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## **2019 Australian Government Digital Apprenticeship Program**

The Australian Government Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Apprenticeship Program targets students who are currently completing their Year 12 studies. As an apprentice, you will complete an ICT qualification as well as work within an Australian Government agency in ICT related areas such as:

- user research
- cyber security
- interactive media
- software engineering
- infrastructure support
- big data
- data analytics
- applications development
- networking
- programming
- web development
- systems testing
- systems analysis and design
- help desk

Applications for the 2019 Program are now open and close 2 July 2018. Visit their [website](#) for more information about:

- Who it is for
- What you'll get to work on
- Locations
- Who you'll be working for
- Benefits
- Support and coaching
- How to apply
- Three stages to success

### **Upcoming Events:**

02/07/2018

[Digital Apprenticeship Program closes](#)

## **Vocational Education and Training tips for students**

Prospective vocational education and training students should view themselves as consumers of training services ... in other words ... customers. Like any other significant purchase, you should do your research. The Queensland Government has a website that offers tips for training consumers which include:

- Checking that the course you want to do meets your needs
- Ensure that the course is nationally recognised and leads to a formal qualification (recognised by the Australian Qualifications framework)
- Check your eligibility for government subsidised training
- Shop around for a training provider that best suits your needs
- Confirm your preferred training provider is a registered training provider
- Be cautious about paying large sums of money up-front
- Read the contract before signing

Visit their [website](#) to see more information about each of these tips.



## **Australian Defence Force information sessions**

Attend an Australian Defence Force information session and find out:

- if the Defence Force is a good fit for you
- if they have a job that you are interested in doing
- how to enlist

Below are upcoming information sessions and for details about these events and information on the Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#).

### **Upcoming Events:**

13/06/2018	<a href="#">Trade Careers Information Session</a> <i>Rockhampton</i>
14/06/2018	<a href="#">Engineering Careers Information Session</a> <i>Townsville</i>
18/06/2018	<a href="#">Trade Careers Information Session</a> <i>Chinchilla</i>
19/06/2018	<a href="#">Trade Careers Information Session</a> <i>Dalby</i>
20/06/2018	<a href="#">Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Toowoomba</i>
20/06/2018	<a href="#">Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Capalaba</i>
25/06/2018	<a href="#">Engineering Careers Information Session</a> <i>Gold Coast</i>
25/06/2018	<a href="#">Engineering Careers Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane</i>
27/06/2018	<a href="#">Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Maroochydore</i>
27/06/2018	<a href="#">Women in Defence Information session</a> <i>Gold Coast</i>
27/06/2018	<a href="#">Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Rockhampton</i>





## **School holiday career exploration**

An important strategy in career exploration is experiencing the job you are interested in. This can be undertaken in many ways:

- Work observation - spending a day or more with someone already in the job at their workplace
- Career interview – developing a list of questions and interviewing someone already in a job you are investigating
- Work experience – spending some time (a week if possible) in the job
- Investigating courses by visiting institutions and talking to providers about their courses
- Getting a part-time job or volunteering in your job of interest
- Doing a course or workshop that relates to the type of work you want to do.

The school holidays are a perfect time to do some of these activities. If you need help organising an activity, speak to your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer or work experience coordinator.

## **Six Traits that Predict High Performance in Life**

Growing Learners, Tim Elmore, suggests that we often assume that your “report card” will be an indicator of what life will look like as you transition from school to tertiary/training and then onto work. Grades are not always a predictor of career success. The cliché that the straight “A” students will likely be working for a “C” student comes to mind.

Psychologists Ian MacRae and Adrian Furnham have now [identified](#) six traits that are consistently linked to workplace success. They are:

### **1. Conscientiousness**

Conscientiousness naturally motivates people to follow through on tasks and projects. Conscientious people are good at conquering their impulses; they can delay gratification. After IQ, conscientiousness is often [considered](#) one of the best predictors of life outcomes. At work, high conscientiousness is essential for good strategic planning.

### **2. Adjustment**

Everyone faces anxiety at some time, but when you can adapt to the stress and continue without falling apart you will be better off. When you get anxious you can try reframing a stressful situation into a potential source of personal growth or awareness ... turn your “mess” into a “message” (always seek help if you are unable to manage your anxiety and stress).

### **3. Ambiguity Acceptance**

Ambiguity acceptance is about your ability to face diversity, chaos and uncertainty—and still keep moving forward. It's a cousin to adaptability but it is more about your understanding —can you digest many perspectives, understanding the complexities of your reality and find solutions? People with a high tolerance for ambiguity [can](#) incorporate many more viewpoints before coming to a decision. This is vital today.

### **4. Curiosity**

We often talk about “lifelong learners.” Lifelong learning is a key to thriving. BBC Journalist David Robson [writes](#), “Recent research shows that an inherent interest in new ideas brings many advantages to the workplace. It may mean that you are more creative and flexible in the procedures you use, help you to learn more easily, increases your overall job satisfaction and protects you from burnout.” Curious people are happier and they see new days as opportunities.

### **5. Risk Approach**

Risk approach is about how courageous we are when faced with risky situations. People with a high risk approach face unpleasant situations now, knowing they usually lead to clarity and better outcomes later. Not surprisingly, the capacity to deal with difficult situations is critical for management positions where you need to take action for the greater good, even in opposition.

### **6. Competitiveness**

Competitiveness can be a mixed bag. At its best, competitiveness can lead to pushing yourself to get better, to learn from your competition and to do the hard yards; at its worst, it can tear people apart. It can prevent you from getting complacent and satisfied with the current performance but don't let competitiveness drive you – keep it in perspective.

# Competitions

## **2018 Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards (LMPA)**

Are you a budding photographer and perhaps wanting to pursue a career in photography? The Lord Mayor's Photographic Awards invite photographers to submit original images that represent an expressive, energetic and enthusiastic Brisbane. Visit the [LMPA website](#) for 2018 details, opening and closing dates.

## **ARIA Australian music teachers award nominations open**

Enter a music teacher now and help celebrate the exceptional influence they have on you and your school community. Now's your chance to recognise your teacher by entering them in the ARIA Music Teacher of the Year Award sponsored by Telstra. Nominees will be selected and partnered with a renowned Australian musician who will visit your school or music tuition program. [Click here](#) for more details and how to nominate your music teacher.

## **RoboCup Junior Queensland Championship**

RoboCup Junior is open to students studying at a primary or secondary level. Participants, usually in a team of two or more, create robots to meet the challenges in Dance, Rescue and Soccer. The 2018 events will run throughout Queensland and culminate at the RoboCup Junior Queensland (RCJQ) State Finals to be held on 11 and 12 August at the University of Queensland. Regional event dates and details of each of the challenges are on the RCJQ [website](#).



# Employment

## **Skills Employers Value**

QUT have summarised data from the [Graduate Outlook Survey](#), and have identified the following skills that employers value:

- Ability to work well in a team environment
- Good interpersonal/communication skills
- Good written communication skills
- Shows initiative
- Passion and attitude
- Critical reasoning
- Analytical skills
- Problem solving skills
- Academic results
- Cultural and values fit
- Emotional intelligence
- Team work
- Leadership skills
- Integrity and trust
- Good technical knowledge in area

How do you stack up to these employer requirements? School students most often have a limited amount of life experience through which to develop these skills. All is not lost though, getting involved in school and/or community and/or casual employment will provide you with the opportunity to develop these skills, build confidence, undertake time management and most importantly, maintain life balance and wellbeing. Successful tertiary graduates also get involved in activities that provide them with opportunities to further develop these skills before graduation.

