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What's On

Upcoming Events

ATAR Notes | Free Online Lectures

April 8 to April 24, 2024

Join thousands of students that tune in to our online lectures.

- Tune in to heaps of lectures delivered by recent elite year 12 graduates
- Ask questions live and get immediate answers
- Come back and rewatch any time, download slides for your own study, and more

Sessions in this series cover a huge range of subjects. You can register now for all available sessions – don't miss out!

[Find out more](#)

ACU | Talk with Innovative Teachers

April 9, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on the future of education.

[Find out more](#)

ACU | Talk with Lawyers and Human Rights Advocates

April 10, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on working in law and human rights.

[Find out more](#)

University of Adelaide | Yr 11 & 12 On Campus Experience - Energy, Mining & Resources School

April 10, 2024

Join us on campus for an immersive opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students in Week 11 of Term 1! Building upon the inaugural on-campus events offered in 2023, the full-day event will allow students to get hands-on in activities run by leading University academics across various disciplines, hear from industry professionals to gain a firsthand look at the sector and discover where a career in the energy, mining and resources sector could lead.

[Find out more](#)

AIE | Industry Experience Day

April 11 to April 17, 2024

AIE's Industry Experience Day is a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries. Students will get the opportunity to learn about the different pathways to get into the industry, what should be in a portfolio and will be able to get creative in practical workshops using industry-standard 3D animation and game development tools.

The sessions are run by industry professionals who have worked on some blockbuster games and films. Everything is provided for you to participate in the hands-on workshops and you will be using the same software that is used in the industry.

[Find out more](#)

NYSF STEM Hub, Adelaide

April 15 to April 19, 2024

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) STEM Hubs are designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage continued studies in these fields.

A STEM Hub is a non-residential STEM experience where you can connect with STEM pathways and careers around Australia. You'll join exclusive behind-the-scenes experiences typically inaccessible to the public and connect with STEM professionals—a crucial networking opportunity for your future.

Whether you're passionate about robotics, biomedicine, astronomy, biology, or anything in between, there's a STEM Hub waiting to show you what a STEM career is really like!

If you are a current Year 12 student in Australia with an interest in STEM, we welcome you to the NYSF STEM Hubs!

[Find out more](#)

Flinders | Animal Behaviour Yr 12 Taster Day

April 16, 2024

Interested in working with animals? Come and learn why animals behave the way they do to assess their welfare, understand evolution and help conservation. Join Animal Behaviour researchers and students to find out what it's like studying Animal Behaviour at Flinders and experience hands-on opportunities. They will discuss their exciting research as well as career pathways with an Animal Behaviour degree.

This is a great opportunity for Year 12 students to experience different areas within the Animal Behaviour field.

[Find out more](#)

Sancta Sophia College | Virtual Sancta Dinner for Undergraduate Women in 2025

April 16, 2024

Residents of Sancta invite undergraduate women from across Australia who will be commencing or continuing their studies in 2025 to virtually dine with them from the comfort of your own home, whilst learning more about living on-campus and studying at Sydney's major universities, including The University of Sydney, The University of Notre Dame, and University of Technology Sydney (UTS). You will have the opportunity to meet our resident leaders, ask them questions about life at Sancta and at university and learn more about our application process.

[Find out more](#)

Flinders | AI, Cybersecurity, Mixed Reality & Software Engineering Yr 12 Taster Day

April 16, 2024

Flinders University is inviting you to participate in an exclusive and exciting AI, Cybersecurity, Mixed Reality and Software Engineering Event!

This event will give you close-up opportunities and hands-on experiences in different areas of AI, Cybersecurity, Mixed Reality and Software Engineering, so that you can make the right decision regarding your future studies and career. You can:

- participate in workshops
- tour the state-of-the-art specialised facilities and laboratories that students use at Tonsley
- find out what it's like studying at Flinders
- speak with current students
- get your questions answered by lecturers, academics, and researchers
- meet and talk with course coordinators about area specialisations
- join a Q&A panel session and learn about possible pathways, prerequisites, career and job opportunities, business and industry connections, work experience, and much more
- and lunch will be provided

[Find out more](#)

Flinders | Creative Arts & Industries Yr 12 Taster Day

April 17, 2024

Flinders University is inviting you to participate in an exclusive and exciting Creative Arts and Industries event.

