



## Eastern Hills Senior High School

The Latest Careers News for June,2022

# Open Days & Info Sessions

### **eSafety Commissioner | Safer online gaming**

Friday 17 June 2022, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm

Online

Help your kids stay safe by learning about the benefits and risks of online gaming.

This webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years of age.

It will cover:

- the games young people are using and how they are engaging with them
- the benefits of gaming and how to mitigate the risks
- practical strategies to use at home and where to find help and support if things go wrong.

Find out more: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars#safer-online-gaming>

### **ECU | Open Day 2022**

**Joondalup:** Sunday 31 July 2022, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Mount Lawley:** Sunday 21 August 2022, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Come to an ECU Open Day to see exhibitions, hear talks, get advice, enjoy food and entertainment and even win prizes.

Find out more: <https://www.ecu.edu.au/open-day/overview>

### **ADFA Open Day 2022**

Saturday 20 August 2022, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

ADFA & Online

The 2022 ADFA Open Day is on Saturday 20th August. There will also be an online / virtual version of the Open Day for people who are unable to visit Canberra on this date.

Can't make Open Day? Check out the virtual tour

Be the first to hear by registering at <https://defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/australian-defence-force-academy>

### **Murdoch | Open Day 2022**

Saturday 3 September 2022, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Murdoch University

Open Day is the perfect opportunity to explore your future and find out more about all that we offer here at Murdoch University.

Our friendly community of students and staff will be here to welcome you to our campus and provide you with all the info you need and more. Learn about Year 12 early offers, chat with academics, join a guided tour or interactive workshop, meet our student ambassadors and find the course you're passionate about.

There's something special about Murdoch and we can't wait for you to come and experience it for yourself at Open Day!

Find out more: <https://www.murdoch.edu.au/events/all-events/open-day-2022>

## Competitions

### Ayn Rand Essay Contest 2022

Have you ever read one of Ayn Rand's thought-provoking novels? Now's the time! Enter an Ayn Rand Institute essay contest and you'll have a chance to win thousands of dollars in scholarship prize money.

ARI has held worldwide essay contests for students on Ayn Rand's fiction for more than thirty years. This year we will award more than \$40,000 to student winners.

**Entries are open until 26 September.**

Find out more and enter here: <https://aynrand.org/students/essay-contests/>

### National Pitchfest Schools Competition

The Pitchfest Schools Competition is a nation-wide, pitching competition for primary and secondary school students.

From February until December 2022, schools and students from around Australia will have the opportunity to participate in a pitching competition to solve specific challenges set by companies. Students enter the competition by choosing the company category challenge and submitting their idea in the form of a one-minute pitch video.

Students will be mentored through the competition process and any student who enters the competition will have the opportunity to appear on the Pitchfest show!

Open to primary and secondary students, the competition **closes on Wednesday 30 November 2022.**

Find out more: <https://www.spillthebeans.events/pitch-fest/>

### 2022 Respect Stories Competition

Students aged 10-14 years old are encouraged to enter the 2022 Respect Stories competition.

To enter, students are invited to produce a short story, poem or essay of up to 1,000 words, or an illustration, exploring what respect means to them.

This is a great opportunity for students to reflect on and share their understanding of respect – while also encouraging parents and teachers to have open, ongoing and proactive conversations on this important issue.

Eight written and two illustrative winning entries will be published in a national Respect Stories book. The winners will also take home a \$500 VISA gift card for themselves and one for their school.

Entries are now open and close on **Friday 22 July 2022.**

Find out more: <https://www.respect.gov.au/respectstories/>

## Careers & Jobs

### Australian Border Force Officer Recruit Training Program

Working for the Australian Border Force (ABF) can give you the opportunity to work across the country or the world. You will be on the front line protecting Australia's border, whether it be:

- processing passengers at an air or seaport
- clearing cargo at an air or sea port
- clearing mail at a clearance centre
- patrolling the Australian coastline in an ABF vessel
- working at a district office
- investigating illegal border activity
- working at a detention centre
- locating and detaining unlawful non-citizens.

The Border Force Officer Recruit Training (BFORT) program is an entry level program. It prepares you for a career in the ABF.

To apply for a Border Force Officer Recruit position you must:

- be an Australian citizen – you must show evidence of this during the recruitment process
- be 18 years of age or older
- have a minimum Year 10 Certificate with a Cert IV/Diploma level qualification or Trade Certificate and/or relevant work experience
- be able to obtain an [Australian Government security clearance](#) and an [Employee Suitability Clearance](#).

BFORT positions are typically advertised twice a year, generally in May and November. However this can change due to operational priorities.

You can read all about the role and the entry requirements, as well as keeping an eye out for applications, here: <https://www.abf.gov.au/about-us/careers/a-career-with-us/entry-level>

### Indigenous Careers Programs at CommBank

Commonwealth Bank offers lots of great opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through their various Careers Programs.

