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Fortnight's joke

I used to be a postman until I got the sack.

This fortnight's thought

Words to live by:

If it's not yours, don't take it

If it's not right, don't do it

If it's not true, don't say it

If you don't know, be quiet

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Preparation Checklist

Australian Apprenticeships has an apprenticeship preparation checklist. Use this list to make sure you're prepared to start an Australian Apprenticeship. It can help to make sure you're on the right track to get the most out of an Australian Apprenticeship. Click here to check out the checklist and to find out how to access the list and how best to use it.

QBuild apprenticeships

QBuild is recruiting apprentices! Learn a trade while helping to build and maintain Queensland schools, social housing, health centres and emergency services facilities. You could also help communities rebuild after natural disasters and get ready for the Olympics in 2032. Explore QBuild's apprenticeships and career opportunities here.

Skills Gateway

On the Skills Gateway you can search course information to find out about qualifications, government funding and training providers. You can also find a Skilling Queenslanders for Work project near you. Click here for more information including:

- Find a training course
- Queensland subsidized training list
- I want to be a …
- Am I eligible?
- Find a provider
- Find a project
- Quick links
- Training Scammer Hotline

Types of apprenticeships you can take up!

On the Australian Apprenticeships website, you will find a list of apprenticeships available in Australia. Click here to find out about:

- What's the difference between an apprenticeship and traineeship?
    - Australian Apprenticeships

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    - Australian School-based Apprenticeships
    - Pre-apprenticeships
- How to find and prepare for your apprenticeship

What types of Apprenticeships and Traineeships are there?

Thinking about an apprenticeship or traineeship? Explore options that match your interests and skills:

A–Z of apprenticeships

A–Z of traineeships

Next, find an employer who'll take you on, sign a training contract and start your learning both on the job and with a training organisation. Find out how to get started and talk to your VET Coordinator at school.

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Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) events

For details about the following events and more information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site or visit the ADF's Upcoming Events page

20/10/2026 Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session

Toowoomba A Night in the Army Reserve

22/10/2026 Cairns Air Force Careers Information Session

Toowoomba Air Force Careers Information Session

27/10/2026 Maroochydore Air Force Careers Information Session

Brisbane Air Force Careers Information Session

Townsville A Night in the Army Reserve

03/11/2026 Cairns Defence Careers Information Session

Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session

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Careers with STEM magazines

Careers with STEM produces annual magazines that are packed with information about STEM qualifications, study options and career options. Read the 2026 magazines here that have information on the following areas and more:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Trades
- Engineering
- Maths and Data
- Economics
- Science

Explore your career

Your Career has great info that will help you find out about particular jobs and career pathways. Their info is available under the following headings:

- Featured initiatives
- Leaving school and not sure what's next
- Top hiring occupations
- Search VET study options
- Articles

Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers

Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers plan, organise, direct, control and coordinate the operations of importing, exporting and wholesaling establishments. You don't need a formal qualification to start in this industry but VET qualifications will open up more possibilities. Find out more about:

- What the job involves
- Key values of workers in Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers
- Top skills required for workers in Importers, Exporters and Wholesalers

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Love music and want a career with a difference?

Expand your musical repertoire across a variety of genres, playing with Defence Force bands at military, community and charity functions across Australia and potentially overseas. You can continue your love of music while being a member of the Army, Navy or Airforce.

The A-Z of STEM careers

Keen on Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths but unsure where it could take you? Explore the Careers with STEM A–Z jobs list, from astrophysicist to zoologist. Discover job profiles, study options, perks and some salary info!

Videos about jobs and other important things!

If you don't know anyone working in a job that you are interested in, then watch a video about the job. Visit the myfuture YouTube channel to view over 45 videos on a broad range of jobs and career investigation information.

Work experience and why it matters

Work experience lets you try out career ideas, explore workplaces and learn what training different jobs need. It can also help you work out what suits your interests and lifestyle. Make the most of it:

- Do your research
- Be prepared
- Start planning early
- Keep trying different jobs
- Definitely get involved.

Find more tips on myfuture.

Workforce Australia

Workforce Australia is a place where you can search and apply for jobs or find more information on your pathway to employment. Click here to find out more about:

- Popular services:
    - We're here to help you find work
    - Getting started in employment services
    - Learning about Obligations
    - Find your local provider
    - Starting a business
    - Activities to support you into work

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    - Your rights and responsibilities
    - Explore training options
    - Contact information
- Programs and activities
- Tips and advice

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Check out FLiCKERFEST Youth Competition

FlickerUp competition is an Australian National Youth Competition and is open to films from students enrolled in secondary schools in Australia, & individuals 18 and under in Australia. Films to be under 25mins and completed in the last 2 years. Check out FlickerUp Resource for some great tips & the FlickerUp Channel for some inspiration. FlickerUp Schools/Youth entries close midnight Friday 23 November – 7pm Saturday 24 November (AEDT). Find more competition, entry and eligibility details here.

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Educational Access Scheme (EAS) for QTAC applicants

QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS) could boost your selection rank and help you get a course offer. One of the 5 categories is *Personal Illness or Disability*. You can apply even if you've already submitted your QTAC application. Download the relevant cover sheet from the EAS page (scroll down), complete it and upload it with supporting documents under 'Outstanding Documents' in your application. Apply by 7 December 2026 for the 23 December 2026 and 14 January 2027 offer rounds. QTAC recommends Year 12 students apply by the end of October so schools can provide extra information if needed. Check QTAC's key dates for offer rounds.

