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[SCU | Online Mid-Year Info Session](#)

19 June 2019, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Campus, Terminal Drive, Bilinga QLD, Australia

Finding the right university can be challenging. To make things a little easier and get you heading in the right direction, come along to an SCU info sessions and talk to expert staff about your study options.

Find out more: <https://www.scu.edu.au/infoday>

[QSFT Media & Film School Career Info Session](#)

25 June 2019, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Queensland School of Film & Television, Warwick Street, Annerley QLD, Australia

Are you looking at change or kick start your career in the screen & media industry? Want to discover more about the industry and the opportunities?

Queensland School of Film and Television's Career Information Session is the perfect opportunity for you to gain knowledge about the Screen & Media industry and career pathway

options. You will hear from industry professionals & QSFT trainers for the most up-to-date insights.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/qsft-media-film-school-career-info-session-tuesday-25th-june-2019-tickets-63322424075>

Camp Leaders Info Session – Brisbane

27 June 2019, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Brisbane Square Library, George Street, Brisbane City QLD, Australia

Curious about what heading to Summer Camp in America is all about?

Come along to the free info session and find out everything you need to know about being a Camp Counselor. Our Team Members have all worked in camp before through Camp Leaders, and love talking about their experience!

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/camp-leaders-info-session-brisbane-tickets-63036825843>

Cairns Jobs Fair

28 June 2019, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

TAFE Queensland Cairns Campus, Wilkinson Street, Manunda QLD, Australia

The Australian Government Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business invites all job seekers and retrenched workers to come along to the Cairns Jobs Fair.

The Cairns Jobs Fair is a one-day event, which will provide people looking for a job with access to current employment opportunities.

Employers with current vacancies are invited as exhibitors at the Jobs Fair. Exhibition stands are free and give employers the opportunity to promote job vacancies and meet local job seekers face-to-face.

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/418651708991222/>

RAF Community Workshop – Bundaberg

5 July 2019, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery, Barolin Street, Bundaberg Central QLD, Australia

The Regional Arts Fund (RAF) is an Australian Government program designed to benefit regional and remote arts practitioners, arts workers, audiences and communities. The fund is provided through Regional Arts Australia and is administered in Queensland by Flying Arts Alliance.

Join Flying Arts Alliance to learn how to access and apply for for RAF funding to support your project, professional development or initiative.

Find out more: <https://flyingarts.org.au/events/raf-community-workshop-bundaberg>

TAFE Queensland | Coomera Creative Hub Open Day

20 July 2019, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

TAFE Queensland, Coomera campus, Foxwell Road, Coomera QLD, Australia

Explore music, gaming, design, screen & media, cyber security and IT. Tour our film editing suites, sound recording studios & black box theatre. Chat with certificate, diploma and bachelor program expert and experience light and sound demonstrations.

Find out more: <https://tafeqld.edu.au/news-events/events/2019/july/coomera-creative-hub-open-day.html>

Billy Blue College of Design | Brisbane Open Day

17 August 2019, 10:00 am -, 1:00 pm

Billy Blue College of Design, Bowen Terrace, Fortitude Valley QLD, Australia

Open Day is taking place on Sat 17 August 2019 – the best way to see our creative community in full swing!

We know choosing the right course is top priority and a BIG decision, that's why we make sure everyone is on deck to answer your questions; lecturers, students, graduates, campus support staff and our Course & Careers Advisors. Get stuck into creative activities, listen in to industry guest speakers, wonder the studio-style classrooms and facilities. By the time you leave, you'll have a good sense of what it's like to be part of the Billy Blue crew. This is a fun day out so be sure to bring your family and friends.

Please register to attend so we know you're coming along!

See our full course list [here](#)

[Full program](#)

Find out more: <https://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events/brisbane/brisbane-od-august-2019>

Academy of Interactive Entertainment | Virtual Open Day

31 August 2019, 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

23 November 2019, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Considering a career in games, 3D or VFX?

If you have ever wanted to study 3D animation, game design or VFX for film online with AIE then our Online Experience Day is an ideal opportunity to find out more!

Course overview sessions will be running on the range of online courses in 3D animation, game art, game programming and game design offered by AIE. You will get to participate in workshops, guest speaker talks and much more. Have a question? Don't worry, pop by and one of our friendly staff from AIE online will be more than happy to assist.

With classes starting all the time, starting your career as a game developer or 3D animator has never been easier. Register now for this **FREE** event.

