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## Careers News



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Please note: This is my last newsletter for term 3. I will be occasionally checking my emails from overseas and will be returning on the first day in term 4, however, please direct any urgent enquiries to Mr Lee Morley.

## Young Endeavour Youth Scheme

Join a crew of young Australians and embark on a life-changing 11-day journey – learning not only how to sail a square-rigged tall ship, but how to lead, support others and work together as a team.

A voyage in *Young Endeavour* is fun, but it's not a relaxing holiday. You're stepping into a new world at sea and you will be required to be an active member of the crew and contribute to the voyage.

Be prepared to face your fears, push yourself out of your comfort zone and discover how you rise to challenges. By the end of the voyage, you and your fellow crew will take command of the ship and put your new skills to the test. It's an adventure like no other.

### Information may be found at:

[https://youngendeavour.gov.au/before-you-apply/voyages?gclid=Cj0KCQjwi7GnBhDXARisAFLvH4mEu8AqdoTtL7Rm5XJq-rPI5-fpsQbABHh7f5Rs8CUtQvANa6csJNsaAm9WEALw\\_wcB](https://youngendeavour.gov.au/before-you-apply/voyages?gclid=Cj0KCQjwi7GnBhDXARisAFLvH4mEu8AqdoTtL7Rm5XJq-rPI5-fpsQbABHh7f5Rs8CUtQvANa6csJNsaAm9WEALw_wcB)



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**The UOW Summer Master Classes Team**  
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## **Careers in the Equine Industry**

If you have a passion for the equine industry TAFE courses that may be considered are:

Certificate III  
in Horse  
Breeding  
(RGR30619)

Certificate III  
in Horse  
Care  
(ACM30821)

Certificate III  
Agriculture  
Horse Focus  
(ACM30116)

Certificate IV  
in Veterinary  
Nursing  
(ACM40418)

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in Farriery  
(ACM40418)

For further information visit:

**[tafensw.edu.au/agribusiness](https://tafensw.edu.au/agribusiness) 131 601**

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## **ADF gap year information**

**[https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year?qclid=Cj0KCQiAo-yfBhD\\_ARIsANr56g6\\_xi1NHRQNHos0HykwKzp7a1Vn\\_FB6S4DVbMp7bYRby6GYmX9yXLYaAvsjEALw\\_wcB&qclsrc=aw.ds&page=1&perPage=21&query=](https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year?qclid=Cj0KCQiAo-yfBhD_ARIsANr56g6_xi1NHRQNHos0HykwKzp7a1Vn_FB6S4DVbMp7bYRby6GYmX9yXLYaAvsjEALw_wcB&qclsrc=aw.ds&page=1&perPage=21&query=)**

### **01. Apply online, visit a Defence Force Recruiting Centre or call [131901](tel:131901)**

You will be asked to provide your:

- Personal details
- Academic achievements
- Job preference(s) (if you have them)

If sessions are available, you will be able to book a Your Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) session at the end of your application. The YOU session is designed to provide a less formal opportunity to find out more about the ADF. You will be able to talk to current serving Defence members about your interests and your eligibility for the many opportunities the ADF has to offer. Importantly you will not need to conduct the Fitness Test at the YOU session, this will not be conducted until after the Assessment Day later in the process.

### **What happens next?**

Your Case manager will contact you with regard to your application and invite you to attend a Your Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) Session at your local Defence Force Recruiting Centre. Make sure you read and understand the information we send you via your booking confirmation email.

In preparation for attending the YOU Session you need to log into your Candidate Hub to:

- Complete the Application Form. If you are under 18, make sure you have a discussion with both parents or legal guardian(s) in order to provide you with consent for testing.
- Complete the online Medical History Questionnaire.

If any of these documents are missing from your Candidate Hub, or you would prefer these forms emailed/posted to you please call [13 19 02](tel:131902).

### **Further reading**

Before your YOU Session you should download and read:

**[MEDICAL PROCESS FOR CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR ENTRY INTO THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE](#)**

**[GUIDE TO APTITUDE TESTING FOR JOINING THE ADF](#)**

### **02. Attend YOU Session**

At the Your Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) Session hosted at your local Defence Force Recruiting Centre you will:

- Complete any outstanding forms from the Candidate Hub
- Take an aptitude test
- Talk to a Careers Coach about the service and role(s) you are considering

### **03. Attend Assessment Session**

Once you have attended a YOU Session and have submitted your eligibility documents, you may be invited to an Assessment Session for:

- A medical assessment
- A psychological interview
- An ADF interview



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## 04. Attend Officer Selection

