

Marist Career Information Bulletin

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This newsletter provides Careers and VET information for students and families regarding Vocational Pathways, School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships, Qld Certificate of Education, Tertiary courses and applications, Scholarships, and QTAC updates as well as Interstate and Overseas Study opportunities and other related career and study information.

Careers Resources

The Careers page on the Marist Learning Portal [link](#) and the MCA Careers Website <https://www.mcacareers.com.au/> provides extensive information and resources for students and their families.

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Key highlights in this edition

- **ADF Information Sessions**
- **Open Days, Expos and Career Markets**
- **Jobs that could be created by the use of AI**

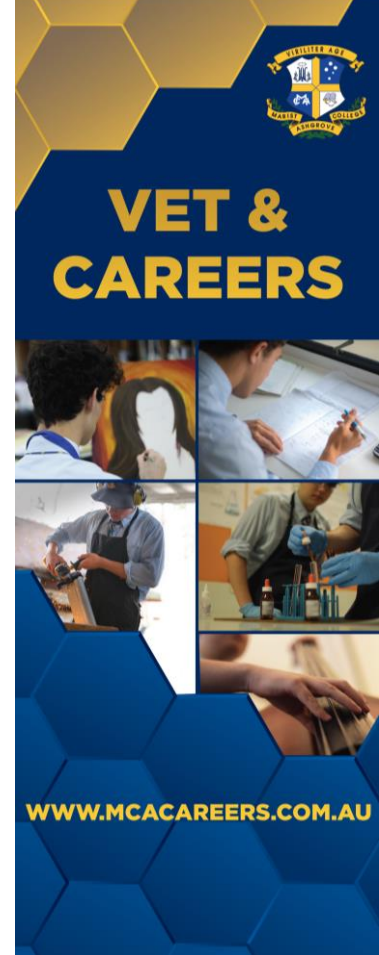


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Announcements

Something to think about

“You don’t have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.” –Zig Ziglar

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Apprenticeship Central

Did you know there are over 500 apprenticeship and traineeship qualifications in over 50 different industries? Whether you want to work in an office, construction site, design studio, hospital or a farm, you can follow your dreams through a traineeship or apprenticeship. Apprenticeship Central has information that can help you find your career pathway! An apprenticeship or traineeship can be a great career move allowing you to learn while you earn. They have a variety of resources [here](#) to help your career research including answers to the following questions:

- What happens in an apprenticeship or traineeship?
- How long does an apprenticeship or traineeship take?
- Is an apprenticeship or traineeship right for me?
- Looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship?

Apprenticeship Support Australia

[Apprenticeship Support Australia](#) provides support at every stage of the employment cycle. Job seekers, school students and apprentices can receive ongoing support including career advice, job matching and ongoing mentoring. Visit their website and click on 'Apprentices' where you will find information about apprenticeship wages, get free career advice, qualifications, apprenticeships that might suite you, school-based apprenticeships, how to get started, where you will study, advice and support and more. You can also schedule a free career consultation with a [career adviser](#). The website also has specific information for parents regarding:

- [My Child is Considering an Apprenticeship](#)
- [Qualifications](#)
- [Supporting My Child](#)
- [What will my Child Be Paid?](#)

Group Training Organisations - Why register?

Registering with a Group Training Organisation (GTO) is one way to start looking for/getting an apprenticeship. GTOs employ apprentices and trainees and place them with a host employer until the apprenticeship or traineeship has been completed. Click [here](#) for more information about GTOs and their role. Visit the National Apprentice Employment Network [website](#) to find a GTO near you. It's worth a conversation with them.



Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming Queensland and National ADF events [website](#) and information sessions by visiting the ADF Defence Jobs or the ADF [Facebook site](#). Upcoming events are:

07/05/2024 [Brisbane: Army Reserve Information Session](#)

15/05/2024 [Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Want to be a pilot in the Australian Defence Force!

The [Defence Jobs website](#) has information about being a pilot in the Air Force. You can find out:

- An overview of the job
- Find out what it's like
- Salary
- Services and benefits

You will also be able to see [Explore the Air Force in 360](#).

Work experience program

The Defence Work Experience Program provides young Australians interested in Defence as a future career, the opportunity to find out more about the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the Australian Public Service (APS). For queries about the Defence Work Experience Program, email Defence.WorkExperienceProgram@defence.gov.au Click [here](#) for more information on the Defence Work Experience Program including:

- Find a placement
- Information for students
- Information for parents
- How to apply
- Student experiences

Career Exploration



Careers with STEM online magazines

The [Careers with STEM website](#) has recently released its 2024 Careers with STEM: Maths and Data and Careers with STEM: Science magazines. The magazines are packed full of short articles, information about courses, case studies and activities. You can download them or read them online.

Getting career ideas

Not sure what jobs might suit you? A career quiz could help you identify pathways that may suit you. A career quiz usually asks you questions about your interests, values and preferences. Some quizzes then give you a list of jobs that might suit you, that you can then investigate. There are many tests to choose from including:

- **Online career quizzes** - use your answers to match you to jobs that might suit you.
 - These quizzes are short and aim to open your mind to new career possibilities.
 - Some career quizzes give you a summary of your answers at the end. You can use the results to describe yourself (your strengths, interests and values) to employers in your applications and at interviews.
- **Psychometric tests** - measure how well you will suit a particular role. They test whether your personality and strengths match the traits needed in the job. Employers sometimes ask job seekers to complete a psychometric test as part of their recruitment process.
- **Aptitude quizzes** - can help you figure out if you have the literacy and numeracy skills required for a role.