## **Jobs on the Coast website**

The purpose of this website is to help jobseekers on the Sunshine Coast match up with employers wanting workers. You login/Register on the [website](#) to set up a free, secure account. You will then be able to create your Job Seeker Profile, 'star' jobs you are interested in and receive job alerts for recommended jobs that fit your preferences.

## **The jobs most in demand in Australia for 2018**

*Business Insider Australia* reports that Hays, an international recruiting company, has developed a list of jobs that will be in demand in 2018. [Click here](#) to read the article, view the list of jobs and to find out more information.

## **The 2018 Jobs Related Report**

This article on the [Career Cast website](#) looks at the US Jobs Rated report. Income, growth outlook, stress and environmental factors were the criteria used to rate the jobs. Given the emphasis on STEM nowadays, it is not surprising that four of the top 10 best jobs of 2018 are built on Maths. The article has links to articles on [the worst jobs of 2018](#) and [the 10 best jobs for 2018](#).

## **Unlocking Your Employability**

In today's world of work, employers are looking for much more than a qualification. You need to show a potential employer what you can offer beyond your qualifications. The University of Queensland has developed a course to help you do this. It will help you understand what employability is and why it is important.

The course, *Unlocking Your Employability* is free, although there is a fee if you want to receive a certificate. It consists of seven one-hour modules that you can complete at your own pace. Visit the [edX website](#) to read more about the course.

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## **QUT Undergraduate scholarships**

Some scholarships are not awarded each year because there are not enough applicants applying. Don't miss out on a scholarship because you didn't do your research! Now is the time to start to plan, write and submit your scholarship applications. QUT have several categories of scholarships available including (remember you can apply for more than one scholarship):

- Low income and social disadvantage – scholarships for students who have been disadvantaged
- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship program – scholarships for outstanding academic, creative and sporting achievers.
- START QUT – Studying university while you are still in high school through the START QUT program.
- Academic performance – Find scholarships for high achievers
- Women – Scholarships for women across a range of study areas
- International students – Scholarships for students who aren't Australian permanent residents or citizens
- Indigenous scholarships – Scholarships for Indigenous Australian students
- All scholarships – here you can search all QUT scholarships to find support for your university study

Visit the [QUT website](#) for more information and scholarships within each of these categories.

## **Scholarships for agricultural courses**

Marcus Oldham College is a private tertiary institution in Geelong, Victoria. It offers FEE-HELP for approved degree courses and diploma courses in agriculture, agribusiness and equine studies. The College is offering scholarships for students commencing their studies in 2019. Visit the [College website](#) for more information about the College and its scholarships.

## **Support for disadvantaged students wishing to study Law at the University of Queensland (UQ)**

If you have experienced difficult circumstances during your schooling and wish to study the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at UQ, you are invited to apply for:

- TC Beirne School of Law Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship and/or
- UQ Special Admissions Scheme (SAS) for undergraduate law programs.

The LEAD Scholarship provides \$7000 per year for up to five years to help with living and study expenses; a dedicated academic mentor; a support network through non-residential membership of a UQ college and

priority access to internships and career planning assistance. Applications for the LEAD Scholarship will open online on the [TC Beirne School of Law website](#) shortly so keep checking the site for 2019 details.

SAS is an alternative entry pathway for students who have experienced difficulty during their schooling. To be eligible you must be a recent or current Year 12, obtain the required OP/Rank and identify with one or more of the targeted equity groups. [Click here](#) for more information about SAS and the application process.



## Gap Year Program News

### Gap year program news

- **Camp America** applications for 2019 will open on the [website](#) on 11 July 2018.
- **Lattitude Global Volunteering** application deadline for 2019 overseas placement experiences is Friday 15 June 2018. Visit the [website](#) for details.
- **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** will hold an information evening from 7 – 9 pm on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at Ruth Fairfax House, 89-95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. See the [website](#) for more information about this program.
- **Student Exchange Australia New Zealand** – This exchange organisation will hold the following information sessions from 7.00 pm on Thursday 14 June and Wednesday 18 July 2018 at Brisbane Square Library, Community Meeting Room, 266 George Street, Brisbane. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.
- **AFS Australia** – AFS offers an overseas exchange program. It will hold a series of online information sessions in June, July, August and September. Visit the [AFS website](#) for more information and to register.
- **WEP** is an organisations that will assist you to arrange an overseas student exchange placement. They have over 18 programs to choose from and is open to students from Year 9 – Year 12. Check their [website](#) for more information.



# Holiday Programs & Short Courses

## **Holiday Workshops**

The Australian Institute of Creative Design offers short courses during school holidays and throughout the year at their Gold Coast and Brisbane campuses. These courses are being offered, some during the school holidays:

- Ink Workshop \$50 - Art & Design
- Watercolour Workshop \$55 - Art & Design
- Alcohol Inks Workshop - Art & Design
- Flow Acrylic Workshop - Art & Design
- Street Style Image & Fashion Flat Lays - Styling
- Want to Be a Photographer? - Photography
- Design and Sew a Skirt in a Day - Fashion Design
- Design Your Own Print - Art & Design
- Special Effects Makeup - Make-Up
- Eyelash Extension Workshop - Beauty Therapy
- Discover Interior Design - Interior Design
- Spray Tanning Workshop - Beauty Therapy
- Art Fun! - Art & Design
- Introduction to Fashion Design - Fashion Design
- Introduction to Fashion Illustration - Fashion Design
- Beautiful Women Mixed Media Portraits - Art & Design
- Vibrant Bold Impasto Workshop - Art & Design
- Canvas! - Art & Design
- Acrylic Layers Large Canvas Course - Art & Design
- Introduction to Pattern Making - Fashion Design
- Introduction to Photography Intensive – Photography

Enrolment is open to anyone of any age. To find out more information about what courses are offered and when, [visit their website](#).

## **QUT – Winter Holiday Program @ The Cube**

QUT's, The Cube, will host an exciting line up of art and science family fun over the winter school holidays from 7 - 14 July 2018. You can see The Cube's latest interactive screen project based on landscape paintings by Australian artist, William Robinson. Explore the flora and fauna of South East Queensland, discover natural history up-close and become a budding geologist at the *Meet the Scientist* sessions.

Visit [www.thecube.qut.edu.au](http://www.thecube.qut.edu.au) for program details closer to the date.

## UQ Robogals Workshop

UQ run a range of workshops for students in Years 7 to 12. These workshops are in the school holidays and include:

- [Advanced robotics Workshop: Artificial Intelligence](#)
- [Girls in Robotics day - Advanced](#)
- [Introduction to Robotics Workshop](#)
- [Arduino Hackathon](#)
- [SPARQed 5 day Senior Research Immersion](#)
- [Robotics Playground Camp! \(Robotics Camp Champion\)](#)
- [Robotics Playground Camp! \(One Day Wonder – Single Day Package\)](#)

For more information visit the UQ [website](#).

## Queensland School of Film and Television Holiday Workshops

QSFT holds a number of school holiday workshops for students interested in all things film. The following workshops will be run in the July school holidays:

6 July 2018	9.30am – 3.30pm	Junior Filmmaker Bootcamp for Years 7 and 8 students
7 July 2018	9.00am – 1.00pm	Write It! Introduction to script writing workshop
11 – 12 July 2018	9.30am – 4.30pm	Filmmaker Bootcamp for Years 9 - 12

Click here to register for these workshops. For more information about the workshop, phone (07) 3392 7788 or email [marketing@qsft.qld.edu.au](mailto:marketing@qsft.qld.edu.au).



### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university entry schemes**

These schemes provide alternative entry pathways for applicants from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. Specific information about these schemes can be obtained from the following links.

