Decisions....

- Pray about your future
- If you are not sure what career area interests you, some of the following websites may assist you... where they offer one, you may like to do a quiz to help you identify careers areas that may interest you.
  - Government sponsored website called Myfuture http://myfuture.edu.au/
  - Bullseye posters listing careers related to a subject area http://bullseye.myfuture.edu.au/
  - The Skillsroad website about trade jobs http://www.skillsroad.com.au/skills-or-uni/
  - JobJump – this a website the College subscribes to with videos, quizzes and links about careers. It contains up to date news and has an email facility to send news information to you. www.jobjump.com.au
  - Centrelink Career Information Centres – visit www.humanservices.gov.au
  - Careers Advisory Service – available after HSC results released in December each year – www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au

The websites listed above may help provide information about what do you need to do to get into the career? To investigate information about various jobs including job prospects, visit the Job Outlook site: http://joboutlook.gov.au/

In terms of a career, some options after school are to go straight into a job, go to TAFE or other College courses for further training, work in an apprenticeship or traineeship, study a University course.

- To move straight into a job, the newspaper or Job Search website may be helpful http://jobsearch.gov.au/. Some other avenues to explore work include employment agencies (you can google ‘employment agencies’ or ‘jobs’). For example:
  - Seek, CareerOne, MyCareer, Centrelink, Jobs on the Coast, jobs.com.au, ORS Employment Solutions, Jobfind, Mission Australia (Job Services Australia), Break Thru People Solutions
  - Prepare your resume and distribute copies to companies where you would like to work e.g. Big W, Coles, McDonalds, retail shops, local businesses.
  - Your personal network, noticeboards and Expos may also help locate a job.

- For TAFE courses, visit the TAFE NSW website: https://www.tafensw.edu.au/ For a listing of various training organisation running courses, visit http://www.myskills.gov.au/


To help you find a course and university that suits you, you can use the Quality Indicators of Learning and Teaching (QILT) website http://www.qilt.edu.au/, which will give you feedback from thousands of students about their experiences studying higher education. The Good Universities Guide website is also helpful http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/. On the UAC website http://www.uac.edu.au/ go to the Undergraduate section and select Search for Courses section which provides a list of courses for the next university intake. The UAC website is used to apply for most universities in NSW. The UAC guide book which comes out annually is also helpful. Individual university websites are helpful e.g. www.newcastle.edu.au/. Of note is the Uni of Newcastle’s resource called “Degrees to Careers” at http://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees-to-careers# To compare universities, Hobson’s The Good Universities Guide provides comparative information concerning a number of tertiary institutions http://ebook.gooduniguide.com.au/

For university entry, check if there are any early requirements e.g. Medicine at Newcastle University requires the UMAT test to be completed. Do you need a portfolio or to audition? See the UAC website Where to Start section and check any admission requirements such as special requirements for some courses - see below.

Special requirements for certain courses: For some courses there may be tests to take before you are eligible to apply or special requirements you need to fulfil:

- For health-related and teacher education courses there are special requirements and policies set by the NSW Gov’t.
- The Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) is mandatory for medicine and some health science degrees.
- The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) may be mandatory for a small number of courses.
- There may be additional selection criteria for your course. Check for details in the individual course descriptions available through the UAC course search.
- If you are completing the NSW HSC, check individual course descriptions for any course prerequisites.
Financial Assistance
Help may be available for your area of further study – visit www.studyassist.gov.au

The UAC Website
The Schoolink section of the UAC website can be helpful....you will find a link for this on the UAC home page...

What ATAR do I need?
Generally, ATAR’s needed for courses are determined every year and become available when offers are made. Second round offers may mean that the ATAR drops for some courses.

To gain some recent information about ATAR’s that were needed to enter various courses, you can check the complete listing of ATAR cutoff’s on the UAC website. Using the Course Search in the Undergraduate section of the UAC website will provide recent cut off information for particular courses. The published UAC Guide is also helpful.

QLLT Website
The Quality Indicators of Learning and Teaching (QILT) website http://www.qilt.edu.au/, QILT allows side by side comparisons of the quality of the higher education institutions and the study areas that you’re interested in.

Private Colleges and Institutions: The Australian Council for Private Education and Training (ACEPT) also provides a list of various private institutions that offer tertiary study. To search for institutions offering courses, visit http://www.acpet.edu.au/member-search/.