

Careers Newsletter

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Have you heard of an “Art Therapist”?

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*“I'm a great believer
in luck, and I find
that the harder I
work, the more I
have of it.”*

Thomas Jefferson



According to The Good Universities Guide:

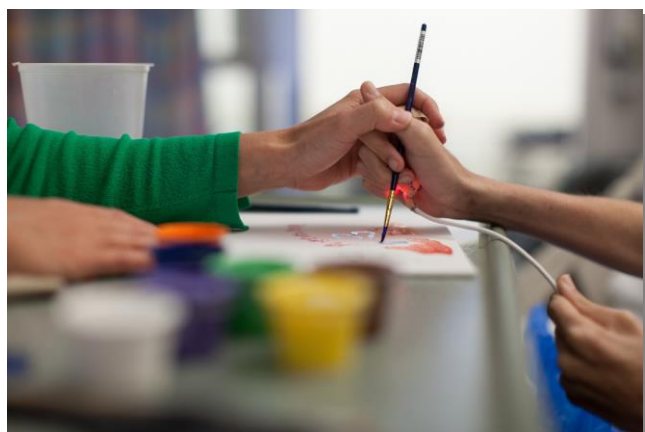
Art Therapists work with a client or a group of clients to help them address emotional and psychological issues through creative activities such as drawing, painting, sculpting and collage.

Employment Opportunities for an Art Therapist

Art Therapists work in any area where people require assistance with achieving a better quality of mental health. This includes psychiatric wards, prisons, rehabilitation centres, and drug and alcohol units. Art Therapists are employed in non-government organisations and community-based organisations such as welfare centres, aged-care facilities and schools. They are also employed in private practice and in private health clinics.

Education & Training for an Art Therapist

To become an Art Therapist, you usually have to study art, counselling, psychology, nursing, social science or a related field at university, followed by a postgraduate qualification in art therapy and 750 hours of supervised field experience on a clinical placement.



For more detailed information visit:

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/careers-guide/browse/art-therapist>

Apprenticeships: Why should I do one?







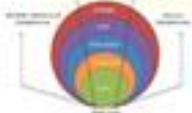



More than half (56.6%) of respondents of the recently released [Apprentice and Trainee Experience and Destinations 2019 survey](#) by NCVET took up apprenticeships or traineeships for employment - related reasons. The good news is that a large majority of those who finished their apprenticeship – almost 88% - were employed after they completed their training. This was even higher for those who finished a trade apprenticeship, with over 91% employed after they completed their training.

In the trades, more than one-third of people surveyed said their primary motivation to undertake a trade was their desire to work in that type of job (38%). The other top reasons included gaining a recognised qualification or certificate (19%). In non-trade occupations, more people did a traineeship or apprenticeship because it was a requirement for their jobs (22.9%).

The survey also demonstrated that there are benefits of doing an apprenticeship, even for those who ended up not completing one. While completers of apprenticeships or traineeships saw benefits in terms of employment, getting a job or gaining extra skills and knowledge – 38% of non-completers reported gaining in knowledge, experience, and additional skills despite not completing the training. In fact, 43% of non-completers were employed in the same occupation as their apprenticeship or traineeship.

To find out more about doing an Australian Apprenticeship and finding an apprenticeship, visit the [AAPathways website](#).

Top 10 Skills for a Successful Career

- 1. Analytical:** This skill helps organizing and prioritizing your work 
- 2. Communication:** It increases self-esteem and efficiency at work 
- 3. Interpersonal:** This skill makes you faster strong and long term working relationships 
- 4. Adaptability:** This increases your ability to adjust to varied working conditions 
- 5. Team Work:** Boosts your involvement in work towards accomplishing a shared goal 
- 6. Critical Thinking:** Serves as a directional and disciplined form of thinking that unfolds workable solutions 
- 7. Technical Competence:** Technical literacy is an asset in the digital era 
- 8. Resilience:** Facilitates you to cope up with work pressure and uncertainties at work 
- 9. Self-Management:** Helps you manage your influence in the work environment 
- 10. Work Ethics:** Honesty, Dependability, and transparency are prized qualities of any professional 

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Should High School Students use LinkedIn?

