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Career Interest Explorer – a quiz to help identify your career interests in vocational areas

Your interests are important in career exploration and decision making, as the information can help you identify your potential career pathways. Career interests are different to abilities or skills, they are activities you enjoy doing or are interested in. [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways](#) have a [Career Interest Explorer](#) quiz which can help you identify your career interests in vocational fields. The quiz allows you to answer work type related questions and requires you to indicate your interest in activities relating to the following:

- Persuading and Service
- Nature and Recreation
- Helping and Advising
- Creative and Artistic
- Analytic and Scientific
- Practical and Manual
- Organising and Clerical

Your results will be a list of the work types in order of your interests. The work types you are most interested in will be at the top, according to how you responded to the quiz. From here you can search the related jobs and industries and come up with a list of possible jobs you can explore further through reading about them, talking to people already in the jobs and doing work experience.

Positive Futures: Apprenticeships and Traineeships in Queensland

In November 2016, [Jobs Queensland](#), an independent Statutory Entity published a discussion Paper highlighting the positive futures of Apprenticeships and Trainees in Queensland. They recognised that Apprenticeships and traineeships provide an important employment pathway, particularly for young Queenslanders. The discussion paper addresses:

- Changing nature of Apprentices and Trainees
- Incentive Payments and Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships across industries
- Retention and outcomes
- Satisfaction and quality
- Pre-employment Apprenticeships and Traineeship programs
- School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Technological Change and Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Read the full [Positive Futures: Apprenticeships and Traineeships Discussion Paper](#) for more information.

Why do I need a White Card to do work experience on a construction site?

Construction sites are dangerous places. All workers on a construction site, even work experience students, must have knowledge of the hazards they may encounter and how to manage them. Consequently, the Workplace Health and Safety Act requires all employees and work experience students on a building site to hold a White Card or [General Construction Induction](#). This card can only be obtained by successfully completing a Building and Construction General Safety Induction course. Most courses are delivered online. Some training organisations have a discount price for students. The following are some of the organisations that offer the course.

- [Blue Dog Training](#) (online course)
- [Narbil Training](#) (online course)
- [PCD Training](#) (online course)

You can do an Internet search to find other [registered training organisations](#) that General Construction Induction training, (Unit of competency - CPCCWHS1001 *Prepare to work safely in the construction industry*). Once you have successfully completed the training the RTO will issue evidence that you have completed the training and the white card. You should keep evidence of completion of training as it may be required to replace your card in the future. For more information regarding the [General Construction Induction](#) and [Applying for a General Construction Induction card](#), visit the Department of Workplace Health and Safety Electrical Safety office Workers' Compensation Regulators website. Queensland White Cards are accepted throughout Australia.



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Education Award

If you are interested in completing a university degree as well as training to be an officer in the Defence Forces, consider applying for the [Australian Defence Force Academy](#) (ADFA) in Canberra. Applicants to ADFA are eligible to apply for the [ADFA Education Award](#). Up to 50 awards are presented to Year 12 students each year on behalf of the Navy, Army and Air Force in recognition of the leadership potential and academic and sporting achievements these students displayed during Year 11. The award includes a tablet device (or similar) and certificate, along with a plaque for your school. Applications for the award open on 1 May each year and close on 28 February in the following year. Current Year 12s have until 28 February 2018 to submit their applications and current Year 11 students can start their application on 1 May 2018. Visit the [ADFA Education Award](#) on the ADFA website for more information, including:

- Key Dates
- Award Eligibility
- Assessment
- Obligation of the Recipient
- Presentation

Upcoming Events:

13/02/2018 to 28/02/2018	ADFA Education Award (Current Year 12) Applications close Online
01/05/2018 to 28/02/2019	ADFA Education Award (Current Year 11) Applications open Online

Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming [Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions](#) by visiting their Defence Jobs website. View the specific events information link for more details including: location, times and to book your tickets. Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the ADF [Facebook](#) site.

Upcoming Events:

13/02/2018	Townsville Commando Information Session <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
13/02/2018	Gladstone Parents & Teachers Defence Careers Night <i>Gladstone, QLD</i>
14/02/2018	Cairns Commando Information Session <i>Cairns, QLD</i>

19/02/2018	Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session 19 February 2018 <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
19/02/2018	Ayr Parents & Teachers Defence Careers Night <i>Ayr, QLD</i>
20/02/2018	Maroochydore Women in Defence Information Session 20 February 2018 <i>Maroochydore, QLD</i>
20/02/2018	Kingaroy Defence Careers Information Session 20 February 2018 <i>Kingaroy, QLD</i>
20/02/2018	Ingham Parents & Teachers Defence Careers Night <i>Ingham, QLD</i>
21/02/2018	Gold Coast Army Reserve Information Session 21 February 2018 <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
21/02/2018	Cairns Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
21/02/2018	Charters Towers Parents & Teachers Defence Careers Night <i>Charters Towers, QLD</i>
22/02/2018	Gold Coast Health Careers Information Session 22 February 2018 <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
22/02/2018	Townsville Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
23/02/2018	Townsville Elders & Community Breakfast <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
26/02/2018	Townsville Parents & Teachers Defence Careers Night <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
27/02/2018	Brisbane Army Officer Information Session 27 February 2018 <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
27/02/2018	Gold Coast Army Officer Information Session 27 February 2018 <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>

Indigenous Aim For Your Future Laser Tag Event

With a role in the ADF, you can find a balance between the career of your dreams and the lifestyle you want.

Join the ADF at their 'Aim For Your Future' event on Saturday 17th February at 10.30am, where you'll have the opportunity to hear from current serving defence members about the range of roles available for Indigenous Australians in the Australian Defence Force. There will be a presentation run by Kieren (Mario) Marr and Jason Enchong from our Specialist Recruitment Team, followed by a free game of laser tag. Food will also be provided. RSVP's are essential.

To secure your place, visit the [ADF Events page](#) and reserve your spot today.

Upcoming Events:

17/02/2018	Indigenous Aim For Your Future Laser Tag Event <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
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Career Checker – a quiz for career explorers

[Career Checker](#) is a five minute quiz to find out how well you are doing in the three career planning areas of:

- knowing yourself
- getting career ideas
- deciding and adapting

Once you have completed the quiz, the [Career Checker](#) provides you with your results and offers tips for further exploration or next steps regarding:

Know yourself:

My learning
My future plans
My skills
My values

Get Career Ideas:

My motivation
My options research
My job market knowledge
My job hunting

Decide and Adapt:

My support network
My independence
My decision making
My challenges

Graduate Careers Australia (GCA)

The annual Australian Graduate Survey (AGS) is a study of the activities of new higher education graduates around four months after the completion of their qualifications. In the 2015 AGS (the last AGS), new graduates were surveyed regarding their major activities including, full time study, full or part-time employment, seeking employment or their unavailability for work or study.

