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## Open Days & Info Sessions

### [SAE | Master of Creative Industries Webinar](#)

14 August 2019, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

SAE's Master of Creative Industries can help creators like you become a leader in your field. This unique course offers a flexible and interdisciplinary online learning experience whilst fostering collaboration with like-minded creative peers across the SAE network. You'll also get unlimited access to SAE's state-of-the-art facilities and equipment across Australia and the world. The Master's webinar gives you an insight into the program and how SAE can help you realise your creative potential.

Find out more: <https://sae.edu.au/news-and-events/events/webinar-master-of-creative-industries/?date=2019-08-14&id=1127>

### [ANU | Webinar: Management at ANU](#)

15 August 2019, 4:00 pm

Online

Join staff from the Research School of Management at the ANU College of Business and Economics for this exclusive webinar to learn about:

- An in depth look into the suite of Management programs we offer at the ANU including the MBA
- Information on our teaching and research strengths in Management
- Our engagement with industry and the opportunities available to students studying Management

Our academic staff will be available live to answer any questions you may have!

Find out more: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/webinar-management-at-anu>

### [ANU | Webinar: Deep Dive Into ANU Engineering Degrees](#)

22 August 2019, 5:00 pm

Online

Have you ever wondered what sets apart engineering at ANU from other universities?

Join the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science for a live webinar, where we will provide you with detailed information about our engineering degrees, unique courses, program structure and career outcomes.

Most importantly you will be able to directly interact with our course convenors, academics, students and staff and ask any questions you may have about studying at the #1 university in Australia.

Find out more: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/webinar-deep-dive-into-anu-engineering-degrees>

### [Torrens University | Virtual Open Day](#)

27 August 2019, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Online

Join Torrens University at Open Day online!

Virtual Open Day is a customised event that is designed for you to get a feel for the Torrens online study environment and decide whether it's right for you.

Get all your questions answered from the comfort of your own home.

**Chat:** Live chat directly with Academics and Course & Career Advisors. Meet students in our virtual lounge and get all your questions answered.

**Explore courses:** Explore online study options in Business, Education, Design, Technology, Hospitality & Health.

**Resources:** Gain access to our video and resource library and explore the virtual campus!

Don't miss Torrens' Virtual Open Day to find out everything you want to know about what it's like to study at Torrens University Australia.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/about/virtual-open-day>

### **Planning Ahead: Your US & UK Application Timeline – Adelaide**

7 September 2019, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Adelaide

Are you in Year 9, 10 or 11 and thinking about applying to universities like Harvard, Stanford, Oxford or Cambridge?

The single biggest mistake Australian students make is leaving the application too late.

Many students try to start their overseas application during a busy Year 12. With a steady stream of exams, many students simply don't have time to put together every element of their US or UK application.

At this event, expert speakers from Crimson Education will use successful student case studies to map out all the steps you can take to give yourself the best chance of gaining admission to top US & UK universities.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/planning-ahead-your-us-uk-application-timeline-adl-registration-65228890367>

## **Workshops & Courses**

### **In Conversation: Art and Cultural Practice for Wellbeing**

8 August 2019, 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

Adelaide City Library

Join Professor James Pawelski and Christie Anthony for a discussion on how artists and creative practitioners can enhance community wellbeing. Explore how your engagement in culture and the things you create can have a lasting impact.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/in-conversation-art-and-cultural-practice-for-wellbeing-tickets-64286221820>

### **EQ Connect: Fuelling Motivation**

16 August 2019, 7:45 am - 9:30 am

Flinders University at Victoria Square

What does it mean to be motivated? What role do emotions play in fuelling energy?

Motivation is the feeling of being energised and driven by personal values and commitments rather than by external forces. Learn how to engage your motivation in order to overcome the roadblocks preventing you reaching your full potential.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/eq-connect-fuelling-motivation-tickets-56461814808>

### **CDW Studios | 2D Holiday Workshop**

2 October 2019, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

CDW Studios

This workshop will focus on character design, starting with sketching, how to sketch and what types of materials to use when sketching. If you have been considering doing a class at CDW or would like to learn some digital drawing and traditional drawing skills, this is the workshop to start with!