Inclusive Employment Australia

Inclusive Employment Australia program has replaced Disability Employment Services program on 1 November 2025. Inclusive Employment Australia is a specialist disability employment program that assists people with disability, injury or health condition to prepare for, find and maintain work and grow their career. The program helps create a more inclusive future and places participants at the centre of the service. It improves and simplifies services for people looking for work, as well as for employers and service providers. Find out more here including:

- Benefits
- Features
- Network providers
- Mutual obligations
- Support resources

Studying at QUT with a disability, injury or health condition

Disability Services is available to all students, domestic or international, internal or external and includes students enrolled at QUT College. Click here to find out about QUT's disability services including:

- Where do I start?
- Disclosing your disability, injury or health condition
- What can I expect at my first appointment?
- Who is eligible for services?
- Supporting documentation
- What adjustments are available?
- International students
- Campus access

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- Parking on campus
- Assistive technology rooms
- Assistance animals and trainee assistance animals on campus
- Shuttle bus

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Building your resume

There's lots of advice out there on how to create the 'perfect' resume but what does that even mean? A 'perfect' resume successfully tells an employer that you are the right person for the job. Click here to read JobJumestart's article that provides tips on creating resumes. It also offers some example templates so you can create your own! Key article sections are:

- Start simple
- Tailor your resume to meet an employer's needs
- Help with formatting
- Tools that can help you

How AI will reshape Australia's workforce

Career Development Association of Australia report that Deloitte has examined how increasing adoption of AI may change employment demand and the nature of work across the Australian workforce. Conversations about AI need to move beyond whether jobs will simply disappear and towards how tasks, skills and career pathways are changing. Read How AI will reshape Australia's workforce here.

Know what you want to be but not how to get there?

The Australian Government's Your Career website has information about occupations. If you're exploring or looking for a specific occupation then you can search here to find out more including:

- Job titles
- Qualifications and estimated duration of study
- Estimated fee for study
- Employment and/or future study prospects
- Apprenticeship or Traineeship options

MEGT's IT Microsoft Traineeship

MEGT's IT Traineeship with Microsoft+ can help you launch a career in this exciting field. You'll gain valuable work experience, a Certificate IV in Information Technology and Microsoft certifications. They've helped trainees start their IT careers with 200+ companies nationwide. How it works:

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Step 1: Get hired and start learning
You complete your Certificate IV in Information Technology while working with your host employer.

Step 2: Choose your specialisation
Once you have completed 19 of 20 units in your Certificate IV (or you have been studying for 12 months),you'll select 3 Microsoft microcredentials that support your career goals and your workplace's needs.

Step 3: Secure your future
They'll help you to secure a permanent role when you complete your qualification.

What you'll gain:

- **Valuable work experience**: Get paid to work in the Microsoft partner network while you learn
- **Recognised qualifications**: Graduate with a Certificate IV in Information Technology, plus Microsoft certifications
- **A future-focused career**: Enter one of Australia's high-demand industries
- **Quality support**: Guidance from MEGT, Microsoft and TAFE throughout your journey

Click here for more information.

Other people's stories

Read about some of the career journeys others have experienced. They are interesting and varied and could give you ideas. Read some of the stories here including:

- How teaching, travel and tech came together
- A career built on listening
- How Syeada's love of psychology led her to a career in the Air Force
- A career crafted through curiosity and community
- Why starting university later changed everything
- Making work better for everyone: an organisational psychologist's journey
- Quantity surveyor combines her passion for sustainability with her professional skills
- How a passion for social justice led me to public health
- TA tade takes you places - Jason's auto refinishing career in the UK and Australia

Ready for work program

Are you a Queenslander aged 15 years or older and need help to secure a job after school? Skilling Queenslanders for Work training projects help job seekers gain the skills, qualifications and experience they need to enter and stay in the workforce. It's free to participate – there are no hidden costs. Find out more info here.

Specialties in psychology

There are many specialties in psychology. Some of the specialties include:

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- Clinical neuropsychologists
- Clinical psychologists
- Community psychologists
- Counselling psychologists
- Educational and developmental psychologists
- Forensic psychologists
- Health psychologists
- Organisational psychologists
- Sport and exercise psychologists
- Psychologists with general registration

Read about these specialist areas on the Australian Psychological Society website.

Thinking about being a decorator?

Decorators plan the interior decorative schemes of residential and commercial buildings. They work with clients to advise on colours, furnishings, artwork and finishings. They will:

- Meet with clients to discuss requirements.
- Present ideas for colour schemes and palettes.
- Provide advice to clients.
- Prepare samples, drawings and floor plans.
- Work with architects, tradespeople, interior designers and retail salespeople.
- Shop for soft furnishings, paint, wallpaper, homewares and antiques.
- Manage administrative tasks, such as project tracking or invoicing.

Click here for more info including:

- What's it like to be a Decorator?
- How to become a Decorator
- Latest Decorator jobs
- Top skills and experience for Decorators
- Is Decorator the right role for you?
- Decorator role reviews

What does teamwork look like?

Having strong teamwork skills are essential to succeeding at work, no matter your industry or job title. Working well with clients, colleagues, managers and other people in your workplace can help you complete tasks efficiently while creating an enjoyable environment both for yourself and others. An organisation that focuses on good teamwork skills is typically a healthy, high-functioning workplace. Click here to read more about:

- What are teamwork skills?
- Why are teamwork skills important?
- Examples of teamwork skills
    - Communication

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    - Responsibility
    - Honesty
    - Active listening
    - Empathy
    - Collaboration
    - Awareness
- How to improve your teamwork skills

Your career – Grow your career!

Your career starts now! Your casual job is a great place to start to develop your workplace and soft skills for future employment. You will have many different jobs in your work life, all leading to the next great career opportunity. But where and how to start? SkillsRoad.com.au has a website (scroll down) section that provides information on how to hunt for, apply for and prepare for job interviews including:

- Getting career ready
- Job hunting tips
- Resume and cover letters
- Keeping up to date
- Job interviews
- High school subject selections

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ANU Chancellor's International Scholarship

The Australian National University's (ANU) scholarships reward academic excellence while considering your unique situation. They will automatically consider your eligibility for some of their scholarships when you apply to study with them. You can also choose to apply separately for ones that interest you. Click here to find out more including:

- About this scholarship
- Field of Study
- Eligibility
- Selection
- Additional information

CAS Hawker Scholarships

The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected pastoral pioneers who served in the First World War and went on to become a distinguished scholar and leading figure in the Federal Parliament. The Scholarship is available to Australian undergraduate and post-graduate students and is valued at up to $75,000 and contributes to the cost of residential fees at either:

- Burgmann College, Canberra ACT
- St Marks College, Adelaide SA
- Roseworthy College, Roseworthy SA
- Robb College, Armidale NSW
- Trinity College, Cambridge UK
- Marcus Oldham College, Geelong VIC

You must be an Australian citizen and convincingly demonstrate your potential as a future leader, the contribution you have made to your school and community and your academic ability, in keeping with the example C.A.S. Hawker set as a leader and his contribution and service to Australia. Applications for the 2026 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships open on 2 November 2026.

