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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

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

- UCAT ANZ for student wanting to do Medicine in 2026
- World Science Festival Brisbane 2025
- Open days and career expos start soon!



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Queensland Women's Week

Queensland Women's Week (QWW) is being held between 2 - 9 March. QWW provides a chance for all Queenslanders to come together to support one another, share information and celebrate women's achievements. In 2025, QWW will encompass International Women's Day on Saturday 8 March. On that day, Queensland women join millions of others throughout the world to celebrate the economic, political, and social achievements of women in the past, present and future. This year's theme is *March Forward* and you can click <u>here</u> to find out more about the planned events.

Team work makes the dream work

In spring (northern hemisphere) when you see the geese heading north for the summer, flying in a V formation, you might be interested in knowing what scientists have found out about why they fly that way. As each bird flaps its wings, it causes an uplift for the bird flying immediately behind. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own ... the birds get this!

Basic Truth No.1 People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are travelling on each others thrust.

Basic Truth No.2 If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are heading the way we are going.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates to the back and another goose flies point.

Basic Truth No.3 It pays to take turns doing hard jobs ... whether they are people or geese

The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Basic Truth No. 4 We need to be careful what we say when we honk from behind!

Finally, when a goose gets sick, or is wounded by gunshot and falls out, two geese fall out of the formation and follow it down to help protect it. They stay with it until it is either able to fly or until it is dead and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with their group.

Final Truth: If we have the sense of geese, we will stand by each other, work with each, support each other, be kind to each other and care about each other.

Senior study is hard work but by working together you can all make your dreams come true - listen together, learn together, study together, relax together and be happy together!



Financial support for apprentices in priority occupations

Not sure if you can afford to take up an apprenticeship? Want to know what skills and qualifications are in high demand and the extra support you could receive if you train in a priority occupation. Click here to find out:

- What is a priority occupation?
- What is a New Energy apprenticeship?
- Financial support for apprentices working in priority occupations
- Eligibility
- Explore priority occupations
- When should I claim?
- Extra support

Queensland Skills Gateway

The Queensland Government's Department of Employment, Small Business and Training's website <u>Queensland Skills Gateway</u> has information on:

- "I want to be a ..." information on occupations and industries
- "Am I eligible ..." check if you are eligible for government subsidised training
- Find a training provider
- Find a project
- Quick links

Check it out so you can gain more insight into opportunities after Year 12.

Search for training courses

You can search for a range of Vocational Education and Training study options and information based on your career interest. Your Career has a training provider search engine where you can search courses by:

- Keyword
- Location
- Provider
- Industry
- Course type
- Features

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Each course outlines:

- Estimated duration
- Estimated fees and available financial support
- Employment or in further study options outcomes
- Apprenticeship and traineeship qualification

Click here and start your search.

Why consider an apprenticeship or traineeship?

Apprenticeships and traineeships provide an important employment pathway for young people making a great stepping stone into a career. Youth Central has outlined some of the benefits of becoming an apprentice or trainee. Click here to find out more about the advantages such as:

- You get paid to study
- It's flexible
- You'll get great training
- You've got the same rights as all workers
- You can enter competitions and win awards
- Links

WorkSafe Queensland website

The Queensland Government's WorkSafe <u>website</u> has valuable information regarding workplace health and safety including:

- safety and prevention
- claims and insurance
- rehabilitation and return to work
- licensing and registrations
- laws and compliance
- industry and resource information.

As a responsible member of any workplace, it is your responsibility to know the Workplace Health and Safety requirements to ensure you and your co-workers remain safe at all times when carrying out your work duties. "But I didn't know" is no excuse.



Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay informed about upcoming Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions by visiting the Defence Jobs <u>website</u>. View the specific events information links below for more details including location, times and how to book your tickets. Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the ADF <u>Facebook</u> site. You must register for the coming events:

04/03/2025 Engineering Careers Information Session

05/03/2025 Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session

10/03/2025 Defence Careers Information Session

Think about joining the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC)

<u>The AAFC</u> is an inclusive youth development organisation that focuses on developing youth to fulfill their potential by providing training and experiences that enable them to be better off because of their experiences with the AAFC. From this, the following specific aims have been developed:

- To give cadets a foundation of Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) knowledge and discipline
- To develop qualities of leadership, self-reliance and initiative
- To develop character and good citizenship in the widest sense
- To develop an interest in the RAAF and aviation generally
- To instill a knowledge of aviation history
- To encourage cadets to continue an active interest in aviation into their adult life.

Click here to find out more information about:

- Who we are
- What we do
- Cadets
- Parents
- Volunteers
- News

Thinking of applying to the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)
f you are in Year 11 and considering applying for a place at <u>ADFA</u> , you are encouraged to commence your application when you turn 16 years of age. To start your application, call 13 19 01 or apply online on the <u>Defence Jobs website</u> (click 'Apply now' found on the very top navigation bar on the home page). It is not too late for Year 12 students to apply but you need to start your application as soon as possible.



Are you ready to find Your Career?

On the Australian Government website <u>Your Career</u>, you can take a quick quiz to find study, training and/or job options that support your current career ideas or goals. On the site you can find information about:

- Are you ready to find your career (click on Explore Occupations)
- Leaving school and not sure what's next
- Search VET study options

Boat builder and repairer

Boat Builder and Repairers build, repair and modify boats from runarounds to luxury boats. They:

- study plans and specifications and prepare templates and scale plans for fabrication and cutting of hull sections
- mark reference points and lines on dry docks and slipways
- check position and functioning of slipway apparatus
- assemble shells of boats and erecting hull sections of ship
- erect and prepare launching platforms, conducting pre-launch tests and supervising launching procedures
- install mast, frame, decking, fittings, machines, shafts and safety equipment
- build and install structures such as cabins, machine mountings, propeller supports and rudders
- determine repair requirements and procedures
- may make hull moulds and fabricate and repair vessels using materials such as aluminium, wood, glass, reinforced plastics, carbon fibre, kevlar, fibreglass and concrete.

Click <u>here</u> for more information including qualifications and job prospects.