Experience hands on activities in our Creative Arts and Industries courses, including expert advice on how to prepare a portfolio of your work. You will get to:

- Participate in workshops
- Learn about our courses and potential careers
- Get advice on how to put together a portfolio of creative work
- Meet and talk with our specialised teachers
- And lunch will also be included!

[Find out more](#)

Flinders | Engineering & Design Yr 12 Taster Day

April 17, 2024

Flinders University is inviting you to participate in an exclusive and exciting Engineering and Design Event!

This event will give you close-up opportunities and hands-on experiences in different areas of Engineering and Design so that you can make the right decision regarding your future studies and career. You can:

- participate in workshops
- ride the Flinders Motorsport Racing Simulator
- tour the state-of-the-art specialised facilities and laboratories that students use at Tonsley
- find out what it's like studying at Flinders
- speak with current students
- get your questions answered by lecturers, academics, and researchers
- join a Q&A panel session and learn about possible pathways, prerequisites, career and job opportunities, business and industry connections, work experience, and much more
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SAE | Adelaide Info Night

April 18, 2024

SAE Info Night will give you an opportunity to chat to our lecturers 1:1, as well as learn all about what SAE has to offer.

There will be a general SAE overview about all our courses available, as well as our student support initiatives and services!

[Find out more](#)

ACU | Talk with Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists

April 18, 2024

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about life after university. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates and get an insider's perspective on working in occupational therapy and speech pathology.

[Find out more](#)

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- and lunch will be provided

[Find out more](#)

Important Future Events

ANU | Early Entry Application Q&A

May 7, 2024

An opportunity to get your last minute questions about our direct entry application answered by staff from admissions and accommodation before applications close on 13 May 2024. They will answer commonly asked questions, and there will be time for you to ask your own – come prepared with any questions you might have!

[Find out more](#)

Adelaide Careers & Employment Expo 2024

May 10 to May 11, 2024

South Australia's largest Careers & Employment Event is open on May 10 & 11, 2024 at the Adelaide Showground. The Expo will host over 130 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free. The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new opportunities.

[Find out more](#)

ICHM | Discovery Day

May 23, 2024

June 13, 2024

ICHM Discovery Days aim to get you thinking differently about your post high school studies and career development, covering a range of exciting topics including international business and tourism, luxury hotel design and hospitality opportunities.

So join us for a day of fun and discovery while finding out about different areas of learning, that could help you develop and explore a future in hospitality and business management.

[Find out more](#)

Flinders | Archaeology Day

May 24, 2024

Have you ever wondered what humans were doing in the past? Archaeology is the study of humans throughout time, all the way back to our first ancestor, who lived about 7 million years ago.

Come and learn all about archaeology at the Flinders University Archaeology Day, where you can hear from our staff and current students (who work all over the world!) about some of the exciting research we are doing, discover how to become a professional archaeologist and the careers this degree can lead to, and even get your hands dirty with some practical activities. Dig for artefacts, meet some skeletons, hear about ancient temples and historic shipwrecks, and visit our labs. This event is part of National Archaeology Week, and we welcome students of all abilities, ages 15+.

[Find out more](#)

University of Adelaide | Yr 9 & 10 On Campus Experience - Energy, Mining & Resources School

June 12, 2024

Join us on campus for an immersive opportunity for Year 9 and 10 students in Week 7 of Term 2! Building upon the inaugural on-campus events offered in 2023, the full-day event will allow students to get hands-on in activities run by leading University academics across various disciplines, hear from industry professionals to gain a firsthand look at the sector and discover where a career in the energy, mining and resources sector could lead.

[Find out more](#)

BiG Day In, Adelaide

June 13, 2024

Join us at University of Adelaide, North Terrace Campus on Thursday 13 June for BiG Day In Adelaide. Bring your Year 9-12 students to learn where a STEM career can take you.

[Find out more](#)

YES (Young Entrepreneur Summit) Adelaide

June 17, 2024

Led by young leaders, for young leaders, YES (Young Entrepreneur Summit) is Australia's Premier Youth Leadership Day. It's a one-day, interactive summit designed to inspire and empower a generation of brave, creative and entrepreneurial young leaders.