If you've chosen an officer role you will have your leadership, teamwork and other areas of potential assessed:

- Attend an Officer Selection Board day
- Be interviewed by a panel of officers and a psychologist
- Participate in group and individual activities

## 05. Take a fitness test

During the Pre-entry Fitness Assessment (PFA) you will need to show us you can:

- Do pushups (Navy: 6 for females 15 for males, Army: 8 for females 15 for males, Air Force: 4 for females 10 for males)
- Do sit ups (Navy: 20, Army: 45, Air Force: 20)
- Complete a shuttle run (Navy: Level 6.1, Army: Level 7.5, Air Force: Level 6.5)

## 06. Attend Enlistment / Appointment Day

If successful, at your local Defence Force Recruiting Centre you will:

- Have a final medical check
- Join family and friends for the ceremony
- Head straight to Initial Military Training as an official member of the ADF

## Have you secured an interview?

**Before the interview, consider:**

- Punctuality
- Grooming
- Greeting
- Eye contact
- Handshake
- Posture
- Listen to the information/question
- Answering questions in sentence form

Possible questions:

1. Why did you apply for this job
2. What do you know about what a person does in this occupation
3. What is your biggest achievement that you are proud of at the college
4. Tell me about your hobbies and interests
5. Give evidence of how you have practiced safety at school
6. What qualities do you have that make you the preferred candidate
7. What is your favourite subject and why
8. What is your least favourite subject and why
9. How can you show evidence that you work well within a team
10. What evidence do you have that you will be a reliable employee. (punctual, reliable, honest, trustworthy)
11. Not everyone is perfect, so what do you think would be your challenges at this job
12. Do you have any question. (try to have a question, but not about money....yet)



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## Top five interview dos and don'ts

- Do your homework.
- Make a good first impression.
- Listen and respond accordingly.
- Prepare smart, open ended questions to ask the interviewer.
- Sell your strengths and expertise.
- Don't speak poorly about your present or former employers. (Or teacher!)
- Don't falsify information.
- Don't speak over the interviewer.
- Don't be late. Arrive 15 minutes early to allow time for possible delay and use the extra time to freshen up for the interview if you have arrived early.
- Don't be pushy about salary. Don't place a large emphasis on salary. ...
- Don't talk too much.
- Don't exaggerate.
- Don't over or underdress. Dress for success.

## In summary

- 1: Sincerely thank your interviewers for their time.
  - 2: Ask a question, even if you don't have one.
  - 3: Practice your handshake.
  - 4: Confirm your interest in the position.
  - 5: Restate why you're the perfect candidate.
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## **NSW Government traineeships for Year 12 2023/2022 students**

I am pleased to share the **2024 NSW Government Infrastructure Traineeships** applications are now open!

### **Who can apply**

- 2023 Year 12 Students
- 2022 Year 12 Graduates
- Those students who may not have completed Year 12 due to extenuating circumstances should also apply for exemption consideration to the Year 12 completion criteria.

**Traineeships on offer.** Certificate IV qualification in:

- Business
- Project Management
- Procurement & Contracting

### **All students are encouraged to apply.**

*At Apprenticeship Careers Australia (ACA), our values guide all that we do and who we are. We are passionate about providing an inclusive workplace, where we learn from each other to create a better Australia. We care about our people and those we represent, and we achieve success through a collaborative and courageous working environment.*

**Traineeships commence:** March 2024

Contact details are included below should you like to discuss this opportunity further. More information can also be found at: <https://www.apprenticeshipcareers.com.au/job-seekers/infrastructure-traineeships>

### **Tash Kesby**

Regional Manager | Apprenticeship Careers Australia  
m. 0482 168 030 | w. [apprenticeshipcareers.com.au](https://www.apprenticeshipcareers.com.au)

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## **Civil/Structural Design and Drafting Traineeship**

Westlake Punnett are a local Civil and Structural Engineering Consultancy located on the NSW South Coast, within the Shoalhaven and Illawarra region.

We provide Civil and Structural Engineering design services on a wide variety of projects in the residential, commercial, industrial, and public works sectors as well as a variety of land development projects.

We currently have a traineeship vacancy in Civil/Structural Design and Drafting available and would appreciate if you could please pass on the attached to any interested students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

### **Jasmine Holz Administration Assistant**

For and on behalf of

WESTLAKE PUNNETT & ASSOCIATES PTY LTD

Ph: 02 4211 0393

Fax: 02 4422 9799

Email: [jasmineb@westlakepunnett.com.au](mailto:jasmineb@westlakepunnett.com.au)

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## **WiseTech earn and Learn Program**

Do you want a tech career where you solve global problems? Year 12 students can now apply for the WiseTech's 2024 Earn & Learn Program. You can access scholarship opportunities to supercharge your career in technology while gaining access to world-leading education coursework and experts. What's involved The WiseTech Earn & Learn program is run in collaboration with the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Bachelor of Computing Science

You should apply if you:

Are highly curious. Either love coding (especially if you've undertaken personal projects beyond class), or have no coding experience but think analytically and logically, and coding sounds interesting. Challenge the status quo. Thrive when faced with new and different problems.