- [Australian Catholic University's Special Entry Scheme](#)
- [CQUniversity's Tertiary Entry Program](#)
- [Griffith University's Gumurrie Student Support Unit Direct Entry Program](#)
- [James Cook University's Pathways for Prospective Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology's Oodgeroo Unit Centralised Assessment Selection Program](#)
- [Southern Cross University's Alternative Entry Scheme](#)
- [The University of Queensland's Alternative Entry Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People](#)
- [University of New England Internal Selection Program](#)
- [University of Southern Queensland's Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program](#)
- [University of the Sunshine Coast's Indigenous Direct Entry and Access Scheme](#)

Note that when applying for courses through QTAC, you need to identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander on the application. You may have to provide the university with a Confirmation of Aboriginality. To obtain this might take time, so organise it early.

### **Defence Indigenous University Support Program**

The purpose of this program is to provide support to Indigenous Australians who are studying an undergraduate degree, or an enabling program that leads to an undergraduate degree, in a field that contributes to Defence capability. Find out more about the program on the [Department of Defence website](#).

### **Facts and Figures**

Did you know? The following facts and figures were sourced from recent NCVET research and data:

- There were 83 500 Indigenous students enrolled in the government-funded VET system in 2016 - an increase of 12.5% from the previous year: [Government-funded students and courses 2016](#)
- Indigenous graduates report high levels of satisfaction with VET and personal benefits from undertaking training, regardless of whether they are employed after training or not: [Indigenous VET participation, completion and outcomes: change over the past decade](#)

- Indigenous people continue to participate in VET at higher rates than the non-Indigenous population across all age groups and sexes, and have done so for the past decade: [\*Indigenous VET participation, completion and employment outcomes: infographic\*](#)
- Supportive families and communities can contribute to higher retention and completion rates for Indigenous VET students, and trainers and providers can play an active role in encouraging this family and community support: [\*VET retention in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities: good practice guide\*](#)

[Visit their Portal](#) for more information specific to Indigenous VET participation.



### **SAT resources on the USA College Board website**

The [College Board website](#) is important for students wishing to apply for tertiary courses in the United States of America (USA) as this is where you register to sit for the SAT, a test required for entry to many USA universities and colleges. The following information is available on the website: (the [Twitter](#) page is also useful)

- [SAT International Test Dates and Deadlines](#) - Scroll down to 2018-19 'International Dates and Deadlines'. Note that the next Queensland test will be held on 6 October 2018. You can register from this site or from the College Board website home page. To register, you need to first sign into a free College Board account.
- [Find Test Centres](#) – Select the '6 October 2018' date and 'Australia' to find centres in Queensland.
- [SAT Test Day checklist](#)

### **Study at the Swiss Hotel Management School in Switzerland**

Ever thought of studying hospitality management in Switzerland? If so, check out the Swiss Hotel Management School options [here](#).



### **How do you become an Enterprise and Changemaking Manager?**

The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) has a series where you can find out how the FYA team got to where they are in their career. Rita Khayat a FYA team member is an enterprise and changemaking manager at FYA. Read her story on the [FYA website](#).

### **Looking at a diplomatic or international development career?**

The Conversation published a speech by Gareth Evans, Chancellor of the Australian National University on this topic. Evans, who has had extensive experience in these jobs, noted that to get a diplomatic or international development job you need skills, experience and luck. The following is a summary of the required skills he mentioned in the speech.

- Good results in a challenging university degree, or combination of degrees (the discipline doesn't really matter). Employers are looking for a strong underlying intellectual capacity and the ability to apply this to new situations.
- It's important to be able to demonstrate an interest and knowledge of international relations. The way you acquire the knowledge is to read (e.g. The Economist, The Conversation).
- At least one foreign language, or a demonstrated aptitude to learn quickly, is a prerequisite for any significant international relations job these days.
- Few skills matter more for a would-be diplomat than the ability to write well and, above all, accurately. Good oral communication and advocacy skills are also extremely helpful in foreign policy related jobs.
- Good social skills.
- The capacity to get things done. To have a good sense of process and the ability to get people working together to deliver outcomes.

Read the full article on [The Conversation website](#).

### **What's the difference between a Registered Nurse and an Enrolled Nurse?**

**Registered nurses (RN)** assess, plan, provide and evaluate preventative, curative and rehabilitative care for patients and supervise other nursing staff. They work in a wide variety of settings such as hospitals, aged care and other health care facilities and private medical practices. They need:

- good communication skills,
- the ability to assume responsibility and a leadership roles

- tolerance, patience and tact in dealing with people from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures
- to take the initiative in emergencies
- an ability to work both independently and as part of a team
- the ability to cope with the physical demands and psychological aspects of the job.

To become a RN, you need to complete a three-year Bachelor of Nursing at a university or other accredited institute of higher education. RNs are required to be registered with the [Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#). You can obtain more information about this occupation from the [myfuture website](#) (you will need to Log in or Sign up to enter this free site) and the [Good Universities Guide website](#) (this site has a list of nursing specialisations).

**Enrolled Nurses (EN)** under the direction and supervision of Registered Nurses, assist with the provision of acute, preventative, curative, rehabilitative and the day-to-day personal nursing care of patients. They work in hospitals, aged-care facilities, the community and other healthcare settings. ENs need to:

- have good communication, problem-solving and team skills
- follow instructions precisely
- be tolerant, patient and tactful with many different types of people.

To become an EN in Australia, the minimum level of study is the Diploma of Nursing (18 months – 2 years), delivered through TAFE or an accredited private Registered Training Organisation. After graduation, ENs apply for registration with the [Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#) to practice as an Enrolled nurse. You can obtain more information about this occupation from the [myfuture website](#) (you will need to log in or Sign up to enter this free site) and the [Good Universities Guide website](#).



# Miscellaneous

## **Are You Plagiarising?**

Plagiarism is a serious offence at school, University, VET sector and in the work place. There are serious penalties if you are found plagiarizing. You may not realise that you are plagiarising or understand plagiarising, so to assist you to greater understand of plagiarism view this small slideshow from the National Copyright Unit titled [Smart Copying Tips](#).





## **Open Days**

### **Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) Brisbane – 1st weekend in Term three**

This is an important event for students in South-East Queensland. It is an opportunity to talk to representatives from Queensland and interstate universities, TAFE Queensland, private colleges, the Defence Force, the Queensland Police Service, Gap Year programs and other education and training organisations about their courses and career pathways. The expo will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July 2018 at the Royal International Convention Centre, RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane. The [website](#) provides information about the exhibitors, the seminar program and competitions.

You will be able to go into the draw to win a \$500 JB Hi-Fi gift voucher by [downloading](#) the form and putting it in the entry barrel at the QTAC stand during the expo.

Year 10, 11 and 12 students with a passion for social media can register to be a 2018 TSXPO Student Ambassador and help promote the expo. Students Ambassadors will have a chance to win a \$100 Myer voucher or a \$50 Event Cinemas Voucher. [Click on](#) for more information about this and other competitions.

### **Torrens University Australia Open Day**

Torrens University Design & Technology Open Day hosted by Billy Blue College of Design and Media Design School have graduates who are strongly recognised by the creative industries. Get inspired to start your creative journey by attending their upcoming [Open Day](#) being held on Saturday 4 August at Billy Blue's campus at 90 Bowen Terrace, Fortitude Valley.

### **TAFE Queensland**

TAFE Queensland will be holding a Higher Education Open Day on 29 July 2018 from 10.00am – 4.00pm at their South Bank Campus. You will learn about the study options TAFE Queensland offers that will further your education. Visit their [website](#) for more information about Degree courses and university pathways.

