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Careers News



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UOW Parent & Student Information Evenings

The UOW Information Evenings are designed to inform students and their parents/carers about life after High School and studying at University.

Year 10 Subject Selection and Information Webinar 29 March 2023, 6pm – Zoom Online

Selecting subjects to study in Year 11 & 12 can be an overwhelming decision. This event is designed to empower Year 10 students to make informed subject selection decisions aligned to their study and career goals. Register here: https://uow_srd.swoogo.com/infoevenings2023

Upcoming Events:

Wollongong Parents & Students Info Evening Thursday, 4 May, 2023, 5:30 pm, UOW Wollongong Campus

Wollongong Parents & Students Info Evening Thursday, 17 May, 2023, 6:00 pm, Online via Zoom
Register here: https://uow_srd.swoogo.com/infoevenings2023

UOW Early Admission Application Webinar Wednesday, 28 June, 2023, 6 pm, Online via Zoom

Register here:

https://mkto.uow.edu.au/20230628-Online-EAAceYourAppWebinar_Registration.html

UOW Wollongong Open Day Saturday, 5 August, 2023, 10 am - 3 pm, UOW Wollongong Campus

UOW Early information about Early Admission (EA)

If you are planning to apply this year, stay up to date by registering at:
https://mkto.uow.edu.au/School-Leaver-Newsletter_Subscription-Page.html

For information about entry through Woolyungah:

<https://www.uow.edu.au/about/services/woolyungah-indigenous-centre/future-students/indigenous-admissions-program/>



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The 2023 Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship recipients celebrated at UOW

In times of the global economic crisis, grim climate change prospects and a housing conundrum, we're in desperate need of change-makers to protect the future of our world.

In 2022, [the Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship was launched](#) at the University of Wollongong (UOW). And this year, for the second time, it has brought amazing talent to the Illawarra. On the 8 March, the new Vice-Chancellor's Leadership scholars were officially honoured and celebrated during a ceremony on the Wollongong campus.

"Paths are made by walking – as an Indigenous saying goes. Our new scholars may not know their whole academic journey ahead and what will happen right after it, but they are in the right place for a fantastic intellectual adventure. I can't wait to witness the journey of exploration and transformation their UOW experience will take them on," said UOW [Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Patricia M. Davidson](#).

The Vice-Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship was established to inspire a new generation of young, local, passionate leaders and give them knowledge and skills to become the future change-makers from and for the region of Illawarra and beyond.

As a part of the scholarship, each student undertakes a series of inspiring leadership training seminars. They also receive academic and industry mentorship, [being matched with high-level companies and institutes](#), and a chance to attend [networking](#), leadership and global study opportunities to cultivate their skills as future leaders.

This year, from more than 100 applications, the panel selected 12 scholars. The awarded students hail from many parts of the Illawarra, Eden-Monaro and South Western Sydney. They will pursue a wide range of degrees, from engineering, science and law to business, arts and nursing. I am proud to announce that 2 of the 12 selected applicants were students of our 2022 cohort and on behalf of our College I would like to congratulate:

Will Douglas, Back row, second from the left. Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics - Bachelor of Laws, and **Elijah Hurley**, Back row first from left. Bachelor of Economics and Finance - Bachelor of Laws.





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UAC News

ATAR eligibility for our year 10 cohort 2023

There are changes to ATAR eligibility rules for the 2023 Year 10 cohort. Board Developed courses will no longer be classified as Category A or Category B. This means that 2023 Year 10 students will be able to study more VET framework courses and have them included in the calculation of their ATAR.

To be eligible for an ATAR in 2025, students will need to study:

- 10 units of Board Developed courses
- 2 units of English
- 3 Board Developed courses of 2 units or greater
- 4 subject areas.

This information will also be set out in the booklet, *Steps to Uni for Year 10 Students*, which I have ordered, and will be available in Term 2.

UAC 2023 Key dates

05 Apr 2023 – 07.30am	Applications open
18 Sept 2023 – 11.59pm	SRS applications close
29 Sept 2023 – 11.59pm	Early bird applications close
03 Nov 2023 – 11.59pm	Change of preferences close for first SRS offers
10 Nov 2023 – 07.30am	November Round 1/SRS offers released

SAE Create for a Day

<https://sae.edu.au/event/create-for-a-day-at-sae/>

SAE Institute is opening its doors this April for a one-day program, designed to expand your skills and get you working on inspiring creative projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, Music Production, or Songwriting.

Don't miss out on your chance to experience life as an SAE student and discover what it means to be a creative professional, in state-of-the-art facilities with industry experts by your side. During the workshop, attendees will learn valuable practical and collaborative skills to build a creative piece of work! They will also receive a certificate of participation to acknowledge the creative project they have undertaken.

