



Charles Sturt
University

Choose your
own adventure

Year 10 guide to uni

What's next?

So you've started Year 10 — how exciting! You're choosing some of your own subjects to study, and maybe you're even thinking about what you might do in Year 11 and 12. It's nice to finally make your own decisions, but there's a lot of paths to choose from. There's work experience, or a casual job perhaps. More freedom from the fam (maybe).

But with everyone asking what you want to do after school — Charles Sturt University is here to help.

If you know what you want to do, 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 it out.

Life after high school – what are my options?.

Between studying and fun 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 smart 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 know what I want to do after school.

You know where you want to end up and everyone says you'll be great at your chosen career.

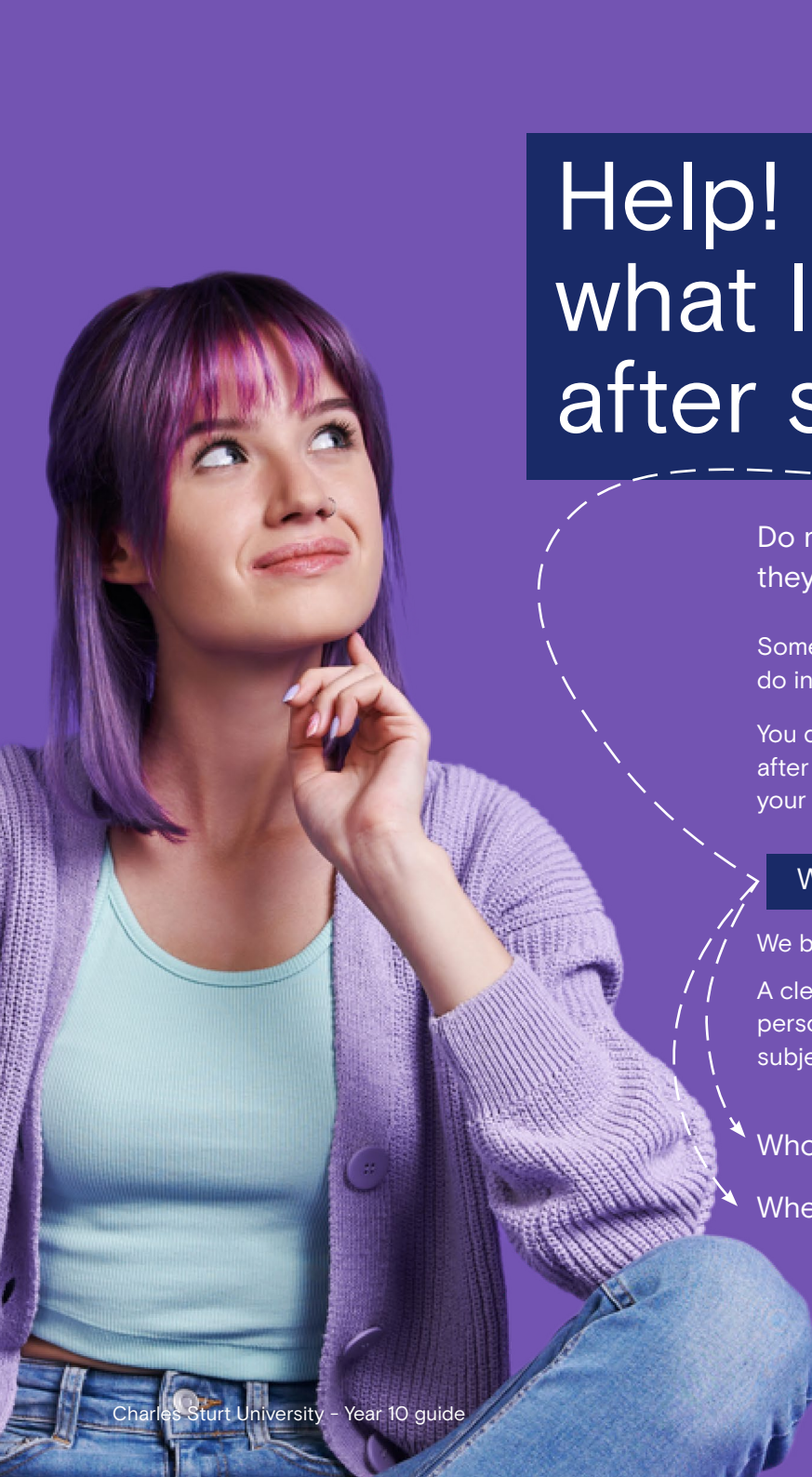
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Help! I'm not sure what I want to do after school.