Central Queensland University Scholarships for 2027

If you are thinking of studying at CQUni, check out the wide variety of scholarships they have on offer. Click here to find the 2027 domestic and international student scholarships on offer, closing dates and application details. **Remember**, many scholarships go un-awarded due to lack of applicants so it's best to apply if you are considering CQUni as you may just be successful!

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Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEF) scholarships

CEF Extra is a program designed to provide additional support to eligible CEF students. They work closely with generous individuals and organisations to offer extra funding opportunities in addition to local grants. Click here to read what individual and accommodation scholarships are available and how to apply.

JMC Academy – Scholarships for Creative Futures

Ready to turn your creative passion into a career? JMC Academy is offering two scholarship opportunities to help eligible students take the next step towards their creative future.

- JMC Excellence Scholarship - Receive a 20% reduction in tuition fees for the duration of an eligible undergraduate degree across JMC's creative disciplines, including Music, Film & TV, Acting, Music Theatre, Audio Engineering, Design, Animation, Game Design and Entertainment Business Management
- JMC Design Scholarship - Aspiring visual communicators can receive a 30% reduction in tuition fees for the duration of their Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication)

Both scholarships are available to eligible domestic students commencing full-time study (terms and conditions apply). Make your creative future more achievable**!** Explore the JMC Excellence Scholarship or discover the JMC Design Scholarship to learn more about eligibility and how to get started.

QUT Sport and Esport scholarships

If you are an elite athlete in sport or Esport, QUT offer several scholarships that may assist you to balance your sporting and academic commitments. Click on the links below for more details about what you'll receive, eligibility, how to apply, what happens next and conditions. Find out about:

- QUT Elite Sport Scholarship - QUT offer a $10,000 scholarships for athletes competing at varying levels of sport. Scholarships are open to sportspeople representing in sports verified by Sport Australia.
- QUT-AIS Scholarship - $10,000 scholarship, membership to QUT's Elite Athlete Program and the College of Excellence
- QUT Rising Sports Scholarship (including esport) - $5,000 scholarship, member to the Tigers Esport Academy Development Program, nutrition and sports psychology services, membership to the QUT College of Excellence and Elite Athlete program

Applications close on 8 January 2027.

Scholarships at QUT

Explore QUT's range of scholarships and bursaries with QUT's dedicated scholarships webpage, including scholarships for sport, academic performance, creative arts, budding entrepreneurs, financial hardship,

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asylum seekers and Indigenous Australians .

RISE scholarship application closing date is 8 January 2027
Students interested in QUT's Real-world Impact Scholarship (RISE) now have more time to apply. Applications close on 31 October 2026.

Update to Westpac's scholarship program
Westpac has redesigned its long-running scholarship program and the Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship will no longer be offered to school leavers from 2027. QUT and Westpac are delivering the new Westpac Tech Futures Scholarship for final-year STEM undergraduate students. QUT's website will be updated shortly to reflect this change.

Study Assist - government financial assistance for further study - A reminder

The Australian Government provides financial assistance in several forms to young people wanting to take on a study program. On the Study Assist website you can find information about what to do before you study, HELP Loans including HECS loans, VET Students, Support while you study, paying back your loan and more information if you need help.

University of the Sunshine Coast scholarships close in November 2026

Scholarships and bursaries aren't just for high academic achievers or if you are struggling financially. They're also available for students demonstrating sporting achievement or community involvement such as volunteering, fund raising or taking on a leadership role. Visit the Scholarship web page to see what is available before applications for Semester 1 2027 scholarships close on 30 November 2026.

UQ and St Leo's College Scholarships

The St Leo's College Scholarship Program rewards future residents whose achievements deserve special commendation and recognition. This may be in the areas of academics, culture, sports or leadership or in the form of a desire to contribute to the College in its various local, national and global endeavours. Click here for more information on available scholarships, eligibility and closing dates.

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Aurora Education Foundation

Aurora Education Foundation has 439 scholarships and grants that are currently open and that you can apply for. They range across many different institutions, qualifications and value. Check them out here and always remember, if you don't apply you will never get a scholarship.

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Spend your gap year as a volunteer

Volunteering is a great way to:

- Explore a range of jobs (gain work experience)
- Help you make new friends and contacts (expand your network)
- Improve your social, relationship and communication skills
- Increase your confidence and boost your self-esteem
- Keep you healthy, physically and mentally
- Add to your resume
- Help you learn new skills
- Connect to your community
- Develop effective team skills
- Gain a sense of well-being and fulfilment

Read the myfuture article 'Volunteering' to understand the full range of benefits you receive through volunteering. For volunteering ideas, you can explore the following websites:

- Volunteering Queensland
- Go Volunteer
- Seek Volunteer
- Volunteer with the Red Cross in Queensland.

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UniSC - Changing minds: Tweens, teens and screens panel presentation

UniSC is hosting a presentation by Dr Norman Swan - Changing minds: Tweens, teens and screens. Screen time and social media are reshaping how young people think, behave and experience the world. You are invited to join in person, award-winning producer, broadcaster and health commentator Dr Norman Swan as he leads this panel discussion on growing up in a fast-moving digital world that has never been more harmful – or offered more connection. The session is on 28 October from 6 - 7 pm at UniSC Moreton Bay Auditorium, 1 Moreton Parade, Petrie. Find more info and tickets here.

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Offer certainty for Year 12 students at Griffith College

Griffith College offers Year 12 graduates study options that are not based on ATAR. You don't need an ATAR to apply. Successful study at Griffith College will see you progress to your chosen Bachelor's degree at Griffith University. The following are suggestions for meeting eligibility for entry into a course:

- Queensland Certificate of Education (or equivalent from another state)
- A statement of results with a grade of C or better in Units 3 and 4 in three General or Applied subjects
- Completed Certificate III
- An ATAR

Students must list Griffith College as one of their preferences on their QTAC application. Click here for more information including:

- Study options
- Student life
- How to apply
- Student support (top navigation bar)
- News and Events

SAE University College

SAE University College Brisbane campus is located in Brisbane's West End. You will have access to state-of-the-art studios and equipment, a teaching and learning team committed to excellence in education and specialist training. SAE University College Brisbane offers courses in:

- Animation
- Audio Engineering and Sound production
- Creative Industries
- Computer Science
- Visual Communication and Graphic Design
- Cinematography and Film Making
- Game development and Games Design courses
- Songwriting and Music Production Courses

Click here to find out more about their facilities, upcoming events, latest news and courses on offer.