Careers with STEM Job Kits

The Careers with STEM Job Kits are free downloadable 8-page e-mags which offer a complete introduction to individual STEM careers. Discover what a specific STEM job is all about, meet real people working in that job and find out what you can do right now to set your career on the right path. Click here to read your interest choice from 38 different STEM areas.

Link and Launch to further education and work

Link and Launch is a free service designed to support Year 12 graduates in taking the next step on their post-school journey. With so many opportunities available in study, work and training, it can be overwhelming to know where to start. If you're looking for guidance in exploring your options after school, reach out to Link and Launch for support. Click here for more information and contact details.

Open Colleges career quiz

The Open Colleges Career Quiz is designed to give you an understanding of your personality and the career areas that you would be best suited to. It will give you suggestions for what career areas you might like. Always remember that career quizzes are only a guide and won't give you a concrete answer as to what you should do but they will give you some new career options to research.

Options after school

There are plenty of pathways to a rewarding career. The most common options are:

- complete an Australian Apprenticeship or Traineeship
- take up a cadetship
- study at TAFE or Registered Training Organisation
- study at university
- take a gap year to earn money, volunteer and/ or travel
- start a business
- find employment

The great thing is that a career or study choice made today does not limit a person's range of choices in the future. It's no longer common or necessary for people to stay in the same job or even the same field of work for their entire life. This is why it's important that you get to know yourself well, your interests, your values, your strengths and skills. Starting your personal and career exploration early is an excellent approach!

School to Work Pathways: infographics and activities

myfuture has put together infographics to get a discussion started. They will help you to visualise various pathways you can take from school to work and help you to question and explore your options and research the possibilities. The infographics include:

- Accountant (PDF, 198 KB)
- Actor/Dancer (PDF, 172 KB)
- Aged and Disabled Carer (PDF, 802 KB)
- Air Transport Professional (PDF, 197 KB)
- Carpenter (PDF, 444 KB)
- Chef (PDF, 296 KB)
- Civil Engineer (PDF, 947 KB)

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- Database and Systems Administrator (PDF, 244 KB)
- Electrician (PDF, 451 KB)
- Environmental Analyst (PDF, 1445 KB)
- Environmental Scientist (PDF, 248 KB)
- Forklift Driver (PDF, 177 KB)
- Graphic Designer (PDF, 215 KB)
- Hairdresser (PDF, 325 KB)
- Journalist (PDF, 226 KB)
- Livestock Farmer (PDF, 304 KB)
- Mining Engineer (PDF, 328 KB)
- Outdoor Educator (PDF, 177 KB)
- Pharmacist (PDF, 650 KB)
- Primary School Teacher (PDF, 180 KB)
- Real Estate Sales Agent (PDF, 355 KB)
- Registered Nurse (PDF, 2482 KB)
- Solar Panel Installer (PDF, 858 KB)

Senior subject selection and post-school pathways webinar for parents

QUT are hosting a free webinar that will provide case studies, practical resources and tips and tricks to help parents support Year 9 and 10 students to make informed decisions for their futures. Join QUT's career educator who will show you strategies to work with young people to discuss careers exploration in terms of subject selection. Topics covered will include career exploration, the future world of work and useful ways to connect SET planning pathways to career decision making and understanding of self. Register your interest for the Senior subject SET planning and pathways webinar to receive further information about the sessions.

The career jigsaw - jobs, courses, industry areas!

Career FAQs has put together a useful list of 'Courses by Industry'. Click <u>here</u> for a list of jobs and some courses that will lead to a job in that area. Other information included is:

- Related industry
- Work sector description
- How to become ...
- Career outcomes



2025 Photo Competition

To enter the Queensland College of Teachers Photo Competition, submit images that fit the brief for this year's theme 'Lessons through the lens.' They're looking for photos that capture currently registered Queensland teachers at your school in their teaching environments: from captivating classroom conversations and amazing art instructions to exciting experiments and practical PE activities. Images must feature a Queensland teacher and must be submitted before the competition closes at the end of Term 1, Friday 4 April 2025. Click here for more information and entry details.

Opti-Minds Creative sustainability Challenge

In a world where the 'facts' change daily – we need to change our thinking! Opti-MINDS IS the PROCESS of CHANGE...The opportunity to Opti-MISE your thinking for Opti-MUM performance!

Opti-MINDS is a process of PREVENTION – rather than damage control it instils a proactive mindset of:

- Capability "Can Do!";
- Responsibility "If not me then who?";
- Creativity & Innovation;
- Unashamed EXCELLENCE, within participants; encouraging them to REALISE their own capacity and responsibility to 'MAKE the DIFFERENCE' for themselves – & to come from an "IF NOT, WHY NOT?" stance.

2025 registration closes on 19 June 2025 and team nominations close on 25 July 2025. Click here for more information and see your Guidance Officer/School Counsellor if you have a team who would like to compete.

Upcoming Competitions

Competitions are a great way of putting your learning into action and do some creative thinking. Below are a range of upcoming competitions across Queensland and Australia. Visit the competition website for more information regarding eligibility requirements, registration dates/information, costs and any other relevant information.

- Australian Brain Bee Challenge 2025 information and registration page Round 1 runs throughout March
- Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition Applications close online 2 May 2025

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- CYA Conference Hatchlings Writing Competition Applications close 13 April 2025
- <u>Australian Mathematics Competition</u> Online entries close online 1 August 2025
- Australian Informatics Olympiad (AIO) Entries close 22 August 2025
- Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad Entries close 5 September 2025
- ABC Heywire Check out the website for 2026 details



Support for students with disabilities at Queensland Universities and TAFE Queensland

If you are in Year 12 and you have a disability, it's important to know about the support you can access when studying at TAFE or Uni. Explore what's available on the University and TAFE Queensland websites below:

- Australian Catholic University
- Bond University
- CQUniversity
- Griffith University
- Queensland University of Technology
- University of Queensland
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of the Sunshine Coast
- James Cook University
- TAFE Queensland

Later in the year, contact these services and let them know that you hope to study with them next year. Find out how they can support you. University is not like school and you need to approach them first.



