Introduction:
Term 2 is about to finish and the school holiday is about to start. Good opportunity for you to prepare for your trials. I wish you all the best and hope that you will all do very well. Work hard, do your best and you will definitely achieve what you deserve. Not less important is investigating your post school options, spending time now filling in Scholarship applications, questionnaires for relevant courses, Medicine, dentistry, Veterinary Science, Optometry or other courses requiring separate applications or questionnaires.

UNSW Law Admission Test for Law 2017 Entry:
UNSW Law Admission Test (LAT) is an assessment of applicants for entry to the Undergraduate Law Dual Degree programs in 2017. The Law Admission Test or ‘LAT’ gives you the opportunity to demonstrate your suitability for the Law program and allow UNSW to better assess applicants. Your LAT result, together with your ATAR will provide a more rounded view of your aptitudes and skills for UNSW Law program. So if you are interested in studying Law at UNSW in 2017 then you should sit the LAT in 2016. The LAT will consist of two questions requiring written responses. It is designed to assess aptitudes and skills that are critical to success in the Law program including critical thinking and analysis, and organising and expressing ideas in a clear and fluent way. You will have two hours to complete the test. All domestic Year 12 HSC applicants who wish to study an Undergraduate Law dual degree program at UNSW will need to sit the LAT. Year 11 students who wish to sit the LAT prior to their HSC year can do so as the LAT result will be valid for two years so they can use it to apply for Law in 2018.

Registrations are open now through the ACER LAT website: lat@acer.edu.au The LAT will be held on Monday 26 September 2016.

UNSW Blog: How to prepare for the UMAT:
http://unswfuturestudents.tumblr.com/post/120678297692/how-to-prepare-for-the-umat

Upcoming events

Guest Speakers
Year 10, 11 & 12 are all invited to attend the following presentations that will take place at the Top of the Library on the following dates:

WSU ~ 27/06/16
USYD Scholarships ~ 20/07/16

Careers Excursions, Incursions, Work Experience & Career Programs

Year 10:
• B-Inspiring STEM Conference ~ 27/06/16 till 29/06/17 (Optional)
• Projectable Program ~ Tuesday 26/07/16, Monday 15/08/16 and Tuesday 16/08/16 (40 students each session)
• Careers Workwise Program— School—Thursday 09/11/16 & Friday 10/11/16
• Careers Startsmart Program—School—Thursday 09/11/16 & Friday 10/11/16
• Australian Business Week ~ Monday 14/11/16 till Friday
• 18/11/16 (All Students)
• Work Experience Week ~ Monday 21/11/16 till Friday 25/11/16 (All Students)
• Macquarie University Discovery Day ~ Wednesday 30/11/16 (All Students)
• Mock Interviews ~ Friday 02/12/16 and Wednesday 05/12/16 (All Students)

Year 11:
• UWS Careers Event Day - UWS Campbelltown Campus ~ 26/10/16 (Optional)

If an optional excursion falls on an assessment day please make sure you do not apply to go as you can not miss on your assessment.

Graduate Careers Australia – Career Profiles:

My Health Career:
My Health Career contains articles relating to health careers and also general health and study related resources. Some of the topics include all-nighters for studying and what being a successful health practitioner means. https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/
Co-Op Scholarships: WHAT IS A CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP?

Co-op Scholarships are offered by UTS & UNSW. They are offered primarily in: Accounting, Business, Engineering, IT & Material Science. You can go to both university websites to see their range of courses. A Co-op scholar receives 12 months of Industry training throughout their degree. They are VERY desirable to employers upon graduation and are offered Graduate positions when they graduate. A co-op scholar will receive between $15,000 - $18,200 pa (tax-free) for the duration of their degree. It is yours to spend as you like. Students have a Professional Development Program, Leadership Training & Networking / Mentoring opportunities as a Co-op scholar.

