

SCU Esports Industry Night – Pathways to Industry

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Online

Date: June 18, 2026

Join us for SCU Esports Term 2 Industry Night - Pathways to Industry! Register now to listen to three industry experts' advice on how to break into the esports, tech and video game industry.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Interstate Info Evening

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 18, 2026

Studying outside NSW? Join us online to get expert advice on applying to the University of Sydney as an interstate student.

Designed for domestic prospective students in Years 10–12 studying outside NSW, this session will help you understand your options and feel confident about your path to university. Our Sydney Future Students team, a current University of Sydney student, and a Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) representative will guide you through:

- choosing the right course and study pathway
- how interstate Year 12 qualifications are assessed
- applying through UAC, including key dates and tips
- admission pathways, entry schemes and scholarships
- accommodation, student support services and student life at Sydney

You'll also hear firsthand from a current student about their transition to university and what it's really like to study and live in Sydney. The final 30 minutes will be dedicated to a live Q&A, with questions answered in real time by University staff and UAC.

[Find out more](#)

Bond Parents Information Webinar

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Online

Date: June 18, 2026

Are you a parent supporting your child on their journey to university? Bond University invites you to join our upcoming online webinar designed specifically for parents like you.

This session will explain the Bond difference, including our personalised learning experience and close-knit, supportive community. You'll gain a clear overview of the direct application and admissions process, 2027 key dates, FEE-HELP and scholarship opportunities.

This webinar includes insights from current Bond parents and have the opportunity to ask questions to help you support your child's decision with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Destination Doctor for Year 10 Students, Gladstone

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: CQUniversity, Gladstone Campus

Date: June 18, 2026

For Year 10 students with a strong interest in medicine, explore a career in rural health with the Regional Medical Pathway through a series of immersive clinical skills sessions, guided by experienced academic, clinical and health professionals.

Destination Doctor offers you an exclusive opportunity for hands-on clinical workshops, such as blood typing, suturing, patient simulations, and vital signs assessment. Gain invaluable

insights into the Regional Medical Pathway program directly from medical staff and current students.

- Engage in interactive workshops
- Connect with health professionals and current students to expand your understanding of the medical field.
- Learn about the application process and explore potential pathways.

[Find out more](#)

You Can Get In: How to Job Hunt for Entry Level Roles in the Screen Industry

Organisation: Screen Careers

Location: Online

Date: June 20, 2026

The screen industry recruits through friends and recommendations. The good news about this is that everyone, initially, doesn't know anyone. We'll cover how to create a screen ready CV, the role of crew agencies, credits and how to find work.

[Find out more](#)

JCU Townsville Open Day 2026

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: James Cook University, Bebegu Yumba (Townsville) Campus

Date: June 21, 2026

Explore your study options, meet the people who'll support your journey, and experience life at James Cook University – all in one day.

Open Day is designed to help you get a glimpse of what your future degree and career will look like, and equip you with the clarity and confidence to take your next step.

What you'll experience:

- **Information sessions:** Hear directly from academics, students, and advisors about courses, scholarships, pathways, and student life.
- **Talk with our students:** Get real insights into uni life, workload, support services, and what it's really like to study at JCU.
- **Explore the campus:** Join guided tours and discover learning spaces, labs, facilities, and student hubs.
- **Interactive activities:** Take part in hands-on workshops, demonstrations, and discipline-specific experiences.

[Find out more](#)

Next Week's Events

SAE Online Info Session: Creative Industries

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: Online

Date: June 23, 2026

From content creation and digital media to project management and creative direction, SAE's creative industries courses are designed to give you adaptable skills for a fast-moving industry. In this session, you'll see how you can shape your own creative pathway and build a career that evolves with you.

Whether you're gearing up to finish high school or looking to switch careers and follow your passion, this is the place to figure out your next step with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Online Info Session: Design

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: Online

Date: June 23, 2026

Discover how our courses prepare you for career paths in visual communication, branding, UX/UI and digital design. Hear directly from industry pros and see how our students build portfolio-ready work through real projects and collaborations.

Whether you're gearing up to finish high school or looking to switch careers and follow your passion, this is the place to figure out your next step with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Goodlife Personal Training Careers Night, Sunshine Coast

Organisation: Goodlife Health Clubs

Location: Goodlife Health Clubs Maroochydore

Date: June 23, 2026

This free workshop is designed for aspiring and qualified/unqualified Personal Trainers who want real insight into the industry, career opportunities within Goodlife, and practical advice on navigating the challenges of starting and growing your own PT business.

You'll meet local Personal Training Managers from across the Sunshine Coast clubs, learn about the support and mentoring available through Goodlife, and discover how to create a career with flexibility, growth opportunities, and uncapped earning potential.

Whether you're currently studying, newly qualified, or looking for a fresh start in the industry, this is an opportunity to ask questions, network, and explore the next step in your fitness career.

[Find out more](#)

Meet the Manufacturers- Bundaberg Manufacturing Career Pathways Forum

Organisation: Workforce Australia

Location: Burnett Riverside Hotel Bundaberg

Date: June 23, 2026

Connect with local employers, explore training and skilling opportunities, discover job openings, and learn how to launch your career in manufacturing.

Whether you're looking to start a career, grow your skills, or connect with the right talent, this event is your opportunity to:

- **Gain industry insights** through an engaging presentation on current trends and future opportunities.
- **Hear from a panel of experts** representing the manufacturing industry
- **Ask your questions** during our interactive Q&A session.
- **Network over lunch** with employers, training providers, and community organisations.

Who should attend?

- Jobseekers exploring opportunities in the manufacturing Industry
- Employers and providers looking to connect with talent
- Support services wanting to engage with the local manufacturing sectors

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Regional and Remote Entry Scheme – Webinar for Future Students

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 23, 2026

Find out how you can enter your dream degree with the Regional and Remote Entry Scheme for students residing in a regional or remote area or have attended a regional or remote school. Hear about the great benefits offered, including adjustment factors to boost your

selection rank and a range of ongoing support throughout your studies. Find out what you need to know about eligibility criteria, how to apply, frequently asked questions and more!
[Find out more](#)

SCU Live Talks: Parent Information Evening

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Online

Date: June 23, 2026

Here at Southern Cross University, we are organising an exclusive session designed specifically for parents and students in Years 11 & 12 and encourage you to join us for an upcoming Parents Information Webinar.

The session will cover a wide range of topics, including:

- How to apply
- Taking advantage of our early entry application
- Why SCU
- Scholarship opportunities
- Understanding costs
- Support services
- Uni life and global opportunities

[Find out more](#)

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington Degree to Career: Space Science – Webinar for International Students

Organisation: Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington

Location: Online

Date: June 24, 2026

Find out more about studying Space Science at Victoria University of Wellington. Join us to hear from our academics and learn about study options and career pathways.

These online sessions will focus on requirements for international students and specific study options that you might enjoy.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Online Info Session: Computer Science

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: Online

Date: June 24, 2026

Build the skills to shape the digital world, from secure systems to powerful software. Learn how SAE's computer science courses equip you with practical, job-ready skills in cyber security and software development. This session will highlight how hands-on projects and industry insights prepare you for in-demand tech careers.

Whether you're gearing up to finish high school or looking to switch careers and follow your passion, this is the place to figure out your next step with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Online Info Session: VFX & Virtual Production

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: Online

Date: June 24, 2026

This exclusive Online Info Session gives you a front-row seat to all things VFX and virtual production at SAE! Discover how SAE prepares you for careers in film, games and digital media. You'll explore how students create high-quality visual work using industry-standard tools and workflows.

Whether you're gearing up to finish high school or looking to switch careers and follow your passion, this is the place to figure out your next step with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

It Takes a Spark STEM Conference for Year 4-10 Students and Teachers, Brisbane

Organisation: Intuyu Consulting Pty Ltd

Location: Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell Campus

Date: June 25, 2026

The It Takes a Spark! STEM Conference inspires and engages forward thinking Year 4 to 10 students, Teachers and Education Leaders in STEM.

The program is different to many conferences namely it is intended for both Teachers and Students to attend. This parallel learning experience facilitates shared knowledge and collaboration between Teachers and their Students.

The day begins with an outstanding keynote speaker to engage and inspire educators and students, followed by the engaging STEM Expo hands-on activity area. You will then move into preselected Digi-Design Mini Workshops, Problem Solvers Design Challenges with Teachers also having the option to attend Teacher only Mini-Master Classes.

[Find out more](#)

CSU Engineering information night

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: Online

Date: June 25, 2026

Thinking about a career in engineering? Don't miss out on our online engineering info night.

Pursue a rewarding career, connect with industry and learn hands-on skills to change the world. We've got all the info you need if you're interested in studying our [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)](#).

Parent, carer or career adviser? This event is for you, too! You can ask us any questions you like in an open, welcoming environment, and come away with all the info needed to make big decisions about future study.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE QLD CREATE 2026

Organisation: TAFE Queensland

Location: TAFE Queensland, Coomera Campus

Date: June 25, 2026

Celebrate the next generation of creative talent at TAFE Queensland Coomera Creative campus.

This showcase brings together an exciting collection of student work from Graphic Design, Screen & Media, Music, and the Built Environment, offering a glimpse into the ideas, innovation, and technical expertise developed throughout their studies.

Whether you're supporting a graduate, exploring study pathways, or connecting with emerging talent, this event offers something for everyone.

Join us in celebrating their achievements. All are welcome including friends, family, high school students, educators, career advisors, industry partners, alumni, or anyone curious about a future in the creative industries.

[Find out more](#)

UQ Engineering, Design and Computing Careers Evening

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

Date: June 25, 2026

Explore the exciting careers available in engineering, design and computing and discover how UQ's internationally recognised qualifications can prepare you to tackle society's toughest challenges head-on. High School students in Years 9-12, parents and guardians welcome.

What to expect:

- Join us for a series of 10-minute presentations about what it's like studying disciplines such as architecture, urban planning, design, computer science, information technology and engineering.
- Attend the Industry Expo to talk directly with engineers, designers, planners and computing innovators about the various job opportunities in industry.
- Learn from academic staff, current students and graduates about the study options available at UQ.
- Discover why UQ offers the ideal foundation for careers in engineering, architecture and design, planning, computer science and information technology.