1 in 5 jobs to change by 2030

More than one in five jobs - 22 per cent - are expected to be fundamentally changed by 2030 as a result of technology change, the green transition, geoeconomic fragmentation, economic uncertainty and demographic shifts. The 2025 Future of Jobs Report reinforces there is a critical and immediate need to reskill Australia's workforces and workplaces to meet the significant national and global challenges ahead. Click here to read more about:

- Top jobs facing growth and loss
- Top core skills and fastest growing skills
- Strategies to meet skill demands
- Public policies to support talent availability
- How Australia compares
- The Future of Jobs Report

7 critical thinking skills you need in an AI powered workplace

Al is fundamentally altering how we think, reason, and relate to each other. Without strong critical thinking skills, we risk becoming passive consumers rather than active, thoughtful partners. Unlike previous technological revolutions that primarily changed what we could do, Al is fundamentally altering how we think, reason, and relate to each other. Without developing strong critical thinking skills specifically calibrated for this Al age, we risk becoming passive consumers of Al-driven decisions rather than active, thoughtful partners with this technology. Click here to read the article explaining the 7 critical thinking skills you need in an Al powered workplace:

- 1. Recognising limitations
- 2. Pattern recognition vs Pattern breaking
- 3. Value-based reasoning
- 4. Authentic connection awareness
- 5. Freedom-conscious decision making
- 6. Ethical impact analysis
- 7. Transcendent purpose alignment

A Bachelor of Arts can take you to amazing places!

A Bachelor of Arts degree has an undeserved reputation as a degree that will take you nowhere. You'll broaden your mind with challenging ideas but you won't pick up vocational skills in the same way that, say, a Commerce or Law student might. The truth is that roughly 66 per cent of Australian employed graduates hold a Bachelor of Arts degree — including a majority of workers at the 100 largest public companies.

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Click <u>here</u> to read a Sydney University article that focuses on Arts, where it can take you and success stories from people who have made their way in the world with an Arts Degree.

Anticipating Future Skills (AFS)

Future skills. Future work. Future Queensland. publishes information about future skill needs and workforce planning. Click here to read the most recent reports on:

- Jobs Queensland Annual Report 2023 2024
- Anticipating Future Skills Series 5 2027 2028
- Queensland Care Consortium
- Workplace Planning Connect

Find out about the prospects of jobs you are interested in

The Jobs and Skills Atlas has a section where you can find Queensland and Australian job information. Click <u>here</u> to find information on specific jobs including:

- Job overview Employment, annual growth, shortage rating, Sedian full-time weekly earnings, mean age, part-time work share
- Employment Current and projected
- Vacancy rates
- Shortage ratings
- Educational background/pathways
- Occupational mobility People moving in, people moving out stayed

How to use labour market information

Australian jobs are constantly changing as new technologies are introduced and businesses find innovative ways of working. These changes lead to the creation of new jobs and the need for different skills in existing jobs. So how can you understand the changing world of work and identify big picture trends that are shaping the workforce? By using labour market information. myfuture has published a useful <u>article</u> explaining more fully and in everyday language, what the labour market is, along with key questions you probably want answers to, including:

- Will I need to move?
- Will I need to participate in further study?
- Will I be able to earn enough money?
- Will I be able to find the hours I want to work?
- Is this a large or small employing occupation?
- Has the number of workers been growing or falling?
- How does the unemployment rate compare to other occupations?
- Are employers having trouble finding workers with the right skills for their job vacancies?

You will also find information on:

- Data and insights
- How students and educators can use labour market information
- Future trends
- myfuture

Job trends for 2025

Randstad predicts that the Australian job market in 2025 is set to be defined by technological advancements, sustainability and workforce adaptability:

- Automation and artificial intelligence will reshape roles across industries, creating demand for techsavvy professionals while emphasising the importance of soft skills like creativity, emotional intelligence and critical thinking.
- Green jobs will surge as businesses prioritise sustainability and renewable energy solutions. Hybrid and remote work models will remain prominent, requiring workers to embrace digital tools and flexible workflows.
- Upskilling and lifelong learning will become essential as industries evolve to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

Click <u>here</u> to read the full article and to read more about their top 10 best jobs for 2025:

- 1. Artificial intelligence specialists
- 2. Data analysts and scientists
- 3. Cybersecurity specialists
- 4. Renewable energy technicians
- 5. Health care professionals (Nurses)
- 6. Construction project managers
- 7. Education and training professionals
- 8. Logistics and supply chain managers
- 9. Software and application developers
- 10. Aged care workers

Networking - Time to start

"Networking, now?" I hear you say. Networking is a valuable tool in your personal, educational and professional world. Networking isn't about becoming first best friends with people but about getting to know people, and developing social and professional relationships with them. With a high percentage of jobs not advertised through traditional job marketing channels, talking with people you know, or 'networking', can often provide you with job opportunities that you never dreamed of.

How to network when still at school? Smart thinkers and planners start networking early no matter what pathway they are planning on after school. Build a positive and professional relationship with your parents' friends, friends' parents, coaches, teachers, co-workers at work etc. Become comfortable talking with them about your career goals, study options and career aspirations. Start researching especially establishing a Linkedin account. You just never know who knows who!

The Right Casual Job In High School

Working during high school gives you a level of confidence and people skills that you usually can't find anywhere else but you have to find the job that's right for you. With endless options, it can be hard figuring out which path you want to go down. Click here to read year 13's 12 suggested options to kick start your search.

The future is clean. Consider a career in clean energy

The clean energy sector is in a period of extraordinary growth as Australia accelerates towards a fully renewable energy economy. Around 30,000 people are already employed across large-scale renewable energy construction, operation and maintenance and small-scale rooftop solar design and installation. The Clean Energy Council says that a significant workforce growth is required to deliver these projects in a sustainable, safe and efficient way. Click here to find out more about:

- Careers Guide guide to discover all the clean energy industry roles and pathways on offer
- Clean Energy required training _ necessary skills and get your digital passport to work on large-scale clean energy projects in Victoria and Queensland(available April/May 2025)
- Diversity n renewables attract and retain a diverse workforce we need to ensure our workplaces are equitable, inclusive, and accessible



Scholarships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

There are many scholarship opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Information is available at the <u>Aurora Education Foundation</u>. You need to do some preparation if you are wanting to put in a competitive application. Firstly you need to identify all the scholarships that you are eligible to apply for and then start to gather your supporting information early. Applications usually close towards the end of the year but don't leave it till the last minute.



