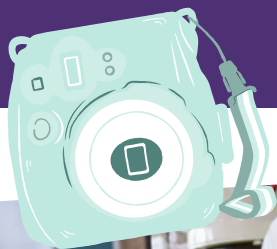




FUTURE YOU



HACKS



Beyond Study: Your Professional Edge

Curiosity + Connections + Confidence + Consistency = **OPPORTUNITY**



What Employers Want You To Know

CAREER HACK #1

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS BEFORE YOU NEED THEM

Don't wait until you're looking for a job to start networking.

Connect with:

- Guest speakers
- Alumni
- Mentors
- Industry professionals
- Employers

TIP: Reach out to one new professional every month.

CAREER HACK #2

FOCUS ON SKILLS, NOT JUST QUALIFICATIONS

Your degree gets attention. Your skills create opportunities.

Employers consistently value:

- Communication
- Problem-solving
- Teamwork
- Initiative
- Adaptability

Ask yourself: What evidence can I provide that demonstrates these skills?

TIP: After every event, connect with one new person within 48 hours

CAREER HACK #3

COLLECT EXPERIENCES, NOT JUST GRADES

Grades matter. Experience matters more.

Look for:

- Internships
- Industry projects
- Volunteering
- Casual work
- Student leadership opportunities

CAREER HACK #4

LEARN TO TELL YOUR STORY

Employers remember stories more than qualifications.

Think about:

- Challenges you've overcome
- Projects you've completed
- Team experiences
- Achievements you're proud of

Why Start Now?

The choices, experiences and connections you make now can open doors later.

You don't need to know exactly where your career is heading. Building skills, meeting people and exploring what interests you gives you more options when opportunities come along.

CAREER HACK #5

MAKE LINKEDIN WORK FOR YOU

LinkedIn is more than an online résumé.

Use it to:

- Follow companies
- Connect with professionals
- Share achievements
- Learn about industries

KEEP
SHOWING
UP

Meet People. Discover opportunities. Make your move.

The opportunities that shape careers rarely come out of nowhere. They often begin with a conversation, a connection or the courage to ask a question.

Be curious. Ask questions. Follow up.

Greater Whitsunday is home to established and growing industries, diverse career pathways and professionals whose work has regional, national and global reach. It is a place where you can build a career, create meaningful connections and enjoy a lifestyle that works for you.

A conversation today could lead to:

- A mentor
- Career advice
- A placement or internship
- Industry insight
- A professional reference
- A recommendation
- A graduate opportunity
- A future employer

Tips

GET INSPIRED

STAY UP TO DATE IN
INDUSTRY TRENDS
CREATE MEANINGFUL
CONNECTIONS

ENGAGE - GO TO INDUSTRY
EVENTS
VOLUNTEER

WATCH THE GCC INTERVIEW PANEL

https://youtu.be/UZq--9_njXQ

