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# Apprenticeships & Traineeships

## **Pre-apprenticeship courses at TAFE Queensland SkillsTech**

Doing a pre-apprenticeship course has many advantages. They include:

- Helping you gain skills and a basic understanding of the job and industry
- Improving your chances of gaining an apprenticeship, as an employer is more likely to take on someone who has some knowledge of the industry and the skills required
- Saving time on your apprenticeship, as part of the first stage of apprenticeship training is completed within the pre-apprenticeship course.

In addition, at the end of your pre-apprenticeship course, SkillsTech's 'Find an Employer service' will help connect you with an employer. For a list of pre-apprenticeship courses on offer at SkillsTech, visit the [website](#).

If you are interested in starting a full-time pre-apprenticeship course in January 2018, ring SkillsTech on 1800 654 447 as soon as possible to express an interest in a course or, if enrolments are open, to enrol.

Some pre-apprenticeship courses can be undertaken while you are at school. Visit your VET Coordinator or Guidance Counsellor/Officer for information about this option.

## **Resources to help you get an apprenticeship/traineeship**

Want an apprenticeship or traineeship? Don't know where to start? The following websites will help you:

- [Job Hunting Tips](#) on the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website has advice and links to help you get an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- [Steps to get started](#) on the Queensland Apprenticeship Info website has a four-step approach to gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- [Apprenticeship Central](#) has a job search function specifically for apprenticeships and traineeships. It also has a resume builder.

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# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## Defence Information Sessions in November

**Toowoomba** – Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 6 pm – *Defence Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Centre Toowoomba, Milne Bay Training Depot, O'Quinn Street, Toowoomba. Book your spot [here](#).

**Caloundra** – Tuesday 14 November 2017 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Caloundra RSL, 19 West Terrace, Caloundra. Book your spot [here](#).

**Brisbane** – Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 6 pm - *Admin & Logistics Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot [here](#).

**Mackay** – Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Quest Mackay, 38 MacAlister Street, Mackay. Book your spot [here](#).

**Brisbane** – Monday 27 November 2017 at 5.30 pm - *Women in Defence Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot [here](#).

Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the [Facebook](#) site.



## How do I find a job with good employment prospects?

Rapid changes in the world of work and emerging new technologies mean that we need to try and stay ahead of the game by looking for occupations that have better job prospects than others. How do we do this? We should be taking the following factors into account when looking for a job with good employment prospects:

- **Number of people** - The more people employed in an occupation, the more likely there will be jobs in every location.
- **Employment growth** – Historical information tells us how many new jobs have been created in an occupation. Projected growth information can indicate how many additional jobs there are likely to be in the future.
- **Skills shortages** – These indicate good opportunities in an occupation for people with the skills and experience needed. Shortages vary by location and change over time.
- **Job turnover** - This is the annual percentage of employees who move out of the occupation into other occupations, retirement or unemployment plus employees who change jobs within the same occupation. Turnover creates opportunities in all occupations when employees need to be replaced.

## Where can I find this information about the jobs I'm interested in?

- [myfuture](#) website - Sign up for free if this is your first time on the website. Go to the Occupations section and search for your job of interest. Click on the 'Prospects' tab.
- [Job Outlook](#) provides occupational information including job prospects.
- The [Australian Jobs](#) publication provides information about the labour market for industries and occupations as well as states, territories and regions of Australia. It also provides occupational and industry information that will help you understand where the jobs will be in the future.
- The [Labour Market Information Portal](#) provides you with up-to-date information about your local labour market. It provides information at the national, state and regional level.
- [Department of Employment - National, state and territory skill shortage information](#) provides skill shortage lists for each state and territory and nationally.

### **Some cautions:**

- Fast growth within an occupation does not guarantee more job opportunities, because the number of people seeking work may outnumber the job openings.
- Even occupations with declining job prospects can offer job opportunities, as people move across jobs.

- It is difficult to accurately predict long term job prospects. Unexpected events can have an enormous impact on the labour market (e.g. very few people predicted the global financial crisis).

Consequently, when you are making career decisions, job prospects are just one piece of information you need to consider. Other information includes your interests, skills, values, aspirations, work preferences, and education and training requirements.





## Course & Institution Updates

### **Applications are open for NIDA Studios 2018 in Brisbane**

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) Studios acting course for young people runs for 12 months at TAFE Queensland, Southbank campus. Classes are usually held on Sundays. Entry to the course is by audition. These will be held on Saturday 16 December 2017 and Saturday 13 January 2018. For details, visit the [NIDA website](#).

The following short NIDA programs will be held over the coming holiday period:

- [Screen Actors Society, Grades 11-12](#) Monday 15 – Friday 19 January 2018 at St Laurence's College, Brisbane
- [Acting Boot Camp, Grades 11-12](#) Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 January 2018 at St Laurence's College, Brisbane
- [Screen Acting Boot Camp, Grades 11-12](#) Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 January 2018 at Qld Academies Creative Industries, Brisbane
- [NIDA Acting 101, Grades 11-12](#) Monday 8 to Friday 12 January 2018 at Qld Academies Creative Industries, Brisbane.

