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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

How will I know I'm being paid the right amount?

Visit the 'Pay' page of the [Fair Work Ombudsman website](#) for information about pay obligations, including minimum wages and the rules regarding unpaid work. To test your knowledge about pay entitlements, do the Workplace Basics quiz.

The new Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website

This new [website](#) has four entry points – Students, Job Hunters, Employers and Industry insiders. The Student entry point will provide you with the tools and resources needed for exploring apprenticeship and traineeship career pathways. The Job Hunters page is worth looking at as it includes topics on job hunting and pre-apprenticeships. You can also use the site to find service providers and training options based on industry groups. This new site is a one stop shop for Australian Apprenticeships and replaces the previous Australian Apprenticeships Pathways and Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service websites.



Connect with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) through social media

Use the following sites to keep up with ADF events and new developments:

- [Facebook](#)
- [You Tube](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Instagram](#)

You can find action videos of recent ADF activities [here](#).

Women in the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

The Defence Jobs website has a section on [Women in the ADF](#). This site looks at equal career opportunities, lifestyle, flexible working conditions, family support and short commitment options.



Skillsroad website has had a facelift

On the updated [Skillsroad website](#), you can do a career quiz, explore occupations and industries and learn about study and training pathways. The 'Apply for Jobs' section provides information about job search skills including job search techniques, how to write a resume and cover letters, preparing for a job interview, as well as a job board. In 'Life Hacks', you can learn about topics such as superannuation, buying your first car and much more.

The Year13 website

[Year13](#) is an online resource for post school options. It provides information on Jobs, Gap Year Programs, Job Vacancies, Studying, Money Advice, Internships and more. The site has a 'Get Advice' section with many articles you might find interesting and informative. Visit the 'Study' section for useful information about industries and occupations.

Competitions

Focus on Architecture photography competition

The Brisbane Open House (BOH) photography competition includes a competition for students in Years 7 – 12. To enter, visit any of the BOH buildings allowing photography on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 October 2017, snap your winning photo and submit it via the Brisbane Open House website before 5pm on Friday 13 October 2017 for your chance to win a \$250 prize for the best photo. Visit the [BOH website](#) (scroll down to 'Photography Competition') for details.



A Day in the Life of a Designer

Billy Blue College of Design Brisbane campus will hold this half-day workshop on Saturday 16 September 2017. During the workshop, you will be involved in a creative activity, meet current students and see what it is like to work in Communication/Graphic Design, Digital Media, Interior Design, Branded Fashion Design and Photography. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.

CQUniversity (CQU) snippets

Townsville Open Day – This event will be held between 9 am – 1 pm on Sunday 10 September 2017 at the CQU campus in Townsville. You can register to attend and download the program for the day on the [Open Day website](#).

Echocardiographers – These specialised health professionals view, analyse, modify and report on cardiac scans. The B Echocardiography (Cardiac Physiology) and Graduate Diploma of Echocardiography, offered at CQU's Brisbane campus, prepares students for a career as an Echocardiographer. You can study the course over four-years full-time or eight years part-time. For more information about this course, visit the [CQU website](#).

Online chat sessions – CQU will hold these sessions from 3 – 6 pm on [13 September 2017](#) and [21 September 2017](#). The sessions will be an opportunity for those who were unable to attend a CQU open day to have their questions about studying at CQU answered.

STEPS information sessions – Skills for Tertiary Education Preparation Studies (STEPS) is an enabling course to prepare students for entry to degree programs at CQU. It could be a pathway for students who do not gain entry to their preferred course the first time. Other universities may accept STEPS as a pathway to their courses (check with the relevant institution). Click [here](#) for more information about STEPS and to register to attend a STEPS information session at a CQU campus near you.

Griffith University notes

Musical Theatre Summer School 2018 – This school, for students aged 13 years and above, will be held from 15 – 19 January 2018 at the Burke Street Studio Theatre, Woolloongabba. If you are passionate about singing, dancing, acting and performance, this is the event for you. Find out more on the [Qld Conservatorium website](#).

GUESTS Trimester Three – The Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUESTS) program provides senior students with an opportunity to study Griffith university subjects while still at school. Current Year 11 students are invited to apply for Trimester Three (30 October 2017 – 2 February 2018). Applications are due on 1 October 2017. Visit the [GUESTS website](#) for details and to apply.