Find out more: <https://cdwstudios.com/workshops/2d-holiday-workshop-1>

### **Torrens University | Day in the Life Business Workshop, Adelaide**

8 October 2019, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Torrens University

If you're interested in learning more about a particular marketing, event, entrepreneurship or sports career, our business workshop is just the place. You'll see what it's like to spend a day in the life of an industry professional in a collaborative, supporting, like-minded environment – and it's free!

Suitable for:

- High School students in years 10-12 AND
- Anyone interested in learning more about a career in either Business, Event Management, Entrepreneurship, Marketing or Sports Management

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/about/events-and-workshops/day-in-the-life-business-workshop-adelaide-october>

### **New Space-Focussed Short Courses at Swinburne**

Swinburne University is preparing to launch two new short courses that are focussed on the space industry. They will be aimed at researchers, consultants, entrepreneurs and legal professionals looking to work in and with these fast-growing industries.

The two new courses will be “Space Applications in the Australian Context” and “Space Regulatory Frameworks”. They are the first of their kind to be offered by an Australian University.

The space industry is growing in importance globally. Opportunities in this industry include artificial intelligence, robotics, big data analytics and next-generation communications.

Swinburne will be launching the new courses in August.

Read more about the new courses [here](#).

## Scholarships & Competitions

### [Nicholas Purcell Studio Scholarship for Creative Practice](#)

Value: \$3,500

Open/Closing Dates: 01/07/2019 – 30/11/2019

This scholarship celebrates the creative arts. Nicholas Purcell Studio believes in supporting high achieving students in the creative practices through a scholarship aimed to recognise, support, enrich and reward these students.

Selection criteria

1. Enrolled into any Higher Education institution studying any creative practice degree either full-time or part-time.
2. Evidence of Undergraduate academic record.
3. Applicants to include online link to their work.
4. Applicants to outline what they would use their prize winnings for ie to purchase paint etc.
5. Applications will be evaluated on the strength of their work.

[Find out more](#)

### [Monash Relocation Grant](#)

Value: \$2,000

Open/Closing Dates: August 5, 2019 – October 11, 2019

Do you live outside Victoria? You may be eligible for this grant if you have a low income, are an Indigenous Australian, or attend an under-represented school. Recipients will receive \$2000 to assist with relocation costs. Submit a scholarship application through VTAC now.

**You must be one of the following:**

- An Australian citizen
- A New Zealand citizen
- Australian permanent resident
- Australian humanitarian visa holder

**You must meet the following criteria:**

- Commencing an on-campus undergraduate degree at a Monash campus in Australia
- A current interstate resident, as demonstrated by the address on your VTAC scholarship application
- Have a low income, attend a [Monash listed under-represented school](#), or are an [Indigenous Australian](#)

[Find out more](#)

### [International Songwriting Competition](#)

The International Songwriting Competition is now on!

ISC is an opportunity for both amateur and professional musicians and songwriters to gain international exposure and win some great prizes. The competition has one of the most prestigious judging panels, including artists such as Coldplay, Dua Lipa and The Script. Artists from all around the world are invited to enter for their chance to win. Previous winners include Vance Joy, Gotye, Bastille and Kate Miller-Heidke.

**Entries are open until Wednesday 18 September.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://songwritingcompetition.com>

### [CRC CARE High School Essay Competition](#)

The CRC CARE High School Essay Competition aims to inspire young students to recognise the importance of a clean environment to our wellbeing and to understand how easily human activities can jeopardise environmental sustainability. CRC CARE performs scientific research to help stop or clean up contamination of our soil, water and air. Your essay can help!

Entries are open to Australian school students in Years 7 to 12. The best essay on each topic, judged on its writing quality, interest, newsworthiness, and scientific accuracy, will receive a cash prize and a trip to Adelaide for the CleanUp 2019 conference gala dinner (prizewinners must be accompanied to the gala dinner by a parent/legal guardian, at their parent/guardian's own expense).