### **Bonded Medical Places (BMP) Scheme**

This scheme is intended to provide more qualified medical practitioners for locations experiencing doctor shortages. In Australian medical schools, 28.5 % of all first-year Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) are expected to be bonded through the BMP Scheme each year. The Scheme provides a CSP in an Australian medical school. Recipients of a BMP are required to work in a district of workforce shortage for a period equal to 12 months. This time can be worked in blocks of no less than 12 weeks. It can be completed between commencing internship and five years after fellowship (specialisation) is achieved.

The application and selection process for the scheme is the responsibility of the universities and usually takes place after an application to study medicine has been lodged. In the case of the University of Queensland, Year 12 students can apply for a Bonded Medical Place when they apply for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Provisional Entry for School-Leavers (Bonded Medical Places) through QTAC. An information booklet about the BMP Scheme can be downloaded from the [Department of Health website](#).

### **Campus tours at Bond University**

If you want to discover more about what it's like to study at Bond, you can book a tour for you and your family and friends. The tour will be tailored to meet your individual interests. It will take approximately 45 minutes to one hour. Your guide (a current Bond student) will show you around the facilities and practical teaching spaces, as well as your faculty of interest. You can also ask to check out the Student Accommodation, the new Sports Centre and the libraries. Find out more [here](#).

### **CQUniversity (CQU) stop press**

**New students** – Students new to CQU can find the following information on the [New Students webpage](#):

- Help with enrolling
- Access to the Student Portal
- Links to student support services
- Link to a blog on [CQUniLife](#) to catch up on the latest news, announcements, promotions, etc.

**Online chat session** – Find out about CQU courses and campuses during this session to be held from 3 – 6 pm on Tuesday 28 November 2017. [Register](#) to attend this session.

**Information sessions following the release of Year 12 results** – CQU will hold [Change of Preference Information Sessions](#) from 9 am – 1 pm on Monday 18 December 2017. The on-campus sessions will be held at CQU's Brisbane, Bundaberg, Cairns, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton and Townsville campuses. An [online chat session](#) will be held on the same day.

### **Griffith University updates**

**Student support at Griffith** – The [Student Services](#) webpage lists the personal, academic and financial support available to Griffith students. You will hear more about these services during Orientation Week.

**O-Week at Griffith (19 – 23 February 2018)** – It is important for new students to attend Orientation Week. This week is made up of information sessions, skills workshops, social events and tours. It is an opportunity to meet staff and students and explore the campus. Trimester 1 2018 commencing students will be able to check the [Orientation webpage](#) after 4 December 2017 for the finalised O-Week schedule.

**Griffith Scholarships** – It is not too late to apply for scholarships. The due date for the Deans Sir Samuel and Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships is 10 December 2017. The Unistart Equity Scholarships also close on this date. Visit the [Scholarships](#) webpage for more scholarship information.

### **Queensland University of Technology (QUT) info**

**QUT Summer Holiday Program** - QUT is offering a free family holiday program in January featuring a mix of interactive activities to suit everyone from the tech-inclined to fans of good old-fashioned art making. Find out more [here](#).

**Scholarships are closing** – The Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (Academic and Elite Athlete) applications close on the 17 November 2017. Visit the [Scholarships and Prizes](#) webpage for information about these and other QUT scholarships.

**Real Decisions event** – After you receive your Year 12 results, you may have questions about courses, ordering preferences, upgrading, offers and what uni will be like. QUT's [Real Decisions event](#) on Tuesday 19 December 2017 from 9 am – 1 pm at the Gardens Point campus will answer all your questions.

**Worried you won't get into the course you want?** – There are many pathway options if you don't get your preferred course. Visit the [QUT website](#) to read about them.

**Information for parents** – The [Are you the parent of a school student?](#) webpage has everything a parent needs to know about study and life at QUT. On this page, parents can register to receive parent newsletters to stay connected.

### **Real Estate Institute Queensland (REIQ) Seminar**

Thinking about a career in real estate? [REIQ](#) wants to help people like you make an informed choice. Their free introductory seminars are designed to provide you with an overview of the profession and how it operates in Queensland, so you can decide if it's the career for you. The following seminars will be held in November:

- **Brisbane Session** – 5.30 – 7.30 pm Tuesday 21 November 2017 at REIQ Head Office, Level 1, 50 Southgate Avenue, Cannon Hill. To attend this session phone 07 3249 7347
- **Gold Coast Session** - 5.30 – 7.30 pm Wednesday 22 November 2017 at Third Floor West, The Connaught Centre, 26 Marine Parade, Southport. To attend this session phone 07 5527 1614.
- **Sunshine Coast Session** - 5.30 – 7.30 pm Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 37 Dalton Drive, Maroochydore. To attend this session phone 07 5527 1614.

