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Can I start an apprenticeship or traineeship at school?

Starting an apprenticeship or traineeship while still at school is a real option. It's important that you have a strong sense of what you want to do when you leave school. You might like to undertake some work experience in the area before you make the commitment. It's important that you talk to your parents and people at your school, like your VET Coordinator, Guidance/Career Counsellor, Teachers or support staff to gain a good understanding of your options. If you are interested in an apprenticeship or traineeship while you are still at school, you would start a school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SATs).

The major advantage of a SAT is getting a head start on the training you will require for the job you want when you leave school, while still being eligible to complete your secondary education. Normally, when you have a SAT, you spend one or two days with your employer and the rest of the week at school. You will also be required to do a formal course through TAFE or another registered training organisation in addition to your on-the-job-training.

It is possible to complete a traineeship while you are still at school. Apprenticeships, however, normally take longer. School-based apprenticeships are usually converted to full-time apprenticeships when you leave school. Find out more about SATs on the following websites:

- [Queensland Government website](#)
- [Queensland Government Apprenticeships Info website](#)

Organise an interview with your school's VET Coordinator and/or Guidance Counsellor/Officer to talk about SATs.

Having a driving licence may give you an edge when applying for an apprenticeship

In some trade areas employers are more likely to take on an apprentice who has a driver's licence. This is especially true in the construction industry where there are multiple and changing worksites. Having to depend on parents and/or public transport to get to the worksite may not be practical or even possible.

If you are interested in applying for an apprenticeship, especially in the construction industry, consider applying for your learner licence when you become eligible (16 years of age). Once you turn 17, have 100 hours or more of supervised driving experience and pass the practical driving test, you will be issued a provisional licence. This licence allows you to drive unsupervised. Visit the [Department of Transport and Main Roads website](#) to find out more about obtaining a driver's licence.

I'm doing a Certificate III in Fitness. Why do I need a Blue Card?

Students studying a VET (Vocational Education and Training) course in which they are required to do a work placement in sport, fitness and active recreation involving young people (under 18 years of age) are required, by law, to have a Blue Card. The Blue Card system in Queensland is used to monitor those who work with young people. Its aim is to reduce the risks of harm to young people by creating a safe and non-threatening environment. The Registered Training Organisation (RTO) conducting the VET course (a school or outside organisation) is responsible for applying for Blue Cards on behalf of the students doing the course. You can read more about Blue Cards on the [Blue Card Services website](#).

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming [Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions](#) by visiting the 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:

13/03/2018	Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
13/03/2018	Toowoomba Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session <i>Toowoomba, QLD</i>
13/03/2018	Caloundra Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session <i>Caloundra, QLD</i>
13/03/2018	Caboolture A Night in the Army Reserve Info Session <i>Caboolture, QLD</i>
14/03/2018	Mount Isa Trades Careers Information Session <i>Mt Isa, QLD</i>
15/03/2018	Gold Coast Gap Year Information Session 15 March 18 <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
19/03/2018	Australia Defence Force Academy Information Session <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
19/03/2018	Hervey Bay Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session <i>Hervey Bay, QLD</i>
20/03/2018	Brisbane Women in Defence Information Session <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
20/03/2018	Gold Coast Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
20/03/2018	Rockhampton ADF Gap Year Information Session <i>Rockhampton, QLD</i>
21/03/2018	Gold Coast Women in Defence Information Session <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
21/03/2018	Ipswich Defence Careers Information Session <i>Ipswich, QLD</i>
21/03/2018	Toowoomba ADFA Future Leaders Networking Evening <i>Toowoomba, QLD</i>
21/03/2018	Mackay Defence Careers Information Session

	<i>Mackay, QLD</i>
22/03/2018	Mooloolaba ADFA Future Leaders Networking Evening <i>Mooloolaba, QLD</i>
22/03/2018	Gladstone ADF Gap Year Information Session <i>Gladstone, QLD</i>

Defence Work Experience Program

Work experience is one way to find out if a military life is for you. Visit the [Defence Work Experience website](#) (click on 'Placements' and 'Qld') for a list of work experience opportunities to view a list of currently published opportunities for the year. You will need to speak to your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or Work Experience Coordinator about applying. This is a popular program, so start your application early.

Upcoming Events:

09/04/2018 to 13/04/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Medical Corps Overview (2nd Close Health Company) <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
23/04/2018 to 26/04/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Army Field and Familiarisation Program: Gallipoli Barracks <i>Enoggera, QLD</i>
30/04/2018 to 04/05/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Armoured Corps Overview (2nd Cavalry Regiment) <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
30/04/2018 to 04/05/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Medical Corps Overview (2nd Close Health Company) <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
14/05/2018 to 18/05/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Army Aviation – 5th Aviation Regiment: RAAF Base Townsville <i>Garbutt, QLD</i>
28/05/2018 to 30/05/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Army Field and Familiarisation Program: Gallipoli Barracks <i>Enoggera, QLD</i>
25/06/2018 to 27/06/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: ADF Malaria and Infectious Disease Institute (ADFMI) – Secondary School: Gallipoli Barracks <i>Enoggera, QLD</i>
25/06/2018 to 27/06/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Army Field and Familiarisation Program: Gallipoli Barracks <i>Enoggera, QLD</i>
25/06/2018 to 28/06/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Army Aviation Training Centre (AAvntC) Familiarisation: Swartz Barracks <i>Oakey, QLD</i>
25/06/2018 to 29/06/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Armoured Corps Overview (2nd Cavalry Regiment) <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
26/06/2018 to 28/06/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Navy Overview Session 2 <i>Cairns, QLD</i>

Gap Year is open!

You can now apply for the 2019 Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year, to experience life in the Navy, Army or Air Force. It's an opportunity to experience military life, without committing to a longer period. An ADF Gap Year is a way to have an adventurous year, gain valuable skills and work experience and get paid for it. In 2019 there are 14 roles to choose from including:

- [ADF Gap Year Administration Assistant – Air Force](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Administration Assistant – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Air Defence Operator – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Airbase Protection and Security – Air Force](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Army Officer – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Artillery Operator – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Aviation Support Technician – Air Force](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Cabin Crew – Air Force](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Combat Engineer – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Driver – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Infantry Soldier – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year – Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Warehouse Assistant – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Warehouse Store person – Air Force](#)

Requirements:

- Australian citizen
- Aged between 18 and 24 years on admission
- Year 12 completion (required passes vary by job)

[Watch Gap Year Videos here](#). Applications are available for a short time. This is a very popular program, so if you have a serious interest in it, apply now. See the [Defence Jobs website](#) for more information and to apply.



Business or Commerce degree - What's the difference?

Institutions can differ in what they call their business-related degrees. For example, the Queensland University of Technology includes all its business specialisations/majors in its B Business. Griffith University and the University of Queensland offer both a business degree and a commerce degree with different specialisations/majors in each degree. When researching business/commerce degrees, it is important to identify the specialisations or majors offered as this may influence the types of jobs you can apply for immediately after you graduate. According to Chartered Accountants of Australia and New Zealand (CA) 'business' focuses on how individual organisations operate, while 'commerce' focuses more on the wider commercial and economic environment.

Careers with stem online magazines

The [Careers with STEM website](#) has recently released its 2018 Careers with Science and Careers with Health magazines. The magazines are packed full of short articles, information about courses, case studies and activities. You can download them or read them on line.

The High Five of career development

The High Five are wise concepts to follow when making career decisions. They are adapted from [The Real Game](#) series.