Guest speakers from both universities will come to school for one of our lunch-time seminars. Applications are done online. Both unis look for students who:
* show initiative & leadership,
* make a significant contribution to school or community
* can communicate well
* enjoy working with other people,
* want to be active within the university
* have a real & genuine interest in the field they are applying to (you can choose up to 4),
* are ambitious & keen to contribute,
* care about what is happening in the community & world at large.

Your application must be well-written & within the given character limits (I will work with everyone who applies, to help you present your best possible application) Once you’ve applied, UTS & UNSW will send me a copy of your responses. I have to verify them as true and enter your estimated ATAR. You then wait to see if you have been successful in gaining an interview …… All the best.

UTS: Bachelor of Information Technology Co-op Scholarship:

Round 2 Applications Open 15 July, 2016, close 30 September, 2016 and interviews will be held on 11 November, 2016.Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program provides students with $15,500 per year of study, and two six month full-time industry placements. http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/find-a-course/courses/c10143/how-to-apply

UTS Bachelor of Engineering Co-Op Scholarship:

Scholarship applications open early July 2016 and close early October, 2016. Interviews will be held on in November, 2016. Applicants must be available to attend the interview. Provisional offers are expected to be made in mid December, 2016. For more info visit eng.uts.edu.au/scholarships or call 02-9514 2666 or email: engineering@uts.edu.au

UNSW Co-Op Program for 2017:

$18,200 Scholarships pa for 4 years in Actuarial Studies, Business, IT, Science and Engineering.
The online Application form and a PDF of the Brochure for the UNSW Co Op Scholarship will be available on the UNSW website www.coop.unsw.edu.au from 2nd May, 2016. Applications will close Friday 30th September, 2016.

1- Start your application Now by drafting your responses to the application questions shown.

2- Register and login as many times as you like to complete your application.

3- You will need to enter my email eman.youhanna@det.nsw.edu.au before submitting your application to enable them to submit your School’s Assessment.

4- Submit your application online by 30 September. You will receive an email notification acknowledging receipt. If you would like me to go through your application before you submit it please bring a hard copy to me before your trials.

Please be aware that UNSW Co-op Program Scholarships are awarded to those who have been active in school or community activities, have shown initiative or leadership, or are able to communicate well and satisfy the minimum ATAR requirements of 96, however anyone expecting an ATAR above 90 should consider applying. Please realize that should you be selected, you must be available for interview in late November. Go online for more information: www.co-op.unsw.edu.au/future_students/faqs

If you have any queries regarding the online system, Phone 9385 5116 or emailcoopprog@unsw.edu.au

Key Dates for the UNSW Co-op Application Process:

2 May: Applications open online
30 September: Co-Op Applications close
Early November: Interview Offers released online
Early November: Interview Acceptance due
Last week of November: Interview Briefing Day All Programs
December: Conditional offers released online.

UNSW Advice to Students:

Register Early. You will receive reminders and important news and notification.

Start early: Use the Quick guide and begin by drafting your answers in word doc.

Apply! If you don’t submit an application, you can’t be considered.

Press Submit! There were 860+ applications left in draft last year as they forgot to press submit.
BlueScope Cadet Program 2017:

UTS: Engineering Industry Merit Based Scholarships:
Applications Open: Friday 1st July
Applications Close: Monday 10th October
A number of Industry Sponsored scholarships are available to provide financial support for the first year of the Bachelor of Engineering Diploma in Engineering Practice degree. Scholars will have direct access to industry sponsors and many undertake an internship with their sponsor company. Applicants will be chosen based on their academic performance, skills evidence in leadership, commitment to an understanding of the engineering profession, and demonstrated initiative in extra-curricular activities.
Contact: +61 2 9514 2666 or FEITOutreach@uts.edu.au
http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/scholarships/

The Academy Scholarships at Western Sydney University:
The Academy at UWS offers substantial financial support for high-achieving students who are committed to academic excellence and to making a contribution to their community. Scholarships include the VC Leadership Scholarship, valued at $10,000 per year, and the Dean’s Scholarship and Academic Excellence Scholarship, valued at $5,000 per year. http://www.theacademy.edu.au/scholarships

