



# 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

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

- The Good Universities Guide course search
- VET selection ranks for competitive entry into Queensland universities
- Scholarship options for Uni
- Gap Year Program News

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## Announcements

### Fortnightly laugh

I wanted to be a pet groomer, but I couldn't make heads or tails of it.

### Why learn ...

Education is NOT the learning of facts but the training of the mind to think - Albert Einstein

### Year 10 - Don't know what you want to do or what subjects to choose for senior studies?

Are you struggling when thinking about what you want to do when you first leave school or don't have answers for all those questions about subjects, jobs, life after school? Options Talking Careers will help. It's a series of videos and short activities that will help you find out about yourself, life, your values, strengths and interests. It comes with a career interest test that will get your research started. Click [here](#) to find out more.

# Apprenticeships & Traineeships



## A locksmith ... and what do they really do?

Locksmiths install and maintain locks and related security devices and systems. Day-to-day they may:

- assemble parts and sub-assemblies of precision instruments and locks
- dismantle precision instruments, locks, repairs and replaces defective parts, and reassembles articles using hand and power tools and specially designed machines
- install security systems, changes tumblers in locks, changes locks, cuts keys and opens locks by manipulation
- estimate costs and prepare quotes for repairs.

If you are looking for a job that requires you to work outdoors and with your hands this may be right up your alley. Check it out [here](#).

## Australian Apprenticeship Readiness Quiz

Australian Apprenticeship Readiness Quiz, found on the Australian Apprenticeships website, shows some of the key learning standards required to start an Australian Apprenticeship. The quiz is 10 questions long and should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. You should use a calculator to assist you. Click [here](#) to start the quiz.

## In Year 12 and wanting an apprenticeship - start looking now!

It is sometimes challenging to work out where to start looking for an actual apprenticeship or traineeship. The Queensland Government's *Find an apprenticeship or traineeship* [website](#) is a good place to start. While it won't find you an employer to hire you, it will give you some ideas for looking about a potential employer including:

- Specific apprenticeship/traineeship job boards
- Using job search and government vacancies websites by entering a job title with 'apprentice' or 'trainee' and your chosen industry to narrow down results
- Talking with training organisations, local TAFEs and Australian Apprenticeship Support Network providers

Click on the link above for valuable links and information. Also check in with your VET Coordinator or School counsellor.



## MEGT online Job Board

MEGT, a Group Training Organisation, provide employment and training options for school students and school leavers. They have an [online Job Board](#) listing school-based apprentice and trainee opportunities. Check it out and see your Career Counsellor/Guidance Officer/VET coordinator if you have any questions.

## Videos about getting a trade or skill

Finding it hard to find information about jobs and skills? At *skills1ne tv*, you will find great feature videos, most popular videos and videos highlighting a particular skill set. Other videos focus on the skills required in fourteen different industry areas. They are full of valuable information and can give you some excellent ideas. Click [here](#) to see what's on offer.



## ADF information sessions

Attend an in person and/or virtual Australian Defence Force [information session](#) and find out:

- If the Defence Force is a good fit for you
- If they have a job that you are interested in doing
- How to enlist

Below are upcoming information sessions. For details about these events, visit the Defence Jobs Australia Facebook [website](#).

**19/06/2025** [Redcliffe Defence Careers Information Session](#)

**26/06/2025** [Brisbane Aviation Careers Information Session](#)

**03/07/2025** [Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)

**09/07/2025** [Brisbane Parents & Teachers Information Session](#)

**14/07/2025** [Engineering Careers Information Session](#)

## How do I apply for the Defence Force?

The ADF recruitment process is designed to ensure you have the qualities needed, while helping you identify the ideal role in the Navy, Army or Air Force. Visit the [Defence Recruitment website](#) to find out if you are eligible to join and to access the six steps in the recruitment process. The six steps are:

1. Apply online
2. Complete a Job Opportunities Assessment
3. Attend a virtual YOU Session (Your Opportunities Unlimited Session)
4. Attend assessment and Officer Selection (if you are wanting this pathway)
5. Take a Fitness Test if required
6. Attend Enlistment and Appointment day

On the site you will also find information videos that will answer many of your questions, along with information on:

- Do I need written references or just listed references on my application?
- When do ADFA applications close?

- What happens after I submit my application?
- Is the application process the same for Officer entry and General entry?
- My application is due soon, but I don't have all the required paperwork. What should I do?

# Career Exploration



## Aged and Disabled Carer

Also known as Personal Care Worker or Personal Carer, Aged or disabled carers support elderly and disabled people by helping them with daily activities and personal tasks. This can include assisting with eating, showering, dressing and cleaning, providing companionship, emotional support and transportation. Work usually takes place within the client's home or a residential care facility. If you are caring, compassionate and reliable, with the ability to communicate with people of all ages and abilities this may be a career pathway for you. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Australian employers offer advice to young job seekers

The Australian Government surveyed more than 3000 Australian employers to find out what advice they would give to young people looking for a job. Employers said they look for:

- a **positive attitude**
- motivation and enthusiasm
- someone who is **prepared to learn and take direction**.