[Find out more](#)

National Indigenous Business School Queensland

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: June 28 to July 4, 2026

The National Indigenous Business School (NIBS) Queensland program is a free, week-long program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 who are curious about business, university life, or starting their own ideas.

Hosted at Bond Business School on Kombumerri land (Gold Coast), the program gives you a real taste of what it's like to be a university student. You'll work in teams on real-world business challenges, learn from university staff and Indigenous mentors, and explore different pathways into business and higher education.

NIBS is all about building confidence, making connections, and seeing how business can create positive change for communities — while having fun and meeting new people along the way.

During the week, students will take part in hands-on workshops, team challenges and campus experiences designed to build skills, confidence and connections. Participants will:

- Work on real-world business challenges and explore different sides of business
- Build their future toolkit through workshops on career planning, university pathways and scholarships
- Experience university life at Bond and visit other universities across South East Queensland
- Connect with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, Indigenous entrepreneurs and mentors
- Explore local culture and community, including visits to places such as Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre, explore Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary and Bond's Indigenous art collections

Students will be supported by friendly staff and mentors throughout the week to ensure they feel safe, confident and welcome.

Once your place in the program has been confirmed, a Bond University staff member will be in touch to arrange your travel. All your travel, accommodation, meals and activities are covered by Bond University and our partners.

Applications close Monday 1 June, 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Future Events

UQ Centre for Western Civilisation 2026 Winter School for Year 11-12 Students

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

Date: June 29 to July 1, 2026

Join us for a unique 3-day experience where you will study the underworlds of the Odyssey, Aeneid, Georgics, and Dante's Inferno. You'll learn about the historical contexts of these works and how these stories still influence us today.

What's involved:

- work with UQ experts to understand the power of the human imagination
- analyse key passages and themes in the work of Dante, Homer, and Virgil
- enjoy a ghost tour of the Toowong Cemetery delivered by Ghost Tours Australia
- take part in a workshop on presentation skills and performing poetry, run by a professional theatre company
- view Jean Cocteau's *Orphée*, a reimagining of the Orpheus myth set in 1950s Paris.

Open to high school students in Year 11 and Year 12. The Winter School is free to attend. Interstate applicants are welcome. Accommodation and full-board during the Winter School are provided, and travel subsidies for students who are travelling from over 400 km away from Brisbane are available.

[Find out more](#)

Creative Writing – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: June 29 to June 30, 2026

In this [Learn for Credit](#) course you will harness your creative flair and passion for writing. Develop your writing skills by exploring a range of approaches, styles and genres to help you find and tell compelling stories.

You will receive guidance from an experienced freelance journalist, author, lecturer, and content creator to learn how to draft a story from an idea through to completion.

Gain a practical insight into the basics of creative writing; learn how to find, develop and refine your voice; and critique your own work before strengthening your skills in writing intuitively from a short story prompt.

Students will also complete a two-day practical workshop where they will learn how to critique work and improve writing with the goal of applying this to their own writing. This is achieved through a close analysis and exercises around the short story *American Hustler*, the inspiration behind *Inventing Anna*. Students will also strengthen their intuitive writing skills through a short story prompt. The goal of this exercise is to write from the 'gut' to allow information to flow freely, while following the guidelines learnt around plotting and planning a story with interesting characters.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshops, or complete the full course through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

Registration closes Monday 22 June, 2026.

[Find out more](#)

The Future of Long Haul Flying | School Holiday Program from BOP Industries

Organisation: BOP Industries

Location: Aviation Australia, Brisbane

Date: July 7 to July 8, 2026

What do you think the world of flying will look like in 2032?

Over two action-packed days, the Future of Long-Haul Flying school holiday program will see students exploring how airlines and airports are preparing for the next frontier in air travel, nonstop flights connecting Australia with destinations across the globe.

In this hands-on program, students will reimagine a section of Brisbane Airport's international terminal to cater for passengers preparing to board 20+ hour flights. They'll dive into challenges around the in-flight experience, cabin design, passenger wellbeing, sustainability, and marketing, working in teams to develop creative solutions and present their concepts to a panel of aviation experts.

With behind-the-scenes tours of Aviation Australia's hangar and flight training facilities, inspiring talks from industry professionals, and hands-on design challenges, this is the perfect opportunity for young people passionate about aviation to get a taste of the industry's future.

The program will run as 2 x streams with a primary program for students in Grades 4-6 and a senior program for students in Grades 7-10.

[Find out more](#)

UQ Ancient History Experience Day for Year 11-12 Students

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

Date: July 14, 2026

The 2026 Ancient History Experience Day is an opportunity for senior high school students to visit our St Lucia campus and participate in lectures and seminars with academic staff.

Experience a day at our St Lucia campus and hear from world-leading scholars in the study of Ancient History.

You'll build knowledge and skills in Ancient History, and have the opportunity to learn more about:

- studying Classics and Ancient History at UQ
- possible career paths
- the R.D. Milns Antiquities Museum.

[Find out more](#)

UniSQ Parent Information Webinar

Organisation: University of Southern Queensland

Location: Online

Date: July 15, 2026

Are you ready to empower your teen's future? Join us online for our parent information session and discover the opportunities and pathways available for your teen at university.

Gain an understanding of the higher education landscape and different degree options available, as well as have your questions answered.

Become informed so you can help your teen make the best decisions about their future after school.

[Find out more](#)

UNSW Portfolio Entry Information Session, Online

Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: July 15, 2026

At UNSW, we know you're more than just a number. That's why we've created the UNSW Portfolio Entry Early Conditional Offer Scheme—a pathway to university that recognises your unique talents and ambitions.

Hear directly from UNSW academics and students about crafting a compelling portfolio for degrees within the Faculty of Arts, Design & Architecture and the Faculty of Engineering in

2026. We'll guide you through what to include, how to apply, and tips to help you succeed. Plus, you'll have the chance to ask questions and get clarity on anything you're unsure about.

Why choose this scheme?

- Early Conditional Offers: Get an offer with a reduced ATAR requirement—up to 10 points below the standard selection rank for your chosen degree.
- Showcase your talent: Stand out by highlighting your unique skills, potential, and passion.

[Find out more](#)

BiG Day In, Brisbane

Organisation: ACS Foundation

Location: University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

Date: July 16, 2026

Join us for the 2026 BiG Day In at UQ to learn where a STEM career can take you. Hear from presenters from organisations including Technology One, Westpac, Wisetech Global, Defence Force Careers, Gameloft, and more.

[Find out more](#)

Procrastination & ADHD – Webinar for Year 10-12 Students and Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: July 16, 2026

This webinar is for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 with ADHD (and the parents trying to help). We'll cover why ADHD brains procrastinate, what actually helps, and the skills that often work even when nothing else does.

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

Brisbane Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: CareersEvent.com

Location: Brisbane Showgrounds

Date: July 17 to July 18, 2026

The Brisbane Careers Expo (TSXPO) is Queensland's largest and longest-running career fair, connecting students, graduates, and job seekers with top universities, training institutions, and employers. Whether you're exploring tertiary studies, looking for employment opportunities, or seeking career advice, this careers event is your gateway to success.

The Brisbane Careers Expo is your ultimate gateway to:

- Latest Career Opportunities: Connect with 100+ employers, universities, and training providers.
- Tertiary Studies Expo: Compare courses, scholarships, and pathways with leading institutions.
- Expert Guidance: Attend seminars on career paths and emerging industries.
- Real Student Insights: Chat with current undergraduates about courses, workloads, and campus life.

[Find out more](#)

Queensland Mining and Engineering Exhibition

Organisation: Queensland Mining and Engineering Exhibition

Location: Mackay Showgrounds

Date: July 21 to July 23, 2026

For over 30 years the Queensland Mining & Engineering Exhibition (QME) has been at the heart of the mining sector in Mackay. Returning to the Mackay Showgrounds in 2026, QME will be the ultimate showcase of supplier innovation and excellence and will illustrate the world class capabilities of Mackay and the broader Central Queensland region.

QME is a free event that boasts over 200 exhibitors and suppliers, offering the chance for anyone to access information on how to kickstart or advance their career. This event is open to local schools and the general public.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Guarantee Early Offer and Pathways Webinar (NSW/ACT/QLD)

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: July 22, 2026

Learn about ACU's entry and pathway options, including the ACU Guarantee early offer program, key dates and how to apply. Plus, hear from current students about their journeys. This webinar is for NSW, ACT and Queensland Year 12 students and their parents.

[Find out more](#)

QIMR Berghofer High School Seminar Series: Biology

Organisation: QIMR Berghofer

Location: QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute

Date: July 22, 2026

Our scientists love sharing their knowledge with the next generation of researchers. Each year, we host the High School Seminar Series where students can hear about the latest medical research discoveries, tour our state-of-the-art laboratories and investigate careers in science, all at no cost!

At the series, students will:

- engage with leading scientists as they share their latest research;
- tour a QIMR Berghofer laboratory;
- have their questions answered about careers in science and medical research.

Certificates of participation are available for teachers.

Teachers must complete and submit the form online to reserve seats in an upcoming session for their students.

[Find out more](#)

UQ World Religions Experience Day for Year 11 Students

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

Date: July 22, 2026

Explore how major world religions have had, and continue to have, profound impacts on societies around the globe.

What's involved:

- Experience a day at the St Lucia campus of UQ.
- Hear from world-leading scholars in the study of religion.
- Learn about specific religions and the place of religion in the contemporary world.
- Take part in sessions on topics such as Islam and Society, Science and Religion Conflict, Hinduism: Sacred Texts, and Abraham Joshua Heschel and the Meaning of the Sabbath in 20th-century America.

Open to year 11 students who are currently studying religion at school or who have a keen interest in arts and humanities and their teachers.

