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### Open Days & Info Sessions

#### [What it takes to work in the AFL](#)

24 March 2021, 11:00 am

Online

A career in the Australian Football Industry (AFL) is one of the most sought-after jobs. Through AFL SportsReady's traineeship program, we have kick-started the careers of over 3,000 young people in the football industry over the past 27 years.

In this webinar you will hear from three former trainees who started their careers as trainees and are now working full time in the AFL industry and loving every minute of it.

Find out more: [https://aflsportsready.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_uJvVTf\\_US3G0y70-ZMzqNQ](https://aflsportsready.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uJvVTf_US3G0y70-ZMzqNQ)

### **The Hotel School | Meet our Industry Alumni**

24 March 2021, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

The Hotel School, Sydney

Our Meet the Industry Alumni Event connects you with graduates who have gone on to a diverse range of career pathways. These alumni are on hand to talk to you about their experience, offer advice and answer all your questions.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/meet-our-industry-alumni-event-the-hotel-school-sydney-tickets-144141608431>

### **The Hotel School | Associate Degree of International Hotel and Tourism Management Webinar**

30 March 2021, 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Online

Study at The Hotel School and gain two qualifications, an Associate Degree from Southern Cross University and a Diploma from the prestigious international HTMi Switzerland – QS World Ranking 13 in the world for Hospitality and Leisure Management

What to expect from this live webinar:

- Information about the study units and paid internships
- Investigate CBD and Hayman Island campus options
- Chat with students, careers advisors and alumni
- Gain access to a host of resources to help you make your future career decisions including videos, webinars and brochures
- Discover pathway and credit options

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/associate-degree-of-international-hotel-and-tourism-management-webinar-tickets-144304395331>

### **UAC | 2022 Uni Entry**

31 March 2021, 5:00 pm

Online

Do you want to study at university in 2022? UAC's General Manager of Marketing and Engagement is going live on Facebook and Instagram to give you key dates and insights about applying. Tune in to have your questions answered!

You don't need to do anything to register – just head to UAC's Facebook or Instagram profile at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 31 March.

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/710474076291054>

### **William Angliss Institute | Experience Day – Student vs Teacher**

8 April 2021, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Online

Come witness an Angliss first, a student and teacher, compete in the ultimate cake decoration contest. See how they keep up under pressure, and at the end of the session, you can ask about life as an Angliss student and how you can make your start in the Foods industry.

For future butchers, bakers, patissiers, chefs and food technicians – you don't want to miss this event!

Find out more: <https://www.angliss.edu.au/events-hub/angliss-experience-day---student-vs.-teacher/>

### **Endeavour College | Open Day**

10 April 2021, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Endeavour College of Natural Health, Sydney Campus

After a year-long hiatus, Endeavour College's on-campus Open Day is back! Tour the campus, explore natural health courses, learn about student life, the enrolment process, fees as well as chat to our team of academics and Admissions Advisers on the day.

Our Open Day is a great way to see your local campus first-hand and chat one-on-one with experts on the day.

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/natural-health-open-day/>

### **Notre Dame | Doctor of Medicine Info Session**

14 April 2021, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Online

Join our online info session to learn more about studying the Doctor of Medicine at Notre Dame University on our Fremantle or Sydney campuses. You will hear from our National Head of School, Professor Gervase Chaney about our unique patient-centred approach in training the next generation of compassionate healthcare professionals.

We'll also provide you with important information about how to apply, plus you'll hear from current Medical students about their experience studying at Notre Dame University.

Find out more: <https://www.notredame.edu.au/events-items/current/doctor-of-medicine-info-session>

### **UAC Digital | Let's Chat – Medicine**

28 April 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

In this session we'll provide HSC students and their parents with information about applying to study Medicine at NSW unis. A panel of experts from NSW universities will provide an overview of each Medicine course they offer. We'll also discuss:

- the difference between undergraduate Medicine and postgraduate Medicine courses
- admission requirements and ATAR requirements
- the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)
- pathways to Medicine if you don't meet the admission requirements
- how to apply.

And we'll give answers to the most commonly asked questions!