### **SAE Qantm Creative Media Institute Summer Program**

The SAE Brisbane campus, located in West End, is opening its doors these holidays for the [SAE Summer Series](#) for students aged 15 years and above (Year 10 and over). This is a 3-day program designed to expand your creative skills through working on projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Design, Film or Games. The program will run from 17 – 19 January 2018 from 10 am – 4 pm each day. Register before 11 pm on 10 December 2017 for the early bird special of \$120.

### **Special TASTE program for school leavers**

Emerald Agricultural College and Longreach Pastoral College will hold a five-day TASTE (The Agricultural Skills and Technology Experience) program for school leavers who are considering their options in the rural industry. The program will be held from 3 – 8 December 2017. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

### **TAFE Queensland upcoming events**

**Don't miss out on Cre8 2017** – Come and join in [Cre8 2017](#), a free showcase of the best student works from the year, across all areas of the creative arts, including fashion, floristry, photography, digital design and much, much more. It will be held from 6 – 8.30 pm on Thursday 16 November 2017 at the TAFE Queensland Southbank Campus, 66 Ernest Street, South Brisbane.

**TAFE Qld East Coast student showcases** – You are invited to the following [creative showcases](#) of student work:

- Creative Showcase Music Performance Night from 6.30 pm on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at the Nambour campus
- Bloom Fashion Showcase from 6 – 9 pm on Thursday 16 November 2017 at the Mooloolaba campus
- Creative Showcase Graphic Design from 6 – 9 pm on Thursday 23 November 2017 at the Mooloolaba Surf Club, The Esplanade, Mooloolaba
- Creative Showcase Photo Exhibition from 6 pm on Friday 24 November 2017 at the Mooloolaba Campus
- Creative Showcase Visual Arts from 6 pm on Friday 24 November 2017 at the Mooloolaba campus.

**Health and Lifestyle Services Expo** – This event will be held from 10 am – 1 pm on Thursday 30 November 2017 at TAFE Qld East Coast Hervey Bay campus. Learn more about choosing the health services industry as a career. There will be guest speaker sessions focusing on the range of careers available and the training pathway to get you there. Local health service industry providers will be available to discuss their services, career outcomes and job opportunities. See the [website](#) for details.

**Southport campus Information Session** – This session will be held from 1 - 6 pm on Thursday 18 January 2018 at 91-99 Scarborough Street, Southport. Find out about courses in Health, Nursing, Trades, Creative Industries, Business, IT, Beauty, Hairdressing, Hospitality, Early Childhood Education and Care and much more. Register to attend [here](#).

**Certificate III in Health Services Assistance Qualification** – This qualification will be offered through TAFE Queensland Gold Coast in 2018. It is an online program which may be of interest to 2018 Grade 12 students in Rural and Remote areas. Students interested in this course can submit an expression of interest to [Schools.GoldCoast@tafe.qld.edu.au](mailto:Schools.GoldCoast@tafe.qld.edu.au).

## **University of Queensland (UQ) Snippets**

**OP Results Advice Night** – If you didn't get the OP you wanted, or if you are still undecided about your course options, this event is for you. It will be held from 4 – 7 pm on Monday 18 December 2017 at the UQ Centre on the St Lucia campus. You can view the evening's program on the [UQ website](#). Topics include pathways to various courses and information about your first year at uni. You can even go on a tour of the campus.

**Need to talk about your OP before OP Results Advice Night?** – The UQ Contact Centre will be open from 9 am – 2 pm on Saturday 16 December 2017 to answer any urgent questions you may have following the announcement of your OP result. Call 07 3346 9872 or email [ask@uq.edu.au](mailto:ask@uq.edu.au) for information.

**Criminology and Criminal Justice at UQ** - The [B Criminology and Criminal Justice \(Honours\)](#) prepares you for a career as a criminologist. Watch the [YouTube video](#) to find out what the students say about the course.

**Sunflower Competition** – This competition is for Year 7 – 12 students and involves documenting the growth of sunflowers and associated group activities. Registrations are not yet open for the [2018 Sunflower Competition](#) (usually closes early February each year), however you can submit an expression of interest on the website to be notified when registrations open.

**UQ's journalism program** – The B Journalism at UQ has been designed to meet the expectations of the changing media landscape. Journalism is not a dying occupation, it is a changing occupation. Visit the

[website](#) for more information about this course. Watch the [YouTube video](#) to find out more from the students who study the course.

**2018 UQ Science Ambassador Program** – Applications are now open for this [Program](#) and will close on 23 March 2018. Through this program, science teachers nominate Year 11 students to interact with UQ and assist science teachers to raise the profile of science in their school. If you will be in Year 11 in 2018 and are interested in being a part of this program, talk to your science teacher.

**Responding to your QTAC offer** – Visit the [Applying for Undergraduate Study](#) webpage for information about responding to your QTAC offer of a UQ course place. There is also information on this site for students who don't receive an offer to UQ.