[Find out more](#)

Space Law and Advocacy at Bond University – Community Talk

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Brisbane Campus

Date: July 22, 2026

Join us for a unique and inspiring evening that looks to the stars - literally! At Bond in Brisbane: Space Law and Advocacy, you'll discover how the law is being applied in the final frontier.

Led by Professor Steven Freeland, internationally recognised space law expert and Bond University Professorial Fellow, this free event will explore the exciting and fast-growing world of space law and advocacy. From space mining and satellite liability to international treaties and legal frameworks governing outer space, this session is perfect for curious minds ready to think beyond the bounds of Earth.

Whether you're a high school student exploring future study paths or a parent keen to learn more about emerging careers, this session will open your eyes to the possibilities of a legal career that goes beyond the everyday.

[Find out more](#)

Gold Careers Expo 2026

Organisation: CareersEvent.com

Location: Aquis Park Event Centre

Date: July 23, 2026

Find your passion in July, 2026 at our 1st annual Gold Careers Expo at the Aquis Park Event Centre!

Our annual expos have grown and been recognised as the most comprehensive careers, employment and training events in Australia! This expo delivers the latest, up to date career opportunities available in Australia, including high school students and their parents, mature age and postgraduate students, career seekers of all ages, employers looking for staff training, and others.

This annual event offers a wealth of information for visitors, including:

- Students services, GAP and exchange programs
- Access the latest careers, course study and employment options
- Advice on enrolment procedures
- Talk to local and national employers
- Opportunity to talk to admissions staff
- Meet with interstate and overseas exhibitors
- Info on bursaries, scholarship and application procedures
- Compare courses from different providers

[Find out more](#)

JCU Cairns Open Day 2026

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: James Cook University, Nguma-bada (Cairns) Campus

Date: July 24, 2026

Explore your study options, meet the people who'll support your journey, and experience life at James Cook University – all in one day.

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What you'll experience:

- **Information sessions:** Hear directly from academics, students, and advisors about courses, scholarships, pathways, and student life.
- **Talk with our students:** Get real insights into uni life, workload, support services, and what it's really like to study at JCU.

- **Explore the campus:** Join guided tours and discover learning spaces, labs, facilities, and student hubs.
- **Interactive activities:** Take part in hands-on workshops, demonstrations, and discipline-specific experiences.

[Find out more](#)

Bond Open Day 2026

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: July 25, 2026

Open Day is the perfect way to learn more about everything a university has to offer – whether that’s done through meeting students and academics, roaming our beautiful campus, or even testing out our facilities.

Make the most of Open Day and add these four activities to your to-do list:

- **Visit a faculty:** Open Day is about exploring your study options and putting yourself in the shoes of a Bondy. Visit a faculty to meet academics and current students, see the facilities, and get all of your questions answered.
- **Take a personalised campus tour:** What better way to get know Bond than with your very own student guide? Let a Bondy show you around in a tour of campus.
- **Enjoy food for thought in the main quadrangle:** Grab a bite to eat from the food trucks and listen to live music before tuning in to one of the many short, thought-provoking talks in the main quadrangle.
- **Visit the Connect Lounge:** Get to know Bond staff, students and the community in the Connect Lounge and see the Bond difference for yourself.

[Find out more](#)

QUT Open Day 2026, Gardens Point

Organisation: Queensland University of Technology

Location: Queensland University of Technology, Gardens Point Campus

Date: July 26, 2026

Discover the real QUT — with behind-the-scenes tours, study area advice, talks with students and academics, and the chance to explore campus life and opportunities outside the classroom.

Across both campuses, there will be entertainment, food and fun stuff on the day. Enjoy the campus atmosphere and get a taste of student life.

[Find out more](#)

QUT Open Day 2026, Kelvin Grove

Organisation: Queensland University of Technology

Location: Queensland University of Technology, Kelvin Grove Campus

Date: July 26, 2026

Discover the real QUT — with behind-the-scenes tours, study area advice, talks with students and academics, and the chance to explore campus life and opportunities outside the classroom.

Across both campuses, there will be entertainment, food and fun stuff on the day. Enjoy the campus atmosphere and get a taste of student life.

[Find out more](#)

Becoming a Protective Service Officer with the AFP – Online Information Session

Organisation: Australian Federal Police

Location: Online

Date: July 28, 2026

Gain insights into the role of a protective service officer (PSO), hear first-hand experiences, and discover what it means to do legendary work in the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

[Find out more](#)

The French Beauty Academy Open Day 2026, Brisbane

Organisation: The French Beauty Academy

Location: The French Beauty Academy, Brisbane Campus

Date: July 29, 2026

The French Beauty Academy invites you to discover the world of beauty, experience our state-of-the-art facilities and explore your passion.

Our campus comes alive with interactive activities and experiences for future students, parents, and beauty enthusiasts.

- Meet our educators and student ambassadors
- Explore our beautiful training campus and facilities
- Watch live demonstrations in dermal therapies, facials, makeup, nails, and massage
- Learn about our industry-leading courses and career pathways
- Experience the culture and community that make The French unique
- Ask questions about enrolment, careers, and industry opportunities

Whether you're passionate about skincare, dermal science, makeup artistry, wellness, or holistic beauty, this is the perfect opportunity to see what studying at The French Beauty Academy is really like.

[Find out more](#)

SCU Future Leaders Workshop, Gold Coast

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: July 30, 2026

Join us for Future Leaders, a free full-day workshop facilitated by world record-breaking pilot and leadership development speaker, Lachie Smart. With engaging content, practical activities, and a supportive environment, the event aims to inspire students to unlock their potential, lead with confidence, and make a positive impact in their schools and communities.

This event is for Year 11 and 12 students; specifically student representatives, aspiring school leaders and anyone wanting to enhance their confidence and resilience in leadership.

- Explore our campus and experience our state-of-the-art campus facilities.
- Through interactive activities, develop strategic plans and acquire essential leadership skills.
- Meet current Southern Cross University students and network with us throughout the day.
- Enjoy a catered morning tea and lunch on us.

School staff can register online through the university's event page by filling out the registration form, indicating the number of students attending from your school and selecting the desired campus.

[Find out more](#)

JCU QTAC Information Webinar

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

If you or someone you know is planning to go to university, this webinar is essential viewing. Hear directly from a QTAC representative and get clear, expert advice on how the application process works.

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) is responsible for processing applications to Queensland universities, including JCU. In this session, you'll learn how QTAC assesses applications and facilitates offers to successful applicants. The session includes a presentation from QTAC plus a live Q&A – a great chance to get your questions answered.

[Find out more](#)

ATAR, Bonus Points, & Uni Entry Explained with ADHD – Webinar for Year 12 Students & Parents

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: July 30, 2026

Join our webinar designed for Yr 12 students and parents, navigating university admissions with ADHD, which can impact these processes.

We'll cover:

- The ATAR - explained
- What the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) is and who qualifies
- How to apply for EAS and what you will need
- Other bonus points (adjustment factors) on offer
- Important dates and deadlines
- University preference strategies that work
- Early entry options and their benefits

Hosted by [Claire Pech](#), CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and [Amanda Krulis](#), endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

View the [full series of webinars](#) for the ADHD community on all things careers, schooling and the workforce.

[Find out more](#)

The French Beauty Academy Open Day 2026, Gold Coast

Organisation: The French Beauty Academy

Location: The French Beauty Academy, Gold Coast Campus

Date: July 30, 2026

The French Beauty Academy invites you to discover the world of beauty, experience our state-of-the-art facilities and explore your passion.

Our campus comes alive with interactive activities and experiences for future students, parents, and beauty enthusiasts.

- Meet our educators and student ambassadors
- Explore our beautiful training campus and facilities
- Watch live demonstrations in dermal therapies, facials, makeup, nails, and massage
- Learn about our industry-leading courses and career pathways
- Experience the culture and community that make The French unique
- Ask questions about enrolment, careers, and industry opportunities

Whether you're passionate about skincare, dermal science, makeup artistry, wellness, or holistic beauty, this is the perfect opportunity to see what studying at The French Beauty Academy is really like.

[Find out more](#)

ACU Open Day 2026, Brisbane

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Australian Catholic University, Brisbane Campus

Date: August 1, 2026

Open Day gives you the opportunity to ask our teaching staff any questions you might have about your dream course, the application process, pathway options, entry schemes and more.

Chat to current students and discover the facilities your new campus has to offer. And sit in on information sessions from each of the faculties to find out more about the courses you're interested in.

[Find out more](#)

UQ Open Day 2026, St Lucia

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: University of Queensland, St Lucia Campus

Date: August 2, 2026

We can't wait to welcome you to Open Day at UQ's St Lucia campus in Brisbane. Explore your interests and study options, immerse yourself in university life and get answers to all your questions.

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](#)

Organisation: The Push

Location: The Triffid

Date: August 4, 2026

The Music Careers Expo is for young people aged 15–25 who are curious about working in music — whether that's performing, producing, working behind the scenes or exploring other roles across the industry.

You'll hear from people working across the industry (artists, managers, producers, engineers) and have the chance to sit down one-on-one with professionals and educators for advice on your next steps.

If you love Australian music and want to work in it, this is where you start!

Parents, teachers and friends are also welcome to attend.

[Find out more](#)

Applying to the University of Melbourne through VTAC – Online Session for Future Students

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Online

Date: August 5, 2026

Planning on applying to the University of Melbourne, but a little unsure of the steps involved through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)? Join us to discover everything you need to know about VTAC and answer all your application questions.

You'll be guided through the process by our Future Students team and a VTAC representative, so you can apply for your preferred Melbourne undergraduate course in 2026 with confidence.

[Find out more](#)

Money Talks – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: August 8, 2026

Financial decision making is a core life skill, essential for a comfortable lifestyle. But with constant changes to the way people make purchases, an ever-increasing number of choices, the complexity of investment options, and the rise of sophisticated scams, financial decision making can be stressful.