Find out more: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/medicine>

### **Torrens University Australia | Open Day**

8 May 2021, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Torrens University Australia, Ultimo & The Rocks Campuses and Online

At Torrens University Australia, we're gearing up for our Open Days in May. Our Campus Directors and Course & Careers Advisors will be on hand to welcome you in person – and online. As well as on-campus tours and meet-and-greets, we'll be crossing live to various locations, presentations and workshops so you can get a taste of student life and a real feel for how your learning journey could play out from wherever you are.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/open-day>

### **Torrens University Australia | Virtual Open Day**

18 May 2021, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Online

At Torrens University Australia, we're gearing up for Virtual Open Day 2021.

Virtual Open Day is a customised online event that is designed for you to explore your study options in courses related to Business, Design, Technology, Hospitality, Health and Education.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/open-day/virtual-open-day>

### **ACU | Internships, Travel and Placement Webinar**

20 May 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

Study at ACU to take your learning beyond the lecture hall and into the real world. Find out more about work integrated learning, placements and internships with ACU.

You may also want to see the world. And we want to help you change the way you see it. Learn how you can experience a new perspective by studying overseas for a few weeks, a semester or longer. Hear from ACU students who have had the opportunity to study overseas.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2021/may/internships-travel-and-placement>

### [ACU | Moving Away from Home Webinar](#)

15 June 2021, 6:00 pm

Online

University life is about more than just study – it’s about new friends, exciting experiences and memorable moments. Living in student accommodation is one of the best ways to get the most out of your university experience.

Explore your accommodation options and hear tips from students who moved away from home to come and study at ACU.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2021/june/moving-away-from-home>

## Workshops & Courses

### [“Boys Only” Dance Workshop](#)

20 May 2021, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

AMPA - Dance Centre

The “Boys Only” Dance Workshop is a 1-day intensive workshop for male students in Years 5-10. These workshops are an excellent opportunity for students with talent and skills in dance to develop in this art form. Participation is open to male students attending government and central schools in NSW.

**Endorsement Forms are due Friday 30 April. Acceptance Packages and full payment due Friday 14 May.**

Find out more: <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/years-5-10-boys-only-dance-workshop>

### [Campion College | Winter Program](#)

6 July 2021, 8:00 am - 9 July 2021, 5:00 pm

Campion College, Toongabbie

Experience college life and a taste of Campion’s liberal arts degree!

Our immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. We have a fun-filled program including a bonfire night, movies, trivia, dancing and sports, as well as sample lectures from our history, literature, philosophy and theology professors.

Winter Program is open to local and interstate high school students and recent high school graduates. Participants must be between 16 and 20.

Find out more: <https://www.campion.edu.au/winter-program/>

## Scholarships

### Rheem Apprentice Plumber Grants

Value: \$3,000 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: March 1, 2021 – April 30, 2021

The Rheem Apprentice Plumber Grants provide help with costs for textbooks, tools or TAFE/RTO tuition fees. Ten recipients will receive \$2,000 each in cash plus a \$1,000 tool voucher to help them start or continue with their apprenticeship journey.

To be eligible, you must be an apprentice plumber or gas fitter in Australia, either current or starting in 2021.

[Find out more](#)

## Competitions

### Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize

Sponsored by the University of Sydney, the Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize encourages students to communicate a scientific concept in a way that is accessible and entertaining to the public while painlessly increasing their science knowledge or, as Dr Karl and Adam like to say, “Learn something without even noticing”. It is intended to support budding young scientists across the nation, who will be our future leaders in research, discovery and communication. Each film entered in 2021 must be based on the theme ‘Big’.

There is a prize pool of \$10,000 to be shared between the winners and their schools. There are also additional non-cash prizes to be announced.

**Entries open on Wednesday 24 March and close on Friday 28 May.**

Find out more: <https://australian.museum/get-involved/eureka-prizes/sleek-geeks-science/>

### 1-Minute Film Competition

The 1-Minute Film Competition is an initiative of Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM). It provides Australian and New Zealand primary and secondary school students with the opportunity to make a 60-second short film or animation, and win fantastic prizes in the process.

The theme for the 2021 competition is ‘Connection’.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in each of the four categories. This year’s prizes will be announced soon.

**Entries are open until Friday 16 July.**

Find out more and enter here: <http://1-minutefilmcompetition.org/>

### [The Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize](#)

Entries for the 2020 Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize are now open.

You can submit up to 5 poems of any theme or style.

The 2021 winner of The Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize will receive \$3000, and two highly commended entrants will be awarded \$500 each.

**Entries close on Friday 4 June.**

Find out more: <https://www.usq.edu.au/bruce-dawe-prize>

### [Operation Art 2021](#)

Every year, schools across New South Wales are invited to participate in Operation Art, an initiative of The Children's Hospital at Westmead in association with the New South Wales Department of Education.