Twilight Tours - Take a guided tour of the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses and find out more about life at Griffith. These tours will be held simultaneously at Nathan and Gold Coast campuses on Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 September, 4 pm – 5.30 pm. Register to attend [here](#).

Headstart Day at Bond University

This [event](#) will be held on Monday 16 October 2017. It will provide Year 10 and 11 students with an opportunity to try university subjects from across Bond's four faculties. Contact your school's Guidance Officer/Counsellor if you are interested in attending this event.

Holiday courses at the Australian Institute of Creative Design (AICD)

AICD has campuses on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane. It offers diploma and certificate courses in Arts and Design, Beauty Therapy, Fashion Business, Fashion Design, Fashion Styling, Interior Design, Make-up and Photography. The following are some of the September holiday courses available:

- Street Style Image and Fashion Flat Lays
- Want to Be a Photographer?
- Sew Like a Designer
- Design Your Own Print
- Special Effects Makeup
- Eyelash Extensions Workshop
- Discover Interior Design
- Spray Tanning Workshop

Visit the [AICD website](#) for details.

James Cook University (JCU) Updates

Information sessions - If you need help with your QTAC application or you want more information about JCU courses and where they can lead to, you are invited to attend one of the following information sessions.

- Mackay: 5 pm - 7 pm on 5 September 2017 at Grande Suites, 9 Gregory Street, Mackay
- Rockhampton: 5 pm - 7 pm on 6 September 2017 at Empire Apartment Hotel Conference Centre, 5 East Street, Rockhampton
- Townsville: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm on 12 September 2017 at James Cook University, Building 134, Education Central
- Cairns: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm on 14 September 2017 at DoubleTree by Hilton Cairns, 121-123 Esplanade, Cairns City.

Visit the [website](#) to register your attendance.

Accommodation - JCU has an Accommodation Service that can assist with on and off campus accommodation options. Applications for the on campus residential colleges and halls in Townsville and Cairns are open. Find out more on the [Accommodation website](#).

Important due dates – If you do not meet the following dates, you will not be considered for the related courses:

- 30 September 2017 - the last date for Medicine/Surgery, Dental Surgery, Veterinary Science and Physiotherapy online applications to QTAC.
- 30 September 2017 - the final date to submit the JCU written application to JCU for Medicine/Surgery, Dental Surgery, Veterinary Science and Physiotherapy. Visit the [website](#) to access course information sheets and applications.
- 13 October 2017 - the last date for the Predictions of Academic Achievement forms for B Medicine/B Surgery applicants to be emailed to the Division of Tropical Health and Medicine. Note that this form must be emailed by the school principal, guidance officer or director of studies only, not the student.

Get ready 4 uni. - This JCU [web page](#) has all the information you need to help you settle into university study and living.

Jazz Music Institute's (JMI) Summer Jazz Clinic 2018

JMI's Summer Jazz Clinic is a four-day jazz performance clinic delivered in a fun and friendly environment for musicians of all abilities and all ages. It will be held from 8 – 11 January 2018 at JMI's Brisbane campus located in Bowen Hills. For more information and to register, visit the [JMI website](#).

News from the University of Queensland (UQ)

UQ Idea Hub – This hub is a start-up incubator. Students with business ideas can use this hub to get support and mentors to help them develop their business plan. Learn more about the program [here](#).

New courses – The following courses will commence in 2018:

- [B Engineering \(Hons\)/Master of Engineering](#) is a new integrated course offered in 2018. It is a five-year course that includes a six-months work placement. Prerequisites are English, Mathematics B, plus one of Physics or Chemistry. Recommended subjects are Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics C.
- B Computer Science - This is a standalone computer course. Previous computer science studies were offered through engineering and science programs.

Accommodation – UQ has 10 residential colleges on its St Lucia campus and the Halls of Residence on the Gatton Campus. Interested students can organise a visit during school holidays. Most colleges provide pastoral care, academic guidance, tutorial programs, community service activities and inter-college cultural, sporting and social programs. Visit the [Live UQ website](#) for information about the colleges and to apply. It is important to apply early.