Both the current 2015 and previous editions of Grad Stats are available for download from their [GradStats website](#). The 2017 GOS was primarily conducted as a national online survey among 97 higher education institutions [and a] ... total of 120,747 valid survey responses were collected across all study levels, representing a response rate of 39.7 per cent. The [2017 Graduate Careers Report](#) has recently been published in February 2018 and the overview of the report highlights the following for 2017:

- The 2017 GOS report saw a further slight improvement in the short-term employment prospects of new graduates compared with the 2015 AGS and 2016 GOS reports
- 71.8 per cent were in full-time employment at the time of the 2017 GOS compared with 70.9 per cent in 2016. This is notably up from 68.1 per cent in the 2014 AGS

- The full-time employment figure for males was 71.2 per cent in 2017 (70.1 per cent in 2016) while for females it was 72.1 per cent (71.5 per cent in 2016)
- The overall employment rate for undergraduates was 86.5 per cent in 2017. This refers to graduates who had any employment (whether full or part time)
- Middle- to longer-term employment prospects for undergraduates remain strong. QILT's follow-up longitudinal GOS (GOS-L) showed that three years after a full-time employment rate of 67.5 per cent in the 2014 AGS, by 2017 this had grown to 89.3 per cent. GCA's Beyond Graduation Survey (BGS) showed similar improvements in employment figures three years out
- Bachelor degree graduates in the wider Australian workforce (aged 15-74) had (at the time of the 2017 GOS) an unemployment rate of just 3.0 per cent compared with an overall population rate of 5.4 per cent and 8.2 per cent for those with no post-school qualifications
- The median annual starting salary for new Australian resident bachelor degree graduates in fulltime employment in Australia was \$60,000 in 2017, up from \$57,900 in 2016
- Just over one-fifth of respondents (20.7 per cent, down from 21.8 per cent in 2016), were undertaking further full-time study
- Overall satisfaction with courses as measured by the Course Experience Questionnaire (CEQ) remains at an elevated level, with 79.4 per cent of graduates expressing satisfaction with their courses
- Just over half of the graduates who found full-time employment in 2014 or 2015 learned of their job first through one of three strategies: searching advertisements on the internet (26.9 per cent), talking to family or friends (14.2 per cent) and visiting university or college careers services (11.7 per cent)
- Overall, 84 per cent of employers were highly satisfied with the performance of their new recruits

Visited myfuture lately?

For those who don't know, [myfuture](#) is Australian's career information service. It is a free service. You sign-up and enter a user name and password when you first visit the site. You log-in for subsequent visits.

The site contains information on courses, occupations, industries and institutions. The My Career Profile function on the site is a career questionnaire you use to develop your career profile which is then matched with jobs you may be interested in. The Career Bullseyes provide lists of jobs that relate to the study areas you enjoy. The site has over 60 case studies of real people in a range of jobs.

The Career Insight section has over 80 short articles about topics of interest to people wanting to learn more about jobs and related topics. Once you have joined [myfuture](#), you can explore the following articles:

- [Researching Careers: Where to begin](#)
- [Making food career decisions: The adventures of you](#)
- [What is a career?](#)
- [11 places to search for jobs](#)
- [Australian Apprenticeships offer a world of opportunity](#)
- [Volunteering benefits your community and your career](#)
- [Work experience and why it matters](#)
- [The 4 main factors affecting job prospects](#)
- [9 activities to help children understand careers](#)

Competitions

Upcoming Competitions

Below are a range of upcoming competitions. Please visit the competition website for information regarding eligibility requirements, registration dates/information, costs and any other relevant information.

Upcoming Events:

08/02/2018 to 06/04/2018	<u>Sunshine Coast Art Prize</u> <i>Sunshine Coast, QLD</i>
13/02/2018 to 07/09/2018	<u>The ATOM Photo Comp 2018</u> <i>Online</i>
27/03/2018	<u>Computational and Algorithmic Thinking, Years 5 – 12</u> <i>Various</i>
09/08/2018	<u>Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC), Years 3 - 12</u> <i>Various</i>
23/08/2018	<u>Australian Informatics Olympiad, Years 7 - 12</u> <i>Various</i>
13/09/2018	<u>Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad</u> <i>Various</i>

Disabilities

Resources for students with disabilities

The following websites may be of assistance to students with disabilities:

- [Australian Human Rights Commission](#) provides information on the rights of people with a disability
- [Australian Network on Disability website](#) provides information for employers, however it does contain resources like case studies, information for job seekers with disability
- [Australian Apprenticeship Pathways – Disability Initiatives](#) provides information about support available for students with a disability applying for and undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship
- [Australian Apprenticeships](#) provides information on what support is available for Australian Apprentices with a disability, including wage support and accessing other support networks
- [Graduate Careers Australia](#) webpage is for [graduates with disability](#), you can also download the [Careers for graduates with disabilities](#) booklet
- [Job Access](#) provides free information and advice about the employment of people with a disability
- [My Future: My Life](#) supports students with a disability to plan and prepare for life after school
- [Steps Employment Services](#) support the recruitment of people with injury, illness and disability

Support for students with disabilities at Queensland Universities

If you are in Year 12 and you have a disability, it is important to be aware of the support you can access when you go to university. Begin your research early by first exploring what's available from the university websites. The following are links to disability support services at Queensland universities.

- [Australian Catholic University](#)
- [Bond University](#)
- [CQUniversity](#)
- [Griffith University](#)
- [James Cook University](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology](#)
- [University of Queensland](#)
- [University of Southern Queensland](#)
- [University of the Sunshine Coast](#)

Later in the year you should contact these services. Introduce yourself. Let them know you hope to study with them next year. Find out how they can support you. University is not like school. The support services don't come to you automatically. You need to approach them first.

Employment

A career path you may not know about:

[Architectural, Building and Surveying Technicians](#) perform technical functions to assist Construction Managers, Architects and Surveyors by supervising and inspecting construction sites, estimating time, costs and resources, inspecting plumbing work, and collecting and evaluating survey data and preparing maps and plans.

Related occupations include:

- Architectural Draftsperson
- Building Associate
- Building Inspector
- Construction Estimator
- Plumbing Inspector
- Surveying or Spatial Science Technician

Main tasks performed:

- assisting Construction Managers, Architects and Surveyors in planning and organisation
- interpreting plans, regulations and codes of practice
- preparing preliminary sketches, working drawings and specifications
- preparing, editing and revising plans, maps, charts and drawings
- coordinating works programs
- inspecting work and materials for compliance with specifications, regulations and standards

Visit [myfuture](#) for more information on potential career pathways or other similar occupations.

Do you have the tools to successfully transition to work or study?

