



Charles Sturt
University

Choose your own adventure

A guide for Year 10 students

Everyone asking what you want to do after school?

It's exciting to be in Year 10. You're studying some of your own choices – it's nice to have a say after all these years! And you're starting to think about your subjects for Years 11 and 12. There's work experience. A casual job perhaps. More freedom from the fam (maybe).

But is everyone asking what you want to do after school?

At Charles Sturt University, we want to help.

If you know what you want to do after school, great! Let's make it happen.

If you're not quite sure yet, that's okay too. We've got some ideas to help you work out your next steps.

Life after high school – what are my options?

In between study and fun times with friends, it's a good idea to think about what comes next. What's your future move?

You could:

- go to uni right after school
- take a gap year and travel the world
- do an apprenticeship
- go to TAFE or a community college
- get a full-time job.

Uni is a great future move! Getting a degree will give you so many career options. And if you want to take a gap year before you start uni to travel or save money, the good news is you can lock in your course first so you have a place when you get back!

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I definitely know what I want to do after school

You know what you want to do and everyone says you'll be great at your chosen career.

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I really don't know what I want to do after school

Do most of your friends seem to know what they want to do, but you're not sure?

Some people know from an early age what they want to do in life. But most of us haven't got a clue!

You don't have to know exactly what you want to do after school right now, but it's a good idea to explore your options.

➤ Where can you start?

Well, we believe the best place to start is with what's right here: you.

A clearer view of your strengths, interests and personality may give you ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects – or even a possible career!

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Who am I?

Get to know yourself!

Make choices based on your strengths, interests and personality.

Like a career area?
Click it to learn more!

The adventurer

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Love for the outdoors
- ✓ Interest in primary industries
- ✓ Passion for helping animals
- ✓ Interest in restoring and preserving natural environments
- ✓ Environmentally aware

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- Agriculture
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth and environmental science
- English
- Food technology
- Geography
- Mathematics
- Primary industries
- Tourism, travel and events

You might like a career in

- Agricultural and wine sciences
- Animal and veterinary sciences
- Environmental science and outdoor recreation

The advocate

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Passion for helping others
- ✓ Effective listener and communicator
- ✓ Caring and approachable
- ✓ Deep thinker

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- Indigenous studies
- Biology
- Community and family studies
- English
- Legal studies
- Society and culture
- Studies of religion

You might like a career in

- Christian theology and ministry
- Humanities, social work and human services
- Islamic and Arabic studies
- Psychology

The analyst

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Innovative and open-minded
- ✓ Passion for technology
- ✓ Strong problem-solving skills
- ✓ Excellent analytical skills

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- Business services
- Business studies
- Economics
- English
- Information processes and technology
- Mathematics
- Software design and development

You might like a career in

- Business
- Information technology, computing and mathematics

The creator

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Creative with a passion for the arts
- ✓ Strong communicator or natural storyteller
- ✓ Open to new ideas and not afraid of change

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- Business studies
- Dance
- Drama
- English
- Entertainment industry
- Legal studies
- Music
- Society and culture
- Textiles and design
- Visual arts

You might like a career in

- Communication and creative industries



The educator

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Love for learning and sharing knowledge
- ✓ Excellent communicator and listener
- ✓ Enthusiastic, dedicated and passionate about helping others

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- English
- Human society and its environment
- Information processes and technology
- Mathematics
- Society and culture

You might like a career in

- Information and library studies
- Teaching and education



The innovator

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Exceptional problem-solving skills
- ✓ Strong quantitative skills
- ✓ Mechanical aptitude

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- Chemistry
- English
- Mathematics
- Physics

You might like a career in

- Engineering
- Science



The investigator

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Fascination with scientific findings
- ✓ Strong observational skills
- ✓ Objective, accurate and ethically neutral

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Science

You might like a career in

- Medical science
- Science



The protector

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Helpful and protective
- ✓ Enjoy finding solutions
- ✓ Strong leadership skills

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- Community and family studies
- English
- Legal studies
- Personal development, health and physical education

You might like a career in

- Policing, law, security, customs and emergency management



The provider

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Compassionate and caring
- ✓ Strong people skills
- ✓ Interest in the human body and the way it works

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Community and family studies
- English
- Legal studies
- Mathematics
- Personal development, health and physical education
- Physics

You might like a career in

- Allied health and pharmacy
- Dentistry
- Medicine
- Nursing, midwifery and Indigenous health



The warrior

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Strong interest in sports and fitness
- ✓ Curious about the human body and movement
- ✓ Passion for health and wellbeing

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- Community and family studies
- Dance
- English
- Mathematics
- Personal development, health and physical education

You might like a career in

- Exercise and sports sciences



So, who are you?

Take our quick quiz and find out!

Starting to get clearer?
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Where I am now

Fill in the blanks to help you think some more about your strengths, interests and personality.

Subjects I like:

Subjects I don't like much:

My strongest subject/s are:

What I'm really good at is:

If I could do one thing all day, it would be:

My personal qualities are:

I am inspired by:

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Tips for choosing Year 11 and 12 subjects

In Year 10, you don't need to have your whole life mapped out.