### **Qld School of Film and Television (QSFT) Open Day**

You are invited to QSFT's Open Day to be held commencing 10 am on Saturday 16 June 2018 at [QSTF's Annerley campus](#). This is the perfect opportunity for you to gain knowledge about the creative industry and career path opportunities. You will hear from industry professionals, along with personal stories from

current and alumni students. Register to attend [here](#). For more information about this event, phone (07) 3392 7788 or email [marketing@qsft.qld.edu.au](mailto:marketing@qsft.qld.edu.au).

### **Shillington College Info Session**

Shillington College offers accredited courses in Graphic Design. It will hold an [Info Session](#) starting at 6 pm sharp on Friday 22 June at its Brisbane campus on Level 7, 157 Ann Street Brisbane. You will meet teachers, chat to graduates and view student work. You will also be walked through a classroom brief and hear graduate success stories. Visit the [Shillington website](#) for more information about the College.

### **Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo**

This expo will be held from 10 am – 2 pm and 3.30 – 6.30 pm on Tuesday 24 July 2018 at the Calvary Centre, Tanawha. At this event, you can gather information and ask questions about training, tertiary studies, apprenticeships, scholarships and career options. You can participate in ‘hands on’ and interactive activities. Visit the [website](#) to find out about exhibitors, seminars, and the competition. You can download a worksheet (click on ‘Visitor Information’) to help you organise your visit to the expo.

### **USC Fraser Coast Open Day**

The University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) will hold an Open Day at the following locations running from 10am – 1pm:

USC Fraser Coast                  Saturday 23 June 2018

USC Sunshine Coast              Sunday 22 July 2018

USC Caboolture                    Sunday 5 August

They will provide you with an opportunity to check out the campuses and to find out about the study options available. Visit the [website](#) for details.

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## **Day in the Life of a Designer**

Ever wondered what it would be like to have a job in the creative industries? Find out at this workshop offered by the Billy Blue College of Design to be held from 9.30 am – 3.30 pm on Saturday 7 July 2018 at the College campus, 90 Bowen Terrace, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. Register to attend on the [website](#).

## **Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) Script Writing Workshop**

[QSFT](#) holds a variety of workshops both on weekends and during the school holidays. Click here to view the BSFT [workshop time table](#) and see details in the School Holiday Activities sections of this bulletin for more information about school holidays opportunities. Contact QSFT on 3392 7788 or email [info@qsft.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@qsft.qld.edu.au) to register and find out more about their courses.

## **SAE Qantm Study for a Day**

Are you interested in studying Animation, Audio, Graphic Design, Film, or Games? If so, study with SAE Qantm for a day to experience student life at its Brisbane Campus. This is a great way to experiment with the creative media fields. It will be held from 9 am – 4 pm on Saturday 23 June 2018. For more information and to register, visit the [SAE Qantm website](#).



### **Applying for courses through UAC in NSW**

You apply to the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) for most courses at NSW tertiary institutions. You apply online on the [UAC website](#). Note that the information for entry in 2019 is not yet on this website. Some important points about the 2018/19 UAC application are:

- Applications open on 1 August 2018
- Applicants can list five course preferences on the application
- UAC has indicated that if QLD students have results available in time they may receive an offer before Christmas. Consequently, it is important that you are aware of the UAC offer round dates.
- There will be no major offer round. All preferences will be considered in all offer rounds.

Some newsagents in Queensland are already selling the *UAC Guide 2018-19*.

### **English subject prerequisite**

The most common prerequisite for entry into Queensland universities is English (Units 3 & 4, C). This means a student must study a General English subject and achieve a grade of C or higher in Units 3 & 4 (Year 12 studies). Almost all institutions requiring an English prerequisite will accept any of the four general English subjects which are:

- English
- English as an Additional Language
- Literature
- English & Literature Extension.

For prerequisite information and specific institutions prerequisite information go to the [QTAC website](#) (scroll down the page).

### **General science subject prerequisite for Bachelor of Education**

University education courses now list the science prerequisite as *General science subject*. General science subjects that will meet this prerequisite for all Queensland institutions are: Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Environmental Science, Marine Science, Physics and Psychology.

## **More information for the personal statement required for teaching courses**

Further changes have been made to the additional entry requirements for competitiveness for a place in an Education degree. QTAC are developing an online assessment tool for perspective Year 12 students looking to undertake an Degree in Education. More information to come when QTAC finalise their process.

## **Term three - an important time for Year 12 students**

Term three is a very important and busy time of the year for Year 12 students. If you haven't already decided what you are going to do in 2019, this is the time to access information about the options available. The following is a selection of events and activities that will be held in term three to assist you with your decision-making.

**QTAC Guide** – If you haven't received this book yet, you will receive it shortly. It is produced by QTAC and contains information about the application process and the courses you can apply for. Don't lose this book. You may need it after you leave school on 16 November to change course preferences on your QTAC application when Year 12 results are released and during QTAC offer rounds.

**Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)** – It will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July 2018 at Royal ICC, RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane. See the [website](#) for information about participating institutions, seminar presentation details and competitions.

**Regional career expos** – Expos on the Sunshine Coast and in Townsville will occur in July and August. They provide a great opportunity to explore employment opportunities and further education and training options. See dates on the [QTAC website](#).

**Institution open days** - Most of the university open days occur in Term three. Open days provide an opportunity to learn more about the institutions and courses in which you are interested. Make the most of open days by developing a list of questions to ask at the event. See open day dates on the [QTAC website](#).

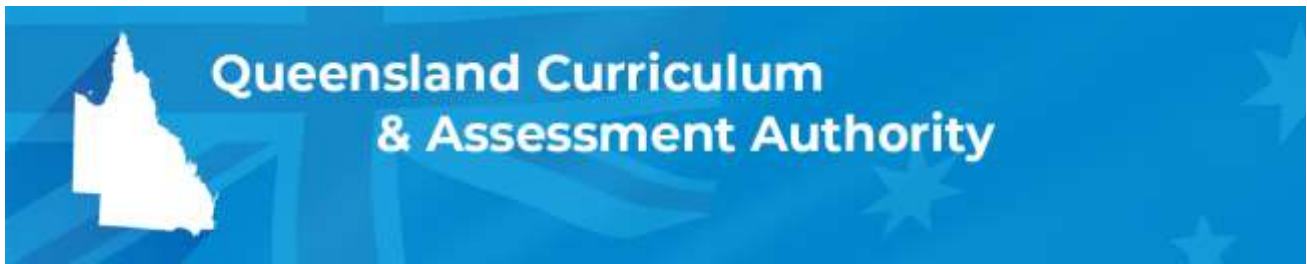
**QTAC applications open** - QTAC applications for Semester one 2019 courses open on 2 August 2018. Early closing dates for some courses and some scholarship applications close on 28 September 2018. Information about the application and offer processes will be in the *QTAC Guide* and on the [QTAC website](#).

**Scholarships** - Most university scholarship applications open in Term three and close in October, November or December. An exception is Bond University, which has its scholarship opening on 1 June 2018 each scholarship can have a different closing date. It is best to check the closing date on the [Bond website](#) under each scholarship entry. Every university has a section on its website about scholarships. Find out the application process and due date early to avoid missing out on a scholarship. If in doubt about your chances, apply anyway.

## **Tertiary Prerequisites 2021 available on the QTAC website**

**Tertiary Prerequisites 2021 available on the QTAC website** – QTAC will no longer publish the Tertiary Prerequisite book for students. Instead, you can locate the 2021 tertiary prerequisites for each university and college on the QTAC website. [Click here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page. Each university and college has listed the prerequisites required for entry to tertiary courses in the year the students commence their tertiary studies.