1. **Change is constant** - The world of work is always changing. You also change as you develop personally and experience life. Don't be afraid of change; accept it and use it as an opportunity.
2. **Know yourself and follow your heart** - One of the most important skills in career management is self-awareness – knowing your interests, abilities, values, aspirations and the things/people that influence you. Start your job ideas list with jobs you would most like (your dream jobs) even if they are currently unrealistic. Exploring these jobs can get you started and lead to other jobs you hadn't thought of.
3. **Focus on the journey** - It is good to have goals, both short and long term. However, we should not be so focused on these that we miss opportunities that may emerge along the way.
4. **Learning is ongoing** - Learning doesn't stop just because you finish your course and get a job. Just as change is constant so is the need to keep up to speed with new technologies, new methods of practice and emerging trends in your career field.
5. **Access your allies** - These are the people who can help and support you during your career journey. They can include your school guidance officer/counsellor, teachers, your family and friends, sport

coaches and others within your social network. You can learn much from other people's experiences.

What do meteorologists do?

Meteorologists forecast the weather and study the atmosphere to improve our understanding of climate. Specialisations include: Climatologist, Hydrometeorologist, Meteorological Consultant and Research Meteorologist. Those interested in this area should be flexible and resourceful and have ability in science, especially physics and mathematics. A degree in science or applied science with a major in mathematics, physics, meteorology or atmospheric studies is usually required. The following Queensland universities offer a B Science or B Applied Science with majors in mathematics and/or physics:

- CQUniversity
- Griffith University
- James Cook University
- Queensland University of Technology
- University of Queensland
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of the Sunshine Coast

For further information about these occupations, visit the [Bureau of Meteorology website](#). Read a profile of a Severe Weather Meteorologist [here](#) and visit this [LinkedIn page](#) to find out more about jobs, companies, people and articles related to the role of Meteorologist. Do an occupational search on the [myfuture website](#) (Sign up to this free site if this is your first visit). Go to 'Occupations' and do a search for meteorologist.

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.

2018 Young ICT Explorers competition

Young ICT Explorers is a competition in which school students submit an information and communication technologies (ICT) related project. Students can submit projects individually or in teams of up to four. Students can register for this competition through their school by 4 June 2018. Students have until 24 June 2018 to submit their project report. Projects could include a mobile phone application, computer game, website, digital art, robot, short film or animation. The best teams will be invited to the judging event later in the year. Visit the [Young ICT Explorers website](#) for details. Ask one of your teachers to register your school if you want to participate in this competition.

A competition for young composers

The Score IT Competition is part of the Queensland Music Festival. [ScoreIT!](#) Is a state-wide film-scoring competition open to all secondary students in Queensland. The competition requires young composers to create an original composition for a short film produced by the [Griffith Film School](#). Register on the [Score IT website](#). The competition closes on 18 May 2018.

The 2018 SAE ATOM Awards for Film and Media Excellence

The ATOM (Australian Teachers of Media) Awards are for achievement in film and media. There are several award categories for secondary students, including documentary, animation, fiction and music videos. Visit the [website](#) for details. Entries close on Friday 1 June 2018.

Upcoming Events:

21/01/2018 to 18/05/2018	Film Scoring Competition <i>Online</i>
22/01/2018 to 29/06/2018	2018 Hermitage Plant Science Competition <i>Online</i>
19/02/2018 to 01/06/2018	USQ - Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize <i>Online</i>
19/02/2018 to 15/06/2018	USQ - Get Writing Competition <i>Online</i>
12/03/2018 to 16/03/2018	Australian Brain Bee Challenge – Round 1 <i>Online</i>
13/03/2018 to 01/06/2018	2018 SAE ATOM Award for Film and Media Excellence

	<i>Online</i>
04/06/2018	<u>2018 Young ICT Explorers Competition – Expression of Interest Deadline</u> <i>Online</i>
10/06/2018	<u>2018 Young ICT Explorers Competition – Registration Deadline</u> <i>Online</i>
24/06/2018	<u>2018 Young ICT Explorers Competition – Project Report Submission Deadline</u> <i>Online</i>

Disabilities

Employment assistance through Ostara Australia

[Ostara Australia](#) is a national not-for-profit organisation that works closely with the Australian Government, member organisations, communities and employers to place people disadvantaged through age, health, disability or cultural background into sustainable employment.

Their website offers a range of services for [job seekers](#) including:

- Assistance with Job Search & Interviews
- Ongoing Support for a smooth transition into your new job
- A National Network of Employers
- Specialist Mental Health Services
- Personalised Support & Mentoring
- Work Ready Training
- Skill Development
- Goal Setting
- Resume Building
- Career Counselling
- Links with Countless Wellbeing Services
- [Job Retention Program Assistance](#), for people at risk of losing their job due to a mental illness.

Visit the [website](#) to learn more about this organisation and the services it offers.

Employment

A career path you may not know about:

Dental Hygienists, Technicians and Therapists provide supportive dental services in preventative and restorative dental procedures, and construct and repair dental appliances.

Related occupations include:

- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Prosthetist
- Dental Technician
- Dental Therapist
- Clinical Dental Technician
- Dental Laboratory Assistant

Main tasks performed:

- providing educational programs to motivate children, parents and the community in matters relating to oral health
- providing fluoride therapy by applying remineralising solutions and desensitising agents
- removing deposits from teeth
- applying non-invasive fissure sealants to teeth
- taking impressions of the mouth
- taking dental radiographs

Source: [myfuture](#)

Recent Articles

Student Outcomes Survey: self-reported graduate model review – a technical paper published in early March 2018, by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), that presents a statistical model used to predict whether Student Outcomes Survey participants who self-report as graduates are ‘actual’ graduates according to official definitions. The [full article](#) is available on the NCVER website for review.

Robots are becoming our colleagues and we should realise how great this is - we have been told repeatedly that automation is going to take over our jobs. However, this article suggests that we are entering a world of wonderful opportunity and not one of digital doom and gloom. In the future, robots will perform more and more jobs, which will make our enterprising (and ultimately human) skills, more sought after than ever.

Computers will likely continue to become extensions of our ideas and processes, not a force to be competed with. Read the full article on the [Foundation for Young Australians \(FYA\) website](#).

Not Every Computer-Related Job Is IT - the field of computing has expanded rapidly over the past decade and we know that many current computing students will take on jobs that do not even exist today. An [article](#) published in February 2018 by Janet Miller and Randy Connolly, suggests that an understanding of computing disciplines to help guide students in choosing the right career path is essential. The article states "despite the fact that computer-related careers are the paradigmatic work of the 21st century, surprisingly little is known about the range of work people can do within this field. Perceptions of computing are especially shaped by stereotypical portrayals in film and television (insert mental picture of cubical work or darkened basements, of hackers and programming geeks, here)." The article goes on to identify five distinct disciplines within computing: computer science (CS), information systems (IS), software engineering (SE), computer engineering (CE) and information technology (IT). This is an interesting article for anyone considering a career within the IT field or for those exploring their options. You can read the [full article](#) or visit ceric.ca/computing for more information.

Non-cognitive skills are also important for getting future jobs - According to a recent [article from the World Economic Forum](#), cognitive skills (e.g. your results in academic subjects) have been used in the past to measure the calibre of a job candidate. However, a report by the Hamilton Project, an economic think-tank, suggests that non-cognitive skills are becoming increasingly important. Non-cognitive skills are often called 'soft skills'. They are the skills we need to effectively interact and communicate with others and to take leadership and collaborative roles in team activities. They also include critical thinking, problem solving, and attributes such as initiative, attention to detail and self-motivation. The Hamilton Project argue that these skills are crucial for success in today's labour market for the following reasons:

- Today's jobs demand more non-cognitive skills than they did in the past.
- The labour market increasingly rewards those with non-cognitive skills.
- Those with effective non-cognitive skills are more likely to be in full time employment.
- Those with fewer non-cognitive skills are being left behind.

Read the [article](#) to learn about the research data on which these reasons are based.

If you're young and work in hospitality, you need to read this – This article looks at the things you need to know so you don't get ripped off. Topics include pay, breaks, sick leave, and trials. Access the article from the [FYA website](#).

The most promising jobs of 2018 – This LinkedIn article lists the most promising jobs in America this year based on the potential for career advancement, job growth and salary. The jobs include engagement lead, software engineer, customer success manager, solutions architect, sales director, engineering manager, program manager, product manager, data scientist and enterprise account manager. Read the full list in the [article](#).