5 career tips for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from myfuture

myfuture has put together five career tips for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Click <u>here</u> to read about:

- 1. Develop your emotional intelligence
- 2. Build your networks
- 3. Get that internship/work experience
- 4. Find mentors
- 5. Lifelong learning

Activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at QUT

If you are looking at QUT as an option for 2026 and want to find out more then click here to find out more about:

- Admission pathway program
- Current student experiences
- Scholarships and bursaries
- Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Decent (CATSID) requirements
- Indigenous Australian admission pathway program
- Getting started
- Tutoring support



15 Benefits of Taking a Gap Year After High School

While some students decide to go directly into tertiary study or a full-time job after graduating from high school, many individuals choose to take time off, known as a gap year. Students can spend their gap year gaining valuable experiences that can prepare them for their future careers or education. Understanding the professional and personal benefits of taking a gap year before undertaking further study can help you determine whether this is the right path for you. Click here to read 15 benefits of a gap year.

African Conservation Experience

The African Conservation Experience provides you with opportunities for a gap year in Africa. Whether you're an animal lover, a conservation warrior or someone who wants to explore the real Africa, they have experiences for you. Experiences include:

- Volunteer experiences Immerse yourself in a real wildlife conservation project, working alongside professional conservationists to save Africa's animals and their natural habitats
- Short experiences Create a meaningful travel experience, where you'll learn form conservation professionals and have a positive impact on Africa's wildlife

If you are considering a Gap year overseas, make sure you get your parents/guardians involved in the discussions, research and planning. Also, check out Australian Smart Travellers for up-to-date safety travel plans. Click here to find out more about the African Conservation Experiences.

Short course study options for your gap year experience

Some people know that they want to study, but they're not too sure *what* exactly it is they're passionate about. If this is you, then consider a short course. Find something that interests you, then get a taste for it without committing the time and money required for a full degree. Or maybe you do know what you're passionate about, just not too keen on the typical study options and want something different. <u>Click here</u> to find out about The School Of The New York Times and the School of London's Sotheby's Institute of Art and Inside Sherpa who offer a Gap year experience.



Hansen Scholarship

The Hansen Scholarship is a flagship scholarship program at The University of Melbourne. The Hansen Scholarship will be awarded to talented undergraduate students whose financial circumstances present a challenge to accessing tertiary study. Recipients will be awarded accommodation, an allowance and financial and personal support. Applications are now open and close on 31 March 2025. Click here to find:

- Benefits
- Eligibility and selection criteria
- Conditions
- Ongoing eligibility
- Application

SAT resources on the USA College Board website

The <u>College Board website</u> is important for students wishing to apply for tertiary courses in the United States of America (USA). The Board is where you register to sit for the SAT, a test required for entry to many USA universities and colleges. The following information is available on the website: (the \underline{X} page is also useful)

- SAT International Test Dates and Deadlines Click on Registration in the top right-hand corner.
- Find Test Centres Select the date that suits you and 'Australia' to find centres in Queensland.
- SAT Test Day checklist

University of NSW study opportunities

If you are thinking of moving interstate to study, NSW University could be an option. Find out more about the Uni here including their:

- 7 faculties
- 47 schools
- 4 main campus locations
- Student population

Click here to:

- Explore your options and check entry requirements
- Check UAC (NSW's equivalent to QTAC) application and offer round dates
- Start your UAC application

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Start your research early so you can make a considered decision	
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Safety advice for E-Scooters

RACQ has put out 6 key safety tips for E-Scooter riders. Check them out as they may just save someone's life ... or even yours!

- 1. Give way to pedestrians
- 2. Wear a secured helmet
- 3. Keep a safe speed and distance
- 4. Keep on the right path
- 5. Be attentive
- 6. Don't block the pathway with your scooter

Click here to find out more.

World Science Festival Brisbane 2025

World Science Festival Brisbane (WSFB) celebrates its spectacular 10th anniversary from 21–30 March 2025 with the vision, **Infinite Awe**. There are over 200 ways to experience this epic 10-day festival, which brings together local, national and international thought leaders to address some of the most pressing scientific questions of our time. Explore the full program and book online here and tickets must be purchased.



Open days and career expos start soon!

The following are some scheduled Open days and Career Expos in Queensland. It does not include the individual institutions open days which will be included in future bulletins when available.

<u>Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo</u> – 12,13 and 14 June 9am – 4pm each day; Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre; Glenelg St, South Brisbane. Free entry.

<u>Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)</u> - 19 & 20 July; 10am – 4pm both days; RICC, Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills



Brisbane Arts Theatre

Brisbane Arts Theatre holds Teen Creative Workshops designed for teens to have a space to further develop their stagecraft and technique and is suitable for both beginner and intermediate performers. Each week, students work within their skill level in a dynamic and creative team environment, where they explore the fundamentals of acting for the stage. Find out more and enrol <a href="https://example.com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-com/here/bright-new-co

Experience UQ Skills

Experience UQ Skills on Thursday 16 May, is a free, full day of hands-on, interactive workshops at UQ Gatton for Years 9-12 students considering vocational study including apprenticeships and traineeships, in agriculture, allied health, animal care, entrepreneurship or maritime (boating) (including VETiS, Certificates, Diplomas Apprenticeships and Traineeships). Click here to find out more and registrations close on 2 May 2025.

JMI Youth Program

JMI's Youth Program is designed for current high school students who are looking to further their musical development. This program is the perfect preparation for students looking to study music after high school or for young musicians who just want to keep developing. The program is delivered by JMI's esteemed faculty. Classes are held in small groups of up to 9 students within a fun and supportive learning environment. These classes are open to all instrumentalists, drummers and vocalists.

