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Open Days & Info Sessions

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Open Day

Sat 3rd March - 9:30am to 2pm

Personalised tour of the campus. Interactive practical workshops. Chat With lecturers, instructors & Students. Free Lunch.

Where: 1 Chambers Rd, Leura NSW 2780

Reserve your spot now - http://info.bluemountains.edu.au/open-day-2018/?utm_source=organicwebsite&utm_medium=homepagebanner&utm_campaign=OpenDay

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Career Focus Days

Registration is now open for this 3-day residential program for students considering a career in the hospitality industry, designed for those aged 16 and over.

Cost is \$325 which is credited to your fees if you subsequently enrol.

Dates for 2018:

July 11-13

November 14-16

November 27-29

Register now - <http://www.bluemountains.edu.au/your-hospitality-career/career-focus-days/>

Torrens University Business Open Day

Saturday 21 April 10am to 2pm, [The Rocks Campus](#)

Open Day is a great opportunity for you to discover the strong industry partnerships, the modern campus facilities and interactive online platforms that give our students the best possible academic experience and positive career outcomes.

Register here - <http://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops/sydney-openday-business-2018>

Uni Showcase Starts Next Week

North West Region Showcase – 19 to 20 February

Tweed Region Showcase – 22 to 23 February

https://www.facebook.com/pg/SCUfuturestudents/events/?ref=page_internal

University of Melbourne – Meet Melbourne in NSW Events

The University of Melbourne will be visiting to give students, teachers and parents in the area the chance to talk to our friendly staff and find out more about

- Courses and career outcomes
- Making your new home in Melbourne
- Access Melbourne, our special entry and access scheme

Albury – 21 March, 6pm – 8.30pm @ Albury Entertainment Centre Theatrette

Wagga Wagga – 22 March, 6pm – 8.30pm @ International Hotel

Find out more -

https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/interstate

Southern Cross Uni Health Lab Facebook Live Tour

Tuesday 13 Feb 6pm (QLD Time)

Ross, our Lab Tech guru will take you on a guided live tour of our state of the art Health Lab facilities.

Please post your questions here and we'll be answering them live on the night, but don't worry if you forget because we'll also have a live Q&A at the end of the session.

Find out more - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1811725865536347/>

UTS Insearch Info Night

Info Night is an information session hosted by our Program Managers and current students. Attendees are invited to enjoy a tour of the campus, take part in live demonstrations and learn about the types of courses we offer and how they can lead into second year study of a UTS degree.

22 Feb, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

UTS Insearch, 187 Thomas Street, Haymarket 2000

Find out more - <https://www.insearch.edu.au/about/events/info-night-22-february-2018>

Endeavour College of Natural Health: Webinars

Attend these webinars to find out about studying different courses at Endeavour College of Natural Health.

Myotherapy: Monday 12 February, 4:30pm AEDT

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3258897877639111939>

Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine: Tuesday 13 February, 3:30pm AEDT

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6877750184949968643>

Acupuncture: Tuesday 13 February, 4pm AEDT

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/960491965005647361>

Naturopathy: Tuesday 13 February, 5pm AEDT

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2946164884838936065>

TAFE, VET & Apprenticeships

TAFE NSW 2018 Career Guide

Get your copy of the Career Guide by downloading it here -

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/contact?rto=Hunter%20%26%20Central%20Coast>

Wanting to pursue a career in the Retail Merchandising and Automotive Industry?

Vantage Automotive are currently looking for candidates to join our partner dealerships in Parramatta NSW, Zetland NSW, South Lismore NSW, Wollongong NSW, Five Dock NSW & Mosman NSW, as a Parts Interpreter Apprentice.

To apply for one of these positions as an Automotive Sales (Parts) Apprentice, follow the link below and fill out our online application form

<http://www.vantageautomotive.com/apprenticeship-application>

Find Out How Many Credit Points Your TAFE Qualification Will Be Worth

This credit transfer website is a guide to credits available for completed TAFE NSW qualifications to articulate into a University or Higher Education Provider degree.