Non-resident/Associate Membership programs at residential colleges – Several residential colleges at UQ have programs for non-residents. The programs may include participation during O Week, access to tutorials, pastoral care and academic support. Non-residents can use the college as a ‘home base’. Check the residential college websites at [Live UQ](#) for information about these programs.

Need to meet a subject prerequisite for a UQ course? - UQ College will deliver intensive university prerequisite courses in Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry over four weeks from Tuesday 21 November - Saturday 16 December 2017 at the St Lucia Campus. Applications close on Wednesday 25 October 2017. See the [UQ College website](#) for details.

UQ College Tertiary Preparation Program – This is a 28-week program offered on the St Lucia campus in January, May and September 2018. On successfully completing the program, students can use their grade point average and prerequisites to apply for entry into a UQ degree. This program may be accepted by other universities as a pathway for entry (check with the relevant institution). Application are currently open for the January program and will close on 27 November 2017. Click [here](#) for more information.

Robotics holiday workshops – These workshops are for students in Years 7 - 12. Topics covered are:

- Introduction to robotics – 25 September 2017
- Artificial intelligence – 26 September 2017
- RoboGals – 27 September 2017.

Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) news

Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship program - If you have an outstanding record of academic, creative or sporting achievements, you may be eligible for one of [QUT’s Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarships](#), which range from \$10,000 to \$30,000. The program is not just about financial rewards. It brings together high-achieving students with mentors to challenge them to realise their full potential. As a Vice-Chancellor’s scholar, you’ll have access to [leadership and development opportunities](#), including the College of Excellence, and the Leadership, Development and Innovation program, where you can develop leadership skills and build professional networks. Applications for the academic and sporting scholarships close on 17 November 2017.

Reminder: Cut-off date for some Creative Industries courses closing soon - In addition to applying to QTAC, students must [register for auditions or submit portfolios](#) to QUT by 5pm on 15 September 2017 for courses with additional entry requirements. These courses include:

- Bachelor of Design (Honours) Fashion
- Bachelor of Fine Arts – Acting, Dance Performance, Dance, Music, Visual Arts (including the double degree with business).

School holiday tours – You are invited to visit the gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses on Friday 22 September 2017. On the day, you’ll be able to take a guided tour of our Gardens Point or Kelvin Grove campuses, tour the Creative Industries Precinct at Kelvin Grove and hear from current students about their life at university. Find out more [here](#).

Reminder: Experience Creative Industries events - If you are interested in the fields of design, creative practice or communication, come along to the [QUT Experience Days](#) on 9 or 10 September, or 6 October 2017 to explore your options for building a creative and exciting career.

Year 9 Experience Day – This event will be held on Thursday 23 November 2017 at the Gardens Point campus. The event is designed to provide students with a taste of the different career paths that university study can lead to. On the day, students can pick two interactive sessions to attend across all faculties: Business, Creative, Industries, Education, Health, Law, Science and Engineering. Interested students should contact their school Guidance Officer/Counsellor.

How do international Year 12 students apply to QUT? – If you are completing Year 12 in Australia, you apply for QUT courses through QTAC. QTAC provides your information to QUT. QUT will send conditional offers from late October. The offers are conditional on meeting course requirements. See [QUT's International student's website](#) for more information.

School holiday campus tours at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

A campus tour is a great opportunity for you to get to check out the USQ campuses located at Toowoomba, Springfield or Ipswich. The tours will be led by current USQ students. Tours will be conducted on the following dates.

- Tuesday 19 and 26 September from 10 am-11 am at USQ Toowoomba, USQ Springfield and USQ Ipswich
- Thursday 21 and 28 September from 3 pm-4 pm at USQ Toowoomba, USQ Springfield and USQ Ipswich

For more information and to register, visit the [USQ website](#).

University of Sydney announces new fixed minimum ATARs

What ATAR is required to guarantee you a place at the University of Sydney? This university has introduced fixed ATARs for most of its courses to simplify the application process and make it more transparent. You can download the What ATAR is required to guarantee my place? Information sheet [here](#). Visit the [QTAC website](#) for tables comparing OP with QTAC selection ranks and QTAC selection ranks with ATARs.

Disabilities

Vision Australia Further Education Bursaries

Applications for the 2018 bursaries for students who are blind or have low vision are now open. The bursaries provide adaptive technology to help students fully participate in their chosen studies. Applications close on 31 October 2017. For information on how to apply and to download the application form, visit the [Vision Australia website](#).