YES is a super high energy, action-packed event for Primary School and Secondary School students that features keynote presentations, panel discussions and interactive group workshops on a whole range of 'adulting skills' such as leadership, public speaking, financial literacy, ideation, collaboration and team work.

[Find out more](#)

Adelaide Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo 2024

June 30 to July 1, 2024

Get free expert advice at the Adelaide Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo, TSCEA incorporating the South Australia Work & Skills Expo for your transition from education to employment.

TSCEA provides a fantastic opportunity to find all of the information you need to kick start or redirect your career and find information all under the one roof!

TSCEA is suitable for a range of visitors including:

- High school students and their parents,
- Mature age and post graduate students,
- Career seekers of ALL ages,
- Employers looking for staff training.

[Find out more](#)

Free Money

Scholarships

UNSW Co-op Program

Opens: May 1, 2024

Closes: September 30, 2024

A Co-op Program scholarship provides industry training, professional development, networking and financial support for selected undergraduate students in the disciplines of Business, Engineering, and Science.

Today, it is the largest and most prestigious scholarship program of its type in Australia and a leader in career development learning. There are over 300 current Co-op scholars who join more than 3,500 UNSW Co-op Alumni. The experience and networks our scholars develop enrich their time at university and give them an invaluable head start upon entering the work force.

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Anthem Essay Contest

Opens: March 11, 2024

Closes: May 31, 2024

The Ayn Rand Institute has hosted annual essay contests on Ayn Rand's fiction since 1985, awarding over \$2.2 million in total prizes to students worldwide. Enter the *Anthem* contest today for a chance to win up to \$2,000!

Select one of three prompts about *Anthem* and write an essay in response to it. This contest will require you to reflect on philosophic themes, form your own opinion, and argue a thesis with evidence and clarity.

[Find out more](#)

The Fountainhead Essay Contest - Summer Round

Opens: March 11, 2024

Closes: June 7, 2024

The Ayn Rand Institute has hosted annual essay contests on Ayn Rand's fiction since 1985, awarding over \$2.2 million in total prizes to students worldwide. Enter *The Fountainhead* contest today for a chance to win up to \$25,000!

Winning essays must demonstrate an outstanding grasp of the philosophic meaning of *The Fountainhead*.

Every three months there is a new seasonal entry round, with its own unique essay prompt. You may compete in any or all of these entry rounds.

[Find out more](#)

Atlas Shrugged Essay Contest - Summer Round

Opens: March 11, 2024

Closes: June 14, 2024

The Ayn Rand Institute has hosted annual essay contests on Ayn Rand's fiction since 1985, awarding over \$2.2 million in total prizes to students worldwide. Enter the *Atlas Shrugged* contest today for a chance to win up to \$25,000!

Atlas Shrugged is a mystery novel like no other. You enter a world where scientists, entrepreneurs, artists, and inventors are inexplicably vanishing—where the world is crumbling.

Every three months there is a new seasonal entry round, with its own unique essay prompt. You may compete in any or all of these entry rounds.

[Find out more](#)

Study

University

Virtual open day top tips

Open days are an opportunity to answer any questions and find out everything else you need to know about university *before* you enrol. If you can't go along in person to an on-campus open day, or the institution you'd like to check out isn't offering one, virtual or online open days can be really valuable as well.

We have some top tips for virtual open days that could help you make the most of these events. But first, let's take a look at what virtual open days are and why they're so useful.

Deep dive with virtual open days

You might be feeling a little disappointed that you can't get to the campuses in person, but there are benefits to virtual open days too.

You can explore more options than you might have otherwise since you won't have to travel, and you could even attend different events on the same day – even if the campus is all the way on the other side of the country (or world).

If you miss out on the in-person open day, realise afterwards that you didn't get all the information you needed first time around, or want to revisit part of the experience later on to help you make up your mind, you can. Virtual open days often have lots of recorded information sessions and tours so you can watch the videos even after the event is over.

You won't have to worry about early starts, traffic jams, navigating through cities, finding parking spots, or what to wear.

