

Career Avenues Profiling Workshops



Career Avenues is offering Career Profiling Workshops for students in Years 9 to 12 in Term 4 in Sydney. Career Avenues has developed a comprehensive, individually prepared Career Profile for students in Years 9-10. The Profile is very thorough and is widely used in independent schools in the Eastern states. It provides a sound basis for career exploration and decision making. The Profile also offers ideas for career options after the student leaves school and provides a guide for career exploration prior to decisions about Year 11-12 subjects. Career Avenues have been offering this very popular and appreciated service to high school students for over 25 years.

Venue: Wotso WorkSpace, 2/ 50 Yeo St, Neutral Bay NSW 2089

Dates: The next workshop dates are on the website: www.careeravenues.com.au

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There will be 2 sessions to the workshop.

First Session:

In the first session you will be taken through each of the exercises in the Career Avenues Profile. These will explore the following areas:

1. Differential Reasoning Skills

(i) Abstract Reasoning

The abstract or non-verbal reasoning test is based on patterns. The student is asked which of the options given is the next logical pattern in the series of patterns. This is a test which reflects:

- capacity to be **adaptable** in your thinking
- **flexibility** in how you approach problems and
- capacity to handle **conceptual** or **theoretical** as distinct from practical or applied thinking tasks.

Career Relevance

Abstract Reasoning is related to any career involving complex problem solving.

(ii) Verbal Reasoning

The Verbal Reasoning test was based on logic and language. It measures:

- understanding of the complexities of the **language**
- ability to think **analytically** in words, and
- clarity of thinking using words and **word-based arguments**.

Career Relevance

Verbal skills are very important as a basis for university studies, especially in areas requiring a lot of reading and verbal analysis such as law and journalism.

(iii) Numerical Reasoning

This is a test which measures the ability to reason and solve problems with numbers. It shows:

- how well one can undertake reasonably **complex computational and statistical** tasks
- ability to **think** in terms of number patterns and
- to **solve** numerically based problems.

Career Relevance

Strong scores on this test would be important for careers requiring **complex mathematical calculation** such as engineering and statistics.

(iv) Attention to Detail

This is a number and name checking test. The Attention to Detail test assesses the:

- ability to attend to **fine detail**
- **accuracy** of processing rather than complexity of processing and
- **speed** of comprehension.

Career Relevance

Attention to Detail is very important for many business and administrative jobs, as well as a range of careers in scientific and other technical areas.

(v) Physical Reasoning

This test is designed to assess how well people understand the physical world. It uses picture based questions which ask about the **physical and mechanical processes** we are exposed to every day, such as the influence of gravity, leverage and fluid flow. It measures:

- potential for solving problems based on **physical forces and processes** and
- assesses understanding and knowledge of **mechanical operations**.

Career Relevance

Sound skills in this area is important for many practical and technical occupations such as:

- engineering, technical and trades careers
- other physics-related careers
- some sports and health related areas

(vi) Spatial Reasoning

In the Spatial Reasoning test, students are asked to mentally fold up some 2D shapes to imagine what they would look like, folded into a 3D object. In other items they have to choose which shape a figure would unfold into. These items assess the potential to:

- visualise and mentally manipulate objects in **three dimensions**
- imagine how an object would look if made from a given **pattern** or **plan**
- manipulate objects and plans mentally

Career Relevance

Spatial Reasoning is an ability needed in design and construction fields such as architecture, carpentry, building and fashion. It is needed whenever there is a need to visualise objects in three dimensions, or develop or read from a plan or working diagram which represents something in three dimensions.

2. Career Avenues Career Interest Profile

Students complete an interest profile based on real career opportunities. They organize their preferences for over 70 careers/ job descriptions and this is used to obtain an interest profile. The top 3 interest areas are used as a guide to give students career ideas to research.

3. Career Avenues Type for Teenagers (CATT) Personality Profile

A well-researched approach to individual differences based on Jungian psychology gives an in-depth description of the student's personality preferences and also indicates the kind of work environment and work focus that is most likely to suit them. Personality is very important in selecting a satisfying and rewarding career.

4. Career Avenues Transferable Skills Self-Report

Transferable skills are a core set of skills and abilities which can be applied to a wide range of different jobs and industries. People usually pick them up over time and develop them through many different activities such as school, hobbies, sports, voluntary work and paid jobs as well as through interacting with family and friends. They are becoming increasingly important to the job market.

5. Consistent Career Examples

Students are given around 45 career ideas in their preferred interest areas. Career Avenues selects these ideas to be generally compatible with all of the elements in the student's profile. This is unique to our profiles. Students are encouraged to select and research careers from these lists, as well as their own ideas.

6. CA Profile Report and Log Book

Each profile report is around 17 pages and comes along with a 12 page Log Book which serves to guide students' career exploration. Students' Career Profile reports will come as a hard copy colour booklet and also as a PDF file.

Second Session:

In the second session students will be booked for a one hour individual counselling session with one of our experienced counsellors. You will receive your report via email prior to this session, and get a hard copy in the session. Parents are also welcome to attend this session.

Your counsellor will take you through your report and help you understand each of the sections. We will then help you explore the career ideas given in the report, and work towards developing a plan, depending upon which school year level you are at.

Students in Years 9 and 10 will benefit from considering alternative options and suitable subject choices for Years 11 and 12. Students in Years 11 and 12 will normally be able to focus more on possible courses for each of other areas in which they are interested.

Further research is supported by our online Glossary and Career Tools website, as well as our Log Book to guide career exploration.

Cost:

Individual: The cost is \$550 for the 2 sessions plus your Career Avenues Profile Report.

Groups: 4 students \$500 each
8 students \$450 each

If you are interested, please visit www.careeravenues.com.au for more information and to register for the workshops.

For further information, please call Marian on 1300 764 641 any day between 8am and 6pm



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