## **Subject Information**

From 2019 there will be new and redeveloped syllabuses in line with the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). You can read the approved syllabuses for implementation on the [QCAA website](#). Although some of these syllabuses/subjects may have the same name as past senior syllabuses/subjects, the content and assessment requirements will be different. Before Year 10 choose their senior school subjects it is recommended that they gain a good understanding of the subject matter to be covered and assessment requirements. Some new syllabuses/subjects and a comparison to the current syllabuses/subjects to note are:

<b>New syllabus/subject name</b>	<b>Current syllabuses/subjects name</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Essential Mathematics (Applied subject) Registered subject)</li><li>• General Mathematics (General subject)</li><li>• Mathematical Methods (General Subject)</li><li>• Specialist Mathematics (General Subject)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pre Vocational Mathematics (Authority</li><li>• Mathematics A (Authority subject)</li><li>• Mathematics B (Authority subject)</li><li>• Mathematics C (Authority subject)</li></ul>



## **Exam stress and top tips to de-stress**

The following tips are adapted from the [University of Queensland's Health Hub](#).

With exam time upon us, we can no longer avoid the worry of looming deadlines and challenging expectations (our own and other's). Everybody deals with stress differently so it is important to recognise your own signs and take control before they control you. The following behaviours can be signs of stress.

- Irregular sleep patterns
- Short temper and irritability
- That gut feeling (butterflies)
- Finding it difficult to relax or unwind
- Overreacting to situations
- Comfort food snacking or loss of appetite

If you are experiencing one, many, or all of these signs, you need to do something about it to help you handle the demands you face. The following tips could help.

**Set the tone for your day** - Take a few moments at the start of your day to set some good intentions and to collect your thoughts. It may sound like a no-brainer but it will give you a moment to pause before jumping into your busy day.

**Create a schedule** – Make a schedule or timetable for your day. For example, 8 – 8:30 am could be for wake-up routine (shower, breakfast, etc.); 8:30 - 9:30 am could be for study; 9:30 - 9:45 am could be for a short walk or break. Creating a schedule and allocating periods to study will help increase the chances of using your time effectively.

**Divide your day up** – Divvy your day into manageable study blocks (try 40 - 50 minute blocks to begin with and slowly build) and stick to them. Set yourself goals on what you want to complete in that time, then have a break well away from your desk.

**Take a break (maybe even eat a Kit Kat!)** – Sitting down to study 24/7 in the lead up to exams will wreck you long before D-day. It may be chilly outside but there are huge benefits to getting a breath of fresh air to break up your study time. It will do wonders for your motivation and creativity.

**Turn your phone off in study period** – Mobile phones are an unhelpful distraction, so during your allocated study time, turn it off so you can focus on your work. The distraction of the phone can cause further stress.

**Eat for your brain** – Eat nutritious, little and often to avoid food comas. Go for quality food like vegetables, fruit, nuts and wholemeal bread to stimulate your brain and set yourself up for success.



**Use your nerves, don't let them use you** – It may not feel like it at the time, however positive nerves can be a good thing. They help you to work and think faster while being more effective with your time and overall performance.

**Shake it off** – Sometimes when you feel like your head is about to explode all you need to do is let off some steam. Do whatever will make you feel at ease, whether that's a workout at the gym, making a nutritious meal, listening to some music, sitting in the sun. Whatever it takes, give yourself the time to shake the negativity and get back on task.

**Warn your loved ones** – Let your family and friends know what is going on as we often take our stress out on those that are the closest to us. This is the time when you need to be surrounded by support, not thinking about trivial disagreements.

**Prioritise your study** – It may sometimes feel that everyone wants a piece of your time (school, work, coach, friends, family) but where you can, try to explain your situation so you can put your study first and make plans for your other commitments after exams are over.

### **There's no such thing as procrastination**

According to Dr Eric Thomas, there is no such thing as procrastination. He says that if you are putting off doing something (e.g. preparing for an exam, doing an assignment), it is because it isn't a priority for you. Therefore, you must find out how to make it meaningful enough for it to become a priority. Eric is known as ET 'the Hip Hop Preacher'. He is an author, motivational speaker, educator and pastor. Listen to ET's short [Facebook video](#) on why there is no such thing as procrastination.



## **Why TAFE?**

TAFE Queensland has pathways that can help you begin your career or embark on further study. TAFE offer nationally-recognised qualifications and gives you access to multiple pathways to assist you to plan and manage your career journey. Visit the [TAFE Queensland website](#) to find out:

- Courses
- Locations
- Apprenticeships and traineeships
- University pathways
- TAFE at School
- Do Year 11 and 12 Differently

## **Cairns TAFE**

The SchoolTech program is only available at the Cairns location. It is an initiative between TAFE Queensland, the Great Barrier Reef International Marine College, Woree State High School, and Skill360 Australia. SchoolTech lets you complete your senior schooling and gain your QCE while participating in work placement and vocational training. You can start your qualification and give yourself every opportunity to secure an apprenticeship or traineeship when you graduate. Click here to enquire about this opportunity or see your Guidance Officer/Career Counsellor/VET [coordinator](#).



### **ACU - A reminder – Register for Open Day**

Come to the Brisbane Open Day and find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU. Tour the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry opportunities, and talk to experts about your study options and career goals. [ACU Open Day](#) will be held from 9 am – 2 pm on Saturday 28 July 2018.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

28/07/2018

[ACU Open Day](#)

### **ACU - University Experience**

Places are filling fast for this event for students in Years 10 – 12 which will be held in the school holidays from 9.30 am – 1.45 pm on Thursday 5 July 2018. If you're considering tertiary study for next year or in the future, University Experience provides the perfect chance to explore your study options by living a day in the life of an ACU student. Visit the [ACU University Experience website](#) for more information and to register.

### **ACU - Work Integrated Learning(WIL)**

WIL allows students studying at ACU to connect learning with the workplace through placements, professional experiences, clinical education and internships. Find out more on the [WIL website](#).

### **Bond - Choosing the right degree or program for you**

Deciding on a degree or program is a personal choice - it's about choosing the right program for you; your interests, your future. Whether you're venturing into a new area of study or looking to build upon your experience and knowledge in a particular field, Bond offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and programs, diplomas and non-award programs. You can find out about what undergraduate, diploma and pathways programs Bond offers on the [Bond University website](#).

### **Bond - Explore your future in a day at Bond University**

Bond University will open its campus throughout the year to provide Year 11 and 12 students with the opportunity to experience what life is like at Bond both inside and outside of the classroom. From dissecting a sheep's heart in medical laboratories, to learning how to trade on the stock exchange, to watching a live

courtroom demonstration, to building models in the new architecture building, students will experience an interactive and intimate view into the programs offered at the University. The following experience days will be held in August:

- [Ideas Camp](#)
- [Health Simulation Experience](#)
- [Film and Television Experience Day](#)
- [Psychology Experience Day](#)
- [International Relations Experience Day](#)
- [Environments, Planning and Urban Design Experience Day](#)

#### **Upcoming Events:**

26/06/2018	<a href="#">Bond Film and Television Experience Day</a> <i>Gold Coast</i>
28/06/2018	<a href="#">Bond Psychology Experience Day</a> <i>Gold Coast</i>
29/06/2018	<a href="#">Bond International Relations Experience Day</a> <i>Gold Coast</i>
05/07/2018	<a href="#">Bond Environments, Planning and Urban Design Experience Day</a> <i>Gold Coast</i>
08/08/2018	<a href="#">Ideas Camp Bond Experience Day</a> <i>Gold Coast</i>
11/08/2018	<a href="#">Bond Health Simulation Experience Day</a> <i>Gold Coast</i>

### **Bond University Student for a Semester program**

Year 11 and 12 students participating in this program can experience life as a university student as well as get a head start on their university studies before they finish high school. A pass in a Student for a Semester subject may provide credit towards a Bond undergraduate degree. In addition, students who successfully complete two subjects will be eligible for direct admission into most Bond degree programs at the end of their Year 12 studies. Some course restrictions do apply. Applications for the September 2018 semester will open on Friday 13 July 2018. Information for the September semester will be on the [Bond website](#) shortly.