Teach.NSW Scholarships:
Applications close Fri 16th September, 2016
Teach.NSW has a number of scholarships and cadetships available for anyone looking to study teaching in 2017 in all subject areas. Some of the scholarships available include Teacher Education Scholarships, Aboriginal Teachers Education Scholarships, Rural Scholarships, Great Teaching Inspired Learning Scholarships, and Incentive Scholarships. https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/

UNSW Law Scholarships:
Thinking about studying Law? Start your degree with a scholarship worth up to $50,000!
UNSW Law offers scholarships for; academic excellence, financial need, leadership potential and much more. For more information visit: scholarships.unsw.edu.au. Scholarship applications close on 30 September, 2016.

Robertson Scholars Leadership Program:
Each year two Australian student is selected for the unique opportunity to complete a four year undergraduate degree at Duke University and the University of North Carolina in the USA. Selections are organized through UNSW. Applications close 2 December, 2016. For more info and to access application form visit www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au/robertson.

My Future Scholarships:
The My Future website currently lists over 4000 undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships. The type of support ranges from course fees, accommodation, grants, and travel within or outside Australia, and covers fields of study across all Australian universities. To view, visit: http://www.myfuture.edu.au/tools-and-resources/study-or-training-options/scholarshipsearch

Commonwealth Scholarships:
There are a number of University Scholarships offered by the Commonwealth government. These include ABSTUDY, Austudy, Youth Allowance, Fares Allowance, Education Entry Payments and more. For more information and to find out if you’re eligible visit the Centrelink Website:http://www.humanservices.gov.au/
Universities Bonus Scheme:
All universities have ‘Bonus Schemes’ by which students can have some ‘extra help’ getting into courses
Universities acknowledge that there is often a correlation between HSC performance in a subject & 1st year univer-sity performance (in a related course)
Points are awarded for achievement in HSC subjects which have a relevance for university courses
Check out individual university websites to discover how each one works. It can mean the difference between getting into a course or missing out!!

UTS Engineering Bonus Points 2017:
Questionnaire closes mid November
Engineering’s Year 12 Bonus Points Questionnaire could give students bonus points towards their application to a UTS engineering degree. Early round offers will also be made on the basis of this questionnaire. http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/engineering/essential-information/year-12-bonus-scheme-questionnaire

2017 University Of Wollongong Early Admission:
UOW offers students the chance to earn a place to UOW in the UAC Early Round in December through UOW Early Ad-
mission. For a student to be made a UOW Early Admission offer in the UAC Early Offer round in December, they must be interviewed by UOW. Students who are unable to com-
template this interview requirement will be ineligible for an offer. Key UOW Early Admission dates;

June 2016 Application information will be available at Careers Markets and from UOW. There will not be a separate UOW Early Admission brochure in 2016. Instead, the Early Admission information will be included in the 2016 UOW Course Directory.

June 2016 UOW Early Admission website will include course and criteria information, key dates and information on how to apply.

Monday 1 August 2016 UOW Early Admission online applications open at 9am

Friday 26 August 2016 UOW Early Admission online applications close at 5pm

Tuesday 27 September – Thursday 29 September 2016 UOW Early Admission interviews at UOW’s Wollongong Campus

Early December 2016 (date tbc) UAC preferences for December Early Round close

Early December 2016 (date tbc) Early Round offers released by UAC
As part of the application, student will be required to enter their academic marks from years 11 and 12. UOW will re-
quire certified copies of these marks. Information about the exact certification requirements and process will be available as August approaches.