Click [here](#) to find Job Jumpstart's career research tools that will help you get started.

Healthcare is everywhere!

Healthcare is Everywhere is an interactive online 'activity' that will help increase your awareness and knowledge of the healthcare system. It highlights the variety of career opportunities within the health industry. You can zoom in, scroll around and explore a hypothetical city and rural community, discover the range of health services, career opportunities and what they do at work. It's easy to use because all you need to do is click on the red markers to find out what health care jobs are located in that workplace. [Give it a go!](#)

How knowing your values can positively impact your career

Values shape the career choices we make, but what exactly are values and how can you identify the values that are important to you - those that will positively impact your career? You should know which workplace values are important to you and how they can shape the decisions you make.

Sabina Read identifies some common values to help you start thinking about what's important to you. They are listed below. Ask yourself which of these values are important to you and whether there are any you want to add.

- **Adventure:** To actively seek, create, or explore novel or stimulating experiences
- **Assertiveness:** To respectfully stand up for my rights and request what I want
- **Authenticity:** To be genuine, real - to be true to myself
- **Caring:** To be considerate towards myself, others, the environment
- **Challenge:** To keep encouraging myself to grow, learn, improve
- **Cooperation:** To be cooperative and collaborative with others
- **Creativity:** To be innovative
- **Curiosity:** To be open-minded and interested; to explore and discover
- **Fairness:** To be honest with myself and others
- **Humour:** To see and appreciate the funny side of life
- **Independence:** To be self-supportive, and choose my own way of doing things
- **Open-mindedness:** To see things through/from other's points of view, and weigh evidence fairly
- **Power:** To strongly influence or wield authority over others, e.g. taking charge, leading, organising
- **Respect:** To be thoughtful towards myself or others; to be polite and show positive regard
- **Self-development:** To keep growing, advancing or improving in knowledge, skills, character, or life experience
- **Supportiveness:** To be helpful, encouraging and available to myself or others
- **Trust:** To be loyal, faithful, sincere and reliable

Is growing plants on the moon a possibility?

The constant change to our climate is affecting the Earth and its inhabitants at a rapid rate. How can planting a seed on the moon help us develop more sustainable solutions? Hear from Lauren Fell, a research student at QUT who aims to answer these questions with the start-up experiment called 'Lunaria One'. Read more [here](#).

Jobs that could be created by the use of AI

ABC New's Job Market has a video titled *AI Raising Concerns* that takes another look at the impact of AI in the workplace. They look into the fact that, despite the concerns, there's hope AI can help create jobs and spark a new field of employment. Click [here](#) to watch the short video.

Many different Submariner jobs

Ever wondered what jobs are available in the submarine sector. The following links will give you some idea of what the industry is looking for:

- [Australian Navy Submariner Jobs](#) - Navy training will equip you with everything you need for Submariner roles in leadership, technical support, engineering, communications, logistics or catering. Check out the 12 jobs listed.
- [ASC careers](#) - Opportunities to work on Australia's sovereign submarine program, Apprenticeship program, Undergraduate program and Graduate program (click on videos and they will play)
- [Seek https://www.linkedin.com/home](https://www.linkedin.com/home)- a list of jobs currently being advertised

A note: The above are just three links to jobs in the submarine building industry to get you started on your research. Being a submariner may not be your thing, but there are many 'on land' jobs that may be of interest. Check them out and make a well researched decision before deciding.

Skillsroad - a career exploration website

[Skillsroad](#) has many activities that can help you get started on your career exploration. They include:

- [Career quiz](#) – The Career Quiz is a self-assessment tool that will help identify key personal skillsets and helps you understand your work values in order to help you find careers that are best for you.
- [Careers](#) – Learn about the career planning journey, explore industries and workspaces and discover careers you may never have considered to help you determine your career goals.
- [Job fit test](#) - Find out how ready you are for a specific career. We will ask you some specific questions about the careers you are interested in and we will tell you what you need to do to get started.
- [Jobs](#) - Search for and apply for jobs to help you on your career journey.

The site also provides a [resume template](#), [training workbooks](#), [career advice](#) and more. Check it out!

The power of mathematics: Transforming our world

Are you someone who's always had a knack for numbers and is keen to make a tangible impact on the world around you? Meet QUT's Associate Professor Kate Helmstedt, a mathematician whose journey into ecological conservation shows us how mathematics can address real-world challenges. Click [here](#) to find out more about Kate's journey.

Uni V Trade pathway - understand the difference

Although this is a Canadian article, Windsor Johnston has written an interesting article outlining the reasons why more Gen Z are taking on a trade pathway instead of going to College/Uni. If you are undecided as to which pathway is best for you, [the article](#) provides you with some ideas to consider.



2024 Young ICT Explorers competition

Young ICT Explorers is a competition in which school students submit an information and communication technologies (ICT) related project. Students can submit projects individually or in teams of up to four Students. Students have until 1 July 2024 to register and until 31 July 2024 to submit their project report - click [here](#) for more details. Judging will occur from August through to September. Projects could include a mobile phone application, computer game, website, digital art, robot, short film or animation. Visit the Young ICT Explorers [website](#) for details. Ask a teacher to register your school if you want to participate in this competition.

Are you a keen photographer?

If you are a keen photographer there are many competitions that you can enter. Amateur Photographer has a list of 2024 photography competitions. Click [here](#) to check them out including eligibility, entry details, prizes, timelines etc.

Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) Short Film Competition

Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) is a short film competition for aspiring filmmakers from Years 11 and 12. There are 9 categories in the competition – Animation, Art Film, Comedy, Documentary, Drama, Experimental, Music Video, Sport Film and International. Entries open on [1 May 2024 and close on 16 September 2024](#). Visit the [BUFTA website](#) for competition and application details and to view the 2023 BUFTA entries. They also have a section 'Resources & FAQs' to help you get started. Check out the right-hand side navigation bar.

Griffith University's Score It: Film scoring competition

Griffith Uni is again hosting a high school film scoring competition in 2024. Students are invited to submit an original score for an animation created by Griffith Film School students. The most promising submission will be performed by a chamber orchestra during a bespoke evening event at the Conservatorium on 28 August 2024. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details. The competition closes on 10 June 2024.

QUT High School Mooting competition reminder

QUT's High School Moot Competition is an exciting opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students to learn what it's like to solve real legal problems and argue cases in front of judges. Click [here](#) for more information and how to register. Registrations close on 13 June.



myWAY Employability supporting Autistic young people

Leaving school is a time of uncertainty for most young people as they face important future life decisions. For many Autistic young people, not knowing what the future holds can be downright scary for them and their families. [myWAY Employability](#) is a smart web platform that helps Autistic young people take control of their future. To read the blog post, click [here](#).



Australian Skills Classification

The Australian Skills Classification helps define the skills that underpin jobs in Australia. The Classification identifies three types of skills for every occupation: specialist tasks, technology tools and core competencies. Similar specialist tasks are grouped together into skills clusters, which are further grouped into skills cluster families. You can explore the data by skills cluster or by occupation. Click [here](#) to find out more including the Downloads tab for resources such as the latest data set and reports providing detailed information on the Classification and the methodology. The Similar Occupations tab features an application of the Classification.

So, what are skills clusters?

According to the Australian Government Jobs and Skills Australian [website](#), skills clusters show clusters of jobs requiring similar specialist tasks. Skills clusters are a new way of looking at the labour market showing how skills are related and connected to one another and are not just connected to a specific job. It provides you with a new way to explore skills transferability. Skills clusters do not take into account qualifications, registration or licensing required to undertake certain tasks. Click [here](#) to read about the 7 skill clusters as identified by Foundation for Young Australians.

Specific occupation information - nursing and performing and visual arts

Great career decisions are made when you do your research! The following links provide valuable information:

Nursing

- [My Health Career](#) (can take up to 15 seconds to load)

Performing and Visual Arts

- [Arts Hub](#)
- [Stage Whispers](#)
- [Arts and Recreation Services](#)

Terminology - What are sectors, industries and career fields?

The world of work influences how you think about, choose, develop and change your career. You need to understand the world of work before you choose a career path. Click [here](#) and find out about sectors,

industries and career fields. It will help you understand them and make your career research that little bit easier.

The Key to Success: Why Soft Skills Matter

Soft skills are personal attributes that enable someone to interact effectively and harmoniously with other people. Unlike hard skills, which are about a person's skill set and ability to perform specific tasks, soft skills are interpersonal and broadly applicable in all aspects of life. These include:

- Communication: The ability to express oneself clearly and listen well.
- Teamwork: Working effectively with others.
- Problem-solving: Finding solutions to challenges.
- Time management: Efficiently managing one's time.
- Adaptability: Being able to adjust to new conditions.

Click [here](#) to read the LinkedIn's article that goes into more detail about why Soft Skills matter and the importance of advocating for Soft Skills Development

What do employers want?

No matter what the job, employers want people who have certain qualities. When you're applying for a job, showing that you have the following six qualities will help you stand out from the other job applicants. Youth Central outlines ways to show an employer that you have these qualities by using examples from your everyday life. Click [here](#) to read more about what employers want and how you can demonstrate that you:

- Have Experience
- Have Teamwork skills
- Are reliable
- Have initiative
- Have maturity
- Are willing to learn

Why is labour market information important?

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

- **Labour Market Information Portal (LMIP)** – Content on the [LMIP](#) is divided into three sections:
 - Regions
 - Industries
 - Occupations
- **Jobs and Skills Australia website** – The [Skills Priority List](#) webpage on this site identifies the areas of skill shortage nationally and by state/territory. It also provides skill shortage information by occupation.

- [Jobs and Skills Australia](#) - provides advice on Australia's labour market, including advice on workforce needs and priorities and current, emerging and future skills and training needs and priorities (including apprenticeships)
- **Graduate Careers Australia** – This [website](#) provides a range of graduate-related publications and research on topics such as salary trends and graduate employment opportunities.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



John Eales Rugby Excellence Scholarship

As a proud supporter of Rugby Australia and the Wallabies, Bond University has joined forces with the former Wallabies Captain, John Eales AM, to present this full-fee sporting scholarship, which provides an opportunity for outstanding rugby union players to be mentored by one of rugby's most prolific leaders. The scholarship offers full tuition remission for any single undergraduate or postgraduate degree. Recipients will also receive a cash bursary and one-on-one mentoring sessions with John Eales for the duration of the scholarship. Applications close on 1 August, 2024. Find out more [here](#).

NCWQ bursaries for female students

The National Council of Women of Queensland has launched its 2024 Bursary Program for female students. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to download the application form. Applications are now open and close on 3 June 2024.