This [Learn for Credit](#) course is designed to provide you with basic tools and knowledge to assist you in navigating life financially. Through a range of interactive resources and activities, you will explore a number of topics and concepts, including savings and compounding, scams, superannuation, insurance, and investment options like shares, cryptocurrencies and NFTs.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshop, or complete the full course through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

Registration closes Friday 31 July, 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Literature and Philosophy for Global Challenges – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: August 8, 2026

Are you curious about how the stories we tell influence politics, education, and society? Do you love reading, writing, and thinking deeply about human nature and global issues? This immersive [Learn for Credit](#) course invites you to challenge dominant narratives and discover how literature and philosophy can inspire real-world change.

Through engaging online modules and a dynamic on-campus workshop, you'll explore big thinkers, and dive into cutting-edge ideas from psychology, anthropology, and economics. You'll learn to read "dangerously", critiquing texts, questioning assumptions, and imagining more hopeful futures.

Whether you're passionate about English, Philosophy, or global politics, this course will sharpen your critical thinking, deepen your understanding of human nature, and empower you to become a thoughtful changemaker.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshops, or complete the full course through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

Registration closes Friday 31 July, 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Griffith Open Day 2026

Organisation: Griffith University

Location: Griffith Nathan & Gold Coast Campuses

Date: August 9, 2026

Spanning across Brisbane South (Nathan) and Gold Coast campuses, Open Day will showcase our world-class facilities, unique student life, and give you direct access to students and academics.

[Find out more](#)

JCU Heroes in Business – Experience Day for Year 11-12 Students, Brisbane

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: James Cook University, Brisbane Campus

Date: August 11, 2026

Fuel your passion for a career in business or commerce as you 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 for the program close 16 June 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Ideas Camp at Bond for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: August 13, 2026

Got a business idea you cannot stop thinking about? Or not quite sure where your future career is headed, but know you want to create something meaningful? Ideas Camp is where curiosity turns into confidence and ideas start to take shape.

Ideas Camp is a hands-on, one-day business experience designed for the next generation of bold thinkers and future founders. You'll explore the world of entrepreneurship alongside successful young entrepreneurs and current Bond students, learning how ideas are born, tested, and turned into something real.

Hear honest stories about how it all started, the lessons learned along the way, and what it really takes to back yourself. Walk away with fresh ideas, new connections, and the motivation to start plotting your own path.

If you're in Year 10, 11 or 12, curious about business, entrepreneurship, or the idea of creating your own future, Ideas Camp is for you.

[Find out more](#)

Bond Startup Lab for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: August 13, 2026

Got a business idea you cannot stop thinking about? Curious about startups, innovation, or how people turn ideas into something real? Startup Lab is where future founders, creators and problem-solvers come to experiment, collaborate and think bigger.

Startup Lab is a hands-on, one-day business experience designed for Year 10, 11 and 12 students who want more than just another classroom session. Through interactive workshops, team challenges and real-world activities, you'll explore what it takes to build ideas, solve problems creatively, and back yourself.

[Find out more](#)

Talk Your Way to the Top – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: August 14 to August 15, 2026

Are you interested in learning the tips and tricks of persuasion used by lawyers, entrepreneurs, or business executives? This [Learn for Credit course](#) is designed to equip you with the essential communication skills necessary to excel in professional and personal environments.

Through a combination of theoretical learning, practical exercises, and real-world applications, you will develop proficiency in speaking, researching, writing, quick thinking, preparation, and navigating ethical challenges.

Whether you are aiming for a career in law or business or simply enhancing your interpersonal communication, this course provides the foundational tools to articulate ideas and influence others to achieve desired outcomes.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshops, or complete the full course through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

Registration closes Friday 7 August, 2026.

[Find out more](#)

ACAP Open Day 2026, Brisbane

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP University College, Brisbane Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Ready to turn your passion into a purpose-driven career? ACAP Open Day is your opportunity to discover how our practical, people-focused courses can help you make a real difference – in your community and your life.

Join us on campus this August and experience what makes ACAP different. Whether you're considering counselling, psychology, social work, criminology, law or business, you'll get a firsthand look at the learning, support, and outcomes that set our students up for success. From expert-led masterclasses and career panels to course advice and campus tours, Open Day is designed to give you the insight and inspiration to take the next step.

[Find out more](#)

SAE Open Day 2026, Brisbane

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE University College, Brisbane Campus

Date: August 15, 2026

Whether you're still exploring your study options or you're ready to apply, SAE Open Day is the perfect place to get inspired, get informed, and get hands-on with your creative future.

Join us on campus this August to tour our studios, meet your future mentors, and experience what it's like to study at SAE – the University College built for creators and tech innovators.

Explore your study and career pathways across animation, audio, design, film, games, music, technology, VFX and more. Connect with current students, industry-experienced lecturers, and alumni who've turned their ideas into careers.

[Find out more](#)

ADFA Open Day 2026

Organisation: Australian Defence Force Academy

Location: ADFA Canberra Campus & Online

Date: August 15, 2026

ADFA Open Day is run each year in August. Join us online or in person to:

- Explore world-class UNSW degrees, with information sessions about Business, Arts, Science, Engineering, Computing and Cyber Security.
- Learn about military training, studying and life on campus from current ADFA Trainee Officers.
- Watch a variety of exciting displays, take a virtual tour, and much more

[Find out more](#)

Chat with our team about how we can support your journey through pathways, scholarships, student support services and more!

[Find out more](#)

UQ Open Day 2026, Gatton

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: University of Queensland, Gatton Campus

Date: August 16, 2026

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](#)

ACU Year 12 QCE Revision Webinars

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: Online

Date: August 17 to August 20, 2026

Worried about your Year 12 exams? You're not alone.

Join our free online webinars from 17 – 20 August 2026. They are live, expert-led sessions designed to help you walk into your exams feeling prepared.

Can't attend live? Register anyway – recordings are available to registered attendees for one week after each webinar.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE QLD Online Open Day 2026

Organisation: TAFE Queensland

Location: Online

Date: August 19, 2026

Whether you're looking to kick-start your career or upskill, we've got you covered. Get the information you need at our Online Open Day.

Watch on-demand videos, take a virtual tour of our state-of-the-art facilities, hear from students, and access everything you need to get started.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE QLD Coomera Creative Campus Open Day 2026

Organisation: TAFE Queensland

Location: TAFE Queensland, Coomera Campus

Date: August 21, 2026

Whether you're looking to kick-start your career or upskill, we've got you covered. Get the information you need at our Open Day.

Our on-campus events are your opportunity to explore our facilities firsthand, speak to our experienced teachers, and get all the details you need to enrol.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE QLD Southport Campus Open Day 2026

Organisation: TAFE Queensland

Location: TAFE Queensland, Southport Campus

Date: August 21, 2026

Whether you're looking to kick-start your career or upskill, we've got you covered. Get the information you need at our Open Day.

Our on-campus events are your opportunity to explore our facilities firsthand, speak to our experienced teachers, and get all the details you need to enrol.

[Find out more](#)

SCU Open Day 2026, Gold Coast

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: August 23, 2026

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](#)

CQU Education Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: August 24, 2026

With [courses](#) available across early childhood, primary and secondary teaching, our friendly education academics will explain what it's really like to study at CQU. You'll learn about our strong local networks, the [support services](#) that help you succeed, and how CQU prepares you for a rewarding career in the classroom.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Psychology Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: August 25, 2026

Join our Psychology Open Day Webinar and hear from CQUniversity's experienced psychology academics about what it's really like to study at CQU. We'll cover common questions around workloads, support, and the steps you need to take to reach your career goals.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE QLD Ashmore Campus Open Day 2026

Organisation: TAFE Queensland

Location: TAFE Queensland, Ashmore Campus

Date: August 26, 2026

Whether you're looking to kick-start your career or upskill, we've got you covered. Get the information you need at our Open Day.

Our on-campus events are your opportunity to explore our facilities firsthand, speak to our experienced teachers, and get all the details you need to enrol.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Business and Accounting Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: August 26, 2026

Our professional teaching staff will explore the seamless pathways between our TAFE and university [Business](#) and [Accounting](#) courses, and the broad range of specialisations that help you align your studies to your career goals. So, no matter where your interests lie, we have a course to help you get you there!

[Find out more](#)

CQU Property Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: August 26, 2026

Join our Property webinar and hear from our professional academic staff about how you can prepare for a successful career with our [Bachelor of Property](#).

We'll cover common questions around support services available to students, workload, and real-world learning experiences designed to get you industry ready.

Plus, you can study with confidence knowing our course is fully accredited by the Australian Property Institute (API), giving you clear pathways toward recognised certifications in property valuation, financial planning and related professional fields.

[Find out more](#)

Torrens University Open Day 2026, Brisbane

Organisation: Torrens University Australia

Location: Torrens University, Fortitude Valley Campus

Date: August 29, 2026

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 see firsthand how exciting studying in Brisbane can be.

- Talk to our academics and Future Student Advisors about choosing courses, scholarships and the application process.
- Embark on a guided tour of our campus facilities and get a feel of our recreational spaces, teaching spaces and more.
- Meet our current students and find out what their experiences studying at Torrens University is like.

[Find out more](#)

The Future of Long Haul Flying Cairns – School Holiday Program from BOP Industries

Organisation: BOP Industries

Location: Cairns Aviation Skills Centre

Date: August 29 to August 30, 2026

The Future Of Long Haul Flying program will see students participating in challenges, hearing from guest speakers, and touring hangar and training facilities as they design a series of ultra-long-haul routes to connect Cairns with the world.

Over the course of the program students will be redesigning a new section of the Cairns Airport international terminal to cater for passengers about to board a +20 hour flight, before they then explore the in-flight experience, sustainability factors to consider, and the marketing of this new route. Students will then conclude the program by presenting their ideas to a panel of aviation experts for judging and consideration.

This is an action packed program of experiences for young people passionate about aviation and interested in learning about all the exciting opportunities available to them in the aviation industry.

This program is open to all students, specifically those who have an interest in aviation. The program will run as a senior program for students in Grades 7-10.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Nursing and Midwifery Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: August 31, 2026

Whether you have always dreamed of being a nurse or a midwife, or your lived experiences have sparked a passion to make a difference, CQUniversity offers flexible study options to help you at every stage of your career in nursing and/or midwifery.