### **CQUniversity (CQUni) news**

CQUniversity offers a wide range of certificate, diploma and undergraduate courses across the following study areas:

- [Business, Accounting and Law](#)
- [Creative, Performing and Visual Arts](#)
- [Education and Humanities](#)
- [Engineering and Built Environment](#)
- [Engineering Trades](#)
- [English, Work and Study Preparation](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Information Technology and Digital Media](#)

- [Psychology, Social Work and Community Services](#)
- [Science and Environment](#)
- [Service Industries](#)
- [Transport and Safety Sciences](#)

CQUniversity has Queensland [campuses](#) from Cairns to Brisbane and as far west as Charters Towers.

## **Earth and Environment Day**

An audition is a prerequisite for this course. The due date for submitting a written (by post or email) application for audition is Friday 3 August 2018. Auditions will be held between 8 – 22 September 2018. The University will notify candidates of the outcome between 2 and 6 October 2018. Visit the [Audition website](#) to download the Audition Information Guide and the Audition Application form.

### **Upcoming Events:**

03/08/2018

[UQ B of Music \(Honours\) Audition Applications Close](#)

## **Griffith University (GU) Updates**

### **GU Adjustment Factor Pathway Options**

Adjustment factor pathways can boost your Selection Rank and improve your chances of getting into your preferred degree by recognising your academic achievements or personal circumstances. Griffith University's adjustment factor pathways include:

- Gold Coast and Logan Priority Access Pathway
- Education Access Scheme (EAS)
- Griffith OP 1–6 Guarantee

[Click here](#) to find out more information on these adjustment factor opportunities.

## **GU - Griffith University's Integrity 20**

Griffith is offering a limited number of sponsored places for students in Years 11 and 12 to attend Integrity 20'18, free of charge. Integrity 20 gathers top minds from Australia and around the world to examine and discuss some of our greatest global challenges. This event will be held from 8.30 am – 4 pm on 24 to 26 October 2018 at the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University, South Bank. The [Integrity 20 website](#) lists some of the topics to be discussed. See your Guidance Officer/Counsellor about attending this event as registration is through your school.

### **Upcoming Events:**

24/10/2018 to 26/10/2018

[Griffith University Integrity 20](#)  
*Queensland Conservatorium*

## **GU Subject Adjustment Factors**

Griffith also awards subject adjustments for Senior subjects and university courses successfully completed in high school that require a high level of skill and knowledge.

As a current Year 12 student, you can be awarded an adjustment of 2 ranks per subject, including GUESTS courses, up to a maximum of 6 ranks. This includes Year 12 applicants currently undertaking their External Senior studies.

The senior subjects included in this program are:

- Accounting
- Aerospace Studies
- Ancient History
- Biology
- Business Communication and Technologies
- Business Management
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Engineering Technology
- Film, Television and New Media
- Geography
- Health Education
- Information Processing and Technology
- Information Technology Systems
- Languages other than English (LOTE)
- Legal Studies
- Marine Science
- Maths C
- Modern History
- Physics

[Click here](#) to find out more information on these adjustment factor opportunities.

## **Hands on STEM with Real Engineers for Year 11 and 12 Students – A reminder**

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to discover what the 'E' in STEM is about. In partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Engineers Australia (Qld Division) and three Queensland universities – QUT, JCU and CQUniversity, The Engineering Link Group (TELG) will present the following Engineering Link Projects.

- Central Queensland @ CQUniversity, Rockhampton – 2 and 3 July 2018
- South Queensland @ QUT, Brisbane – 12 and 13 July 2018
- North Queensland @ JCU, Townsville – 19 and 20 July 2018
- Far North Queensland @ JCU, Cairns – 16 and 17 July 2018.

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

## **JCU - James Cook University degree pathway courses**

If you complete Year 12 but don't meet the academic requirements for the JCU degree course you are interested in, there are a number of [pathway options](#) available to you. These include:

- **Diploma of Higher Education** – This is a one-year course designed to help people gain entry to targeted JCU degrees. You apply for these diplomas through QTAC.
- **Tertiary Access Course (TAC)** - TAC is a tuition free pathway course for mature-age students or school leavers who do not have an OP Score or recognised experience (must be at least 18 years old). It can provide students with formal prerequisites, academic skills, experience with a variety of university subjects, computing and IT skills. You apply directly to JCU for [this course](#).

## **JCU Applications Forms plus QTAC application required when applying for some JCU courses**

If you are a [domestic student](#) or [international student](#), selection for the courses listed below is based on a combination of a written application and academic results. Medicine applicants may also be invited to attend an interview. In addition to applying through QTAC, applicants must submit an application form to the JCU Division of Tropical Health and Medicine by post or in person to the enrolment officer at the [Student Centre](#), Townsville Campus.

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Bachelor of Health Science (Physician Assistant) (Domestic Only)
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy
- Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Visit their [website](#) for more information on course requirements and prerequisites.

## **JCU Inspire Me Week**

*Inspire Me Week* is held across several locations in Cairns and Townsville from Monday 18 June to Sunday 24 June 2018. Take uni life for a spin at one of the test-drive lectures, participate in hands-on workshops and meet like-minded people during a week of engaging and informative free activities.

From business to science to arts and everything in between, get a taste of all the different courses JCU has to offer. Find out what *Inspire Me Week* has to offer and to register to attend events visit the [website](#).

## **QUT – Assessing VET qualifications for high school students for entry to QUT in 2021**

For students currently in Year 10, there are changes to how VET in schools (VETiS) qualifications will be assessed for university entry. QUT supports the inclusion of a VET qualification in the calculation of a Queensland ATAR and will assess an eligible VETiS qualification independently for admission only where the school leaver has also obtained an ATAR.

Visit their [website](#) to find out more information about admission to QUT in 2021 such as:

- ATAR or International Baccalaureate students
- ATAR – ineligible applicants
- Incomplete qualifications
- Assessment of VET qualifications
- Adjustment factors
- Performing arts qualifications (eg AMEB Music etc)

### **QUT – Bachelor of Design International**

QUT has introduced a new degree in Design – [Bachelor of Design \(International\)](#). It is a four year program which includes one year at a partner international institution. Depending on your choice of major, you will be eligible to apply for membership with the respective peak industry bodies. As part of this course you must choose a major from the following:

- [Architecture – International](#)
- [Fashion – International](#)
- [Industrial Design – International](#)
- [Interaction Design – International](#)
- [Interior Architecture – International](#)
- [Landscape Architecture – International](#)
- [Visual Communication - International](#)

### **QUT – Changes to the Bachelor of Communications**

QUT has made changes to the Majors in their Bachelor of Communications. From 2019 there will be five first majors which are:

- [Journalism](#)
- [Entertainment Industries](#)
- [Digital Media](#) (was Media and Communication)
- [Professional Communication](#)
- [Advertising and Public Relations \(from Business\)](#)

### **QUT – Changes to the Bachelor of Creative Industries**

QUT has made changes to the Majors in their [Bachelor of Creative Industries](#). From 2019 there will be eight first majors which are:

- Creative and Professional Writing\*
- Drama and Performance
- Entertainment\*
- Fashion Communication\*
- Interactive and Visual Design\*
- Media and Communication\*
- Music and Sound
- Screen Content Production

\* Revised version introduced in 2019



To find out more about this degree visit the [QUT website](#).