What to expect from virtual open days

Online events are becoming better and better all the time, and offer a new and innovative way for universities and other organisations to showcase all the great things they can offer. Here are some of the things you might be able to expect at a virtual open day:

- A tour of the campus and facilities (maybe even the city or surrounding areas)
- A look at the accommodation options on offer
- Meet and chat to staff (teaching and admin), as well as current students
- Talk to experts about the courses you're interested in
- Explore your study options and career outcomes
- Learn about the application process
- Look at alternative entry pathways
- Get answers to all the questions you might have
- Understand the finance options available, including scholarships, welfare, and more.

Top tips for virtual open days

If you're not sure where to start, then here are our top tips to ensure you get the most out of all that virtual open days have to offer.

Organise your schedule of events

Research which universities are hosting virtual open days and which ones you'd most like to attend. Make a note of the dates and register (you might not be able to get access on the day if you don't). Put time aside in your calendar for these events so you don't double book yourself.

Read through any introductory emails. These will ensure that you know which platforms are going to be used and how to access them. Plus, they could help you plan your days and be more prepared when it rolls around.

Note down the courses and departments you're most interested in for each university – it could help you stay focused when the event starts and ensure you don't miss the most useful bits.

Make sure you have the equipment you'll need (including reliable internet connection) all set up before the open days start.

Prep the important questions

Write down any general questions you might have; these could be relevant to every university and you can ask the same questions at each open day. Then you'll easily be able to compare the answers later. If you have any questions about specific courses, make a note of those too.

You can ask questions about *any* aspect of university life, so it's great to make the most of this opportunity. If you forget to ask something or you think of something later, don't stress – you can always contact the uni afterwards.

Having a mental block about what you should be asking? Here are a couple of example questions that might inspire you:

- How many places are available in the course?
- How many hours a week are there of lectures/classes, and what's the recommended amount of self-directed study?
- What study modes are available for this course (on-campus, online, or mixed)?
- Will this course provide any hands-on industry experience, e.g. work experience or internships?
- What exactly does the course cover and what are my career outcomes if I complete this degree?
- Can you recommend another course that might be a better fit for me and my goals?
- What assessment methods are used?
- I'm looking at similar courses elsewhere, so why should I choose your course over another university?
- Are there part-time job opportunities available at the uni, or would it be possible to complete this degree while working part-time?
- What societies are available at university and which are the most popular ones?
- Is a place in your accommodation guaranteed?
- What's the best way to get around the campus and city?

- What student support services are available?
- Which is the most popular accommodation option and why?
- What's the social life like?

Don't be embarrassed to ask any questions you have – that's what this experience is all about!

Watch the welcome talk first

You might be tempted to skip the intro or welcoming talk and head straight to the campus tour or department you're interested in.

But we recommend taking the time to watch this bit first. It's designed to answer some of the questions you might have about the uni, let you know about their special features and qualities, and they could give you some tips about the best way to get the most out of their open day.

Take advantage of all that's on offer

Deciding on a the right uni and course for you is an important step, so open days are definitely worth your time and your attention.

Take notes. You might think you'll remember every detail, but after you attend your third or fourth virtual open day, all the details will probably start to blur together. You'll thank yourself later, trust us.

Attend the virtual campus and accommodation tours. No, it's not exactly the same as being there, but with amazing technology like 3D and 360° footage, you could get a really great sense of what the university is like. You might even tour some areas that you might not have had access to in person, and you won't get lost in the process.

Universities are selling themselves on open days, so there's bound to be some great videos, presented in a fun and easy to understand way, and there may even be interactive segments too. Watch and participate as much as possible and you'll get much more value from your experience. You could even ask a parent/carer, sibling, or friend to watch with you, then discuss it with them afterwards.

Talk time is important too

Take part in any webinars, Q&A sessions, or sign up for other options like one-on-one zoom chats. Or use the live chat features to engage with staff and current students. You'll sign off knowing you have every ounce of information possible and have answers to all your questions.

If you don't get any answers first-hand, they will still probably tell you where to find relevant information on their website or in other sessions. You could take note of any phone numbers or email addresses that might be handy if you have more questions later on.