A survival guide for the coming AI revolution – This article from a recent Conversation newsletter suggests three survival steps below. Access this entertaining article [here](#).

- Recognising AI – Accept that AI is already here.
- Identify where AI thrives - Have a look around and note the tasks that require huge amounts of data processing. AI is particularly good at any task that requires an enormous amount of repetitive processing. Avoid these jobs.
- Devise an action plan – There are two options here: resist or make friends with AI. The author suggests the latter plan will be more productive.

What are the most in –demand job skills for the future? A recent [article](#) (January 2018) published in the Herald Sun highlights the most valuable skill in 2020 and beyond. The article raises the notion that the ‘ability to learn’ will be your most valuable asset if you want to have currency in the new world. It goes further to state, “flexibility, agility, adaptability, creative problem solving; these are all important skills for the future,” ... but you can’t sit someone down and say, ‘learn agility’”. The article identifies advice for staying relevant in the future including:

1. Focus on the stuff that humans are good at
2. Study something you enjoy
3. Learn how to learn
4. Take the emotion out of it
5. Embrace automation
6. Learn how to be resilient

An interesting article for those interested in how we can prepare the next generation for the workforce of the future. You can read the [full article](#) on the Sun Herald’s website.

Why is labour market information important?

To make good career decisions for the future, you need to have some idea of the employment prospects for the jobs you are interested in. The following resources can be helpful in this process:

- **Australian Jobs website** – This is an online resource that provides information on the labour market and how it is changing. It is based on the annual Australian Jobs publication. It can help you understand where the jobs of tomorrow will be and how to prepare for them. It also highlights what skills and traits employers in different industries value the most and outlines job prospects for over 350 occupations. Visit the website [here](#). You can download the hardcopy report from this site.
- **Labour Market Information Portal (LMIP)** – Content on the [LMIP](#) is divided into three sections:
- Explore the data – here you can find regional labour market data, including five-year growth figures by industry
- Gain insights – here are reports based on the data, including the 2016 Industry Employment Projections Report
- Downloads – this section allows you to download a range of data as an Excel file.
- **The Department of Employment website** – The [Skill Shortages](#) webpage on this site identifies the areas of skill shortage nationally and by state/territory. It also provides skill shortage information by occupation.
- **Job Outlook** - The [Job Outlook website](#) provides information (skills, knowledge, abilities, interests, and activities relevant to each occupation) on over 300 occupations. Included in the information for each occupation is a section on job prospects which includes the number of workers in the occupation and the expected employment growth for the next five years.
- **Graduate Careers Australia** – This [website](#) provides a range of graduate-related publications and research on topics such as salary trends and graduate employment opportunities. The [GradStats document](#) is helpful as it contains the employment and salary outcomes of recent higher education graduates.
- **Phone Apps** - There are also several phone apps that can provide some labour market information. For example, [Career Quiz Australia](#) and [Job Seeker](#) can be downloaded for free from the iTunes app store and Google Play. [CareerMe](#) can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store and the Android Marketplace.

Youth Jobs PaTH Internships (trial)

Youth Jobs PaTH helps prepare young people aged 15-24 with the right skills, so that they are ready for employers to hire them into their businesses. For those who need it, Youth Jobs PaTH provides Employability Skills Training to equip young people for work and help them understand the expectations of employers. The training is delivered by Registered Training Organisations and helps ensure young people have vital skills such as presentation, communication and teamwork.

PaTH internships became available in April 2017. This program helps job seekers gain work experience by taking part in an internship placement with a local business for between 4 - 12 weeks. During this time, the job seeker has an opportunity to show an employer what they can do and how they fit into the business. The internships are unpaid. However, interns will receive an extra \$200 a fortnight on top of their income support payment. There is the potential to be given a full-time job at the end of the traineeship.

To be eligible to participate in a Youth Jobs PaTH internship, job seekers must:

- be aged 17 – 24
- be on [income support](#)
- have [mutual obligation requirements](#)
- be registered with [Jobactive](#), [Transition to Work](#) or [Disability Employment Services](#) for at least six months.

Visit the [Jobactive PaTH site](#) for more information.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Budgeting as a Student – tips on how to manage your money with new expenses!

The University of Queensland has published a '[Budgeting as a Student](#)' webpage to provide some penny pinching tips for university students. Some of the suggestions include:

- Going to [Market Day](#) during O-Fest to collect free pens
- Checking if your textbooks are available [second hand](#)
- Keeping your books in good condition and [selling them](#) at the end of the semester

The website goes further to provide tips on:

- Staying fed
- Getting around
- Social life and wellness

There are multiple links to other resources and organisations throughout the website.

Be sure to check it out if you are considering university next year!

Business, Economics and Law Scholarships for women of Samoan heritage

Current Year 12 students of Samoan heritage can apply for the [JM Donnelly Scholarship](#) once they have enrolled in a Business, Economics or Law course at the University of Queensland next year.

The scholarship is valued at \$3000. Applications for 2018 have now closed but keep an eye on the [JM Scholarship website](#) for more information for Scholarships in 2019.

Scholarships for Female Engineering Students

Female Year 12 students interested in studying engineering at the University of Queensland next year should be aware of the following scholarships they can apply for once they gain entry to the course in 2019. Please click on the links below for more information:

- [Leeanne Bond Scholarship for Women in Engineering](#)
- [Women in Engineering Scholarships \(UGCE1400\)](#)
- [Kathy Hirschfeld Scholarship for Women in Engineering](#)

USA sports scholarships and university placements

Many universities and colleges in the USA offer sports scholarships to students from other countries. To be considered for these scholarships you have to be able to demonstrate your sporting and academic potential. The process involved in researching available scholarships and applying for them is quite complex. There are several organisations that offer a service to help you through the process. It is important to find out as much as you can about the organisations and, if possible, talk to previous clients. The following are examples:

- **Study and Play in the USA** – This organisation has had over a decade of experience helping young Australians gain sports scholarships in the USA. During this time, it has established regular contact with head coaches in a wide range of sports across the US. Visit the [website](#) for more information.
- **Aus Recruit** – This organisation is a scholarship placement agency that represents talented student-athletes interested in obtaining sport scholarships to US universities. It has been operating since 2002. Read about the services provided by Aus Recruit on its [website](#).
- **Internationally Educated** – This organisation assists students and their families through the selection and application process for US universities. More information on the [website](#).
- **Student Placement Australia New Zealand** – This organisation offers several programs including an athletic and academic scholarships program through Go Campus. Find out more on the [website](#).



Gap Year Program News

Gap Year Program events

There are a number of Gap Year Program updates including:

- [Letzlive/Tutors Worldwide](#) will hold the following information evenings in March 2018. Visit the [website](#) to register your attendance.
- [Southern Cross Cultural Exchange](#) will hold a number of [information sessions](#) in March 2018. Visit their [website](#) to register your interest in attending.
- Applications for the [Australian Defence Gap Year](#) are now open. This is a very popular program. Don't miss out. Apply early
- [Cultural Care Au Pair](#) hold information meetings to provide more detailed information about their program. When you attend a meeting you will meet Cultural Care representatives who will answer any questions about being an au pair in the USA. Visit the [website](#) to register your attendance.