Employment

A second language gives jobseekers an advantage

Having a second language can be an advantage in our increasingly globalized economy according to an [article](#) published on news.com.au. The article lists the following jobs that benefit from a second language:

- Real Estate - This sector is competitive, with agents vying for the best listings. A sales agent who can speak a second language can sell to a wider range of buyers so has a competitive advantage.
- Hotel Services - Tourists come to Australia from all over the world so hotel service managers who can speak in a visitor's first language can provide better customer service.
- Computer Programming - Coding languages are commonly used in the software sector, but programmers would do well to speak a foreign language too. Many IT roles are unrestricted by geographical barriers, so workers may need to work with colleagues across the world.
- Nursing - Hospitals and surgery can be daunting, so having a nurse who speaks a patient's first language can make a big difference to their comfort. The nurse can explain procedures and after-care requirements without details being lost in translation.
- Translating/Interpreting – People with these skills remove language barriers and are often used in business meetings and in the media.

Do you have a business idea but don't know where to start?

Visit the [SelfStart website](#). This is an online hub developed to support young people to explore and develop their ideas into a successful business. The site can help you connect to existing services and programs and provide you with the information you need to set up your own business. SelfStart is one of four strategies in the Department of Employment's Encouraging Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment Initiative. For more information about the strategies, visit the Department's [website](#).

Labour Market Information for Australian regions

The Labour Market Research and Analysis Branch of the Department of Employment regularly updates its [Labour Market Information Portal](#) (LMIP) with regional employment information. Visit the Employment Regions page of the LMIP. Here you can click on your region to obtain summary data as well as more specific industry and occupational data.

The top 20 jobs that are most in demand in Australia

According to a recent news.com.au [article](#), there are many jobs in Australia that employers find very hard to fill. This statement is based on an analysis of Indeed's (an online employment site) database of more than 170,000 Australian job listings, identifying jobs that have remained unfilled for 60 days or more. Hospitality positions top the list with 70% of the jobs listed for 'crew members' and 'shift managers' remaining unfilled after 60 days. The top 20 jobs in demand were:

Crew member, Shift manager, Pizza cook, Beautician, Glazier, Massage therapist, Plasterer, Carpenter, Driver, Hair stylist, Panel beater, Installer, Shop assistant, Detailer, Veterinarian, Cabinet maker, Plumber, Tutor, Maintenance electrician and Air conditioning engineer.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



A reminder for Year 12 students about Tax File Numbers

Prospective university students are encouraged to apply early for a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who gain entry to a university course must have a TFN to be able to defer their fee payment through HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP or the VET Student Loan (to pay later through the tax system). There are several ways to apply for a TFN. Visit the [Australian Tax Office website](#) for details. You need to apply early as it will take some time to receive your TFN

Access and Equity Schemes for entry to university

These schemes are to assist applicants who have experienced some form of educational disadvantage, particularly financial difficulties. Some of these schemes provide bonus points to aid entry to courses and/or scholarships. Some of these schemes use QTAC's Education Access Scheme (EAS) as part of the application process.

Australian Catholic University (ACU) - [ACU Equity Bursaries](#) are now open and will close on 13 December 2017.

CQUniversity (CQU) – The application due date for many of CQU's [Equity scholarships and financial support](#) is 31 December 2017.

Griffith University – Griffith's [Uni Start Equity Scholarships](#) are now open and will close on 10 December 2017.

James Cook University (JCU) – Round one of [JCU's Access Fund scholarships](#) open on 1 November 2017.

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) – All eligible low-income applicants are encouraged to apply for [QUT's Equity Scholarships Scheme](#). Applications for this scheme will open in late September 2017. [Q-Step](#) applicants are automatically considered for this scheme when they apply for QTAC's Educational Access Scheme, Financial category.

University of Queensland – The [UQ-Link Program](#) is for applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage caused by financial hardship. Applicants are automatically considered for this scheme when they apply for QTAC's Educational Access Scheme, Financial category.

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) – [USC Equity Bursaries](#) are now open for studies commencing in Semester one, 2018. Applications close on 30 November 2017.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) – Find out about USQ's Endowment Fund Bursaries and USQ Equity Scholarship [here](#).