Macquarie University Global Leadership Program:
Macquarie’s Global Leadership Program allows Year 12 students to join the Macquarie community before they finish high school. Instead of singularly judging students by their ATAR, Macquarie is looking for students that embody Macquarie’s values, who are not only doing academically well but are leaders in their community, who are actively involved in extra-curricular activities and can succeed not just on paper but also in life. As part of this program students will: gain early entry into a limited number of Macquarie degrees, be able to participate in Global Leadership Program activities within Australia and over-seas and receive invitations to special events and pre-study programs.
Applications are now open and will close on 29th August, 2016. Find out more information by Contacting 1800 351117 and apply at https://mq.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting_inentry_schemes_and_pathways/global Leadership_entry_program/

UNSW 2016 Guaranteed Entry:
UNSW has published a booklet detailing the selection rank which will allow for guaranteed entry into specific UNSW courses in 2016. The selection rank is made up of both the raw ATAR and any bonus points students may be eligible for. https://gallery.mailchimp.com/UNSW_221848_Guaranteed_Entry_web.pdf

E12 Scheme at The University of Sydney:
The University of Sydney offers eligible students from low socio-economic background to participate in the Early Offer Year 12 (E12) scheme. The school can nominate up to 20 students as candidates. If you think you are eligible for this scheme you can nominate yourself and discuss your application with your Year Adviser prior to applying. The benefits of the E12 Scheme include: Early conditional offer, Specific E12 ATAR cut-Off lower than standard ATAR), UAC offer in early January, $5000 first-year scholarship, An Apple iPad, A USYD Union Access Card that gives discounts at retailers on and off campus. For more info visit: Sydney.edu.au/e12.

University of Western Sydney Advantage Schemes:
The UWS Advantage is designed to provide you with more opportunities to study at UWS and achieve your own degree of success. Students may receive up to 10 Bonus ATAR points qualifying for a range of UWS schemes including re-
gional bonus points, subject bonus points, the early offer pro-
gram, educational access scheme and the elite athlete and performer bonus scheme. http://uws.edu.au/information/about/uwsadvantage.sch
UAC School Recommendation Scheme:
Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) enables schools to recommend current Year 12 students who are UAC applicants, for early offers of undergraduate admission. The aim of SRS is to help Year 12 students gain access to higher education, some of whom might otherwise not be offered a place. SRS aims to centralize the early admissions process. It allows for a simple single online application, rather than, institution specific applications. As a result, students who wish to apply for early entry into multiple institutions will only have to complete one application. http://www.uac.edu.au/srs/

The University of Notre Dame: Young Achievers Early Offer Program Applications Close
Applications close 29th July 2016, 4pm
The early offer program enables students to face their HSC examinations with the benefit of reduced stress and added confidence knowing they have already gained entry into their chosen course at The University of Notre Dame. Prospective students are able to apply under one of four categories:
- Commitment to community and/or Church
- Commitment and excellence in cultural pursuits
- Commitment and excellence in sporting achievements
- Academic excellence
http://www.nd.edu.au/nav-future-students/young-achievers-early-offer-program

Thinking of Studying Interstate:
Many students want to maximize their chances by applying for interstate unis (or maybe the course they want to do is not offered in NSW). These websites will be useful:
QLD – www.qtac.edu.au
SA – www.satac.edu.au
Victoria – www.vtac.edu.au
WA – www.tisc.edu.au
Tasmania has only 1 university. Its website is www.utas.edu.au

ACU Elite Athlete Program:
Wish to pursue a sporting career alongside Uni.
Receive up to five bonus points towards an entry score and flexibility when studying. Visit: http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/elite_athlete_program

Subject Bonus Points at ACU:
The bonus points scheme provides bonus points for achievement in subjects relevant to university degrees, with up to five bonus points offered.
http://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/accessacu

Southern Cross University: STAR Entry Scheme:
The scheme allows early admission to the university on the basis of a principal’s recommendation. It matches students to courses based on likelihood of success in their discipline.

US University Standardized Test Requirements- new SAT and ACT explained:
Students interested in studying university in the US are encouraged to read the article outlining the new SAT and the ACT standardized tests which are used for admission purposes to most US universities.
Contact for assistance: www.internationallyeducated.com.au 02 8006 9737

Youth InterACT Scholarship:
These ACT scholarships provide up to $500 for people aged 12-25 who need financial help to attend an event that will aid their learning, sporting, personal, or career development. Applications are assessed on the last Friday of April, June, August, October and December, and applications must be received two weeks prior to this assessment.