Upcoming Events:

01/03/2018	ADF Gap Year Applications Open <i>Online</i>
13/03/2018	LetzLive Information Session <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
15/03/2018	LetzLive Information Session <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
20/03/2018	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
27/03/2018	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
09/04/2018	LetzLive UK Gap Year Program Applications Close <i>Online</i>
17/04/2018	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
08/05/2018	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions <i>Sunshine Coast, QLD</i>
17/05/2018	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
29/05/2018	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

Holiday Programs & Short Courses

Free School Holiday Activities

There are a number of free activities around Brisbane you can use to fill up your calendar this school holidays. Check out the following links for events in your area:

- [Brisbane Kids Free holiday event round up](#)
- [Brisbane City Council Library Events](#)
- [Logan City Council Library Events](#)
- [Library Events in the Moreton Bay Region](#)
- [Townsville Library Events](#)
- [Cairns Library Events](#)

Future Career Exploration these Easter Holidays:

- **School Holiday Fun at The Workshop Rail Museum, Ipswich** - There is so much to do here – you can drive a train on the simulator, check out the miniature railway, explore the history of trains, get hands on with the interactive exhibits, get creative at the Creation Station and let off steam at the indoor playground Nippers Railway. For more information visit [The Workshops Rail Museum](#) webpage.
- **Junior and Teen Keeper for a Day, Fig Tree Pocket** - You can spend a day with an experienced wildlife education officer at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary through their [Junior Keeper for a Day](#) or [Teen Keeper for a Day](#) programs. You will discover all areas, including behind the scenes of the Sanctuary. You will get to clean enclosures, feed the animals, train birds of prey and get a photo with a koala as well as much more. Cost is \$110.00 per person. Bookings essential.
- **Kids Dig It, Caboolture** - From Monday 9th April to Friday 13th you don't have to travel to Egypt for authentic Egyptian family fun....just come to Caboolture's award winning [Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology](#). All day activities include Egyptian games and jewellery, dress-up like an Egyptian Pharaoh or Queen, make a Sistrum or Canopic Jar (or find out what these are during an Egyptian Mumification!). And of course we have the well-loved archaeological digs and archery! Find out what ancient Egypt and Australia have in common and most of all have lots of FUN! Doors open at 9.30am so you can get in early to plan your day. Visit their website for more information and to book your tickets.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) 2018

NYSF is a 12-day residential program that runs during the summer school holidays each January in Brisbane and Canberra. The program is for students entering Year 12 who are passionate about science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). It aims to show participants the wide variety of study and career options in

STEM fields. Students apply to attend this program through their local Rotary Club. Expressions of interest are now open and will close on 31 May 2018. Visit the [NYSF website](#) for detailed information about the application.

Upcoming Events:

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| 02/01/2019 to 13/01/2019 | NYSF – Session 1
<i>Canberra, ACT</i> |
| 09/01/2019 to 20/01/2019 | NYSF – Session 2
<i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |
| 16/01/2019 to 27/01/2019 | NYSF – Session 3
<i>Canberra, ACT</i> |

Queensland Government – Coast Club School Holiday Activities

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing hosts a range of events during the School Holidays including half day (3 hours) and full day (6 hour) activity sessions at our Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast Recreation Centres for children (8 years and over). Visit the [Coast Club webpage](#) for more information.

Queensland School of Film and Television Updates

[QSFT](#) offers a number of film, television and media production courses and workshops these school holidays. Visit their [2018 Workshop Schedule](#) to view those happening these School Holidays.

Upcoming Events:

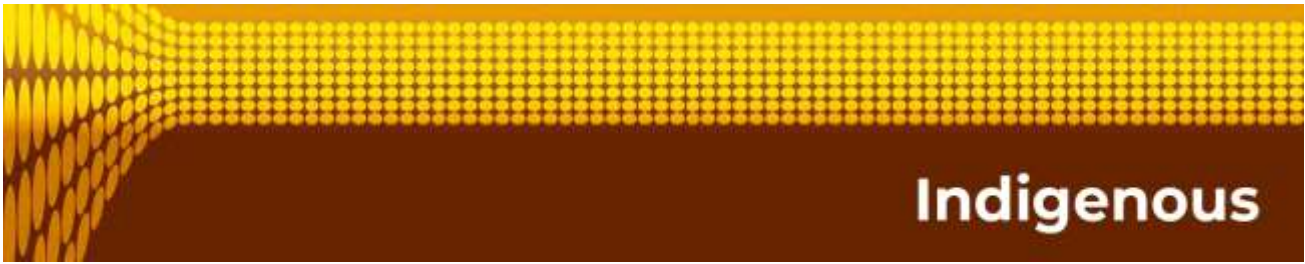
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| 04/04/2018 to 05/04/2018 | ACTING BOOTCAMP! 2 Days School Holiday Acting Workshop
<i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |
| 06/04/2018 | Jnr FILM MAKER BOOTCAMP! School Holiday Junior Film Maker Boot camp
<i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |
| 11/04/2018 to 12/04/2018 | FILM MAKER BOOT CAMP! 2 Day School Holiday Filmmakers Bootcamp (For Yr 9-12 High School Students)
<i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |

University of Queensland (UQ) Robotics Workshops during the school holidays

The Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology at UQ will offer different workshops in robotics for primary and secondary school students during the school holidays.

- Girls in Computer Science 2018 – find out what girls can do with a career in technology! UQ invites girls in years 8 to 12 and their parents to a night of inspiration and empowerment.

Keep an eye on the [School Holiday Robotics Workshop](#) page for future events.



Australian Indigenous Education Foundation

The [Australian Indigenous Education Foundation](#) provides scholarships that enable Indigenous students in financial need to attend leading Australian schools and universities. The program is founded on the belief that students will have the greatest chance of succeeding at school if the decision to enrol is one made by the family and the student in conjunction with the school. Visit their website where you can use the search menu to find out more about AIEF Partner Schools, Colleges and scholarship options.

Indigenous Accountants Australia website

Indigenous Accountants Australia is a combined network of the major accounting bodies in Australia - CPA Australia and the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. They raise awareness of the benefits of accounting within Indigenous communities and connect Indigenous students to careers in the business world. Together they work with some of the major employers in the business world to promote accounting as a profession and offer support to all Indigenous students undertaking business, finance and accounting studies.

Their website contains information for students regarding:

- [Why choose accounting?](#)
- [Meet an accountant](#)
- [Getting started](#)

Visit the resource section of their website to view a range of interesting [videos](#) including:

- [Supporting our future business leaders](#)
- [Accounting in the big smoke](#)
- [Accounting in the bush](#)
- [A message from Warren Mundine](#)

There are also a number of Scholarships available on their website including:

- [CPA Australia Scholarship](#) - CPA Australia sponsors up to five Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholarships. The scholarships aim to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to meet the educational requirements for CPA status. The scholarship entitles recipients to exemption from all CPA Program professional level segment fees and their first year of CPA Australia membership free, at Associate level.
- [Chartered Accountants ANZ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships](#). Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand has proudly launched two new scholarships to help

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander accounting graduates complete the CA program and become a Chartered Accountant. Recipients of the scholarship will be future leaders in business and accounting, contributing to both the Indigenous community of Australia and the accounting profession.

- [Chartered Accountants ANZ Benevolent Foundation](#) - The Chartered Accountants Benevolent Foundation was established in response to the challenging circumstances facing members of the accounting profession, their families and the wider community. The Chartered Accountants Benevolent Foundation operates two funds to assist marginalised and disadvantaged Australians: the Necessitous Circumstances Fund and the Scholarship Fund.
- [The Fay Nash Walker Wayland Scholarship](#) - A scholarship to help those wishing to study accounting or economics at The Sydney University or to those who currently are.

To find out more, visit the [website](#).

Indigenous Scholarships Portal

The [Indigenous Scholarship Portal](#) helps students find over 300 scholarships for undergraduate study at Australian universities as well as more than 100 postgraduate scholarships for study in Australia and overseas. The [Indigenous Scholarships Portal](#) provides a list of scholarships available for Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander students currently studying at universities, TAFEs or registered training organisations (RTO's). The Indigenous Scholarships Portal is delivered by the [Aurora Education Foundation](#).



Brisbane Youth Week

Celebrate being young by getting involved in [Brisbane Youth Week](#) from 6-15 April 2018. Brisbane Youth Week is the largest annual event for people aged 12 to 25, with activities celebrating our young artists, musicians, environmentalists and social enterprisers. It provides opportunities for young people to enjoy Brisbane's lifestyle and leisure opportunities, share ideas and celebrate their contribution to the community.

