



CAREERS NEWS

19 Febraury

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CAREER EVENTS AT THE COLLEGE

- **This Week: this THURSDAY 22 February – ANU (Austalian National Unversity, Canberra) recess in the careers center**
- 11 March – UWA Talk on **Medicine and Dentistry**, recess in the careers center
- 21 March – Australian Defence Force (ADF), recess in the careers center

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

NIE | Pathways into Medicine and Dentistry Live Webinar

20 February, 2024

This forum is an excellent opportunity for students and their parents to find out about the UCAT, pathways into medicine, and have all questions answered by an expert teacher who has been working in the field since 1999.

The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics, and more:

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- Year 10, 11 and 12 – things to consider now.
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- GAMSAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate interview process
- What, how and why about Gap Year?
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Work experience advice
- Q & A

[Find out more](#)

UniMelb | Hansen Scholarship Program online information evening

21 February 2024

Are you a high achiever completing Year 12 in 2024?

The Hansen Scholarship Program is the University of Melbourne's most generous undergraduate accommodation scholarship, valued at up to \$108,000.

The program rewards high-achieving Year 12 students from across Australia who have faced adversity and are committed to helping others. Hansen Scholars receive free accommodation

at Little Hall, generous financial support, tailored academic mentoring and more throughout their undergraduate degree at Melbourne.

Applications for the 2025 program will open on 5 February 2024. In this online information session, you'll discover more about the range of benefits on offer, as well as the eligibility criteria and tips on submitting a competitive application. You'll also hear from a current Hansen Scholar and have the chance to ask any questions.

[Find out more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Academy for secondary school students

The WAAPA Junior Academy is designed specifically for young people who have a passion for performing.

By being a part of the WAAPA Junior Academy program, you will:

- learn alongside expert tutors from WAAPA and industry guests
- collaborate with other students who share a passion for performance
- develop and build on the foundational skills of performance
- learn how to develop believable characters using a range of techniques
- apply your knowledge to scripts and improvisations for stage and screen
- share your work with family and friends at the end of each term.

The program runs in 8 week blocks from February to December each year, in line with the school terms.

2024 Courses

- [Acting and Performance Making - School Years 7 to 12](#)
- [Music Theatre - School Years 7 to 12](#)
- [Tell Your Story - \(For CALD Students\)](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES

The **Defence Work Experience Program (DWEP)** is back in 2024 with new opportunities for students.

DWEP is for students aged between 15-24 who have an interest in pursuing Defence as a career. It would be greatly appreciated if you could share the below opportunities with your students.

Term One DWEP placements:

Navy

Naval Gazing: Navy Careers Experience, 8-10 April 2024. Apply here: - [Naval Gazing: Navy Careers Experience - April \(nga.net.au\)](#) **applications close 25 February 2024**

There will be more opportunities coming throughout the year for both students and teachers so we encourage students to keep an eye on our website for other opportunities - [Jobs List - Defence Work Experience \(nga.net.au\)](#)

UTAS | Maria Island Marine Biology Experience

22 April to 28 April 2024

A practical learning experience on Maria Island for Year 11 and 12 students.

This predominately field-based unit consists of 5 days on picturesque Maria Island on the Tasmanian East Coast. The unit is open to 24 students and is designed to engage, challenge, excite and inspire you through a hands-on marine science program. It will encourage you to explore issues threatening biodiversity as well as the productivity of the marine system. Climate change, invasive species, pollution, debris and their associated social and economic impacts will be covered.

To help with the cost of getting to Tasmania, Year 11 and 12 students currently living interstate will automatically go into the running to receive one of five fully funded packages. Please note, applications close at 11.59 pm on Monday, 26 February. Applications received after this date and time will not be accepted.

[Find out more](#)

GAP Year options

About New Ventures Worldwide

We support 18–30-year-olds to make a difference while exploring the world as volunteers and offer placements of up to 12 months with non-profits in eight programmes worldwide.

Our Service Includes:

- A dedicated staff member
- An appropriate role at a trusted placement
- Complete preparation guidance, including visa
- Accommodation, food, spending allowance, and WiFi
- Support while on placement

Promoting NVW in Your School

We're running two online Info Sessions for Australian students to learn about New Ventures Worldwide, discover how our placements work and ask us any questions.

1. Tuesday 27 February 2024, 7:30 pm ACST >> [Click Here to Register](#) <<
2. Thursday 29 February 2024, 7:30 pm ACST >> [Click Here to Register](#) <<

University Open Days 2024




This is a great opportunity to go along, explore the campus, ask questions to the academics and future students team. It's a good idea to click on the link below and register for the ones you want to attend.

17 March (Sunday)



THE UNIVERSITY OF
**WESTERN
AUSTRALIA**

[UWA Open Day](#)

24 March (Sunday)	 Curtin University Curtin Open Day
5 May (Sunday) (Link coming)	
23 March (Saturday)	 Murdoch University Open Day
14 April (Sunday) 21 April (Sunday) 28 April (Sunday)	ECU South West Campus ECU Joondalup ECU Mount Lawley / WAAPA Register Here

Please be aware the opportunities in this newsletter are not endorsed by Santa Maria College. We wish to merely make you aware of opportunities provided by organisations in the wider community. We strongly urge you to conduct your own due diligence around the suitability and safety of these activities for your child.

EXTRA CAREER INFORMATION

University

[University benefits for school leaders](#)

Sometimes students who are school captain or leader, or have other leadership experience, ask if this can be a benefit when applying to university. The answer is **yes**. There are lots of university benefits for school leaders, including bonus points, scholarships, study support, access to exclusive opportunities, and more. Here are some opportunities for school leaders we've found.

