

23rd June, 2017

Dates for your diary

The Western Sydney Expo is on this weekend at The Dome, Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park. Dates are: 23rd June, 9.00 am – 3.00 pm, and 24th and 25th June, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm.

In addition to a large number of exhibitors from tertiary institutions and industry there will be over 100 lectures. To see details of the lectures please go to westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au.

The University of Notre Dame (UNDA) is holding an Early Offer and Parent Information Evening on Tuesday, 27th June at their Broadway campus. The session will provide information on Early Offer applications (closing on 21st July) including tips on putting together an application. It will also provide information for Year 12 students and their parents to find out more about transitioning from school to uni, student life on campus, HECS and FEE-HELP, as well as course information.. If you wish to attend please register for either the 4 pm or 6 pm session: <http://www.nd.edu.au/events/2017/early-offer>.

UNDA also is offering A Day in the Life of a Nursing Student at their Darlinghurst campus on Wednesday, 5th July. This is an opportunity to find out about their Nursing program, meet academic staff, engage in clinical activities, experience a Nursing lecture and tour the campus (lunch is provided). To register: <http://www.nd.edu.au/events/2017/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-nursing-student>



UTS is holding a Going Global Workshop on 4th July, from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm to allow students to explore global career options with UTS Global Studies. This is a hands-on day for Year 11 and Year 12 students, organized by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Registration is essential; email to fass.marketing@uts.edu.au.

Macquarie University is holding a Technology Taster Day for Year 11 and 12 students on Wednesday, 5th July, from 8.30 am – 3.45 pm. Lectures, practicals and tutorials will run in the areas of mechanical engineering, mechatronic engineering, electrical engineering, information technology, games design and data science. Lunch and some freebies are included. If you wish to attend please register by 4th July at: <http://www.cvent.com/events/technology-taster-day/event-summary-c6499cf8391e4994b06f6275aac0e10f.aspx>.

Applications for the **Early Achievers' Program at ACU** close on Monday, 17th July. Successful applicants will benefit from lower minimum ATARs and receive an offer for study at ACU as early as August. Visit www.acu.edu.au/early-achievers for videos which explain the program and eligibility criteria, as well as tips on preparing, submitting and monitoring applications.

Auditions

Students seeking to enrol in music and drama courses at tertiary institutions need to check carefully whether there is an audition requirement for their course. For students thinking of applying to universities for such courses it is vital to include these courses in the applications which close on 29th September. Such courses can be removed from the application at a later date but cannot be added after that closing date.

Western Sydney University is holding audition weeks for their music courses from 10th – 14th July and 11th – 15th September. Visit westernsydney.edu.au/musicfestival to book an audition and be eligible for an early offer to your music degree.

Scholarships

The University of Wollongong will open their scholarships applications on 1st August, closing on 30th November. Further information is available from uow.edu.au/about/scholarships.

Macquarie University has opened applications for their Bachelor of Actuarial Studies with the degree of Bachelor of Professional Practice Co-operative education program. This highly competitive course will see students alternate between classroom studies and vocational placements throughout the four-year course, while also receiving a scholarship valued at \$18 200 per year for the duration of the course. High performing 4-unit Extension 2 Mathematics students interested in the actuarial profession are strongly encouraged to apply for the Co-op program. Note that in addition to excellent academic results applicants need to be able to demonstrate exceptional communication, teamwork, problem solving, innovation, service and leadership skills.

To be competitive students will need to be Australian citizens or residents, or New Zealand citizens, and have achieved a minimum of 98.50 ATAR. Students expecting an ATAR of 97 or above are encouraged to apply. No bonus points (except EAS) will be considered for this requirement.

Applications close at 5.00 pm on Friday, 29th September, 2017 and applicants need to submit an application form as well as selecting the degree as one of their UAC preferences.

Short-listed applicants will be contacted in the first week of November to schedule an interview. Interviews will be held at Macquarie University on 27th, 28th or 29th November. Those successful at interview will receive a conditional offer pending all final ATAR results.

For further information call 9850 6410 or send a query through ask.mq.edu.au or talk to them on Open Day, 19th August. The application form is found at <https://eforms.mq.edu.au/Coop>.

A great government website for careers

The government-sponsored website: jobjumpstart.employment.gov.au provides a wealth of information for individuals at all stages of their careers search. For young people still at school the focus is on:

- Choosing the right field of work
- Choosing a university or training course, and providers
- Starting a new job

Start exploring today!

TAFE Degrees

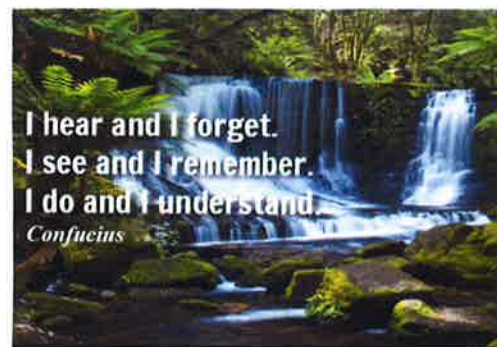
For some young people the best place to start tertiary education can be by taking a vocational degree. Many private institutions offer vocationally-based degrees, as does TAFENSW.

TAFE offers degrees which cater for students who learn best by doing. Their degrees, developed in conjunction with industry partners, are relevant and up-to-date with current practice.