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SAE University College's Early Offer Program

SAE's Early Offer Program lets high school students lock in their future studies and enjoy what's left of Year 12 knowing they have next year sorted. You can secure a conditional early offer for the February 2027 intake.

Key Program Benefits:

- Secure Your Place Early: Lock in a spot at SAE before graduating high school.
- ATAR-Free Entry: All SAE courses offer entry pathways that don't rely on an ATAR score.
- No Application Fees: Applying for the Early Offer Program is completely free.
- Obligation Free: Early offers come with no obligation or pressure to accept!

If you are wanting a creative career then find out more here.

Take a 360 look into SAE Uni College immersive sound

SAE University College say that after 50 years of stereo, 360-degree immersive sound is set to become the next major technological advancement in the audio and music industries. Following their panel discussion at the inaugural Sound West conference in Western Sydney, SAE University College audio lecturers Chris Hancock and Stewart Geddes shared their insights into the industry and what it's like educating the next generation of audio engineers. Click here to find out more.

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ATAR Portal registration

Have you registered on the ATAR portal to have your ATAR calculated by QTAC? Remember, when registering for the ATAR portal, **you must use your personal email address**. When logging in, if you have forgotten your password, you need to call QTAC on 1300 467 822. Visit the QTAC ATAR page for more information including how to register to have your ATAR calculated!

Keep an eye on your QTAC application

Once you've submitted your QTAC application, it's super important to log in regularly to keep everything on track. Here's what you can do when you check in:

- **Update your contact details** – If you need to change your name, date of birth, citizenship status, gender, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, Māori, Pasifika or Australian South Sea Islander status or qualification details, call QTAC on 1300 467 822.
- **Check for messages** – See if QTAC has sent you any updates or requests about your application.
- **Make sure you meet entry requirements** – Double-check you've got everything covered.
- **Upload any extra documents** – Make sure you've submitted everything they've asked for and on time!
- **Check regularly if you've received an offer** – You don't want to miss out!
- **Look through the Q&A section** – This can help clear up common questions.

QTAC usually contacts you using the email address you used in your application. Make sure this is your personal email and check the Inbox and Junk/Spam regularly. An easy trick is to link your email to your smartphone, so you don't miss anything important.

Responding to offers

Respond to your offer by the date and time specified on your offer notification so that it does not expire. If your offer expires, call QTAC on 1300 467 822 to get it reactivated and advise them of your response."

To respond to your offer:

- Log in to Application Services.
- Select your response option (ie Accept, Reject, Defer – if deferment is an available choice) conditional response button.
- Select the offer response again and confirm your choice.

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You have 4 options:

- Accept - I'm happy and ready to enrol - Check with the institution for enrolment details and dates.
- Decline - I no longer wish to study - By declining your offer outright, you notify QTAC that you no longer wish to study or be considered for any other preferences.
- Defer - I'm happy and not ready to enrol yet - Rules for course deferral vary by institution. Visit the deferment page on QTAC's website for the institution policies.
- Conditional Response - I'd like to be considered for my higher preferences - By selecting a conditional response, you indicate that you would like to be considered for a higher preference.

Find more information here (scroll down) and be sure you understand the process so you don't miss out on your preferred course.

Rural Access Scheme

The Rural Access Scheme exists to recognise the challenges that are often faced by students from Rural and Remote backgrounds. Some institutions offer courses with a number of places reserved for applicants from rural and remote backgrounds. To be eligible:

- You can study as part of the Rural Access Scheme if you have lived in Rural and Remote areas of Australia for five years consecutively (60 full months) or ten years cumulatively (120 full months).
- Rural and Remoteness is determined by the Health Workforce Locator geographical classification system, Modified Monash Model, MM2 to MM7.

For more info click here (scroll down) and check the university/ies you are applying to.

Some QTAC Q&As

Q. I applied for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when I applied to QTAC. What do I need to do now?

A. Download the EAS cover sheet for the category (or categories) you're applying for. Go to the EAS info section on the QTAC website, scroll down and click on your category. The cover sheet tells you exactly which documents you need to give QTAC and they must be submitted by the key dates.

Q. I didn't apply for EAS when I applied to QTAC. Can I still apply?

Yes you can!

- Log back into your QTAC application and apply for EAS.
- Download the relevant cover sheet(s) from the Assistance Scheme page (scroll down).
- Follow the instructions on the cover sheet carefully.
- Attach your supporting documents by uploading them to your application.

Some categories might also need a school statement, so make sure you check. QTAC recommends Year 12 students get their EAS applications in by the end of October.

Q. I'm confused about offer rounds as there are lots of offer rounds on the QTAC site. I heard I could get an earlier offer?

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A. You're not alone, this part can be tricky. Unis can make offers earlier than the major offer round, as long as you've met all entry requirements. Check the Course Offer Dates page on the QTAC website for when different unis might make their offers. QTAC will let you know about offers by email, so make sure you're checking it regularly — including your Junk/Spam folder. **Important:** If you get an offer, you usually have only a few days (often 4) to respond. If you don't, the offer expires and you won't be considered for future rounds. Contact QTAC if this happens!

Q. I applied for a course that needs an audition but didn't do the audition. Will I still be considered?

A. You'll need to contact the uni directly, but the answer will probably be no. If an audition is part of the entry requirements, not doing it usually means you won't be considered.

Q. I don't know what my ATAR will be. My pathway preferences (5 and 6) need a minimum ATAR of 78. Is that a safe back-up?

A. Not really. It's smarter to pick at least one "safety net" course (especially your 6th preference) where everyone who applied last year got an offer. The good news? You can change your preferences after you get your ATAR, so you'll have a chance to adjust and keep your options open if needs be.

Q. Where can I get help with my QTAC application after I leave school?

A. Once school's done, the best place to get help is QTAC itself and the Uni you want to go to. You can:

- Call QTAC on **1300 467 822** (be patient — it's a busy time, and you might have to wait)
- Use the **Contact Us** page on the QTAC website
- Or email them if you prefer

USI: You will need one!