Commonwealth Scholarships

There are three types of Commonwealth scholarships:

Student Start-Up Loan – This loan is available to eligible full-time students in higher education who receive Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance. It is not paid automatically. You must apply for it. The loan is administered by Centrelink. See the [website](#) for more information about this loan.

Relocation Scholarship – This is an annual payment to help eligible ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance students with their higher education if they have relocated to or from a regional or remote area to study. This loan is administered by Centrelink. More information can be accessed on the [website](#).

Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships - These scholarships assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those from rural and regional areas. They are administered on behalf of the Commonwealth Government by eligible universities. Contact the institution you have applied to for more information.

CQUniversity (CQU) scholarships guide

Download the *2018 Scholarships Guide* [here](#) (scroll down to find the guide). Scholarship information is also available on the [Scholarships webpage](#). This site has a search function.

CQUniversity (CQU) Vice-Chancellor's Pathways Scholarship Program

This scholarship program recognises and rewards students who have undertaken and successfully completed prior study in one of the pathway options available at CQU – [SUN](#), [STEPS](#), [TEP](#) or VET programs. The VC's Pathways Scholarship program aims to assist students with the costs of university as they continue their learning journey and transition into a CQU degree in 2018. It is valued at \$18,000 for up to 4.5 years full-time (up to \$6,000 per year). The application closing date is 28 January 2018. More information will be available on the [Scholarships page](#) shortly.

Griffith University's Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships

The Deans Sir Samuel Griffith and the Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships are awarded to school leavers with outstanding academic records and high-level leadership and community engagement. These scholarships are worth from \$24,000 - \$60,000 and include membership of the Griffith Honours College. Applications for these scholarships close on 10 December 2017. Find out more about the full range of scholarships at Griffith at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships>.

Le Cordon Bleu Australia B Business scholarships

Le Cordon Bleu Australia, with campuses in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney, offers tuition fee reduction scholarships valued at \$30,000 dispersed over three years for each of the following programs:

- B Business (Hotel Management)
- B Business (Restaurant Management)
- B Business (Tourism Management)
- B Business (Convention and Event Management)
- B Business (Food Entrepreneurship).

Applications for the scholarships close 1 December 2017. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Local Sporting Champions program

This program provides financial assistance for young people aged 12 – 18 years towards the cost of competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships. To find out more, visit the [website](#).

QUT Business Scholarships

The Queensland University of Technology's (QUT) Business School offers the following undergraduate scholarships for school leavers commencing their studies in 2018.

- [Corporate Partners in Excellence](#) – This scholarship is valued at \$36,000 paid in semester instalments over three years. It includes two 15-week internships with QUT corporate partners. Applications close on 17 November 2017.
- [Dean's Honours Program](#) – Valued at \$20,000 over four years. Other benefits include membership of the QUT College of Excellence as well as other leadership and development opportunities. Apply for the B Business (Dean's Honours Program) through QTAC (see page 47 of the *2018 Year 12 Guide*).
- [Business Academic Excellence Scholarship](#) – Awarded to eligible OP 1 – 2 students. It is valued at \$5,000. Other benefits include membership of the QUT College of Excellence as well as other leadership and development opportunities. Applications close on the 17 November 2017.

SAE Creative Media Institute scholarships

SAE Creative Media Institute offers scholarships to outstanding creative media applicants. There are several scholarship programs available for 2018.

Creative Media Scholarships – One full scholarship (for a Bachelor Degree program) and three partial scholarships (for Associate Degree and Bachelor Degree programs) will be offered. These are awarded to current high-achieving Year 12 students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarly ability as well as strong leadership skills and creative potential. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to download the application.

Creative Indigenous Scholarships – One full Indigenous scholarship is awarded to a current Year 12 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student, who has shown high academic achievement, strong leadership skills and a creative passion. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to download the application.

SAE Backstage Pass - This new scholarship program offers students the opportunity to apply for partial scholarships for February 2018 entry. Scholarships are awarded to high-achieving secondary school leavers who have demonstrated outstanding scholarly ability and strong creative potential. To apply for this scholarship:

- Apply to study a SAE course
- Download and complete the [scholarship application form](#)
- Answer the following question in 250 words - 'What will you do with your creative career?'
- Submit one piece of creative work demonstrating your creative ability via email along with your application (email to the relevant campus as listed on the application form).