Classes are held over 8 weeks, on Saturdays from 1pm to 3pm at JMI's campus in Bowen Hills for 8-week terms. The next term dates are:

- Term 1 2025 8th February to 29th March 2025
- Term 2 2025 3rd May to 21st June 2025
- Term 3 2025 26th July to 13th September 2025
- Term 4 2025 18th October to 6th December 2025

Click <u>here</u> to find out more and to register.



About Visible Ink - Brisbane City Council

Visible Ink Youth Hub is a Brisbane City Council program offering a free-to-use and centrally-located hub for Brisbane's young people (aged 12-25) to explore new ideas, access resources, have a say on local issues and connect with community partners, enabling them to grow as active citizens and contribute to a better Brisbane. Click here to find out more including:

- Bookable spaces
- Fully-equipped creative spaces
- Resources and equipment for hire
- The copy and destroy Zine library
- Youth Enterprise Program
- Music production
- Grant writing
- Enterprise
- Event management
- Creative development
- Emerging visual artists

Queensland Youth Week

Queensland Youth Week (QYW) is an annual celebration that shines a spotlight on the talents, achievements and contributions of young people to their communities, Queensland and beyond. It provides a platform for young Queenslanders aged 12–25 to connect, express themselves and engage with opportunities that help shape their futures. QYW aims to:

- Recognise and celebrate the positive impact young people have on their communities
- Inspire young Queenslanders to explore their passions and develop their skills
- Create spaces for connection, collaboration and empowerment.

The 2025 QYW is happening from 6–12 April. The week will be packed with exciting events and activities designed to celebrate and empower young Queenslanders.



Assistance schemes

There are a number of assistance <u>schemes</u> that can assist you to gain adjustment factors that will see you be more competitive in gaining a place in your desired course. These schemes include:

- Financial assistance scheme
- Special admissions schemes including:
 - Year 12 subject schemes Universities give rank points for some successfully completed
 Senior subjects. Check with each University and/or Institution for their specific scheme
 - Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
 - Access and Equity schemes helps students from a variety of backgrounds and circumstances get into higher education. Contact individual Universities/Institutions for more information
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Schemes Contact individual University/Institutions for more information
 - o Rural Access Scheme
 - Regional preference schemes Offered by some Universities to help students from regional and remote areas gain entry. Contact individual Universities/Institutions for more information
 - Elite Athlete and Performer Scheme -
 - ACU
 - Bond
 - CQU
 - GU (scroll down)
 - JCU
 - QUT
 - UNE
 - UniSC
 - UniSQ
 - UQ
- QUT Elite Athlete Special Entry Scheme Apply through QTAC (scroll down)
- Griffith University Elite Athlete Support Policy Adjustment factors (scroll down)
- Access UniSC Elite Athlete Adjustment Scheme (scroll down)

Busting the myths about selection ranks

A selection rank is the rank required for eligibility for entry into a particular course of study. The selection rank is determined by using an applicant's ATAR, VET qualifications and any other adjustment factors. QTAC also identifies some of the most common mythe, about the selection rank process including:

- MYTH #1 The ATAR is your selection rank No, they are different. If needed, QTAC converts your ATAR to a selection rank when in order to add any adjustment ranks.
- MYTH #2 Rank adjustments are added to your ATAR to increase your ATAR. No, your ATAR doesn't change but your converted selection rank does.
- MYTH #3 All institutions use the same criteria to calculate your selection rank. No, each
 University/Institution has it's own adjustment scheme schedule and you need to check their
 websites.
- MYTH #4 The selection rank for a course is always the same every year. No, as entry into courses is competitive each year, the selection rank threshold can change from year to year.
- MYTH #5 If you do a VET course you automatically get a certain selection rank at all Universities. No, each University/Institution has it's own VET ranking schedule and you need to check their websites.
- MYTH #6 Only Year 12 applicants can use VET for their selection rank. No, anyone applying through QTAC can use their VET qualification for competitive entry.

Certificates, Diplomas and Bachelor Degrees – How are they different?

Australia has a national system of qualifications called the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). At the end of Year 12, you can study for the following AQF qualifications which can differ in length, content, delivery and competitiveness as shown below:

- Bachelor Degree: Usually 3-5 years full-time (or part-time equivalent); theoretical; competitive entry
- Associate degree/Advanced diploma: Usually 2 years full-time (or part-time equivalent);
 combination of theory and practice; range from not competitive to very competitive entry.
- **Diploma**: Can be 1-2 years full-time (or part-time equivalent); tend to be practical with some theory; range from not competitive to very competitive depending on the topic.
- Certificates I, II, III, IV: 1 month 1 year full-time; usually very practical; usually not competitive entry.

You can use one level to help you gain entry to a higher level of study in the future depending on your results and the rules of the Institution you want to gain entry to. Visit the <u>AQF website</u> for more information. To decide on the best level of qualification for you, consider:

- The study/training requirements of the job you want
- Your past study results
- Whether you are a hands-on (practical) or a theory person
- Your commitment to study
- The cost of the course
- The length of time you are prepared to study



3 Reasons Why You Should Start That Assignment Now

Finding the motivation to get started on that assignment can feel like more effort than it's worth. Don't let procrastination hold you back from doing your very best at school, uni, TAFE and later in life. Click here and read about Year 13's three reasons why starting that assignment now will help your future self.

7 Ways To Get Fit When It Feels Like You Have No Time

You've probably heard that staying active is key to a healthy body and mind. Not only will it improve your physical fitness, but getting the right amount of exercise will also <u>improve your sleep</u> and <u>mental health</u>. But like most things, that's easier said than done. There's a good chance you're juggling school or uni work while also grinding at your part-time job most afternoons. Year 13 have put together a few tips to help you stay fit when it feels like time is getting away from you. Click <u>here</u> to find their suggestions for getting and keeping fit, healthy and productive!

How much sleep do you need?

