could also be gaining valuable insights into potential career paths before you enrol in a lengthy and potentially expensive degree.

2. Get a taste of university-level study

University study is different from school. There's often less structure, you'll need to do more independent reading, and you'll be given assessments where you'll have to form your own arguments rather than repeat what you've learnt. Doing a unit or two early means you'll find out if this style of learning is going to suit you. Plus you'll still have the safety net of school around you, rather than getting to grips with it during your first semester at university when you might also be learning to navigate life skills independently, and reducing the feeling of being overwhelmed.

3. Build confidence for the transition ahead

Starting university can feel like a big leap. You'll be managing your own timetable, navigating a much bigger campus, and figuring out how lectures and tutorials actually work. Students who've already done a unit or two tend to find that transition less daunting, simply because they've done it before and it feels more familiar.

4. Earn credits before you even finish school

You'll need to check details for any programs you're interested in, but many universities let you count a unit you've completed at school towards a future degree with them. That means less coursework once you officially enrol (more time to settle into uni life), and could sometimes even mean a shorter overall degree. Not every university offers this, and the rules vary, so confirm it with the university directly before you commit, especially if that's important to you.

5. Boost your university application

Colleges and universities tend to value applicants who have challenged themselves academically and shown a genuine interest in their chosen field of study, so highlighting your participation in these programs when applying to uni could really set you apart from other candidates. Completing a university-level unit while still at school also shows initiative as well as the motivation, organisation, and commitment you'll need to thrive at uni.

6. Experience university life

Depending on the uni at school program you choose, you might be able immerse yourself in the university environment while you're still in high school. Attending lectures on campus, using university facilities, joining events and networking opportunities, and interacting with current students. You could make friends who'll be studying at the same campus before you're even enrolled, which could have you looking forward to O-Week even more.

It's natural if the unknown feels a bit intimidating, but knowing the differences between high school and uni, knowing your way around uni systems and even campuses could give you a major edge when it comes to feeling ready and prepared for the changes after high school.

7. Expand your network

Building connections is always a great way to pave the way for future opportunities, and it's never too early to [network](#). Through uni at school programs, you'll meet professors, industry professionals, and fellow students who share your academic interests. These connections could provide mentorship, internship opportunities, and valuable insights into career paths you may want to pursue.

Things to check before you sign up

Uni at school isn't necessarily the right choice for everyone, and there are a few things worth thinking through first:

- **Workload:** You'll be adding university study on top of an already busy school timetable, so be honest with yourself about how much you can take on.
- **Cost:** Some programs are free for school students, others charge fees. Always check before enrolling and work out if there are other costs like transport or resources you'll need to cover.
- **Entry requirements:** Universities usually set a minimum school grade or teacher recommendation to take part.
- **Deadlines:** Applications often open months before the unit starts, do your research and don't leave it too late before making decisions and submitting your application.

Talking to your careers adviser before you apply is a smart move. They can help you weigh up whether it fits your current workload, and point you towards programs suited to your interests.

Ready to explore your options?

Uni at school won't be the right fit for everyone, but for students who want an early look at university life, or a subject their school simply can't offer, it's worth serious consideration. Have a browse of our [university resources](#) to find courses, entry pathways, and more information to help you decide what's next.

Job Spotlights

How to become a Surveyor

Precise spatial data underpins every construction, development, and infrastructure project ever built. Surveyors are the professionals who collect and interpret that data, working across urban and rural environments to establish the boundaries, measurements, and mapping that everything else depends on. If you're precise and methodical, enjoy a mix of outdoor and office work, and like knowing that your data underpins everything that comes after, surveying could be a strong fit.

What skills do I need as a Surveyor?

- Precise & detail-oriented
- Methodical approach
- Spatial & mathematical ability
- Technical equipment operation
- Strong report writer
- Independent worker
- Problem-solving mindset
- Collaborative with project teams

What do Surveyors do?

A significant part of your work happens in the field. You'll travel to sites to collect spatial and geographic data using GPS equipment, total stations, drones, and other surveying instruments. Before heading out, you'll review existing records, plans, and titles to understand what you're working with, plan your approach, and make sure your equipment is calibrated and ready. Preparation matters in surveying because errors in the field create problems that can take considerable time to resolve.

Back in the office, you'll process the data you've collected, prepare survey plans and technical reports, and communicate your findings to the engineers, planners, architects, and legal professionals who depend on your work. Much of this involves specialist software, and accuracy at every stage is non-negotiable. You'll also liaise with clients and government land agencies to make sure your outputs meet the relevant standards and requirements.

Over time, surveyors often develop expertise in particular areas of the field. Cadastral surveying focuses on land boundaries and titles. Engineering surveying supports construction and infrastructure projects.

Hydrographic surveying maps underwater environments. Mining surveying supports resource extraction. Each area draws on the same core skills but applies them in different contexts and industries.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Surveyors work for private surveying firms, engineering and construction consultancies, government land agencies, and resource companies. Some are employed by large organisations with ongoing survey needs, while others work for smaller practices covering a wide range of project types. The mix of field and office work is a genuine feature of the role, and it varies depending on the type of surveying you specialise in.

Hours and schedules are generally average, though fieldwork can involve early starts and travel to remote or regional locations, particularly for mining or infrastructure projects. The balance between field and desk time shifts depending on project demands and your area of work. Some roles offer moderate flexibility for office-based tasks, while fieldwork days tend to be structured around daylight and site access.

The work involves moderate physical activity, including carrying equipment across varied terrain, and exposure to the elements is part of the job. Salaries are average, and the outlook for the profession is moderate, supported by ongoing demand from construction, infrastructure, and land development activity.

How to become a Surveyor

- **Complete a relevant degree:** A bachelor's degree in surveying, spatial science, or a related field is the standard route into the profession. Programs typically cover geodesy, mapping, spatial data, and field methods. Check that your chosen program is accredited by the relevant professional body, as this is important for registration later in your career.
- **Work under supervision as a graduate:** After graduating, you'll work under the supervision of a licensed or registered surveyor, building your practical field and office skills across real projects. This

supervised period is a formal requirement for registration in most places, so it's a necessary step rather than an optional one.

- **Work toward registration:** Licensed or registered surveyor status is the professional benchmark in this field, particularly for cadastral work involving land boundaries and legal titles. The requirements vary by jurisdiction but generally involve a combination of qualifications, supervised experience, and an examination process.
- **Build technical proficiency:** Get comfortable with surveying software, GPS systems, and drone technology early. The tools of the trade continue to evolve, and surveyors who keep their technical skills current are well placed to take on more complex and varied work.

From here, you could progress to licensed surveyor status, take on project leadership or practice management roles, move into spatial data and GIS work, or develop deep expertise in a particular area of the field such as cadastral, engineering, or hydrographic surveying.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as a Surveyor, here are some practical steps:

- Focus on mathematics and science subjects, particularly those involving measurement, geometry, and data, as these form the technical foundation of surveying work
- Explore mapping and spatial tools such as Google Earth, open-source GIS platforms, or drone photography to develop an early feel for how spatial data is collected and used
- Reach out to local surveying firms or government land agencies to ask about work experience, as seeing the role firsthand is one of the best ways to understand what the day-to-day actually involves

Find out more about alternative careers on [our Job Spotlights page](#).

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