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QTAC is NOW OPEN!

QTAC 2025 - What you need to know

Before you start you will need:

- A personal email address (not your school email)
- Details of the courses you are applying for
- Details of your qualifications and experience
- Your LUI number
- A USI number (if you do not have one can create here: usi.gov.au)

How to apply:

- Visit https://applications.qtac.edu.au/
- Create an account
- Fill in details and Choose 6 preferences you get 3 free changes (costs \$70 per change after that)
- Lodge application
- Check your 'alerts' section and submit copies of qualifications if required

Application date/fees:

- Applications open 5th August
- \$70 prior to 30th September
- \$150 after 30th September

Useful links

- QTAC Year 12 Guide PDF: https://pbc-shs.eq.edu.au/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/Uniform/2026
 QTAC Yr12Guide.pdf
- QTAC How to Apply Powerpoint: https://pbc-shs.eq.edu.au/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/support-and-resources/QTAC%202025%20Presentation%20How%20to%20Apply.pdf
- Apply to University Guide for students and families: https://pbc-shs.eq.edu.au/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/support-and-resources/Apply-to-University-Guide-2025-School-Licensed-Edition.pdf

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- Apply early to reduce fee
- Use all 6 preferences to maximise chances
- Use information from the hard copy guide you have been given

Griffith Open Day 2025

Organisation: Griffith University

Location: Griffith Nathan & Gold Coast Campuses

Date: August 10, 2025

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Find out more and register

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Organisation: Australian Defence Force Academy **Location:** ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

Date: August 16, 2025

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UniSQ Open Day 2025, Springfield

Organisation: University of Southern Queensland

Location: UniSQ Springfield Campus

Date: August 9, 2025

Open Day is the best way to get a feel for the campus, learn more about your study options, student clubs, sports teams, events, as well as finding out what it's really like to study at UniSQ.

- Chat one-on-one with lecturers and students and learn about the opportunities included in your degree.
- Get ready for take-off. Be immersed in live demonstrations of our flight simulator. You could even fly the simulator yourself make sure you arrive early as there are limited spots.
- Tour our multi-million dollar engineering lab.
- Get up close with some of Australia's most unique wildlife with our wildlife and environmental science experts.
- Go behind the scenes and uncover how a live television show is produced or be a part of a live radio program in the studio.
- Heard of the new work order? Learn more with our Business Head of School and find out how we're preparing graduates for the future of business.
- Get a one-on-one career counselling session to help plan your future. It's free but places are limited so make sure to get there early to secure your spot.
- Sit back and relax to live music while you enjoy lunch from our food trucks.

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Girls Day Out in STEM - My Metaverse Mission: Possible

Organisation: Girls Day Out in STEM

Location: Online

Date: August 9 to August 17, 2025

You've been recruited to the Metaverse Mission Possible Taskforce (MMPT) - your task? Embark on the most imaginative STEM operation this side of cyberspace. Your challenge: decode the universe and shape a better world while having an absolute blast.

Girls Day Out in STEM (GDOS) presents a cool metaverse of possibilities for girls aged 10-14. You'll get to explore new careers, challenge your thinking and unlock your imagination - all while having fun, winning prizes and discovering your agency!

Join our team of real-world STEM agencies such as Advanced Navigation, Powerlink, Telstra and more. Each one is hiding information, mentors and missions to help you realise your future potential.

It's free, online and designed just for you. Whether solo or with friends, join us and show the world what's possible when girls lead the future in STEM!

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Location: UniSQ Ipswich Campus

Date: August 9, 2025

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- Take a tour around campus and discover our state of the art facilities. Plus, don't forget to explore our indoor rainforest located in our Library.
- Chat one-on-one with lecturers and current students and learn about the opportunities included in your degree.
- Test your skills as a nurse or paramedic in our nursing wards and emergency training labs, including a simulated ambulance and birthing suite.
- Step into the shoes of a law student, in our modern court room.
- Explore our state-of-the-art simulated learning experiences in our Skillshare simulation studios for social work and human services.
- Learn how to be a change agent with our psychology experts.
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Medical Interviews Preparation Workshop Online

Organisation: National Institute of Education

Location: Online

Date: August 9 to August 10, 2025

The unique NIE workshop program aims for students to gain an in-depth understanding and required knowledge of the medical interview processes for specific universities, including Multi-station Mini Interview (MMI), Structured, and Semi-structured panel interviews. The workshop is structured and based on the models that are taught during our proven one-on-one personalised medical interview sessions. It will allow each and every attendee to learn the required skills and practical understanding for the university from which they received an interview offer.

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Next Week's Events

Monash Information Evening – Apply from Interstate (QLD)

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Online **Date:** August 12, 2025

We understand that choosing the right university is a major decision, especially if you live

outside of Melbourne.

That's why we're hosting an online Monash Information Evening — it's a great opportunity to get all your questions answered about undergraduate study at Monash in Victoria. During the session, you'll learn about:

• Our ten diverse discipline areas

- Undergraduate course options, including comprehensive and specialist courses, double degrees, and pathway programs
- International opportunities like study abroad and overseas tours
- How to apply, including everything you need to know about VTAC, key dates, and deadlines
- Scholarships and fees
- SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
- Accommodation options, both on and off-campus

After the main 45-minute seminar, you'll have the chance to join a breakout room to chat directly with staff from your area of interest.