Applications for these scholarships close on 30 October 2017.

Scholarships for the hospitality industry

If you are interested in a future career as a hospitality or tourism manager, you are invited to apply for a scholarship at the William Blue College of Hospitality Management, Sydney campus. Applications for 2018 are now open and will close on 23 October 2017. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to apply.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Year 12 Early Round Scholarships close this week

Year 12 students can apply for the following scholarships for entry to USQ courses in 2018:

- **Future Community Leader Scholarships** - These scholarships are offered in recognition of a student's participation in the community.
- **Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships** – This scholarship is to reward high achieving students with strong academic ability.

These Year 12 scholarships are now open and will close on 8 September 2017. Visit the [website](#) for details.

University of the Sunshine Coast's (USC) Scholarships

USC Semester one 2018 undergraduate scholarship applications are now open and will close on 30 November 2017. USC offers scholarships based on academic merit, equity (e.g. financial hardship), sporting achievement and community activity. You can apply for most scholarships on one online application. Visit the [Scholarships website](#) for details about the various scholarships available and to access the application.



Gap Year Program News

An alternative to the usual schoolies experience

Antipodeans Abroad invites school groups or individual students to join its Schoolies Unearthed program. This program offers an alternative to the usual schoolies experience. It gives groups of high school graduates the chance to embark on an adventure to Borneo, Thailand or Vietnam during which they can explore infrequently visited parts of the world while helping others and contributing to a local community development project. Find out more on the [Antipodeans Abroad website](#).

Camp America applications open for 2018

Camp America runs a US camp counsellor program. As a camp counsellor, you will receive a 9-12-week paid summer experience in the USA. Read more about this experience on the [Camp America website](#).

Gap Year program information events in September

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange will hold an information evening from 7 – 9 pm on Tuesday 5 September 2017 at Ruth Fairfax House, 89 - 95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. Visit the [website](#) to register.

Youth for Understanding (YFU) Student Exchange Programs will hold an online information session from 6 – 7.30 pm on 7 September 2017. More information on the [YFU website](#).

Career Counsellors USA (CCUSA) Australia will hold an information night from 6.30 – 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19 September 2017 at the Chermside Library, 375 Hamilton Road, Chermside. Visit the [website](#) to register.

World Education Program Student Exchange (WEP) will hold an information session from 7 – 8.30 pm on Wednesday 13 September 2017 at Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, Brisbane. Visit the [WEP website](#) to register.

Lattitude Global Volunteering new round of applications

The Lattitude program provides volunteer positions in a range of countries for school leavers. Positions include school assistant, teacher, sports and development, coach, outdoor activities instructor, community worker, medical assistant and caring assistant. It is offering another round of applications for 2018. Visit the [website](#) to explore your options.

Occupational Information



ICT careers resource

The ACS Foundation website has a [Careers Foundation page](#) with an interactive career wheel. Using this wheel, you can explore careers in ICT sectors such as Software, Hardware, Security, Digital Design, Content, Industry, Specialities and Marketing/Consulting. For example, Cloud Computing is in the Specialities sector. When you click on Cloud Computing you find a list of jobs and courses you could do to gain entry to the jobs.

Jobs in the Construction Industry

Did you know that the Construction Industry employs over a million people in Australia? It involves people from a variety of occupational groups, such as:

- Project Management and Construction Management
- Trades
- Engineering
- Commercial and Corporate roles
- Design
- Construction Workers and Machinery Operations
- Environmental and Safety.

Visit the [Build Your Career website](#) to explore jobs in these occupational groups. Once on the site, begin your exploration at the 'What could I be?' section. In the 'Real Life Stories' section of the site, you can read case studies of people who currently work in the Construction Industry. The section for parents lists the benefits of working in the Construction Industry.

Specialties in psychology

There are many specialties in psychology, including:

- Clinical Neuropsychology
- Clinical Psychology
- Community Psychology
- Counselling Psychology
- Educational and Developmental Psychology
- Forensic Psychology
- Health Psychology
- Organisational Psychology

- Sport and Exercise Psychology

Read about these specialist areas on the [Australian Psychological Society website](#).

