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# Careers Newsletter

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*Dreams don't  
work unless  
you do.*

*Brandi Vaisey  
Marsey*

## Change of Preferences Expo

The Good Universities Guide is excited to be hosting its first-ever [Change of Preferences Expo](#) for Year 12 students applying for uni in 2021.

The [Change of Preference Expo](#) will be online, enabling students to connect directly with university staff, regardless of whether you are celebrating your results at the beach, relaxing in between movies or sorting out Christmas shopping. On the day of your event you will have the opportunity to attend webinars or chat directly with institutions via a live chat system to get answers to your questions about university offers.

[Register now](#) so you can have access on the day and to start receiving updates about who will be presenting on the day.

**GOOD EDUCATION MEDIA**

**GOOD UNIVERSITIES GUIDE  
ONLINE CHANGE OF PREFERENCE EXPO**

Join our Change of Preference Expo to discover your options

Ask your Questions directly to Institutions

No matter your ATAR, there are options for you!

**EVENT DETAILS**

Time: 10am-3pm (local time)

Dates:  
NSW - 18 December 2020  
SA - 21 December 2020  
QLD - 22 December 2020  
VIC - 30 December 2020

**FREE EXPO FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

**REGISTER NOW!**

EVENTS.GOODUNIVERSITIESGUIDE.COM.AU

## Video Interviews

The ACPE careers corner have written an article on [how to ace your next video interview!](#) Video interviews are becoming a popular practice not just due to COVID-19 but because it saves time, money, and allows employers to quickly differentiate candidates and interview more people.

The article covers things such as the:

### Digital Handshake

The Digital Handshake has become the new secret to acing your video interview. This handshake substitutes the “standard” version. It’s a virtual greeting that shows that you’re friendly, professional and ready to get started.



To give your interviewer a digital handshake just follow these three simple steps:

1. Look at the camera
2. Lean slightly forward, shoulders & eyes focused ahead
3. Nod your head in a slow, confident, deliberate gesture without breaking eye contact

Looks easy right? Hmmm perhaps you should practice before attempting it in a real interview.

## Year 13 Expo

Not sure what the next step is after high school? Check out the Year13 Expo, Australia’s biggest online careers exhibition.

During National Careers Week in May 2021, the Year13 Expo is back to help more students find their passion and plan their future career. Hear stories and career advice from incredible speakers across a diverse range of industries, attend workshops, and explore a huge range of exhibitors with post-school options in work, study and travel.

The best part? The Year13 Expo is 100% free and completely online, so you can achieve all of this from the comfort of your living room.

Sign up here: <https://year13.com.au/expo>

**YEAR13**

## Work over the summer holidays

### Why have a Summer Job?

There are 2 very good reasons:

1. Financial – That extra cash is always a motivator and the main reason most of us go to work.
2. Experience – Work Experience is beneficial on both a personal and professional level. Learning new skills is paramount in gaining today's job and career opportunities.

### Where to look:

- Google "Christmas holiday jobs"
- <https://myfuture.edu.au/career-articles/details/11-places-to-search-for-jobs>
- Go to your School Careers Website > For Students > Job Vacancies

**For Students or Parents wanting to weigh up the pros and Cons of Afterschool Jobs for teens go to:** <https://www.verywellfamily.com/the-pros-and-cons-of-afterschool-jobs-for-teens-2610471>

Many companies/employers are taking applications and hiring now ready for the busy season. Consider the below for your best chance at gaining employment in a highly competitive environment.

### Your Rights

When you are looking for, or get your first job, there are a few things you should know about your rights and entitlements as a young worker (to make sure you are getting the right deal). There is an overview video and a guide on your school careers website under the "Post School Options" menu called "Job Information" > "Know Your Workplace Rights" – you can also visit the [Fair Work Ombudsman](#) website.

**Preparing Written Job Applications** Job Applications/Cover letters are very important. No matter how impressive your resume is, a poorly written cover letter can be the undoing of any chance of acquiring an interview. However, don't underestimate the power of providing a cover letter.

This should be a single page letter at the front of your resume and you should use a different one for each job application.

There are different kinds of cover letters depending on your needs. See some examples below.

Cover letter when you have no work experience <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-and-careers/applying-for-a-job/what-is-a-cover-letter/sample-cover-letters/cover-letter-no-work-experience>

Cover letter when you have some work experience <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-and-careers/applying-for-a-job/what-is-a-cover-letter/sample-cover-letters/cover-letter-some-work-experience>

Cover letter when no resume is required <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-and-careers/applying-for-a-job/what-is-a-cover-letter/sample-cover-letters/cover-letter-when-no-resume-is-needed-no-paid-work-experience>

Cover letter when there's no job advertised <https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-and-careers/applying-for-a-job/what-is-a-cover-letter/sample-cover-letters/cover-letter-when-no-job-is-advertised>

Important steps to keep in mind when writing a cover letter:

1. Address the letter to the name of the person hiring and include their position and title. If you don't have this information, endeavour to find it out.
2. Introduce yourself.
3. Show that you meet the job requirements by reflecting on the actual job advertisement and highlighting the skills you have that meet these requirements. For example, if the job involves customer service, you may highlight certain communication skills.
4. Be specific. For example, rather than making a general comment: "I have strong skills in Word" say "I have 2 years' experience using Word in my previous employment at Shelly's café typing and designing weekly menus."
5. Don't just focus on yourself - that is what your resume is for. Show that you meet their requirements, but also highlight why you would be a valuable part of their team or organisation. Research the company, so that you can demonstrate a genuine interest in the position.
6. Make it clear you want this job and give reasons why.
7. Check spelling and grammar! Perhaps have someone proofread it for you.