The Pinnacle Foundation Scholarships:
The Pinnacle Foundation provides scholarships to LGBTIQ youth who are studying in their final year of secondary school or at a higher education institution in Australia. Applications close 1st October for studies the following year. Contact: applications@thepinnaclefoundation.org or 02 9990 4708
http://www.thepinnaclefoundation.org/index.php/scholarship/

Government Cadetships, Scholarships and Work Experience Opportunities:

7 Keys to a Successful Job Search:
http://www.forbes.com/sites/nextavenue/2013/04/22/7-keys-to-a-successful-job-search/

Government Department Cadetships:
Bond University Medicine & Biomedical Science Information Evening
22nd August 2016, 6pm to 8pm, Sydney
Information will be provided on the entry requirements for Medicine at Bond. There will be the chance to meet the Dean of Medicine and talk to staff in the faculty. To register visit: https://bond.edu.au/event/48048/medicine-biomedical-science-information-evening-sydney

The University of Sydney: Project Management Winter Camp:
7th – 8th July 2016, Darlington Campus, The University of Sydney
A two-day intensive workshop for year 10, 11 and 12 students which aims to provide a head start in project management and demonstrate the opportunities available in this field. Contact: 02 9036 7517 or kenneth.chung@sydney.edu.au
http://sydney.edu.au/project-management/winter-camp/

University of Melbourne Interstate Student Information Day:
Mon 11th July 2016
Interstate students and their families are invited to the University of Melbourne’s campus to find out about applications, scholarships, accommodation, as well as to see the campus and residential colleges. Registrations are essential and will open soon. Contact: Lois Carlton – lcarrton@unimelb.edu.au or 03 8344 8809
http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/victoria/interstate_student_and_family_information_day_july

The University of Sydney Sydney College of the Arts Information Evening and Portfolio Days:
Information Evening 7 July, 4.00pm to 8.00pm
SCA Auditorium - Building 21, Sydney College of the Arts, Callan Park, Lilyfield. Info on admissions process and preparing your port-folio submission.
Portfolio Days 6 October, 4.00pm to 8.00pm
19 November, 10.00am to 2.00pm
SCA Auditorium - Building 21, Sydney College of the Arts, Callan Park, Lilyfield. Assistance portfolio prep and application for Bachelor of Visual Arts.

USYD 2017 New Bachelor of Pharmacy and Management:
University of Sydney
Faculty of Pharmacy will introduce a new five-year Bachelor of Pharmacy and Management degree in 2017. This innovative course provides students with a unique combination of pharmacy as well as business knowledge and skills. More information on the Bachelor of Pharmacy and Management can be found at: http://sydney.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-pharmacy-and-management/

UNSW Industrial Design Workshop:
12th June 2016, 9:30am to 3pm, UNSW Kensington Campus
The interactive workshop will provide interested students with an insight into the challenges facing industrial designers. To register follow the link below.
https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/industrial-design-workshop

UNSW Interior Architecture Workshop:
14th July 2016, 9:30am to 3pm, UNSW Kensington Campus
The interactive workshop will provide interested students with an insight into the work of an interior architect, with a focus on understanding the use of space. To register follow the link below.
https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/interior-architecture-workshop

UNSW Architecture Workshop:
15th July 2016, 9:30am to 3pm, UNSW Kensington Campus
The interactive workshop will provide interested students with an insight into the work of an architect, looking at how buildings are designed. To register follow the link below.
https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/architecture-workshop-1

UNSW Landscape Architecture Workshop:
15th July 2016, 9:30am to 3pm, Gallery, Ground Floor, West Wing, Red Centre Building, UNSW
The interactive workshop will provide interested students with an insight into the work of a landscape architect, with a focus on how both the built and natural environment is managed. To register follow the link below.
https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/landscape-architecture-workshop

UNSW: Built Environment Information Session:
28th June 2016, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Keith Burrows Theatre, UNSW Kensington
The information evening is aimed at high school students and their families and those who have already completed the HSC. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak to current students and get information on admission options and career pathways.