### **QUT – Changes to the Bachelor of Design**

As of 2019, the Bachelor of Design will be a three (3) year degree. QUT has also made changes to the Majors in their Bachelor of Design and from 2019 there will be five first majors within the degree which are:

- [Architecture](#)
- [Interior Architecture](#)
- [Landscape Architecture](#)
- [Fashion](#)
- [Industrial Design](#)
- [Interaction Design](#)
- [Visual Communication](#)

Speak with the university for more information.

### **QUT – Changes to the Bachelor of Fine Arts**

QUT has made changes to the Majors in their [Bachelor of Fine Arts](#). From 2019 there will be ten first majors which are:

- [Acting](#)
- [Amination](#)
- [Creative Writing](#)
- [Dance](#)
- [Dance Performance](#)
- [Drama](#)
- [Film, Screen and New Media Production](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Technical Production](#)
- [Visual Arts](#)

### **QUT – Country STEM Workshops**

QUT students and scientists will travel to rural and remote high schools to deliver STEM workshops. Contact the university to find out where they will be and follow their progress on [Facebook](#) as they travel to regional towns.

### **QUT – Q&A session with QUT scientists**

QUT invites senior high school students to join them on Monday 25 June from 1pm – 3pm to hear from talented QUT scientists to find out why they chose science as a career, and see some exciting experiments conducted live on stage! This is a free event but places are limited. [Get your tickets now](#).

## **QUT Elite Athletes and Sport**

If you are an elite athlete (regional, national or international), sportsperson, manager or coach you may be eligible for adjustment factors and support with managing your student life and funding for competitions and travel expenses. On QUT's [webpage](#) you will find information about:

- Eligibility
- What you will receive
- When adjustment factors won't be considered
- When you should apply
- What happens once you have submitted your application

Even if you're not an elite athlete, you can get involved in [sport at QUT](#) by joining a premier or recreational sporting team or making the most of the swimming pools, gyms and sporting stadiums and fields on campus.

## **QUT Join QUT libraries or access free online resources**

There are many free QUT library resources available to help you with your studies. You can access the same tools used by QUT students to help with organising your assignments, improving your academic writing and research, referencing, preparing for exams and more. Also, if you are a Year 11 or 12 student at a Queensland school, you can join the QUT library and borrow resources to help you at school. Visit the [QUT Library Schools' Program website](#) for details.

## **QUT subjects for entry in 2021 and beyond**

Students who are in Year 10 and plan to study at QUT need to choose the correct assumed knowledge or prerequisite subjects. The following table will assist you in identifying 2021 assumed knowledge subjects and prerequisites nominated by QUT.

<b>Current subjects</b>	<b>Subjects for entry from 2021 onwards</b>
English (4,SA)	English, or Literature, or English and Literature, or English as an Additional Language (Units 3 & 4, C)
Maths B (4,SA)	Mathematical Methods (Units 3 & 4, C)
Maths C (4,SA)	Specialist Mathematics (Units 3 & 4, C)
Maths A, B or C (4,SA)	General Mathematics, or Mathematical Methods, or Specialist Mathematics (Units 3 & 4, C)

Biology (4,SA)

Biology (Units 3 & 4, C)

Chemistry (4,SA)

Chemistry (Units 3 & 4, C)

Physics (4,SA)

Physics (Units 3 & 4, C)

Science (4,SA)

Agricultural Science, or Biology, or Chemistry, or Earth and Environmental Science, or Marine Science, or Physics, or Psychology (Units 3 & 4, C)

### **UMelb - In Brisbane in July**

Turn your visit to University of Melbourne into a long weekend and participate in '[A Day at Melbourne](#)' (13 July 2018) where you will find out about:

- undergraduate courses structure
- majors
- graduate pathways
- enhancement programs
- activities that can be done within each faculty.

[Click here](#) to find out more about the A Day at Melbourne program go to

### **UMelb - My Melbourne newsletter**

This newsletter provides useful information for students considering studying at the University of Melbourne. Visit the [Future Students website](#) (click on 'Contact us') to subscribe to the newsletter.

### **UMelb A Day at Melbourne Uni**

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- graduate pathways
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- activities that can be done within each faculty.

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## **UMelb University of Melbourne Notes**

Melbourne University would like to invite Queensland students to their [Information Day for interstate students](#) at their Parkville campus on Thursday 12 July 2018 9:00am – 6:00pm.

The day will focus on aspects of the university that are of greater concern to interstate students such as:

- the application process
- scholarships
- student services
- accommodation options
- financial assistance

You will have an opportunity to ask current University of Melbourne students who have come from interstate about their experience and how they managed the transition. The program will also include a campus tour followed by a free lunch at one of the residential colleges and a college tour. [Click here](#) to register.

## **UNE - University of New England's (UNE) Early Entry Program**

UNE 2018 Early Entry Program applications are now open. This program enables Year 12 students to be considered for entry to UNE courses before their final Year 12 results are available. Applicants are selected based on information from their school, rather than an OP. Successful applicants receive an offer directly from UNE in early November. Applications for this program close on Friday 28 September 2018. Visit the [Early Entry Program](#) website for details of the application process.

### **Upcoming Events:**

28/09/2018

[University of New England's \(UNE\) Early Entry Program closes](#)

## **UNE – Residential Colleges**

UNE's Residential Colleges provide more than shelter, food and friendship. Finding the balance between study and your social life can be difficult in the first months of your university experience. College provides support to ensure that your time at Uni is as productive as it is enjoyable. Student support includes:

- Academic support: Academic mentors (or tutors) are senior students who commit additional time to guiding academic progress of the College residents. These senior students have consistently shown a high level of achievement during their own studies and will be able to help you with understanding assessment requirements, tutorial questions and general content help throughout your time at Uni.
- Personal support: The combined challenges of finding your feet in a new location, making new friends and keeping pace with assignments, can be difficult to juggle. UNE Colleges provide the support you need to make this transition easier, to manage your priorities, and help you have fun at the same time.

For more information contact the university or check out their [website](#).

## **University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) snippets**

**Language Short Courses** - If you would like to learn a foreign language, or need to top-up your school language studies, here is your opportunity. USC is offering short courses in seven different languages - Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish. These courses will be offered in the evenings once a week for eight weeks at the Sippy Downs and Noosa campuses. The Beginners level will commence on 23 July 2018; the Elementary level will start on 24 July 2018. Visit the [USC website](#) for more information and to register.

## **UQ - Review of MD Entry Requirements**

There will be no changes for 2019 admission (for provisional or graduate) however there will be changes for the 2021 entry requirements. These changes include:

- for 2021 entry, applicants will need to participate in Multi-Mini Interviews (MMIs) as well as applying to QTAC and meeting any other prerequisite
- During an applicant's undergraduate degree, they must successfully complete the tertiary subject prerequisites of Integrative Cell & Tissue Biology and System Physiology through UQ or equivalent subjects from other university undergraduate degrees.
  - Provisional students offered in 2019 need to complete required bachelor level courses in their first degree (must be met by 2022 commencement in the MD program)

### **What is NOT changing?**

- All provisional students still need to undertake the UMAT
- All provisional students must achieve an OP 1/ATAR 99
- All provisional students must complete their designated key degree in the minimum time
- All provisional students must still achieve a GPA of at least 5.00 by the end of their key degree

For more information visit the UQ [website](#) and find out:

- What are the changes
- Why the change
- Planning ahead
  - Applying for 2018 for 2019
  - Applying for 2019 for 2020
  - Applying for 2020 for 2021

## **UQ - 2018 Economics Schools Day**

This event will be held from 10 am – 2 pm on Thursday 19 July 2018 at the UQ St Lucia campus. The UQ School of Economics and the Qld Economics Teachers' Association (QETA) will host the event for Year 11 and 12 students interested in studying economics. The day will give students a taste of life as a B Economics student. Keep checking the [QETA website](#) for more information and opening date for registrations.