### **University of Southern Queensland's (USQ) Accelerated Entry Pathway Program (AEPP)**

AEPP (formerly known as the Tertiary Preparation Program Intensive Pathway - TPPIP) is an intensive seven-week university preparation program offered over Semester Three (starting on 4 December 2017). Year 12 students who wish to study a degree program at USQ but are worried about their chances of gaining entry, or who wish to gain skills to cope with the transition from high school to university, may be interested in this program. The program is free and offered by external mode. Visit the [USQ website](#) for more information and to apply.

### **Updates from the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)**

**International students** – Visit the [International Students site](#) on the USC website for information about courses, costs and how to apply.

**Support services at USC** – There are several ongoing [support services](#) available to USC students. These include Academic and Study Support, Counselling, Careers and Employment and many more.

**Semester 1 2018 Orientation** – This will be held from 19 - 23 February 2018. Find out more about Orientation at USC [here](#). Also, check out [Getting Started at USC Sunshine Coast](#).

### **UQ College Tertiary Preparation Program - January 2018**

This program is an option for students who would like to upgrade (i.e. gain a better tertiary entry score) to improve their chances of gaining entry to University of Queensland (UQ) courses in the future. The program has no tuition fees and is delivered over 28 weeks in two trimester periods. It is offered at UQ College located on UQ's St Lucia campus. To apply, students must be 18 years of age or have completed Year 12. Applications for January 2018 close on Monday 27 November 2017. See the [UQ College](#) website for more information and to apply.

### **What foreign languages can I study at university?**

Students studying at Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology and the University of Queensland can study a broad range of languages. If the language you want to study is not available at your university, you can study it at another university through the Brisbane Universities Languages Alliance (BULA). Available languages include Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish. All languages are available from beginner to advanced, to native level. If you want to study a language not offered by your university, it's easy! You cross-enrol through the BULA website. No matter where you undertake your language study, you will gain credit toward your degree program at your home university. Visit the [BULA website](#) for more information.

### **What's happening at the Australian Catholic University (ACU)?**

**Know Your Options Information Session** - This event provides an opportunity for students to explore their study options at ACU after they receive their Year 12 results. It will be held from 3.30 – 6 pm on Monday 18 December 2017 at the Brisbane campus. You can register to attend on the [ACU website](#).

**Have a question about ACU?** – Click on 'Ask ACU' at the bottom of the [home page](#) to search for answers to your questions about courses, applications, offers, etc.

**Accommodation** – If you need to live away from home to attend ACU's Brisbane campus, be aware that, while there isn't on-campus accommodation currently, you do have several other options. Visit the accommodation information [here](#).

# Employment

## **Graduate Stats and Salaries**

Knowing the destination of graduates in the university courses you are considering can be helpful for your decision making. Graduate Careers Australia (GCA) surveys university graduates throughout Australia. Participants are asked about themselves, including whether they are in full-time or part-time employment, in further full-time study, or are unavailable for either. The survey findings on 40 fields of education, from Accounting to Visual and Performing Arts, can be accessed from the [GCA website](#). Salary levels are included.

## **Skills for getting a job – full-time/part-time/casual**

The following are resources you can access to help you gain the skills you need for your job search:

- [Finding a job](#) on the WA Career Centre website has a 10-step job search plan, a resume builder, example resumes, interview advice and other helpful job search tools.
- [Applying for Jobs](#) on the Youth Central website has information and examples for developing a resume and writing cover letters as well as other tips to help you get a job.
- The [Enter the workforce](#) section of the 2017 Good Careers Guide e-book (you register to access the e-book) provides information on understanding work and steps for looking for work.
- [I'm looking for a job](#) on the Job Jumpstart website has information on most job search strategy. It can help you build your resume.
- [Advise and Tips](#) on the Seek website is good to check out for tips on job search. Seek also has a job search function.
- [Career Advice](#) on the Careerone website has useful tips on resumes and job interviews. Careerone also has a job search function.
- The [Job Hunting](#) section on the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website has a step-by-step approach to gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- [Steps to get started](#) on the Queensland Apprenticeship Info website has a four-step approach to gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- [Apprenticeship Central](#) has a job search function specifically for apprenticeships. It also has a resume builder.

## **What are employers looking for?**

The findings of a Department of Employment survey of employers' recruitment experiences suggests that, for school leavers, they are looking for:

- **Experience** – through work experience, voluntary work or transitional jobs (jobs you get before the job you really want). Experience is essential for some jobs.
- **Employability skills** – team work, communication and initiative. You need to be able to demonstrate these to employers (i.e. tell them when you used these skills and how successful they were)
- **Personality attributes** – enthusiasm, reliability, presentation and a good work ethic. You are unlikely to get the job if you don't display these traits.
- **Education and training** – complete Year 12 and gain a post-school qualification. Depending on the job you are seeking, Pre-apprenticeship Certificates, Certificates III and IV, Diplomas and Degrees open the door to more job opportunities.