<https://credittransfer.tafensw.edu.au/>

Master Painters Group Training FREE Boot Camps

Boot camps are regularly held at our Training Rooms at South Strathfield and is a wonderful opportunity for those wishing to become an Apprentice Painter and Decorator.

21 February – 23 February 2018

Time: 7.30am - 3.00pm

Where: Master Painters Australia NSW Association, 4-6 Gould St Strathfield South

Contact: 02 9758 8877.

Places are limited - [register now](#)

Find out more - <http://www.masterpainters.com.au/bootcamp>

Workshops & Courses

WhiteHouse Institute of Design Bachelor of Design is Starting Soon

The Bachelor of Design degree offers three specialisations; Fashion Design, Interior Design and Creative Direction and Styling.

The degree consists of six study periods in a trimester model and is completed within 2 years.

[Apply now](#) before it closes.

Find out more - <http://www.whitehouse-design.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-design>

NIDA HSC Workshops & Study Days

HSC Drama Performance

Comprehensive course for NSW students in year 11 and 12. Broaden your understanding of performance styles and develop improvisation, acting and devising techniques.

Years 11 & 12, cost is \$615

16–20 April 2018, 10am–5pm

8–12 Oct 2018, 10am–5pm

Find out more - <https://www.open.nida.edu.au/course/OHSCHDP>

HSC IP Study Day

HSC IP Study Day is a fantastic way for students to explore the creative process from conception to successful completion. Participants gain a practical understanding of what is involved in the project area of their choice.

Tuesday 30 October 2018, 9.30am–3.00pm

Book now - <https://www.open.nida.edu.au/course/OSCHSCIP>

HSC in the Holidays March Seminars

Our subject-specific seminars have been designed to provide you with the insight and understanding from our expert HSC Teachers in the lead up to the half-yearly exams.

UTS Seminars Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th March

Macquarie University Seminars Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th March

Find out more and register - <https://hscintheholidays.com.au/our-program/hsc-half-yearly-examination-seminars/>

Competitions & Scholarships

UTAS Marine Discovery Scholarship

The Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies is offering a scholarship to four Tasmanian and five interstate students to live the life of a marine biologist on Maria Island for five days. The program is open to Year 11 and 12 students and will run 18 – 23 April. Completion of the program will also count towards one unit of study at the University of Tasmania.

Applications close **Tuesday 27 February**.

Application forms can be received here –

<https://secure.utas.edu.au/imas/study/undergraduate/marinediscoverycompetition>

ANU Tuckwell Scholarship

This scholarship provides significant financial support for students planning to study at ANU in the future. It is awarded based on a number of criteria, including high academic performance. You can attend a webinar to understand more about the scholarship before applying.

Webinar dates:

Wednesday 21 February, 4pm AEDT

Tuesday 6 March, 7pm AEDT

More details – <https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/applying/attend-webinar>

NSW Family & Community Services Scholarships

Successful applicants will receive \$1,000 to help with education related expenses.

Applications can be submitted via the [online application form](#).

Entries close **5pm, Friday 23 February**

You are eligible to apply if you are:

- living in social housing (which includes public, community or Aboriginal housing), on the NSW Housing Register, receiving FACS private rental assistance, living in crisis/supported accommodation, or living in out-of-home care
- studying in Year 10, 11 or 12 at a NSW high school or TAFE, completing a school based apprenticeship or traineeship, or studying a VET subject at school in 2018
- an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- not earning an income higher than the NSW social housing eligibility limits (if earning an income)

Find out more - <http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/social-housing/facs-scholarships>

Resources, Guides & Other News

ADF Gap Year Applications Open

A Gap Year in the Australian Defence Force is more than just a great way to try out a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force. It's a fulfilling year of adventure, experiences, mateship, learning, leadership and travel.

Find out more - <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year/?faqCategory=1454724d-6b5c-4a69-b6fd-7ce4341b9fa4&faqTag=recruitment-process>

UMAT Registrations are now open

Registrations close 1 June, and the testing date is 25 July 2018.