The Online Experience Day will start at 12:00 noon and finish at 4:00pm Australian Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)

You'll need to register on the website (link provided) for this event.

Find out more: https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/online-experience-day/?fbclid=IwAR2HnjT4Zcb9JfcnTxikKRRH4L411Hn_5vsgzTSU0uP8VvlpKFBbu7r60-ro

[Billy Blue College of Design | Brisbane Open Evening](#)

3 September 2019, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Billy Blue College of Design, Bowen Terrace, Fortitude Valley QLD, Australia

Did you miss our recent Open Day? We have another chance for you to visit our campuses after hours at Open Night on Tuesday 3rd September 6-8pm.

This is your chance to tour our classrooms and studios, and meet some of the talented lecturers and students that make up our creative community. Don't miss it!

Register to let them know you'll be attending.

Find out more: <https://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events/brisbane/brisbane-on-sept-2019>

Workshops & Courses

[Honey & Backyard Beekeeping Talk](#)

22 June 2019, 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Cairns Botanic Gardens, Collins Avenue, Edge Hill QLD, Australia

Join the Friends of the Cairns Botanic Gardens at a presentation on honey & backyard beekeeping. Entry via gold coin donation. Morning tea will be served.

Find out more: <https://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/whats-on/whats-on/event-submissions/fobg-bee-talk>

[African Drum Sanctus Workshop](#)

30 June 2019, 3:00 pm - 30 June 2019, 3:00 pm

Banshees Bar & Art Space, Brisbane Street, Ipswich QLD, Australia

Come, explore and learn African drumming in a relaxed and inclusive environment with Tunde and Joseph your instructors.

Workshop provides percussion instruments or you can bring your own.

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2724843324408620/>

[How to Write and Record a Song | School Holiday Workshop](#)

1 July 2019, 9:30 am - 2 July 2019, 2:00 pm

Black Box Theatre, Howard Street, Nambour QLD, Australia

During this workshop you'll be shown the essential skills to compose your own music, the approaches to lyric writing, and you'll participate in the recording of a demonstration recording of a co-written song in a professional recording studio.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/how-to-write-and-record-a-song-2-day-school-holiday-workshop-tickets-63180526656>

[Teen Apothecary: Skin Care Workshop](#)

9 July 2019, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Biome Eco Store Paddington, Latrobe Terrace, Paddington QLD, Australia

Discover the magical world of plant alchemy at this workshop for teens. Learn to make a floral toner, roll on perfume and cleansing clay mask. Suitable for all teens.

Find out more: <https://www.biome.com.au/workshops/25094--teen-apothecary-2.html>

[Camp United Nations for Girls – Brisbane](#)

19 October 2019, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

111 Mary Street, Brisbane City QLD, Australia

Camp United Nations for Girls is a political leadership program that introduces girls ages 8 to 17 to international politics and the work of the United Nations.

Camp United Nations for Girls is a one-day program and is ideal for girls with an interest in politics.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-united-nations-for-girls-brisbane-ii-2019-tickets-60602492687>

[Unlocking Creativity: Online Writing Course](#)

The Writers' Studio is offering a four-week online course to get you started on your writing career.

Unlocking Creativity is a totally practical yet inspirational creative process that will get you writing from the very first session. This course will dramatically improve the quality of your writing and understanding of character development and story structure, giving you key insights into what makes a good story work.

The course runs from Wednesday 19 June to Wednesday 10 July, and costs \$485.

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

Le Cordon Bleu Launches Online Learning Courses

Le Cordon Bleu will be launching a variety of courses to study online starting this July.

They have plenty of topics to choose from, including:

- [Food Writing](#): 22 July – 29 Sept
- [Gastronomy & Nutrition](#): 5 August – 1 September
- [Gastronomic Tourism](#): 5 August – 13 October
- [Entrepreneurship for Food Business](#): 12 August – 20 October
- [Modernist Cuisine and the Art of Fine Dining](#): 2 – 29 September
- [Food Ethics – From field to fork](#): 2 – 29 September
- [Aesthetics of Food & Drink](#): 23 September – 1 December
- [Food Photography](#): 23 September – 20 October

Online study gives the flexibility to study at your own pace from anywhere in the world.

Find out more about Le Cordon Bleu's new online courses [here](#).

Scholarships & Competitions

CQUniCares BHP Indigenous Scholarship

Open/Closing Dates: 20/05/2019 – 05/07/2019

Value: Up to \$40,000

These scholarships will provide recognition and financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled in a CQUniversity Bachelor course.