The above information was adapted from 'Posters for Job Seekers' on the [Department of Employment website](#)



# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## **2018 Aspiring Teacher Grants**

These Queensland Government grants provide financial support of \$2,500 for up to 25 high-achieving secondary students commencing an initial teacher education program in Queensland in 2018. Applications will open shortly and close on 11 December 2017. For eligibility criteria and the application process, visit the [Queensland Government website](#).

## **Agility Applications Regional Qld ICT Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded to a first or second year student from regional areas to pursue the B Information Technology or B Engineering (Hons) (Software Engineering) degree (with a specialisation in ICT related studies) at the University of Queensland (UQ). It is valued at \$8,000. Applications open on 1 December 2017 and close on 12 March 2018. See the [UQ Scholarship site](#) for details.

## **ANU National University Scholarship**

The Australian National University (ANU), located in Canberra, annually offers the National University Scholarship based on academic excellence in secondary school studies. Selection is based on an ATAR of 99.90 and above or equivalent OP. The scholarship is valued at \$12,500 per annum paid for up to 5 years. You don't apply for this scholarship. All eligible applicants with ANU as a first, second or third preference when applying through UAC will be automatically considered. Visit the [ANU Scholarship](#) page for more information.

## **How to save money when you're a student who basically earns burger rings**

Although saving money as a student may seem impossible, once you try some of the following tips, it won't seem so hard. Try one of the tips for a month and see how much money you save.

- **Set goals** – A goal might be as simple as buying text books, or as exciting as organising that once in a lifetime trip to Europe. Whatever your goal, use it to develop a weekly savings target. Start with saving \$10 - \$20 a week and see how it adds up.
- **Student discounts** – Whether you are going to the movies, booking flights, getting a haircut or even servicing your car, there is bound to be a student discount available if you just take the time to look. Make sure you check out [Student Edge](#) (click on 'Deals'). This is a great site which is constantly updating the range of discounts available to students.

- **Uni/college necessities** - Be smart, there is no shame in buying second-hand items. Check out your institution's book store for a second-hand section. Look on noticeboards around the campus for text book ads. Remember to sell your text books as soon as you have finished with them.
- **Leave the credit card behind** – Consider cash only outings with friends. This way you can easily avoid spontaneously shouting the entire bar a round of drinks.
- **Quit online shopping** - Not only will you save money, you'll also cut down on the pile of dud purchases sitting at the bottom of your wardrobe that you (let's be honest) have no intention of returning.
- **Student services** - While services differ between institutions, most are likely to offer free help and advice, including; money management, legal advice, health services, moving out of home support, scholarships and travel.

The above information is adapted from a [Foundation for Young Australians article](#).

### **Spotcap Fintech Scholarship**

The scholarship is open to anyone who may be interested in a career in the financial technology industry and planning to study fields such as finance, business, management, law, design, computer engineering, innovation and entrepreneurship at any Australian university. One scholarship is available. It is valued at \$10,000. Applications are due on 10 December 2017. Visit the [Scholarship website](#) for details.

### **St Leo's College Scholarships and Bursaries**

This Scholarship Program rewards future residents whose achievements deserve special commendation and recognition because of their excellence in the areas of academics, culture, sports or leadership. Find out more on the [St Leo's College website](#).

### **The Pekol Family Scholarship for Women in Engineering and the Pekol Family Scholarship for Women in Maths and Science**

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage and support female students aspiring to undertake tertiary studies in engineering, or science (in the fields of maths and physics) who are experiencing barriers to attending the University Queensland. There are currently two scholarships available. The award is valued at \$10,000. Applications open on 30 November 2017 and close on 12 March 2018. Visit the [website](#) for details.

### **The QUT Amy Clough Scholarship**

This scholarship is the result of a partnership between the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Sony Music Australia, Nova Radio 106.9, News Corp and the Brisbane Broncos. These organisations have come together to honour Amy's memory by supporting other university students whose lives have been impacted by cancer. To be eligible, you must have applied for entry to B Entertainment Industries, B Journalism or B

Fine Arts (Music) and to have had your life impacted by cancer, whether you experienced the cancer directly or indirectly. Read about other eligibility requirements on the [QUT Scholarship](#) website. Applications close on 19 January 2018.

### **You to uni: Scholarships**

The [You to uni](#) website has been developed primarily for adult learners in Queensland. However, much of the information on the site is of interest to Year 12 students. The [Scholarships](#) section is particularly useful as it has links to Queensland public universities and to TAFE Queensland scholarship websites. The scholarship links are organised under the following categories:

- Academic Scholarships
- Equity Scholarships
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships
- Refugee and/or CALD Scholarships
- Other Scholarships/ Financial Support.



## Gap Year Program News

### **Selected Gap Program Updates**

**Camp America** will hold an Info Session from 6.30 – 7.30 pm on 6 December 2017 at the George Williams Hotel - Woodcraft Room, 317-325 George Street, Brisbane. Visit the [Camp America website](#) for more information and to register.

**Lattitude Global Volunteering** is currently advertising 2018 Gap Year placements to Fiji, Canada, Poland, UK, Vietnam, Ghana, China, Europe, Argentina and Japan. Find out more [here](#).