Find out more - <https://umat.acer.edu.au/>

Want to run your own business one day?

Top Startup Business Tools – every business is unique, and if you're planning to join the 2.1 million small businesses currently in Australia then you'll need the tools to get you on your way.

Learn about what's out there (most of them have free versions of the software to get you started)

Read the article - <https://fishburners.org/startup-blog/top-30-tools-for-startups/>

Summer in Oxford Program

The CBL International Summer In Oxford offers high school students between the ages of 14 to 19 an exclusive opportunity to catch a glimpse of studying at prestigious universities in the United Kingdom.

Summer I: 1 July – 14 July 2018

Summer II: 15 July – 28 July 2018

Summer III: 29 July – 11 August 2018

Summer IV: 12 August – 25 August 2018

To apply, simply fill out the [application form](#) online.

They also offer a few scholarships - <http://summerinoxford.com/scholarships/>
Find out more - <http://summerinoxford.com/>

Info for Teachers

UTS Careers Advisers & Teachers Day

Thursday 15 March 8:30am – 2pm

Join us at this year's Careers Advisers and Teachers Day where we will update you on recent course changes, look back on our 2017 highlights and look forward to what we have planned for 2018.

Find out more and Register - <https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/high-school-students/resources-teachers/careers-advisers-and-teachers>

Australian Brain Bee Challenge

This challenge is for students in Year 10 to learn more about the brain and neuroscience. Students take part in an online quiz and will move onto further competition rounds if successful. Teachers can register as many students as they like before 9 March.

More details – <https://www.ans.org.au/abbc/>

Introducing coding into the curriculum

Careers with STEM have some great ideas for coding programs you can use in the classroom. Check them out here – <https://careerswithstem.com/5-best-computer-coding-resources/>

University of Newcastle Science & Engineering Challenge

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide STEM* outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle in partnership with communities, Rotary clubs, universities and sponsors.

Through the Challenge, students experience aspects of Science and Engineering which they would not usually see in their school environment.

The Challenge runs a range of programs but focuses on inspiring students in year 10 to consider a future career in science and engineering by choosing to study the enabling sciences and mathematics in years 11 and 12.

There are a huge number of events across Australia, some starting in the next month - <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-and-leadership/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-engineering-and-built-environment/science-and-engineering-challenge/events>

Find out more - <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-and-leadership/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-engineering-and-built-environment/science-and-engineering-challenge/about-us>

Challenge Days –

Armidale (UNE)	Highlands	7 Mar
Bathurst (CSU)	Bathurst	21 Mar
Bega	Sapphire Coast	16 Mar
Blue Mountains	Wentworth Falls	4 May
Bowral	Southern Highlands	28 May
Canberra	ACT	5 – 6 Apr
Cobar	Outback	8 Jun
Coffs Harbour	Coffs Harbour	10 Apr
Dubbo	Western Plains	26 - 27 Jun
Gosford	Central Coast	10 - 11 May
Goulburn	Southern Tablelands	27 - Jul
Inverell	Sapphire City	9 Mar
Kempsey	Kempsey	29 - 30 May
Lismore (SCU)	Northern Rivers	20 - 22 Jun
Muswellbrook	Coal and Allied Upper Hunter	13 Jun
Narrabri	North West	5 Jun
Newcastle (UON)	Newcastle	30 Jul - 3 Aug
Orange	Orange	23 Mar
Sydney - Campbelltown	Macarthur	10 - 11 May
Sydney - Kingswood (WSU)	Kingswood	TBC
Sydney - Lucas Heights	Lucas Heights	13 Mar

Sydney Olympic Park	Sydney Olympic Park	TBC
Sydney - Terrey Hills	Ingleside	8 May
Tamworth	Tamworth	21 Mar
Taree	Mid Coast	3 May
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Wagga	8 Mar
Wollongong (UOW)	Illawarra & SE	24 - 25 Jul
Young	South West Slopes	6 Mar