The amount of sleep a person requires depends largely on their age. National standards from the <u>Australian Department of Health</u> recommend that adolescents aged 14-17 should get between **8 and 10 hours of sleep per night**. You need more vitamin Z's during our teenage years than almost any other time in our lives. And without adequate sleep, other areas of our life can rapidly start to suffer – we've all been there. Click <u>here</u> to read UQ's research including:

- How many hours of sleep does a teenager need?
- How much sleep does an average teenager get?
- How does lack of sleep affect the teenage brain?
- How much is too much sleep for a teenager?

Motivation - getting it!

Young people are going through a lot of change and this can affect your motivation to study. Click here to read how parents and young people can manage motivation effectively. The article gives you practical tips and ideas to help develop study skills and habits that work for you including:

- Exploring barriers to motivation in young people
- 10 tips to help find motivation when studying

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Looking after yourself



School students website

Whatever you're interested in, TAFE Queensland has a pathway to help you get there. You can complete Year 11 and 12 in Brisbane at their <u>Senior College</u>; start your future career while you finish high school with <u>SchoolTech</u> or combine your senior studies with a vocational qualification with their statewide <u>TAFE at School</u> program. Now is the time to start researching all your post school options so that you can make an informed decision when you leave school. Click here to find out more including:

- TAFE at School
- Trade taster program
- Pre-apprenticeship courses
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Do Year 11 and 12 differently
- Get a head start with School Tech

Subsidised training and incentives

The Queensland Government invests in training based on industry advice to provide Queenslanders with the skills they need to gain meaningful and sustainable employment. So far, over 82,000 Queenslanders have benefitted from Free TAFE through around 200 courses. Find out more about:

Fee-Free TAFE

Under the Australian Government's commitment to deliver 300,000 fee-free TAFE places across Australia from 2024–2026, Queenslanders will have access to around 14,500 fee-free places in 2024, with similar numbers planned for 2025 and 2026.

Free Nursing

Up to 3,500 fee-free places in the Diploma of Nursing are available to Queenslanders through specific training providers.

• Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s

Queenslanders, under the age of 25, may be eligible to undertake high priority apprenticeship and traineeship qualifications for free.

• Free Construction Apprenticeships for Over 25s

Under the Homes for Queensland Plan's Construction Workforce Fund, at least 2,250 adults (aged 25 and over) will be supported into construction-related apprenticeships.

• Certificate 3 Guarantee

The Certificate 3 Guarantee provides eligible Queenslanders the opportunity to obtain their first post-school certificate III qualification.

• User Choice (apprenticeship and traineeship funding)

The User Choice program provides public funding for the delivery of accredited, entry level training to apprentices and trainees.

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TAFE Queensland Alexander Hills Campus

The TAFE Queensland Alexandra Hills campus, offers a range of hands-on courses in aged care, automotive, business, child care, community services, construction, electrotechnology, fitness, general education, nursing, plumbing and tourism and events. The campus boasts a number of specialised training facilities for their nursing, childcare and automotive students. Their nursing wards are state-of-the-art training hubs which are providing nursing students with a learning environment that replicates modern health care facilities. Click here to find out more.



UCAT ANZ for students wanting to do Medicine or some other health courses in 2026

The UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test for Australia and New Zealand) is a two-hour computer-based test which assesses a range of abilities identified by universities as important to practicing in the fields of medicine/dentistry/clinical sciences. Click here if you're not sure which universities and courses require you to sit UCAT ANZ. The test consists of five separately timed subtests, each containing a number of questions in a multiple-choice format. These subsets are:

- Verbal reasoning assesses the ability to critically evaluate information presented in written form
- Decision making assesses the ability to make sound decisions and judgements using complex information
- Quantitative reasoning Assesses the ability to critically evaluate information presented in a numerical form
- Situational judgement Measures the capacity to understand real world situations and to identify critical factors and appropriate behaviour in dealing with them.

Key Dates for 2025 UCAT ANZ applications

Candidates taking the UCAT ANZ in 2025 for entry to universities in Australia and New Zealand in 2026 should note the following key dates.

Concession Scheme and Access Arrangements open	3 February 2025
BOOKING OPENS	4 March 2025
Concession application deadline	9 May 2025
Access Arrangements application deadline	16 May 2025
BOOKING DEADLINE	16 May 2025
Late bookings deadline	30 May 2025
Late Access Arrangements application deadline	30 May 2025
Final late booking deadline	6 June 2025
Cancellation deadline	11 June 2025
Testing begins	1 July 2025
Last testing date	5 August 2025

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UCAT ANZ 2025 test fees (AUS dollars):

Test taken in Australia or New Zealand	\$325	Late fee	\$85	Final late fee	\$185
Concession Fee (Australia only)	\$240	Reschedule fee	\$25	Refund fee	\$ 50

University terminology

When researching your university options, the terminology can be confusing to say the least! Open Colleges has put together a glossary that explains some of the most common technical terms you'll come across at university. Click here to find the answer to your question!!!

Australian Catholic University

Admission pathways

The path from Year 12 to university is not the only way into ACU. Up to half of the students do not come straight from school. No matter your background, schooling or experience, ACU's admission pathways can help you to meet the entry requirements of your chosen course. Learn about the entry options available here including:

- Choose your pathway or entry program
- I did not get the ATAR/Rank
- ACU Guarantee
- I'm an elite athlete of performer
- International pathways
- I have completed military service

Regional and remote student information session info

Find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU as a regional or remote student by watching this <u>webinar recording</u>. During the webinar, you will find out about entry programs, student accommodation options, scholarships for regional and rural students, support services, student life and more. It's a 2024 webinar but it is a good place to find out information while waiting for 2025 updates. It's never too soon to start your research!

Where is ACU

In Queensland, <u>ACU is located at Banyo</u>, 12 km north of the Brisbane CBD. It currently offers degree programs in allied health, arts, business, creative arts, global studies and international development, humanities and social science, information technology, law, criminology, nursing, midwifery and paramedicine, nutrition and biomedical science, philosophy, professional education, public health and administration, sport and exercise science, teaching, theology and youth work and community development. ACU provides various opportunities for Year 12 students to learn about the campus and the courses that are offered including University Experience days, Personal Tours, Expos and Career Markets, Year 12 Entry programs. Check these out on the ACU <u>website</u>.