**Letz Live** has recently opened its applications for July 2018 and January 2019 gap year and working holiday placements. Gap year placements are open for New Zealand (in 2018), Thailand (limited spots in 2018) and UK (for 2019). Visit the [website](#) for details.

**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE)** scholarships for placements in 2018 are open. These scholarships provide an opportunity to live and study overseas through a student exchange at a significantly reduced cost. Find out more on the [SCCE website](#).

**WEP Australia** will hold an Information Session from 7 – 8.30 pm on Wednesday 15 November 2017 at the Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, Brisbane. See the [WEP website](#) for details and to register.

# Indigenous

## **Indigenous scholarships at Griffith University**

[Arrow Energy Go Further Indigenous Scholarships](#) - The value of the Scholarship is \$10,000 (pro-rata for part-time study). Applications close on Sunday 25 February 2018.

[Aunty Pamela Mam Indigenous Nursing Scholarship](#) - The scholarship aims to support Griffith University nursing and midwifery students of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. It is valued at \$6,000. Applications close on Sunday 25 February 2018.

[Nellie Thomas Bursary](#) - The aim of the Bursary is to assist an Indigenous student studying in the field of Medicine in the School of Medicine with additional cost associated with studying at University. The Bursary is aimed at applicants who can demonstrate financial disadvantage. There is one Bursary available to the value of \$2,000 paid as a lump sum. Applications close on Sunday 25 February 2018.

[Shields Accommodation Bursary](#) – This Bursary is to encourage and support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students from remote areas to become qualified school teachers, by assisting with the cost of their on-campus accommodation while attending Griffith University. The Bursary is valued up to \$20,000 per student. Applications close on Sunday 4 February 2018.

[Griffith Business School Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples Scholarship](#) - This scholarship has been established to encourage the participation of Australia's First Peoples in Business, Government and related degree programs offered by Griffith Business School. Each scholarship has a maximum value of \$15,000 payable in instalments of \$2,500. Applications close on Wednesday 3 January 2018.

## **More Indigenous scholarships**

The following scholarships are available for Indigenous students planning to commence their undergraduate university studies in 2018. You can find more Indigenous scholarships on the [Aspiration Initiative](#) website.

- [John Koowarta Reconciliation Law Scholarship](#) at most universities in Australia. Applications close on 8 December 2017.
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Scholarship](#) at the University of Western Sydney. Application is through UAC.



# Miscellaneous

## **Queensland Government Youth page**

The Queensland Government has developed this [webpage](#) for young people. It provides links to a range of information and services, covering topics such as:

- Education and training
- Life skills and turning 18
- Work and career
- Driving and transport
- Health and looking after yourself
- Sport, recreation and leisure
- Being safe and knowing your rights.

The site includes a link to the Schoolies Facebook site.

# Occupational Information



## **Interested in becoming a teacher, but not sure what to expect?**

On 28 November 2017, between 6 – 7.30 pm, Teach Queensland will present a free online webinar, '[Been there, done that](#)'. During the webinar, early career teachers will share their teaching journey from preservice to beginning teacher. They will talk about the opportunities they have had, challenges they have faced and the things they learned in the process.

## **The Drone Industry**

Did you know there was a Drone Industry? According to the [UAVAIR website](#) the number of companies employing professional drone pilots is doubling each year. This growth is in sectors such as drone photography and videography, real estate, industrial inspections, 3D mapping, surveying, emergency services, scientific research, agriculture and environmental monitoring. Visit the website for more information about this developing industry.

There are organisations (including UAVAIR) that train drone pilots through a Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot - Visual Line of Sight). Visit the [myskills website](#) for information about this course, training providers, career pathways and student outcomes.

## **The Retail Industry**

The Retail sector is one of Australia's largest employers with almost 1.5 million people employed in the industry, with a high degree of casual, part-time and seasonal employment. This is the largest employing industry of workers aged 15-24 years. Soft skills are very important in this industry. You must be able to communicate well with customers, work in a team, and may need good numeracy skills to be able to handle money. Jobs in this industry include:

- Checkout Team Worker
- Customer Service Assistant
- Pharmacy Assistant
- Sales Representative
- Food Sales Assistant
- Retail Supervisor and Manager
- Visual Merchandiser.

Visit the [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website](#) for more information about this industry and the pathways available. Do a search on the [TAFE Qld website](#) for courses for the industry. Some employers offer traineeships. Visit the [Training Qld website](#) for information on retail traineeships (click on 'R').

### **Want to work in a library? What are the job prospects?**

The following is taken from a labour market report recently released by the [Australian Library and Information Association](#).

"Looking ahead to May 2022, the Department of Employment predicts a 15.6% employment rise for librarians, a relatively stable number of library technician positions and a drop of 13% for library assistant positions. There is expected to be a modest increase in the number of qualified positions available over the next five years, but a significant decrease in the number of positions for staff without a library and information qualification. The library and information sector is an attractive job prospect but there is undoubtedly competition for jobs."