To enter, download the entry form and write an essay of 500 to 1000 words from either of two categories:

- The Dr Roneal Naidu award on chemical contamination and its effect on food quality and human health (\$1000 prize)
- The CRC CARE award for writing on contamination of our planet: how can we ensure a clean and safe environment for future generations? (\$500 prize).

**Entries are open until Thursday 22 August.**

Find out more and enter [here](#).

### [Win a VIP Experience at ADFA Open Day](#)

Enter now for your chance to win a unique two-day trip of discovery to Australia's only Tri-Service academic and military training establishment – includes flights and accommodation. On top of a personalised opportunity to spend 23 – 24 August exploring ADFA and learning everything you need to know about living and studying at the Academy, you'll also enjoy:

- Free flights and accommodation
- VIP tour + meet and greet
- Hands-on equipment experience

**The competition is open until Wednesday 31 July.**

If you are aged between 16 – 22 and thinking about joining the defence force, this could be the opportunity for you. All you need to do is enter online [here](#).

## Careers & Jobs

### National Skills Week 2019

National Skills Week is on again in 2019, running from Monday 26 to Sunday 1 August.

National Skills Week is a time to promote and celebrate careers and pathways in Vocational Training and Education (VET). The theme for 2019 is *Succeed Your Way*.

There are events held across Australia that you can attend to learn more about training, pathways and career outcomes. Hear stories from people who have achieved their goals. Their website is also full of information and videos that you can watch to learn more about VET.

You can also head over to the SkillsOne website to check out hundreds of videos about trades and skills.

*“National Skills Week is an exciting opportunity to celebrate and reflect on how important Vocational Education and Training (VET) is to our nation and the lives of individual Australians.”*

**Senator The Hon. Simon Birmingham**

Minister for Education and Training

You can visit the National Skills Week website here: <http://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au/>

## Further Learning

### Short Courses at TAFE SA

Did you know that TAFE SA runs a variety of short courses that are suitable for high school students? Undertaking a short course can be a great way to learn new skills and discover what you might like to do once you leave school.

There are a wide variety of subject areas available to choose from. Some courses even gain credits towards your SACE.

You can view the list of short courses for students currently on offer at TAFE SA [here](#).

### Get Uni Credits at high school

Some Universities across Australia have designed programs for high school students to take part in.

They could encourage you to pursue a Uni education, see whether you like a course you have in mind (or not) and make your transition from Year 12 into Uni easier.

Some of the courses will even give you credits towards your first year at Uni, that could mean you have less work to do once you get there.

### **Programs in South Australia:**

**Flinders – [Extension Studies](#)** this program is for high-achieving South Australian senior secondary school students.

Providing an opportunity to complement and extend your SACE (you'll earn credits towards your SACE and ATAR), you'll also get to experience Uni life.

You can enrol in a maximum of one university topic per semester while completing Year 12. If you successfully complete a topic/s you may gain credit towards a future university degree, which means less work and stress during your first year of Uni, or the chance to take more subjects. There are a huge number of courses you can choose from.

It will suit students who have the maturity to adjust to a university learning environment. University study demands more independent learning through a student's own reading, research, online work, and writing.

Participation requires considerable commitment and maturity (you'll have to manage your own work load and do your own research). Flinders recommend getting guidance from their support network before applying to make sure you'll be able to manage the additional work load.

Flinders University offer half fee scholarships to do Extension Studies topics. So you'll have to fund half of the tuition fee for each topic. The University will cover the Student Services and Amenities Fee.

**Uni Melbourne – [Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program](#)** is an academic enrichment program designed to support high achieving Victorian Year 11 and Year 12, *and select secondary students living close to the New South Wales and South Australian borders.*

You'll get to experience university life and take part in a range of academic events and activities, plus get a head start on your future studies and career.

When you finish your secondary studies, you could also be offered a guaranteed place in an undergraduate degree, financial assistance to move to Melbourne, and an overseas scholarship during your studies.

**Applications open Monday 2 September 2019**

## Resources

### [Are you Moving Away to Study?](#)

If you are moving away from home to begin your study, you may be entitled to claim Fare Allowance from Centrelink.