Find out more and register

Griffith Tertiary Education Experience

Organisation: Griffith University **Location:** Griffith Nathan Campus

Date: August 12, 2025

Our Tertiary Education Experience is a program for high school students in Years 9–12 with disabilities to check out their university options. Our full-day program includes:

- an overview of assistive technology at Griffith
- · a panel discussion with current students and staff
- a workshop to help students find a career path based on their strengths and personality
- a tour of Brisbane South (Nathan) campus and its facilities
- an information session for parents, guardians, carers and/or significant others on university life.

Find out more and register

Ideas Camp 2025

Organisation: Bond University **Location:** Bond Gold Coast Campus

Date: August 13, 2025

Whether you have a business idea that will set the world on fire, or if you want to blaze your own trail despite being unsure of your career path, then get ready to unleash your inner entrepreneur!

Ideas Camp is a hands-on, one-day business workshop designed exclusively for our next gen corporate adventurers. Join us and as we bring together some successful young entrepreneurs and current Bondies to stir the embers of your business dreams.

If you're in Year 10, 11 or 12, are dreaming of a career in business, and want to be inspired, you won't want to miss Ideas Camp.

<u>Find out more and register</u> With our wide range of TAFE and university courses offered online and on campus we can help you find the best study option for you. So come along and get a taste of what CQUniversity has to offer.

Find out more and register

Careers in the Lab: Max Planck QLD National Science Week

Organisation: Queensland University of Technology

Location: QUT Gardens Point Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

Ever wondered how we can grow bones in the lab? Or what's really happening inside your

body, between your cells?

Come along to the Max Planck Queensland Centre Open Day and find out. As part of National Science Week, we are opening our doors to kids, students, families – everyone curious about science.

Step inside and find out what it like in a real research centre, meet scientists from around the world, and discover what it is like to work in a lab.

Learn how researchers got into science, what they do each day, and what the future of biomedical research holds.

We will be asking your big questions like:

- What's happening between your cells?
- Can we really make bones?
- Where can science take you?

You will also have a chance to ask your own questions during a Q&A with scientists – you will get to speak with students just starting out in their career to top professors.

Whether you are a science lover or just curious, come along and be inspired. You might just discover your future career.

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ACAP Open Day 2025, Brisbane

Organisation: ACAP University College **Location:** ACAP Brisbane Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

Open Day is your chance to experience the ACAP difference, and find your path in the applied professions. Whether you're interested in Counselling, Psychology, Social Work, Criminology, Law, or Business, ACAP is your pathway to making a difference.

Be part of a workshop, meet our industry-renowned facilitators, and hear all about life as an

ACAP student. Join us for a day of exploration and inspiration!

Find out more and register

SAE Open Day 2025, Brisbane

Organisation: SAE University College **Location:** SAE Brisbane Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

We're opening the doors to the campus for our biggest event of the year – Open Day! Come and tour our facilities, speak to faculty members, meet current students, and find out everything you need to know about studying at SAE.

If you're considering studying creative media, come along to SAE's Open Day to speak to our experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry.

Find out more and register

JMC Brisbane August 2025 Open Day

Organisation: JMC Academy Location: JMC Brisbane Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

This is your chance to see our multi-million dollar world-class facilities - future students, parents and friends welcome.

Things to do at Open Day:

- Explore your creative future and learn about our courses
- Meet our current students and industry expert lecturers
- Check out live student performances
- Tour our world-class facilities and tech
- Speak to us about the admissions process
- Get hands-on with our interactive activations

Find out more and register

CQU Open Day 2025, Rockhampton

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: CQU Rockhampton North Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

Join us for the CQU Rockhampton Open Day. It's a great way to explore the campus, check out facilities and hear all about available courses direct from our friendly teaching staff. You'll also be able to discuss scholarships, pathways, student support services and more. With our wide range of TAFE and university courses offered online and on campus we can help you find the best study option for you. So come along and get a taste of what

CQUniversity has to offer. Find out more and register

UQ Open Day 2025, Gatton

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: UQ Gatton Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

Discover your passion for agricultural studies and animal sciences at UQ Gatton Open Day. Explore the heritage-listed campus and world-class facilities.

What to expect:

- Attend sessions to uncover your study area of interest and find out more about the degrees we offer.
- Enter a competition, grab some freebies, listen to live music, get hands-on in a workshop or come on a tour.
- Get to know UQ. Ask current students and teachers all your questions and find out about student life.

Find out more and register

UniSQ Open Day 2025, Toowoomba

Organisation: University of Southern Queensland

Location: UniSQ Toowoomba Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

Open Day is the best way to get a feel for the campus, learn more about your study options, student clubs, sports teams, events, as well as finding out what it's really like to study at UniSQ.

- Take a tour around campus. Choose what facilities you'd like to explore based on your interests.
- Chat one-on-one with lecturers and current students and learn about your degree options.
- Get ready for take-off. Be immersed in live demonstrations of our flight simulator. You could even fly the simulator yourself make sure you arrive early as there are limited spots.
- Tour our high-tech Agricultural precinct. Discover our hypersonic flow and rocket facilities and learn about the science behind driverless tractors and precision irrigation systems.
- Take part in an acting workshop and theatre making workshop with our School of Creative Arts.
- Get up close with some of Australia's most unique wildlife with our wildlife and environmental science experts.
- Take part in three Medicine Pathway activities. Learn about blood grouping, physiology, and suturing. Places are limited so make sure to get there early to secure your spot.
- Discover the world of rocket science and space engineering. Learn about the principles of flight as your create your own water rocket.
- Get a one-on-one career counselling session to help plan your future. It's free but places are limited so make sure to get there early to secure your spot.
- Sit back and relax to live music while you enjoy lunch from our food trucks.