Upcoming Events:

06/04/2018 to 15/04/2018 [Brisbane Youth Week](#)
Brisbane, QLD

Moreton Bay Regional Council – Youth Week

[Moreton Bay Regional Council](#) is proud to support the local community through the Queensland Youth Week Fund to deliver a calendar of events and projects that celebrate the cultural diversity of the Moreton Bay Region. Visit their website for more information on how Council can support your celebrations including: Marquee loans, community banners, community photocopying and road safety equipment loan.

Upcoming Events:

06/04/2018 to 15/04/2018 [Moreton Bay Regional Council Youth Week](#)
Moreton Bay, QLD

Queensland Youth Week

For the first time, Queensland will be celebrating its own youth week. [Queensland Youth Week 2018](#) will be held from Friday 6 to 15 April 2018. If you are 12 to 25, Queensland Youth Week is your opportunity to make your voice heard and make a difference. Visit the Queensland Youth Week website for more information regarding where you can register for the [Queensland Youth Engagement Hub \(eHUB\)](#), [register an event](#) or view the [calendar of events](#). Remember to join the conversation – on the [Queensland Youth Facebook Page](#).

Upcoming Events:

06/04/2018 to 15/04/2018 [Queensland Youth Week](#)
Various



Chartered Accountant Information Session

The CPA Australia offers a number of information sessions in Brisbane during the year. These sessions allow you to learn more about the CPA Program including, course structure, application process and practical experience requirements. [Information sessions for 2018](#) are yet to be announced so keep an eye on their website for future dates. However you can view a [recorded webinar](#) anytime to listen to their 'Become a CPA Information Session'.

Endeavour College of Natural Health

The [Endeavour College of Natural Health](#) hosts regular events, Open Days and webinars to help you take that first step towards a career in natural health. Check their [events website](#) regularly for updates of upcoming Endeavour-hosted events and supported events. Endeavour College offers bachelor degree courses in natural medicine. Areas covered include Acupuncture, Myotherapy, Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic medicine and Complementary Medicine.

Upcoming Events:

21/03/2018 [Natural Health Webinar Series, Working as a Natural Health Practitioner in Sri Lanka Online](#)

World Science Festival (WSF) - Taking science out of the lab and on to the streets

Most of the Festival events will be held between 21 – 25 March 2018 in Brisbane and some regional locations. Visit the [WSF website](#) for a look at the exciting presentations and activities available (some of which are already booked out). An event not to miss is [Street Science](#) to be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 March at the South Bank Parklands and the Queensland Museum.

Upcoming Events:

21/03/2018 to 25/03/2018 [World Science Festival](#)
Brisbane, QLD

25/03/2018 to 26/03/2018 [Street Science](#)
Brisbane, QLD

Private Provider Updates

Charlton Brown

Charlton Brown is a private registered training organisation and employment agency that trains and places graduates in employment locally, nationally and internationally. It is in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley and offers courses in Early Childhood, Aged Care, School Aged Children, Disability Support, Youth and Justice, Business and Leadership and Welfare and Community Services. If you are interested in finding out more about these courses, visit the [website](#).

Jschool

Jschool is a private college that offers an accredited one-year Diploma of Journalism. The course prepares students for an entry-level position in journalism. For more information, visit the [Jschool website](#).

Medical Administration Training (MAT)

[MAT](#) offers accredited training for employment in the health industry through face-to-face and online courses such as:

- Medical Reception & Terminology Course
- Medical Terminology
- Health Administration
- Certificate III Business Administration
- Diploma of Practice Management
- Infection Control in a Health Setting
- Managing difficult and challenging behaviours
- Develop Keyboarding Speed & Accuracy

MAT is an approved supplier for [Certificate III Guarantee](#) funding. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges Short Courses

The [Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges](#) (QATC) has just published their [short course training calendar](#) through to the end of June 2018. QATC training hubs and Colleges offer a range of short courses tailored to the needs of a regional area. Working with industry, they develop courses that are current and relevant to participants, and delivered by qualified instructors with the skills and experience to provide valuable

training. Short courses typically involve from three to forty hours of training (although duration can range up to five days) which can be tailored to meet specific individual and enterprise needs. Some example courses include:

- TASTE (The Agricultural Skills & Technology Experience)
- Access AG
- Advanced Agricultural Skills
- Advanced Rural Business Skills
- Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Emergency and Critical Care, General Practice and Surgical)
- Animal Studies (General Animal Care, Veterinary Nursing)

For a full list of all their courses, please visit their [Course Finder](#) webpage.

Queensland School of Film and Television Updates

[QSFT](#) offers a number of film, television and media production courses and workshops. Located in Annerley, they offer accredited Diploma and Certificate courses in screen and media. Since 1992, QSFT has been providing quality training to students who are passionate about filmmaking and teaching students industry professional standards. QSFT offers a positive learning experience with a sense of community between the school and students as well as the industry. QSFT recognises the individual talents and encourage openness and creativity. Don't forget to like [QSFT Facebook](#) page for more industry and QSFT program updates. Visit their [2018 Workshop Schedule](#) to view all upcoming events including those available during the School Holidays.

Upcoming Events:

24/03/2018	SOCIAL IT! Improve your Photos & Video Skills for Social Media Post <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
04/04/2018 to 05/04/2018	ACTING BOOTCAMP! 2 Days School Holiday Acting Workshop <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/04/2018	Jnr FILM MAKER BOOTCAMP! School Holiday Junior Film Maker Boot camp <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
11/04/2018 to 12/04/2018	FILM MAKER BOOT CAMP! 2 Day School Holiday Filmmakers Bootcamp (For Yr 9-12 High School Students) <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
14/04/2018	WRITE IT! Introduction to Script Writing Workshop <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

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Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities

Join a LEO Club

Leo clubs are sponsored by Lions Clubs International. They encourage young men and women, 12 – 30 years of age, to serve others in their community and around the world. By joining a Leo Club you will gain:

- Leadership Experience
- Teamwork and Social Skills
- Self Esteem
- Problem Solving and Decision Making Skills
- Career Possibilities
- Fun

Typical Leo projects include Environment, Citizenship, Drug Awareness, Public Service, Youth Welfare, Youth Exchange, Health, School Support, Save Sight and Spotlight on Children. Find out more on the [Leo Clubs website](#).



How do OPs compare with ATARs?

All states in Australia, except Queensland, call their Year 12 tertiary entry score an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is a number between 0 and 99.95 (highest) with increments of 0.05. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) currently provides all Tertiary Entrance data (OP/FPs and ATAR) to QTAC. In the future QTAC will calculate the ATAR not QCAA. If you are applying for interstate courses, the relevant tertiary admissions centre can obtain your ATAR directly from QTAC. Tables converting OPs to QTAC selection ranks and QTAC selection ranks to ATARs can be accessed from the [QTAC website](#). Note that these [tables are based on 2017 Year 12 results](#) so can be used as a guide only. You can learn more about ATARs and how to obtain an ATAR statement from the [Student Connect website](#).

I'm not eligible for an OP. Can I still apply for courses through QTAC?

Yes, when you apply to QTAC, you will be given an OP ineligible rank based on your best 20 semester units of Authority subjects, Authority-registered subjects and Vocational Education and Training (VET) from your Learning Account. Sitting for the QCS Test could improve your OP ineligible rank if this is to your advantage. Use the OP Ineligible Estimator on the [QTAC website](#) (scroll down to the Year 12 students section) or talk to your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor to get an idea of how QTAC will calculate your OP ineligible rank.

You may receive additional ranks if you complete other qualifications that can be included in your Learning Account (e.g. Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma or acceptable music/speech and drama qualifications). If you receive more than one rank, the rules of the institutions you apply for will determine which of these ranks becomes your first order rank (the rank you are usually selected on). Note that you must still meet the subject prerequisites and any other entry requirements of the courses you apply for.