The USI (Unique Student Identifier) is a student's individual education number for life. You need a USI if you are:

- graduating Year 12 and wanting to apply to tertiary institutions
- undertaking Nationally Recognised Training (e.g. VET qualifications)
- a higher education student seeking Commonwealth financial assistance (e.g. a HECS-HELP loan)
- an international student studying onshore in Australia

Australian school students need to create a USI before they apply for tertiary study. There is no minimum age requirement to create a USI. Find out more about the USI on the Australian Government website.

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Final subject results for 2026 Year 12 students

Final subject results and Senior Education Profiles (SEPs) for 2026 Year 12 graduates will be available from 9.00 am on Wednesday 16 December 2026. You can find them via your learning account in the Student Portal on the myQCE website.

You will need your 10-digit Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) if you haven't as yet registered for the Student Portal.

The Results FAQs contain information to help you understand your results and access your Senior Education Profile (SEP) when it is available. For further assistance, contact ClientServices@qcaa.qld.edu.au or phone (07) 3864 0299.

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5 tips to help you cope with stress

Juggling school, homework, activities and future plans can be stressful. Check out these tips to help manage stress:

1. Get enough sleep.
2. Focus on your strengths.
3. Make time for things you enjoy.
4. Get moving.
5. Talk to someone you trust.

Effective ways to memorise for exams

Exam study can feel overwhelming. Trying different techniques can help you find what works for you. Check out Jess Holsman's study tips, including:

- Using visuals
- Listening
- Reading
- Writing
- Hands-on activities.

Study smarter not harder

UQ has put together some study skills for their students that can be useful for Year 11 and 12 people. Click here to check out how to study including:

- Chunk up information
- Concept maps
- Flow charts
- Tables
- Find connections
- Use memory tricks
- Emphasise learning over memorising

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Things I wish I knew before leaving school

The following information comes from a research project funded by the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education. 21 young people were interviewed to gain an understanding of the pathways they took and the choices they made since leaving school and how these related to their aspirations at school. The young people were given the opportunity to reflect on what they wish they had known when they were at school. Their advice may help you better prepare for life after school. Click here to read about some of their thoughts including:

- There are different ways to enter university other than the Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking (ATAR)
- Hearing from students who have recently left school
- Not everyone completes their degree and jobs after university can be hard to get
- It's ok not to go to university
- There are many career options, including those that don't require a university degree
- Mental health and wellbeing are important when considering the future

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Applications for TAFE Semester 1 2027 now open

TAFE Queensland can help you move forward with practical training and support along the way. Applications for Semester 1, 2027 intake are now open. Find your course and click on the red 'Apply Now' tab. Make sure you are selecting the correct TAFE campus and start date.

Commonwealth Prac Payment (CPP) for Diplomas of Nursing

The Commonwealth Prac Payment helps eligible students cover living costs during compulsory placements.

- Payment: $338.60 a week in 2026, with the rate updated annually.
- Eligible courses: Teaching, nursing, midwifery and social work degrees, plus the Diploma of Nursing.

From 1 July 2027 this support expands to 10 allied health areas, including physiotherapy, psychology and pharmacy. Check with your university or training provider. Eligibility and income rules apply. Find more info here.

Get a degree through TAFE

TAFE offer their own practical degrees and post-grad qualifications – real uni qualifications without going to uni! So if you've ever told yourself 'I'm not academic' or thought that a degree was out of reach, think again – TAFE's practical, hands-on teaching style is perfect for people who learn best by doing. Explore degree courses here.

Start your pathway to Uni at TAFE

You might be at a crossroads about what's more valuable – a uni degree in three or four-years' time, or on-the-job skills that get you into your dream job sooner. You could have both! With TAFE's diploma-to-degree pathways, you could start with a diploma and earn a year's credit towards a degree in the same study area. Check it out as you can work using your diploma qualification while studying at uni.

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TAFE Scholarships

Planning to study in 2027? A TAFE Queensland scholarship could provide financial support to help you achieve extraordinary things. Each year 100 x $5,000 scholarships are awarded to people looking to change their lives and build lifelong careers. Learn more here as you may be eligilbe for a TAFE Scholarship!

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2027 Directory of Performing Arts courses

Interested in Performing Arts courses? Access the Stage Whispers Directory of Performing Arts Courses 2026 for a comprehensive list of performing arts courses in Australia and New Zealand.

Busting Some Common Uni Myths

Myth 1: "First year doesn't count."

A. Not true! Your first-year results usually count towards your GPA (Grade Point Average) — and your GPA matters.

- If you want to transfer into a different course, a strong GPA can help.
- Many scholarships are based on your GPA once you start uni
- .Employers can look at it when you graduate.

So yes, first year *does* count — don't slack off!

Myth 2: "I'll be paying off my HECS-HELP debt forever."

A. Not true! The HECS-HELP loan helps you pay your student contribution for your course. You don't start paying it back until you're earning over $69,528

- Repayments are made through the tax system, not all at once.
- There's no interest, but your balance is indexed each year to match inflation.

So, it's more like a slow, income-based repayment rather than a scary lifelong debt. For the latest info, check out Commonwealth Supported Places and HECS-HELP.

Myth 3: "I'll never find a job after graduation."

A. Competition for jobs is real — but you can totally give yourself an edge. Start getting experience while you study. Do some work experience, internships, or part-time jobs in your field. This looks great on your résumé and helps employers see what you can do. Don't wait until your final year — check out your Uni's Careers and Employment services early on. They can help with jobs, networking and internships.

Myth 4: "If I don't make friends during O Week, I never will."

A. Nope! O Week (Orientation Week) is awesome for meeting people and learning about support services — but it's not your *only* chance to make friends. You'll meet people in tutorials, group projects, clubs,

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societies, and even the coffee line. If you're shy, joining a club is a great way to meet people without the awkward small talk.

Myth 5: "Lectures can be skipped."

A. Yes… and no. Most lectures are recorded, so technically you *can* skip them. However, turning up has some solid perks:

- Some courses count attendance as part of your grade.
- You're paying to be there — you might as well get the most out of it.
- It's a chance to make friends and build good connections with lecturers. Those connections can really help when you're job hunting later.