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Future Events

TAFE QLD Gold Coast Online Open Day

Organisation: TAFE Queensland

Location: Online

Date: August 20 to August 27, 2025

Whether you're looking to kick-start your career or upskill, we've got you covered. Experience our on-demand video content and explore the study areas that spark your interest. Take a virtual tour of our state-of-the-art facilities, reserve your spot for an in-person campus tour, read firsthand experiences from our students about their TAFE Queensland journey, and much more.

Our Online Open Day is an opportunity to:

- Watch on-demand videos featuring our experienced educators
- Explore our virtual campus tours of key learning spaces
- Discover inspiring student stories
- Access digital course guides
- Learn about enrolment, course fees and available subsidies
- Chat live with us during business hours
- Book an in-person campus tour

Find out more and register

ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: August 20, 2025

Looking for ways to unlock bonus points and improve uni entry chances? Join our webinar

designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions.

We will cover: The ATAR explained, bonus points (adjustment factors) and who qualifies,

what is EAS and how to apply, dates, preferencing and decision making.

This talk is being run by Claire Pech Careers and Amanda Krulis.

Find out more and register

CQU Open Day 2025, Gladstone

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: CQU Gladstone Marina Campus

Date: August 21, 2025

Join us for the CQU Gladstone Open Day. It's a great way to explore the campus, check out facilities and hear all about available courses direct from our friendly teaching staff. You'll also be able to discuss scholarships, pathways, student support services and more. With our wide range of TAFE and university courses offered online and on campus we can help you find the best study option for you. So come along and get a taste of what

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JCU Book Week

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: JCU Bebegu Yumba (Townsville) Campus

Date: August 22, 2025

The College of Arts, Society and Education and The Roderick Centre invites you to embark on an unforgettable adventure. Join us for an inspiring day filled with creativity, exploration, and fun.

Whether you're a high-performing reader or writer, or simply passionate about the world of storytelling, this event is for you. Get ready for a fun-filled day of inspiration, including a workshop with renowned young adult and fantasy author Isobelle Carmody, thought-provoking mini-lectures with JCU lecturers and prizes for best dress-ups!

Find out more and register

Torrens Open Day 2025, Brisbane

Organisation: Torrens University Australia **Location:** Torrens Fortitude Valley Campus

Date: August 23, 2025

Come and meet our academics, and Future Student Advisors, who will be able to answer all your questions about early entry, scholarships, entry pathways and our world-class facilities. Explore our campus and find out firsthand how exciting studying in Brisbane can be.

Find out more and register

Whitehouse Open House 2025, Brisbane

Organisation: Whitehouse Institute of Design **Location:** Whitehouse Brisbane Campus

Date: August 23, 2025

Join Whitehouse this August to hear more about our design courses, join a free creative

workshop or join an info session on where a career in design can take you.

Find out more and register

SCU Open Day 2025, Gold Coast

Organisation: Southern Cross University **Location:** SCU Gold Coast Campus

Date: August 24, 2025

Open Day at Southern Cross University is a perfect opportunity to discover which courses spark your interest and the campus or study mode that works best for you. Our friendly study specialists will be on hand to step you through the process of applying for your dream course and answer any questions you have about studying with us. Find out more and register

CQU Open Day 2025, Cairns

Organisation: CQUniversity **Location:** CQU Cairns Campus

Date: August 28, 2025

Join us for the CQU Cairns Open Day. It's a great way to explore the campus, check out our facilities and hear all about available courses direct from our friendly teaching staff. You'll also be able to discuss scholarships, pathways, student support services and more. With our wide range of TAFE and university courses offered online and on campus we can help find the best study option for you. So come along and get a taste of what CQUniversity has to offer.

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ADHD & ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained

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Location: Online Date: August 28, 2025

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This talk is being run by <u>Claire Pech Careers</u> and <u>Amanda Krulis</u>. <u>Find out more and register</u>

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CQU Open Day Online Chat Session August

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online **Date:** August 29, 2025

We see you planning your next study move, and we know there's a lot to consider, so we're here to help. Whether you are considering starting a TAFE or university qualification at CQU, our team are here to answer your questions.

Chat with our staff about your course of interest, pathways to university, student support services, or anything else you'd like to know about studying with CQUniversity.

All you need to do is head over to our Facebook page and send us a message during the session and you'll receive real-time answers to all your questions.

Find out more and register

The Hotel School Industry Insights Brisbane 2025

Organisation: The Hotel School Australia **Location:** Hyatt Regency Brisbane

Date: August 30, 2025

Step into the world of hospitality at Hyatt Regency Brisbane! This exclusive event for Year 12 students gives you a behind-the-scenes look at one of the top venues in the industry and a taste of the exciting careers that could be yours. Key takeaways include:

- Hear from Industry Experts
- Interactive Workshop inc. Completion Certificate
- A tour of the iconic hospitality venue
- Get all your questions answered by THSA team
- Network with Industry leaders & current THSA students

Complimentary Morning Tea & Lunch provided for students

Find out more and register

AIE Online Campus Day

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Online **Date:** August 30, 2025

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

Find out more and register

Heroes in Business, Townsville

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: Townsville **Date:** September 2, 2025

JCU, in partnership with Queensland Country Bank, is giving local high school students with a passion and desire to develop a career in business, law or finance the chance to learn from industry experts.

From this one-day program you'll gain unique insights into the professions that funnel into a business and commerce career. Our experienced Professor in Management will expertly lead you through the process of creating, exploring and pitching a business opportunity, including the marketing and financial implications.

JCU Advisors will be on hand to provide information about courses and university life.