Interstate Tertiary Applications

In addition to applying through QTAC for Queensland tertiary courses, you can apply for courses in other states. All states except Tasmania use a tertiary admissions centre like QTAC. All applications are online. It is recommended that you familiarise yourself with the application information on the relevant websites including key dates for applications.

- **New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory** - [Universities Admissions Centre](#) (UAC)
- **South Australia and the Northern Territory** - [South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (SATAC)
- **Tasmania** - Apply directly to the [University of Tasmania](#)
- **Victoria** - [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (VTAC)
- **Western Australia** - [Tertiary Institutions Service Centre](#) (TISC)

What are cut-offs?

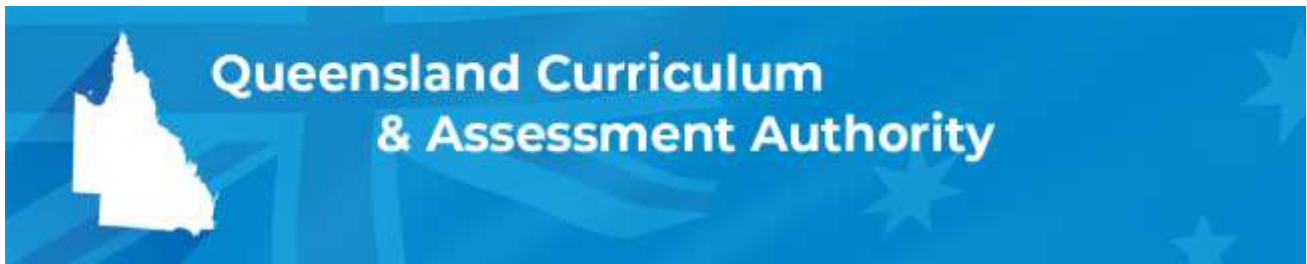
In simple terms, cut-offs are the OP/rank of the last QTAC applicant to be given a course place before all the available places in the course were filled in any given offer round. Cut-offs are not normally predetermined. They are the result of supply and demand. That is:

- Number of places available in the course
- Number applicants who meet the minimum entry requirements
- OP/rank of those applicants. Note that an applicant's OP or rank may be improved by bonuses e.g. Educational Access Scheme, Subject Bonus Schemes.

Consequently, cut-offs can change from year to year. For example, the following are the OP cut-offs in the QTAC January offer round for two courses in selected years.

Year	UQ Bachelor of Arts	QUT Bachelor of Creative Industries
2003	OP 8	OP 6
2006	OP 12	OP 12
2011	OP 10	OP 8
2014	OP 12	OP 10
2015	OP 12	OP 11
2016	OP 12	OP 13
2017	OP 11	OP 13
2018	OP 11	OP 13

The OP/rank cut-offs for entry to courses commencing in Semester one 2018 (based on cut-offs for the major offer round on 16 January 2018) can be found on the [QTAC website](#).



2018 QCS Test Special Provision

Special provision is available to students who are affected by a medical condition, an impairment or exceptional circumstances that may act as a barrier to their access to the test or to their demonstration of achievement in the test. Applications are submitted to the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) by your school. Applications close on 21 May 2018. If you feel that you meet the above criteria, contact your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor. More information is available on the [QCAA website](#).

Upcoming Events:

19/03/2018 to 21/05/2018 [2018 QCS Test Special Provision Applications Open](#)
Online



Study Skills

Are you an expert procrastinator?

Do you regularly and voluntarily delay or postpone something until a later date? You are probably aware by now that procrastination can be counterproductive as it can cause stress and guilt and make life more difficult in the long term. So, why not do something about this unhelpful habit. Seek Learning offers the following procrastination tips.

- **Set goals and schedules** - Your first step is to understand exactly how much study you need to do each week and make yourself accountable by setting specific, achievable goals and making a schedule. You're far less likely to procrastinate if you tell yourself that you've allocated study for a specific part of the day than if you just promise to study *sometime* today.
- **Eat the frog** - As the author of dozens of novels, short stories, non-fiction works and essays, Mark Twain knew a thing or two about productivity, and famously advised people to "eat a live frog" first thing in the morning - figuratively, of course. The live frog is the biggest and most important task of the day, and it's often the most unpleasant. Your 'live frog' is the task most likely to lead to procrastination if you don't tackle it straight away. By eating the frog first, you can get on with your day knowing the toughest job has already been achieved.
- **Dangle a carrot** - Is there something else you'd rather be doing? Think of that more enjoyable activity as a carrot you can dangle in front of yourself. Promising yourself a reward after you've completed your study session can be a wonderful motivator to get it done.
- **Eliminate temptation** - What temptations usually lure you into procrastination mode? Figure out what they are and then eliminate them so you can focus on your study goals. For example, if you find it hard to sit down and study when you know household chores need to be done, take your books or laptop to the local library, where laundry and dishes can be put out of sight and mind. If you find yourself checking emails or browsing Facebook, download a productivity app that blocks certain websites on your computer for a set period of time.
- **Forget perfection** - Many of us procrastinate because we fear failure, we're intimidated by a task, or because we put ourselves under pressure to do something perfectly. Instead of aiming for perfection or feeling overwhelmed, focus on just getting started. Simply read the first page of your text book, or begin jotting down notes for your essay. Getting something done is far better than doing nothing at all and you'll often find that once you get the ball rolling, your motivation to continue will increase.

Visit [Seek Learning](#) for more study tips. While you're at the computer watch a video on [How to stop procrastinating](#).



TAFE Queensland Updates

March 2018 News - 2017 was a strong year for TAFE Queensland. We reached a couple of big milestones including 135 years in VET education, and 30 years of our Senior College. We also celebrated the launch of our Fashion Centre of Excellence at Mt Gravatt as well as introducing our [Jimmy Choo](#) scholarship in partnership with the fashion icon himself.

Interested in a career in fashion? TAFE Queensland published an article on 16 February 2018, about Tyler Iwinski who started his journey into the glamorous world of fashion through the TAFE at School program. He has just completed his fashion degree at TAFE and is currently interning with Brisbane-based The New Garde. You can read the full article "[Say Yes to Success](#)" online.

TAFE at School Course 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](#).

The ever-changing face of VET – TAFE Queensland have recently published an article which highlights the broad spectrum of VET based job benefits for graduates. The article states, "The past few years have seen drastic shifts across the broad spectrum of Australian education. Technology and industry shifts are creating new demands, and new legislation is clearing the way for a better standard of vocational and tertiary delivery. As this has happened, a range of research pieces have highlighted a notable shift in job outcomes, pay scales, and employer expectations... Long gone are the days when a university degree was considered to be the sole source of job security or a great salary, with VET qualification gaining credence." [Read the Full Article here](#).

Upcoming Events:

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| 15/05/2018 | TAFE at School Breakfast (invites coming soon)
<i>South Bank, QLD</i> |
| 15/05/2018 | TAFE at School Afternoon Tea
<i>Bracken Ridge, QLD</i> |
| 17/05/2018 | TAFE at School Afternoon Tea
<i>Loganlea, QLD</i> |
| 14/06/2018 | TAFE at School Parent Info Night
<i>Southbank, QLD</i> |



Admission to the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) through special entry programs

The following are special entry programs offered by QUT. Extra bonus entry points (OPs and ranks)/Adjustment Factors can be allocated through these programs. The maximum number of bonus points/Adjustment Factors a student can receive for QUT courses is 5 OPs or 10 ranks. Details about the following programs can be accessed [here](#).