CommBank offer School Based Traineeships, Full-Time and Part-Time Traineeships, and University Internships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, helping you fast-track your career.

Find out more here: <https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/careers/working-here/indigenoucareers.html>

### Career Stories from myfuture

Looking for career inspiration? Check out these career stories from myfuture – there are over 100 and you'll find stories about real careers from all industries.

Read them all here – [myfuture.edu.au/career-stories](https://myfuture.edu.au/career-stories)

# Further Learning

## All about School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeships

Are you interested in knowing what a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT) is really like? We get first-hand insight from two current SBAT students in south-west Sydney, a past SBAT student who now runs his own mechanic business, and one of the Educational Pathway Program's SBAT Engagement Officers. Watch the full video here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/educational-pathways-program/resources/all-about-sbats>

## ATAR Calculators

If you're in Year 12, there's usually one big thing on your mind: what will my ATAR be? Most universities and other institutions take applications well before exams are over and you receive your official ATAR. So how can you know whether you're on the right track?

This is what ATAR calculators are for. They take the results of any assessment you've done so far and use this information to estimate what your final ATAR might be. It's an easy way of seeing whether you're on track to get the ATAR you need for your course or future pathway.

### Are the results accurate?

Most of the ATAR calculators out there use data gathered from previous years to give you an idea of where you might fall on the scale.

Because assessment results and scaling change from year to year, it's important to remember that the predicted ATAR you're given from a calculator **most likely won't be the same as your actual final ATAR**. However, they're still good to get a general idea of what to expect.

It also depends on the calculator you use. We put the same subjects and same scores into four different calculators, and they all came out with slightly different results:

Calculator	95 Score	90 Score	80 Score	70 Score	65 Score
<a href="#">ATAR Notes HSC</a>	99.35	95.35	80.15	63.45	57.2
<a href="#">HSC Ninja</a>	99.65	96.05	80.55	62.75	55.25
<a href="#">Matrix</a>	99.55	95.4	80.85	64.1	57
<a href="#">Chalkwall</a>	99.35	95.35	79.55	61.45	53.4

Subjects used: English Advanced, Mathematics Advanced, Biology, Physics, Drama, Ancient History.

They might not seem like huge differences, but particularly if your results are lower, there is a larger gap between estimates using different calculators.

### What else are they useful for?

ATAR calculators can also be handy to see how different subjects scale. We used the same results and subjects as above, but this time with only Standard English and Mathematics, to see how the estimated ATAR would change:

Calculator	95 Score	90 Score	80 Score	70 Score	65 Score
<a href="#">ATAR Notes HSC</a>	99.2	95.15	79.4	59.7	50.95
<a href="#">HSC Ninja</a>	99.6	95.65	79.5	59.3	49
<a href="#">Matrix</a>	99.5	95.3	80.15	59.65	50.3
<a href="#">Chalkwall</a>	99.35	95.45	79.65	60	49.75

By using the calculator, you get a good visualisation of how taking subjects that scale higher can raise your ATAR.

### Where can I find one?

Here are some ATAR calculators we've found that you might want to take a look at:

- [ATAR Notes ATAR Calculator](#) (for HSC, VCE, QCE and WACE)
- [Deakin University ATAR Calculator](#) (VCE)
- There are a heap more you can check out [here](#).

*Important:* Study Work Grow doesn't endorse any particular calculator, and keep in mind that the result you get **might not be accurate and shouldn't be exclusively relied on.**

### A final note

**Remember that your ATAR isn't everything!** If your ATAR isn't quite enough to get into your dream course, this doesn't mean you have to give up. There are lots of [Alternative Pathways](#) you can take to reach your goals.

You might even like to consider a pathway that doesn't require an ATAR, like studying a [VET course](#), doing an [apprenticeship or traineeship](#), or even jumping into a [job](#).

### **Ai Group Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

With over 35,000 apprentices and trainees across Australia, Ai Group place people with host organisations in every state and territory.

They have a great range of openings – check them out here – [aigroupapprentices.com.au/all-jobs/](http://aigroupapprentices.com.au/all-jobs/)

## Resources

### Resources to help with Year 10 subject selection

We've put together some useful resources to help with your Year 10 subject selection option, first of all we recommend you read [Alan Finkel's \(Australian Chief Scientist\) advice to Julie in Year 10](#). It could put you in the right mind set and help you prioritise better.

### The basics about subject selection

Confused about subject selection? Then read this short blog with [5 tips for Year 10 subject selection](#), it could help. We have also put together a handy workbook which can walk you through the process and take away the pressure – [get it here](#).