To be eligible to receive the CQUniCares BHP Indigenous Scholarships an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled or intending to enrol at CQUniversity in **Term 2, 2019**
- Be studying a Bachelor course
- Be a 1st or 2nd year student
- Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident

- Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Reside permanently in Queensland, in communities classified as Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote or Very Remote by the Australian Government
- Be enrolled at CQUniversity at Census date of Term 2, 2019
- Not be receiving another Donor Funded scholarship

[Find out more](#)

National Songwriting Competition

Every year, students from schools across Australia are invited to put pen to paper and enter their original song in ACMF's annual National Songwriting Competition. Winners receive prize-money which can be allocated towards musical equipment or tuition.

The competition is free to enter and designed to encourage creativity and self-expression through songwriting.

Entries Close 5.00pm, Thursday 29 August.

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

Australian Mathematics Competition

Do you have a classroom full of great problem solvers? One way to find out is through the Australian Mathematics Competition.

School-based maths competitions don't get much bigger than this—with more than 15 million entries since 1978 and students in more than 30 countries attempting the same problems each year.

The school-based competition is suitable for students from lower primary to upper secondary. Entrants in years 3–6 are asked to solve 30 problems in 60 minutes, while those in years 7–12 have 75 minutes to solve more complex problems. The problems get more challenging as the competition progresses, so students of all abilities will be challenged and inspired.

The competition will be held on Thursday 1 August.

Registration closes Friday 21 June for paper entries, and Thursday 25 July for online entries.

Find out more and register your class [here](#).

Wildlife Warriors' Backyard Campout

You can join Wildlife Warriors in a worldwide campout for wildlife!

Each year, Backyard Campout encourages people to get outdoors and reconnect with the world around us – all in support of conservation.

Participating in Backyard Campout is easy, here's how:

1. Pick an activity!

Choose to camp, hike, bike or barbecue. Whatever your activity as long as you're enjoying the scenery and people you're with, you're doing it right.

2. Plan your adventure!

Pick a date, a location, plan your activities and invite your friends and family.

3. Fundraise to help wildlife!

Use your Everyday Hero Online Fundraising page to collect donations and share your journey with your supporters.

4. Win camptastic prizes!

The more funds you raise, the more prizes you can win! Check out the full prize list [here](#), including the prizes for our top fundraisers.

Backyard Campout is running until Monday 29 July.

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

[Active Australia Innovation Challenge](#)

Got an idea to inspire your community to get moving? Share it with us!

The Heart Foundation encourage entries from schools, tertiary institutions, councils and community groups as well as culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Come up with a new project, partnership, product or process to make a difference.

Create an idea to meet the needs of your chosen community and make it easier for people to exercise.

The Active Australia Innovation Challenge is awarding a \$10,000 grant to up to eight winning ideas.

Entries close 5.00pm Wednesday 31 July.

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

[The Simpson Prize 2020](#)

The Simpson Prize is a national competition for Year 9 and 10 students. The competition encourages participants to explore the significance of the Anzac experience and what it has meant for Australia. Eight winners are chosen from each State and Territory with the opportunity to visit overseas battlefields and participate in Anzac Day commemorations.

This year's question is: *"Allied victory brought an end to war, suffering, and challenges for Australia and its people."* To what extent do experiences of 1919 support this view?

Entries are open until Friday 8 November.

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

[The 2019 R & M McGivern Prize](#)

The 2019 R & M McGivern Prize for painting calls all artists from around Australia to address the theme of the Anthropocene.

The Anthropocene describes an era proposed by scientists that dates from the commencement of significant human impact on the Earth's geology and ecosystems.

There is a \$25,000 acquisitive prize awarded to the most worthy original painting.

The prize is open to all artists living in Australia.

Entries close 5.00pm on Friday 28 June.

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

Crikey! Magazine Photography Competition

Australia Zoo and Robert Irwin are inviting you to share your best photo of wildlife for a chance to win over \$3,900 worth of photography prizes!

Open Grand Prize includes:

- The cover photo of Crikey! Magazine Summer edition.
- One spot on the 2020 Mourachan Outback Photography Expedition to the value of \$2,490.00 AUD.
- CameraPro voucher to the value of \$1,000.00 AUD.

Junior (Under 15 years) Prize includes:

- The cover photo of Crikey! Kids section of the Crikey! Magazine Summer edition.
- CameraPro voucher to the value of \$500.00 AUD.