What is allied health?

According to Allied Health Professions Australia, allied health professionals include:

Audiologists, Chiropractors, Dietitians, Exercise Physiologists, Genetic Counsellors, Music Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Orthoptists, Orthotist/Prosthetists, Osteopaths, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists, Podiatrists, Perfusionists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Sonographers, Speech Pathologists, Audiometrists, Diabetes Educators and Diversional Therapists.

To learn more about specific allied health professions do a search on the [myfuture website](#) (you can 'Sign up' for free or 'Log in' if you have previously visited this site) and visit the [My Health Career website](#) (click 'Resources' and 'Pathways to becoming a health professional'). You can also access information about many of these professions on the [University of Queensland Health website](#).

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Natural Health Open Day

Endeavour College of Natural Health will hold this event from 10 am – 1.30 pm on Saturday 7 October 2017 at its Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses. The day will give you an opportunity to speak to lecturers and current students, explore the degree courses available and find out if a career in natural health is for you. For more information and to register, visit the [Endeavour website](#).

New York Film Academy (NYFA) Australia Gold Coast Open Day

NYFA invites students interested in filmmaking or acting to its open day to be held from 10 am - 2 pm on Saturday 9 September 2017. Students under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Visit the [NYFA website](#) for more information and to RSVP.

Open Day at the Jazz Music Institute (JMI)

JMI will hold its next Open Day from 11 am on Saturday 16 September 2017 at its Bowen Hills, Brisbane campus. On the day, there will be a course information session followed by a jazz workshop and demonstration. The event will conclude with an open jam session and a BBQ. Visit the [JMI website](#) for more information and to register.

Overseas Studies

Criteria for selecting a university/college in the USA

A recent article in [U.S. News](#) lists the following criteria prospective international students should consider to determine whether a US tertiary institution (called 'schools' in the article) is a good match for them. The information in the article is based on interviews with admissions experts.

- Does this school have what I'm looking for academically?
- Will my needs be met outside of the classroom?
- Can I afford this school?
- Will this school help me achieve my career goals?

Read the article for helpful links for further information about the above criteria.

Study a university course in Japan

Nagoya University is recruiting Australian students. The undergraduate programs offered include Automotive Engineering, Biological Science, Chemistry, Fundamental and Applied Physics, Economics, Law and Japan-in-Asia Cultural Studies. The programs are taught in English so Japanese language proficiency is not required at the time of admission. For further information, visit the [website](#).

Study in New Zealand at the University of Otago

The University of Otago offers courses in Commerce, Health Sciences (including Medicine), Humanities and Sciences. Australian students pay the same domestic fees as New Zealand citizens. Click on 'International' on the home page of the [website](#) for details about studying at Otago.



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Elite athlete entry bonus schemes for students applying to university

Elite athlete programs recognise sporting excellence. Successful applicants have usually competed at state, national or international level in their chosen sport. While many universities are recognised as 'Elite Athlete Friendly' institutions and offer sports scholarships and support to athletes, the following universities offer entry bonuses to elite athletes.

- Australian Catholic University's [Elite Athlete and Performer Program](#)
- Queensland University of Technology's [Elite Athlete Special Entry Program](#)
- Griffith University's Elite Athletes Program through the [Griffith Sports College](#)
- Southern Cross University's [Elite Athletes and Performers Scheme](#)
- University of the Sunshine Coast's [Elite Athlete Bonus](#) (scroll down to 'Elite Athlete Bonus')

QTAC application course preference checklist

Have you submitted your QTAC application? The early bird due date is 29 September 2017 (during the school holidays). While the final date to apply and to submit documents for the major offer round on 16 January 2018 is 8 December 2017, it is recommended that Year 12 students apply early. Some courses have early and/or fixed closing dates (see pages 22 and 23 of the *2018 Year 12 Guide*). Also, many offers will be made to eligible applicants before the major offer round in January.

Did you use the 'desired – back-up - pathway' plan when organising your preferences? Go to the [QTAC website](#) and scroll down to 'How to order your preferences' for information about this plan. Your sixth preference should be one that you have a very good chance of gaining entry to, given its previous cut-off and your results. You also need to check the major offer round dates of your preferences and make changes if the dates differ (preferences need to be chronologically organised according to the major offer round of the courses you are applying for). Courses you are offered in early offer rounds can be conditionally accepted and your preferences can be changed for future offer rounds if necessary.