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

Some people know early on what they want to do in life. But a lot of us haven't got a clue!

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

Where should you start?

We believe the best place to start is right here, with you.

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

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Who am I?

The adventurer



Does this sound like you

- interest in primary industries
- passion for helping animals
- care about the environment
- love for the outdoors.

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- agriculture
- science – biology, and chemistry
- geography
- primary industries tourism.

The analyst



Does this sound like you

- innovative
- passion for technology
- strong problem solving skills
- excellent analytical skills.

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- business studies
- economics
- mathematics
- Information, processes and technology.

The advocate



Does this sound like you

- like helping others
- good listener
- caring and approachable
- deep thinker.

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- community and family studies
- studies of religion
- legal studies
- english.

The creator



Does this sound like you

- creative
- passionate about art
- natural storyteller
- open to new ideas.

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- dance
- drama
- music
- visual arts.

The educator



Does this sound like you

- passion for learning
- excellent communicator
- dedicated to helping others.

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- english
- Information, processes and technology
- society and culture.

The protector



Get to know yourself!

Make choices based on your strengths, interests and personality.

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
- PDHPE.

The innovator



Does this sound like you

- excellent problem solver
- mechanical aptitude
- strong quantitative skills.

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- chemistry
- english
- mathematics
- physics.

The warrior



Does this sound like you

- strong interest in sport and fitness
- curious about the human body
- passion for health and wellbeing.

Ideas for Year 11 and 12 subjects

- community and family studies
- english
- PDHPE
- dance.

Starting to get clearer? Next steps...



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We care about the environment

Sustainability is important to us.

We are Australia's first certified carbon neutral university, meaning we reduce and offset our carbon emissions so they can be equal to zero. We encourage all our staff and students to make small changes to help the environment, like turning off lights, air conditioners and computers when not in use. We support sustainable suppliers and use smart water metres so we can monitor our water use, especially during times of drought, with 500 installed so far. We ranked in the top 10% for Climate Action in the Times High Education Impact Rankings. We're an active member of Australian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS).



**Top 11% in the world
for climate action**

Charles Sturt is in the top
11% of universities worldwide
for climate action.*

*Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2023

Did you know?

We've also installed thousands of solar panels across our campuses. The amount of carbon dioxide saved each year is equivalent to: 1032 Australian houses, driving a car 33,716,838 km or driving around Australia 2324 times.



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

You don't need to have your whole life mapped out in Year 10.

But you do need to choose your subjects for Year 11 and 12.

Here's 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 a chance to think about your subjects so you're not making last minute choices.
- Explore prerequisites and recommended studies – if you do know what you want to study at uni, choosing subjects that align with your course will help you get off to a flying start.
- Know the difference between your ATAR and selection rank – when you get to the pointy end of senior high school, you might be up for adjustment factors that increase your ATAR.



Think uni might be on the cards?

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HSC/VCE subjects and uni.

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

Prerequisites are subjects 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. But if you're not sure what you want to study at uni, choosing senior subjects that align with your course will help you get off on the right foot. These are called 'recommended studies' or 'referred knowledge.' And they'll benefit you by helping to build your general understanding of topics relevant to your uni course.

For example, if you're thinking about studying medicine there will usually be lots of science in the course. So while you don't have to study every science subject at school to get into these courses at Charles Sturt, studying biology, chemistry or physics will make 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 them 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 find your passion than to try 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 to your future 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 that interest you, or watch documentaries and listen to podcasts. 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 whatever it is you want to do and ask lots of questions along the way. 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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Explore your future career

Agriculture and environment

Create a sustainable future



- agribusiness banker
- vine scientist
- park ranger
- horticulturist.

→ csu.edu.au/ag-enviro

Animal and veterinary sciences

Help creatures great and small



- animal scientist
- equine facility manager
- veterinarian clinician
- veterinary technologist.

→ csu.edu.au/animal-vet

Arts and communication

Use creativity to connect



- advertising manager
- journalist
- graphic designer
- historian.

→ csu.edu.au/arts-comm

Business

Drive innovation and success



- accountant
- tax specialist
- project manager
- business leader.