Entries are open from Wednesday June 5 to Saturday August 31.

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

Tax, Super + You Competition

If you're a student in Year 7–12, we want you to think outside the box and develop creative products that highlight the value of tax and/or super in the community. You don't need to be a tax expert to enter. Taking part in this competition will not only give you an insight into the value of tax and super, but you also have the chance to win a share of over \$6,000 in prizes!

For your chance to become Australia's next tax and super creative genius, you must:

- be a student in Year 7–12
- be enrolled in the Australian education system
- only submit up to three entries per person/group
- complete a separate entry form to accompany each entry
- comply with the [terms and conditions](#).

There is no entry fee.

Entries open Monday 3 June and close Friday 23 August.

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

Careers & Jobs

[Drones replacing fireworks](#)

California's state fair this year will have the traditional firework display replaced with 80 LED carrying drones.

Great Lakes Drone Co. who will be providing the display, say that as well as being a more environmentally friendly option, it will also make the display more inclusive – as those that don't like the loud booming fireworks will now be able to attend.

It also means that a career in drone displays is an option for you to consider.

To read more about the displays and the company responsible, the full article is [here](#).

You can look at the Great Lakes Drone Co. Youtube page if you'd like to see some videos.

[What Work Experience in the Navy is Like](#)

Six year 11 and 12 students from Darwin's Casuarina High School were given the opportunity to participate in a week-long work experience program in the Royal Australian Navy.

Students learned about Navy life and participated in a variety of activities, including operating a laser cutter, visiting patrol boats, and learning how the Navy moves vessels from land to sea.

One of the participating students, Daniel Thomson, says, "The experience changed my mind in a positive way, because now I have insight as to what goes on ... I learnt about the different types of careers and different skills such as being reliable and respectful."

This opportunity was made available by the Top End P-TECH partnership.

Read more about the experience [here](#).

Thinking about a career in the Defence Force? You can find open opportunities for work experience in the Defence Forces [here](#).

Further Learning

[PwC Higher Apprenticeship Program](#)

PwC is one of Australia's leading professional services firms, and they are currently running a Higher Apprenticeship Program.

You will have the opportunity to work at PwC, as well as gain a professional qualification in Information Technology. The program gives you on-the-job training and experience in a real workplace. There a variety of roles you can work in, including technology consulting, analytics, and customer experience.

They are currently accepting applications for positions in Sydney and Melbourne. To be eligible you must have obtained a high school certificate by the start of the program in January 2020.

Applications close Wednesday 28 July.

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

Harvard & Yale Model UN Delegation

Applications are now open for this amazing international tour! Connect with students from around the globe at the Harvard & Yale Model UN Conference. This is an incredible opportunity for students passionate about debating, model UN, international politics or overseas study. Be immersed in a stimulating learning environment with other like-minded students from across the world and accelerate your growth.

- Participate in the internationally renowned Harvard and Yale Model United Nations Conferences
- Intensive program of workshops, policy exercises and debating within the role of international decision maker
- Exclusive visits to the United Nations, the Pentagon, UN Foundation & Tiger Global Management
- Meet with global leaders, learn from industry experts and be inspired for your own future
- Boost your knowledge, skill-set and network as part of a highly transformative educational experience

Visit [the link](#) to download the full tour info pack – www.crimsoneducation.org/tours/MUN

Job hunting tips for Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Australian Apprenticeship Pathways have put together this great resource, with tips about how to go about finding apprenticeships or traineeships.

Tips include:

- Searching online or in local papers.
- Approaching employers directly.
- Using personal networks.
- Being proactive about seeking opportunities shows you know what you want, you're enthusiastic and motivated.

Read more about these tips in the [full article](#).

New Cyber Security Degree at Macquarie University

In 2020 Macquarie University will be launching a new undergraduate degree, the Bachelor of Cyber Security.

With technology now an integral part of our lives, our security is becoming more and more important. If you love computers and IT and want to learn how to take on some of the world's biggest online threats, this degree might be for you.

You will gain enhanced knowledge in areas such as information security and data privacy, offensive security, digital forensics, applied cryptography, secure coding and artificial intelligence. By the end of the degree, you will be equipped to deal with all kinds of cybercrime. If you are interested, you can read more about the new degree [here](#).

Resources

[Travel hack – avoid extra credit card charges](#)

If you plan on travelling overseas, you'll probably organise a credit card to take with you. It's one of the safest ways to travel with money.