Fare Allowance can help you cover the costs of transport if you need to travel for your study. If you study on campus, you can use the allowance for all of these:

- 1 trip from your home to your place of study per year
- 1 trip from your place of study to your home per year
- 1 additional return trip home per year once you've received your payment for over 6 months for tertiary study.

To get Fares Allowance you must be both:

- a tertiary student
- getting Youth Allowance, Austudy or Pensioner Education Supplement.

You can read more about Fare Allowance and find out if you're eligible [here](#).

### [ATAR Prep | 5 tips](#)

Exams might not start until Term 4, but it's probably not the best idea to leave everything until then.

If you're not already organised and started your revision already, here's some ideas of how you can start preparing for your exams now.

#### 1. **Forward Planning**

Check and then double check all your exam dates, deadlines for course work to submitted, and uni application key dates.

Put them in your diary / calendar. Set reminders if you think you'll need them.

Don't leave yourself open to be ambushed by last minute deadlines popping up.

#### 2. **Work smarter not harder**

Speak to your teachers and find out where you should be focusing your efforts.

Make a revision / study plan to make sure nothing is left undone.

Stick to the plan.

Leave time for recreation, all work and no play isn't realistic or particularly helpful – you could burn-out before the exams.

#### 3. **Practise**

Find past HSC exams and as part of your revision time, do the tests.

You'll find out if there are any gaps in your knowledge that you need to address *before* you get into the exam.

In addition, you'll be familiarising yourself with the papers, get used to reading the questions properly and make sure you can complete an exam within the allocated time.

It'll help you revise, and if you get nervous about exams, it could help relieve some of that anxiety about them.

#### 4. **Mix it up**

Study intensively for short periods. Take breaks. Have time out to relax and enjoy hobbies or do extra-curricular events.

Or, do something useful like research Universities and courses, apprenticeships, TAFE etc., and get a head start on your application(s). Look for scholarships and other financial aids that you could apply for. Investigate accommodation options.

Use your time wisely and you could not only get a break from school work, but you could reduce the stressors as you get closer to exam time.

#### 5. **Stay healthy**

Had your flu jab yet? If not, maybe that could go on your to do list.

Make sure you look after yourself physically and mentally – stay hydrated, eat well (treat yourself from time to time too), get enough sleep and some exercise.

Don't let things build up, talk to someone and get help if you're struggling or anxious. There are lots of people ready to help you.

And lastly, **don't panic**. You might feel like there is a lot of pressure on you right now, but your life will not be defined by your ATAR / OP results.

### **[SACE Exam timetable 2019](#)**

Students in South Australia, you can now check your exam dates for 2019. (With the exception of oral exam dates, which will be available in early September).

Exams will start on Wednesday **23 October 2019** and will finish on Monday 18 November 2019.

You can see when your exams will be held and how long you'll have to complete each paper on the official downloadable [Examinations Timetable for 2019](#). You can also view the exams online at the [SACE Exam Timetable page](#).

You can read the exam rules, exam procedures and what you're allowed to take into your exams [here](#).

End-of-year results release date hasn't been published yet, you'll need to keep checking with SACE for the date. But you'll be able to access your results in [Students Online](#) once they've been uploaded in December.

### **Work Experience at the Adelaide Festival Centre**

The Adelaide Festival Centre is taking on four students for a week long work experience placement from Monday 30 September to Friday 4 October.

The Work Experience Program focusses on Arts Administration, Marketing, Programming, Visual Arts, Curation and Arts Education.

If you would like to learn about how the Festival Centre operates, this could be the opportunity for you.

**Applications are open until Wednesday 1 August.**

Find out more and apply here: <https://www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au/about-us/work-experience/>

### **Volunteering in SA & NT**

Are you passionate about making a difference in your local community? Volunteer experience is great to have on a resume or university and scholarship applications. It's also a great way to meet new people and get involved with your local community.

Volunteering SA & NT has a website full of useful information about volunteering. They provide a variety of free and low-cost training sessions for volunteers.

Their website also has a section where you can search for any volunteering work currently available in your area.

You can check out their website [here](#).