The cost of a VET qualification

The Good Universities Guide reports that in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector, tuition costs depend on a number of things. The main factors that determine the amount you will pay are the fee structure of the VET course you are studying and the type of place you receive. Domestic VET students studying at diploma level or above are eligible for the federal government's VET FEE-HELP scheme, which can be used to help cover part, or all, of the tuition fees for a course. Click [here](#) to read more about the cost of VET including:

- [VET fee structures](#)
- [VET FEE-HELP](#)

First Nations Peoples



Aurora scholarship opportunities

The Aurora Indigenous pathways portal has over 500 scholarship opportunities that are available for First Nations Peoples. [The portal also provides information](#) on how to:

- Browse and filter to find scholarships right for you
- Save and compare potential opportunities
- Understand next steps and how to apply for scholarships
- Apply for scholarships online

First Nations Peoples Admission to Griffith Uni

Griffith University offers admission pathways for applicants who identify as Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Applicants are assessed on formal qualifications, life experiences and other transferable skills. Applicants are encouraged to identify when they apply via QTAC or UAC so they can be considered for Griffith's dedicated pathway options if they are not meeting the standard admission criteria. Once they are a student, the [GUMURRII Student Support Unit](#) can also provide ongoing assistance from orientation through to graduation.

Indigenous career stories in nursing

Indigenous nurses could provide cultural connections, that ultimately result in better outcomes for their indigenous patients. If you're interested in finding out a bit more about careers in nursing or midwifery, here are a few resources that could help you out:

- [How to become a Registered Nurse \(RN\)](#)
- [How to become a Midwife](#)
- [How to become a Pathology Collector](#)
- [Careers in the Aged Care Industry](#)

Click [here](#) to find out more about a career in nursing or midwifery along with scholarship and pathway information.

QUT entry pathway for First Nations Peoples' students

Students who are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent may be eligible for entry through QUT's Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP) which takes into account commitment to study, work and community experiences. Financial and study support is also available. Visit their [website](#) for more information and an understanding of the eligibility and application requirements.

Scholarships for First Nations Peoples

[Bond University scholarships](#), valued up to 50% of tuition fees for any single undergraduate degree (excluding the Medical Program) and are awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who have demonstrated extracurricular involvement, leadership potential, academic achievements and connection to their Indigenous heritage. Applications for 2025 scholarships are open and close on 29 August 2024.

UQ offer a range of potential scholarships for future undergraduate students. You can access their [Scholarship webpage](#) (scroll down) and use the filters to identify those available for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.

[Griffith University](#) have a variety of scholarships open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. These range from academic, accommodation and sporting scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students.

QUT scholarships can help you achieve your best through financial support, work experience and exciting networking opportunities. Find the scholarship that takes your success to the next level, some of which could be:

- [Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships](#)
- [QIC Indigenous Tertiary Scholarship](#)

[USQ offer scholarships](#) to support you through your tertiary studies.

Gap Year Program News



Gap 'half-year' sets up successful study journey - A QUT students experience

Think you need a gap year after Year 12? For QUT double degree student Coby Lee, a 'gap half-year' proved long enough to recharge her batteries after the exhaustive Year 12 study and lockdowns she experienced in 2020. Coby started at QUT in mid-2021 and said [mid-year entry](#) enabled her to spend six months working to save the funds she needed to move to Brisbane from Cooroy on the Sunshine Coast. Thinking about a Gap Year, read Coby's story for a new view of what a Gap Year can look like.

Interstate and International



Study & Play USA opportunities

Are you competitive in rowing, rugby, golf, tennis, cross country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, water polo, track and field, swimming, baseball, softball and want to study in USA? Study & Play USA can provide information on:

- Academic assessment
- The process
- Personalised advice & planning
- Scholarships
- Frequently asked questions

Click [here](#) to do a free assessment, book a meeting or for more information.

Time is running out to apply to ANU in 2024

You can submit your university application now and know where you're heading before you leave school. Your application to ANU involves several steps. Click [here](#) to find information on They have explained each of these steps in detail to make it easier for you to apply as well as helpful [information](#) on how to start your application. Click [here](#) watch their video guide to completing the ANU application form. It contains helpful tips and detailed instructions on the application process. They also have a frequently asked questions section that will assist you to putting together a successful application. Applications close on 13 May 2024.

World Science Festival Brisbane (WSFQ) Toowoomba Community Day

The Toowoomba World Science Festival Queensland Community Day will be held on Saturday 18 May. The day will feature a free program with fascinating physical phenomena, energising sports science, real reptiles, engaging workshops and a showcase of Queensland Museum's incredible collection. The day will feature the CSIRO Investigate Science Exhibit, a self-contained immersive cinema experience into the abyss to uncover the mysteries of the deep, as well as presentations and activities from Engineers Australia, Webuild, Queensland Academy of Sport's Athlete Testing, QUT Sports Tech and more. WSFQ is a free super science showcase for all ages at Queensland Museum Cobb+Co. Click [here](#) for more information.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Creative Arts Open Day - A reminder

Explore a world of artistic innovation and creative expression on 19 May from 10am to 2pm at the Griffith Uni Creative Arts Open Day. You will meet artists, designers, performers and writers. Join interactive workshops, exhibitions and demonstrations across a range of disciplines, from visual and performing arts to film and animation, industrial design, architecture and more. Click [here](#) to find out more about the Griffith University's Creative Arts Open Day.