Due to the level of workshop content, this event is open to school students aged 15 years and above (Year 10 and over). **Cost:** \$25 per person (lunch included)

Unleash the Illusion and magic of movement!

Learn the practical skills used in 2D animation & 3D modelling, and apply visual effects to bring your design to life. Love games? Want to know more about the process of Games Development? Then this is the workshop for you! We'll introduce you to the principles of Games Development, including games software, programming languages, games design principles and psychology, prototyping, covering analog and digital games concepts.



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Residential Career Insight Program 2024 Enrolments are Now Open

Medicine, Psychology, Business, Engineering, Veterinary Studies & more

In 2022 NIE partnered with Immerse Education to introduce the Academic Insights Program to students in Australia. The program was conducted with **overwhelming success** in early January this year. Based on the demand and client feedback, immerse will be running the program again, but this time they have added more industries to choose from.

The 2024 program is scheduled to take place from the **3rd to the 13th of January 2024** at St Paul's College at the University of Sydney (USYD). This time, you can choose from any of the seven streams on offer, which are:

- Medicine
- Psychology
- Veterinary Studies
- Engineering
- International Relations
- Business Management
- Creative Writing

The National Institute of Education (NIE) Australia has partnered with Immerse Education to bring you the **Academic Insights Program for Medicine, Psychology, Veterinary Studies, Engineering, International Relations, Business Management, and Creative Writing**

The Academic Insights Program is designed to work as an instant accelerant to boost and fast-track the development of individual drive and motivation. The program will see students live and study at Australia's top-ranked university, The University of Sydney. Just like university students, participants will attend lectures, tuitions, complete a research assignment, and of course, be involved in an array of social and cultural activities. As this is a residential program, students will be living at St Paul's College (University of Sydney) residential facility for the duration of the program.

The academic components of the program will be facilitated by academics from Oxford and Cambridge Universities, who will fly in and stay for the 10-day duration of the program. In addition to all other activities, students will be receiving a Certificate of Completion, a detailed personalised performance review, and a personalised letter of recommendation, which they can use for applying to universities and various scholarship programs.

Please note, that the number of places for this program is limited and strictly capped for each faculty, therefore, if you are interested, then please **ENROL** soon to avoid the disappointment of missing out.

Program Inclusions:

- 10 nights' accommodation in a college at the University of Sydney
- Breakfast, lunch, and dinner in College Hall
- Accommodation in an individual bedroom
- 35 hours of academic sessions from Oxford University and Cambridge University tutors
- Carefully designed study and lecture materials
- Mentor program and access to support material
- Formal hall dinners at the University of Sydney
- Visits to iconic landmarks including Sydney Opera House, Darling Harbour, and the Taronga Zoo
- Cultural and social activities including Australian Football, Cricket, and opportunities for BBQ
- Graduation ceremony and certificate
- A detailed evaluation is written by the tutors
- Mentor family photograph
- Free premium membership to UniPrepare's 'Nurture' plan

For more detailed information about the cost and how to enrol please visit:

<https://www.nie.edu.au/academic-insights-program>

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National Careers Institute information

Have produced resource to support students in years 10, 11, 12 to navigate their post school choices. These can be found at: <https://www.yourcareer.gov.au/school-leavers-support>

Australian Jobs

Welcome to the 2022 edition of Australian Jobs. This publication provides an overview of trends in the Australian labour market to support job seekers, employment service providers, career practitioners, those considering future training and people interested in labour market issues.

<https://www.yourcareer.gov.au/resources/australian-jobs-report>

Career Targets (Bullseyes)

This useful tool allows students to research careers according to their strength area at school.

https://content.yourcareer.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-12/bullseyecolour2_0.pdf

HECS information

When you start thinking about university, you also begin to hear words and acronyms like HECS, HELP and CSP that seem pretty important – but don't make much sense at first.

Pay the blue slice now (upfront each semester) or **pay it later** (defer the payment - this is called your HECS-HELP loan).

HECS = Higher Education Contribution Scheme = the type of loan you take out as a uni student to pay your contribution of your uni fees.

HELP = Higher Education Loan Program = this is the overall program that provides loans to eligible students (whether at TAFE, college or uni).

What is HECS-HELP?

This is a loan from the government. You don't have to pay your slice of the pie straight away, you can pay it later if you are eligible.

For all **eligible** undergraduate students), government funding covers most of your uni fees.

<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/commonwealth-supported-places-csps#AmIEligible>

These uni places are called CSPs: **Commonwealth supported places.**

<https://www.studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/commonwealth-supported-places-csps#WhatIsACSP>

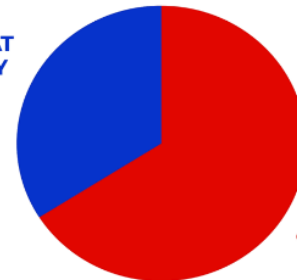
After the government funding has been contributed to your degree, there will be some left over for you to pay. This is called your Higher Education Contribution - your HECS (the S stands for Scheme). Eligible Commonwealth supported students can either pay their HECS fees upfront (if you're lucky enough to be able to do this, you will save \$\$ through the 10% HECS-HELP **upfront payment discount**), or defer the payment with a HECS-HELP loan from the government.