They also said that applicants need to:

- be **punctual and dependable**
- be **respectful** to colleagues and customers
- show a **commitment** to staying in the job for an acceptable period of time.

Click [here](#) to read more including

- personal presentation tips
- figure out your workplace skills so you can tailor your resume
- Employers' insights for job seekers

## Build your skills, build your resume

Everyone has a metaphorical 'skills bucket' they carry with them throughout their life and career. Your bucket is full of skills you may have picked up at school, in different jobs or even life situations. Ever wondered how many skills you have in your bucket? These could include:

- Time management – obtained at school when you were learning how to prioritise study with completing assignments, or in the workplace when you managed several tasks with competing deadlines.

- Self-motivation – gained through completing a VET qualification, school assignments, university degree or traineeship.
- Enhanced communication – achieved by undertaking additional training courses or navigating relationships in your personal life.

*Your Career* has published an [article](#) where you can find out about:

- Taking stock of your skills
- Adding to your skills bucket list
- Skills for the Digital Age

## Course Seeker

[Course Seeker](#) is an Australian Government website where you can explore your higher education study options. You can find information on short courses, course details, entry requirements, admission processes, student satisfaction and graduate survey results for all undergraduate courses offered by Australian higher education institutions. It will help you to make informed decisions about your future study options.

## Find out about over 350 careers

SkillsRoad.com.au has put together information on over 350 jobs. Information they have included covers:

- Weekly pay
- Prospects
- Employed in Australia
- Growth
- Work cluster most suited to
- Tasks
- Training and qualifications
- Related careers

Click [here](#) to check them out!

## Job JumpStart website – Ways to explore careers and prepare for work!

The Australian Government, Department of Jobs and Small Business manage [Job JumpStart](#), which provides tips and ideas about jobs and careers. You can start your search from a range of platforms including:

- I'm looking for a job
- I'm at school
- I'm on a Gap Year
- I'm at Uni or in Training
- I've just graduated from study

Click on the Resources tab (top navigation bar) and you will also find lots of great videos. Check them out!

## Myfuture can work for you

The school holidays are a great time to do some quality career research. [Myfuture](#) has some great tools to help you explore the many options available to you including (you will need to register for free to access some of the information below):

- [My career profile](#) - Complete activities to identify interests, values, skills and view suggested occupations to explore career pathway options. (Register for access)
- [Occupations](#) - Explore over 350 occupations describing tasks, skill levels and current labour market information. (Register for access)
- [Industries](#) - Access important information (including employment prospects) for each industry
- [Career articles](#) - Discover practical information to support your career exploration
- [Courses](#) - Identify appropriate course/s by viewing current higher education and vocational education and training (VET) courses. (Register for access)
- [Career bullseyes](#) - Find out what career pathways are related to your favourite school subject/s
- [Career stories](#) - Learn tips and tricks by reading real-life career stories about personal experiences
- [Job seeker resources](#) - Find resume and cover letter templates and other resources to help you find and get a job
- [User guide videos](#) - View short videos that demonstrate key sections of the website to learn how to get the most out of myfuture

## SET (Senior Education and Training) Planning: how to support your teen's career goals

If your teen is in Year 10, you've likely heard the term 'SET plan'. It's an important process that helps with choosing senior high school subjects and planning for the future. You may be wondering what your role as parent or guardian is. Or why your teen is being asked to consider their career options at the spritely age of 16. Click [here](#) to read a UQ article which looks at why creating a SET plan is important, the impact it has upon getting into university and how it can set your teen up for success in the future.

## The Good Universities Guide course search

Making the move into higher education can feel overwhelming. With countless options available, it's tough to know where to begin but the Good Universities Guide's optimised course search can help you every step of the way. With streamlined design and functionality, it's now easier than ever to find and compare courses. Whether you're exploring Uni, TAFE and training courses, you can quickly and easily find all options available, helping choose the perfect course for you. Click [here](#) for access the search engine.