Hear from our experienced academic staff as they walk you through our TAFE and University pathways, designed to support your nursing journey from start to finish.

Plus, learn about our new undergraduate [Bachelor of Midwifery](#) course (available from 2027), which gives students an option to start their career in midwifery now!

[Find out more](#)

QUT Year 12 Advice Night

Organisation: Queensland University of Technology

Location: Online

Date: September 1, 2026

Year 12 students and parents are invited to join us online to find out about applying and studying at QUT. With the right information and support, transitioning from school to university can be easier than you think. In this webinar we'll provide advice on:

- making course and career decisions
- entry requirements and how to apply
- study costs, scholarships and financial support
- transition to university and support for students
- resources for parents and students.

You'll also hear from real students about their uni experience and have the chance to ask them questions about their course, why they chose QUT and uni life.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Paramedicine Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: September 1, 2026

Join CQUniversity's Paramedicine webinar and discover the varied, challenging, and deeply rewarding career opportunities a [Paramedicine qualification](#) can lead to!

Our course is taught by current, practicing paramedics, bringing real-world insight from the frontline straight into the classroom. You'll hear how their hands-on experience shapes your training, builds your confidence, and prepares you for the realities of emergency healthcare.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Aviation Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Whether you're dreaming of taking to the skies, or leading airport operations on the ground, CQUniversity's [Aviation courses](#) can get you there!

Join our Aviation webinar and hear how you can future-proof your career in the dynamic aviation sector. Our experienced academic team will outline the pathways to becoming a commercial pilot or aviation management professional, and highlight the valuable industry connections you'll build along your study journey.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Engineering Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: September 2, 2026

Are you interested in a fulfilling and diverse career that allows you to create a lasting impact on society? Join our Engineering webinar and hear how you can start building your future with CQUniversity.

Our professional teaching staff will provide an overview of our [engineering courses](#), with specialisations available across Civil, Electrical, and Resource Systems Engineering. Benefit from CQU's strong industry connections and start building your professional network long before graduation.

[Find out more](#)

CQU Diagnostic Imaging Open Day Webinar

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Online

Date: September 3, 2026

Join our Diagnostic Imaging Webinar and discover how you can build a career caring for others while working with advanced diagnostic tools and technology.

With courses across [Medical Imaging](#), [Sonography](#), and [Echocardiology](#), our professional teaching team will talk you through what makes our diagnostic imaging degrees so unique - including how you can graduate career ready without needing a prior health degree.

[Find out more](#)

TAFE QLD Robina Campus Open Day 2026

Organisation: TAFE Queensland

Location: TAFE Queensland, Robina Campus

Date: September 8, 2026

Whether you're looking to kick-start your career or upskill, we've got you covered. Get the information you need at our Open Day.

Our on-campus events are your opportunity to explore our facilities firsthand, speak to our experienced teachers, and get all the details you need to enrol.

[Find out more](#)

JCU Pathways Webinar

Organisation: James Cook University

Location: Online

Date: September 10, 2026

Join our Pathways Webinar and discover how you can still pursue your dream career, even if it's been a few years since you've finished school, or you need a few more qualifications to meet entry requirements.

Our Pathways Webinar is also ideal for Year 12 students who may not be on track for their desired ATAR, aren't completing an ATAR pathway, or haven't met the subject prerequisites of their chosen degree.

You will learn more about JCU's pathway programs, and how they can help you receive the key knowledge and qualifications you need to gain entry into many of our Bachelor's degrees.

Discover which pathway is right for you, and learn more about pathway options, available support services, application processes, course credits and more.

[Find out more](#)

Wings on the Warrego Aviation Festival

Organisation: Experience Charleville

Location: Charleville

Date: September 12 to September 13, 2026

Wings on the Warrego returns to Charleville this September, celebrating flight in all its forms from historic aircraft to tomorrow's drone technologies under vast outback Queensland skies.

This dynamic festival merges traditional airshow excitement with hands-on workshops, science experiences, STEM activities and aviation career pathways.

Set in Charleville's aviation-rich heartland, just one hour's flight or one day's drive from Brisbane, the event brings together families, enthusiasts and industry.

Wings on the Warrego is where aviation meets the future, inviting all ages to look up, learn and be inspired toward the next generation of flight and the limitless future ahead.

[Find out more](#)

UQ Ready – Information Session for High School Students, Online

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: Online

Date: September 16, 2026

Join us for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university.

- Get advice on maximising your ATAR score and preparing for university.
- Understand the QTAC process, from application to offer.
- Hear about our diverse student support services, including mentoring, accommodation, neurodiversity support and more.
- Learn how to enrol and plan your timetable.
- Get tips for successfully transitioning from school to university.
- Hear about UQ's vibrant and inclusive campus culture.

The information will be valuable to any high school student looking to go to any university.

[Find out more](#)

Criminal Law and Procedure – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: September 21 to September 22, 2026

A career in law can be intellectually challenging, personally fulfilling, and financially rewarding. Learning from Assistant Professor Dr Matthew Raj, Faculty of Law academic and Founder and Director of the Bond Criminal Law Clinic, this [Learn for Credit](#) course will immerse you in the study of criminal law.

Gain practical insight into the exciting world of criminal law, including going to court, criminal offences, criminal defences, and the powers relied upon by police.

Students will participate in practical group work preparing advice, and refining their writing skills and oral presentation skills by preparing submissions in a moot court.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshops, or complete the full course through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

Registrations close Monday 14 September, 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Positive Psychology – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: September 25, 2026

Are you ready to unlock the secrets to a happier, more fulfilling life? This [Learn for Credit](#) course will introduce students to the principles and concepts of positive psychology and how they relate to wellbeing. Students will dive into the science of happiness, explore the strengths and virtues that lead to positive life outcomes, and learn how to develop and enhance these qualities.

Students will gain skills and knowledge in self-assessment, gratitude journaling, goal setting, mindfulness, and self-development practice.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshops, or complete the full course through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

Registrations close Friday 18 September, 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Creative Writing – Learn for Credit Course at Bond University for Year 11 & 12 Students

Organisation: Bond University

Location: Bond University, Gold Coast Campus

Date: September 28 to September 29, 2026

In this [Learn for Credit](#) course you will harness your creative flair and passion for writing. Develop your writing skills by exploring a range of approaches, styles and genres to help you find and tell compelling stories.

You will receive guidance from an experienced freelance journalist, author, lecturer, and content creator to learn how to draft a story from an idea through to completion.

Gain a practical insight into the basics of creative writing; learn how to find, develop and refine your voice; and critique your own work before strengthening your skills in writing intuitively from a short story prompt.

Students will also complete a two-day practical workshop where they will learn how to critique work and improve writing with the goal of applying this to their own writing. This is achieved through a close analysis and exercises around the short story *American Hustler*, the inspiration behind *Inventing Anna*. Students will also strengthen their intuitive writing skills through a short story prompt. The goal of this exercise is to write from the 'gut' to allow information to flow freely, while following the guidelines learnt around plotting and planning a story with interesting characters.

You can choose to participate in just the in-person workshops, or complete the full course through the workshop, online modules and additional readings and assessment.

Registration closes Monday 21 September, 2026.

[Find out more](#)

Scholarships

SCU Vice Chancellor's Regional Leadership

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: New South Wales, Queensland

Value: AU\$50,000

Close Date: December 18, 2026

[Find out more](#)

The NickIreland.com Scholarship for Aspiring Creatives

Organisation: Nick Ireland Studio

Location: Australia

Value: AU\$3,500

Close Date: December 1, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

Seán Ó Faoláin International Short Story Competition

Organisation: Munster Literature Centre

Location: All

Value: Up to €2,000

Close Date: July 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)

The Nakata Brophy Prize for Young Indigenous Writers (Poetry)

Organisation: Overland Literary Magazine

Location: Australia

Value: Up to AU\$5,000

Close Date: July 17, 2026

[Find out more](#)

CQUni Junior Robotics Competition for Years 4-12

Organisation: CQUniversity, Rockhampton North Campus

Location: Rockhampton

Value: See details

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

ACU Imagine If I Could Be Competition for Year 10-12 Students

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria

Value: AU\$1,000

Close Date: July 24, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Alice Sinclair Memorial Writing Competition

Organisation: Fellowship of Australian Writers NSW Inc.

Location: Australia

Value: Up to AU\$300

Close Date: July 31, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Not Quite Write Prize for Flash Fiction

Organisation: Not Quite Write Podcast

Location: All

Value: Share of AU\$4,000 in prizes

Close Date: July 26, 2026

[Find out more](#)

PECAN+ Capture The Flag Cyber Security Competition for Years 10-12

Organisation: Australian Signals Directorate, Edith Cowan University, University of Wollongong

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Close Date: No closing date

[Find out more](#)

Experiences

Sunshine Coast Council Work Experience – Parks and Gardens

Organisation: Sunshine Coast Council

Location: Sunshine Coast

Registrations close: September 30, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Work Experience with the Sunshine Coast Council

Organisation: Sunshine Coast Council

Location: Sunshine Coast

Registrations close: November 1, 2026

[Find out more](#)

CQUni Gladstone Seagrass Flower Collection Volunteer Opportunity

Organisation: CQUniversity

Location: Coastal Marine Ecosystems Research Centre

Date: September 26, 2026

[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

Jobs & Careers

What working hours look like across different careers

When most people picture a working day, they imagine the same thing: wake up, head to the office, finish at five, go home. But that's just one version of how work can look. Across different industries and careers, people work in all kinds of patterns, some of which might surprise you. Understanding those patterns early gives you a broader picture of what working life can actually be like.

The standard 9-5

The 9-5 is probably the most familiar work schedule. It usually means working roughly eight hours a day, five days a week, with weekends off. Office-based jobs in fields like finance, marketing, and administration often follow this pattern.

The predictability of this schedule is one of its defining features. Meals, social plans, and personal commitments tend to fall into a regular rhythm. Outside of work hours, time is generally your own.