The world of work has changed, and this change has brought about the need for online professional networking to increase your chances of employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

There is an informative article by Chad Doman [here](#) that outlines the benefits of LinkedIn and addresses the usefulness of it for High School Students.

This article points out:

- Knowledge and experiences are certainly keys to success, but this online version of “it’s not what you know it’s who you know” will assist in putting you ahead of the rest.
- LinkedIn serves as your online Resume.
- Although you may be a young user of LinkedIn it will demonstrate a level of self-awareness, make you stand out and show a level of maturity and preparedness others your age may not have.
- LinkedIn is a great place to make valuable connections and learn things like what professional networking is all about; different careers; understand what it takes to achieve your goals and more.



University Open Days

Some universities have released their open day dates.

As they are released, they will be added to your School Careers Website both on the “All Uni. Open Days” page under the Post School Options menu -> University ... and added to your “Calendar of Events” under the “Important Information” menu.

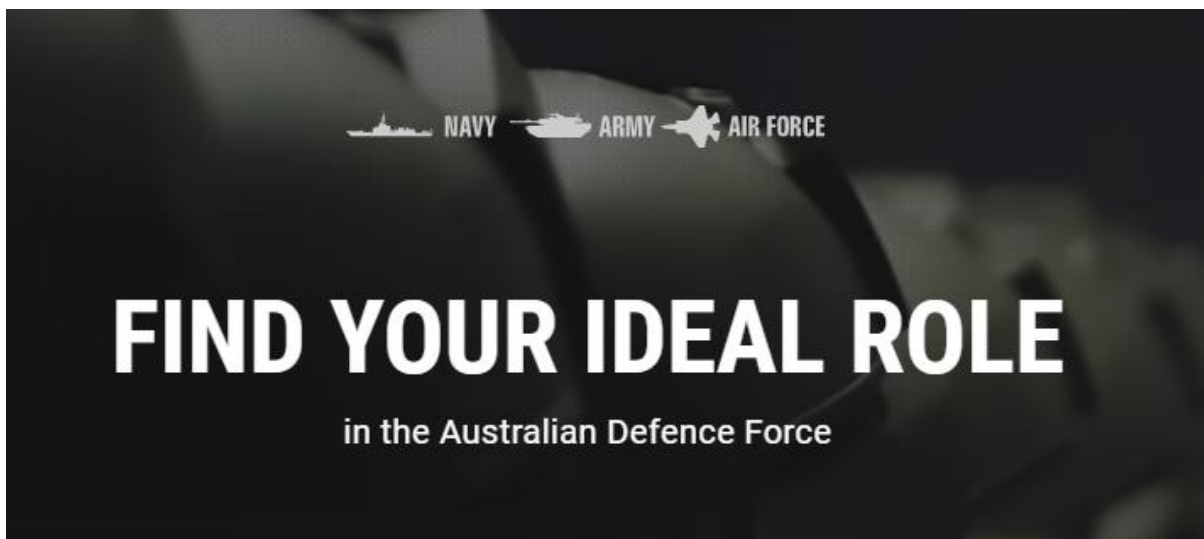


Work Experience with the Australian Defence Force

Visit the Defence's Work Experience Website at <https://www.defence.gov.au/workexperience/Default.asp> to see the exciting and varied work experience placements that are on offer.

Work Experience with the Defence Force is a great way to build on your employability and survival skills.

The Defence Work Experience Program provides opportunities for young Australians who have an interest in a Defence career to gain exposure to job roles that are available in the Australian Defence Force and Australian Public Service.