Don't forget to follow up

Once you've attended a virtual open day, it's time to weigh up your options and decide how you feel about what you've seen.

Love it? Great! Add it to your list of preferences and start thinking about getting your application ready.

Hate it? That's OK too – it means you can cross that course or university off your list.

Still not sure? Put it on your maybe list. If you don't fill up all your preferences in your application or change your mind, you can come back to these options and reassess them later on.

Need more information?

At Study Work Grow we aim to make your life easier, so we've done all the research for you. You can find a list of open days, both virtual and in-person, happening in our [events calendar](#). Plus, keep an eye out for our annual Open Day Planner (coming soon), with all the institutions, events, dates, times, and links listed in one place.

You can also read more about university courses, pathways, and life on our website [here](#).

Apprenticeships & Traineeships

[Why an apprenticeship might be right for you](#)

Are you at a crossroads in your career journey, wondering which path to take next? Have you considered the often-overlooked option of apprenticeships? They offer a unique blend of hands-on experience, practical skills development, and academic learning. Let's take a look at the benefits of apprenticeships and explore why this path might be right for you.

What makes apprenticeships unique?

Before knowing whether an apprenticeship is right for you, we need to look at what they offer. Here are some of the benefits of apprenticeships.

Hands-on experience

One of the main advantages of apprenticeships is the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in your chosen field from day one. Unlike traditional classroom learning, where theoretical knowledge is the focus, apprenticeships provide real-world exposure to the challenges and responsibilities of the job.

Earn while you learn

How does it sound to be paid to learn...pretty great, right? Instead of accumulating student loan debt or relying on financial aid, apprentices receive a paycheck for their work. This helps offset the cost of living and allows you to support yourself financially while you learn.

Practical skills development

This sounds the same as hands-on experience, but there's a difference. Apprenticeships focus on developing practical skills that are directly applicable to the workplace, both technical and transferable. Whether it's mastering a specific tool or honing the art of communication, apprenticeships are great at preparing you for any career.

Industry connections

One of the lesser-known benefits of apprenticeships is the opportunity to build valuable connections within your industry. Throughout your apprenticeship, you'll have the chance to work alongside experienced professionals, mentors, and fellow apprentices who can offer guidance, support, and networking opportunities.

How do I know if an apprenticeship is right for me?

Now that we've covered their benefits, here are some questions you can ask yourself to see if an apprenticeship might be right for you.

Are you interested in hands-on learning?

If you prefer learning by doing rather than reading, an apprenticeship might be a good fit. They offer practical, real-world experience in your chosen field from day one.

Do you learn best in a structured environment?

Apprenticeships typically follow a structured training program that combines on-the-job learning with classroom instruction. If you thrive in environments with clear expectations and a defined pathway, an apprenticeship could be suitable for you.

Are you ready to start working and earning a wage?

Unlike traditional academic programs, apprenticeships offer the opportunity to earn while you learn. If you're eager to enter the workforce and start making money, an apprenticeship may be the right choice. Just remember that this also comes with all the responsibilities of a job too, like showing up on time, trying your hardest, and following instructions.

Do you have a specific career goal in mind?

Apprenticeships are often tailored to specific industries or trades, such as construction, healthcare, information technology, and more. If you have a clear idea of the career path you want to pursue and there are apprenticeship opportunities available in that field, this could be your best option.

Are you willing to commit to a longer-term training program?

Most apprenticeships require a commitment of several years to complete, during which you'll work full-time while also attending classes or training sessions. So ensure you're prepared to invest the time and effort required to complete the program.

Do you value mentorship and on-the-job support?

If you appreciate the opportunity to learn from others and receive hands-on support as you develop your skills, an apprenticeship definitely offers these perks. But don't forget that other educational programs and courses can include opportunities for mentorship too, like internships, cadetships, and even work experience.

Are you open to continuous learning and growth?

Apprenticeships offer the chance to continually learn and improve your skills as you progress through the program and advance in your career. If you're motivated to pursue lifelong learning and adapt to new challenges and opportunities, an apprenticeship can provide a solid foundation for your professional development.

Find out more

Want to learn more about apprenticeships? You can read lots of other blogs on our website [here](#).