Pathways to university study

Getting into uni with an **ATAR** is common, but it's not the only way to get where you want to go. Didn't get the result you were hoping for after Year 12? No worries — there are plenty of other ways to get into your dream course. Lots of unis offer alternative pathways to help you build your skills, boost your rank or transfer into the course you really want. Here are some great places to start:

- Australian Catholic University – Admission Pathways
- Bond University – Diploma Preparation Program
- CQUniversity – Entry Pathway
- Griffith University – Admission Pathways
- James Cook University – Discover Your Pathway
- Queensland University of Technology – Admission Pathways
- TAFE Queensland – University pathways
- University of Queensland – Consider your pathway options
- University of Southern Queensland – Pathway Programs
- University of the Sunshine Coast – Uni Pathways

Check out the QTAC Upgrading Pathways page (scroll down) to explore more options.

Hot tip: Some pathways are uni-specific, so always double-check that the pathway you're keen on is accepted by the uni you want to go to.

Student One - Brisbane Student Accommodation

Looking for a student home in Brisbane? Student One offers accommodation in the CBD, close to shops, entertainment and transport. When choosing where to live, consider your budget, travel to campus, work and social life. Check it out especially for your 1st year at Uni or TAFE.

Tips for making the most of O Week

After leaving school, the big, wide world of TAFE or Uni can be downright 'scary' for a fresh high-school graduate. Luckily, all universities provide some type of orientation, known as O Week, for new students to

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welcome them and give them a chance to get to know the environment before classes start. Click here to read tips about O Week generally including:

- Stepping out of your comfort zone
- Get organised
- If you already know people at uni, join forces
- If you get lost, there's an app for that!

What's Census Date and Why It Matters

Census date is the last day to drop a subject without paying its fees or adding to your HELP debt. Academic penalty deadlines may be different. Check your uni's website for the dates. Thinking about stopping or changing your studies? Talk to Student Services before the Census date and save yourself a lot of money and heartache!

Australian Catholic University

Find a course

ACU has an easy-to-use course search engine. Click here to research their study areas and courses. You can register your interest and get up-to-date information and find key dates.

Australian National University

2027 Course Guides

The Undergraduate course guide gives you a taste of what learning at ACU university is like. Click here to check out the 2027 Course Guide which includes, amongst other information:

- Course information
- Course area index
- Why choose ACU?
- LIfe at ACU
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student success
- Timetables, units and course maps
- Study in Rome

Bond University

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Applying to Bond Medicine?

Tuesday 5 January 2027 is when applications through QTAC open for Bond's Medical Program.

Medical Program Bachelor of Medical Studies, Doctor of Medicine

The Medical Program comprises two sequential degrees. You'll first be required to complete the Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt) and then complete the Doctor of Medicine (MD) to be eligible to practice medicine. You'll engage in evidence-based medicine and integrated placements within clinical sites and will gain extended exposure to areas such as child health, medicine, mental health, surgery and women's health during your placement. Click here to read more about their program including:

- Medical Program frequently asked questions
- Important dates and deadlines
- The 2027 Medical Program guide

If you have an active QTAC application in progress, you will be able to amend your preferences on 14 January 2027 (closes at 8:30). Talk to QTAC directly to discuss your preference order if you have applied to other institutions.

Medical Program Information Session for 2027 intake

Bond is hosting an online information session that will provide an overview of the Medical Program at Bond University. You'll get the answers to your questions and is your opportunity to ask the important questions, explore your options and discover if Bond University is the right fit for you. Topics to be discussed:

- Entry requirements and tuition fees
- Program structure and subjects
- How to apply and the admissions process
- Upcoming key dates
- Pathways into the program

The session is on Thursday, 19 November 2026 starting at 5pm AEST (Brisbane Time). A Zoom link will be provided upon registration. Find out more info and rego details here.

Services and support

Bond University's services and support extend throughout all areas of university life. Bond provides a range of personalised health and wellbeing, academic, employability student support services. These services include Student Success Advisors to help you transition into your studies, Accessibility and Inclusion, Counselling, Medical and Health Service and Indigenous student support. Find more info including:

- Support for first year students
- Support for students under 18 years

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- International student support
- Student success and wellbeing services
- Academic skills centre
- Accessibility and inclusion
- Library
- Computing support

Central Queensland University

Accommodation options for 2027

CQU offers students accommodation options across its two main campuses Capricornia College in Rockhampton and Canefield College in Mackay. Both campuses will be accepting applications for Semester 1, 2027 in November. Click here to read more about the on-campus accommodation options at CQU.

Book a conversation

To help you explore your future study options or answer your questions, you can book a conversation with the CQU support team where they can answer your questions about course options and pathways. Choose your preferred day, time and chat platform - phone, zoom, email or Facebook Messenger. Click here to book a conversation.

Certificate and Diploma pathway courses

CQUni offers hands-on Certificate and Diploma courses in areas like Nursing, Hospitality and Cookery. Start with a Certificate I or II, build your skills with a Certificate III or IV, or explore a Diploma. Some courses can also provide a pathway to uni. Explore CQUni's VET courses.

First Nations Support

During the application process, you will be asked to nominate if you are of Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander origin. If you indicate this Indigenous status, the Indigenous Engagement Division will be advised, so that they can make contact with you to make you aware of the support you will receive as an indigenous student with CQUniversity. Check it out.

Online Chat Session November

Get to know CQU a little better at their November Online Chat Session on Thursday, 19 November 2026 from 3 to 6pm AEST. All you need to do is head over to their CQUniversity Facebook page and send them a message during the session and you'll receive real-time answers to all your questions. More details and rego here.

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Griffith University

Bridging Maths - Improve maths skills to meet entry to study teacher education - A reminder

If you're ready to study a teaching degree at University but don't have the Maths prerequisite, successful completion of Griffith's fee Bridging Maths meets subject prerequisite requirements for entry into Griffith Education degrees. You could commence your studies in the next available trimester. A couirse will start on 5 January and finish on 12 February. Once you enrol you can apply for Education at Griffith through QTAC. Click here to find out more including:

- Course topics
- Delivery mode
- Course dates
- Eligibility
- How to apply

Griffith's Adjustment Factor Calculator

Unsure which Griffith degrees you could get into? Depending on where you live, your school subjects and your circumstances, you could receive up to 8 adjustment points to boost your selection rank. Your ATAR stays the same and the adjustment points move you up the eligibility ranks. Try Griffith's adjustment calculator to explore your options.