But this article explains why when you pay by credit card you should NOT select the "Would you like to pay in your own currency?" options you'll be asked after entering your PIN.

Why not? Because if you do you could end up paying 7 or 8% more on your bill.

For a full explanation of how this cheeky little rip-off works, you can read more [here](#).

[5 things you should know about Super](#)

Lots of people don't start thinking about their super until they start working.

But it's never too early to start thinking about it, or contributing – even if you have a casual or part time job as a teenager.

This article covers some of the basics that should know about your super, if you want to get ahead in the future:

1. What you should know about your Super when you're starting out. Your super and a house will likely be your two biggest life assets, so it's important that you understand what it's all about.
2. Consolidate and find "lost" Super.
3. How to find the best Super fund for you.
4. The implications of taking time off from work to raise a family
5. Pros and cons of employer elected super funds

Note: it is co-written by QSuper, so there is some bias towards their Super funds, but the information is valid.

Read the full article [here](#).

[Visit somewhere not even on a map](#)

Thinking of heading off the beaten track in your gap year, or simply want to have some adventure on your next holiday?

Then the largely unknown tropical, jungle covered, Islands of Sao Tome and Principe off the West African coast could be exactly what you're looking for.

South African billionaire Mark Shuttleworth has dedicated himself to helping the islands develop in a sustainable manner. He has bought all the existing island hotels (and built some more), and started gardens and orchards to grow the produce used in the hotels' restaurants and spas. There are also recycling facilities to deal with the waste, including a craft studio that makes jewellery from trash.

The hotels sound quite exclusive, so you might have to work extra hard to afford a visit to these islands, but it sounds like it would be well worth the effort, and none of your mates are likely to have been.

Read more about the islands in this [article](#).

[Six ways for parents to stay connected with teen sons](#)

“Teen boys have powerful feelings, but parents often mistakenly assume their silence means they prefer to be disengaged. Boys have rich inner lives, and they care deeply about loyalty, friendship and protecting the people they love.” – Kenneth Ginsburg

If you're finding it hard to maintain a strong connection with your teenage son, the author of this article "[Six ways parents can stay connected with their teen sons](#)" suggests trying to:

- Focus on loving, high-yield interactions
- Tackle stereotypes about masculinity
- Show interest in his life
- Ask questions and then be patient
- Choose the time, place to connect
- Initiate the awkward talks

[Tips for raising calmer teens](#)

With the rising number of mental health concerns amongst children and teens, this article seeks to address some of the possible causes.

It talks about how the increase in technology, means our teens now connect with and compare themselves to more people than ever before. It also goes on to explain how those comparisons are often against unrealistic and often unachievable versions of a “virtual” person.

There are also some suggestions on how parents could help their teen, including focusing on effort and learning, rather than outcomes. Limiting time on devices and social media.

Normalising difficulty, discomfort, and mistakes.

You can read the full article [here](#).

[Who should go to open days](#)

Short answer: everyone.

Well that is to say anyone who is planning on a tertiary education (and that includes TAFE and VET of course).

You might think Year 12's are the only people who should go to Open Days. But if you're in Years 10 & 11 and thinking about Uni, you could benefit from going to open days now too. Parents wanting to learn more, and support their children's wishes to continue studying after high school, are welcome as well. Mature students, friends and siblings, the doors are open for everyone.

Unless you're adamant that you're starting an apprenticeship or your career as soon as you leave high school, then you'll definitely benefit from spending some time at open days.

Are you:

Unsure about Uni

Great, go along to open days, see how the lifestyle might suit you, see if the courses and the staff inspire you, speak to current students to get their opinion (they'll be honest about the best and worst parts about further education).

Whether you leave feeling excited about going to Uni or deciding it's definitely not for you, at least you'll be certain.

Unsure about which course

Struggling to decide which course to do, what has the best career outcomes?

The good folk at Uni will be able to answer all your questions. Reassure you about your choices or suggest alternatives that could suit you better.

Unsure about which Uni

If you know what course you'd like to do but can't decide between two or more Uni's, then the absolute best way to decide is to pay them a visit.

One might have better facilities, a more exciting course, internship or work opportunities. Maybe it'll just come down to which campus you felt more comfortable in or which staff were more welcoming.

Sure about your options

You're 100% decided on which Uni you want to go and which course you'll be listing at the top of your preferences – well done you, you're in a fantastic position right now.