Work

Job Spotlight

[How to become a Dog Trainer](#)

Dog trainers use their knowledge of our canine friends to teach them to obey commands and behave properly. They have extensive knowledge of different dog breeds, behaviour, physiology, and needs. There are many areas to specialise in, such as working with dogs with behavioural issues, training police dogs and customs dogs, training seeing eye dogs, training companion dogs for people with mental illness and disability, working with dogs in film and television, and more. If you have a passion for animals, are patient and confident, and want a job that can be extremely rewarding, becoming a dog trainer could be perfect for you.

What skills do I need as a dog trainer?

- Fit & healthy
- Patient & kind
- Loves animals
- Confident & reliable
- Good communicator
- Resilient & can make tough decisions
- Outgoing & energetic
- Empathetic & sensitive

What tasks can I expect to do?

- Teach dogs to obey specific commands, both verbal & non-verbal
- Socialise dogs with other animals & people
- Train dogs for specific needs, such as seeing eye dogs & police dogs
- Identify problematic behaviour in dogs & find ways to correct it
- Advise owners on ways to reinforce training
- Train dogs to take part in competitions
- Monitor dogs' health & report any concerns

- Work with a variety of different dog breeds, sizes & temperaments

What industries do dog trainers typically work in?

- Arts & Recreation Services
- Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing
- Other Services

What Career Cluster do dog trainers fit into?

Because the work involves specialised knowledge and hands-on skills, most dog trainers typically belong to the [Maker Cluster](#).

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

There are lots of opportunities for part-time work for dog trainers, so this job is great for those looking for a bit of extra flexibility. Because most of the work requires you to be hands-on, remote work opportunities are limited, but can be done either at a specialised clinic or even from your home.

Most dog trainers earn an average wage throughout their career.

You will be on your feet a lot and need to be relatively strong to handle larger dogs. Most importantly, you'll need to be OK working with animals that might be aggressive or scared and potentially lash out. You might also have to assist owners in making some tough decisions for dogs who cannot be helped.

How to become a dog trainer

To become a dog trainer, you typically need to complete a relevant vocational training program, which can often be done as an apprenticeship. The training typically involves learning about animal behaviour, nutrition, health, and welfare, as well as practical skills such as handling, grooming, and training animals.

Some employers may also require certification or licensing in specific areas, such as handling of aggressive dogs or veterinary assisting.

If you're in high school now and are thinking of a career as a dog trainer in the future, here are some steps you could take:

- Try teaching a few new tricks to your family pet. See if you have the patience to stick with it until they learn.
- Find work experience or volunteer opportunities that allow you to work with animals, such as at a vet clinic, zoo, animal shelter, or even on a farm.
- Consider taking short courses and workshops to build on your skills and knowledge, or talk to a dog trainer and find out what the job is like.

Find out more here:

- [Australian Association of Professional Dog Trainers](#)
- [Association of Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand](#)
- [Guild of Dog Trainers](#) (UK)
- [Association of Pet Dog Trainers Ireland](#)

- [The Association of Professional Dog Trainers \(US\)](#)
- [Canadian Association of Professional Dog Trainers](#)

Similar careers to dog trainer

- Animal Groomer
- Veterinarian
- Zookeeper
- Biologist
- Veterinary Nurse
- Farmer
- Conservationist
- Animal Carer

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

Entrepreneurship

Inspiring teen bosses

If you think only old people get to be rich, think again. There are tons of amazing young people out there turning their dreams into a reality. We've gathered a list of some inspiring teen bosses that might help spark your passion.

Bath bomb sisters

Teenage sisters Isabel and Caroline Bercaw were a bit disappointed in the quality of the bath bombs they were buying; so they took matters into their own hands and tried making their own. From their start mixing up bath bombs in the kitchen sink, they're now in charge of a business that has sold over 10 million bath bombs to suppliers and customers all over the world.

The girls credit their family for the help and support that led to their success.

"We're really lucky that we grew up surrounded by such smart people. We're super grateful that they believed in our idea and wanted to get on board with it."