- **Educational Access Scheme (EAS)** - This [program](#) helps students who may have experienced educational disadvantage during their preparation for tertiary study. Students can receive a bonus of up to three OPs or six ranks and other benefits. Applications are via the QTAC application by completing the Educational Access Scheme section. If you're from a low-income background, you may be eligible for the Q-Step Scheme under the EAS financial hardship category. The Q-Step Scheme offers a guaranteed Equity scholarship to successful applicants in addition to the OP or rank bonus. Visit the EAS webpage on the QTAC website [here](#).
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students: Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP)** – This [program](#) is offered through the Oodgeroo Unit and is an alternative entry program to university. The benefits of the program include gaining entry to the course you want, financial support and a good start to your studies through the Pre-Orientation Program.
- **Elite Athlete Entry Program** - this [program](#) helps elite athletes (coaches, referees, competitors) gain entry to QUT courses through an entry bonus of up to three OPs or six ranks. The program assists its students to manage the demands of their studies and their sport.

Australian Catholic University (ACU) Early Achievers' Program

The Early Achievers' Program (EAP) at ACU considers the contribution you have made to your community through your school, local community organisations, cultural and/or religious groups, not just your OP or rank, for entry to ACU courses. An additional benefit of this program is that successful applicants receive an early offer of a course place.

The dates for entry in 2019 are:

- Applications open on Tuesday 1 May 2018
- Applications close on Tuesday 31 July 2018
- Early offers to study in 2018 will be released by the end of August 2018.

Also, Early Achievers will benefit from opportunities to enhance their leadership and volunteering skills while at ACU. Visit the [Early Achievers' website](#) to view videos on how to prepare, submit and monitor your EAP application.

Upcoming Events:

01/05/2018 to 31/07/2018 [ACU – Early Achievers Program \(EAP\) Applications Due Online](#)

Flexible programs at the Australian National University (ANU)

ANU, located in Canberra, offers a range of flexible (e.g. B Laws/B Actuarial Studies) and vertical (e.g. B Arts/Master of International Relations) double degree programs. Find out about the options available on the [website](#). Queensland students may be interested in the scholarships offered at ANU.

These include:

- The [Tuckwell Scholarship](#)
- The [National University scholarship](#)

Students interested in applying for ANU courses are required to apply through [UAC](#) by the end of September each year.

Upcoming Events:

05/03/2018 [ANU - Tuckwell Scholarship Open Online](#)

Griffith University notes

Careers in Commerce - This is a mini-conference for Year 11 and 12 students. It will introduce students to a range of careers available for commerce and business graduates in accounting, economics, business law, finance and financial planning. The next event will be held in June 2018. Keep an eye on the [Griffith University website](#) for registration details. Talk to your business teacher or Guidance Officer/Counsellor if you would like to attend this day as registrations are made through your school. For more information, visit the [website](#).

Interstate Student and Family Day at the University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne is holding an information day for interstate students and their families on Monday 16 April 2018 from 8.30am - 3:30 pm. This event is for interstate students who are thinking of attending the University of Melbourne to study an undergraduate degree. There will be presentations about the university, undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways, scholarships, student services, accommodation options and financial assistance. Visit the [website](#) for details and to register to attend.

Upcoming Events:

16/04/2018 [University of Melbourne – Interstate Student and Family Day Melbourne, VIC](#)

Medical Schools in Australia

Queensland students interested in gaining entry to a medical course can apply to medical schools throughout Australia. The [Australian Medical Council website](#) has a list of Australian medical schools with links to each school. There are three major entry points for medical courses in Queensland.

These are:

- Direct entry from Year 12 (Bond University and James Cook have this type of entry)
- Graduate entry after completing an undergraduate degree (Griffith University and the University of Queensland have this type of entry)
- Provisional entry for high achieving Year 12 students (Griffith University and the University of Queensland have this type of entry)

Some of the other states/territories also offer these three pathways. Visit the following websites for more information about medical studies pathways in Australia.

- [Australian Medical Association – Becoming a doctor](#)
- [Medical Board of Australia – Medical Specialisations](#)

Monash University

International Student Experience Day - the annual International Student Experience Day will be held on Thursday 29 March from 9am – 3pm at the Clayton campus. The day provides onshore international students with an opportunity to experience university life at Monash. A range of workshops will be offered, including:

- EAL (English as an additional language) study skills, which will be delivered by a former Year 12 student who obtained a top score. They'll provide tips and advice to help your students succeed in the subject.
- Essential Skills for English IB outlining the skills students need to excel in language and literature.

Students who attend will be able to have their questions about tertiary study answered, while getting a taste of the Clayton campus. Registrations will open soon. Visit the Monash [International Student Experience Day](#) webpage for more information.

Monash Residential Services – Engaging with new residents – To assist new residents in their transition to living on campus, Monash Residential Services (MRS) runs a two week Orientation Program from mid-February, with a huge array of activities and events to ensure those arriving for the first time make lots of new friends, both within their hall, as well as with other residents on campus. The MRS Orientation Program also includes some mandatory training for all residents to assist them with living independently and making the right choices, ensuring they have the knowledge and skills to be part of a safe and respectful community. Students can visit the [accommodation webpage](#) to get a feel for the living on campus at Monash.

New in 2018! Arts – Global Immersion Guarantee - The Monash Arts Global Immersion Guarantee (GIG) is a ground-breaking new initiative – a guaranteed two-week overseas study experience for all first year Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Global Studies students, with the cost of airfares, accommodation and local travel covered as part of the program. Students will study the impact of the global movement of people and goods on environmental sustainability. The program is open to all students who have successfully completed one semester of their Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Global Studies single or double degree and are in good academic standing. For more information visit the [Global Immersion Guarantee](#) webpage.

Discover where an Arts Degree can take you! You can discover the possibilities of a Bachelor of Arts by following two Year 12 students who explore a range of careers in a whirlwind week via a [YouTube video](#). Follow them as they uncover the unique opportunities available with Monash Bachelor of Arts.

New in 2019! Bachelor of Criminology - In the [Bachelor of Criminology](#), students will develop specialist knowledge of specific criminal concerns, including hate crime, serious and violent crime, cyber crime, and transnational and organised crime. Students will also have opportunities to travel internationally to meet criminal justice experts across Asia, Europe and the Americas; to undertake field trips; and to participate in internships.

Career prospects are broad and could include roles in government organisations such as the Police Force or court systems, the Office of Corrections, the Department of Justice or the Attorney-General's Department. Graduates with criminology specialist understanding are also sought after in anti-corruption organisations, community legal centres, human rights organisations, criminal justice centres, or private organisations responding to issues of crime. For more information, go to the [Bachelor of Criminology](#) webpage.

Upcoming Events:

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| 29/03/2018 | International Student Experience Day
<i>Clayton, Victoria</i> |
| 18/07/2018 | Monash Information Evenings
<i>Gold Coast, QLD</i> |
| 23/07/2018 | Monash Information Evening
<i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |

News from CQUniversity (CQU)

CQU Campus Update- CQUniversity has 16 campuses including newly merged regional Queensland campuses in Gladstone, Emerald, Mackay and Rockhampton along with existing campuses in Adelaide, Bundaberg, Brisbane, Cairns, Gladstone, Mackay, Melbourne, Perth, Rockhampton, Noosa, Sydney and Townsville. You can view all current CQU locations [here](#).

Upcoming Events and Activities— The following is a list of CQU upcoming events.

- [Dream Big Project Event](#) - presents an exciting opportunity for Year 10,11 and 12 female high school students to be inspired, empowered and explore a career in Engineering.
- [Cairns HOD's Campus Forum](#) - Far North Queensland high school Heads of Departments are invited to join us at our 2018 Cairns HOD's Campus Forum on Tuesday, 20 March. This newly created event has been designed specifically for school Heads of Department and is an exciting opportunity to learn and network with peers in the region.
- [Big Fish Cairns](#) - Big Fish will bring together 60 budding change makers from our region, aged 15 – 24, for three days of intensive and fun learning through doing. You'll be guided through a creative entrepreneurship process to solve social problems. You WILL start a new social enterprise in three days!
- [STEPS Information Session](#) - Need a little help to meet the entry requirements of your chosen university course? Or perhaps you just want some additional support to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to successfully enter and undertake further study. Find out how CQUniversity can be the support to your study and take the first step toward a brighter future with our Skills For Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) course.