The TAFE degrees include:

- ✚ Bachelor of Applied Commerce, majoring in Accounting or Financial Planning
- ✚ Bachelor of Business
- ✚ Bachelor of Property Valuation
- ✚ Bachelor of 3D Art and Animation
- ✚ Bachelor of Fashion Design
- ✚ Bachelor of Design (Interior Design)
- ✚ Bachelor Early Childhood Education and Care (Birth – 5)
- ✚ Diploma of Adult Education
- ✚ Bachelor of Community Studies
- ✚ Associate Degree of Applied Engineering (Renewable Energy Technologies)
- ✚ Bachelor of Information (Data Infrastructure Engineering)
- ✚ Bachelor of Information Technology (Network Security)

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Holiday activities

William Angliss Institute Sydney is offering Trial-a-Trade complimentary workshops on 4th July, from 10 am – 12 noon to look at careers in coffee, cookery, patisserie, travel, events, hospitality management. For more information please contact stacey@angliss.edu.au or call 9125 5110.

Accommodation at University

Students considering living in at university need to look at their accommodation options now. Please note that each university has a different application date and you need to check the latest date on which you can apply. For example, the University of Wollongong offers a guaranteed accommodation place for first year if you apply for it before 30th October.

ANU has announced that they will change their accommodation admission applications for the Accommodation Guarantee. Applications will now open on 20th August and close on 20th December.



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Visiting Open Days and Expos

UNSW has provided the following useful information on how to obtain the best results from such visits.

1. Plan your day

Check the event's website to see the list of exhibitors and download a map of where to find each exhibitor. Download the map and circle and work out your plan of attack for the visit.

2. Take a parent or friend

Things are better when they are shared. Parents find these days interesting, so take them along. They'll be keen to hear the information provided as much as you. Alternatively, you could take a like-minded friend – you may even find that you're interested in attending the same university or going on a similar gap year.

3. Talk with representatives

Follow your plan around the event, making sure you chat with a representative at each stand – that's what they're there for. Talking with a university rep? Some good questions to start off with are:

- Could you tell me more about this degree?
- What's the student life like?
- Are there any scholarships available?
- What my options if I don't reach the cut-off?

The staff are always friend and happy to answer questions from eager, potential students, so ask away.

4. Attend a lecture

Most of these events have a timetable of interesting seminars you can attend. Usually they cover a wide range of topics, like courses, careers, gap year and study abroad options, even HSC subject exam preparation. Check the event website to see a timetable of lectures.

5. Grab as many goodies as you can

Each exhibitor will have a booklet that you can take home and peruse. Not keen on lugging around masses of paper? UNSW has a new online personalized guide. Chat to the staff on how to get a copy. Ask other institutions if they have such a guide available – otherwise take home the paper.

Remember to take advantage of all the goodies available, from pens to notebooks, lollies, food. There's a lot waiting out there for you.

If you are going to the Western Sydney Expo, stop by the UNSW stall to get a yellow bag to put all your goodies in.

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Study Tips

With the HSC Trials coming very early in Term 3 it is inevitable that Year 12 will be spending a fair slab of the holidays in preparation.

This is the time to:

- catch up on any incomplete summaries;
- check up on any summaries that have let you down in recent assessments (if the content is only 80% complete you could be sitting for an exam /80 instead of /100);
- spend some time learning summaries well enough that you can shut your eyes and visual the words on the page;
- complete practice papers in all your subjects

Working on practice papers should take most of your allocated study time. Sometimes you may be working individual questions from past papers in areas that you know are weak. Other times you may be doing past papers under exam conditions to the time constraints of that paper. To get proficient at scheduling the time while working a paper requires solid practice before the actual exams. A good idea when working on timed past papers is to put a sign on your door showing the times you do not want to be disturbed.

Sometimes you may choose to work with a study buddy, or a group of four. On such occasions it is important that you agree ahead of time what you are going to do, divide up the work between you and teach the topic to the other person(s). There's nothing quite like teaching someone else to work out how well you know your topic. Working with others can be very useful but it is essential that the time doesn't just become a catch-up. Perhaps try setting a goal of working together for 1 – 2 hours and schedule in ½ hour at the end for coffee and catch-up.

Your teachers may have offered to help you with re-writes, questions. Just remember that it's their holidays too and don't expect instant answers.

You need to think about where you will study. If you can't find the quietness you need at home during the holidays consider using a local library for some, or all, of the time. This means leaving home in the morning with everything you need for the day, organised to make the most of your efforts. Sometimes libraries such as Kogarah, Hurstville and Sutherland become over-busy with HSC students in the school holidays and you might find it worthwhile to consider some of the smaller branch libraries, such as Penshurst, South Hurstville, Oatley, Miranda and Cronulla. The alternative is to invest in some really good headphones, stay home, and keep your bedroom door shut while you are working.

Despite the need to study during the holidays, it is important that you take some real time out to have an actual break. With three weeks of holidays, some students like to work in weeks 1 and 3 and take the middle week off, some take week 1 as a break and work in weeks 2 and 3, and come back to school up and running. Others will work each weekday for 8 – 10 hours and take all the evenings and weekends off. Think about what will work best for you, make yourself a list of everything you wish to accomplish, then sort it out, allocating tasks to each day.

Hang in there! The end is in sight and if you work calmly and consistently you are going to make it.