The Operation Art program provides a forum for schools and students to demonstrate their visual arts achievements through exhibitions at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park and the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

**Operation Art is accepting entries now for 2021. Closing date for entries is 31 May.**

Entries for Operation Art are only accepted from NSW schools. Each school may submit up to four (4) artworks from any student in Kindergarten to Year 10.

Find out more: <https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/visual-arts/operation-art>

### [UNSW School Mathematics Competition](#)

The UNSW School Mathematics Competition has been run each year since 1962. It is open to participation by secondary school students in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. It is run in two divisions: Junior, up to and including Year 10, and Senior, Years 11 and 12.

The competition is designed to assess mathematical insight and ingenuity rather than efficiency in tackling routine examples.

**All schools who wish to participate need to enter their students before 7th May 2021, which is the competition closing date.**

The competition will take the form of a three-hour examination which will be held on Wednesday, 9th June 2021 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Year 11 and 12 students who participate in the competition may also be eligible for [The Beautiful Mind Scholarship](#), worth up to \$5,000 per year.

Find out more about the competition here:

<https://www.maths.unsw.edu.au/highschool/school-mathematics-competition>

## Careers & Jobs

### Women in STEM: Meet Diverse Female STEM Professionals

Looking for role models, mentors, speakers and generally amazing people working in science, technology, engineering and maths?

Careers in STEM have profiled hundreds of women in STEM combining STEM with their 'X' – their passion, interest or another field. These women in STEM represent diverse career options for young people looking to pursue a STEM career, and offer in-depth information on the individual pathways they took to get to where they are today.

Find out more about these amazing women and their careers here:

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/profile-category/women-in-stem/>

### Data Analysts | What do they do and where do they work?

*Written by Ari Yeganeh*

#### **How I got started in Data Analytics**

Growing up I never liked wearing school uniforms. I could never find a shirt or pants that quite fit, and it always seemed like my parents were getting me clothes that would fit me 'next year'. Hence my impression of adults working in offices was always a little unflattering.

After school I went to university and studied Applied Finance and Actuarial Studies – a double degree that deals with statistics, business and the world of banking and insurance.

Straight after university, I got into data analytics in marketing. From there, the technology and start-up companies I worked at cared more about what I did, rather than how I dressed. So luckily, I never had to wear a suit and tie to work.

"Casual Fridays" often applied throughout the week; and it wasn't uncommon to find the odd flip flops and shorts on hot summer days.

#### **What is "data"?**

Before we can understand what a Data Analyst does, we need to understand what data is.

In simple terms, data is information, measurements, or observations about an event, object or person. For example, your height is a single data point about you. Other key data points are your age and your gender.

In the last few years with the advent of new technologies and cheaper computer storage, we have been able to collect more and more information about ourselves, our businesses and the environment which we live in.



It's estimated, more data has been produced in the last 2 years than the entire recorded history of humanity!

Just in your own pocket, your smartphone collects thousands of data points every day. These include your location (GPS), light sensor, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth usage, call logs, screen unlocks and much more.

That's the story of data in a nutshell; now onto how people like me use data as part of their jobs.

### **What does a Data Analyst do?**

The biggest part of my job as a Data Analyst was to translate *raw data into useful insights*. And because there is so much data like we discussed earlier, I got to work in a wide range of different businesses.

Here are some examples of common problems I would work on:

- A large supermarket wants to know how to find more customers to use its online store
- A marketing agency wants to know how to improve advertising spend to find customers for its clients more affordably
- A real estate company wants to find a way to automatically price a house without sending valuers to inspect it
- A large online retailer wants to send its customers relevant products they may like to purchase

### **A typical day in the life of a Data Analyst**

The work I did in data analytics varied a lot, but a typical day involved:

- 9am-5pm weekdays generally
- 50-70% desk time, figuring out a problem, coding or putting together presentations
- 10-20% in meetings with others in my team and general company meetings
- 5-10% traveling and presenting at client offices (sometimes interstate or overseas)

There is certainly a lot of desk time working as a data analyst. Luckily, bean bags and standing desks have become very common in offices over the last few years.

### **What environments do Data Analysts work from?**

Working in data analytics has surprisingly taken me to some very diverse places!