- [Online Chat Session](#) - This event will be held on 24 April 2018 from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. Its aim is to provide information for students interested in studying at CQU.
- [Bundaberg University Experience](#) – This is a free one-day on-campus event providing Year 12 students an opportunity to explore their post-school options. It will be held on 4 May 2018.

You can view more CQU events [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

19/03/2018	CQU - Dream Big Project Event <i>Rockhampton</i>
20/03/2018	CQU – Cairns HOD’s Campus Forum <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
06/04/2018 to 08/04/2018	CQU – Big Fish Cairns <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	CQU – STEPS Information Session <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	CQU – STEPS Information Session <i>Bundaberg, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	CQU – STEPS Information Session <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	CQU – STEPS Information Session <i>Gladstone, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	CQU – STEPS Information Session <i>Mackay, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	CQU – STEPS Information Session <i>Noosa, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	CQU – STEPS Information Session <i>Rockhampton, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	CQU – STEPS Information Session <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	CQU - Online Chat Session <i>Online</i>
04/05/2018	CQU – University Experience Bundaberg <i>Bundaberg, QLD</i>

The Joint Medical Programs

The [Joint Medical Program](#) (JMP) is offered jointly by the University of Newcastle and the University of New England. You can study on either a metropolitan (Newcastle) or rural (New England) campus. Clinical venues will give students metropolitan, regional and rural experience so students will be prepared to practice anywhere in Australia. This is a direct entry program that Year 12 students can apply for. There are no subject prerequisites for admission to this course. However, students may benefit from completing Chemistry and English. Applicants need to sit for UMAT and apply through [JMP](#) and [UAC](#). For more information, read the Joint Medical program brochure [here](#).

Is your dream to become a doctor? The University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) has a joint medical pathway with Griffith University (GU). USC's Bachelor of Medical Science is your first step. This highly competitive

program provides provisional direct entry (subject to entry requirements) to Griffith University's Doctor of Medicine program - and to your future medical career. For more information regarding this pathway, visit the [Bachelor of Medical Science](#) webpage on the USC website.

Upcoming events at Bond University

Experience Days in April – These events provide you with a chance to gain a deeper understanding of courses you are interested in. You also have an opportunity to check out the campus and experience a day as a university student. For more information and to register to attend, visit the [Experience Day website](#).

Bond Business School Year 12 Extension Program – If you are interested in a career in business and studying at Bond, this is the program for you. It is a two-day workshop (Day 1 – Thursday 26 April or Friday 27 April 2018; Day 2 - Thursday 10 May or Friday 11 May 2018) that will help you transition to university business studies by building on your current school studies.

Eligible students who successfully complete this program will gain early direct entry to Bond University. There is the opportunity for a Year 12 Extension Program Scholarship valued at 50% of tuition fees or a \$5000 bursary. Find out more on the [Bond website](#). Talk to your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or business teacher if would like to attend this program.

Student for a Semester – Through this program high achieving Year 11 and 12 students living on the Gold Coast, Brisbane or Northern NSW are invited to enrol in a Bond University subject, attend lectures and tutorials on campus, complete assignments and sit their subject exams. Applications for the May 2018 program will open on Friday 16 March 2018 and close on Friday 27 April 2018. Visit the [website](#) to download a Student for a Semester information flyer.

Upcoming Events:

16/03/2018 to 27/04/2018	Bond: Student for a Semester <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
18/04/2018	Bond: Experience Day – Communication and Digital Media <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
19/04/2018	Bond: Experience Day – Architecture <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	Bond: Experience Day – Criminology <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
26/04/2018	Bond: Business School Year 12 Extension Program Day 1 (option 1) <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
27/04/2018	Bond: Business School Year 12 Extension Program Day 1 (option 2) <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
10/05/2018	Bond: Business School Year 12 Extension Program Day 2 (option 1) <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
11/05/2018	Bond: Business School Year 12 Extension Program Day 2 (option 2) <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
22/05/2018	Bond: Experience Day – Business, Hotel and Tourism Management, and Sports Management <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
23/05/2018	Bond: Experience Day – Actuarial Science and Commerce

	<i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
25/06/2018	Bond: Experience Day –International Relations <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
26/06/2018	Bond: Experience Day – Film and Television <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
28/06/2018	Bond: Experience Day – Psychology <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>

Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)

Careers that shape the world – This event will be held on Tuesday 5 June 2018. It provides Year 11 and 12 students with seminars on a range of study topics that will help them discover the careers that are right for them. This is a popular event. It is important to register early for the sessions you are interested in. Registrations will open mid-April 2018. Visit the [website](#) to explore the options available.

UQx – UQx offers free online courses (MOOCs) from UQ. Browse the courses available on the [UQx website](#). Students can choose to receive a verified certificate for a course for a small fee.

UQ Employability Advantage Award – This program encourages undergraduate students to further develop their skills beyond the classroom and to produce well-rounded, highly sought-after graduates. You can enrol in the program at any time during your undergraduate (including honours) degree. Find out more on the [website](#).

UQ apps - UQ students have access to several useful apps, including:

- [UQ Checklist](#) for new students
- [UQ Timetable Planner](#) to help students plan their semester timetable
- [UQ Carvings](#) take a stroll around the Great Court Carvings at UQ's St Lucia Campus
- [UQ Contact](#), Contact Magazine is UQ's key alumni and community publication
- [UQ Safe Zone](#) is an easy to use, location based application for mobile devices that connects staff and students directly with UQ Security Officers or Emergency Services during any type of emergency
- [UQ Walking Tours](#) allows you to guide yourself on a self-paced tour around UQ's campus facilities, buildings and services using GPS to give you walking directions
- [UQnav](#) helps students find where things are on UQ campuses

Find out more at [App Central](#).

The UQ Faculty of Business, Economics and Law (BEL) Student Employability Team (SET) - Students doing a degree in Business, Economics or Law at UQ have access to a student employability service (BEL SET). The team assists in the placing of students with employers and the provision of employability events. Learn more about BEL SET on the [website](#).

FEAST registrations are now open - FEAST is a five-day residential program held at the UQ Gatton Campus for students in Years 10 – 12 who are interested in agriculture, animals, vet science, food and/or the environment. It will be held from 1-5 July 2018. This is a popular program, so register early on [the FEAST website](#). They are currently accepting Expressions of Interest.

Upcoming Events:

05/06/2018 [UQ – Careers that Shape the World](#)

01/07/2018 to 05/07/2018	<i>Brisbane, QLD</i> UQ 2018 FEAST Program <i>Gatton, QLD</i>
26/10/2018	UQ College – University Prerequisite Course Applications Close (Maths B, Chemistry or Biology) <i>Online</i>

UQ College at St Lucia campus

UQ College is a company owned by the University of Queensland (UQ) and located at the St Lucia campus. It provides alternate pathways to university study. The programs offered include:

- **Tertiary Preparation Program** – This free 28-week program is offered in January, May and September. It is an approved UQ Bridging Program and provides recognised prerequisite subjects. Students who successfully complete this program can apply through QTAC with an entry rank based on their results in the program. Apply directly to UQ College for this program.
- **Associate Degree in Business** – This is a 16-month program. Successful completion (minimum GPA of 4) may provide an option to gain entry to UQ's B Business Management with advanced standing. You apply through QTAC for this program, with intakes in January and September.
- **Mathematics B, Chemistry and Biology bridging programs** – These intensive, full-fee bridging programs will be offered over a four-week period from Tuesday 20 November 2018 to December 15, 2018. Successful completion will meet the subject prerequisites in these subjects for UQ degrees and may be accepted by other institutions (it is important to check this with the relevant institution). Results will be available in time to be used in the QTAC January 2019 major offer round. Apply directly to UQ College for these programs. Applications close on 26 October 2018.

You can access more information about these programs from the [UQ College website](#).