The [Everybody's Core Business report](#) published in November 2016, investigated the non-technical skills needed by secondary school students to successfully participate in work or further study. The report developed a Tools for Transition model (see page 23 of the report) which lists the knowledge and skills students need for a successful transition from school to work or further study. According to the report, the core skills and knowledge required are:

- career development competencies to explore, make and manage career choices
- social awareness and social management skills to interact with others
- self-management skills to monitor and regulate your behaviour and performance
- self-awareness to reflect on your choices, behaviour and performance

- take responsibility for your learning
- apply thinking strategies to learning, creating and solving problems
- apply literacy and numeracy skills (including digital literacy) in 'real life' or further learning contexts.

How many of these could you tick off?

Did you know the [Australian Government, Department of Employment has a Transition to Work](#) website to support young people aged 15-21 on their journey to employment. The service provides intensive, pre-employment support to improve the work readiness of young people and help them into work (including apprenticeships and traineeships) or education. Visit the [Transition to Work](#) website for more information, including:

- What services can young people access?
- Who is eligible?
- [List of successful Transition to Work service providers](#)
- [Transition to Work fact sheet](#)

Interested in a creative career?

One important way to explore a creative career is to find out how other people have entered this career field. The Queensland University of Technology's [Art/Work Online](#) follows the career and study pathways of seven individuals working across varied roles in the visual arts sector: the curator, arts worker, artist, gallerist, art installer, educator, and conservator.

SEEK Jobs on the move

The resurgence of the Mining and Resources and Energy industry over the past 12 months, sees this industry as having the fastest growing jobs on [SEEK for 2017](#). [SEEK Job Growth Report, published in January 2018](#) highlights Australia's Fastest Growing Job is in the Mining, Resources and Energy Industry, with Oil and Gas Drilling seeing 94% grow in Job Ads and average salary of \$95, 332. They also report the average Australian Salary to be \$79, 443.

The future of work

Several articles about this topic have been published generating some compelling conversations about what jobs we will be doing in the future. A sample of articles/features include:

- The State Library of Queensland held a range of [Queenslanders in Conversation 2017](#) events, exploring the key issues around our digital future and how technological advances will transform our work. The forums explored topics such as: As current jobs disappear to automation, what kinds of jobs will we be doing in the future? Watch a recording of the [Queenslanders in Conversation: The future of work – is capitalism dead?](#)
- [Will automation take away our jobs?](#) This TED X talk, delivered by economist David Autor, explores the paradox of why we still have jobs after a century of creating machines to do our work for us. The talk uses US data but is relevant to Australian conditions.
- [The future of careers: Three big questions answered](#) – This article explores three questions:

- Will I be replaced by a machine?
- Where and how will I find work in the future?
- How will I spend my time?
- [Growing Queensland: Jobs Now, Jobs for the Future](#) is the Queensland Government's employment strategy to boost jobs and create greater employment opportunities. The Queensland Treasury website provides a range of information including:
 - [Improving skills and training](#)
 - [Enhancing productivity and efficiency of business](#)
 - [Fostering emerging and innovative industries](#)
 - [Growing our regions](#)
 - [Boosting Government services](#)

Why do I need a Tax File Number?

A Tax File Number (TFN) is a unique number issued by the Australian Tax Office (ATO). It is required for:

- Starting work (including part-time and casual jobs)
- Lodging a tax return
- Applying for Commonwealth Government financial assistance such as pensions and other benefits
- Applying for the Higher Education Loan Program (e.g. HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP) and VET Student Loans when you start your university, TAFE or college study.

The easiest way to get a TFN is to:

- Complete an online application form from the ATO website
- Print a summary of your application which includes your application reference number
- Make an appointment for an interview at a participating Australia Post Office
- Take the summary of your application and proof of identity to the interview within 30 days of completing your online form

Visit the [ATO website](#) for details about this process.

Year 12 students intending to apply for tertiary study in 2019 should apply for their TFN this year to avoid any delays early next year.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



HECS-HELP: things to keep in mind...

If you are studying at a public funded university or an approved private university or college, you will be offered either a [Commonwealth Supported Place \(CSP\)](#) or a fee-paying place. A CSP is a Commonwealth Government subsidised place. Students with a CSP (called Commonwealth supported students) only pay a 'student contribution' instead of the full cost of their course.

The [Commonwealth Government](#) has several financial assistance programs to help students meet the cost of their tertiary education. The [HECS-HELP](#) scheme is one of these programs. It is a loan scheme to for eligible Commonwealth supported students. Through this scheme, students can defer payment of their student contribution until they are earning a specified amount (called the compulsory repayment threshold). They then repay their loan through the taxation system.

For more information about HECS HELP, visit the [Australian Taxation Office website](#) or Study Assist website.

Local Sporting Champions Program

The [Local Sporting Champions program](#) is an Australian Government initiative designed to provide financial assistance for young people aged 12 to 18 towards the cost of travel, accommodation, uniforms or equipment when competing, coaching or officiating at an official national sporting organisation (NSO) endorsed state, national or international sporting championships or a School Sport Australia state or national championships. Visit the [Australian Institute of Sports website](#) for details regarding:

- Program overview
- Eligibility Criteria
- How to apply

Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education

The Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in STEM Education recognise students, teachers, support officers, schools and education partners (volunteers, mentors and organisations) who demonstrate an outstanding and innovative contribution to STEM education in Queensland.

Nominations for this award are now open. This year, awards will be presented across six categories. Two of these categories are for students.

- Outstanding Senior STEM Student Awards - \$5,000 each

- Outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Senior STEM Student Awards - \$5,000 each

Applications close on 26 March 2018.

Visit the [Education Queensland website](#) for details about these awards including information regarding:

- Who can apply?
- Award conditions
- How the award is to be used
- Attendance at the award ceremony
- How to apply
- Further information

Upcoming Events:

26/03/2018

[Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics \(STEM\) Education](#)
Online

VET Student Loans – a new program

VET Student Loans commenced 1 January 2017, replacing the VET FEE-HELP Scheme. In the past, students undertaking diploma and advanced diploma courses at TAFE and other approved colleges could defer paying their tuition fees through the VET FEE-HELP scheme. There are strict requirements for the new VET Student Loan program including:

- Students must meet specific criteria to be eligible for a VET Student Loan
- Students can only access VET Student Loans for approved courses provided by approved providers
- Eligible students will be entitled to loans up to a capped amount (the cap might be \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000, depending on the course)
- If the course tuition costs more than the loan cap, the student is required to pay the difference.

Visit the Australian Government, Department of Education and Training to download the [VET Student Loans information booklet](#). Students are required to repay the loan through the taxation system when their income reaches the repayment threshold. See the [Study Assist website](#) for threshold information.