UNSW: Portfolio Entry Workshop
12th, 13th and 14th July 2016, 1pm to 3pm, UNSW Art and Design
The workshops are designed to help prospective students put their best foot forward when compiling a portfolio for art and design courses. The course is run by UNSW Art & Design. To register for a session follow the link below.
Contact Damien Nedeljkovic at d.nedeljkovic@unsw.edu.au
University of Sydney HSC Preparation Courses:
The courses run at various times throughout the year. There are preparation courses for Biology, Chemistry, Economics, exam preparation, Legal Studies, Music, Visual Arts, Business, Design and Technology, English, History, Mathematics and Physics. Dates for specific courses can be found by following the below link. https://cce.sydney.edu.au/courses/education/hsc

University of Sydney Kickstart in the School Holidays
4th to 6th July, The University of Sydney, Camperdown Kickstart workshops give HSC students a chance to do experiments and demonstrations of key ideas in the syllabus that are difficult to do in the classroom.
While on campus, why not also head along to STANSW’s HSC Science Exam Preparation sessions? Don’t miss out on an excellent opportunity to revise for the HSC and see what university science study has to offer – register for Kickstart now! www.sydney.edu.au/science/outreach/high-school/kickstart/

WSU HSC Study Sessions:
4th – 8th July 2016, Parramatta, Bankstown and Campbelltown Campuses
Free study sessions facilitated by HSC teachers where students can review mandatory syllabus content, participate in discussions, and learn exam techniques.
http://www.uws.edu.au/hsc_study_sessions/hsc_study_sessions

University of Notre Dame: HSC Study Week:
11th to 15th July 2016, 104 Broadway, Chippendale
The study week has teachers with marking experience, senior and head teachers and senior markers. The week includes instruction on subjects each day as well as workshops on stress and time management. The program cost is $290 per student. http://www.nd.edu.au/events/2016/hsc_study_session

MedStart Masterclass Revision Course:
* 9th July – 10th July, 9.00am – 5.00pm,
  Talent 100 Epping Learning Centre
* 16th July – 17th July, 9.00am – 5.00pm,
  Talent 100 Chatswood Learning Centre
* 16th July – 17th July, 9.00am – 5.00pm,
  Talent 100 Hurstville Learning Centre
Learn about the UMAT in depth, exactly how to solve questions in all three sections, and how to effectively prepare in the lead up to the exam. http://www.medstart.com.au/#home

Pod Network: Youth Transitions:
This website provides information on youth transitions from education to work and also from secondary education to tertiary education. There is a wide variety of resources including statistics, research publications and short videos. http://www.voced.edu.au/pod-youth-transitions

UTS: Nursing Discover Sessions:
20th July 2016, 5:30pm
16th November 2016, 5:30pm
These sessions include interactive workshops that allow anyone interested in a career in Nursing to attend and find out more about the courses and potential career paths. http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/health/about-health/events-and-brochures/discover-sessions

University of Notre Dame: A Day in the Life of a Nursing Student:
6th July 2016, 10:30am to 2pm, 160 Oxford St, Darlinghurst
For prospective students interested in Nursing, the day allows students to meet academic staff, join in with clinical activities, campus tour and lectures. Students can register by following the link and completing the attached form.

UNE HSC Pathways:
The HSC Pathways enables students to undertake certain university subjects to supplement their HSC. These are offered as Commonwealth Supported Places for eligible domestic students. It is directed at students who have completed an ATAR subject before starting year 12. Any students undertaking units will be taught in the first trimester, so that the studies do not interfere with HSC exams. https://www.une.edu.au/

Street Smart Handbook:
The handbook covers topics from driving, leaving school, money, protection, sexual health and moving out, in an accessible online format.

Volunteer with Relay for Life:
Relay for Life events rely on volunteers to successfully go ahead. Consider volunteering as a committee member or simply on the day of the Relay to help raise funds for the Cancer Council.