Gold Coast Career Expo

At the Gold Coast careers festival, 2 & 3 May, you will be able to meet and speak with educators, local employers, industry bodies and training providers. Click [here](#) to find out more including:

- Find out about studying at Griffith University, Bond University, Southern Cross University and TAFE Queensland
- Visit exhibitors from a wide range of institutions to learn more about possible study options
- Information on Courses / Training / Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Real Jobs on Offer: Speak to Gold Coast employers to hear about opportunities – both current and future
- And more

Mater Education Townsville Open day

Register for Mater Education's Townsville Open Day in May and find out about their healthcare career pathways, including:

- Our signature 18-month [Diploma of Nursing](#) program
- [High School Health Adventure](#) program for students in Years 10-12
- [Vocational Education and Training In Schools](#) (VETiS) program for students in Years 10-12
- Mater Mothers' First Aid for Babies

The open day will be held on 18 May from 9am - 11am at the Mater Private Hospital. Click [here](#) to register.

May and June Open Days and Career Expos

- 19 May [Griffith Uni's Creative Arts Open Day](#)
- 24 - 25 May [Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo](#)
- 15 June [Endeavour College of Natural Health Open Day](#)

Private Provider Updates

Accredited Courses at Perform Australia

If you're looking to become a professional actor, Perform Australia's qualifications in acting may be of interest. Located in St Lucia, Brisbane, you can prepare yourself for industry in as little as five-months full-time study in the 10915NAT Certificate IV in Acting. The 11017NAT Advanced Diploma of Performance with a further 18 months full-time actor training will further develop your skills. They also have a pathway to a university degree in acting at the Australian Performing Arts Conservatory (APAC). They offer a dual focus both screen and stage acting, to ensure you are ready to work across the theatre, film and television industries with confidence. Click [here](#) for more information.

Basair Aviation College

[Basair Aviation College](#) offers Year 10, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to study the following courses:

- [Certificate III in Aviation - AVI30419 \(Remote Pilot - Visual Line of Sight\)](#)
- [Diploma of Aviation - AVI50222 \(Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane\)](#)
- [Diploma of Aviation - AVI50519 \(Instrument Rating\) - CRICOS Approved](#)
- [Diploma of Aviation - AVI50419 \(Flight Instructor\)](#)
- [Diploma of Aviation - Combined Package Diploma of Aviation - AVI50222 \(Commercial Pilot Licence - Aeroplane\) and Diploma of Aviation - AVI50519 \(Instrument Rating\)](#)

Mater Education opportunities

Mater Education have opened their Diploma of Nursing program intakes at both South Brisbane and Pimlico campuses. During the hands-on, 18-month course, students learn best-practice clinical skills while studying and training in a world-class clinical simulation facility. Click [here](#) to find out more and you may want to contact them to find out information about their Diploma of Nursing starting at the beginning of 2025.

SAE Creative Media Institute QANTM

If you are considering studying creative media (Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, or Web & Mobile) [check out SAE's](#) courses and speak to their experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry. [Book a campus tour](#) and check out their facilities and equipment, meet with lecturers and ask any questions you might have about studying at SAE.

SAE Creative Media Institute opportunities

SAE Creative Media Institute offers courses in a wide range of creative arts that may be of interest to you including:

- [Animation](#)
- [Audio](#)
- [Creative Industries](#)
- [Creative Technologies](#)
- [Design](#)
- [Film](#)
- [Games](#)
- [Music](#)

Additional entry requirement for teaching courses

If Teaching is one of your QTAC preferences, you must meet [academic and non-academic entry requirements](#). Academic entry requirements include subject prerequisites and an ATAR minimum selection threshold. You can find academic entry requirements for each course in [Course Search](#) (update your information once QTAC have uploaded their 2025 course information). If you do not submit the additional entry requirements you won't be considered for a place in teaching at any institution. Contact the relevant institution for more information regarding what qualifications and prerequisites are accepted for entry to initial teacher education courses. Do your preparation early so you are not rushed during the more stressful time later in the year.

Queensland ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)

QTAC have an ATAR FAQs section on their website where they answer the most common questions that students and parents have. Click [here](#) to check them out (scroll down) remembering that as yet, they have not updated the page for 2024 Year 12 student ATAR registration.

What are Adjustment Factors?

Adjustment Factors can increase your chances of entry into university courses. If you are eligible for Adjustment Factors your position on the merit scale for entry into a course will be 'adjusted' to give you a new, more competitive score.

Universities award Adjustment Factors for a variety of reasons and programs, so you will have to enquire to every university you are interested in attending, to fully understand their eligibility requirements. The process for applying for 'Adjustment Factors' may vary, so it's important that you start your research now. Visit the QTAC [website](#) for information on the following Assistance schemes:

- Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
- Financial assistance
- Special admission schemes
- Year 12 subject scheme
- Access and equity schemes
- Rural Access scheme
- Regional preference schemes
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander schemes
- Elite Athlete and Performer Scheme

Year 12: Time is passing quickly - time to start organising

Time is moving quickly and you should be starting to seriously research your course preferences for your QTAC application. If you haven't a clue where to start or aren't aware of your options, make an appointment with your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor ASAP. Some opportunities to assist you are:

- From May to September most of the institutions have open days where you can get information about courses and check out the campuses.
- You will receive the *QTAC Guide* in June/July or be able to access it online through the QTAC website. It contains information about courses you can apply for through QTAC as well as the application processes.
- 13 - 14 July 2024 - [Tertiary Studies Expo](#) (TSXPO) at the RICC Brisbane Showgrounds. Interstate universities will be represented at this expo.
- From August 2024, you can access a range of up-to-date information about the 2024/25 QTAC application and offer processes and the courses offered from the [QTAC website](#).
- 24 & 25 May 2024 - [Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo](#) at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Also, careers' expos will be held in regional centres throughout Queensland.