## Creating a Cover Letter, Resume or e-Portfolio has been made easy for you!

Just go to your School Careers Website and under the "For Students" menu is the "Student Secure Area" – here you can create your own account so that all your documents are automatically saved. You can log in any time and update, download or print them off as required.

Download / Print Your Resume



## Job Security - Completing an apprenticeship or traineeship

### Did you know:

- Nearly nine in ten (87.7%) apprentices and trainees who complete their training are employed afterwards, with those who secure full-time work earning a median annual income of \$59 600
- Those employed full-time after their training, the median annual income of completers was \$12,700 more than for non-completers.
- Outcomes for completers in trade occupations are particularly good, with 91.5 percent employed after training and 84.2 percent in full-time work with a median annual income \$62 800
- Completers in non-trade occupations also do well, with 85.0 percent employed after training and 59.9 percent in full-time work earning a median annual income of \$54 700

Sourced from [NCVER](#)

There are many different options! Take a look at [The work type explorer](#) to see the wide view of industries and occupations! You can also do General industry-based literacy & numeracy [quizzes](#) illustrating the levels required when undertaking Australian Apprenticeships qualifications. Before doing “The work type explorer” it may be helpful to complete the “Interests” quiz in the “Student Secure Area” of your school careers website.

**Find Job & Training Descriptions**

These descriptions can help you explore potential apprenticeship and traineeship pathways and occupations

Browsing as  
Students, QLD

**Discover industries and occupations based on seven kinds of work environments**

Which work type do you want to explore?

- Analytic and Scientific**  
Work out solutions to problems through theories and ideas, and by investigation and experimentation.
- Creative & Artistic**  
Express yourself and your ideas through your work.
- Helping & Advising**  
Help people, often through advising, teaching, guiding or treating them.
- Nature & Recreation**  
Many occupations involve working outdoors and are active and physical.
- Organising & Clerical**  
Occupations that gather facts and figures, and recording and interpreting them.
- Persuading & Service**  
Selling, or promoting ideas or a point of view, often industries involving people.
- Practical & Manual**  
Working a lot with tools and equipment, and their hands, to make things.

<https://www.aapathways.com.au/complex-search?explorerMode=true>



Have all or part of your degree course paid for, join degree qualified, or work for the ADF in your gap year. Whichever route you choose, enjoy a salary from day one.

More Information: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education>

### Looking for a gap year that gives you more?

There's a lot that makes an ADF Gap Year so fulfilling. It's an opportunity to get a feel for military life while enjoying unique experiences.

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year>

## CAREERSWITHSTEM

**CAREERS with STEM** have [five quizzes](#) will help you prep for tertiary study while you wait for ATAR results.

1. Are you ready for study?
2. Should I go to university?
3. Which university club should you join?
4. Which area of tech should you study?
5. Which area of engineering should you study?

Go to <https://careerswithstem.com.au/uni-quizzes/> if you would like to investigate further.

### Uni not for you?

Bagging a three-year bachelor's degree isn't the only way to kickstart a career in tech! There are loads of alternative pathways that equip grads with the immediate skills needed to land a job. Take a look!

<http://careerswithstem.com.au/the-a-z-of-vet/>

# School Holiday Activities

QLD Holiday Workshops December / January 2020

## NIDA DRAMA SCHOOL

<b>NIDA School Holiday Courses</b>	<b>21 Sept – 2 Oct</b>	<b>Brisbane TBC</b>
• Acting Boot Camp	Grades 11 – 12	23-24 January
• Screen Acting Boot Camp	Grades 7 – 10	23-24 January
• NIDA Drama School	Grades 7 – 10	18-22 January
• Hitting Your Mark – Screen Acting	Grades 11-12	18-22 January
• Acting Boot Camp	Grades 11 – 12	16-17 January
• NIDA Actors Project	Grades 11 – 12	11-15 January

<https://www.open.nida.edu.au/courses/who/young+people?tag=/how/school+holidays&near=brisbane/4101/10>

## UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

**UQ-IML High School Enrichment 11-15 January      Years 11 & 12 at UQ St Lucia campus**  
**18 - 22 January      Online**

Enrolments are open for the 2020 September High School Enrichment Program. This year there are two levels for students who are currently studying Chinese (Mandarin), French, Japanese or Spanish in Years 9 and 10 and Years 11 and 12. The Year 11 and 12 program is designed for language students in their Senior phase of learning who are completing:

- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or
- International Baccalaureate program (IB).