<https://wisetechglobal.com/media/f30ktfk/wisetech-global-scholarships-student-guide.pdf>

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## **UOW College**

102 of our year 12 cohort have applied for early admission to UOW. Have you considered the UOW college as a training option? (UOWC). Please find below some information to consider:

- The diploma courses at UOWC contain similar 1<sup>st</sup> year subjects to the degree.
- UOWC conduct more face to face lessons in smaller classes.
- Each student is supported with personalised tutorials
- Diploma course fees are Commonwealth supported and similar to the degree fees (around \$7900/year) and also may be deferred as a student loan.
- UOWC is not a second rate establishment
- UOWC is situated within the grounds of UOW
- Upon completion the Diploma you may:
  - Already work in the industry
  - Advance straight into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the degree course hence you are not behind in time.
  - Work in the industry and complete your qualification part time.



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## Course options

**Diplomas at UOW** provide an in-depth preparation for either further study (undergraduate bachelor degrees) or entry-level career opportunities.

Academic skills development is embedded in UOW Diplomas, with an emphasis on oral, written and presentation skills, and also group work.

Similar to an undergraduate course:

- subjects have a lecture and tutorial format, or lecture and laboratory format, timetabled over five days
- assessment is by practical tasks, essays, mid-session tests and final exams.

Upon completion, a recognised Higher Education Diploma qualification is awarded to students. Students who meet the UOW entry requirements are guaranteed entry into the first or second year of the relevant UOW degree.

## Diploma options

These UOW Diplomas are Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) for eligible domestic students. This means that students can benefit from **zero up-front tuition fees**.

- [Diploma of Arts](#)
- [Diploma of Business \(2 session\)](#)
- [Diploma of Engineering \(2 session\)](#)
- [Diploma of Information Technology \(2 session\)](#)
- [Diploma of Medical & Health Sciences](#)
- [Diploma of Science \(2 session\)](#)
- [Diploma of Social Science](#)

These courses are accredited by the University of Wollongong (UOW). UOW is registered by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).

## Tuition fees

UOW **Diploma** and **enabling pre-university courses** attract Commonwealth assistance for eligible domestic students.

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## **How do tuition fees work?**

Under the Australian Government's university funding model, eligibility for Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) offers depend on either the course or the applicant. As a result, some UOW **Diploma** and **enabling pre-university** places at UOW are CSPs and some are full-fee paying places (FFPPs).

Tuition fees for UOW **Diploma** and **enabling pre-university courses** depend on a few factors:

- the type and duration of the program
- if places are Commonwealth supported or full-fee paying
- student eligibility for Commonwealth support, scholarships or additional support through an equity program.

Student contributions (for CSPs) and tuition fees (for FFPPs) may be repaid via a deferred loan, depending on eligibility.

The Australian Government's [Study Assist](#) website has more information about Commonwealth assistance and eligibility.

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## [UOW News](#)

Sign up for the future student newsletter (highly recommended)

<https://mkto.uow.edu.au/School-Leaver-Newsletter-Subscription-Page.html>

## [Explore your Career](#)

Are you looking to explore a career that suits your preferences? The link below allows you to research over 1000 possible occupations according to categories that you have selected.

<https://www.yourcareer.gov.au/occupations>

## [‘The Good University Guide’ scholarship search](#)

Are you in year 12 and seeking to apply for a scholarship at University? The following link may allow you to access scholarships NSW wide:

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/scholarships>

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## **USI (Unique Student Identifier) information**

Anyone undertaking any education and training with a provider outside the school system must have a USI.

This applies to:

- Vocational Education and Training - eg: study at Certificate or Diploma level through TAFE or other Registered Training Organisation (RTO's)
- Higher Education - eg: Degrees etc. through universities and other providers

The Australian Government describes this as being a bit like a "Medicare number for education" and without one you cannot receive your qualification or get any sort of Commonwealth financial assistance.

This USI allows you to login to your training account and see all your VET training records and the results of all your courses. You can also print out all your results to take to an employer when you are applying for a job or to any training provider when you are doing any additional courses.