## **UQ - 2018-19 UQ Young Scholars Program**

Applications are now open for the 2018 Young Scholars program. This program provides high achieving Year 11 students with an opportunity to discover, learn and engage with UQ's academic community and like-minded students from across Queensland. The program runs from 25 to 29 November 2018. For more information and to apply, visit the [Young Scholars Program website](#). Applications close on Friday 10 August 2018.

### **Upcoming Events:**

10/08/2018

[UQ - 2018-19 UQ Young Scholars Program](#)

*UQ - 2018-19 UQ Young Scholars Program applications close*

## **UQ - Changes to assessing VET Qualifications**

There will be no changes for 2018 and 2019 Seniors with regards to QTAC applying a rank to their completed VET qualifications for competitiveness into Tertiary courses after school. Changes come into effect with the introduction of the QLD ATAR (2020)

### **From 2020 onward**

- A completed VET award may be used in the calculation of a student's ATAR where this is one of the student's best eligible study results.
- From 2020 onwards, UQ will no longer allow school-leaver applicants to receive a standalone selection rank based on a VET award alone (Certificates or Diplomas)
- ATAR applicants will still be able to use their VET qualifications to apply for entry to UQ in subsequent years (this change will not impact students completing their OPs in 2018 or 2019).

Music/Speech/Drama awards (such as AMEB awards) will not be used to derive standalone ranks for school-leavers from 2020 onwards.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## **UQ – Changes to the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)**

Effective from 2019 the Bachelor of Pharmacy will have the following entry requirements/subject prerequisites:

- English
- Mathematics A, B or C and
- Chemistry

[Click here](#) for more information about the program and changes for 2019.

## **UQ – Veterinary Science (Honours) and changes to entry requirements for 2019**

Effective from 2019 the Bachelor of Veterinary Science will have the following additional entry requirements and subject prerequisites:

- English
- Chemistry
- Maths B
- One of Physics or Biology
- Situational Judgement Test (SJT) (to test non-academic capabilities)

What is the Situational Judgement Test? This is an online test - also referred to as CASPer - designed to test the non-academic capabilities of applicants to assess their suitability for Veterinary Science. The test is:

- Administered by [Altus Assessments](#)
- Costs approximately \$80AUD
- Takes approximately 90 minutes to complete
- There will be two test dates, most likely in September and October 2018 with different test papers for each sitting
- Comprised of twelve scenarios – a combination of video and written scenarios. Applicants will read/watch a scenario then respond to three questions about the scenario.
- There is five minutes allocated for each response period

### **Recommendations**

- Complete the exam in a quiet space where you can avoid being distracted
- Recommended to undertake the exam at home and not in a public space (e.g., library)
- Complete the pre-exam 'Internet Preparedness' steps to ensure your internet connection is strong
- Brush up on your typing skills!
- Read through the FAQs on the CASPer website
- Watch the example scenarios on the CASPer website

### **What happens with the results?**

- These are given directly to the institution (applicants will not receive their results directly)
- UQ will use the results to determine if minimum non-academic requirements have been met
- Admissions will update the individual QTAC applications to reflect whether the requirements are met

### **Test requirements**

- Browser
- Stable broadband internet connection
- Keyboard
- Audio output (speakers or headphones)
- Webcam (mandatory for all applicants – you record yourself completing the test)

### To register you will require:

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### **UQ Robogals Workshop**

This one-day workshop is for girls in Years 7 – 12. It will be held during the school holidays on Wednesday 11 July 2018. On the day, students will be able to try hands-on robotics activities and meet some of the current UQ female Engineering and IT students. Visit the [website](#) to purchase tickets (\$30) for the workshop.

### **USC at expos**

USC representatives will be at the [Tertiary Studies Expo](#) (TSXPO) and the [Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo](#) to answer all your question about USC and its courses.

### **USC High Performance Student Athlete program**

USC's High Performance Student Athlete (HPSA) program has been designed to assist you in achieving excellence in both your sport and your study simultaneously. The HPSA program recognises both elite and emerging athletes. To be eligible you must be:

- Currently enrolled as a USC student in an undergraduate or post graduate program.
- Elite HPSA: Actively competing at the open national or international level in a sport recognised by the Australian Sport Commission.

- Emerging HPSA: Actively competing as a development or youth age group athlete at a national or international level in a sport recognised by the Australian Sports Commission.

USC students who are coaching at elite and emerging levels may also be eligible for this program.

Visit the [USC website](#) for more information about:

- How to apply
- Key dates for applications
- Benefits of being in the program

### **USQ - Semester 2 Head Start Applications**

USQ –[Head Start](#) is the perfect opportunity for motivated, high-achieving Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to experience university while still at school. Students will gain access to all university resources, and a dedicated Student Relationship Officer (SRO) to support them and ensure success throughout their studies! Semester 2 2018 [Head Start applications](#) are now due so contact the university for more details.

### **USQ – Future Community Leaders Day**

Offered at both our Toowoomba and Ipswich campuses, the Future Community Leaders days are designed to develop emerging, high potential community leaders from across the USQ region. Designed for Year 11-12 high school students, the program is for those who may be unaware of their ability to lead and would benefit from the encouragement of inspiring leaders. The [Toowoomba](#) Future Community Leaders Day will be held on 5 July from 11.00am – 6.00pm and in [Ipswich](#) on 10 July from 11.00am – 6.00pm. Applications close on Friday 22 June 2018 and visit the [website](#) for more details.

### **USQ – High School Vs University**

Ever wondered what university would be like? USQ has put together a presentation comparing the two. It's always best to be prepared. Check out USQ's short presentation by [clicking here](#).

### **USQ – Mathematics Enrichment Program**

Are you in Year 9 or 10 and like Maths? Do you find Maths 'easy'? This program is designed to improve your mathematical problem solving skills and share a Maths day with others. Scheduled workshops:

Springfield Campus	19 July 2018	4 – 6pm	Topic: <i>Hey, look! I can work this out!</i>
Springfield Campus	16 August 2018	4 – 6pm	Topic: <i>Are you psychic?</i>
Springfield Campus	13 September	4 – 6pm	Topic: <i>Statistics is everywhere</i>
Springfield Campus	1 November 2018	4 – 6pm	Topic: <i>Modelling Waves</i>
Springfield Campus	11 October 2018	4 - 6pm	Topic: <i>Ozzie Cozzie not so sun safe?</i>

Visit their [website](#) to register to attend a workshop.

**Upcoming Events:**

12/07/2018

[USQ Mathematics Enrichment Program registration closes](#)

**USQ Registrations are now open for Careers Day for Years 9 and 10 at the Toowoomba and Ipswich campuses**

These events will be held from 8.15 am – 2.30 pm in Ipswich on 28 June 2018 and in Toowoomba on 26 July 2018. Registrations for this event close on 7 July 2018. See your Guidance Officer/Career Counsellor for more information or visit their [website](#).

**What's on at ACU (Australian Catholic University)?**

Students who complete Year 12 and complete a Certificate III qualification at school will be assigned two selection ranks by QTAC for ACU course preferences: their ATAR and their Certificate III derived rank. Applicants will be considered on their highest selection rank for entry into ACU. Some exceptions may apply to courses with additional entry requirements. It should be noted that Certificate III qualifications are not accepted for ranking in any other circumstance ie non-school leavers.