Australian National University

Australian National University (ANU) Open Day

Want to know more about ANU? The ANU Open Day is being held on Saturday, 29 March 2025. The Open Day is your chance to tour their campus and accommodation, learn about their academic colleges, degree programs and support services and chat to current students about campus life and their ANU experiences. Click here to find out more about the day and to register your attendance.

Bond University

Bond program finder

Bond has a Program Finder that will help you find out the range of Degrees that they offer including information on:

- Program overview
- Key Features
- About the program
- What you'll study
- Program features

Check it out here as research is the word for 2025!

Deciding on a degree or program is a personal choice

You should be looking for a degree or program that supports your interests and your future dreams. Bond University College offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and programs, diplomas and non-award programs. Click here to access their program finder to find out more about programs, semester intake and entry requirements. When you click into each Diploma, you will be able to see how many of the 8 subjects will credit into different Bachelor's degree which can often be all 8 subjects. The diplomas they offer are:

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- Diploma of Arts
- Diploma of Built Environment
- Diploma of Business
- Diploma of Creative Design
- Diploma of Health Sciences
- Diploma of Legal Studies
- <u>Diploma Preparation Program</u>

Central Queensland University

University experience events

Uni Experience is a one day, on-campus experiential event where current Year 12 high school students can visit a CQUniversity campus and participate in discipline-based activities and gain insight into university life. You will participate in course sessions with lecturers, hear from current students, learn about alternative pathways to university, study support and more. See 2025 Uni Experience dates and information below:

Rockhampton University Experience - 7 March; 9am to 2pm; CQUniversity Rockhampton North Campus

<u>Townsville University experience</u> - 3 March; 9am to 1.45pm; CQUniversity Townsville, Building 2, Ground Floor

<u>Gladstone University Experience</u> – 13 March; 9am to 2pm; CQUniversity Gladstone Marina, Bryan Jordan Drive

<u>Cairns University Experience</u> – 24 June; 9am to 2pm; CQUniversity Cairns, Level 3, Corner Abbott and Shields Streets, Cairns

Bundaberg University Experience - 121 March; 9am - 2pm; CQUniversity Bundaberg Campus

Mackay University Experience - 27 March; 9am to 2pm; CQUniversity Mackay

Check in with your Guidance Officer/School Counsellor if you would like to attend any of these events.

Christian Heritage College

What can I study?

<u>CHC</u> is a Christian Higher Education institution located in Carindale and is a fully accredited private higher education provider, that aspires to model a Christian higher education alternative. It offers accredited bachelor's degrees in business, education, liberal arts, social science and ministries. The college is located in Mansfield, Brisbane. Applications to CHC are through QTAC. HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP are available for eligible students. Visit their website for more information relating to:

- Future Students
- Courses

About CHC

Griffith University

Bachelor of Dental Health Science - UCAT ANZ registrations for 2026 admission

Selection for 2026 admission to the <u>Bachelor of Dental Health Science</u> degree will be made on the basis of the combined weighted score of the following three essential components:

- Performance in the University Clinical Aptitude Test ANZ (UCAT ANZ)
- Performance in the Griffith University Dental Admissions Process Interviews (GUDAPs)
- Academic attainment

It is important to become familiar with the UCAT ANZ testing format as it is very different from your school examination experience. As they say, practice, practice, practice.

Registrations for the University Clinical Aptitude test ANZ (UCAT) will open on 4 March 2025 and close on 16 May 2025. Testing dates will be held in various locations between 1 July and 5 August 2025.

Brisbane campus updates for 2025 and beyond

The Nathan campus of Griffith University is now called Brisbane South (Nathan). It was Griffith University's foundation campus established in 1975. Griffith University also has a new campus in Brisbane City (South Bank) as well as Gold Coast and Logan.

Griffith University is also consolidating its Brisbane South (Mt Gravatt) campus into Brisbane South (Nathan) by 2026. This will allow for more collaboration between disciplines, a more contemporary experience for students and staff.

Chemistry, Physics and English courses through Head Start At School

Head Start At-School is an excellent opportunity for motivated senior high school students to experience Griffith University by undertaking up to two courses (subjects) while completing Years 11 and 12. With study options in the sciences, courses cover many of the topics taught in the senior school curriculum and can provide credit transfer toward related Griffith degrees. Click here for more information about course details, application dates, eligibility and how to apply.

Griffith University's Creative Arts Open Day

Creative Arts Open Day at South Bank Brisbane City campus, is being held on 18 May. It is the best way to discover Griffith's vibrant creative precinct. Get immersed in demonstrations, tours, interactive workshops and info sessions. Explore all your study and career options in film, gaming, design, visual arts, music, performing arts and more. Click here to register for updates.

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Pathways to Medicine information sessions

Thinking about Medicine? Griffith Uni is hosting an on-campus and online events where you'll gain firsthand insights, connect with academics and hear directly from current students about their pathway to Medicine. You will be able to ask questions and you can check out their <u>FAQ section</u> before hand. The sessions will be held"

- Gold Coast Tuesday 25 March at 6pm Click here to register
- Brisbane South (Nathan) 27 March at 6pm Click here to register
- Online 1 April at 6pm Click here to register

James Cook University

Science and Engineering Challenge

The JCU Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide STEM program presented by the University of Newcastle in partnership with JCU. Through the Challenge, you will experience aspects of science and engineering which you would not usually see during your school studies. Year 10 students battle it out for a place at the State Super Challenge by building bridges, wiring cities, building a bionic hand, constructing earthquake proof towers and designing a catapult. Click here for more and to register. The Challenges will be held:

- 21 March 2025 | LOCATION: Whitsunday Anglican School, Beaconsfield, Mackay
- 24 March 2025 | LOCATION: Newman Catholic College, Smithfield, Cairns
- 26 and 27 March 2025 | LOCATION: Kirwan State High School, Townsville

Queensland University of Technology

2025 QUT Business and Law high school competitions

You can learn what it's like to solve real business problems or argue cases in front of judges by participating in one of QUT's high school competitions. Register now for <u>BlueShift</u>, the <u>QUT Accounting Challenge</u> and the <u>High school moot competition</u> in 2025.