Caroline Bercaw, co-founder of Da Bomb Bath Fizzers

[Read their full story here.](#)

JoJo bows

Young entertainer JoJo Siwa got her start on reality show *Dance Moms*, but it was her entrepreneurship that saw her real success. Originally striking a deal with Nickelodeon, JoJo now has her own brand, selling things from toys to shoes, as well as her biggest seller – her signature bows, of which she's sold more than 80 million worldwide. She's also an avid content creator.

“YouTube is what I’m invested in. YouTube is my life. I love YouTube. Next is TikTok. I love it because you can just make a dance video.”

JoJo Siwa

[Read more about JoJo’s journey here.](#)

AI for good

At just 17 years old, Richard Black founded California-based startup Halfcode, a company that uses Artificial Intelligence to develop smart technology to help people with disabilities. One of their products, smart glasses, is designed to help people with visual and hearing impairments. For Richard, the social aspect of his business is just as important as making money.

“I know for me personally, the social mission is what drives me and no matter what I will be doing in the future, I’ll always be a social entrepreneur.”

Richard Black, founder of Halfcode

[Read more about Richard’s story here.](#)

Changing the way we browse

Working as an intern for Netscape when he was just 15, Blake Ross was frustrated by the web browser he had to use. So he decided to make his own. Today, Firefox is one of the most widely-used internet browsers, with nearly 200 million users each month. Blake has since developed other software and worked for Facebook, and is constantly pursuing his own passion for software innovation.

“We weren’t trying to strike it rich with Firefox. It’s open source and it’s free. We weren’t trying to take over the world; we had kind of modest goals, and it was OK if it failed. We were a lot freer to make risky decisions. If you can afford to do things that way, it’s just so much better. You’re not thinking about venture capitalists or marketing or sales. Just product and users, all day every day.”

Blake Ross, co-creator of Firefox

[Read more about Blake here.](#)

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Goal setting

Life maps – Why do you need one?

Most of us don't live life according to a map. We float from one thing to another, which is great, because it gives us the flexibility to go with the flow and make the most of opportunities. There is, however, a downside to making things up as you go.

If you ever want to achieve anything big, like a trip around the world, building your own home, or working for Apple, you're much more likely to get there if you know where you are going. Which is where life mapping comes in.

You are the one writing this story – you get to decide where your life is going to lead, so you need the skills to draw your map with confidence. There's no guarantee you'll follow this map exactly – in fact, it's highly likely that your map will change as you travel and grow. But it can still be a great reminder of your big goals and help you get back on track when you're feeling lost.

What is a life map?

A life map is a visual way of plotting out what's possible for your future. You have a starting place (where you are now) and one or more possible destinations (where you want to be) – then you need to fill in the gaps in between that tell you how you'll get from A to B.

You can come back to your life map anytime you have a decision to make about where you go next. Think of it as a tool you can use to keep you on track and heading in the right direction.

What should a life map include?

Here's an overview of the things you can include in your life map. Remember, there's no 'right' or 'wrong' when it comes to life mapping, so just use these suggestions as a guide instead of hard-and-fast rules.

Big goals – Your destination options

Is there anything you *must* do in your life? Any activity or challenge that you wouldn't feel complete without? Big goals can be skills you want to master, a career you'd love to have, places you want to visit, or things you want to achieve. Whatever your goals are, they can all go on your life map.

A roadmap – The paths you can choose from

It's not enough to know where you want to go; you also need to know the route you plan to take to get there. This means you need to know what steps you need to take to get to your goals, including how long they'll take and how much they'll cost, as well as what you'll need to do to get started. Remember, there's more than one way to get to every destination, so don't just include the most obvious routes. Try to think outside the box and include multiple options, even if you don't think you'll need them (after all, you'll never know).

Ways of being – Your modes of transportation

If you want to live your life according to a set of principles, then you need to add that to your life map. Do you want a life full of adventure, or spirituality, or do you want a life of service? Do you want to be famous, or wealthy, or calm? You may already have a pretty established way of being, but if not, that's OK – you can pick one or two that speak to you.

How to create a life map

Creating your life map may take a little time, but we're talking about fun stuff here and there's no 'right' or 'wrong', so there's no pressure. You don't have to show anyone your life map if you're not comfortable, so don't hold back – put everything on there.