Discovery Days –

Armidale (UNE)	Highlands	6 Mar
Avondale	Avondale	13 - 14 Aug
Bowral	Southern Highlands	29 May
Cessnock	Cessnock	23 - 25 Oct
Dubbo	Western Plains	28 - 29 Jun
Dungog	Dungog	14 Sep
East Gosford	East Gosford	16 - 17 Aug
Gateshead	Gateshead	16 - 18 Oct
Kempsey	Kempsey	31 May
Lismore (SCU)	Northern Rivers	25 - 27 Jun
Maitland	Maitland	6 - 10 Aug
Muswellbrook	Upper Hunter	14 - 15 Jun
Narrabri	North West	6 - 7 Jun

Newcastle	Newcastle	3 - 7 Sep
Port Stephens	Port Stephens	27 Sep
Tamworth	Tamworth	20 & 22 Mar
Taree	Mid Coast	7 - 11 May

What you need to know about Work Experience – Part 2

Work experience is a program designed to give students a taste of what their careers might look like, before they choose their final year subjects.

It's a smart idea, and it gives you a chance to try out a career you've been considering before you tie yourself in to subject selection. Reading about a career, or even hearing stories from people employed in the profession isn't the same as actually seeing it for yourself. It's possible that you'll finish work experience positive about your future, and sure about your choices, but you could also rule out a career if it doesn't actually suit you.

What is Work Experience?

Students generally undertake work experience in Year 9 or 10 (or both), for around a week at a time. You can complete it in term or in the holidays, your school will know about it, and your 'employer' will be asked to report back on how you performed, and if you participated.

Work experience is an opportunity. That means that other people are doing something for your benefit, without asking for anything in return. Once you leave school opportunities like this become more difficult to find, so we always recommend that students should take advantage of work experience.

You won't be paid for your time, and that's because generally any work you may perform needs to be supervised and checked. Plus, your 'employer' will have invested time and energy into creating an experience solely for your benefit, without expecting anything in return.

You can do work experience as part of your school's program, or you can source your own work experience. As the job market gets more competitive work experience is becoming the norm for job applicants, and many tertiary students undertake work experience as part of their qualification. So if you've missed your school's program, or the work experience you've already done didn't answer your questions, then see if you can organise some more.

And remember: There are thousands of opportunities across a huge range of industries. But you'll learn more if you try a job you are seriously considering, rather than choosing the 'fun' option. Put simply, if you don't really want to work with animals then don't apply to do work experience at the zoo.

Why do you need it?

There are many benefits to work experience. Basically, it's a free opportunity that could help you score a great job.

- People are more likely to hire you if you've tried a job and still like it
- It shows you have initiative and can try new things
- You'll have an opportunity to get a valuable reference from your 'employer'
- Network, meet potential future employers, find out about their graduate positions or if they offer apprenticeships and traineeships.

So how do I find Work Experience?

Look for advertised opportunities

- Either see what is out there and apply for a position – we often share opportunities in our newsletters and if you like the look of something then apply for it;
- Or, search for a position in a field you're considering.

Do you know someone in an interesting job?

If so, perhaps they will host you for a week.

Ask around.

Many of the best opportunities aren't advertised. Try putting together a cover letter and CV then applying as you would for a job. You're more likely to get a spot, plus you can chalk up some practice at applying for real jobs.

Ask your Careers Advisor or Guidance Counsellor.

They'll have a huge list of work experience opportunities you can take advantage of.

Make the most of every opportunity

Who knows, you might find the career of your dreams. Take the chance to clarify your thoughts and refine your list of possible career options, then use that information to pick your Year 11/12 subjects wisely.

Read this article (and lot's more) on the [Study Work Grow Blog](#)

Coming Soon

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

Tuesday 13 February

[Tropfest 2018 – Contemporary Film Festival begins](#)

[Year 10 Languages Day at UOW 8:45am](#)

Friday 16 February

[Sydney Women Startup Weekend](#)

Monday 19 February

[USQ Get Writing Prize Entries open](#)

We always love finding out about careers news, so if you know of any info about news or events which could go into our Newsletters, please email lucy@mhscareers.com

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