Considering Architectural Design?

QUT's Bachelor of Architectural Design is a very popular program in Queensland. You will learn from industry experts, with a strong focus on sustainable practices embedded into the curriculum. The program offers hands-on learning opportunities through real-world field trips and placements, international study tours and student exchange with partners all over the world. Learn more <a href="https://example.com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-com/here/beats/background-

Five must-know support opportunities for Indigenous nursing students

If you're an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student interested in nursing, QUT offers valuable support opportunities that will provide you with valuable information and support. In QUT's latest blog post, Nursing graduate Rosie shares her personal experience, along with tips on scholarships, dedicated spaces and assistance with admissions. Read the blog here.

QUT Advice Night

Year 11 and 12 students and parents are invited to join QUT online on Tuesday 11 March to find out about course and career planning, how to apply, resources to support students through their studies and life as a uni student. Register here.

QUT library membership and resources for students and teachers

Years 10–12 Queensland students can gain access to a free QUT library membership, which includes a range of resources to help them develop essential research and information skills for study success. From the self-paced <u>Study Smart</u> course to research guides, referencing tools and access to QUT libraries, students can find the support they need to research, reference and write with confidence. <u>Find out more</u>.

START QUT Webinar

On 1 April QUT will be hosting a START QUT webinar for Year 11 student who are wanting to study a Uni subject during Semester 2. With the <u>START QUT</u> program, syou can receive a selection rank adjustment, gain potential credit towards a future degree at QUT and test drive university life. Click <u>here</u> to register to attend the webinar.

The University of Queensland

2025 Engineering, Design and Computing Ambassador Program

Year 11 student nominations for the 2025 Engineering, Design and Computing Ambassador Program are now open. The program will challenge you to develop your leadership abilities and communication skills and offer you the chance to connect with like-minded students across Queensland and Northern NSW. Ambassadors will also receive mentoring opportunities and access to exclusive events. Click here for more information. Nominations close on 7 March, 2024.

Pathways to UQ

If your entry score/ATAR doesn't end up what you hoped for, or if you don't meet a program's subject prerequisites, UQ offer a range of pathways to help you on your way. The best pathway for you will depend on your previous study and the entry requirements you need to meet. Click here and read how to:

- Meet subject prerequisites
- Increase your selection rank
- Meet subject prerequisites and increase your selection rank

Preparing for university: a step-by-step guide for parents

As your child approaches the end of high school, it's natural to feel a mix of excitement and anxiety. The final year can be overwhelming for everyone. Your teen is preparing for exams, exploring career options and navigating the transition once high school finishes – it's a lot. Click here to read about how to prepare for university and the key milestones throughout the year so you and your teen can navigate this time together. UQ have broken it down into 3 key stages:

- Early year (first term)
- Mid-year (second and third term)
- Late year (final term)

Rural Access Scheme

If you've lived in a rural or remote area of Australia, UQ's Rural Access Scheme may help boost your selection rank for entry into many of their programs. Rural and remote areas often have less access to educational opportunities, resources and health services than cities and larger towns. To help address these challenges, you can receive 2 adjustments to help boost your selection rank for entry into undergraduate programs. You must still meet all entry requirements for each program you apply for. If you're eligible for adjustments, your entry score will be converted to a QTAC selection rank, and any adjustments will be added to this rank. Click here and find out about eligibility and how to apply.

Undergraduate health website

To kick start your research into the UQ undergraduate health options check out this <u>website</u> as it provides useful resources including:

- Information on health science study areas
- Undergraduate courses offered
- 2025 Health Study Guide

The university will update their information regularly so keep checking back for 2025 updates. But this is a good place to start with now.

Torrens University Australia

How to apply to Torrens University

To study at Torrens Uni, you <u>apply directly</u> to the university via their website. A Course and Career Advisor will contact you within 48 hours to discuss your application and then issue your letter of offer. Check out Torrens as it may provide a learning experience that best suits your learning style.

University of the Sunshine Coast

Headstart Information Evening

The Headstart program gives you the opportunity to study a Uni subject of your choice, while you are still at school. Join the University of the Sunshine Coast's Headstart Information Evenings where they will take you through everything you need to know about the program, including how Year 10 students can now enrol in Semester 2 Headstart subjects (in addition to Year 11 and 12 students). The evenings will be on:

- Tuesday 18 March 2025, 4.30-6.00pm UniSC Sunshine Coast
- Thursday 20 March 2025, 4.30-6.00pm UniSC Moreton Bay
- Wednesday 26 March 2025, 5.30-6.30pm Online

Click <u>here</u> for more information and to register.

Parent Lounge

In the Parent Lounge you will find information about university that will assist you in supporting your child through Year 12 and then into University. Topics covered are listed below and you can register here for updates.

- Pathways to study
- Courses and programs
- Fees
- Resources for parents
- Scholarships
- Common questions asked by parents
- Accommodation and housing
- Headstart program
- Parent persona quiz



Date	Event
28/02/2025	The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad registrations close
03/03/2025	QUT Future You Summit 2025 applications open
04/03/2025	ADF: Engineering Careers Information Session
05/03/2025	ADF: Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session
07/03/2025	2025 Engineering, Design and Computing Ambassador Program
09/03/2025	2026 Year 12 QTAC Guide cover competition closes
09/03/2025	UniSC Best Field Trip in the World entries close
10/03/2025	ADF: Defence Careers Information Session
11/03/2025	QUT Advice Night webinar
18/03/2025	UniSC Sunshine Coast Headstart program information evening
18/03/2025	UQ Medicine Information Evenint
19/03/2025	UQ Medicine Information webinar
20/03/2025	UniSC Moreton Bay Headstart information evening
22/03/2025	Engineer Your Future experience day
24/03/2025	IM2C International Mathematical Modeling challenge entries close
25/03/2025	GU Pathways to Medicine Information session
26/03/2025	UniSC Headstart online information webinar
27/03/2025	GU Pathways to Medicine information session Brisbane South Campus (Nathan)
29/03/2025	ANU Open Day