You must have this Unique Student Identifier before you can commence any courses. If you don't already have one, you can create one at [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au)

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## **UOW Scholarships**

<https://www.uow.edu.au/study/scholarships/domestic/>  
<https://scholarships.uow.edu.au/scholarships/search>

Do you need help financially? Have you done well academically? Maybe you are an elite athlete? Whatever your situation, a scholarship can help you succeed at university. Studying can be expensive. They have a wide range of scholarships available to you which can assist with living costs, text books or that can contribute towards your fees.

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## **Year 12 checklist for applying through UAC**

- Research available courses There are over 2,000 courses available for 2024 admissions via UAC. You can read descriptions of these courses on the UAC website: check the admission requirements and ATAR information. Once you've found your favourite courses, research pathways and alternatives so that you have a back-up plan. Take note of important dates in the application process.
- Get your USI Your Unique Student Identifier is your government issued student reference number that you will keep with you for life. You need it to enrol at an institution and receive Commonwealth financial assistance, including HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP. You may already have one if you've undertaken vocational education or training. You can create a USI – or check if you have one – at [usi.gov.au](http://usi.gov.au).

### **Keep your UAC PIN safe You need your UAC Personal Identification Number to:**

■ apply for tertiary study through UAC

■ access your ATAR. If you're a 2023 NSW HSC/ACT Senior Secondary Certificate student, your four-digit UAC PIN was emailed in April to the address you registered with NESA or the ACT BSSS.

Note that your UAC PIN is different to your NESA PIN. For all other applicants, your UAC PIN is the first four digits of your date of birth; for example, if your birthday is 17 May, your UAC PIN is 1705. To protect your privacy, it's a good idea to change your UAC PIN once you've submitted your application. And, of course, keep your UAC PIN in a secure place. For more information, visit [uac.edu.au/pin](http://uac.edu.au/pin).

Apply for uni through UAC. Go to UAC's website to apply. You can select up to five course preferences. Even if you're not sure what you want to study, apply now and change your preferences later. We recommend you apply before 11.59pm on 29 September 2023 to avoid an increase in the processing charge. Remember to make a note of your application number. You'll need this number and your UAC PIN to log back in to your application to change your preferences.

Provide a current email address You'll need to provide a current email address when you apply so that UAC can let you know about the progress of your application. We recommend you log in regularly to check for messages.

Check your details are correct. Personal details you provided to NESA/ACT BSSS – including your first, middle and last name and your date of birth – will be automatically entered in your UAC application. If they don't match your official ID (eg your passport or birth certificate) contact UAC. All details must match when you enrol at uni.

Apply for schemes and scholarships Schools Recommendation Scheme.

The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) gives you an opportunity to receive an early offer by being assessed on criteria other than, or in addition to, the ATAR. These criteria include school recommendations and senior secondary studies. SRS applications close at midnight on 18 September 2023. After this date, you cannot access or modify your SRS application. For details, go to [uac.edu.au/srs](http://uac.edu.au/srs).

The Educational Access Scheme (EAS) can help you gain admission to tertiary study if you've experienced educational disadvantage. Apply for EAS as part of your application for uni. We recommend you apply by 23 November 2023 so that you can be assessed in time for the main Year 12 offer rounds. For details, go to [uac.edu.au/eas](http://uac.edu.au/eas).

Equity Scholarships Equity Scholarships help the most financially disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education. We recommend you apply by 8 December 2023.



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## **Student accommodation in Sydney if you are intending to attend USYD, UTS and Notre Dame in 2024**

Introducing Ballarmino house accommodation for Catholic students studying in Sydney in 2024. Cost approx. \$310/week which includes food and bills. Very central in Chippendale. The house promotes an environment of warmth and family oriented living as well as opportunities to volunteer abroad. For further information, visit:

<https://www.thecardonernetwork.org/home/bellarmino-house/>

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## **UOW year 12 HSC subject revision support sessions**

### **UOW - Your partner in achieving your best in the HSC**

The University of Wollongong (UOW) is committed to providing additional resources and assistance to help students reach their potential in the HSC.

UOW wants to support students in the lead up to trial and final HSC exams. In conjunction with [InspirationED](#), UOW are running two free HSC subject revision programs across June and July for current Year 12 students.

This program has been designed to complement and add value to what is already being taught in the classroom.

Students can select which subject specific sessions they want to attend, with both online and face to face options available. You can attend more than one session and you can attend both the online and face to face options. The content delivered across both programs will be different.

[https://uow\\_srd.swoogo.com/year12hscsubjectsupport](https://uow_srd.swoogo.com/year12hscsubjectsupport)

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