Applications close 6 August 2025.

Find out more and register

Torrens Technology Virtual Open Day

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2025

Join online as our as our Technology academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities. Find out more and register

Torrens Health and Education Virtual Open Day

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2025

Join online as our Health and Education academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

Find out more and register

Torrens Business and Hospitality Virtual Open Day

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2025

Join online our as our Business and Hospitality academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

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Torrens Design and Creative Technology Virtual Open Day

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Online

Date: September 3, 2025

Join online as our as our Design and Creative Technology academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with us. Learn about scholarships, study pathways, our industry partnerships with global brands and what sets us apart from other universities.

Find out more and register

Navigating Your Next Move with CQU

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: September 4, 2025

Round out the 2025 Open Days series by discovering what your next move could be with

CQUniversity.

Whether you've already decided on your study path or are still exploring your options, this webinar will offer practical guidance to help you take the next step.

We'll cover what to do if you didn't complete high school or have been away from study for a while, how to apply, entry requirements, and opportunities to earn while you learn. Plus, we'll introduce you to helpful resources that will support you throughout your study journey and set you up for success.

If you're not feeling completely confident about your next steps, this webinar is the perfect place to start.

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Applications close 6 August 2025.

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Heroes in Vet, Townsville

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: Townsville **Date:** September 5, 2025

Are you in Year 11 or 12 and have a passion and desire to develop a career in veterinary science? From this full-day program, you'll gain unique insights into a career in vet.

You'll learn from industry experts in suturing, pregnancy testing, gowning and gloving, animal anatomy, and live animal examinations, and go behind the scenes at JCU Vet. Find out more and register

InspireU STEM Camp

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: UQ St Lucia Campus

Date: September 14 to September 19, 2025

Immerse yourself in a week-long university camp to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics study options and careers. The camp is perfect for students planning on going to university to explore what degree to study and build their knowledge about university life. The program exposes you to various career and study options at UQ.

- Participate in a week-long on-campus residential camp
- Attend engaging sessions
- Take part in practical, hands-on experiences
- Explore UQ facilities and services
- Connect with current Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university students
- Meet fellow high school students.

You're eligible if you:

- are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- are enrolled in high school at the time of application
- are enrolled in ATAR subjects and eligible for an ATAR score
- have a school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

All reasonable costs for the camp, including all travel, flights, accommodation, meals and excursions are paid for by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit (ATSISU). Find out more and register

TAFE QLD Senior College Info Night

Organisation: TAFE Queensland

Location: TAFE QLD Alexandra Hills Campus

Date: September 16, 2025

<u>Senior College</u> is a high school alternative program that allows Year 11 and 12 students to complete their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and work towards gaining an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) (if they choose to) in a flexible and mature learning environment.

Join us for a family-friendly event to:

- learn about our school-based apprenticeship options and TAFE at School program
- take a campus tour with our TAFE at School team and see our training facilities
- meet our passionate educators and discuss how Senior College can meet your teen's individual needs and goals
- hear about TAFE Queensland's other study pathways and job-ready training
- see showcases of current student projects, jam to live music, and enjoy a free sausage sizzle!

Find out more and register

Griffith Year 12 Academic Bootcamps

Organisation: Griffith University

Location: Griffith Gold Coast & Logan Campuses

Date: September 22 to October 2, 2025

Griffith's Academic Bootcamps are highly effective four-day courses run in the September school holidays, designed to help Year 12 students achieve their full academic potential in their final external exams. They aim to improve confidence and understanding in senior

science and maths subject areas, reducing anxiety around assessment and preparing students for future tertiary study.

Week one: 22 - 25 September 2025

- General Maths
- Maths Methods

Week two: 29 Sept - 2 Oct 2025

- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Psychology

The 2025 Bootcamps will be held on campus at Griffith University Gold Coast and Logan during the September school holidays.

Find out more and register

Beginner Language Bootcamp at UQ IML

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: Online

Date: September 22 to September 26, 2025

Join UQ's Institute of Modern Languages (IML) for an exciting 5-day immersive language program designed specifically for students in years 7 and 8.

What's involved:

- Learn from experienced UQ IML tutors in a fun, online setting
- Choose from French, German, Japanese or Spanish no previous experience required
- Learn over 5 days, from Monday to Friday
- Sessions run daily for 1.5 hours, from 9am to 10:30am

Applications close 12 September 2025.

Find out more and register

Outward Bound Expedition VIC

Organisation: Outward Bound

Location: Buchan, VIC

Date: September 22 to October 1, 2025

Join a crew of adventurers from across Australia for 10 days of challenge, connection and serious outdoor action. Expedition is designed for 15–24 year olds chasing something real—big hikes, big moments, and big personal growth.

You'll push your limits on epic activities like the Giant Ladder, high ropes, abseiling, hikes and an unforgettable overnight solo. Along the way, you'll build resilience, confidence, and a deeper connection to yourself, others, and the environment. Walk away with skills and stories that'll stick with you, wherever life takes you next.

To apply, create a quick 1–2 minute video answering: "Why do you want to join the Expedition program?"

<u>AOBDF Scholarships</u> are available to individual participants wanting to attend School Holiday Adventures, Duke of Ed or for Schools seeking funding assistance for individual students.

Find out more and register

Outward Bound Junior Adventure ACT

Organisation: Outward Bound

Location: Tharwa, ACT

Date: September 29 to October 3, 2025

Get outdoors on a 5-day school holiday adventure with likeminded young adults, 12-15 years, from across the country.