Although commonly data analysts work from the office, it's not uncommon to travel for work and meet with clients and other team members in different offices. Think of this as a yearly or quarterly vacation from the usual office environment.

Some of the memorable places I've been to for work include:

- Brisbane: to present a new marketing strategy to a pizza company
- Auckland: to meet with property valuation companies
- Wellington: because why not? I was already nearby in Auckland!

- Mumbai: to work on a housing prediction model for a real estate company
- And lastly, my bedroom: because let's face it, it's so much more comfortable to work from home!

That last one is an important one to underscore. Working from home had become very common even before COVID. Before the pandemic, it wasn't uncommon to work 1 or 2 days from home as a data analyst. During the pandemic, I spent every day working from home. And after the pandemic, offices have started to allow staff to come in a couple of times a week. As far as we can tell, it does look like remote working is only going to become more popular over time especially in professional services where it's not a necessity to meet customers on a daily basis.

There is just one downside to working from home...take a look in this video:

<https://youtu.be/Mh4f9AYRCZY>

### **About the author**

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### **Get more information about jobs**

For more information about careers head over to our [Careers](#) page or check out a few [job spotlights](#).

### **[PCA Business Cadetships](#)**

Want to learn more about the exciting Cadetship opportunities available from Professional Cadetships Australia?

Take a look at this video explaining everything you need to know about their Business Cadetship Program: [https://youtu.be/C\\_nMimF5hI8](https://youtu.be/C_nMimF5hI8)

Applications for the Business Cadetships Program are open now, and close on 26 May 2021.

To apply, go to [www.businesscadetships.com.au](http://www.businesscadetships.com.au).

## **Further Learning**

### **[What is it like to study Medicine in the United Kingdom?](#)**

*Written by Dr Rebekah Grassby*

The experience of studying medicine in the United Kingdom is one which varies by course and university, but there are some common themes. This article aims to summarise that experience,

as well as give a personal perspective on my time at medical school; with the caveat that each student has their own journey of studying medicine.

You can read the full article on our website here:

<https://studyworkgrow.com.au/2021/03/09/what-is-it-like-to-study-medicine-in-the-united-kingdom/>

If you're considering studying Medicine and would like to apply in the UK, head over to [Medibuddy](#) for more resources and advice.

For students looking at pathways to Medicine in Australia, potentially as a pre-cursor to further studies in the UK, the [Entry to Medicine Handbook](#) for 2022 applicants is out now.

### **[UAC Applications for 2022 Opening Soon](#)**

If you're a student in NSW or ACT and are thinking of studying at university in 2022, the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) has announced that applications for undergraduate students are opening on **Thursday 1 April**.

After this date you'll be able to apply for undergraduate courses, the Educational Access Scheme, Schools Recommendation Scheme, and Equity Scholarships.

UAC will be emailing all students in early April a UAC PIN, which is used along with your NESA number to login and access UAC's services.

See more upcoming dates and find out more about UAC Admissions here:

<https://www.uac.edu.au/key-dates>

### **[Why Women in Trades Matter](#)**

It's a common misconception that apprenticeships and traineeships are "trades only" or "male only" study paths. In the current day and age, women working in trades matter; they bring value to an organisation and have the potential to change the future of the workforce.

If you're a girl and you're thinking of doing an apprenticeship or traineeship, SkillsRoad has put together a great guide packed with info you need to know about the benefits of a career in trades and the pathways that can get you there.

Check it out here: <http://www.skillsroad.com.au/SR/files/df/dfba5a9a-265b-4a65-b0fe-6d38784bdabf.pdf>

### **[Patrick's College Australia Early Entry & Scholarship Interviews](#)**

Early Entry & Scholarship Interviews are now taking place for students looking to start studying in February 2022 for the Diploma of Business Administration at Patrick's. You can find more info here: [Diploma of Business Administration | PCA](#).

Scholarship information available upon enquiry to Jacob Munday directly at [jacobm@pca.edu.au](mailto:jacobm@pca.edu.au), call on 0450 291 797 or through the website. *Places are limited*, so get your application in today.

### **Save the Date – Upcoming Macquarie Events**

Are you thinking of studying at Macquarie University in 2022? They are holding heaps of events for future students where you can get all the information you need. Here are some of their upcoming events to look forward to:

- Year 12 Information Evening | Tuesday 4 May
- Year 10 Subject Selection Evening | Wednesday 5 May
- Weekly Q&A Series for Year 10-12 | Tuesdays May 11 – June 22
- Open Day | Saturday 14 August

Join Macquarie’s mailing list to get notified when registration for these events opens and updates on other Macquarie events. Go to [page.mq.edu.au/comp.html](http://page.mq.edu.au/comp.html) to sign up.