From 1 January 2018, loan caps for all VET Student Loans will be indexed. If you accessed a VET Student Loan in 2017 and intend to continue doing so in 2018, the indexed cap amount will apply to the remaining units of your course. If you are enrolled in a course in which the tuition fees are equal to or lower than the loan cap, you should not be affected by the indexation. However, if you are enrolled in a course in which the tuition fees are higher than the loan cap, you will be able to use the extra amount for the remainder of the course. For more detailed information on how indexation may affect you, please refer to the [VET Student Loans information booklet](#). There is a list of approved courses and their capped amounts in the [legislation document](#). Eligible courses and approved providers, will also be available on the [MySkills website](#). You can access student fact sheets on the VET Student Loans from the [Australian Department of Education and Training website](#).



Gap Year Program News

Camp America

[Camp America](#) organises summer (May, June, July) camp jobs in the USA for students from around the world. At camp, participants work directly with American children; by instructing or assisting them in activities. There are different [types of camps](#) and [types of roles](#) available. The visa required for the program includes 30 days of travel time in the USA before and after the camp. Visit the [Camp America website](#) for more information.

LetzLive

LetzLive coordinates several Gap Year programs including experiences in the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Thailand. It's important you visit the LetzLive website for specific information relating to the country you wish to visit during your Gap Year as application closing dates may vary.

Applications are now open for the 2019 United Kingdom placements. Australian residents must apply before 6 April 2018. Visit the [Letz Live website](#) for details of this and other programs.

Upcoming Events:

20/02/2018	LetzLive: Gap Year Information Session – Gold Coast <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
22/02/2018	LetzLive: Gap Year Information Session - Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
27/02/2018	LetzLive: Gap Year Information Session - Toowoomba <i>Toowoomba, QLD</i>
06/04/2018	LetzLive: Closing Date for UK Gap Year Applications <i>Online</i>

Projects Abroad

Projects Abroad is a volunteer abroad organisation. In 2017, Projects Abroad celebrates 25 years of supporting international volunteering. Its projects provide an experience in which you can contribute to, as well as become a part of, a community in one of over 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and the South Pacific.

Visit the [website](#) to learn about the projects available.

Thinking of a Gap Year?

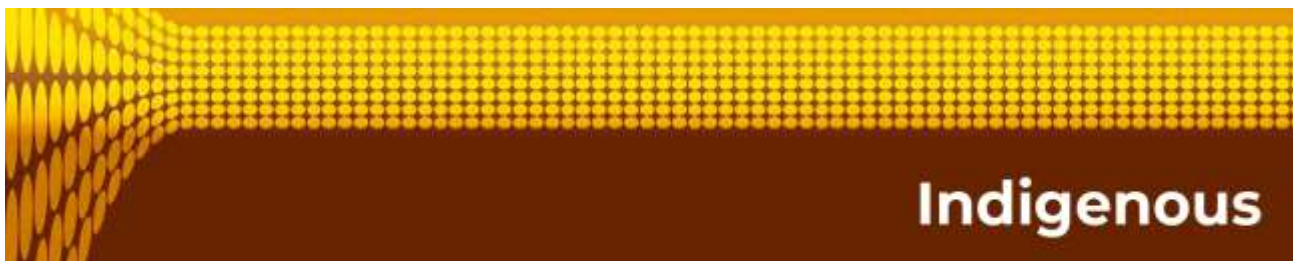
Are you thinking of taking a break from study after Year 12? This time off study, has become known as a 'Gap Year'. You might decide to take a gap year to:

- Have a rest from study
- Work to earn money for further study, buy a car, travel, etc.
- Take time to explore your career options
- Concentrate on an activity (e.g. sport, music, art).

The following are some upcoming Gap Year Program Events you could consider when you start planning your Gap Year:

Upcoming Events:

13/02/2018	<u>Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
21/02/2018	<u>World Education Program: Information Session Brisbane</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
01/03/2018	<u>World Education Program: Information Session Sunshine Coast</u> <i>Bokarina, QLD</i>
06/03/2018	<u>Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
20/03/2018	<u>Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions</u> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
21/03/2018	<u>World Education Program: Information Session Brisbane</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
27/03/2018	<u>Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
02/05/2018	<u>World Education Program: Information Session Brisbane</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
26/05/2018	<u>World Education Program: Information Session Cairns</u> <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
13/06/2018	<u>World Education Program: Information Session Brisbane</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/08/2018	<u>World Education Program: Information Session Townsville</u> <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
08/08/2018	<u>World Education Program: Information Session Mackay</u> <i>Mackay, QLD</i>
13/08/2018	<u>World Education Program: Information Session Toowoomba</u> <i>Toowoomba, QLD</i>



Interested in a career in Indigenous Health?

There are many types of [job opportunities](#) available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the health sector, from dental assistants to dieticians, from physiotherapists to paramedics, from nurses to neurosurgeons. Some health jobs involve working in hospitals and clinics, while others involve working in private practices or out in the community. Some jobs suit people who like working behind the scenes, while others suit people who love face to face contact with the public.

For more information check out the [Health Heroes website](#). Here you will find information that encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students to pursue a career in Health Care. The Health Heroes website has a range of information and resources for students, teachers and parents regarding :

- [Jobs](#)
- [Training](#)
- [Financial Support](#)
- [Change careers](#)
- [Resources](#)
- [I Heart My People](#)

STEM.I.AM

The [Advance Queensland STEM.I.AM](#) program aims to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students choosing to study Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at university. [STEM.I.AM program](#) is supporting a range of initiatives for Indigenous students from grades 5 to 12:

- Coding and robotics workshops
- Establishing community-led coding clubs
- Student participation in state and national coding and robotics competitions
- Professional development training for teachers
- Scholarships in ICT at Universities

For students who are interested in being involved in coding and robotic activities in your local area but don't know where to start, visit the [Get Involved](#) webpage of the STEM.I.AM website for more information.

STEM.I.AM Scholarship for Indigenous students

This scholarship is part of the Queensland Government's [Advance Queensland STEM.I.AM program](#). The aim of the program is to promote the study of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) with

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people through activities involving several partners. As part of the program, CQ University is offering a one-year scholarship worth \$10,000 for eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolling in a single or double degree in:

- Bachelor of Digital Media
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Information Technology (Co-Op)
- Bachelor of Engineering Technology
- Bachelor of Engineering (preference given to applicants who have demonstrated an interest in Mechatronics)
- Any dual degree that includes one of the five courses listed above

Students must graduate from Year 12 in 2017 and be enrolled in one of these degrees by the 2018 census date. Visit the [STEM.I.AM Scholarship webpage](#) for details of the scholarship (the webpage will be updated later in the year).



Miscellaneous

Have you ever considered a career in insurance?