Be introduced to authentic adventure the Outward Bound way. Embrace the peak activities including overnight journeying and camping, abseiling, climbing, and high ropes. Discover

there is more in you than you thought possible, and bring home knowledge and skills that will support you in your future pursuits, no matter where you go.

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Find out more and register

Outward Bound Expedition WA

Organisation: Outward Bound

Location: Walpole, WA

Date: September 30 to October 9, 2025

Join a crew of adventurers from across Australia for 10 days of challenge, connection and serious outdoor action. Expedition is designed for 15–24 year olds chasing something real—big hikes, big moments, and big personal growth.

You'll take on high ropes, epic coastal paddling, multi-day hikes, and an unforgettable solo night under the stars. It's all about finding your limits, backing yourself, and building the kind of skills that stick with you wherever life takes you.

To apply, create a quick 1–2 minute video answering: "Why do you want to join the Expedition program?"

AOBDF Scholarships are available to individual participants wanting to attend School Holiday Adventures, Duke of Ed or for Schools seeking funding assistance for individual students.

Find out more and register

Indigenous Summer School

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: JCU Bebegu Yumba (Townsville) Campus

Date: November 23 to November 29, 2025

Are you currently in Year 12 and planning to study in 2026? Then JCU's intensive preparatory program is open to you! This is the perfect opportunity for you to build basic knowledge and skills to commence university studies next year.

The Summer School conducts pre-programs for prospective Indigenous school leavers who are seeking to gain entry into JCU in 2026. It is run over a five-day period during the Summer school holidays with a focus to build capabilities in Math, English, Chemistry and tertiary study skills. You will live on campus and take part in academic lectures and teambuilding activities, meet university staff and students, and form bonds with other students in the program.

JCU covers all costs associated with the program, including travel to and from Townsville, accommodation, and catering costs for all participants. Accommodation is at the Saints Residential College on the Bebegu Yumba campus where students will be fully supervised at all times.

Applications open Friday 18 July and close Friday 26 September 2025.

Find out more and register

Go Borderless: Languages Experience Day

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: UQ St Lucia Campus **Date:** November 25, 2025

Explore the world of languages, creativity and cultures and discover what it's like to study a

language at UQ. What's involved:

- Experience a day at the St Lucia campus of UQ
- Hear from world-leading scholars from the School of Languages and Cultures at UQ and discover how languages and linguistics open doors to global careers

- Explore the rich connections between language, culture, linguistics, translation and interpreting and where they can take you in the world
- Participate in fun, interactive and informative sessions and workshops covering: Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian (BULA), Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Linguistics

Who should attend

- Year 9 students who are currently studying a language at school
- Teachers

Each school is invited to register up to 30 students currently studying a language at school. Find out more and register

Scholarships

QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic)

Organisation: Queensland University of Technology

Location: Queensland **Value:** Up to \$30,000 AUD **Open Date:** August 5, 2025 **Close Date:** December 8, 2025

Find out more

UNSW Scientia Scholarships

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: New South Wales

Value: \$10,000 AUD Open Date: July 2, 2025

Close Date: December 18, 2025

Find out more

Competitions

2025 Head On Student Awards

Organisation: Head On Foundation

Location: Australia Value: Up to \$500 AUD Close Date: August 27, 2025

Find out more

Adelaide Fringe Poster Competition 2026

Organisation: Adelaide Fringe

Location: All

Value: \$10,000 AUD Open Date: July 28, 2025 Close Date: August 17, 2025

Find out more

Weekly Posts

Jobs & Careers

Psychology vs counselling: What's the difference?

If you've ever been curious about how the mind works or felt drawn to helping people navigate their challenges, you might have thought about a career in psychology or counselling. But while there's some overlap in these fields, they're actually quite different. Think of it like this: all psychologists can do counselling, but not all counsellors are psychologists. Confused? Don't worry, we're about to break it all down.

What do psychologists actually do?

<u>Psychologists</u> study how people think, feel, and behave - but they approach it from a scientific angle. They're interested in the 'why' behind human behaviour, and use research, data, and evidence-based methods to understand mental processes.

A typical day for a psychologist might include conducting therapy sessions, but it could also involve designing research studies, analysing data, writing reports, or even testifying in court. Some psychologists spend their days in labs studying how memory works, while others might be helping companies understand consumer behaviour.

Examples of psychology careers

- <u>Clinical psychologist</u>: diagnose and treat emotional, behavioural, and psychological problems through therapy and support.
- Research psychologist: study how people think, feel, and behave, often working in universities or research centres to expand our understanding of the mind.
- <u>Forensic psychologist</u>: apply psychology to the legal system, helping in criminal investigations, court cases, and rehabilitation.
- <u>Educational psychologist</u>: support students, teachers, and families by identifying developmental, behavioural, and learning challenges, then creating strategies to help young people succeed at school.
- <u>Organisational psychologist</u>: study workplaces and help businesses improve employee wellbeing, teamwork, and productivity.

So what about counsellors?

Counsellors are the people you turn to when life gets overwhelming. Their main focus is providing emotional support and practical strategies to help their clients work through personal challenges - they're there to listen, guide, and help find solutions. A counsellor's day could be filled with one-on-one or group sessions helping people process

emotions, develop coping strategies, and work towards personal goals. Or, they might specialise in specific areas like relationships, addiction, or grief. In any case, their primary role is always about providing direct support.