### **Macquarie University | Campus Tours**

You can never truly know if a uni is right for you until you visit in person and get a feel for the campus.

Macquarie campus tours are held every Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning, and more frequently during school holidays.

On every tour you’ll see:

- our various lecture theatres
- our award-winning library (subject to capacity)
- MUSE – our flexible and creative study space
- the Sport and Aquatic centre
- the Campus Common, where you can explore the many dining options

Tours usually take approximately 1.5 hours. You can ask the tour guide your questions while you walk. Following the tour, you will also get the opportunity for a private consultation to get all your Macquarie questions answered.

In response to the current situation with Covid-19, we are limiting tour group sizes, so we encourage you to book in advance to secure your place.

Book online at <https://page.mq.edu.au/campus-tours.html>

## **Work Experience**

### **Work Experience at Hunter Water**

Work experience at Hunter Water will provide students with hands on experience as well as teach them many valuable workplace skills. Students will be provided with exposure to an operational work environment while gaining guidance and feedback from a skilled supervisor in a work team.

[Learn more](#)

## Resources

### [Listen to the Fierce Girls Podcast](#)

From athletes to aviators, scientists to spies. From the deep blue sea to the dark, black skies. Australia is full of girls who dare to do things differently.

Adventurous girls. Girls with guts and spirit. You know what they are? They're fierce. And these are their stories.

Join the amazing Amy Shark, Yael Stone, Dame Quentin Bryce, Claudia Karvan, Turia Pitt, Stephanie Gilmore, Leah Purcell and more as they tell the inspiring tales of some of Australia's most extraordinary women.

You can listen to the ABC's Fierce Girls Podcast for free from your mobile device on the [ABC listen app](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Google Podcasts](#).

Or find out more and listen on your computer here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/fierce-girls/>

### [Torrens University Australia Career Crush Quiz](#)

Want to turn your natural talents into a dream job? The Torrens University Australia Career Crush is an online quiz that reveals students' personal strengths, passions and aspirations to match you with the careers and courses you're most compatible with.

Career Crush not only delivers a personality profile, compatible careers and courses, but also throws in a tailored Spotify playlist, personalised podcast and bespoke recipe – perfect food for thought when planning those next steps towards your dream career.

Torrens University Australia's fun, 5-minute Career Crush quiz will reveal how you can turn your passions, aspirations and strengths into a career you love.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/career-crush>

## Job Spotlight

### [How to become a Farmer](#)

***A lifestyle career providing for others***

## What do Farmers do?

Farmers, also known as agriculturalists, manage their land and operations allowing them to raise livestock, grow crops, fruit or vegetables, or provide other agricultural products. They're often self-employed, as opposed to Farm Managers who do the same job but on behalf of landowners.

If you love working outdoors and physical work, thrive on variety and challenges, then becoming a Farmer could suit you down to the ground.

## About you:

- Good at planning and problems solving with a positive attitude
- Organised, responsible and reliable
- Happy to work outdoors in any kind of weather
- Works well in a team but is motivated to work independently
- Technical and mechanical skills are both essential
- Patient, flexible, able to deal well with adversity and embraces change
- Physically fit and prepared to work long hours

## The job:

Agriculture is a very broad industry. You could be raising beef cattle or dairy cows, rearing sheep for wool, growing wheat or sugarcane, caring for a fruit orchard or producing vegetables. You could have a hobby farm of just a few acres or run a [station the size of a small country](#). So, as a Farmer your duties could vary significantly. We've put together a few tasks that represent some of the duties you might find yourself doing.