Visit the [Council of Queensland Insurance Brokers \(CQIB\) website](#) to learn about some of the specialist fields in this industry. CQIB are a professional association that play a key role in the Australian insurance industry. You can email CQIB with any questions via training@cqib.org.au. Job roles in Insurance can include:

- Broking
- Customer service
- Claims
- Loss Adjusting
- Administration
- Underwriting
- I.T.
- Sales & Marketing
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Legal

Industry Profiles

The [Graduate Opportunities website](#) has the profiles of key industries in Australia. Each profile includes the key jobs in the industry, trends, opportunities for graduates, qualification requirements and salary statistics. A scan of this information will help you learn more about industries you are likely to work in one day. It will also make you aware of industries and jobs you didn't know about including:

- Accounting
- Agriculture
- Building and Construction
- Consultancy Services
- Economics
- Education & Training
- Engineering
- Environmental Sciences
- Fast-moving consumer goods
- Finance
- Government & Public Service
- Health
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Resources
- Information Technology & ICT
- Law & Paralegal
- Logistics, Supply Chain & Transport
- Manufacturing
- Media & Communications
- Minerals & Energy
- Property & Urban Development
- Retail
- Sales & Marketing
- Science
- Social Work
- Telecommunications

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



2018 Tertiary Studies Expo

The annual [Tertiary Studies Expo \(TSXPO\)](#), Australia's largest tertiary studies expo, offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career. Featuring many local, interstate and overseas education providers, students services and support agencies. Don't miss this great opportunity to map out your future, all in the one location!

Upcoming Events:

21/07/2018 to 22/07/2018 [TSXPO \(Tertiary Studies Expo\)](#)
Brisbane, QLD

Careers and Employment Expos around Queensland

There are a number of Careers and Employment Expos around Queensland in 2018. The Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo is a leading careers, training and education event in Queensland. The event offers the opportunity for students, job seekers and career changers of all ages to connect with organisations for guidance, clarity and opportunities in relation to career options. For more information regarding Careers and Employment Expos in your area, please visit the events pages below:

Upcoming Events:

02/05/2018 to 03/05/2018 [Gold Coast Careers Festival](#)
Gold Coast, QLD

11/05/2018 to 12/05/2018 [Careers and Employment Expo Brisbane](#)
Brisbane, QLD

24/05/2018 [Cairns Career and Employment Expo](#)
Cairns, QLD

21/07/2018 to 22/07/2018 [QLD Work Skills and Career Expo](#)
Brisbane, QLD

24/07/2018 [Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo](#)
Sunshine Coast, QLD

06/08/2018 [Townsville Careers Expo](#)
Townsville, QLD

National Young Leaders Day (NYLD)

Are there aspiring leaders in your school community? The 2018 [National Young Leaders Day](#) may be of interest to them in November 2018. Over 23,000 students along with their teachers/principals attend this

event around Australia annually. All students in attendance will have access to a Certificate of Participation following the event.

Not sure what to expect? Halogen gathers together prominent leaders from all walks of life to be part of The National Young Leaders Day. Visit the [Brisbane NYLD information page](#) for all the latest information and speaker updates!

Each session will have one or two speakers, question times, short videos, learning exercises, student involvement, music and student interaction. There are times during the day where students will have the chance to visit the Expo: a gathering of tertiary educators, charities and not-for-profits who have valuable information on future career options, volunteer opportunities and leadership development opportunities.

Who Attends? Students selected by their schools or community groups as possessing leadership potential attend these events. Some schools send the students they have recently appointed to leadership positions such as SRC members, Prefects, and School Captains. The program is designed to benefit any student who shows an interest in developing their leadership potential.

Visit the [Brisbane NYLD information page](#) for more information on registering, special offers, venue information and what to expect.

Upcoming Events:

08/10/2018 [National Young Leaders Day](#)
Brisbane, QLD

TAFE Queensland Open Days in 2018

[TAFE Queensland](#) will be hosting Open Days at its Acacia Ridge and Bracken Ridge training centres in June 2018. Students and staff are invited to tour the state-of-the-art trade training facilities, try a trade and speak to their trade expert teachers. Open days present a great opportunity for students to map out their pathway into a trade and learn about exciting new opportunities in industry. Group Training Organisations, Australian Apprenticeship Centres and other organisations will be exhibiting and providing valuable information. Make sure you [register](#) to attend this popular event.

Upcoming Events:

12/06/2018 [TAFE Queensland Open Days in 2018 – Bracken Ridge](#)
Bracken Ridge, QLD

14/06/2018 [TAFE Queensland Open Days in 2018 – Acacia Ridge](#)
Acacia Ridge, QLD

University Open Days in Queensland in 2018

It is highly recommended to attend an open day event at the university (or universities) you wish to apply to for studies next year. The open day gives you an opportunity to talk to lecturers and current students about the courses you are interested in. You can also check out the campus, the support services offered and social and cultural activities available. Open days usually occur between July and early September each year. This bulletin will inform you of open days as dates become available.

Upcoming Events:

15/05/2018	<u>QUT Parent Information Seminar</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
28/07/2018	<u>Australian Catholic University Open Day</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
29/07/2018	<u>QUT Open Day – Gardens Point Campus</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
05/08/2018	<u>University of Queensland Open Day – St Lucia</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
12/08/2018	<u>Griffith University Open Day – Gold Coast</u> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
12/08/2018	<u>Griffith University Open Day – Nathan</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
12/08/2018	<u>Griffith University Open Day – Southbank</u> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
12/08/2018	<u>University of Southern Queensland Open Day - Toowoomba</u> <i>Toowoomba, QLD</i>
19/08/2018	<u>University of Queensland Open Day – Gatton</u> <i>Ipswich, QLD</i>
19/08/2018	<u>University of Southern Queensland Open Day - Springfield</u> <i>Springfield, QLD</i>
01/09/2018	<u>University of Southern Queensland Open Day - Ipswich</u> <i>Ipswich, QLD</i>

Private Provider Updates

Endeavour College of Natural Health – information for high school students

Endeavour specialises in degree courses in alternative medicine. Endeavour College of Natural Health is Australia's largest provider of education to the natural medicine industry, with [six campuses](#) nation-wide and online learning options. The programs offered include Nutrition and Dietetic Medicine, Naturopathy, Acupuncture, Myotherapy and Complementary Medicine.

The [webpage for high school students](#) contains links to information about [courses](#), [scholarships](#), open days, webinars and graduate profiles. Check back to the Endeavour [Events](#) page for updates to upcoming Endeavour-hosted events, including upcoming Webinars. It also provides an invitation to visit their Wellnation Clinics which are open to the public. If you are interested in alternative medicine but don't know much about it, attending open days and participating in other Endeavour activities could help you with your decision making.