Examples of counselling careers

- **Mental health counsellor**: offer emotional support and therapy to help clients manage stress, anxiety, and other personal challenges.
- <u>Genetic counsellor</u>: help individuals and families understand genetic conditions, testing options, and the risks of inherited health issues.
- **Marriage and family counsellor**: work with couples and families to improve communication, resolve conflicts, and strengthen relationships.
- Addiction counsellor: support people struggling with alcohol, drugs, or other addictions, helping them find healthy coping strategies.
- **School counsellor**: create a safe space for students, offering help with academic pressures, friendships, and personal wellbeing at school.
- <u>Career counsellor</u>: help people explore job options, plan career paths, and manage changes or challenges in their work life.

The education journey

Because they're unique careers, the study pathways aren't the same. Both involve university study, but becoming a psychologist usually takes longer because there's more research and

specialist training involved, while the counselling route is generally shorter and more focused on practical skills.

Psychology pathway

- Bachelor's degree in psychology (3-4 years)
- Honours year or research experience
- Master's degree in a psychology specialisation (1-2 years)
- Often a PhD for clinical or research roles (3-4 years)
- Supervised practice and registration requirements

Counselling pathway

- Bachelor's degree (often in psychology, social work, or related field, 3-4 years)
- Diploma or Master's degree in counselling (optional, 1-2 years)
- Supervised practice hours
- Professional registration or certification

Skills you'll need

Both counsellors and psychologists need great people skills, including active listening, empathy, and communication. But psychologists also rely heavily on research, data analysis, and assessment skills, while counsellors focus more on guiding conversations and offering daytoday support.

Psychology skills

- Strong analytical and research abilities
- · Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Statistical analysis and data interpretation
- Scientific writing and communication
- Patience for long-term research projects

Counselling skills

- Exceptional listening and empathy
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Emotional resilience and self-awareness
- Practical problem-solving
- Ability to maintain professional boundaries

The licensing landscape

Both psychologists and counsellors usually need professional registration to practice, but the requirements can differ.

Psychologists typically need to complete supervised practice with a registered psychologist and pass competency assessments. Counsellors usually need to complete a certain number of supervised practice hours and maintain ongoing professional development.

The key difference is that psychologists can diagnose mental health conditions and are often recognised by other medical professionals and health insurance schemes, while counsellors focus on support and therapy without always requiring a formal diagnosis.

Day-to-day differences

Depending in which path you follow, you might find some common tasks between the two roles, but they could also be quite different.

Counsellors usually spend most of their day talking with clients, offering support and strategies for everyday challenges. Psychologists might also see clients, but they often split their time between assessments, writing reports, researching, and analysing data too.

Psychologist tasks

Conduct psychological assessments and write detailed reports

- Provide evidence-based therapy using specific techniques
- Collaborate with psychiatrists and other medical professionals
- Keep up with the latest research in their field
- Supervise other mental health professionals

Counsellor tasks

- Run back-to-back therapy sessions with clients
- Facilitate support groups
- Develop personalised treatment plans
- Liaise with other support services
- Focus on practical coping strategies and emotional support

Which path suits you?

If you love research, enjoy diving deep into data, and want to understand the science behind human behaviour, psychology might be your calling. You'll need patience for a longer study period, but you'll have diverse career options to choose from, from research to clinical practice.

If you're passionate about directly helping people through difficult times and prefer hands-on support work, counselling could be perfect. The training is more focused and practical, getting you into the workforce sooner.

The bottom line

Remember, there's no wrong choice here. Both psychology and counselling are rewarding careers that make a real difference in people's lives. The key is understanding which approach resonates with your interests, strengths, and career goals.

As more people understand and talk openly about mental health, the need for support services continues to rise. So both fields have strong predicted job prospects, with high demand and expected growth for passionate, skilled professionals.

You can explore more career options and pathways on our website here.

University

How to apply to university: The complete guide

Applying to university can feel overwhelming when you're navigating forms, deadlines, and endless course options. However, with the right approach and timeline, you can transform this daunting process into a structured journey towards your academic future. Whether you're aiming for a specific career or exploring your academic interests, this guide can help you navigate each step with confidence.

Should you apply to university?

Before diving into applications, take a moment to consider whether you really want to go to university and if it aligns with your goals and learning style. University offers an adult approach to education, combining academic depth with professional networking opportunities.

University might be right for you if you:

- Want to study a topic in depth
- Are thinking of a career requiring a degree (such as teaching, nursing, or engineering)
- Are academically inclined but uncertain about your career direction

Many successful graduates enter university without a clear career path and discover their interests through exploration. If you need some inspiration, take a look at the <u>most popular university courses</u> to see if anything sparks your interest.

If you're unsure, consider applying anyway. Not applying guarantees you won't have university as an option later, while accepting an offer remains entirely your choice. This approach keeps your doors open while you make your final decision.

Decided that university isn't right for you? You might like to check out alternatives like apprenticeships, jumping straight into work, or seeing what other options are out there.

Choose what you want to study

Ideally your course selection should align with either your career aspirations or academic interests (what you're good at and what you're interested in). This decision forms the foundation of your entire university experience, so it deserves some time and attention.

You have a future career in mind

If you've identified your preferred career path, great! Research the qualification requirements thoroughly.

Some careers offer multiple degree pathways - for instance, robotics professionals might study mechatronics, mechanical, or electrical engineering. Understanding these options could help you choose the best course to get you there.

You're not sure what you want to do yet

Perhaps you haven't settled on a specific career yet - that's OK too.

Focus on subjects that genuinely interest you rather than something you hope will lead to a high paying job (so if you don't like maths and spreadsheets, don't pick accounting just because you think you'll earn lots).

Consider broad degrees that offer specialisation options down the track during your studies. Business degrees, for example, often provide a general foundation before allowing you to focus on areas like marketing, finance, or management.