Take advantage of all these opportunities to plan your immediate future. 30 September 2024 is the final date to apply for some courses through QTAC so, when you get your 2025 QTAC book, check it carefully for critical dates.



Certificates and qualifications

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) is the body that awards successful students with their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) or the Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA). To find out more about these qualifications visit the [QCAA website](#) where you will find information on the QCE including:

- About the QCE
- QCE eligibility and requirements
- QCE Achievement Awards
- Recognised studies
- Learning accounts
- Transfer students and the QCE
- QCE resources
- QCE and QCIA handbook
- Senior Education Profile

Study Skills and Wellbeing



8 Things Taken for Granted in Year 12

Year 12 is a crazy time in every student's life. From the stress of exams, the mix of impatience and anxiety to graduate, and the bubbling social scene of 18ths, formals, and grad ceremonies, it really is one big whirlwind that can pick you up and spit you out, wondering what on earth just happened. There are times when you'll want to run away and start a new life overseas and times when you'll want to curl up in a ball and cry. But there are also once-in-a-lifetime experiences and opportunities that you'd be crazy to want to miss. Here are eight of them. Click [here](#) to read what the year 13 article has to say about:

- Freedom within responsibility
- Seeing your friends every day
- Having teachers who genuinely care
- Sneaky celebrations
- Productivity
- Formal celebrations
- The end of an exam block
- Schoolies

Learn to Prioritise and Focus

Learn to prioritise and focus on what's important, not what's most urgent. GrandShake offers a free, 40-minute microprogram that will teach you how to prioritise and focus on what's important, not what's most urgent so you can be effective and efficient at work and in life. During the course you will look at problem solving, planning and organisation, personal management and self-awareness. You never know what you might learn or what skills you might find valuable. Click [here](#) for more information.

Fee-Free TAFE opportunities

Worried about paying for your tertiary training? Fee-Free TAFE courses have been specifically chosen based on local skills demand and advice from industry. Completing training in these high-priority areas will guarantee you graduate with in-demand skills and strong job prospects. Click [here](#) to find out more about Fee Free TAFE courses. Some of the courses on offer through this option are:

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care/Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation (Pathway to Uni)
- Certificate IV Cyber Security
- Certificate IV Residential Drafting (prerequisite for Diploma of Building Design)
- Diploma of Information Technology
- Diploma of Nursing

Nursing Information

Join TAFE Qld's online nursing information session to learn all about starting your rewarding career in nursing with the Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121). It will be held on 30 April starting at 5pm. During the presentation you will find out about:

- our flexible study options, including part-time, online and how competency-based learning works
- about Fee-Free* nursing (meaning that some or all of your course costs may be covered by the Queensland Government)
- engage with our experienced educators and address any queries you may have
- how TAFE Queensland prepares students to provide the best quality care for their patients
- about our state-of-the-art clinical labs and diploma-to-degree nursing pathway.

*Fee-Free Nursing is a funded initiative of the Queensland Government. Click [here](#) to register and if you can't make it, register to attend and you will get a recorded copy.

Study your way

TAFE Queensland offers a great deal of flexibility around footballer, Jake Granville's work and life commitments. He says that he's had a really positive experience studying at TAFE Queensland thanks to the great practical training opportunities and the support and encouragement of his teachers." Click [here](#) to read more of Jake's story and see if TAFE is a good fit for your career pathway next year.

What TAFE can offer you

Not sure which pathway to travel down when you leave school? Have you checked out these helpful TAFE Queensland resources?

- Explore our [study areas](#)
- Where you [can study](#)
- [Course types](#)

[Getting started](#)

2025 Undergraduate Study Guides now available

It is good to start your research early when considering studying at Uni or TAFE. The following are links to each university's 2025 undergraduate guide. In the guides you can find information about:

- undergraduate courses on offer in 2025
- Minimum thresholds and prerequisites required for each degree
- Accommodation options
- Student support
- And much more

[Australian Catholic University](#)

[Central Queensland University](#)

[Griffith University](#)

[James Cook University](#)

[Queensland University of Technology](#)

[The University of Queensland](#)

[University of Southern Queensland](#)

[University of Sunshine Coast](#)

[Southern Cross University](#)

[TAFE Queensland](#)

[Torrens University](#)

International students wanting to study at a university

If you are needing to gain the prerequisite of English and/or may not achieve a pass in a Senior English subject at the end of 2024, you could sit and gain an appropriate grade in one of the following tests:

[IELTS](#) – International English Language Testing System

[TOEFL](#) – Test of English as a Foreign Language

[Pearson](#) – Pearson Test of English

Some specific health related courses may require students from a non-English speaking background to pass one of the above tests in order to gain professional registration. Each university has its own English proficiency requirements so check with each institution's policies as to what qualification they will accept.

Uni essentials: Tax File Number and Unique Student Identifier

Year 12 students planning to go to university should apply early for a [Tax File Number \(TFN\)](#) and a [Unique Student Identifier \(USI\)](#). To be eligible for HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP (Commonwealth assistance), students must provide a TFN and a USI on their Commonwealth Assistance Form once they become a student. All universities and TAFE Queensland require you to have a TFN and USI and you can read more about [QUT fees and HECS-HELP](#) or visit the government [StudyAssist website](#).