### **Need some extra help?**

There are lots of experts (aside from your qualified and experienced teachers and parents) out publishing information and tools that could help you make decisions; so you'll end up studying the subjects that are *right for you*.

First of all see what information your school provides, if you think you need more guidance – check these out:

### **Tertiary Admission Centres (TACs)**

- [QTAC's My Path – Year 10 Guides](#) (you'll need to scroll down to find the link to download the entire document – or you can read it online).
- [UAC's Steps to Uni Guide](#) includes [Subject Compass](#), their subject selection tool, as well as their [Steps to Study For Year 10 Students Guide](#) and [top tips for choosing HSC courses](#).
- [VTAC's Year 10](#) Guide and prerequisites for 2024 study are available.
- SATAC's page for [Students in Years 10 and 11](#).
- [TISC's University Admission Guide for 2024](#).
- UTAS have a page for [Years 7 to 10](#) to access relevant information.

### **Universities**

Lots of universities provide information about Year 10 subject selection and pathways to uni; here's a few that we've found.

- The University of Queensland's [Year 10 Subject Selection Guide](#)
- The University of Sydney's [Year 10 Guide](#)
- Deakin's [Guide to University for Year 10 Students](#)
- ACU's [Year 10 Study Guide](#)
- Charles Sturt Uni's [Year 10 Guide](#)

Bear in mind most of this information may be geared towards getting you into a course at that particular uni, so it's probably worth checking prerequisites and advice available for specific courses and institutions you have in mind.

Calling the Future Students office at individual unis with any questions could also be a great way to help you decide on subjects to take.

### **Education Departments**

All education departments provide resources for Year 10 subject selection, but you're best speaking directly to someone at school for the most reliable information.

It could be worth taking a peek at the information provided by other states too, they sometimes have resources you might find more appealing or informative.

- [QCAA's planning your pathway](#) page has loads of information about the Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan, including their [myQCE guide](#).
- [SACE Personal Learning Plan \(PLP\)](#) and [Subject Planner](#).

- NESAs [advice for students choosing HSC courses](#) and the [Student Pathways Plan](#).
- ACT's [Pathways Planning R Unit](#) is for Year 11 & 12 students but might provide some information.
- Speak with an [NTCET co-ordinator](#) for subject selection information.
- Get a copy of WA's SCSA [Year 10 Information Handbook](#).

## Job Spotlight

Criminologists look into the human mind to discover the reasons why people commit crimes. They also work on ways to stop people from committing crime, and look at whether the current justice system effectively deters criminals.

If you have an interest in human behaviour, are curious and analytical, and want to work towards improving our society, becoming a Criminologist could be ideal.

### About you:

- Excellent people skills
- Great communicator
- Problem solving whiz
- Curious and inquisitive
- Resilient and mentally tough
- Can work in teams and alone
- Fair and justice-minded
- Critical thinker

### The job:

- Researching reasons for criminal behaviour
- Collecting data on crime and statistics
- Examining trends in criminal behaviour over time
- Advising policymakers and government on crime issues
- Developing strategies to prevent crime
- Examining whether current justice systems are effective
- Rehabilitating criminals to prevent reoffending
- Working with victims of crime to provide support

### Lifestyle Impact: Low

- Part Time opportunities: High – around 46% of Criminologists work part-time (source: gov.au).
- Average hours for full-time workers: 43 hours a week, which is around average (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).

- Criminologists' salary (average) \$80,000\* per year (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au). \*Salaries vary depending on your skills and experience.
- Future career growth: Very strong (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au).
- You will be doing most of your work indoors, but might have the opportunity to work out in the community as well.
- As part of your job you may be faced with confronting situations, and will need to be able to handle conflict as well as people in distress.

### **Criminologists are most in demand in these locations:**

Although there is no data available specifically on Criminologists, around 2,700 people worked as Social Professionals (which includes Criminologists) in 2021 (source: labourmarketinsights.gov.au). Demand for Social Professionals is highest in the Australian Capital Territory and Victoria. Most Social Professionals work in the Education and Training; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; and Public Administration and Safety industries.

### **How to become a Criminologist in Australia**

You will usually need to complete an undergraduate level qualification in order to work as a Criminologist in Australia.

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a strong focus on English and Maths. You can complete a Certificate IV and use this as an alternative entry.

Step 2 – Study a relevant undergraduate degree, such as Criminology, Justice Studies, Legal Studies, or Law.

Step 3 – Depending on the area you'd like to work in, you may have to undergo a [Police Check](#) or [Working with Children Check](#).

Step 4 – Consider the area you'd like to work in – you might like to work crime prevention, terrorism, cybercrime, youth crime, or more.

Step 5 – Start working as a fully-qualified Criminologist.

Find out more here –

<https://www.aic.gov.au/>

<https://anzsoc.org/>

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