## Vocational Education and Training qualifications (VET) selection ranks for competitive entry into Queensland universities

The following selection ranks/entry scores have been allocated by Queensland Universities for completed TAFE Queensland Diploma/Advanced Diploma studies:

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Completed Diploma</b>	<b>Completed Advanced Diploma</b>
Griffith University	Selection Rank 87	Selection Rank 93
QUT	Selection Rank 87	Selection Rank 93
UQ	Selection Rank 82 (From Sem 2)	Selection Rank 91 (From Sem 2)
UniSC	Selection Rank 82	Selection Rank 91
SCU	Selection Rank 75	Selection Rank 76
Bond	Selection Rank 78	Selection Rank 91
Christian Heritage	Selection Rank 82	Selection Rank 91
UniCQ	Selection Rank 82	Selection Rank 91
UniSQ	Selection Rank 82	Selection Rank 91

(Please Note: The above information was current as of March 2025)

## What is a Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification?

The National Careers Institute says that a vocational education and training (VET) qualification is a formal certification awarded by a training provider in recognition of the successful completion of an occupational or work-related knowledge and skills-based educational program. There are eight types of [VET qualifications](#):

- Certificate I, II, III and IV
- Diploma
- Advanced Diploma
- Graduate Certificate
- Graduate Diploma.

All VET qualifications must be listed on the National Register, [training.gov.au](http://training.gov.au). Visit the Australian Qualifications Framework [website](#) for more information regarding VET qualifications.

## Who are you at your best?

[VIA Institute on Character](#) says that character strengths are the positive parts of your personality making you feel authentic and engaged. They say we all possess all 24 character strengths in different degrees, giving us a unique character strengths profile. Understanding and applying your strengths can help:

- Boost Confidence
- Increase Happiness
- Strengthen Relationships
- Manage Problems
- Reduce Stress

- Accomplish Goals
- Build Meaning and Purpose
- Improve Work Performance

Discover your strengths to build your best life and to help you investigate your career options for the future. Click [here](#) to take a free VIA Institute Character Strengths test. Always remember that a 'test/quiz' result is a point in time result. It is wise to undertake these tests/quizzes periodically, comparing your results as you grow and learn more about yourself.





## Bright Awards

The Bright Awards spotlight the fearless creative talent of Year 10, 11 and 12 students across Australia. Celebrating rising designers and tech rebels, this competition from Billy Blue College of Design puts future game-changers on the map. Whether you're just discovering your spark or ready to flaunt your skills, the Bright Awards give you the chance to get noticed by industry legends. And with cash prizes for students and schools, it's all about fuelling those creative dreams from the ground up. Applications are now open and close on 8 August 2025. Click [here](#) to read more about the competition, categories, prizes and application details.

## Vermillion High music competition

Calling all high school musicians! Are you writing original music and interested in getting it professionally recorded and released? QUT's student-run record label, Vermilion Records will select up to 10 students or bands to have their music recorded and released. Send in a demo of your original song (no covers) using QUT's [application form](#). Applications close 30 June and click here for more information.

## Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



### Can't decide between a Registered Nurse, an Enrolled Nurse and a Midwife?

**Registered nurses (RN)** assess, plan, provide and evaluate preventative, curative and rehabilitative care for patients and supervise other nursing staff. They work in a wide variety of settings such as hospitals, aged care and other health care facilities and private medical practices. To become an RN, you need to complete a three-year Bachelor of Nursing at a university or other accredited institute of higher education. RNs are required to be registered with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#). You can obtain more information about this occupation from the [myfuture website](#) (you will need to Log in or Sign up to enter this free site) and the [Good Universities Guide website](#) (this site has a list of nursing specialisations).

**Enrolled Nurses (EN)** under the direction and supervision of Registered Nurses, assist with the provision of acute, preventative, curative, rehabilitative and the day-to-day personal nursing care of patients. They work in hospitals, aged-care facilities, the community and other healthcare settings. To become an EN in Australia, the minimum level of study is the Diploma of Nursing (18 months – 2 years), delivered through TAFE or an accredited private Registered Training Organisation. After graduation, ENs apply for registration with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#) to practice as an Enrolled nurse. You can obtain more information about this occupation from the [myfuture website](#) (you will need to log in or Sign up to enter this free site) and the [Good Universities Guide website](#).

**Midwives** provide care and advice to women during pregnancy, labour and childbirth and postnatal care for women and babies in a range of settings such as the home, community, hospitals, clinics and health units. They are also known as a Certified Midwife or Registered Midwife and can specialise as a Community Midwife and/or Midwife Practitioner. A bachelor degree in midwifery is needed to work as a Midwife. Some Midwives complete postgraduate studies. Midwives are required to be registered with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#). You can obtain more information about this occupation from [Your Career](#) and the [Good Universities Guide website](#).

### Employment Region Dashboards and Profiles

Jobs and Skills Australia develops a range of resources which provide insights on the labour market and employment conditions across Australia including:

- Monthly Labour Market Dashboards
- Recruitment Trends and Employer Needs Profiles
- Industry Profiles.

Click [here](#) to find out more about the trends in your region. Being informed is the best way to make a confident decision.