Upcoming Events:

13/02/2018	Webinar: Studying Acupuncture at Endeavour College of Natural Health <i>Online, Webinar</i>
13/02/2018	Webinar: Studying Naturopathy at Endeavour College of Natural Health <i>Online, Webinar</i>
01/03/2018	Webinar: Studying Complementary Medicine at Endeavour College of Natural Health <i>Online, Webinar</i>

Evolve College offers accredited massage courses

Evolve College offers accredited Certificate IV and Diploma courses in massage. Short introductory courses are also offered. In Queensland, the college has training centres in Brisbane, Cairns, Gold Coast, Hervey Bay, Mackay, Rockhampton, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba and Townsville. Courses can be taken part-time, full-time or by correspondence. Find out more [here](#).

International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)

ICHM, located in South Australia, was the first Swiss Hotel Association institution outside of Europe. As a student, you can choose to finish your studies after completing the Bachelor of Business (Hospitality Management) or, go on to complete the more advanced Bachelor of International Hotel Management (Swiss Hotel Association). The second degree provides students with additional international management studies aimed at giving you a competitive industry advantage.

During the course, students have an opportunity to learn a language and to experience an industry placement in Australia or overseas. The ICHM website has a range of [promotional videos](#) which will provide you with more insight into their programs. Eligible students can apply for FEE-HELP loans. Visit the [ICHM website](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

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| 09/07/2018 to 13/07/2018 | International College of Hotel Management: Careers Week 2018
<i>Adelaide, SA</i> |
| 01/10/2018 to 05/10/2018 | International College of Hotel Management: Careers Week 2018
<i>Adelaide, SA</i> |

Jazz Music Institute (JMI) - a specialist jazz school

This private college, located in Bowen Hills, Brisbane delivers degree, diploma and certificate courses in jazz. In addition, JMI offers evening short courses; open workshops which feature nationally and internationally known jazz educators and performers; and Summer Jazz Clinics. JMI offers [School Workshops and Classes](#), including a Free 1 hour performance demonstration for high school students at your high school. JMI Live presents live jazz in Brisbane every Thursday and Friday night. Visit the [JMI website](#) for information on their upcoming gigs (a good way to check out the college).

Open2Study – free, online, short courses

[Open2Study](#) is an initiative of Open Universities Australia. It provides over 45 free introductory level subjects in a university-style set up, delivered by universities such as RMIT, Griffith, James Cook, Macquarie and Swinburne. The course description for each subject includes a list of further formal study on the topic and the jobs this could lead to. The following is a sample of the subjects on offer:

- Food, Nutrition and Your Health
- Foundations of Psychology
- Introduction to Nursing in Healthcare
- Mining Engineering
- Negotiation and Conflict Resolution
- Online Advertising
- Mobile Robotics
- Financial Planning
- Basic Physics

Through [Open2Study](#) you could test drive a topic you are considering for future study to help with your decision making. You could experience university level study and acquire new knowledge and skills that will help you in your future university endeavours.



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

2018/19 Queensland Tertiary Application and Offer Timeline

Year 12 goes very quickly. If you are intending, later in the year to apply through QTAC for tertiary courses, it is a good idea to know what happens between now and then. **The following information is based on what normally happens each year (there could be some changes).** Not all dates are available at this time. The remainder and any changes to the process will be published in this bulletin, as they become known.

Timeline for 2018

April:

- [Bond University Scholarships](#) for Year 12 Australian Students Open on 1 April 2018

May:

- Regional career expos are held from May to August. You can access the 2018 dates from the [Student Connect](#) and the [QTAC](#) websites later in the year.
- [Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo](#) is on 11-12 May 2018

June:

- [UMAT](#) registrations close on 1 June 2018
- Late [UMAT registrations](#) close (a late fee applies) on 15 June 2018
- *QTAC Guide* distributed to schools

July:

- [TSXPO](#) (Tertiary Studies Expo) at the Brisbane Showgrounds on 21- 22 July 2018
- Sit [UMAT](#) on 25 July 2018
- [Bond University Scholarships](#) for Year 12 Australian Students close on 31 July 2018
- Institution Open Days

August:

- [QTAC](#) online application is activated
- Some applications for music auditions due
- Institution open days
- [Queensland Core Skills Test](#) on 4 and 5 September 2018

September:

- [QTAC](#) 'on-time' application due date
- [UMAT](#) results released mid September
- Institution open days

October:

- Registration for auditions/interviews for some creative industry courses
- Scholarship application due dates for some universities

November:

- Final day for Year 12s
- Some QTAC offers given to eligible applicants
- Registration for auditions/interviews for some creative industries courses

December:

- [QTAC](#) early offer rounds for eligible applicants
- [QTAC](#) major offer round for some creative and performing arts courses
- 15 December – Year 12 results mailed to students from the [QCAA](#)
- 16 December – Year 12 students can access their OP results from their learning account on the [Student Connect website](#)
- [QTAC](#) offers following the release of Year 12 results for eligible applicants
- Scholarship application due dates for some universities

Timeline for 2019

January:

- Last date to change preferences for the [QTAC](#) January major offer round
- [QTAC](#) major offer round in mid-January

February:

- [QTAC](#) 'top-up' offer rounds
- Orientation week for many institutions



Apps to spark your memory

The [Social Hub](#) on the University of Southern Queensland's website has tips, resources and advice you might find useful. One of the resources introduces you to [apps that help improve your memory](#). The apps are free and available for Apple and Android. The apps are:

- **Peak Brain Training** – gives your brain a workout with memory games, word pairs and maths
- **Brain School Training** – tasks that seem easy but, because they are timed, are challenging
- **Memorado** – set training goals in the specific memory areas you would like to improve
- **Fit Brains Trainer** – uses technology to determine the best way to train your brain even if you have a learning difficulty

Resources for looking after yourself – Surviving Year 12

Much is required of you during Years 11 and 12. It can be stressful at times. It is important to build your resilience to meet the challenges of this time in your life and the future. The [beyondblue website](#) contains strategies and resources for looking after yourself. Have a read and start the year off with healthy habits. Remember your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor can also help you learn strategies to cope with the challenges of senior study and life and you can download [the Surviving Year 12 Fact Sheet](#) and explore information related to:

- Look After Yourself
- Get a good night's sleep
- Managing Study
- Getting Support
- Looking after your mates

The 5-Count Breath – a quick technique to help you refocus

Things can get hectic during the day at school. Sometimes we need to take the time to rest and refocus. The 5-Count Breath technique takes a couple of minutes and is a useful way to reset the day. Listen to the [5-Count Breath broadcast](#) presented by ABC Radio and Smiling Mind. Download the MP3 to start the presentation. Check out the other mindfulness techniques on the [Mindfully](#) site.