Avoid highly specialised degrees unless you're genuinely interested in their specific career outcomes. Dentistry leads almost exclusively to dental practice, whilst a science degree opens doors to research, teaching, healthcare, and industry roles.

Once you've chosen what you want to study, write it down, and be clear about it before you start looking for somewhere to study it. Websites like <u>Course Seeker</u>, <u>DiscoverUni</u>, and <u>Top Universities</u> are great places to help you research and compare courses.

Find where you want to study it

Where you go to study isn't as important as what you study and opportunities available. Most employers focus on your skills and knowledge rather than which university awarded your degree, as generally speaking most accredited tertiary providers have similar academic standards.

Consider these practical factors when you're weighing up your options:

- Does the university offer your preferred course? If not, eliminate it from consideration immediately.
- Think about accommodation options can you live at home initially, or do you prefer the independence of campus life? Factor accommodation costs into your budget planning.
- Investigate <u>networking and career opportunities</u> each institution provides. University networks often prove invaluable for internships, job opportunities, and business connections throughout your career.
- Look for universities with strong industry partnerships and active alumni networks in your field of interest.

If you've done your research and still have lots of options, <u>attending open days</u> and connecting with current students are the best ways to get a feel for the place, ask questions, and gather insider perspectives. Ask current students if they are are happy with their course, can access the support they need, and what advice would they give you.

Preparing your application

Once you've identified what you want to study and where, it's time to research the application requirements and deadlines thoroughly.

Missing deadlines could derail your entire timeline, so mark all important dates in your calendar and share them with family members who can help you stay on track.

Gather required documentation early in the process. You'll likely need student identification numbers (like the <u>USI</u> in Australia) and your academic transcripts as a minimum. Some courses require additional assessments like psychometric testing, entrance exams, or portfolio submissions, which may have earlier or different deadlines than the main application.

Lastly, before you start you application, double check you meet any entry requirements. While academic results are important, many institutions now offer multiple <u>alternative</u> <u>pathways</u>, including portfolio assessment, bridging courses, or foundation programmes. Understanding all your options and being prepared could increase your chances of receiving an offer.

Applications and preferences

The application process varies depending on which university you've picked and the country you're in. So check directly with the university to make sure you meet all the entry requirements *before* you start your application.

When listing course preferences, maximise your options by filling every available slot. You can always decline offers, but limited preferences restrict your choices from the start. Even if you're 110% certain that there is only one course you want to pick, find a few similar courses and list them just in case.

List your top choice first, followed by your second preference, then include other courses you'd consider, finishing with several lower-requirement options as backup plans. This strategy ensures you have options regardless of your final grades or assessment outcomes. Remember, you're not committing to anything at this stage – you're simply keeping doors open.

Watch this short video for tips on choosing your preferences.

The waiting period

After submitting applications, you'll need to be patient and wait for your offer. Try and resist the urge to constantly revisit your choices. Instead, focus your energy and use this time productively by getting your assessments done on time and studying for exams. If you have some spare time, research your preferred courses more deeply, explore career prospects, or start working on your uni-ready skills. Don't stress if you decide to change your preferences during the waiting period - most systems allow changes before final deadlines.

Accepting offers and enrolling

Once your exams are done and results are published, it's time for the <u>offers to arrive</u>. You'll typically receive one offer per application round for the highest preference you qualify for. If your first choice requires higher grades than you achieved, you might receive an offer for your second or third preference instead.

Carefully consider each offer against your original goals and current circumstances. If you're unsatisfied with the initial offer, many systems provide multiple offer rounds where additional places become available.

Once you decide to accept an offer, follow the enrolment process promptly. This typically involves confirming your acceptance, paying any required fees, and registering for orientation activities.

Alternative pathways to consider

University straight out of school isn't your only option. Many students defer their studies and take a <u>gap year</u> to work, travel, or develop specific skills instead. This break can provide valuable life experience and clarity about academic goals.

If you'd prefer to try a vocational course, apprenticeship, or traineeship, they can still lead to university study later as a mature student. These pathways often provide work experience and financial independence while keeping options open for the future.

Whatever path you choose, take time to reflect on your decision without rushing. Your educational journey is unique to you, and there's no universal timeline for success.

Find out more

Ready to explore your university options? You can discover more about study pathways and university preparation on our website here, or grab a copy of the updated Apply to Uni Guide.

Study Tips

Master your reading with the SQ3R technique

Reading through endless textbook chapters can feel like trying to drink from a fire hose - overwhelming and ineffective. If you've ever found yourself reaching the end of a chapter with no memory of what you've just read, you're not alone. The SQ3R study technique gives you a roadmap for your reading, transforming passive page-turning into active, purposeful learning that actually sticks.

This proven method has been helping students tackle complex texts for decades, turning overwhelming reading assignments into manageable, productive study sessions. In this blog, we'll explain how it works and how to use it.

What is the SQ3R technique?

<u>SQ3R stands for Survey, Question, Read, Recite, and Review</u> - five steps that you take when approaching any reading tasks. Think of it as a conversation with your textbook rather than a one-way lecture. Instead of simply absorbing information, you're actively engaging with the material, asking questions, and making connections.

When should you use SQ3R?

The SQ3R method shines when you're dealing with large reading assignments that require a deep level of understanding and long-term retention. It's also perfect for preparing for exams, writing research papers, or learning new course material.

It's particularly helpful when tackling new or challenging subjects where you need to quickly build a solid foundation of knowledge. If you're just doing some light reading or looking for specific information, then the skim and scan method might be more appropriate.