### **Gap Year with Totally Travel**

Totally Travel offers overseas holidays and volunteering experiences, including wildlife care, teaching English, and helping children in countries around the world.

You can experience local culture in a variety of countries across Asia, South America and Africa.

The trips can vary in length from anywhere between 2 weeks and an entire year.

If you are interested you can find out more about the trips on offer here: <https://www.totallytravel.com.au>

### **Schoolies Unearthed**

Looking for a unique and exciting way to spend schoolies? Schoolies Unearthed offer amazing experiences to Vanuatu, Vietnam, Borneo and Nepal.

Go island hopping and spend your days relaxing at the beach, become involved in the local community, or challenge yourself to a trek through the Himalayas; these are all things you can experience through Schoolies Unearthed. Celebrate finishing school in a special way with friends both old and new.

Interested? Find out more here: <https://www.schooliesunearthed.com.au/>

## ATAR Prep | Past Papers

A great way to revise, is to find past exam papers and do them.

### **Why?**

Because practise could really help you improve your performance in exams.

### **Take it seriously**

Pretend you're in an exam, set the timer and get the questions answered.

Then mark your papers to see how you've done.

If you can't find any resources that show the answers, you can go through your text books, use google, or ask a teacher to go over you practise papers for you.

That way you'll be able to focus on any areas that you still need to work on. If you're doing really well, it'll also give you a boost and allow you to spend more time on other subjects that you're maybe finding trickier.

### **Other benefits**

- Get familiar with the paper layout
- Practise answering all the questions within the allocated time
- Understand what the examiners will be looking for, which could help you revise more effectively

By the time you're actually heading into your exam, you might find you're not as nervous as usual, because you're more at ease with what's expected of you.

### **Past papers from Curriculum and Assessment Authorities:**

Here are the links to some of the past papers that we've found.

Doing a search on the [SACE website](#), will bring up some past papers. We couldn't find a particular page where they're all stored. You might also have more luck searching for past papers specifically with the subject title in it. (SA & NT)

## Job Spotlight

### Interior Designer

#### **What do they do?**

Interior Designers plan, design and coordinate the creation or renovation of spaces to live or work in. Incorporating individual clients' tastes, as well as functional purpose, into their designs (and budgets). Using elements of design, decoration, safety, traffic flow, building structure, building codes, ergonomics, spatial concepts, and psychology to complete a project.

Interior designers may be self-employed or work for design and architectural firms. Collaborating with architects, builders, cabinet makers and other tradespeople, engineers and design consultants. Fields of specialisation include commercial interior design, industrial design, environmentally-friendly and ergonomic design, as well as film set design and construction. If you love decorating rooms and positioning furniture, have a great eye for detail, colour and spatial arrangements, a career in interior design could be perfect for you.

**Duties:**

- Meeting with clients, architects and tradespeople to discuss the needs of the client
- Developing designs that meet the brief, are functional, appealing and appropriate for the space
- Incorporate building safety, planning, and other legal requirements
- Use design software to create models and visuals
- Prepare and administer tenders and contract documents
- Research and prepare plans, diagrams and sketches for interior constructions, materials, finishes, lighting and furnishing
- Select suppliers for materials and labour
- Estimate costs and submit quotes for client approval
- Inspect and supervise on-going work to ensure quality and safety standards, costs and deadlines are met
- Design exhibitions, commercial display stands or stage, film and television production sets.

**Skills required:**

- People person
- Excellent communication skills, especially listening
- Creative and artistic
- Good at problem-solving and lateral thinking
- Work well independently and as part of a team
- Aptitude for technical drawing and illustration
- Spatial planning
- Project management
- Use of design software (e.g. AUTOCAD)

**Pathways**

A degree from university or recognised interior design institution in applied design, interior design, interior architecture or spatial design (ensure the course covers documentation).

**or**

A TAFE Diploma in Interior Design and Decoration in conjunction with a TAFE Building and Drafting course.

To get into these courses you may need to a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education with English and mathematics.

You may also be required to attend an interview and submit a portfolio of design work.

**Average salary** average interior designer salary is AU\$60,060 per year, excluding bonuses.  
(Source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

**Job growth** in this area is strong (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

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