TAFE Queensland

Each year TAFE Queensland enrolls over 120,000 students across a network of over 50 campuses in Queensland, in employers' workplaces, online and in markets offshore. They offer foundation skills and entry level qualifications to higher education degrees across more than 500 programs.

TAFE Queensland have a [School Students website](#) which provides students with a range of study and career options to gain skills, get a job or go onto further study. Their interactive website contains information specifically for school students regarding:

- [TAFE at School](#)
- [University Pathways](#)
- [TAFE and QTAC](#)
- [Complete Year 11 and 12 at TAFE](#)

[Get a head start with a TAFE at School Course](#) – TAFE Queensland have almost 100 courses you can complete while you are still at school. If you are a year 10* 11 or 12 student you're eligible to participate in the TAFE at School program. You can choose from a number of exciting and varied certificate II and certificate III courses. Best of all, a TAFE at School course can be achieved in conjunction with your senior studies and can count towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Completing a TAFE at School course is also a great way to open up new [pathways to university](#).

**Subject to a letter of support from the school principal*



Coming up at CQUniversity Brisbane

Start Uni Now (SUN) Applications Closing Soon - SUN is a fantastic option for students wanting to kick-start their tertiary education and sample university life. With SUN, students can explore potential study areas, trial university life and experience the difference between high school and university. Furthermore, as of Term 1 2018, high school students from across Australia will have the opportunity to undertake their first Start Uni Now (SUN) unit at zero cost.[^] Interested students need to act quickly as Term 1 2018 applications close Friday, 16 February 2018. For more information, visit the [CQUniversity SUN Website](#) for details regarding costs, courses, eligibility and details on how to apply.

[^] First unit free initiative applies to new students only. Unit resource costs such as textbooks still apply. Visit the CQUniversity website for more information

CQ University Open Day 2018 - Are your students deciding where or what to study? CQUniversity has scheduled its 2018 Open Day to get the answers to all the questions students might have. Visitors to the Open Day will be able to explore the campus, get a feel for university life, attend information sessions and engage with our helpful staff and academics.

Upcoming Events:

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| 16/02/2018 | CQUniversity SUN Applications Close Online |
| 09/08/2018 | CQUniversity Open Day Brisbane
Brisbane, QLD |

News from Griffith University (GU)

Science and Engineering Challenge – This challenge is designed to help students, through fun and practical hands-on activities, to understand the opportunities available in science, technology and engineering. It is open to class-sized teams of Year 9 and 10 students. Applications for the South Brisbane and Gold Coast events will open shortly. Visit the [Science on the Go website](#) for more information and to watch a video of previous challenge events. Talk to your science teacher about entering a team.

Growing Tall Poppies Program - The [Growing Tall Poppies](#) program is an aspirational program for Year 10 female high school students considering a future career in science, with a focus on physics. The program focuses on physics as a catalyst for solving real- world issues, breaking down stereotypes about physics being hard and only for boys, increasing girls' identity with physics skills and highlights career pathways and frontiers that are opened up by further physics study. Students who are invited to be a part of the program take part in a free three-day workshop with real-life physicists on campus at Griffith University's Nathan campus. You will have access to the usually highly-restricted Physics laser laboratories and the Centre for

Quantum Dynamics, create your own investigations and research and experience first-hand what it is like to be a science researcher at a university. This is a highly competitive program and places are extremely limited. Registration is essential.

Griffith Honours College – Admission to the [Griffith Honours College](#) is available to school leavers who are undertaking their first undergraduate degree. International students who meet the eligibility criteria are also invited to apply for entry. The College provides a range of experiences in addition to academic study. These include mentoring, leadership development, international study, work and research, networking and social events.

Help for elite athletes - If you are an elite athlete thinking of applying for courses at Griffith next year, you need to explore the assistance you can get from the [Griffith Sports College](#). You will receive support to balance your academic and sporting commitments. You may also be considered for rank/OP bonus points.

Griffith College - [Griffith College](#) offers undergraduate diploma programs that, on successful completion, provide guaranteed [pathways to degree programs at Griffith University](#). The fields of study offered include biosciences, commerce, criminology and criminal justice, design, engineering, health sciences, hotel management, IT, media and communications. The college is located at the Mt Gravatt and Gold Coast campuses.

Upcoming Events:

24/03/2018 to 25/03/2018	World Science Festival <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
10/04/2018 to 12/04/2018	Growing Tall Poppies Program: Session 1 <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
04/06/2018 to 05/06/2018	Science and Engineering Challenges: Session 1, Canterbury College <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
07/06/2018 to 08/06/2018	Science and Engineering Challenges: Session 2, Queensland Academy of Health Sciences <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
03/10/2018 to 05/10/2018	Growing Tall Poppies Program: Session 2 <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Updates

[Admissions overview 2018](#) – In 2018, QUT made around 12,900 offers for places in Semester 1, with many students receiving their offer prior to Christmas. There has been an increase in demand by as much as 10% for a number of courses. Interest has been strong for the STEM disciplines of engineering, information technology and the natural and physical sciences. The Bachelor of Business was also popular choice. Nursing always attracts strong numbers but this year there were increases in the number of students applying for biomedical science, paramedic science and pharmacy. Fine arts is another area with increased interest. For the latest information about QUT courses including the new OP thresholds, visit www.qut.edu.au/study

Opportunities for QUT students – Students can gain personally and professionally by taking advantage of the many opportunities available at QUT. These include:

- Internships with industry are available in many fields e.g. internships in [Science and Engineering](#)
- [Work integrated learning](#), lets you combine workplace activities with academic study

- For those interested in research, QUT's [Vacation Research Experience Scheme](#) (VRES) is a chance to learn alongside researchers
- All students can access the [Leadership, Development and Innovation program](#), to develop their skills and strengths in these areas
- International study through [QUT's Student Exchange programs](#)
- [Subject Selection for STEM Careers](#) – find out which subjects in senior high school prepare you for successful studies at QUT in science, IT, engineering, mathematics, health and education

High school STEM internships – [QUT's high school STEM internships](#) invites high-achieving Year 12 students to apply for the opportunity to expand their skill sets beyond the classroom and explore future career ambitions with like-minded peers - all before university. The rigorous two-month program develops students' technical, leadership and critical thinking skills through a suite of on-campus practical learning, professional development and external assessment. The feature of the program is a week-long experience in QUT's state-of-the-art science and engineering facilities where students work in small groups on a research project of choice based on the work of leading QUT STEM experts. As an intern, students will be treated like a real QUT undergraduate, enjoying student campus life, accessing facilities and online resources, and undertaking practical and written assessment to prepare them for university as a new generation STEM leader. For more information regarding dates, costs, eligibility and to apply, visit the [QUT high school STEM internships](#) website.