Information for high school students

Year 12 students apply for Griffith undergraduate degrees online through QTAC or UAC. You can also search for more information through their Degree Finder. If you are applying as an international student, visit international applications. Click here to read more about:

- Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee
- ATAR Guarantee
- Undergraduate diplomas
- Prerequisites and Assumed Knowledge
- All about your ATAR
- Adjustment Factors
- International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Rural Priority Access Scheme
- Bridging and enabling programs
- VET pathways
- Study uni while at school
- Admissions pathways
- High achievers
- Elite Athletes
- Scholarships

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Want to apply to Griffith? Book a Q&A session

You can book a 30-minute Q&A session to explore your study options, receive personalised application support and get advice on a range of support services available at Griffith. You can book a 30-minutes Q&A video call or telephone session.Click here for more information and to book an appointment.

Queensland University of Technology

Mathematics Summer School

Year 11 students can explore real-world Mathematics at QUT with QUT's four-day Mathematics Summer School**,** held 18–21 January 2027. Students will explore future study pathways in Maths, Science, Engineering, Technology and Data through STEM challenges, lectures and workshops. Some financial bursaries are available for regional and remote students. The Mathematics Summer School will be held between 18 - 21 January 2027 and applications close on 30 October 2026. Apply now.

Quick Q&A

Q. Can a student who is eligible for a QUT bachelor degree choose a QUT diploma pathway if they want more support or are not as confident?
A. Yes, absolutely. Read more about the QUT College environment and support.

Q. Are QUT diplomas and the undergraduate certificate (nursing) offered as Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP)?
A. Yes, for students who meet CSP eligibility requirements.

Q. Is there a minimum selection rank/ATAR requirement for QUT combined diploma degrees?
A. Yes, the combined diploma degrees have minimum selection rank/ATAR requirements and vary from Diploma to Diploma.

Q. Does QUT consider students with an incomplete International Baccalaureate Diploma?
A. Yes, they will consider these students for their QUT College Diplomas and undergraduate Certificates, which provide a pathway to related bachelor degrees as well as a selection rank that can be considered for entry to other QUT degrees.

Q. If an Indigenous Australian student applies for QUT via QTAC, what is the process for the Oodgeroo Unit to consider their application?
A. If a student identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander on their QTAC application and includes a QUT course in their top three preferences, the Oodgeroo Unit will contact them to invite them to participate in the Centralised Assessment and Selection Process (CASP).

Q. For scholarships that are for students struggling financially, is there a specific income associated with this?
A. No, these scholarships are assessed based the level of financial and personal hardship with scholarships

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allocated to students who are most in need. Find out more about eligibility and documentation requirements.

QUT ATAR tool

Once you know your ATAR or if you have an ATAR estimate, you can use the QUT ATAR tool to check what QUT courses you may be eligible for based on 2026 thresholds. Check it out!

QUT College for domestic students

QUT College pathway programs will give you the skills and confidence to pursue your chosen degree at QUT. They offer bridging programs to Diplomas and a range of pathway programs to help you step into your QUT Undergraduate Degree with confidence. Click here for more information including:

- Diplomas and Certificates
- Bridging programs
- University Preparation Program

QUT Elite Sport Program

Planning to study at university while pursuing your sporting goals? QUT's Elite Sport Program supports eligible athletes, coaches and officials to succeed academically and athletically. Benefits include support with flexible study and assessment arrangements, access to allied health services, fitness facilities, professional development opportunities and sporting bursaries. Students can apply once enrolled at QUT. Applications are open year-round. Explore the program and eligibility requirements.

QUT Sport Scholarships, applications open now for 2027

Finishing school and planning to study at QUT in 2027? QUT offers sport scholarships valued from $5,000 to $10,000, paid over two years, to support talented and high-performing sportspeople. Opportunities include Rising Sports (including esports) and Elite Sport scholarships, alongside scholarships offered in partnership with the AIS, QAS and AusCycling. Successful applicants also receive access to QUT's Elite Sport Program and additional development opportunities. Sport Scholarship applications close 8 January 2027. Explore scholarships and eligibility requirements.

Vocational education and training (VET) guarantee

Your VET qualification could open the door to QUT! A completed AQF Diploma or Certificate IV guarantees an offer to many QUT courses. A Certificate III guarantees an offer to many Diploma or combined Diploma/Degree programs. Check which courses are eligible and any extra entry requirements.

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What does an Interior Designer do?

Interior designers shape how people experience spaces, combining creativity, technical knowledge, and human-centred thinking. This career suits students who want to design environments that are functional, inspiring, and responsive to how people live, work, and connect.

At QUT, students gain hands-on experience designing real-world interior spaces through studio projects that explore sustainability, wellbeing, emerging technologies and spatial storytelling. Working alongside industry and community partners, students graduate with a strong portfolio and practical skills ready for professional practice. Watch our video to learn more.

Year 12 ATAR Advice Webinar

Year 12 students are invited to join QUT's ATAR Advice Webinar on Friday 18 December, following the release of ATAR results. The session will provide practical advice about studying at QUT in 2027 including:

- pathways to your preferred course
- how to order your QTAC preferences
- guaranteed entry, study costs and support
- a current QUT student's experience – hear about why they chose QUT.

More info and rego details here.

Year 12 Early Offer Scheme key dates

The Year 12 Early Offer Scheme can provide you with an offer to study at QUT on your last day of Year 12. More than 80 single and double degrees are included in the scheme.

Key dates:

- **21 October:** students need to have completed their QTAC application, listing an eligible course in their top three preferences. Invitations to apply for the scheme will then be sent to these students until 23 October.
- **4 November:** final date to submit supporting documentation.
- **13 November:** students who are approved for an early offer receive email notification.
- **17 November:** final date to reorder preferences to ensure an eligible course is listed as their first preference.
- **20 November:** QUT early offers released via QTAC.

If you are unable to upload your documentation by 4 November can supply it by 13 November and still be considered for an early offer for the same courses on 27 November. Check the key dates, eligibility and included courses.