That said, not every 9-5 role is strictly nine to five. Some office-based jobs involve earlier starts, later finishes, or occasional weekend work depending on the industry or employer.

Shift work

Shift work means your working hours rotate or fall outside the standard daytime window. Instead of a fixed start and finish time, shifts can run in the morning, afternoon, or overnight, and the days you work may change week to week.

Jobs in healthcare, hospitality, retail, and emergency services often rely on shift workers because these industries need people available at all hours. A nurse might work a night shift one week and an early morning shift the next. A chef might work through dinner service and finish well after midnight.

This kind of schedule can take some adjustment, particularly when it comes to sleep patterns and making plans with people who work more traditional hours. Over time, many shift workers find routines that work for them.

FIFO

FIFO stands for Fly-In Fly-Out, it refers to work arrangements where employees travel to a remote location for a set period, work intensively, and then return home for a rostered break. A common example is mining. A worker might fly out to a remote site, work 12-hour days for two weeks straight, and then have two weeks off at home. Some workers find the extended time off one of the most appealing parts of this arrangement.

The trade-off is that the work periods can be demanding, and being away from home for weeks at a time affects relationships, routines, and personal life. It's a lifestyle that suits some people well and doesn't suit others at all.

Part-time and casual work

Part-time work involves fewer hours than a full-time role, often with a consistent schedule. Casual work is more flexible, where shifts are offered as needed and hours can vary significantly week to week.

Both arrangements are common in retail, food service, and customer-facing industries. These roles often work alongside other commitments like study or family responsibilities. The flexibility can be a genuine advantage, but casual work in particular can mean less predictability around income and hours.

Freelance and self-employed work

Freelancers and self-employed workers set their own schedules rather than working set hours for a single employer. Designers, photographers, tradespeople, and consultants often work this way.

The appeal is flexibility and independence. The reality is that it also requires a lot of self-discipline. Without a manager setting deadlines or a roster determining your hours, the responsibility for managing time and finding work sits entirely with you. Income can also be inconsistent, particularly when starting out.

The compressed work week

A compressed work week means fitting full-time hours into fewer days. A common version is four 10-hour days instead of five eight-hour days, giving an extra day off each week.

This arrangement is less widespread but exists in industries like technology, professional services, and some healthcare settings. The longer daily hours can be tiring, but for many people the additional day off each week is worth it.

There's more to work than the standard week

The 9-5 is just one way to work, and for a lot of careers, it's not even the most common one. Different industries run on different schedules, and the way people structure their working lives varies enormously.

Knowing that these patterns exist, and understanding roughly what they involve, is a useful starting point for thinking about the kinds of careers and lifestyles that might appeal to you down the track.

If you want to explore different careers and what they actually involve, check out our [jobs and careers section](#).

3 interesting careers in the alpaca industry

If someone asked you to picture a farming career, you'd probably think of cattle, sheep, maybe some wheat fields. Alpacas? Probably not. But the alpaca industry is a legitimate, growing commercial sector, and it has a surprisingly broad range of careers hiding in plain sight.

A bigger industry than you'd think

Australia has more than 350,000 alpacas and is the second largest alpaca producer in the world. Farms supply commercial markets with fibre, meat, and stud genetics, and also place animals as pets and herd guardians. Alpaca fleece sits alongside cashmere and merino as one of the world's premium natural fibres, and right now, international demand outstrips what local producers can actually supply.

There's also an environmental angle worth knowing about. Alpacas have soft padded feet instead of hooves, which causes far less damage to fragile soils, and they produce less

methane than sheep or cattle. As global consumers pay more attention to where their products come from, that sustainability story is becoming a genuine industry asset.

Fibre Classer

After shearing, someone needs to assess what's actually been produced. That's where a Fibre Classer comes in. They examine each fleece for characteristics like micron (how fine the fibre is), colour, length, and brightness, then sort similar fleeces into bales ready for processing or sale.

In Australia, Classers complete a dedicated training course in alpaca wool classing and apply a registered ID to every bale they assess. It's essentially a quality guarantee that ties each bale back to the person who signed off on it. It's a role that sits at the intersection of agriculture and quality control, and one that directly shapes the value of what a farm produces.

Camelid Veterinarian

A Camelid Veterinarian is a vet who specialises in animals like alpacas and llamas. They handle medical care and treatment, support producers with herd health decisions, and help keep animals productive and well. Because alpacas are physiologically different from most livestock, the role calls for specific knowledge that goes beyond a general vet degree.

It's a niche within an already skilled profession, but that's also part of the appeal. As the industry grows, so does the need for vets who actually know their way around a camelid.

Alpaca Stud Breeder

A Stud Breeder's job is to improve a herd's genetic quality over time. They select animals for breeding based on traits like fleece fineness, body conformation, reproductive performance, and fibre density, with the goal of producing offspring that consistently meet high standards. It's a role driven by data and patience in equal measure.

Many stud operations also handle animal sales, fleece production, and export, so there's a real business management dimension to it too. It's less "working the land" and more running a specialised operation with a long-term vision.

More accessible than it looks

You don't need to grow up on a farm to find a place in this industry. Fibre Classers complete a dedicated training course. Camelid Vets build on a veterinary degree with specialised experience over time. Stud Breeders often start small, gradually building a herd while deepening their knowledge of genetics and animal husbandry. Work experience on an alpaca farm is also a practical starting point for any of these paths, and it's something you could look into while you're still at school.

If you're curious about careers in agriculture and primary industries, take a look at what else is out there on our [Jobs & Careers](#) page.

Subject Selection

Where the performing arts can take you

Performing arts is a broad field. Depending on your school, it might mean drama, music, dance, or any number of other disciplines that fall under the creative arts umbrella. What connects them is that each asks you to develop a deep understanding of your craft, communicate with an audience, and collaborate with others under real pressure. Those experiences build a set of skills that carry well beyond the stage, the studio, or the rehearsal room.

The skills you build studying performing arts

Communication and expression

Performing arts teaches you to communicate with intention. Whether you're delivering dialogue, interpreting a musical score, or conveying emotion through movement, you're constantly working on how to make ideas land with an audience. That ability to express yourself clearly and compellingly is one of the most transferable things the subject develops.

Collaboration

Almost nothing in performing arts happens alone. Productions, ensembles, and choreographed works all require people to listen, adapt, and contribute to something larger than themselves. Working through creative disagreement, supporting others in their roles, and committing to a shared outcome are skills that translate directly into team-based work environments.

Discipline and resilience

Mastering a performance skill takes consistent, focused effort over a long period of time. Performing arts students learn how to practise deliberately, handle constructive criticism, and keep working through difficulty. Performing in front of an audience, particularly when things don't go to plan, builds a kind of composure that's genuinely difficult to develop elsewhere.

Creative problem solving

Interpreting a script, arranging a piece of music, or developing a movement sequence all involve making creative decisions within constraints. Performing arts teaches you to think flexibly, generate ideas, and find solutions that aren't always obvious from the outset.

Performing arts in a changing world

Across many industries, the skills that performing arts develops are becoming more recognised as genuinely valuable in professional settings. Employers are increasingly looking for people who can communicate with clarity and confidence, work effectively in teams, think on their feet, and adapt when circumstances change. These are qualities that performing arts builds in a concrete, practiced way, not just in theory.

As workplaces become more collaborative and communication-heavy, people who have trained in a performance discipline often find that what they developed in rehearsal rooms and on stage has real currency in a wide range of roles. The connection between artistic training and professional capability is better understood now than it once was, and that's reflected in the breadth of careers that performing arts graduates move into.

Careers directly related to performing arts

Performance and production

The most immediate pathway from performing arts leads into the industry itself. Actors, Musicians, and Dancers work across theatre, film, television, live events, and independent productions. These careers are competitive and often involve building a portfolio of work over time, but they remain the clearest expression of what the subject is about.

Behind the performance, there's an equally broad range of production roles. Stage Managers coordinate the technical and logistical elements of live productions. Sound Designers, Lighting Technicians, and Set Designers shape the environment in which performance takes place. Choreographers and Musical Directors lead the creative process for others. These roles often require a combination of artistic understanding and technical skill, and many are accessible through vocational pathways as well as university study.

Education and community arts

Performing arts teachers work in schools across all year levels, helping students develop creative skills and confidence. This pathway typically requires a university teaching qualification with a specialisation in creative arts or music education.

Beyond formal education, community arts practitioners work in a wide range of settings, running programs in hospitals, correctional facilities, aged care, youth services, and community centres. These roles use performance and creative practice as tools for engagement, expression, and wellbeing. They often sit within the community services or arts administration sectors and can be entered through a variety of study pathways.

Careers where performing arts gives you an edge

Media and communications

The performing arts develop exactly the skills that media and communications roles demand. Journalists, presenters, and broadcasters rely on the ability to communicate clearly under pressure and connect with an audience quickly. Public relations and corporate communications roles similarly require people who can craft a message, read a room, and adapt their delivery to different contexts.

Content creation is another area where performing arts experience is a genuine asset. Whether it's presenting, scriptwriting, directing, or producing, people with a background in performance tend to understand instinctively how to make content engaging.

Business and events

Event Managers and Production Coordinators draw heavily on the organisational, collaborative, and problem-solving skills that performing arts builds. Managing a live event involves coordinating multiple moving parts, communicating clearly across different teams, and staying composed when things shift unexpectedly, all things that performing arts practitioners are well practised in.

Arts administrators and cultural program managers work within organisations that fund, promote, or deliver arts and cultural activities. These roles sit at the intersection of creative understanding and business management, and they're well suited to people who want to stay connected to the arts world without necessarily being on stage.

Where could it take you?