<https://iml.uq.edu.au/learn-language/high-school-program>

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND

### USQ Toowoomba Campus

**Pre-Summer Acrylics with David Hinchliffe      4 – 8 January      Ages 18 +**  
[Pre-Summer Acrylics with David Hinchliffe - University of Southern Queensland \(usq.edu.au\)](https://www.usq.edu.au/pre-summer-acrylics)

**Lampworked Glass with Kathryn Wardill      10 – 16 January      Ages 16+**

[Lampworked Glass with Kathryn Wardill - University of Southern Queensland \(usq.edu.au\)](https://www.usq.edu.au/lampworked-glass)

**Photography with Don Hildred      10 – 16 January      Ages 15+**  
[Photography with Don Hildred - University of Southern Queensland \(usq.edu.au\)](https://www.usq.edu.au/photography)

<b>Oils with Marcel Desbiens</b> <a href="#">Oils with Marcel Desbiens - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 16 January</b>	<b>Ages 18+</b>
<b>Acrylics with David Hinchliffe</b> <a href="#">Acrylics with David Hinchliffe - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 16 January</b>	<b>Ages 18+</b>
<b>Pedragon Leatherwork</b> <a href="#">Pendragon Leatherwork - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 16 January</b>	<b>Ages 15+</b>
<b>Watercolour with Jan Lawnikanis</b> <a href="#">Watercolour with Jan Lawnikanis - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 16 January</b>	<b>Ages 15+</b>
<b>Ceramics with Shannon Garson</b> <a href="#">Ceramics with Shannon Garson - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 16 January</b>	<b>Ages 15+</b>
<b>Sketching with Deb Mostert</b> <a href="#">Sketching with Deb Mostert - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 16 January</b>	<b>Ages 15+</b>
<b>Songwriting with Jen Mize</b> <a href="#">Songwriting with Jen Mize - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 15 January</b>	<b>Ages 12+</b>
<b>Watercolour ad Pen with Cees Sliedrecht</b> <a href="#">Watercolour and Pen with Cees Sliedrecht - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 16 January</b>	<b>Ages 15+</b>
<b>Acrylics with Jenni Kelly</b> <a href="#">Acrylics with Jenni Kelly - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 16 January</b>	<b>Ages 18+</b>
<b>Soft Pastels with Lyn Diefenbach</b> <a href="#">Soft Pastels with Lyn Diefenbach - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 16 January</b>	<b>Ages 15+</b>
<b>Jewellery with Mauri Maunsell</b> <a href="#">Jewellery with Mauri Maunsell - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 16 January</b>	<b>Ages 15+</b>
<b>Portraiture in Acrylics with Robyn Bauer</b> <b>18+</b> <a href="#">Portraiture in Acrylics with Robyn Bauer - University of Southern Queensland (usq.edu.au)</a>	<b>10 – 16 January</b>	<b>Ages</b>
<b>Dramatic Design with Madeleine Barlow</b> <b>15+</b>	<b>11 – 15 January</b>	<b>Ages</b>



[Dramatic Design with Madeleine Barlow - University of Southern Queensland \(usq.edu.au\)](https://usq.edu.au)

**Piano and all things with Nathan Seiler** 11 – 15 January Ages 12+  
[Piano and all things Keys with Nathan Seiler - University of Southern Queensland \(usq.edu.au\)](https://usq.edu.au)

**Vocals with Kath Williams** 11 – 15 January Ages 12+  
[Vocals with Kath Williams - University of Southern Queensland \(usq.edu.au\)](https://usq.edu.au)

**Bass with Andrew Johnson** 11 – 15 January Ages 12+  
[Vocals with Kath Williams - University of Southern Queensland \(usq.edu.au\)](https://usq.edu.au)

**Wind with Matt Luff** 11 – 15 January Ages 12+  
[Vocals with Kath Williams - University of Southern Queensland \(usq.edu.au\)](https://usq.edu.au)

**Drums with Reuben Bradley** 11 – 15 January Ages 12+  
[Vocals with Kath Williams - University of Southern Queensland \(usq.edu.au\)](https://usq.edu.au)

**Guitar with Simon Gardner** 11 – 15 January Ages 12 +  
[Guitar with Simon Gardner - University of Southern Queensland \(usq.edu.au\)](https://usq.edu.au)

## **AVIATION AUSTRALIA**

**Brisbane**

### **Cabin Crew career Sessions**

**15 December**

At Aviation Australia, we understand the challenges and uncertainties that may arise with pursuing a dream career as cabin crew. Our industry experts are here to explain your options as well as guide and assist you in deciding upon the pathway best for you. Be inspired and have all your questions answered at an Aviation Australia Cabin Crew Career Session.

[Cabin Crew Career Sessions | Aviation Australia](#)

### **One Day Cabin Crew Experience**

**17 December**

The One-Day Cabin Crew Experience course is for people who have been dreaming of a career in the skies and are yet to decide if it's the right path for them. You will have a taster of what it's really like to be a flight attendant and, by the end of the day, you will understand what you need to do to earn your wings and see your career take off.

[One-Day Cabin Crew Experience | Aviation Australia](#)