But you do need to choose your subjects for Year 11! Heres our best advice.

- Play to your strengths! Choose subjects you are strong in or that come naturally to you.
- Go with what interests you! You're more likely to enjoy Year 11 and 12 and get the marks you'll need if you decide to go to uni.
- Be your authentic self! Don t base decisions on anyone else's expectations or pick the same subjects as your friends just because it seems fun.
- Take some time! Give yourself plenty of time to think about your subjects so you're not making last minute choices.



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HSC/VCE subjects and uni

Prerequisites. You've probably heard the term. And maybe wondered what it means.

Prerequisites are studies some unis specify you must have completed in order to do a particular course. At these unis, you won't be able to apply for a course if you haven't studied the prerequisites in high school.

The good news is, at Charles Sturt, most of our degrees don't have prerequisites.

A few courses do have specific requirements, such as completing the University Clinical Aptitude Test if you want to study medicine or dentistry, but most don't. However, if you do know what you want to study at uni, choosing Year 11 and 12 subjects that align with your course will certainly help you get you off to a flying start. These are called recommended studies (or sometimes 'assumed knowledge') and will benefit you by giving you a general understanding of topics relevant to your uni course.

For example, if you're thinking about studying medicine (or any health profession) there will usually be lots of science in the course. So while you don't have to have studied all science subjects at school to get into these courses at Charles Sturt, if you've done a bit of biology, chemistry or physics you'll probably find your first year of uni a bit easier.

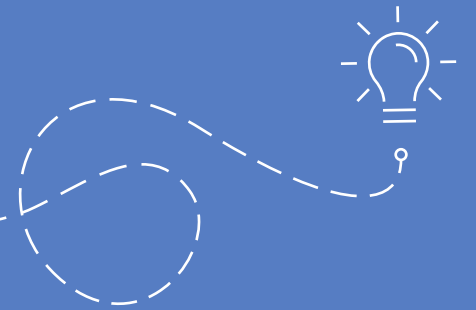


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Tips for thinking about your career



Talk to as many people as possible

Ask people what a day at work looks like for – the good, the bad and the ugly. Find out what skills they use all the time, and get their advice on what it takes to be successful.

Try something new

What better way to learn what it is you really love doing than by trying lots of different activities?

You could go to a workshop, take a class, watch tutorials or read books about different subjects. A new interest might lead you to your career!

Do your research – it's never too early to start

Search online for jobs you think you'd like or browse different career areas, get lost in YouTube videos in areas that hit home with you, or watch documentaries and listen to podcasts that give you the inside scoop on the areas you're passionate about. Charles Sturt also runs special events where you can get hands-on and give different careers a try.

Get some work experience in your area of interest

You can get a feel for whether it's what you want to do, and it gives you the opportunity to ask lots of questions. You'll get a sense of the possibilities – you might even discover a job or career path you've never heard of.

Follow your passion

If you're not sure yet what your passion is, that's okay. Try the tips on this page and see what you discover. And you can come to a Charles Sturt Open Day to talk to our experts about career possibilities. It can take time to find your passion – but it will be worth it!

Check out career inspiration and all things Charles Sturt on our blog, Insight. We even have dedicated sections for Year 10, 11 and 12 students!



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Exploring careers

Wondering what kind of careers are out there? Here's a selection of the many jobs you could choose from. Charles Sturt has courses that can get you ready to work in any of these fields!



Looking for more information?
Click any of the course area names to be taken to our website.



Agricultural and wine sciences

- Agricultural scientist
- Farmer or farm manager
- Horticulturalist
- Soil conservation officer
- Wine maker or wine marketer



Allied health and pharmacy

- Health promotion officer
- Occupational therapist
- Paramedic
- Pharmacist
- Physiotherapist
- Podiatrist
- Rehabilitation specialist
- Speech and language pathologist



Animal and veterinary sciences

- Animal nutritionist
- Animal scientist
- Horse trainer
- Manager in equine services industries
- Veterinarian
- Zookeeper



Business

- Accountant
- Business systems analyst
- Financial dealer or broker
- Human resources manager
- Insurance or taxation agent
- Marketing officer
- Small business owner



Christian theology and ministry

- Chaplain
- Foreign aid worker
- Minister / church worker
- Youth worker



Communication and creative industries

- Actor
- Communications or marketing officer
- Graphic designer
- Journalist
- Museum or gallery curator
- Photographer
- Public relations consultant
- Radio broadcaster
- Scriptwriter
- Special effects and animation designer
- Studio lighting, sound or costume designer
- Television or film camera operator
- Television producer or director



Engineering

- Manufacturing production manager
- Mining industry roles
- Roles in rail, road, airport, bridge, dam, pipeline construction and energy distribution



Environmental science and outdoor recreation

- Conservation, land or water resources manager
- Ecotourism operator
- Environmental planner
- Environmental scientist
- Park ranger
- Plant nursery worker
- Recreation and facilities manager



Exercise and sports sciences

- Exercise coach
- Exercise rehabilitation instructor
- Health and fitness centre manager
- Personal trainer
- Recreation officer
- Sports administrator
- Sports journalist