Breaking down the five steps

So what are each of the five steps in the SQ3R method? Let's take a look.

Survey: Getting the lay of the land

Like planning a trip, you want to know where you're heading and what landmarks to expect along the way. Begin by taking 5-10 minutes to survey the material instead of immediately diving into the details.

Look at headings, subheadings, charts, graphs, and any highlighted or bold text. Read the introduction and conclusion if they're available. For example, if you're studying a chapter on the nervous system in biology, you might notice sections on neurons, the brain, and reflexes, giving you an idea of what's to come.

Question: Turn headings into questions

Take each heading and subheading and form them into questions. This can help to prime your brain to look for specific answers as you read.

For example, if a heading says *Causes of World War I*, turn it into *What were the main causes of World War I?* This simple shift from passive to active reading can dramatically improve your comprehension and retention.

These questions also become goals for your reading session - instead of wandering through text hoping something important will jump out, you can start hunting for specific answers.

Read: Search purposefully for answers

Now start reading the material in earnest, keeping your questions handy. Take your time and focus on understanding rather than speed - you may need to <u>adjust your reading pace</u>

<u>based on the complexity of the material.</u> Once you find an answer to your questions, note it down.

If you're reading about photosynthesis, for example, and your question was *How does photosynthesis work?*, you'd pay particular attention to the step-by-step process, the role of chlorophyll, and the inputs and outputs of the reaction.

Recite: Test your understanding

After reading each section, close your book and try to answer your questions from memory. This is where the real learning happens - if you can explain the concept in your own words without looking at the text, then you've truly understood it.

For example, after reading about the water cycle, you should be able to explain evaporation, condensation, and precipitation without peeking at your notes. If you struggle to recall key points, that's valuable feedback telling you which areas need more attention.

Review: Reinforce and connect

Within the next 24 hours, make some time to review your questions and answers. This step is important for cementing the information in your long-term memory and helps you to see connections between different concepts.

And remember, <u>regular review sessions spaced over time</u> are usually far more effective than cramming before an exam.

During the review phase, you might start making broader connections too. You might notice how the water cycle connects to weather patterns, climate change, or ecosystem health.

Making SQ3R work for you

Remember that SQ3R is a technique, not a rigid rule. You might find that some sections require more questioning, while others need deeper reading. The aim is staying engaged with the material and actively seeking understanding rather than just scanning text that's meaningless once you've shut the book.

You might find it helpful to keep a notebook specifically for their SQ3R questions and answers, creating a personalised study guide that grows with each reading session. Or, if you prefer, find digital tools for your notes or use voice recordings for the recite step. One of the biggest benefits of the SQ3R method is its flexibility - you can adapt it to different subjects and learning styles while maintaining the core principle of active, purposeful reading.

Find out more

Looking for more study strategies to complement your SQ3R technique? You can find plenty of additional study tips and techniques on our website.

Job Spotlight

How to become a Social Worker

Social workers connect vulnerable individuals, families, and communities with appropriate support services in times of crisis. They can specialise in a wide range of areas, providing counselling and practical support, and advocating on behalf of clients who are experiencing discrimination.

If you're passionate and empathetic and would like to help others, or if you're interested in breaking down barriers that contribute to inequality, then social work could be a rewarding career to consider.

What skills do I need as a social worker?

- Empathy and emotional maturity
- Great interpersonal skills
- Ability to work independently or in teams
- · Adaptability and problem-solving
- Time management

- Leadership skills
- Patience and resilience
- Ability to be objective

What does the job involve?

- Assessing clients' needs and finding appropriate support services
- Writing letters of referral or reports for clients
- Helping community groups plan and carry out programs
- Monitoring the progress of clients
- Advocating for clients who face barriers
- Developing and refining support programs
- Keeping thorough case records and reports
- Lobbying to change social welfare policies and procedures

What industries do social workers typically work in?

- Health Care and Social Assistance
- Public Administration and Safety

What Career Cluster do social workers belong to?

Because their primary role involves liaising with clients and connecting them with important services, social workers usually belong to the <u>Linker Cluster</u>.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

Most social workers are employed full-time, but there are some part-time opportunities available. You will be doing work in a variety of environments, including private clinics, community facilities, hospitals, and home visits. Some reporting and assessment work can be done remotely, but many clients prefer face-to-face interactions.

Most social workers can expect to earn an average salary throughout their careers. The work can sometimes be stressful as you'll be dealing with vulnerable people in crisis situations, so you'll need a high level of resilience.

How to become a social worker

To become a qualified social worker, you'll typically need to complete an accredited undergraduate degree in social work. This usually takes 3 to 4 years of full-time study and involves a combination of classroom and practical work.

After graduation, you'll need to register with your country's professional social work body to practise. Many social workers also pursue postgraduate qualifications to specialise in a specific area, such as mental health, child protection, or community development. You'll also need to undertake continuing professional development throughout your career to maintain your registration and stay current with best practices.

What can I do right now to work towards this career?

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if becoming a social worker is right for you, here are a few things you could do right now:

- Get out in your community and volunteer it doesn't necessarily need to be in social services. This is a great way to build important future skills.
- Seek work experience with social service agencies, hospitals, or community centres.
- Talk to a social worker and ask what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, watch videos or documentaries about a career in social services.

Where can I find out more?

- Australian Association of Social Workers
- Kāhui Whakamana Tauwhiro | Social Workers Registration Board NZ
- Social Work England
- CORU (Ireland)
- National Association of Social Workers (US)
- Canadian Association of Social Workers

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