

Newhaven College

Weekly Careers News

August 3, 2026

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](#)

[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](#)

[National Fashion College Open Day, Melbourne](#)

Organisation: National Fashion College

Location: National Fashion College, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 6, 2026

Unlock a world of limitless possibilities at National Fashion College, where your fashion journey begins at our iconic Melbourne Campus!

Step into a realm of unmatched creativity and immerse yourself in the forefront of fashion innovation. Our pioneering courses, dynamic internship opportunities, and exclusive access to the buzz of Australian, New York, and London Fashion Weeks will propel you into the heart of the global fashion scene. Get ready to be inspired, challenged, and transformed - we can't wait to welcome you! If these times don't suit you, you can always [book in for a private appointment or tour instead](#).

[Find out more](#)

[Federation Open Day 2026, Gippsland](#)

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Gippsland Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Experience Open Day at Federation University. From campus tours to live music and hands-on experiences, there's something for everyone.

Why come to Open Day?

- Tour the campus with current students
- Meet our academics, students and industry partners
- Enjoy food stalls, live music, games and giveaways
- Attend info sessions with expert course advice

[Find out more](#)

[RMIT Open Day 2026, Melbourne City](#)

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT University, Melbourne City Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Find your future at RMIT Open Day.

Get a taste of what it's like to study at RMIT, learn about our teaching spaces, inspiring facilities and services, and discover where RMIT students hang out between classes.

[Find out more](#)

[RMIT Open Day 2026, Brunswick](#)

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Location: RMIT University, Brunswick Campus

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[ACU Open Day 2026, Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 9, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

[Melbourne Polytechnic Hospitality Courses Information Session, Preston](#)

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Melbourne Polytechnic, Preston Campus

Date: August 10, 2026

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery - Non-apprenticeship
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate III in Patisserie
- Certificate IV in Hospitality
- Certificate IV in Kitchen Management
- Diploma of Hospitality Management

[Find out more](#)

[Chisholm Institute Info Day for Future Students, Frankston](#)

Organisation: Chisholm Institute

Location: Chisholm Institute, Frankston Campus

Date: August 12, 2026

Whether you want to start a new career, upskill in your current one or are still exploring your options, Info Day is your chance to experience Chisholm up close. Chat with our teachers, tour our campuses, and find out how we can support your study journey – for the better.

[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](#)

[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](#)

VU Open Day 2026, Footscray Park

Organisation: Victoria University

Location: Victoria University, Footscray Park Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Open Day is your chance to explore everything unis like VU have to offer – in person.

You can tour our campuses, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, chat with students and teachers, get course advice, attend hands-on workshops and demos, and experience what student life could look like for you! It's a really valuable experience to getting the inside scoop on campus and life at uni or TAFE in general before you even finish school.

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Geelong Waterfront

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waterfront Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

Come to Open Day to find out how studying at Deakin lets you gain practical experience, make industry connections and build career confidence – everything you need to land the job you want.

[Find out more](#)

University of Melbourne Open Day 2026

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

From robots and renewables to Renaissance art, Open Day is a chance to experience what it's really like to study, live and thrive at Melbourne.

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our campuses.

What's on at Open Day:

- Chat to our academics, Future Student teams and current students to learn more about your study options and the exciting careers they could lead to
- Get a feel for campus life by exploring the spaces you'll be learning in, including our labs, libraries, galleries and other specialist facilities
- Learn how our curriculum works, including how you can combine your passions and strengths to set yourself apart for whichever career you choose
- Explore our range of student accommodation facilities and the social activities and study support on offer

[Find out more](#)

Federation Open Day 2026, Berwick

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Berwick Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

Experience Open Day at Federation University. From campus tours to live music and hands-on experiences, there's something for everyone.

Why come to Open Day?

- Tour the campus with current students
- Meet our academics, students and industry partners
- Enjoy food stalls, live music, games and giveaways
- Attend info sessions with expert course advice

[Find out more](#)

Monash Open Day 2026, Parkville

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash University, Parkville Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

If you're considering studying at uni, coming to our Open Day is one of the best decisions you can make. You'll be able to discover key course information, explore our campuses, meet current students and staff, and get a taste of Monash life, firsthand.

Whether you want to get a feel for what you'll be studying, make sure you're on the right track, or simply picture yourself in one of our learning spaces, you should join us at Open Day.

[Find out more](#)

Deakin Open Day 2026, Geelong Waurin Ponds

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

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[Find out more](#)

Meet an Enviro Scientist Panel at La Trobe – for Year 7-12 Students

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Bundoora Campus

Date: August 18, 2026

Students will hear from La Trobe University environmental scientists and industry professionals from a diverse range of areas including ecology, freshwater and wetland management, restoration climate change adaptation, resource management, and conservation genetics. They will share their expertise, research and pathway to their STEM career.

Panelists for this event will be:

- Nadia Zerman: Soil microbiologist
- Hayley Sime: Botanist
- Dr Kerry Fanson: Conservation endocrinologist
- Aidan Fitt: Entomologist

After an interactive Q&A panel discussion, participants will have the option to network with our panelists to build valuable connections with both student researchers and established academics.