Parent website – At this [website](#) parents can keep up-to-date with the latest information from QUT; download a brochure specifically for parents; and find out about courses, entry requirements, processes and university life.

Parent information seminars – In May, QUT will deliver a [seminar](#) at QUT Gardens Point to provide parents and their senior secondary children an opportunity to learn more about QUT. Information will be provided on:

- making course and career decisions
- getting into university
- life as a university student
- transition to university and support for students
- study costs and financial support
- resources for parents

QUT at the World Science Festival - Get a taste of QUT STEM by attending [StreetScience](#). In 2018 the cultural forecourt at South Bank Parklands will again turn into a science playground with dozens of free immersive and family-friendly events for everyone to enjoy. Take part in hands-on activities and explore the science behind robots, fossils, bubbles, slime, spiders, solar energy, drones, augmented reality, experiments and even explosions! For more information visit [QUT's website](#) or the [World Science Festival website](#).

New opportunities in creative industries – QUT will offer a number of new courses in the design and communication study areas will be available from 2019, including a range of extensive double degrees. Visit QUT's [new opportunities in creative industries webpage](#) for more information. Further information about these new offerings for 2019 will be available on our [study website](#) from late March 2018.

START QUT – gives you the opportunity to study up to two university units, in the same classes as current QUT students, while you're completing Year 12. You can select two units from across the university, and study one unit each semester. This is a great opportunity to get a head start on your chosen undergraduate course, or to try out study areas you're interested in. Visit the [QUT Start webpage](#) for more information on what you receive, how much it costs and other things to consider.

Upcoming Events:

01/03/2018 to 16/05/2018	START QUT – Kelvin Grove (Start Month July 2018) <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
01/03/2018 to 16/05/2018	START QUT – Gardens Point (Start Month July 2018) <i>Gardens Point, Brisbane, QLD</i>
03/03/2018	Street Science Show <i>Gladstone, QLD</i>
10/03/2018	Street Science Show <i>Chinchilla, QLD</i>
21/03/2018 to 25/03/2018	World Science Festival Brisbane <i>Various</i>
24/03/2018	Street Science <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
09/04/2018 to 13/04/2018	High School STEM Internships, Applications Now Open <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
09/05/2018	Subject Selection for STEM Careers <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
15/05/2018	Parent Information Seminar and twilight campus tour <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

Resources on the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) website

My Brilliant Career Profiler – This is a fun questionnaire that identifies your personality and matches it with USC courses you might enjoy. You can find it on the [USC website](#).

USC Career Directory – This [directory](#) can be of help when you know the career you want but don't know what USC course you can do to get there.

Parent Lounge – This [webpage](#) has heaps of resources that parents can use to support their children as they transition to university study.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) – events in 2018

The following are some of the events that USQ will hold in 2018 for students considering further study after Year 12. These events are also an opportunity to check out the USQ campuses and what they offer.

[Student Experience Day](#) - Student Experience Days in 2018 create an exciting, engaging and immersive experience for students to explore their passion. Students can choose a study stream consisting of interactive sessions based on their individual study interests. Students will also participate in a range of relevant USQ information sessions, career development sessions, campus tours, residential college tours (Toowoomba) and can speak with USQ academics and current students about their journey to university.

[Beyond Year 10 Camp](#) - Find out first-hand what is available beyond Year 10 by attending a two and a half day careers camp experience. You will have the opportunity to explore your career and education pathway options, visit a variety of local Toowoomba businesses and enjoy career focused activities while staying on-campus at USQ's residential college. Visit the [Beyond Year 10 Camp website](#) for more information.

Head Start Orientation evening - Head Start students and their support crew are invited to attend the USQ [Head Start Orientation](#) at USQ Springfield on 20 February. This evening provides an opportunity to connect with fellow Head Start students, and get important information such as how to navigate USQ StudyDesk. Previous Head Start students will be available throughout the evening. If you're unable to attend, resources are available [online](#). RSVP by [emailing](#) the team by 19 February.

Women in STEM Prize - Female professionals who are currently working and contributing to the development of STEM in Queensland are encouraged to apply for the [2018 Queensland Women in STEM Prize](#). This \$5000 prize will support recipients in professional development opportunities. More information on the prize and communication training sessions available [online](#).

Get Writing Prize - are you the next Shakespeare or J.K. Rowling? If you are a high school student in years 7-12 with a passion for writing poetry or short stories this competition is for you! Enter to win some great prizes including membership to [Express Media](#) - the peak organisation for young Australian writers, mentoring by USQ staff or students, writer's toolboxes, QBD vouchers and more.

[Get Writing Prizes](#)

A panel from the [School of Arts and Communication](#) will select a winner and runner up in each category/section.

- Junior Poetry is open to Australian secondary school students in Years 7-9
- Junior Short Story is open to Australian secondary school students in Years 7-9
- Senior Poetry is open to Australian secondary school students in Years 10-12
- Senior Short Story is open to Australian secondary school students in Years 10-12

Upcoming Events:

02/01/2018 to 26/02/2018	Women in STEM Prize <i>Online</i>
19/02/2018	Get Writing Prize 2018 Entries Open <i>Online</i>
20/02/2018	Head Start Orientation evening - <i>Springfield, QLD</i>
01/05/2018	USQ Student Experience Day: Toowoomba <i>Toowoomba, QLD</i>
03/05/2018	USQ Student Experience Day: Springfield <i>Springfield, QLD</i>
10/05/2018	USQ Student Experience Day: Ipswich <i>Ipswich, QLD</i>

Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)

Tips for new students – If you are planning to study at UQ next year, you will find the [YouTube videos](#) helpful. Topics covered include:

- Tips on accommodation
- Tips on getting to UQ
- Choosing what to study
- Transitioning to university

Careers that started in science - The Faculty of Science at UQ has gathered the profiles of scientists who have used their qualifications to gain entry into a diverse range of interesting and rewarding jobs and now work worldwide. The profiles can be accessed from '[Careers that started in science](#)'.

UQ's undergraduate health website - This [website](#) has the following useful resources for students interested in a health science career.

- Information on health science study areas
- [2018 Health Study Guide](#)
- A link to the [Health Blog](#)

Nominations for the 2018 UQ Science Ambassador program are open! Teachers may nominate up to four (2018) year 11 students for the 2018 UQ Science Ambassador program in 2 easy steps.

- Step 1: You or the nominated students must complete the [online nomination form](#) and click submit.
- Step 2: Download the UQ Science Ambassador [consent forms](#) then print, complete and return the forms to sciamb@uq.edu.au

Applications close 2 March 2018.

Both the online nomination and consent form MUST be completed and submitted by the closing date to be accepted as a 2018 Science Ambassador. For more information, please contact sciamb@uq.edu.au

Upcoming Events:

02/03/2018

[2018 UQ Science Ambassador program](#)
Online