Australian
National
University

TUCKWELL
SCHOLARSHIP

The Australian National University (ANU) launched the *Tuckwell Scholarship Program* in 2013. Receiving a Tuckwell Scholarship – valued at over \$21,850 per year for the length of an undergraduate degree - is not just about a student's intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. All up one could say, **this is no ordinary scholarship!**

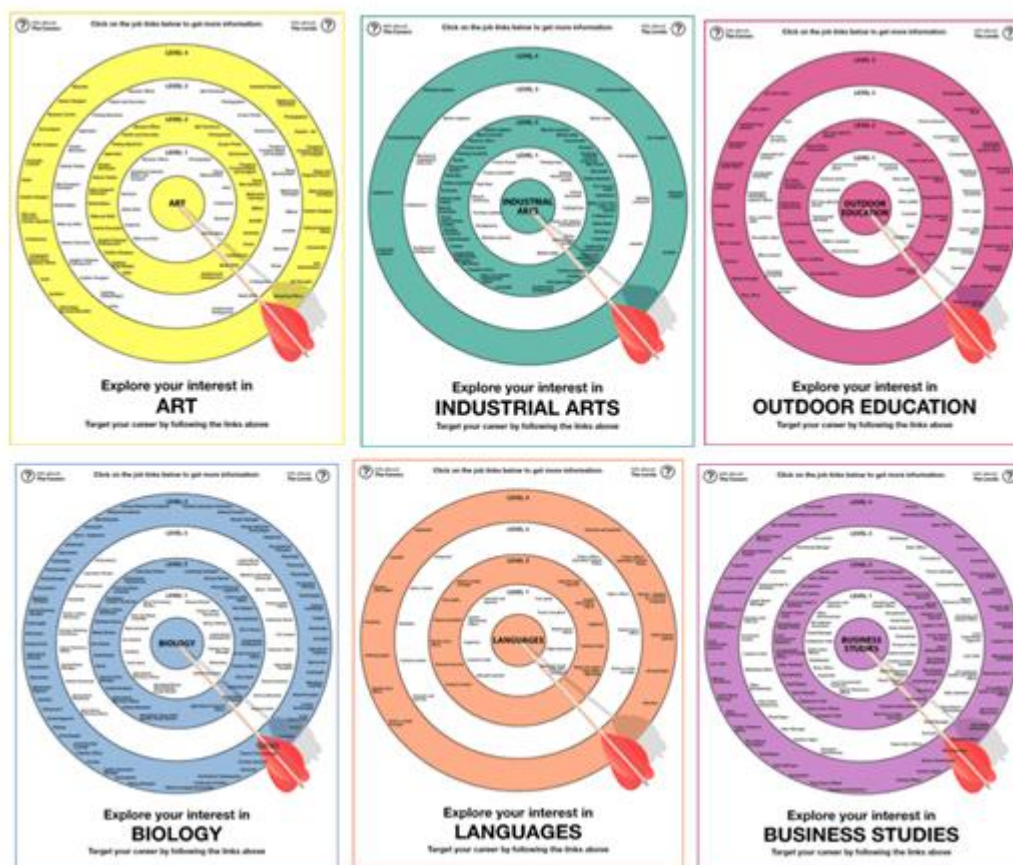
Eligible students need to expect an ATAR of 95+ but students who have experienced disadvantage, or who have achieved significantly in other ways, may still be eligible. – browse [Attributes of a Tuckwell Scholar](#)

Applications open on 4 March 2020 and close on 25 March 2020. Find out more at [Tuckwell Scholarship](#) and [Applying for the Tuckwell Scholarship](#).

Career Targets

What is your favourite subject and how can it help you choose a career path?

Visit our school Careers Website and under the “For Students” menu you will find 33 different Career Targets that look like the ones below. Just click on any job or career you may wish to explore.



You can see at a glance for each job or career: The Facts (things like money earned and future growth); Related Courses (level of education required); About the Job (tasks, employment opportunities, working conditions); You (personal requirements).

Group of Eight Universities

The **Group of Eight (Go8)** is an association of leading Australian universities - comprehensive in general and professional education and distinguished by depth and breadth in research.

Find out more about the *Group of Eight Universities* at [Group of Eight Universities](#)



UCAT – Entry to Medicine in 2021



Year 12 students planning to apply for any of the following university courses listed below, are reminded that registrations for the UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) open on **2 March 2020** and close **11 May 2020**.

The testing dates will be in the month of July 2020.