Australian Catholic University

Uni Step-Up

Uni Step-Up is your chance to experience university life by studying two first year units while you are still in senior secondary school. You'll get a head start on university, develop connections with current university students and staff and study at a university level. Uni Step-Up is delivered in two formats, an on-campus program is delivered during the Winter and Summer school holidays and an online program for regional students. You can study in the Nursing Midwifery and Paramedicine, Sport and Exercise Science and Business areas. Click [here](#) to find out more information including:

- What you can study
- Benefits of Uni Step-Up
- Eligibility
- More Information
- How to apply (applications close on 6 June 2024)

Bond University

2025 Undergraduate Guide

Bond University, located on the Gold Coast, has now published their 2025 Undergraduate Guide. In the Guide you will find information on all aspects of life and study at Bond. Click [here](#) to access their Guide.

Central Queensland University

STEPS Term 2 information session 1

Are you thinking about furthering your education but are unsure whether you will meet the entry requirements or need to meet prerequisite subjects for entry into your desired degree? CQU [Skills For Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies \(STEPS\)](#) course is the perfect option to build your confidence and help you succeed at university. STEPS is a FREE, Centrelink approved enabling course that is designed to help you acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to gain entry into university. They will be holding a Zoom session on 1 May from 12 noon to 1pm where you can find out more about the STEPS course. Click [here](#) for more information and to register. As it's on a school day, by registering, you will get a recording of the session.

Griffith University

Bachelor in Music offered at the Queensland Conservatorium

If you are considering studying Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Musical Theatre or Bachelor of Acting you should be starting to get organised regarding your 2025 application. There are auditions and interviews required as a prerequisite for these courses and more information will be on their [website](#). The steps to apply include:

1. Apply to QTAC by 30 August 2024
2. Pay your audition fees through GriffithPAY
3. Submit a recorded audition/folio and supporting documents

Click [here](#) for more information about audition requirements, audition video tips and to register for updates.

Countdown to Uni Online parent info session

Preparing for the big decisions around university study starts in high school. Griffith Uni's webinar to be held 30 April 2024, will make the transition from high school to uni as stress-free as possible for both Year 11 and 12 students and their parents or guardians. Register [here](#) for this online webinar where they will answer the most frequent questions they get including:

- how do I apply and get the most out of my application?
- what alternative ways are there into university?
- could I get a scholarship?
- what's university really like?

Guaranteed Admission Schemes

To take some of the stress out of applying to university and provide more certainty about future study choices, Griffith Uni offers a range of guaranteed admission options including:

- [Guaranteed Admission Scheme](#) - Year 12 Early offer - Use your internal Senior Schooling results to receive your early offer by applying to one of more than 70 eligible undergraduate degrees.
- [Guaranteed Admissions Scheme](#) - Head Start - Leverage your successful completion of a Griffith University Head Start program course to claim your spot in a variety of undergraduate degrees.
- [Guaranteed Admission Scheme](#) - VET - Take your vocational education and training qualifications further with our guaranteed entry pathway into a broad set of undergraduate degrees.
- [Guaranteed Admission Scheme](#) - ATAR/Rank - Be recognised for your performance in your studies and take your place in a range of our in demand undergraduate degrees.

Head Start (formally GUESTS) applications due for Trimester 2 close

Study at Griffith while you finish high school and gain credit transfer towards a degree by joining their Head Start program (formally GUESTS). The program is designed to give you the opportunity to study a course (subject) at Griffith while completing your high school studies. With the tuition fee covered by the University, the program lets you sample university life at Griffith, learn from industry leaders and stretch your academic boundaries. Click [here](#) for more information, eligibility and how to apply. Trimester 2 applications are now open and close on 15 June 2024.

International students studying Year 12 in Australia

If you are an international student studying your Senior in Queensland and have questions about studying at Griffith, contact [Griffith International](#). They will provide you with expert advice, international student brochures and information-packed presentations.

Queensland University of Technology

Bridging programs

Do you need a prerequisite for a course you are interested in? QUT offers bridging programs in Maths, Chemistry or Physics starting in Semester 2? Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

International high school students webpage

QUT has a webpage with tailored information for international high school students studying in Australia. Onshore international students need to apply to QUT via QTAC and have a different application process to students who complete their studies overseas. [Read more here](#).

Learning alongside emergency service providers

QUT paramedic science students had opportunity recently to participate in a [training exercise for Army Paramedics](#). Throughout their studies QUT paramedic science students have opportunities to train alongside

emergency services providers like the Queensland Ambulance Service, so they graduate with real experience. Read about opportunities, real stories, and discover career information for [QUT paramedic science students](#).

Offer guarantee for students completing VET qualifications

Students who complete Year 12 with a completed VET diploma or Certificate IV are guaranteed an offer to many QUT degrees based on their selection rank. Students will meet the offer guarantee for more than 40 QUT courses with a Certificate IV (minimum selection rank 74.00) and more than 90 courses with a completed diploma (minimum selection rank 87.00). Check the offer guarantee thresholds [here](#).

START QUT—applications closing soon

START QUT gives you the best chance of finding a course you'll enjoy by trying out university subjects while you're in Year 11 and 12. You can trial potential study areas, experience the university lifestyle and learn about the differences between high school and university. You'll be part of the student community and attend lectures, tutorials or workshops with other QUT students. Applications for START QUT Semester 2, 2024 are now open, and close on 31 May. Check details and apply [here](#).