The University of Queensland

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Bachelor of Agricultural Science

The Bachelor of Agricultural Science is becoming more flexible from 2027 with intakes in Semester 1 and Semester 2 including a new Crop Science major. Explore the Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree.

Concurrent diplomas

A concurrent diploma is a diploma-level qualification (AQF 5) that you can study alongside your bachelor's program. All diplomas are made up of 16 units and you can spread these units across the duration of your bachelor's program, or you can complete these units in a concentrated period. You can apply to add the Diploma in Languages as a concurrent diploma. You apply to add a concurrent diploma once you are enrolled in your Bachelor program.

Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) - Semester 1 2027 applications open now

The Enhanced Studies Program provides 2027 Year 12 students with an opportunity to extend their knowledge and skills by completing one university subject during the first semester of Year 12.

- No tuition fees
- In person, External and Intensive course offerings available.
- ESP prepares students for university study by experiencing classes, completing assessment and enjoying campus life.
- Students who successfully complete ESP will be eligible to receive one adjustment to their ATAR.
- ESP students who later enrol in a relevant UQ degree may receive credit for their completed course.
- ESP study counts towards a student's Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

Applications opened on 10 August and close on Friday 29 November 2026. Click here for more information.

Language enrichment program for Years 9 - 12 students

Institute of Modern Languages (IML) high school language enrichment programs are for Years 7 and 8 students who wish to begin their study of French or Japanese in or Years 9 ,10, 11 and 12 students who want to further their study of French, German, Japanese or Spanish in in 2027. The next program will run between 11 and 15 January 2027 and enrolments close on 14 December 2026. Find more info and rego details here.

Meet prerequisites with bridging courses

If you have not yet met UQ subject prerequisites you can prepare for Semester 1, 2027 entry with a 4 week, face-to-face bridging courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematical Methods. Course starts in January. Find out more including application info here.

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Queensland Mathematics Summer School

UQ's Queensland Mathematics Summer School (QMSS) introduces Year 11 students to the beauty of Advanced Mathematical ideas and new ways of thinking. Students commencing Year 11 in 2027 who have chosen to study QCE Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics or IB Mathematics (HL or SL) are invited to apply for the 2027 event. The event will run from 19 - 22 January 2027 and applications close on 10 November 2026. Click here for more information and application details.

Tertiary Preparation Program

UQ's Tertiary Preparation Program is designed for students who are 18 years or older or have completed Year 12 but who have not achieved their desired ATAR. With small class sizes, you will receive a high level of personal attention, helping you develop confidence and study structure for academic success. Successful completion of this course will see you being able to hit the ground running when you progress to your undergraduate degree. Click here for more information.

Torrens University Australia

A different way of studying

Torrens University Australia offers over 300 courses designed to get you job ready. They have courses in the following areas offered by world class providers:

- Design
- Health
- Business
- Hospitality
- Technology
- Education

Scholarships are also available. Click here to download their Course Guide.

University of Southern Queensland

Is studying online a real options for you?

UniSQ has busted some of the myths around online study including:

Myth 1: Online study means you're on your own

Myth 2: It's not as good as studying on campus

Myth 3: You have to choose one way and stick to it

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Myth 4: It won't fit around a busy schedule

Find answers to these myths and more info here (scroll down).

University of the Sunshine Coast

Headstart applications are now open

Want to try out university while still in high school? UniSC's Headstart program gives you the oppportunity to study a University course/subject while you are still at school. Headstart lets you test-drive your dream subject (for free!), earn credit for your future degree and develop your academic skills. You'll be ready to hit the ground running for your university adventure. Click here for more information with applications for Semester 1 2027 closing on 30 October. You will find information on:

- How to apply
- Available courses
- Choosing a course
- Headstart key dates
- What to expect
- Headstart Guide

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Upcoming Events



Date	Event
20/10/2026	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
20/10/2026	ADF: Toowoomba A Night in the Army Reserve
21/10/2026	GU Final date to apply, to be eligible for an early offer.
21/10/2026	QUT Early offer completed QTAC application
21/10/2026	QUT Final early offer invitation date to complete your QTAC application
22/10/2026	ADF: Cairns Air Force Careers Information Session
22/10/2026	ADF: Toowoomba Air Force Careers Information Session
23/10/2026	QUT Early Offer applications close
27/10/2026	ADF: Brisbane Air Force Careers Information Session
27/10/2026	ADF: Maroochydore Air Force Careers Information Session
27/10/2026	ADF: Townsville A Night in the Army Reserve
28/10/2026	UniSC Changing minds: Tweens, teens and screens panel discussion
30/10/2026	Fixed Closing Date for Veterinary Science - QTAC Application
30/10/2026	GU Qld Film School optional portfolio admissions due
30/10/2026	QUT Maths Summer School applications close
30/10/2026	QUT RISE Scholarship applications close
30/10/2026	UniSC Headstart Trimester 1 2027 applications close
30/10/2026	UQ Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) applications close through QTAC
31/10/2026	Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Local Sporting Champions program Round 2 Closes
31/10/2026	AVCAT (Aust Veterans' Children Assistance Trust) scholarships close
31/10/2026	START QUT Sem 1 2027 applications close
31/10/2026	UQ Sporting Scholarship applications close
01/11/2026	TC Beirne School of Law Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship

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04/11/2026	Early offer final day to submit docs for 20 Sept round
04/11/2026	GU Final date to submit supporting documentation for the main offer round on 20 November.
04/11/2026	QUT Early offer final date to submit documentation
09/11/2026	UQ COllege bridging course applications close
10/11/2026	UQ Maths Summer School applications close
12/11/2026	QUT Discover Creative Arts and Design dau
13/11/2026	QUT Early Offer - successful students receive notification
16/11/2026	GU Early Offer last date to change your course preferences
17/11/2026	QUT Early Offer - last day to rearrange preferences
19/11/2026	Bond Medical Program Information Session for 2027 Intake webinar
19/11/2026	CASPER Test for Veterinary Science entry optional test date
19/11/2026	CQUni Online Chat Session
20/11/2026	QUT Early Offers released via QTAC
20/11/2026	UQ Academic shcolarship applications close
24/11/2026	FlickerUp Youth competition closes
29/11/2026	UQ Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) - Semester 1 2027 applications open now
30/11/2026	UniSC scholarship applications close

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