University of Sydney Future Leaders Scheme

Sydney's Future Leaders Scheme allows school captains and dux students to apply for a degree with a lower ATAR requirement. In most cases, it means students can gain entry into a degree with 5 less points than would usually be required. Not all courses are eligible, so check that the list before applying.

Applications to the program are made at the same time as a student's UAC application. [Find out more](#).

Macquarie Leaders and Achievers

Leadership experience and academic performance could net you an early offer to university with Macquarie's Leaders and Achievers Scheme. All students need is to provide Year 11 results and demonstrate leadership experience (such as school captaincy).

Applications aren't open yet, but they should be opening soon. [Find out more](#).

University of Newcastle Leaders, Athletes and Performers Scheme

Through this scheme, students can gain an extra 4 points towards their selection rank, plus receive extra support once they start university.

Applications for 2025 should be submitted before 31 October. [Find out more](#).

Bond Adjustment Factors

Bond University offer adjustment factors for a wide variety of circumstances, and students can receive an extra 2 points for their leadership achievements. There are lots of other things they can earn bonus points for too, for a total of 5.

All students need to do is submit evidence of their achievements alongside their application to Bond. [Find out more](#).

La Trobe Aspire Community Contribution

Through the Aspire Community Contribution Program, students can get an early offer based on your community and leadership experience (including if they've been a school captain or leader).

Applications aren't open yet, but students can register their interest to be the first to find out when they open. [Find out more](#).

UNSW Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders (EAPL) Program

UNSW's EAPL program offers up to 5 bonus points to students who can demonstrate achievement in leadership and extra-curricular activities.

Applications for the EAPL Program should open later this year. [Find out more](#).

UWA Fogarty Foundation Scholarship

One of the country's most prestigious scholarship programs, this scholarship offers budding future leaders money for their studies, access to mentoring and leadership opportunities, and much more.

Applications for 2025 are open now, and they close on 31 May. [Find out more.](#)

UniSC Tim Fairfax Regional Scholarship

This scholarship awards school leaders relocating from a regional or remote areas financial support to study.

Applications for 2025 should open later in the year. [Find out more.](#)

Melbourne Principals' Scholarship

Students can be rewarded for their contribution to the school community with a Melbourne Principals' Scholarship. Principals are invited to nominate a candidate from their school.

Nominations usually open in August. [Find out more.](#)

Find out more

This is by no means a comprehensive list – if you're interested in a particular university, contact their future students team and ask if there might be any programs or benefits for leaders.

We also have a database of scholarships and awards on our website [here](#).

JOB SPOTLIGHT

How to become a Veterinary Nurse

Veterinary nurses form part of a team that is dedicated to providing the best possible care for pets and their owners. They use their knowledge and skills to assist veterinarians in surgeries, administer medications, and provide comfort to animals during their stay. They also educate pet owners on how to properly care for their pets and prevent illnesses.

If you love animals of all kinds, don't mind getting your hands dirty, and want a job that can be both challenging and rewarding, becoming a veterinary nurse could be something to consider.

What skills do I need as a veterinary nurse?

- Kind and caring
- Emotionally and physically resilient
- Can work efficiently under pressure
- Great team worker
- Excellent communicator
- Dedicated and passionate
- Active and hands-on
- Strong stomach

What tasks can I expect to do?

- Carry out diagnostic tests and administer medications
- Assist with surgery and emergency procedures
- Perform minor procedures with direction from a veterinarian
- Stock medical and other supplies

- Provide information and support to pet owners
- Clean and sterilise work spaces and equipment
- Keep medical records up to date
- Carry out administrative and other functions

What industries do veterinary nurses typically work in?

- Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- Arts and Recreation Services
- Other Services

What kind of lifestyle can I expect as a veterinary nurse?

Part-time work is very common for veterinary nurses. You will also need to be flexible enough to attend to emergencies – this means you may need to work late nights, weekends, and holidays.

This is a career that can take an emotional toll as often as it is rewarding. You'll need to be prepared to deal with sick and injured animals, as well as upset and grieving owners. Most of your work will be done indoors, generally in a veterinary clinic. There is some outdoor work involved too, and you may even have the opportunity to travel and work from clients' homes. Because of the hands-on nature of the job, remote work is very rare, though sometimes basic consultations can be done over the phone or via video conferencing. Most veterinary nurses earn an average wage.

How to become a veterinary nurse

Veterinary nurses require extensive training and education, which can include completing a two-year vocational or associate degree program in veterinary technology and passing a national certification exam. They also need ongoing continuing education to stay up-to-date on the latest advancements in animal care.

If you're in high school now and are thinking of becoming a veterinary nurse, here are some steps you could take:

- Study English, Mathematics, and Biology at high school. Completing these subjects will equip you with the basic knowledge you need for further study.
- In some cases, you may be able to complete your qualification as part of an apprenticeship or traineeship. This can be a great option for hands-on learners, or if you want to make some money while you study.
- Contact vet clinics and animal refuges or shelters near you and volunteer, even if it's just cleaning out kennels or sweeping up around the place.
- Be prepared to engage in lifelong learning throughout your career.

Find out more here:

- [Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia](#)
- [New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association](#)
- [British Veterinary Nursing Association](#)
- [Irish Veterinary Nursing Association](#)
- [American Veterinary Medical Association](#)
- [Registered Veterinary Technologists and Technicians of Canada](#)
- [International Veterinary Nurses and Technicians Association](#)

Similar careers to veterinary nurse

- Veterinarian
- Practice Manager
- Animal Attendant
- Physiotherapist
- Dog Groomer
- Animal Trainer
- Zookeeper

Find out more about [alternative careers](#).