Performing arts develops communication, collaboration, discipline, and creative thinking in a way that few other subjects do. Whether you're drawn to performance itself, to the production side of the industry, to teaching and community work, or to a career in media or events, the skills built through this subject are broadly applicable and genuinely valued. If you're passionate about your discipline and enjoy working with others toward a shared creative outcome, performing arts could be a strong foundation for a wide range of futures. Trying to figure out which subjects are right for you? [Explore our subject selection resources here.](#)

People with Disability

Busting myths about hiring people with disability

There's a lot of outdated thinking floating around when it comes to hiring people with disability. Some of it gets passed on in hushed conversations. Some of it just sits quietly in the back of people's minds, shaping decisions without anyone really questioning it. But myths can do real damage. They keep talented people out of jobs they'd be brilliant at, and they stop employers from building the diverse, capable teams that actually perform better. If you're a young person living with disability and wondering whether the working world has a place for you, the answer is a resounding yes. Let's look at the evidence.

Myth 1: People with disability can't do "real" work

This one has been around a long time, and it's completely false. Lots of people get in to jobs via different routes, which is sometimes what people living with a disability have to do. In reality they probably have to work harder to get into the same position as someone without a

disability, meaning their resolve and effort is more significant. Research backs this up. A survey by DuPont found that [employees with disability rated average or better safety \(97%\), attendance \(86%\), and performance of job duties \(90%\)](#).

In 2023, [Accenture reported](#) that companies that actively employ and support people with disability achieve 1.6 times more revenue, 2.6 times the net income, and twice the economic profit compared to businesses that do not.

These are not just feel-good statistics. That's business data.

Myth 2: Workplace adjustments are expensive

Employers often imagine that hiring someone with disability means expensive building works, specialist equipment, or complex new systems. In reality, most adjustments are surprisingly simple and cheap. According to the [Job Accommodation Network \(2025\)](#), 61% of accommodations like modifying an employee's work schedule or changing a company policy cost absolutely nothing. 33% of businesses reported one-time expenses such as providing an employee with screen-reading software, or installing an automatic door opener, which on average cost US\$300. Only 6% of businesses said accommodations for an employee(s) had ongoing costs with things like providing a sign language interpreter during meetings, with a median annual cost of US\$2,400.

Small investments like these could lead to improved productivity, and therefore morale across an entire team, not just for the person who needed the change.

Myth 3: People with disability are unreliable

This myth is often tied to assumptions about sick days or commitment. But again, the data says something quite different. A [Job Access report \(2023\)](#) reported that employees with disability may be less likely to leave a company than non-disabled workers, are more likely to arrive on time, and [less likely to take sick days](#).

Reliability, loyalty, and dedication are qualities that any employer would value. And employers who look past this myth find those qualities in abundance.

Myth 4: It's hard to find qualified candidates with disability

Some employers assume that there simply aren't enough skilled candidates with disability to choose from. This isn't accurate either, it's more that the gap between supply and demand has been created by the barriers in the hiring process itself, not by a lack of talent. In the [UK in 2023, there were 9.8 million people of working age with disability, that's 23% of the total working-age population. Yet people with disability made up only 17% of the total UK workforce](#).

Here in Australia in 2019, [youth unemployment was at 11.6%, it was more than double - 25%](#), for young people with a disability. And [graduates with disability take 61.5% longer to gain full-time employment than other graduates](#)

That's a significant talent pool that's being under-utilised. Often, the issue is inaccessible job applications or unconscious bias in the hiring process, rather than the candidates themselves being under qualified.

Myth 5: Disability is always visible

When many people picture disability, they imagine a wheelchair. But disability comes in countless forms, many of which aren't visible at all. Chronic pain conditions, mental health conditions, autism, hearing loss, dyslexia, epilepsy, diabetes, are just a few examples of the [recognised disabilities in Australia](#) and other countries around the world. The biggest barrier for people with disability is often not the disability itself, but stigma and myths associated with them.

Understanding disability more broadly helps break down that stigma. When you stop expecting disability to "look" a certain way, you start seeing people and their capabilities more clearly.

Myth 6: Hiring people with disability is legally complicated

Some employers shy away from hiring people with disability because they worry about getting something wrong legally. In reality, the law is designed to support both employees and employers. In Australia, the [Disability Discrimination Act](#) requires employers to make "reasonable adjustments" and the word reasonable carries real weight. Employers are not expected to do the impossible or the unaffordable. [Fair Work](#) is also a great place to research what other support is available. [Employment New Zealand](#) explains what employers can and cannot do, as well as what support is available. Support schemes also exist to help. The UK government's [Access to Work programme](#), for example, can provide funding for equipment, travel, and support workers, meaning much of the cost doesn't fall to the employer at all. Here in Australia [Job Access](#) is the best place to go for funding and other support.

The bigger picture

In the UK there were [5.6 million disabled people in employment in the UK in 2024](#). Which was an increase of 360,000 on the year before. The disability employment rate was 53.1%, compared to 81.6% for non-disabled people. Here in Australia out of 4.4 million people living with disability, the [labour force participation rate is 53.4%](#) (compared with 38.2% in New Zealand) which has remained similar to figures in 2003 and 2018. Unfortunately many people with disabilities still face additional barriers such as underemployment, with fewer full-time and contracted opportunities available.

The good news? Myths can be busted, bias can be unlearned, and attitudes are already shifting with more employers than ever saying their workplaces were more prepared to hire someone with disability.

What this means for you

That's a lot of statistics to take in, but if you're a young person living with disability, this matters. The working world needs what you have to offer, from your problem-solving skills and resilience, to your unique perspective. Many people with disability develop extraordinary adaptability simply through navigating a world that wasn't always designed with them in mind. Those skills translate directly into the workplace.

You deserve a career that excites and challenges you, so don't let someone else's misconceptions become your ceiling. Explore your options, know your rights, and remember that the evidence is firmly on your side.

For more resources and inspiration head to our [resources for people with disability page](#) for more ideas to help you plan your next steps with confidence.

Study Tips

How to study through the year vs how to study for exams

Most students only open their textbooks when an exam is around the corner. That's understandable, but it means a lot of the learning that happens throughout the year doesn't really stick, and exam prep ends up being far harder than it needs to be. The good news is that studying through the year doesn't have to be intense, and it doesn't look the same as sitting down to cram before a test.

These two types of studying serve different purposes, and once you understand how they differ, both become a lot more manageable.

Studying through the year is about building understanding

When there's no exam on the horizon, the goal of studying isn't to memorise everything you've covered. It's to keep the material fresh and make sure you actually understand it before more content gets added on top.

For most students, this just means revisiting what was covered in class. Going back over your notes a day or two after a lesson, rewriting key ideas in your own words, or talking

through a concept with a friend can all make a real difference to how well the information settles. None of that needs to take long.

The reason this matters is that most subjects are cumulative. New content builds on what came before, so if earlier concepts aren't solid, the later ones are harder to grasp. Regular, low-effort review helps prevent that backlog from building up.

If you want to go further, things like working through extra practice problems, doing your own reading around a topic, or testing yourself on what you've learned are all useful habits. But even just keeping on top of class content puts you in a better position than most.

Studying for an exam requires a different approach

Exam preparation is more focused and more deliberate. Where regular study is about keeping knowledge fresh, exam study is about making sure you can retrieve and apply that knowledge under pressure, in the specific format the exam uses.

This means your approach needs to shift. Rather than generally reviewing content, exam study involves identifying what's actually being assessed, practising the kinds of questions or tasks that are likely to come up, and working on any gaps before the exam date.

Past papers and practice questions are especially useful here because they replicate the conditions you'll face. Timed practice in particular helps you get comfortable working within exam constraints, and it shows you where your understanding is solid and where it needs more work.

It's also worth being strategic about where you spend your time. Not all content carries equal weight, so knowing which topics are most likely to be tested means you can focus your preparation where it counts most.

Why doing both makes exam time easier

If you've been reviewing your work consistently through the year, exam preparation shifts from learning material from scratch to sharpening what you already know. That's a much less stressful place to be in the weeks before a test.

You'll still need to do focused revision specific to the exam, but the bulk of the learning has already happened. The time you put in throughout the year means the content isn't new to you, so exam prep can focus on consolidation and targeted practice rather than starting from zero.

The two approaches aren't separate things that compete for your time. Regular study throughout the year is what makes exam study more effective when it counts.

Getting the most out of both

The key difference comes down to purpose. Ongoing study is about understanding and retention. Exam study is about performance and preparation for a specific task.

Keeping that distinction in mind helps you approach each one more intentionally. When you're studying through the year, you don't need to treat every session like you're preparing for a test. And when exam time comes, you can focus on targeted preparation rather than trying to cover everything at once.

If you're looking for specific techniques to make your study sessions more effective, we've got plenty of resources to help over on our [study tips page](#).

University and Vocational Education

Student placements at university – Everything you need to know

If you're thinking about further study, there's a chance you might need to complete a placement as part of your course. But what exactly is a student placement? Why do so many courses require one? And, importantly, are you paid for it? We'll cover all that and more right here.

What is a student placement?

Student placements are a practical component of many courses. You go out into a real workplace and gain the experience you need for your future career. They go by a few different names, including:

- Work integrated learning
- Vocational placements
- Industry placements
- Practicums

In most cases, placements are a mandatory part of a course, meaning you need to complete one before you can graduate, just like any other subject.

What are student placements for?

Placements give you the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge you've built in the classroom in a real work environment. They're typically required in courses where hands-on experience is a regulatory or professional necessity before you can be considered qualified in your field.

They're also a genuinely useful way to test whether a particular career actually suits you before you're fully committed to it.

Which courses involve student placements?

You're most likely to encounter a mandatory placement in more hands-on courses. Common areas include:

- Medicine, dentistry, nursing & midwifery
- Allied health
- Social & community work
- Teaching & education
- Engineering
- Veterinary studies
- Law
- Many vocational courses

This list isn't exhaustive, and whether a placement is mandatory comes down to the specific course and institution. Optional placements, like internships or work experience, are more common in areas such as business and arts.

Are student placements mandatory?

In most cases, yes. Certain qualifications require you to complete a set number of hours in a professional setting before you can graduate. How long a placement runs depends on your course and its professional requirements. It could be a few weeks, a full semester, or sometimes longer. Your course handbook should include all the details, including timing and expected hours.

Do you get paid to do a student placement?

In most cases, no. But the rules vary depending on where you're studying.