Am I eligible?

All domestic students are eligible for a CSP for their undergraduate degree. However not all domestic students are eligible to access a HECS-HELP loan. Only Australian Citizens, New Zealand Special Category Visa Holders who meet eligibility, and Permanent Humanitarian Visa Holders are eligible to defer their fees via HECS-HELP Loan. Other domestic students, such as permanent residents and New Zealand Citizens must pay their fees upfront by census date of each uni session.

Who pays my fees for uni?

WHAT YOU PAY



GOVERNMENT FUNDING



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How do I apply for a HECS-HELP loan?

When you enrol at uni you will be prompted to complete an online form that will ask you for your preferred billing option. You can choose to pay your fees all upfront; or make a partial payment and defer the remaining fee; or alternatively defer the whole payment via HECS-HELP Loan. You will be asked to provide your Tax File Number and then you're all set up for HECS and HECS-HELP.

What about interest?

Your HECS-HELP loan is interest free! However, it is subject to indexation (ergh). This means as everything else changes in value, your HECS-HELP will change too, so it stays in line with changes in the cost of living. The indexation is applied on 1 June each year on debts more than 11 months old. In 2018, loans went up 1.9 per cent.

When do I pay back my HECS-HELP loan?

When your income reaches \$46,620+

You will start paying back your loan when your taxable income reaches \$46,620 (the threshold as of February 2021). You will need to advise your employer if you have a HECS-HELP debt so your repayments can be deducted from each pay. Alternatively, a lump sum payment will be calculated when you do your annual return, which can leave you with tax bill instead of a tax return. The more you earn, the faster you'll be required to repay your loan. The repayment rate is worked out as a percentage of your income. To see the current payment threshold and repayment rates [visit StudyAssist](#).

When your income is less than \$46,620

Repayments aren't compulsory, but if you win the lotto, you should consider repaying it because your loan will continue to be indexed every year.

TIP: You can make **voluntary repayments** whenever you like through the Australian Tax Office (a good idea is to [create an online account](#) linked to your [MyGov](#) account so you can keep tabs on your [HECS-HELP balance](#), make payments via BPAY and lots more).

Is uni worth the investment?

We're pretty lucky in Australia that the government funds most of the cost of an undergraduate university degree. And, considering most of the fastest growing jobs and highest paying careers often require a post-school qualification, uni has become more and more important in preparing you for careers of the future.

For more information on HECS and CSP, visit studyassist.gov.au.

For more information on UOW Course Fees, visit uow.edu.au/student/finances.

To receive up to date information subscribe to:

https://mkto.uow.edu.au/School-Leaver-Newsletter_Subscription-Page.html



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Fit for Service



PCYC | POLICE CITIZENS
YOUTH CLUBS NSW

FITFORSERVICE

GOAL	Young people to gain knowledge, preparations and insight into Government and Armed Services.
OBJECTIVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved rapport with other services • Community engagement • Improved fitness levels for course completion • Increased recruits into services

The program will target a group of young people interested in joining the Armed Services or the Emergency Services. This program will focus on educating and preparing young people for a pathway into the Emergency services or the Armed Forces.

The program will engage young people with members of different services through mentoring and to allow young people a sneak peek into the variety of Government and Armed Services.

The program will be designed around testing protocols for National/ State based services i.e.. NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, NSW Fire Service and Australian Army, Navy and Air Force.

The program will focus on teamwork and educating young people in communication in the workplace, healthy lifestyles including personal hygiene, nutrition, and Mental Health wellbeing. Activities will be held at the Wollongong PCYC or excursions to other facilities.

The Term 2 program will run on Tuesdays over 9 weeks starting Week 2 on the 2nd May 2023. Students will either be picked up from the participating schools in the morning or they can make their own way to Wollongong PCYC. Start and finish times will vary slightly and a timetable will be distributed to successful applicants. However, as a general guide, the program will during school hours at a minimum.

PLEASE NOTE: TIMES MAY BE ALTERED PENDING AVAILABILITIES OF EXTERNAL AGENCIES AS WELL AS EXCURSION LOCATIONS. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY CHANGES AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

The program is free to participants. Students need to be open to be pushed by staff to participate and engage with **ALL** activities (including physical activities). The focus will be on participants completing activities.

POSITIONS ON THIS PROGRAM ARE VERY LIMITED SO EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE ENCOURAGED AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

For further information please contact:

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