Have you deleted all wasted courses? Wasted courses include those that:

- You do not meet the entry requirements
- You would not do if you got an offer for them
- Are full-fee or located in regional centres that you have not consulted your parents/guardians about
- Are too difficult or impossible to commute to given where you live
- Are very competitive and you list them below much less competitive courses.

QTAC Updates

Educational Access Scheme (EAS) – When applying for this scheme, it is important to be aware of the following:

- You can now choose how to lodge your documents for this scheme; either upload electronically, or mail hard copies to QTAC
- A relevant cover sheet *must* be completed for each EAS category you apply for
- In the Financial Hardship category, where a current financial year's Income Tax Return is required, this means for the 2016/2017 financial year.
- Applicants who have experienced disruption because of being in or recently leaving foster care/out-of-home care are encouraged to apply in the Home Environment and Responsibilities category. There is now a separate tick box on the cover sheet for this situation, with an additional section to indicate that the applicant is willing to be contacted by institutions about available support.

New video for teaching applications – Students applying for teaching degrees are required to submit a 1000-word personal statement in addition to meeting subject prerequisites. This [new video](#) has been developed to help students with their statement by showing them how to reflect on why they think they would make a good teacher. Students can upload their completed personal statements to their QTAC applications. See page 21 of the *2018 Year 12 Guide* for due dates for submitting documentation for specific offer rounds.

Interested in what is happening to the future Queensland ATAR? – Watch the video and read the information on the [QTAC website](#).



Helpful study skills websites

- [Reach out.com](#) – Access to several articles on dealing with exam stress.
- [Youth Central](#) – Read about the top ten study tips.
- [Test Taking Tips](#) – The focus is on the knowledge and skills you need to be a successful test taker.
- [How to avoid Hubert face](#) - Feeling stressed? Learn how you can avoid Hubert face in seven easy steps. This is a light-hearted video with an important message. It has been produced by Bond University.



More questions from Year 12 students

Q - I have successfully completed two uni subjects through START QUT this year. How do I let QTAC know about this?

A - You need to put the subjects you are doing through START QUT in the 'Education and Experience' section of your QTAC online application. QUT will provide your results to QTAC.

Q-I am an international student completing Year 12 in Queensland. Should I apply for university courses through QTAC?

A – For most universities in Queensland, you can apply through QTAC. Check this with the universities you wish to apply to. When you apply through QTAC, your application information will be provided to the institutions you applied to. These institutions will make course offers directly to you. Because of this, you can receive more than one offer, usually earlier than offers given to domestic students. Most universities provide specific web pages for international students.

Q - I heard that the Certificate III I am doing at school could be used as part of my QTAC application. Is this true?

A - Yes. Additional qualifications may be assessed separately by QTAC when you apply for tertiary entry. These qualifications include Certificates III and IV; Music, dancing and speech and drama qualifications (e.g. AMEB completed 7th or 8th grade) or tertiary study (e.g. Diploma). Find out more about providing QTAC with this information on page 13 of the *2018 Year 12 Guide*.

Q - I have completed AMEB Speech and Drama Grade 7. Will this help my OP?

A - No. However, QTAC will allocate a Rank of 84 (comparable to OP 8 in 2016) for this qualification. This is a separate score to your OP. The rules of the institutions you are applying to will determine if this score or your OP will become the first order or primary rank for the courses you have applied for. In most cases, the best score will be used. Note that you still must meet entry requirements.

Q - I didn't study chemistry in Years 11 and 12. I want to do a course that has chemistry as a prerequisite at the University of Queensland. How can I pick up chemistry?

A – University of Queensland has an information sheet on the bridging courses acceptable for entry to its courses. You can download it [here](#).

Q - Does the University of Queensland Bonus Rank Scheme apply to the MD (Provisional Entry for School Leavers) course?

A - Yes. Click [here](#) for more information about this.

Q - Does the Griffith University Year 12 Subject Bonus Scheme apply to entry to its B Medical Science (MD Provisional Entry for School Leavers course)?

A - No. See the 'Programs excluded from the Scheme' section below the table on the [Griffith website](#).