Humanities, social work and human services

- Aged care worker
- Child welfare officer
- Counsellor
- Research assistant
- Social worker
- Support worker in health and welfare agencies
- Writer



Information and library studies

- Archivist / records manager
- Information systems analyst
- Information technology manager
- Librarian
- Researcher



Information technology, computing and mathematics

- Computer game software designer/developer
- Computer programmer
- Computer hardware and software developer
- Cyber security analyst
- IT project manager
- Systems analyst and network administrator



Islamic and Arabic studies

- Academic researcher
- Chaplain
- Islamic teacher



Medical science and dentistry

- Dentist
- Medical or veterinary diagnostician
- Medical researcher or scientist
- Oral hygienist or therapist
- Radiographer



Medicine

- Doctor



Nursing, midwifery and Indigenous health

- Midwife
- Nurse
- Paramedic



Policing, law, security, customs and emergency management

- Customs officer
- Emergency controller
- Parole officer
- Police officer
- Youth and corrective services worker



Psychology

- Clinical psychologist
- Mental health worker
- Organisational psychologist
- Welfare officer
- Youth worker



Science

- Environmental manager
- Roles in industries producing chemicals, paper goods, plastics, paints, adhesives, agricultural products
- Scientific researcher



Teaching and education

- Early childhood and primary teacher
- K-12 teacher
- Outdoor education teacher
- Technology and applied studies teacher



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What's my next move?

Got some more ideas about your possible future moves?
Jot down your thoughts here.

People I could talk to about study and career options:

Year 11 subject ideas:

Things I could do to try out some possible career options:

Uni course ideas:

Career ideas:



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Why go to uni?

1.

Earn more

On average, university graduates earn over \$1 million more over their lifetime than those who do not go to university.

2.

Get a job

People with a degree are more likely to be employed than those without.

3.

Develop skills

You'll learn how to become more organised, motivated and capable.

4.

Meet people

You'll meet like people with similar interests and develop social and professional skills with like-minded peers.

5.

Enjoy work more

University students have a higher rate of job satisfaction after graduation.

6.

Broaden your horizons

You'll benefit from a broader world view and different ideas on a whole range of topics.

7.

Grab opportunities

University life has a lot to offer and there are heaps of opportunities for you to get involved.



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Getting into uni isn't just about your marks

There's more to being an excellent student than marks alone.

At Charles Sturt, we believe everyone can create a world worth living in. Because who you are is just as important as what you do.

We get that the personal qualities you bring with you to uni might not always be reflected in your exam results. That's why we created the Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program.

It's our program that provides offers to study with us even before you sit your HSC/VCE exams because you have the qualities and skills we value.

When you apply to uni through our Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program, we'll look at the skills you have developed through things like:

- playing sport
- debating or public speaking
- volunteering in your community
- having a part-time job
- doing extracurricular activities.

Have you got the advantage? We reckon so!

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Why Charles Sturt?

The best way to learn
is to learn by doing

Learning isn't just about hitting the books.

With Charles Sturt, you'll get hands-on learning from day one. It's what we do.

You could learn on a farm or in a winery; at a radio station, TV studio or ad agency; in a simulated ambulance or a health centre. And you'll get experience with all the latest equipment you'll be using when you graduate and score your first professional job.



A map of New South Wales and Victoria, Australia, with white outlines of the state borders. Six red dots indicate the locations of Charles Sturt University regional campuses. The dots are labeled: Port Macquarie (on the northeast coast), Dubbo (in the west), Orange and Bathurst (south of Dubbo), Wagga Wagga (further south), and Albury Wodonga (on the border with Victoria). The states are labeled in white capital letters: QUEENSLAND, NEW SOUTH WALES, and VICTORIA.

Start regionally... then take your career wherever you want to go.

Our regional campuses provide a world-class education in close-knit, vibrant settings.

We have six campuses, offering great adventures



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Study that can take you anywhere

Take your study around the world

Want to have an amazing overseas adventure that counts towards your degree? You can at Charles Sturt! You can do a short program or a longer placement in the country of your choice and create memories to last a lifetime. You might even get a scholarship to help fund your cultural experience!

Image: Emme Williams on placement in Africa.



Or study in the comfort of your own home

You might know we are Australia's largest regional university. But did you know Charles Sturt University is also Australia's most experienced online education provider? With us, you can even do some of your subjects on campus and others online. Study whenever, wherever you want.



Charles Sturt has the right undergraduate degree for you

From ag to arts, business to border management, comms to computing, dentistry to digital media, engineering to education (you get the idea), we have a course to get you where you want to go.

You want to study subjects that fit with your passions and the career you want. So when you study with us, you can choose subjects from across the university to build a degree that suits you. At Charles Sturt, you're in control.



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→ study.csu.edu.au/courses





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Find out more

Continue exploring how a uni course can help with your future adventure.

- Talk to your school career adviser
- Book a consult with a friendly Charles Sturt adviser
→ study.csu.edu.au/contact-us
- Attend a Charles Sturt event and find out what uni is really like
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