A reminder that students who are preparing for entry into any of these courses are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the format of the test at UCAT Test Format and the practice tests and preparation material provided at UCAT Preparation. <https://www.ucat.edu.au/>

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| The University of Adelaide | Medicine, Dental Surgery, Oral Health |
| Charles Sturt University | Dental Science, Joint Program in Medicine (Charles Sturt University / Western Sydney University) |
| Curtin University | Medicine |
| Flinders University | Clinical Science/Medicine |
| Monash University | Medicine |
| The University of Newcastle / University of New England | Joint Medical Program |
| The University of New South Wales | Medicine |
| The University of Queensland | Medicine (provisional entry), Dental Science |
| University of Tasmania | Medicine |
| The University of Western Australia | Medicine (Direct Pathway), Dental Medicine (Direct Pathway) |
| Western Sydney University / Charles Sturt University | Medicine |
| The University of Auckland | Medicine |
| University of Otago | Medicine, Dental Surgery |

Tax File Numbers



Any student will need a tax file number if they start work (part-time and full-time or casual) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they will be requested to provide their Tax File Number (TFN) on enrolment to TAFE or university next year, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students must now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit

[Apply for a TFN](#) or visit your School Careers website > Important Information > Money Matters > Tax file Numbers.

Opportunity for Growth



Students who achieve most are those who seek opportunities to extend themselves. One great opportunity that is open now is the [National Youth Student Forum](#). This residential program is held every summer and brings together year 12 students from all over Australia who are passionate about science.

APPLICATIONS FOR NYSF 2021 OPEN EARLY MARCH 2020

Australia's Booming Salaries

An article by [SEEK](#) has released a report outlining the Top 20 booming salaries by specialisation Jan-Nov 2019 vs Jan-Nov 2018. They stated that “average advertised salaries were up by 2.9% year-on-year across the country.”

Top 20 booming salaries by specialisation

| INDUSTRY | SPECIALISATION | 2018 | 2019 | % |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Healthcare & Medical | Nursing - High Acuity | \$81,798 | \$91,331 | 11.7% |
| Insurance & Superannuation | Risk Consulting | \$113,022 | \$124,814 | 10.4% |
| Information & Communication Technology | Computer Operators | \$70,138 | \$77,411 | 10.4% |
| Engineering | Materials Handling Engineering | \$99,822 | \$109,497 | 9.7% |
| Banking & Financial Services | Banking - Corporate & Institutional | \$103,237 | \$112,866 | 9.3% |
| Farming, Animals & Conservation | Winery & Viticulture | \$70,971 | \$77,419 | 9.1% |
| Construction | Estimating | \$99,890 | \$107,852 | 8.0% |
| Human Resources & Recruitment | Remuneration & Benefits | \$102,307 | \$110,116 | 7.6% |
| Accounting | Company Secretaries | \$106,954 | \$115,035 | 7.6% |
| Insurance & Superannuation | Assessment | \$81,944 | \$87,868 | 7.2% |
| Insurance & Superannuation | Actuarial | \$109,413 | \$117,233 | 7.1% |
| Farming, Animals & Conservation | Veterinary Services & Animal Welfare | \$70,846 | \$75,856 | 7.1% |
| Mining, Resources & Energy | Power Generation & Distribution | \$113,992 | \$121,778 | 6.8% |
| Information & Communication Technology | Engineering - Hardware | \$94,852 | \$101,180 | 6.7% |
| Design & Architecture | Landscape Architecture | \$86,426 | \$92,151 | 6.6% |
| Healthcare & Medical | Medical Imaging | \$99,572 | \$105,685 | 6.1% |
| Human Resources & Recruitment | Management - Agency | \$101,318 | \$107,480 | 6.1% |
| Legal | Personal Injury Law | \$94,626 | \$100,369 | 6.1% |
| Banking & Financial Services | Compliance & Risk | \$115,827 | \$122,741 | 6.0% |
| Science & Technology | Environmental, Earth & Geosciences | \$94,637 | \$100,175 | 5.9% |

SEEK Salary Report: Jan-Nov 2019 vs Jan-Nov 2018

Don't forget to check out the “Calendar of Events” on our School Careers Website

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