This event is part of the [Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series](#), providing free extension opportunities for high-ability students in Victorian Government Schools. Funded by the Department of Education's Student Excellence Program.

[Find out more](#)

[Swinburne Engineering Info Session](#)

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: AMDC301 Swinburne University Hawthorn campus

Date: August 20, 2026

Join us on campus to find out with a deep dive on our Bachelor of Engineering. You'll get a breakdown of our different majors, hear about scholarships, and visit some of the labs used by engineering students. We'll also have current students sharing their experiences – including why they chose Swinburne for engineering.

This info session will include:

- a 60-minute presentation on the Bachelor of Engineering, including a Q&A
- networking with Swinburne staff, students and industry partners
- a look at our Smart Structures and Digital Construction labs
- complimentary light refreshments.

[Find out more](#)

[AIM August Open Day, Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Melbourne Campus

Date: August 22, 2026

Join us at the Australian Institute of Music's Melbourne August Open Day and get a real feel for what it's like to study in one of the world's most exciting music cities.

Wander through our recording studios and performance spaces, chat with inspiring mentors and industry pros, and meet students and alumni who are already making waves in the industry, both at home and abroad. You'll also have the opportunity to immerse yourself in hands-on workshops and interactive sessions that showcase the energy and creativity that connects our campus community. Plus, get insider tips on courses, career options, and how to start carving your path in the industry. Whether you're exploring what's next or ready to turn your passion into your profession, our Melbourne Open Day is here to help you uncover your creative path.

[Find out more](#)

[Deakin Open Day 2026, Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin University, Melbourne Burwood Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

We're opening up our campuses again in August 2026! Experience first-hand why Deakin is the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction and graduate employment.

Come to Open Day to find out how studying at Deakin lets you gain practical experience, make industry connections and build career confidence – everything you need to land the job you want.

[Find out more](#)

[ACU Open Day 2026, Ballarat](#)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Ballarat Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

[La Trobe Open Day 2026, Bendigo](#)

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe University, Bendigo Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.
- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more](#)

[Federation Open Day 2026, Ballarat](#)

Organisation: Federation University

Location: Federation University, Mt Helen, SMB & Camp Street Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

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Why come to Open Day?

- Tour the campus with current students
- Meet our academics, students and industry partners
- Enjoy food stalls, live music, games and giveaways
- Attend info sessions with expert course advice

[Find out more](#)

[ACU Year 12 VCE Revision Webinars](#)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: August 24 to August 27, 2026

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone.

Join our free online webinars from 24 - 27 August 2026. They are live, expert-led sessions designed to help you walk into your exams feeling prepared.

Can't attend live? Register anyway – recordings are available to registered attendees for one week after each webinar.

[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](#)

[Swinburne University Aviation Info Session for Future Students](#)

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: Swinburne Hawthorn Campus

Date: August 26, 2026

Join us on campus to get all the need-to-know details on studying aviation at Swinburne. You'll get a breakdown of all our different aviation courses, hear insights on entry requirements, and get expert tips on career opportunities. We'll also cover financial info, including scholarships.

This info session will include:

- a 60-minute presentation on Swinburne's aviation program and courses
- networking with Swinburne staff and industry partners
- complimentary light refreshments.

[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](#)

[Swinburne Health Info Session](#)

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: AMDC301 Hawthorn campus, Swinburne University

Date: August 27, 2026

Join us on campus for all the need-to-know details on studying health at Swinburne.

Get a breakdown of our different courses and majors, including health science, exercise and sports science, nutrition, and biomedical science. You'll also learn about entry requirements and even hear expert career tips.

This info session will cover the following health courses:

- Bachelor of Health Science
- Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science
- Bachelor of Nutrition
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science

[Find out more](#)

[Collarts Open Day 2026, Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Australian College of the Arts

Location: Collarts, Melbourne Campuses

Date: August 29, 2026

At Collarts, our Open Day is all about making this process simple and hands-on. Information sessions, workshops and the chance to chat with students, teachers and leaders are an important part of learning more about what sets us apart from the rest.

From guided tours to live demonstrations, here are some of the activities you can catch at the next Collarts Open Day:

- **Guided tours:** Experience our campuses firsthand with guided tours led by our enthusiastic Student Ambassadors.
- **Info hubs:** Our info hubs provide convenient drop-in spaces where you can have direct conversations with Program Leaders, Academics, and students about your desired course.
- **Demonstrations:** Demonstrations are your chance to see our course content come to life. They allow you to be actively involved in projects and see our cutting-edge equipment in action, so you can get a firsthand preview of what studying at Collarts is really like.
- **Displays:** Our campus displays are positioned throughout different areas of our campuses, offering a showcase of our community's achievements and journeys.

If you have specific accessibility needs or require additional assistance, please contact Collarts in advance, and they will do their best to assist you.

[Find out more](#)

[Torrens University Open Day 2026, Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Torrens University, Flinders Street Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

Come and meet our academics and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about early entry, scholarships, entry pathways and our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and see firsthand how exciting studying in Melbourne can be.