Training for jobs in libraries depends on the position. [TAFE Qld](#) offers a Diploma of Library and Information Services at its South Bank campus or online for Library Technicians and Library Assistants. Training for Librarians usually requires a Bachelor's Degree. Some jobs also require further study (e.g., Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Master's degree).

Visit [here](#) for more information about jobs in libraries. Library worker profiles can be accessed [here](#).

### **What is the Funeral Services Industry?**

This industry arranges and conducts funerals. It is a small industry which is expected to grow in the future as the death rate increases with the ageing of the Australian population. Employees in this industry visit families of people who have died to assist them with the funeral arrangements (selection of coffin, type of service, publication of death notices, etc.). They remove the body from the hospital, morgue or home and prepare it for cremation or burial. They aid with the funeral service and the legal requirements related to a death. Jobs include Funeral Director, Funeral Worker, Embalmer, Funeral Director's Assistant, Mortician and Undertaker.

Training for this industry varies. Visit the [myskills website](#) for information about the Certificate IV in Funeral Services (which doesn't seem to be widely available). Other training could include qualifications in business, community services and personal services (for embalmer). Much of the training is on-the-job. If you are interested in this area of work, talk to people already in the industry. Find out how they trained for the job and whether it is possible to do work experience.



## *Open Days, Expos & Career Markets*



### **Australian Institute of Creative Design (AICD) Open Day**

AICD will hold Open Days from 5 – 7 pm on Wednesday 31 January 2018 at its Brisbane campus and on Wednesday 7 February 2018 at its Gold Coast campus. The Institute offers Diploma and Certificate courses in Arts and Design, Beauty Therapy, Fashion Design and Styling, Interior Design, Make-up and Photography. For more information and to register, visit the [AICD website](#).

### **Endeavour College of Natural Health Open Day**

Endeavour will hold its next Open Day from 10 am – 12.30 pm on Saturday 20 January 2018 at its Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses. The College offers degree courses in Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Acupuncture and Complementary Medicine. For more information and to register, visit the [Endeavour website](#).

### **JMC Academy Creative Arts QTAC Offers Information Session**

This session will be held from 5.30 – 6.30 pm on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at the JMC Brisbane campus in South Brisbane. It is for students who are reviewing their course options in the creative arts. JMC offers tertiary courses in Animation, Film and TV, Music, Songwriting, Game Design, Entertainment Management, Audio Engineering and Digital Design. JMC will hold its next Open Day from 1 – 5 pm on Wednesday 24 January 2018. For more information, visit the [JMC website](#) (click on 'Events').

### **New York Film Academy (NYFA) Australia, Gold Coast Campus Open Day**

NYFA offers courses in film making and acting. It will hold an Open Day from 10 am – 12 noon on Saturday 25 November 2017. Students under 18 years must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at this event. Register to attend the Open Day on the [website](#).

### **SAE Qantm Creative Media Institute Info Night**

This event will be held at the SAE Brisbane campus, located in West End, from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday 23 November 2017. SAE has Diploma and Degree courses in Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Game, Web and

Mobile. FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. For more information and to register, visit the [SAE website](#).



# QTAC & Tertiary Entry

## **General tips for a successful transition to university**

- Familiarise yourself with the campus before the semester starts.
- Attend Orientation week events. This is where you find out about the student support services, social clubs and other activities available at your university. Check out the Career and Employment Services. These are the people who can help you get a job.
- Identify any study skills you need to polish up on and book into a workshop.
- Register with your university's disability services if applicable.
- See the university's financial or counselling services if you are worried about money or you have other concerns.
- Find students in the same course and attend student-run social activities.
- Visit the library (virtual and physical) and attend workshops on how to use the library effectively.
- Attend all tutorials.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Other tips for first year university students can be found in UQ's [The ultimate first year bucket list](#), QUT's [What to expect at university](#) and [Top tips for first year uni students](#). For a bit of comic relief, visit the [Collective Noun Facebook](#) page.

## **QTAC updates**

**QTAC Guide cover competition** – Entry to this competition is open to all 2017 Queensland Year 11 students (i.e. the 2018 Year 12 students). The challenge is to design the cover of the next QTAC Guide for Further Study. The theme of the competition is 'A Future of Unimagined Possibilities'. The winning design will appear on the front cover of the *2019 QTAC Guide for Further Study* and the winner will receive a \$500 gift card. Entries close on 28 February 2018. Find out more [here](#).

**Education courses** – Students applying for these courses **must** submit a personal statement as part of the selection criteria or they will not be considered for a course place. If you are having difficulty starting your statement, visit the [QTAC website](#) where you will find helpful information and example statements.

**Offers for Year 12 students** – Students applying for courses not requiring Year 12 results will start to receive their offers from Friday 17 November 2017 (your last day at school). Offers will be made between the release of Year 12 results on 16 December 2017 and the major offer round on 16 January 2018. Don't panic if you don't receive an early offer, as course offers will be made on their major offer-round date (as published in the *2018 Year 12 Guide Guide*). Check the [Course Offer Dates page](#) to find out when your institution will make offers.