- Planning and coordinating your annual production requirements
- Undertake soil testing and preparation
- Select crops, seeds or livestock to purchase
- Nurture and raise animals, plant seeds, seedlings and bulbs
- Look after your water supply and provide the optimal nutrition and conditions to prevent disease
- Closely monitor the weather at all times
- Harvest your produce
- Carry out farm operations from purchasing, storing and packing goods, to organising sales and arranging transport
- Make sure that all farm buildings, equipment, fences and water supplies are well maintained
- Prepare and be ready to act in times of emergency such as drought, floods and fire
- Keep accurate and up to date records of everything including finances
- Understand your market, keep on top of trends and make accurate predictions

- Manage your money carefully
- Hire, train and supervise employees

### **Lifestyle Impact: High**

- Part Time opportunities: Low – 22% of Farmers work part-time (source: [Joboutlook.gov.au](http://Joboutlook.gov.au)) these are most likely to be hobby farmers, farm workers, or even Managers looking after a couple of properties
- Average hours for full-time workers: 52 hours a week which is above average (source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au))
- Farmers salary (average) \$60,000\* per year (Source: [com.au](http://com.au)) \*salaries vary between industries, your role, and depending on your skills and experience
- Future career growth: Stable (Source: [Joboutlook.gov.au](http://Joboutlook.gov.au)). Some areas have stronger growth rates than others, industry growth can also fluctuate due to changes in markets, economics, popularity, imports, weather conditions, etc.
- Working as a Farmer comes with a high level of responsibility and you're also at the mercy of the weather and market conditions, as well as diseases and pests. You'll be working long hours, many of the jobs may be physically demanding and are often repetitive. But if you love being outside and the thought of being your own boss is appealing this could be a very rewarding career.

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

Over 320,600 people were employed in agriculture in 2020 (source: [AISC](http://AISC)) which makes it a huge industry. Most workers are employed in Queensland and South Australia (Source: [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au)) but there are opportunities in every state.

Although technically if you own the property you can work from home, and some properties are very isolated in rural locations, it's not the same as the remote working that lots of people imagine these days.

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

To become a successful Farmer, you'll need to learn the practical, technical and theoretical knowledge that applies to the particular kind of farming you're engaged in.

Formal qualifications aren't essential, although a VET qualification as a minimum could be really useful. You will *definitely* need hands on, relevant, work experience.

**Step 1** – Decide what type of farming you want to get into, you'll need particular skills and specialised knowledge depending on which type of farming you're passionate about.

**Step 2** – Consider completing your high school certificate, Maths and STEM could be useful subjects, as well as business related subjects.

Or undertake a VET qualification.

Certificate [II](#), [III](#), [IV](#) or a [Diploma](#) in Agriculture, for example. Check on [MySkills](#) for more specialised courses.

You could also consider a university degree.

[Bachelor of Agriculture at CQ University](#)

[Bachelor of Science](#) majoring in [Animal Science](#) or [Plant Agricultural Science](#) at USQ

Many of the courses can also be completed online, so even if you're living or working remotely you should be able to access them.

**Step 3** – Get plenty of real life, hands-on, work experience.

**Step 4** – Understand the market and keep up to date with changes in farming related practises, laws, products and trends.

Find out more here –

<https://www.farminstitute.org.au/>

<https://nff.org.au/>

<https://farmersmarkets.org.au/>

### **Similar Careers to Farmer**

Farm Manager

Farm Worker

Stock and Station Agent

Aquaculture Farmers

Fisheries Worker

Viticulturalist

Agricultural Sales Rep

Forestry Worker

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

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### **What do Farmers do?**

Farmers main aim is production, to create an income from selling their stock. You might be growing crops, raising livestock, poultry, fish, or shellfish, material and fibres, or other agricultural products. Or you could be producing dairy products, ornamental plants or nursery



products. Some Farmers raise both crops and livestock, as well as producing food for their animals.

### **Which industries employ Farmers?**

Farmers work in agriculture (which is a really diverse field), forestry, fishing and hunting, aquaculture and more. Check out a few more industries [here](#).

### **Do I need to go to university to become a Farmer?**

No, you don't need any formal qualifications to work as a Farmer. However, combined with work experience, qualifications could help you to gain the skills and knowledge you'll need much faster.

If you're thinking of applying for jobs as a Farm Manager, qualifications could help you to be a more competitive applicant.

### **Where do Farmers work?**

Farmers can work in small holdings, stations, and large-scale farms, to orchards, nurseries and fisheries. They work in lots of other spaces as well, but they primarily work outdoors. Some elements also require an office, such as keeping on top of records, researching, ordering in goods, arranging logistics etc.

### **What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Farmer?**

If you're at high school and you'd like to find out if a career as a Farmer is right for you, here's a few things you could do right now:

1. Get work experience, learn the basics about farming. This may also help you to decide which area to specialise in.
2. Complete a few short courses or VET qualifications that could help you to develop the skills you'll need even further.
3. Work on your communication, planning and organisation, and adaptability skills.

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