- Talk to our academics and Future Student Advisors about choosing courses, scholarships and the application process.
- Embark on a guided tour of our campus facilities and get a feel of our recreational spaces, teaching spaces and more.
- Meet our current students and find out what their experiences studying at Torrens University is like.

[Find out more](#)

[VU Open Day 2026, City Tower](#)

Organisation: Victoria University

Location: Victoria University, City Tower Campus

Date: August 30, 2026

Open Day is your chance to explore everything unis like VU have to offer – in person.

You can tour our campuses, explore our state-of-the-art facilities, chat with students and teachers, get course advice, attend hands-on workshops and demos, and experience what student life could look like for you! It's a really valuable experience to getting the inside scoop on campus and life at uni or TAFE in general before you even finish school.

[Find out more](#)

[Monash Information Evening – Webinar](#)

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online

Date: September 1, 2026

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.

[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](#)

[Chisholm Institute Info Day for Future Students, Dandenong](#)

Organisation: Chisholm Institute

Location: Chisholm Institute, Dandenong Campus

Date: September 9, 2026

Whether you want to start a new career, upskill in your current one or are still exploring your options, Info Day is your chance to experience Chisholm up close. Chat with our teachers, tour our campuses, and find out how we can support your study journey – for the better.

[Find out more](#)

[Whitehouse Institute of Design Fashion Illustration Workshop – Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design

Location: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 19, 2026

In this 1-day workshop, you will gain an understanding of how to complete Fashion Illustrations. At the end of this workshop, you will have covered illustration content ready for an application to study a creative degree and receive a certificate of completion.

The workshop focuses on the following areas of skill development:

- Fashion illustration techniques and methods
- Application of pencils, professional markers, and felt-tip pens for professional rendering
- Fabric texture and surface rendering
- Exploring an individual design aesthetic.

This workshop is for aspiring designers as a starting point for those wishing to develop their illustration skills.

[Find out more](#)

[Whitehouse Institute of Design Studio Lighting and Fashion Photography Workshop – Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design

Location: Whitehouse Institute of Design, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 21, 2026

This is a hands-on 1-day workshop designed for aspiring photographers eager to learn the fundamentals of camera settings, studio lighting, and fashion photography.

Whether you're just starting out or looking to strengthen your technical foundation, this workshop will guide you through the essentials—from mastering manual mode to setting up professional lighting and capturing dynamic fashion portraits.

Perfect for beginners looking to expand into the world of studio and fashion photography.

[Find out more](#)

[AIM Music Theatre Audition Workshop, Melbourne](#)

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: Australian Institute of Music, Melbourne Campus

Date: September 29 to September 30, 2026

If musical theatre is your passion, this is where your industry journey begins.

AIM's Music Theatre Holiday Workshop is an immersive two-day experience designed for high school students who are serious about pursuing a career in musical theatre.

Working directly with the industry professionals who teach our Bachelor of Music Theatre, you'll build the skills, refine your repertoire, and receive the kind of hands-on feedback that prepares you to walk into your Bachelor of Music Theatre audition with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

[RMIT University Student for a Day Experience for Year 10-12 Students](#)

Organisation: RMIT University

Location: RMIT City Campus

Date: September 30, 2026

Want a taste of life after high school? Register your interest in being a Student for a Day at RMIT this September school holidays.

Aimed at high school students in Years 10, 11 and 12, this event will let you experience student life at RMIT and discover more about our courses.

[Find out more](#)

[Swinburne Innovation in Action for Year 10-12 Students](#)

Organisation: Swinburne University of Technology

Location: Swinburne University of Technology, Hawthorn Campus

Date: September 30, 2026

The Swinburne Innovation in Action school holiday program is a 1-day program based at our Hawthorn campus where Year 10 - 12 students are given the knowledge and tools they need to come up with brilliant new ideas to solve real-world problems.

In this free program, you will:

- Identify and analyse a real-world problem
- Design possible solutions to your chosen problem
- Create a rapid prototype for your solution
- Pitch and evaluate your prototype with your peers

[Find out more](#)

[CDW Studios Digital Art Holiday Workshop for Ages 14+ Melbourne & any age Online](#)

Organisation: CDW Studios

Location: CDW Studios, South Bank Campus & Online

Date: October 2, 2026

Our **FREE** holiday workshops give students an opportunity to attend a full day workshop with some of Australia's best professional artists. Held in **Adelaide, Melbourne & Sydney** during school holidays, participants get an introductory insight to the industry whilst learning techniques that they can apply straight away!

Our free holiday workshops are perfect for beginners who wish to learn more as well as more experienced artists who want to push their work to the next level. These courses are a fantastic starting point for those who are curious about venturing into the competitive world of visual effects and entertainment design.

Take this rare opportunity to learn from professional artists in a fun, engaging environment.

[Find out more](#)

Create for a Day at SAE Melbourne

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Melbourne Campus

Date: October 3, 2026

This October school holidays, SAE University College Melbourne 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
- Film
- Games
- Songwriting & Electronic Music Production
- VFX

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](#)

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](#).

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](#).