Students in regional or rural areas

There are several ways you can access information about QUT, even if you live in a rural or regional area. You can search for [course information](#) and access [QUT publications](#) and QUT staff and students will be available to talk at [career markets](#) throughout Queensland and northern New South Wales. There is also a dedicated web page with everything you need to know about [moving to Brisbane for university](#).

Vermillion High

Vermillion High is a project initiated by QUT's student-run record label Vermilion Records. The label teams up with high school students to give them a platform to record and release an original song. They select up to 10 students or bands to have their music recorded and released on Vermillion High Vol 5. All genres, bands and solo artists are welcome. Send in a demo of your original song (no covers) to receive feedback from QUT songwriting and production students and be considered for the opportunity to come into QUT's world-class recording studios and have your song recorded and released by Vermilion Records. Applications close on 7 June and click [here](#) for more information.

The University of Queensland

FEAST applications closing soon

Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST) is a four-day residential program at UQ Gatton designed to inspire high school students about the rewarding science careers in the agriculture, animal and plant industries. For more information visit the [website](#) and click [here](#) to apply. Applications close Friday, 3 May 2024.

Provisional entry into Medicine update

If you're in your final year of high school (Queensland Year 12 or equivalent), you can apply for the Provisional Entry pathway. The minimum entry requirements for this pathway are:

- Queensland Year 12 English or [equivalent](#)
- an adjusted ATAR 95.00 or equivalent or higher
- a competitive [University Clinical Aptitude Test for Australia and New Zealand \(UCAT ANZ\)](#) aggregate score from the year you apply
- a [multiple mini interview \(MMI\)](#).

You'll need to sit the UCAT ANZ before you apply. The minimum required UCAT ANZ aggregate score depends on the performance of applicants and available places in the MD program. This score varies each year and can't be determined in advance. UCAT has a significant impact on whether you gain a place in the provisional entry program so you need to study, practice and ask for assistance when necessary.

After you apply, if you're eligible for the next stage, you'll be invited to an MMI. Meeting the minimum entry requirements does not guarantee admission.

Queensland Biology Winter School for Year 11 students

Live and breathe biology at the Queensland Biology Winter School. This multi-day event to be held on 1 and 2 July will give Year 11 students studying QCE or IB Biology the opportunity to gain scientific skills by taking a deep dive into contemporary topics in genetics and evolution. Applications are now open and close on 3 May. Click [here](#) to find out more information about the program, application process and cost.

What can I do with a degree in...?

Don't know what degree to study after high school? University of Queensland (UQ) have put together a list of careers you can pursue with specific degrees at UQ. They have also spoken with their recent graduates to find out what they're doing now, what they love most about their jobs and what, exactly, their roles involve on a daily basis. Click [here](#) to read the article in full including how to choose a uni degree based on career options.

What's it really like to study Commerce at UQ?

If you're thinking about studying Commerce at university but have some questions watch UQ's [Bachelor of Commerce](#) video and learn more about this program and where it could lead your career. Click [here](#) to watch the video and find out more about:

- What is a Bachelor of Commerce?
- Who should I study Commerce?
- What teaching activities can students expect to encounter in the classroom?
- Are there any extra-curricular activities students can get involved with?
- What's something you wish you knew before starting at UQ?
- What has been your highlight of studying Commerce?
- How do UQ lecturers prepare graduates for the future when the future is uncertain?
- What jobs can you get with a Bachelor of Commerce?
- What do you want to achieve with your Commerce degree?
- How has your Commerce degree prepared you for a career in the field?
- What's your advice for anyone considering studying Commerce?

University of Southern Queensland

Thinking about UniSQ?

At the University of Southern Queensland, they focus on empowering you to make a real impact and embrace the unexpected journey ahead. Click on the links below to find out how and why UniSQ may be a good fit for your success including:

- [Transformative programs](#) - their degrees
- [Unmatched support](#) - guidance and encouragement
- [Flexibility at your fingertips](#) - a timetable to suite your life
- [Entry points](#) - entry pathways

University of the Sunshine Coast

Career planning tools that may assist you

The following are some career exploration activities and resources that can help you in your career research.

- *My Brilliant Career Profiler* – This is a fun questionnaire that identifies your personality and matches it with USC courses you might enjoy. You can find it on the [USC website](#).
- *USC Career Directory* – This [directory](#) can be of help when you know the career you want but don't know what USC course you can do to get there.
- *Parent Lounge* – This [webpage](#) has heaps of resources that parents can use to support their children as they transition to university study.

Upcoming Events



Date	Event
07/05/2024	ADF: Brisbane: Army Reserve Information Session
08/05/2024	UQ's Education at UQ online information session
10/05/2024	QUT 2024 Indigenous Year 12 On-Campus Experience Day
11/05/2024	QUT High Schools League of Legends Tournament
11/05/2024	UQ's InspireU Health Sciences Camp registrations close
11/05/2024	UQ's InspireU Kickstart Camp registrations close
11/05/2024	UQ's InspireU Year 12 Camp registrations close
13/05/2024 to 19/05/2024	2024 National Careers Week
13/05/2024	2025 ANU applications close
15/05/2024	UQ's Business at UQ online information session
17/05/2024	UCAT ANZ test bookings close
17/05/2024	What Matters? Writing Competition
19/05/2024	Griffith Uni Creative Arts Open Day
19/05/2024	GU Creative Arts Open Day
24/05/2024 to 25/05/2024	Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo
30/05/2024	TAFE Queensland Animal Studies online Information Session
31/05/2024	START QUT Semester 2 applications close