→ csu.edu.au/business

Education and teaching

Empower the minds of tomorrow



- early childhood teacher
- vocational education teacher
- secondary school teacher
- primary school teacher.

→ csu.edu.au/education-teaching

Theology and Islamic Studies

Seek to understand history, tradition and faith



- chaplain
- christian minister
- community worker
- pastoral carer.

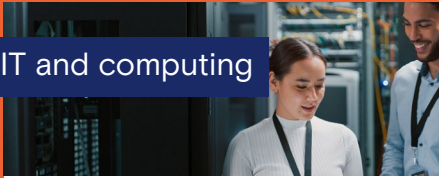
→ csu.edu.au/theology-islamic

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!

IT and computing



Revolutionise our future with technology



- artificial intelligence specialist
- cryptographer
- ethical hacker
- software developer.

→ csu.edu.au/computing

Information and library studies



Connect people with knowledge



- data researcher
- librarian
- database administrator
- community information specialist

→ csu.edu.au/info-library-studies

Medicine and health



Combine empathy and analysis to help people



- dental hygienist
- podiatrist
- paramedic
- general practitioner.

→ csu.edu.au/med-health

Policing, law and security



Stand up for what's right



- lawyer
- police officer
- solicitor
- coroner.

→ csu.edu.au/law

Psychology and social work



Support people when they need it most



- case manager
- social worker
- specialist counsellor
- criminal investigator.

→ csu.edu.au/psych-social

Science and engineering



Push boundaries to find solutions



- chemist
- biologist
- civil engineer
- mathematician

→ csu.edu.au/science-engineering

Charles Sturt Advantage

Have you heard about our Charles Sturt Advantage program? Well here's something to think about.

Get an early offer to study with us

As you get closer to Year's 11 and 12 and you start thinking about university, you can apply for our CSA program! Applications open in February every year and once you start your HSC, there'll be three rounds for you to apply.

If successful, you'll get:

- an offer to study with us – before you sit your final exams
- access to exclusive events
- dedicated support via our Facebook group
- monthly email newsletter with handy tips and info
- to connect with other students – before you set foot on campus.

How it works

We'll look at your Year 11 results and your soft skills – things like empathy, resilience and the motivation to create a world worth living in.

To get the Advantage, you'll apply online and answer three simple questions to show us you have what it takes to make an impact in your community.

Some of our most competitive courses may have limits on the number of offers made via the Charles Sturt Advantage early offer program. So once you're in Year 12, apply as early as you can.

Apply now to get the Advantage! → csu.edu.au/advantage



"It was such a relief knowing where I would be studying next year and what I will be doing. I loved that the program helped me focus on the tasks I had at hand rather than worrying about my future as well as finishing year 12 in such a hard time."

Javana Ballinger
Charles Sturt Advantage student

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:

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

Year 11 subject ideas:

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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. *

*Bureau of Labor 2021

2.

Get a job

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

**Australian Bureau of Statistics 2022

3.

Develop skills

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

4.

Meet people

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

5.

Broaden your horizons

You'll meet people from all walks of life with different world views and ideas on a whole range of topics.

6.

Grab opportunities

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

#1
in Australia
for grads who get jobs



87% of our undergrads get full-time jobs within 4 months of graduating

*Good Universities Guide 2023/24



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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.

Our initiative provides an opportunity 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 the Advantage program, we'll look at your Year 11 results and soft skills that you've 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 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, 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.

The practical experience you'll get here is just one of the many reasons why we're Australia's #1 uni for grads who get jobs.*

*Good Universities Guide 2023/2024



QUEENSLAND

NEW SOUTH WALES

Port Macquarie

Dubbo

Orange
Bathurst

Wagga Wagga

Albury-Wodonga

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

Come check us out!

Book a personalised campus tour at the campus of your choice and see everything we have to offer.



Study whenever, and wherever you like

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.

Flexibility, so you can do more

The main draw card of online study? The flexibility. Hands down. You fit study around your life, not the other way around. Plan on holding down a part-time job while studying with us? Online study makes it easy for you to study around your shifts. Don't live near one of our regional campuses? You can study from home, but still get the same quality education. Interested in studying abroad? We have overseas exchange programs that can make that happen for you!



Charles Sturt has the right undergraduate degree for you.

From ag to arts, business to border management, comms to computing, dentistry to business, 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
→ study.csu.edu.au/contact-us
- Come to our events and see what uni is really like
→ study.csu.edu.au/events

Keep in touch



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