**How does QTAC work out if you'll get an offer?** – QTAC uses eligibility and merit to decide if you can get into a course. Eligibility is determined by prerequisites and the institutions admissions rules. Merit is based on your OP or selection rank. More details about this process can be accessed on the [Entry requirements webpage](#). You can go into your [QTAC Application Services account](#) to check the status of the courses you have applied for.

**How will I know if I have an offer?** QTAC will send you an email (or an SMS). In most cases, you will have four days to respond. It is essential to monitor your emails to avoid missing an offer. If you don't respond by the due date, your offer will lapse, and your application will become inactive. If this happens, contact QTAC immediately, as they may be able to reinstate your offer.

**Connect with QTAC** – If you have any questions about your QTAC application, visit p.1 of the *2018 Year 12 Guide* for all the ways you can get in touch with QTAC.

### **Snippets for beginning university students**

The following are summaries of recent articles on tertiary entry.

**Five ways to tell if a uni is perfect for you** – This article, from the [Year 13 website](#), lists the following five criteria for selecting your perfect university. This information is based on steps in the University of Canberra's [Ultimate guide to selecting the right university](#).

- Course selection – Does the uni have the perfect course for you? Does the teaching environment meet your learning style (e.g. purely academic or more hands on)? Will you get an opportunity to study overseas as part of the course?
- Uni vibes – Because uni is different to high school, you need to make sure the uni you pick will give you every chance to ace the course (upgrade pathways, bridging courses, assignment support, etc.).
- Support – What support services are provided (e.g. career support, mental health and counselling options)?
- The fun stuff - Sus out things like clubs and societies, sports teams, uni games, the uni bar, open days, orientation weeks, career seminars and all the other events the uni might offer.
- Location – Can you realistically get to the uni? Are you prepared to leave home? If you don't like to travel much, check out unis that are close by.

**10 things I wish I'd known before starting university** – This article is from the [Postgraduate Futures website](#). The following are a selection of the 10 things the author listed. You should read the article to find out more.

- University subjects may or may not prepare you for the job you want.
- Work experience is everything (and may be very difficult to obtain).
- Computational thinking is more important than your course curriculum may suggest.
- The job market is ever-changing.
- Don't stress about getting perfect grades.

**Five podcasts every university student should be listening to** – This is from the [Good Universities Guide website](#). The podcasts listed are:

[TED Radio Hour](#) – This is a 60-minute program that focuses on a theme and incorporates soundbites and snippets from various TED Talks on the same subject.

Stuff You Should Know -

[Stuff You Should Know](#) – In this podcast, you can learn about almost anything. The subjects range from Satanism, public broadcasting, disco, exorcism and even restaurant health inspections.

[Dr Karl Kruszelnicki's Science Hour](#) - Australia's foremost commentator on all things scientific, Dr Karl comes up with the answers to some of your most obscure questions.

[The Barefoot Investor](#) – Presenter, Scott Pape, has been voted Australia's most trusted finance expert. He produces 30-minute segments dedicated to helping millions of people save money and become fiscally independent.

[Trace](#) - If you know anything about podcasts, you've probably heard about Serial, the investigative journalism series that follows the murder of a high school student in Baltimore in 1999. Trace puts an Australian spin on the same genre. It is an ABC-produced look at the unsolved murder of Melbourne woman Maria James 37 years ago.

## **Key dates for Year 12 students**

Your secondary schooling days are almost finished. All that is left is to receive your results. The following are key dates for receiving these results:

- Your individual QCS Test grade (from A – E) will be released from 9 am on Wednesday 15 November 2017 in your learning account on the [Student Connect website](#).
- Your Year 12 results will be available from 9 am on Saturday 16 December 2017 in your learning account on the [Student Connect website](#).
- From Monday 18 December 2017, you will receive your [Senior Education Profile](#) (SEP) in the mail. Depending on your eligibility, your SEP will contain one or more of the following documents:

Queensland Certificate of Education

Tertiary Entrance Statement (containing your OP and FPs)

Senior Statement (listing your Year 11 and 12 subjects and results and your QCS Test grade)

Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement.

You will need your LUI and password to access your learning account. Make sure you have these before you leave school on 17 November.

## **Student Connect hotline**

Students with questions about their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), Senior Statement, Tertiary Entrance Statement or other results in their learning account can contact the QCAA Student Connect hotline on 1800 804 991 or email [studentconnect@qcaa.qld.edu.au](mailto:studentconnect@qcaa.qld.edu.au). For answers to questions about tertiary selection ranks or bonus ranks, contact QTAC on 1300 467 822.

## **Youth Enrichment Activities**

### **Interested in leadership and community service?**

If so, why not investigate the [Lions Youth of the Year Quest](#). This is a project of Lions Clubs International of Australia and Papua New Guinea. It is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and taking an active role in the community. Students between the ages of 15 – 18 are welcome to apply.