Going to uni?
Get a head start

Earn money with a traineeship.
If you’re planning on uni, you can also do a part-time traineeship while you’re doing your uni degree.
When you do a traineeship in the industry you’re interested in, you’ll be employable even before you finish your degree.
And if you’re planning on taking a gap year, and you don’t want to waste that year, then a traineeship will help you earn money and get a head start with real work experience.

What’s a traineeship?
It’s a bit like an apprenticeship, where you work a few days and study one day, learning the skills you need to get ahead.
Traineeships are available in a range of industries, including law, accounting, marketing, business administration, engineering, nursing, project management, advertising and media—the list is huge.
They’re also nationally recognised qualifications, which will give your CV a boost. Once you’ve found yourself a traineeship, or someone who’s prepared to offer you a job as a trainee, you can enrol in a traineeship course.

What’s it cost?
Under the NSW Government’s Smart and Skilled program, traineeship fees won’t be more than $1,000—and that’s for the whole course, not a semester.
In return, you get paid a wage, you get amazing experience and workplace skills, and you’ll get the chance to make connections that will help you get a job after you get your degree. You may even get recognition for your learning at uni, meaning your degree might be shorter.
So really, it doesn’t cost much at all for what you get back.

Find out more
Visit smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au to find a course, a training provider and fee information.
You can also explore a range of scholarships, and find out about concession fees and some fee exemptions.