Volunteer with Oxfam:
There are numerous volunteer opportunities available with Oxfam. Those currently offered in NSW include community engagement volunteers and other opportunities which arise around events throughout the year.
http://youngopportunities.org/opportunities/15-opportunities-to-volunteer-with-oxfam/
Year 10 Work Experience—Term 4—Week 7:
The year 10 work experience will run this year Term 4—Week 7 from Monday 21st November, 2016 till Friday 25th November, 2016. The paper work was distributed to year 10 on 8 March, 2016. I encourage year 10 students who haven’t found an employer yet to spend the next couple of weeks looking for one and finalizing their work placement as the Student Placement Record needs to be completed, signed and returned to the school by Monday 25th July, 2016.

Work Experience Directory:

University of Sydney: Museum Work Experience Program:
Applications are now open for University of Sydney’s 2016 Work Experience Program. This program places students with the Public Programs team where they receive experience working in the fields of research, administration, events and collection management. Placements are open to secondary school students in Year 10 and run for three days. To apply, send a resume and short cover letter to the Public Programs Assistant via email: museums.education@sydney.edu.au

Fire and Rescue Work Experience:
Work Experience at Fire and Rescue NSW provides school students in Years 10 to 12 with the opportunity to develop industry-specific and generic work skills in an authentic work environment at the State Training College, Alexandria. The practical program covers the roles of Fire and Rescue NSW and its firefighters. Through this program, school students gain insight into the organisation and develop employment related skills to enhance their vocational education. http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=764

Work Experience in Surveying:
Secondary Students interested in work experience placements in Surveying can register their interest at http://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/student-work-experience/secondary-students/. The NSW Surveying Taskforce will then seek a local placement on the student's behalf throughout NSW & ACT. Suited to students with an aptitude for Mathematics and an interest in the outdoors.

Karl Von Busse Institute of Design: Work Experience:
The work experience program is designed for high school students interested in a creative career. The areas of focus include fashion, graphic and interior design. There is a program fee of $100.
http://karlvonbusse.com/school-work-experience-program/

Information for Year 10 students on Assumed Knowledge for universities Courses:
Most universities don’t have formal prerequisites. Most admissions are based on academic merit alone. For most people this is their ATAR or equivalent (plus any additional selection criteria for specialist degrees - such as the UMAT exam for medicine or an audition for music). This means that even if you didn’t do Mathematics Ext 1, you can still gain a place in a Bachelor of Engineering provided you’ve achieved above the cut-off required for that year’s entry.

Of course, if you haven’t done high levels of Maths you may find that you struggle with some of the first year workload in an Engineering degree. This is why universities have what’s called ‘Assumed Knowledge’.

For some degrees and first-year courses, it is assumed that through secondary school studies or other equivalent studies a student will have achieved a level of knowledge of the subject area (eg. Mathematics) that is considered desirable for successful university level study.

Students who do not have assumed knowledge background are not prevented from enrolling but may be placed at a considerable disadvantage and are strongly advised to undertake a Bridging Program or other appropriate preparation.

When a student enrolls in a degree at any university, it is also assumed that they are competent at communicating in both written and spoken English. Many courses require students to make oral presentations, prepare assignments or write essays. Without a high level of written and spoken English, it would be difficult to meet the requirements for successful course completion.

Most universities hold a number of Year 10 Subject Selection and Information Evenings where you can hear about Assumed Knowledge in more detail. For more information on Assumed Knowledge, visit the different universities’ websites.

University of Sydney Breaking News ~ Mathematics Pre-Requisite :
The University of Sydney is addressing the national crisis in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) by introducing Mathematics prerequisites for a number of its courses from 2019. The courses that will have the prerequisite will be listed in UAC’s 2016 Year 10 guide. http://sydney.edu.au/news-opinion/news/2016/02/01/mathematics-to-become-a-prerequisite-for-university-of-sydney-ad.html