Why not go along to the open day anyway – familiarise yourself with the campus, see what accommodation is available, check out the social scene and speak with the lecturers and staff you'll be working with next year.

Take some time to attend another open day or two, you might find another Uni that suits you even better or find a course that blows you away. If not, you know that your first choice is the best option for you.

Which open day attendee are you?

The Snaffler – out to get every goodie bag, freebie and coupon that's out there
Well this speaks for itself really doesn't it. What's better than a free day out?

A free day out with goodies, surely. Pick up your **free** tote bag at the start of the day. Try any workshops and activities. You might even snag a free feed.

Don't forget to register for any competitions being run as well, you never know what you could win. And you might come away with a bonus headful of ideas about a course you'd love to do or a Uni you'd love to study at.

The Interrogator – ready with quickfire questions.

Fantastic – draw up your list of questions and join the masses, speak to all the professionals, current students and staff.

You might find out more than you bargained for or help other future students by asking questions they're too shy to ask, or just hadn't thought of yet.

The Wallflower – hanging back, not sure who to ask and terrified of having to make eye contact.

Fear not, if you're shy, you don't have to engage if you don't want to. You can be an anonymous face in the crowds, taking in the surroundings, soaking up the atmosphere and gaining a little bit more confidence ready for next year.

Take a friend or parent if this is you, they'll help you feel more at ease and might pick up on things you could miss.

Take advantage and go along

Regardless of which type of attendee you are, there are benefits to going to at least one open day.

We recommend going to a few.

They're designed to be fun as well as informative, so they should be a good day out. Here at Study Work Grow we've created an Open Day Guide for 2019, it'll be coming out soon, watch our website for its release. We've listed **all** the University Open Days and lots of the Colleges and TAFES, as well as useful information and tips.

Job Spotlight

Youth Worker

What do they do?

Youth Workers are there to support, mentor and engage older children and adolescents (12-25). It's educating and improving their social development through voluntary participation in activities, games and talks. You'd be working on improving their self-perception, helping them make better choices and contribute positively to society.

You could be working in schools, youth centres, youth organisations, residential care facilities, health clinics, community centres, youth counselling units, hospitals, correctional centres, outreach and detached projects, youth action and participation groups, drug and alcohol projects – wherever young people are at.

If you're an outgoing, open minded, people person. And would love to help young people make a difference in their lives, this job could be perfect for you.

Duties:

You'd be required to do a mixture of interpersonal, administrative and advocacy work. Duties vary depending on your work setting and experience:

- Meeting with young people to identify and discuss their problems
- Providing support and advice in a one-on-one or group setting to young people experiencing difficulties, such as family problems, unemployment, illness, drug abuse and homelessness
- Arranging food, shelter, counselling and clothing for young people in need
- Assessing risks and providing crisis counselling to young people experiencing trauma
- Referring clients to appropriate specialists or community agencies
- Acting as an advocate and raising issues with government departments
- Providing information about services and resources available locally
- Planning and conducting programs focused on the specific needs of young people, such as employment and training, education, self-development, accommodation, welfare and counselling

- Organising and supervising group activities including sports, handicrafts, dancing, drama, hiking, bushwalking and holiday camps
- Writing reports, submissions and applications for funding
- Work closely with teachers, social and welfare workers, local authorities, health professionals, refuge workers, parents and, in some instances, the police
- Assist with developing policies relating to young people
- evaluate data relating to the effectiveness of community support services

Skills required:

- Able to take initiative
- Leadership qualities
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Able to work independently
- A non-judgmental attitude
- Able to plan and organise
- Cooperation and collaboration
- Maintain privacy and confidentiality
- Good report writing skills
- Recognition of Indigenous peoples

Pathways

The level of qualification among youth workers can vary between states and organisations. You could become a Youth Worker by undertaking a Traineeship or VET qualification including the Certificate III, Certificate IV or Diploma of youth. You'll have to have completed Year 10. Completing a degree in social science, social work, social welfare, counselling, human services, youth work or a related field. To get into these courses you'll probably need a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education.

It **may** be possible to work in the field of youth work without formal qualifications, particularly if you already have some relevant experience, like volunteering.

Volunteering is also a great way to find out early on if this is the kind of work that will suit you. You could contact your local council's youth service team to see if you can volunteer with them. You'll also need a Working with Children Check / Blue Card before you can work in this field.

Average salary is \$56,368 per year (Source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

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

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