In Australia, student placements can be lawfully unpaid under the Fair Work Act, provided they meet a set of conditions. These include that there's a formal arrangement in place, the placement is a required part of your course, there's no employment contract between you and the host organisation, and your institution is approved to deliver the course. You can read the full criteria on the [Fair Work Ombudsman's website](#).

Some employers choose to pay students on placement, though this isn't the norm. If you're studying teaching, nursing, midwifery, or social work, you may be eligible for the Commonwealth Prac Payment, a government payment introduced in July 2025 to help domestic students cover costs during mandatory placements. In 2026, the rate is \$338.60 per week. It's means-tested, so not everyone will qualify. Check with your institution or visit the [Department of Education's website](#) for current eligibility details.

In New Zealand, mandatory placements that are part of a course are typically unpaid.

In the UK, students on placements required by their course are generally not entitled to pay, as long as the placement is under a year in length.

In the US, practicums and placements are typically unpaid provided the student receives academic credit as part of their course.

Rules in each region are subject to change, so it's always worth checking with your institution or the relevant authority in your area.

What placements add to your career

A placement isn't just a box to tick before graduation. It's often one of the most career-relevant things you'll do during your studies.

Because you're working in a real environment, you build a type of experience that classroom learning can't fully replicate. You start to understand how your industry actually operates, how decisions get made, and what professionals in your field deal with day to day. That context makes you more prepared and more confident when you eventually enter the workforce.

Placements also give you the chance to build a professional network before you've even graduated. Many students stay in contact with supervisors and colleagues from their placement, and some go on to find paid work with the same organisation after completing their degree. At minimum, you come away with a referee who can speak to your practical abilities.

From a resume perspective, placement experience tells employers something that academic results alone can't: that you've already functioned in a professional setting and handled real responsibilities.

What's the difference between a placement, an internship, and work experience?

Student placement is a term typically used for mandatory, course-required practical experience. Internships and work experience, on the other hand, are usually optional or voluntary, and are often done outside of regular class time, such as during holidays.

In practice, the distinction isn't always rigid. What you'll be doing in any of these settings can vary a lot depending on the organisation and the role. Some placements involve substantial hands-on responsibility while others are more observational, and the same is true for internships.

What if something goes wrong?

Before your placement begins, make sure you understand what's expected of you, who your supervisor is, and what to do if you have concerns. Your institution should have a point of contact you can reach if issues come up during the placement.

If you feel unsafe, are being asked to do something unreasonable, or your experience doesn't match what was arranged, raise it with your institution as soon as possible. They have a responsibility to support you throughout the placement, not just organise it.

How do I organise a student placement?

Your institution is generally the first place to go. They can connect you with approved organisations, guide you through required paperwork, and support you through the process. If you want to source a placement externally, research the organisation carefully and make sure the arrangement meets your course requirements before committing.

Find out more

We have plenty of other articles covering study, work experience, and career planning on our [Study](#) and [Work](#) pages.

Banking and Budgeting

The 5 best ways to build a savings habit before you need one

Saving money is one of those habits that tends to feel less urgent until it suddenly becomes necessary. Building it early, before any real financial pressure kicks in, makes it significantly easier to maintain over time.

You don't need a large income or a complicated system to get started. The approaches below are practical at any income level, and useful whether you're just picking up your first few shifts or already trying to be more deliberate with your money.

Why it's worth starting early

Having savings set aside gives you options. It means unexpected expenses are easier to deal with, and you're less likely to find yourself in a difficult position when something comes up that you weren't planning for.

There's also value in the habit itself. Like most habits, saving regularly gets easier the longer you do it. Building that routine while your financial responsibilities are still relatively small means it's already established by the time rent, bills, and bigger expenses become part of everyday life.

1. Try the 50/30/20 rule as a starting point

The 50/30/20 rule is one of the most commonly referenced budgeting frameworks around, and it's popular largely because it's simple. The idea is to divide your income into three categories: 50% toward needs, 30% toward wants, and 20% toward savings.

Needs are essentials like transport, food, and your phone plan. Wants are things you enjoy but could go without, like eating out or buying something new. The savings portion is what you put aside before other spending decisions come into play.

You don't need to follow the percentages exactly, and your situation may not always line up with them perfectly. Used as a rough guide rather than a strict rule, it gives you a useful structure for thinking about where your money goes, rather than just spending until it runs out.

2. Give your savings a purpose

Saving toward something specific tends to be easier to maintain than saving with no particular goal in mind. Without a clear reason to hold back, spending is usually the easier option.

The goal doesn't have to be large. It could be a car, a trip, a course, or simply a buffer so you're not caught short waiting for payday. When there's something concrete to work toward, putting money aside starts to feel like progress rather than a restriction, and that makes it easier to stay consistent over time.

3. Keep your savings separate

One of the simplest things you can do is keep your savings in a different account from your everyday spending money. When everything sits in the same account, it's easy to lose track of what was intended to be set aside and what's actually available to spend.

A separate account creates a clear boundary between the two. You can see what you have to spend without needing to mentally subtract anything, and the money you've set aside is less likely to get gradually absorbed into day-to-day expenses.

4. Start smaller than you think you need to

There's a common assumption that saving is only worth doing once you're earning enough to put away a meaningful amount. In practice, the size of the contribution matters less at this stage than the consistency of making one.

Starting with whatever feels manageable and building from there is a more sustainable approach than waiting until income is higher. Once putting money aside feels like a normal part of getting paid, increasing the amount is a straightforward next step.

5. Automate it where you can

Saving manually every pay period means making the same decision over and over again, and there will be weeks where it's easier to skip. Setting up an automatic transfer on payday removes that decision entirely.

A set amount moves into your savings account before you've had a chance to factor it into your spending, and you simply adjust to what's left. It's a small thing to set up, but it makes saving consistent without needing to rely on motivation or memory each time you get paid.

Getting started

These approaches don't all need to be adopted at once. Picking one that feels relevant and sticking with it for a few weeks is a reasonable place to start, and building from there over time is easier than trying to overhaul everything in one go.

For more on managing your money, [check out our other articles on budgeting and finances.](#)

Job Spotlights

How to become a Materials Recycler

Materials Recyclers sort and process recyclable materials like paper, plastic, glass, and metal at recycling facilities, keeping valuable resources out of landfill and back in circulation. They operate machinery, assess material quality, and keep processing lines running efficiently.

If you're hands-on, environmentally conscious, and want a practical career where the impact of your work is visible every day, this could be a good fit.

What skills do I need as a Materials Recycler?

- Physically fit & active
- Keen eye for detail
- Environmentally conscious
- Machinery operation ability
- Reliable & punctual
- Works well in a team
- Safety focused
- Follows processes accurately

What do Materials Recyclers do?

Before a shift begins, you check in on the day's processing targets, review any safety requirements, and make sure your equipment is in working order. Materials arrive at the facility in large volumes, and having a clear picture of what's coming through and what condition it's in helps you work efficiently and safely from the start.

During your shift, you sort and process incoming materials, operating machinery like conveyor systems, balers, and compactors. You monitor material quality as it moves through the line, identifying contamination and separating out anything that can't be processed. Accuracy matters here because poorly sorted material can compromise an entire batch. You also maintain records of volumes processed and flag any equipment issues as they arise. Periodically, you'll carry out basic maintenance checks on machinery, participate in safety training, and contribute to audits of processing output. Some Materials Recyclers develop expertise in particular material streams, such as e-waste, construction materials, or organics, which can open up more specialised roles within the facility or across the broader waste management industry.

What kind of lifestyle could I expect?

Materials Recyclers work at recycling facilities, materials recovery facilities, and waste processing plants. These are typically operated by local councils, private waste management companies, or specialist recycling businesses. The work is facility-based, which means you're generally working in one location rather than travelling between sites.

Shifts are structured and often follow a roster pattern, which can include early mornings, late afternoons, or rotating shifts depending on the facility and its operating hours. This kind of schedule suits people who prefer knowing exactly when they're working, though it does mean some flexibility around evenings and weekends may be required.

The work is physically demanding. You'll be on your feet for most of your shift, working in a busy industrial environment that can be noisy and dusty. Personal protective equipment is standard, and following safety procedures is a non-negotiable part of the job. Salaries are average, with opportunities to earn more as you take on additional responsibilities or move into supervisory roles. The outlook for the industry is positive, with growing focus on waste reduction and the circular economy driving steady demand for skilled workers in this space.

How to become a Materials Recycler

- **Finish school and look for entry-level roles:** Many people enter this field directly after school. Entry-level positions at recycling facilities or waste management companies often provide on-the-job training, so prior experience isn't always required. A willingness to learn, a responsible attitude, and physical fitness are what employers are most likely to look for.
- **Complete a Certificate III in Waste Management:** While not always mandatory, a Certificate III in Waste Management gives you a recognised qualification in the field and can make you a stronger candidate for roles with more responsibility. It covers practical skills like waste sorting, equipment operation, and environmental compliance, and can often be completed while you're working.
- **Build your practical skills on the job:** The most important learning in this role happens on the floor. As you gain experience operating different machinery, managing material streams, and understanding quality standards, you become more valuable to your employer and better positioned for advancement.
- **Pursue further training as you progress:** With experience, you could move into a leading hand or supervisor role, which may involve additional training in team leadership, safety management, or facility operations. Some workers also pursue qualifications in environmental management or logistics as their careers develop.

From here, progression could take you into supervisory or plant management roles, or across into related areas like waste education, environmental compliance, or resource recovery consulting. The waste management industry is growing, and people who build genuine expertise on the ground are well placed to move into more senior positions over time.

What can I do right now?

If you're in high school and interested in working as a Materials Recycler, here are some practical steps:

- Look into your school's vocational education options, as subjects or programs related to sustainability, construction, or environmental studies can give you a useful foundation and signal genuine interest to future employers
- Contact local recycling centres or waste management facilities to ask about work experience or volunteer opportunities, as getting time on the floor is the best way to understand what the work actually involves
- Pay attention to how recycling and waste systems work in your own community, including what can and can't be recycled and why, as this kind of knowledge is directly relevant to the role