Your life map can look however you want it to. It could be colourful or plain, include pictures and quotes, resemble a mood board, or just use text and descriptions. There are no rules to follow, and the most important thing is that end result works for you. At the end of this article you'll find a template you can use if you need a place to start, then follow these steps to fill it in:

Step 1 – Where are you right now?

Take a second to note down where you are – how old you are, where you live, the things you like, and the things that motivate you. You could also include your job (if you have one) or any activities you take part in, and estimate how you're going at school. This is your starting point, so it's good to be clear about where you are.

Step 2 – Choose your destinations

We recommend you try to cut it back to two or three destinations at this point – too many and your life map can become cluttered and unfocused. Once you have them, space them across your map. You may want to add some details here, like what kinds of things you'll be doing, where you'll live, what kind of house you'll live in, how much time you'll spend at work, who else is in your life, or even what kind of car you'll drive. Anything that's important to this goal should be included here – be specific.

Step 3 – Build your roadmap

For each destination, fill out a couple of routes that will get you there. If you need to finish school, get a VET qualification, or go to university, then include that along your pathway, and include details like how much the qualification will cost, and how long it will take to achieve. Most of the time you'll be able to come up with a couple of pathways that end up at the same place, so don't limit yourself to just the most obvious one.

As you get further away from your starting point (and closer to your destination) you may find it more difficult to be specific, but that's OK. Just note down what you can. You may also need to branch out multiple times before you get to your destination, and that's fine too.

Step 4 – How are you going to get there?

We each have our own unique way of tackling life, and that's totally normal. Once you know where you are, where you're going, and the route you want to take, then you need to work out how you're going to make your way between the two.

For example, if you like to tackle life head-on, then you can factor that in – you may know that you'll complete your degree in the minimum time required, and are prepared to put in the hours. Or if you value balance, you may choose to combine study with part-time work and travel, taking longer to get there but seeing more on the way.

Once you have your life map, what's next?

Life maps aren't static – they're just a reflection of your thoughts and ideas at one moment in time. You can adjust your life map as you grow and change, or even scrap it completely if it doesn't make sense any more. Life can often change around us, outside of our control, and you may need to factor these changes into your map along the way.

If you want to increase your chances of reaching the destinations on your map, we recommend telling someone you trust about your plans – but if you don't feel comfortable, then you don't need to share it at all.

We also recommend that you keep your life map somewhere safe and use it just like you would any other map. Refer to it when needed to keep yourself headed in the right direction.

Download the life map template

Need help starting your life map? We've created a handy template you can use. [Click here to download the PDF template.](#)

Find out more

You can find heaps more blogs and resources on study, work, and life on [Study Work Grow](#).

Personal Skills

[5 reasons to enter competitions](#)

There are tons of competitions out there, and if you're thinking of entering one, we've got some reasons why you should do it while you're still at school. Let's take a look.

Build important skills

By entering competitions, you're actually building up some pretty valuable skills. Having to stick to a deadline builds your time management skills. Writing and debating competitions are a great way to flex your communication skills. And even having the confidence to enter a competition in the first place is a skill in itself.

Looks great on your resume

We've [spoken a bit about this before](#) – if you haven't had any work experience yet and are struggling to think of things to put on your resume, competitions can look great. They can show employers what skills you've learned, as well as showing your interests and that you're willing to give things a go.

Find your strengths

Entering a variety of different competitions can help you really narrow down your strengths. You might find that you do really well in a STEM competition, spurring you on to enter even more competitions or picking STEM subjects to study at school. Competitions can also be a great way to show off your knowledge in a different environment to the classroom.

Be recognised for your talents

It always feels nice to get some recognition for things you're good at (and you might even win some cool prizes too). Even if you don't win, often you'll still receive feedback that can help you improve in the future, as well as feel good about the things you did right.

Because they're fun!

At the end of the day, a lot of competitions are just plain fun to participate in. You might find yourself designing a wacky new invention, working with your friends to start a business, or flexing your creative muscles. And you get the opportunity to meet new people and try new things, and in our books that's always a good thing.

Ready to enter now?

Hopefully these reasons have convinced you to go out and start looking for a competition (or two) to enter. You can search our competition database and find heaps of opportunities, both for school students and beyond, on our website [here](#).

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