## Getting value from work experience

Lack of workplace experience can be a big barrier for you getting a job. You can build your workplace experience through paid work, work experience or volunteer work. Good quality work experience can help you:

- learn about the world of work and understand the day-to-day realities of working in a particular job
- understand what employers look for in workers
- challenge your ideas about careers in particular roles
- work out whether you are suited to a particular job
- build and demonstrate your technical and employability skills and
- increase your professional networks, including finding possible referees for future job applications

Click [here](#) to read Job Jumpstart's top tips for getting the most out of work experience.

## Have you ever thought about a Computer Hardware Technician, Backhoe Operator or Crane Rigger?

Great career decisions are made when you do your research! Follow the links provided for more information:

- [Computer Hardware Technician](#)
- [Backhoe Operator](#)
- [Crane Rigger](#)

## Impress employers with your online profile

When you are applying for a job, employers will check your online profile to:

- confirm that what you've said about yourself in your application fits what you show online
- understand your interests, abilities and attitude to life
- find out if you have an existing network of professional contacts.

Using social media in a positive and constructive way can actually help you get a job. Your passion for a good cause, your love of music or your entertaining blog all say something about you and what you have to offer. Click [here](#) to check out Job Jumpstart's article on managing your online profile including how to protect your online profile and tools that can help you do so.

## Jobs in demand

As technology and industries evolve, there's a growing need for hands-on professionals who can solve real-world problems and meet the demands of the future. Click [here](#) to find out which trades are currently in

demand, what they offer and the pathways available if you're thinking about a career change or just starting out.

## Occupational Therapist Job Kit

Want to help people improve their physical and mental health after an injury or illness? As an Occupational Therapist (OT), your job will be helping people of all ages regain lost skills and independence. Find out how much money you could earn, what your job might look like and what to study in this 8-page Occupational Therapist Job Kit. Click [here](#) to download the Kit.

## Public Administration and Safety industry

The Public Administration and Safety Division includes units mainly engaged in Central, State or Local Government legislative, executive and judicial activities; in providing physical, social, economic and general public safety and security services; and in enforcing regulations. Click [here](#) to read more including:

- Employment
- Vacancies
- Median weekly earnings
- Active businesses
- Occupations employed:
  - General Clerks
  - Police
  - Contract, Program and Project Administrators
  - Security Officers and Guards
  - Intelligence and Policy Analysts
  - Inspectors and Regulatory Officers
  - Prison Officers
  - Other Miscellaneous Labourers
  - Information Officers

## Students' career aspirations do not reflect education plans or labour market demand, says OECD

One in five students and one in three socially disadvantaged students across the OECD expect to go into desirable jobs that often require at least a bachelor's degree but at the same time do not expect to go to university, according to a new OECD report. [The State of Global Teenage Career Preparation](#) found a significant misalignment of teenagers' career expectations and the labour market. The study of 690 000 teenagers in 81 countries, based on data from the 2022 edition of the OECD PISA survey, also found that social background plays a bigger role in determining a student's educational ambition than academic ability. On average across OECD countries, low performing students with socio-economically advantaged backgrounds are more likely to expect to complete university education than high performing students from the lowest socio-economic backgrounds. Click [here](#) to read this most interesting report.

## Urban and Regional Planner

Urban and regional planners provide advice and develop policies related to urban and regional development. They conduct analysis and planning activities considering the economic, environmental and social impact of land development. They also provide guidance to governments and organisations relating to land use and future development. It is a job suitable for people with an interest in geography, community and government. The ability to think critically, analyse systems and listen actively are important. There is a **great shortage** of Urban and Regional Planners. Click [here](#) to find out more including day-to-day task employment, wages and more.

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## Scholarship options in Australia

Good Universities Guide has put together information about scholarship options across Australia. Scholarships come in many shapes and sizes, some of which cover tuition fees (in part or full), some cover living and accommodation expenses and some cover the whole lot or provide a payment that students may use as they see fit. Similarly, some may cover students for the duration of their course, while others only cover students for a year or require them to reapply. There are three types of scholarships:

- Federal government scholarships
- Education provider scholarships
- Private organisation scholarships

Given the number of organisations offering scholarships, it can be very difficult to find all the information yourself. You can also use their [Scholarships search tool](#). Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Federal Government scholarships
- Student Start-up Loans
- Relocation Scholarships
- Education provider scholarships
- Academic scholarships
- Equity scholarships
- Other education provider scholarships
- Private organisation scholarships

## Scholarships for agricultural courses

[Marcus Oldham College](#) is a private tertiary institution in Geelong, Victoria. It offers FEE-HELP for approved Degree courses and Diploma courses in agriculture, agribusiness and equine studies. The College is offering scholarships for students commencing their studies in 2026. Visit the College [website](#) for more information about their scholarships, closing dates (July and September) and how to apply.

## Tailored support for students with unique needs

There are a number of options available if you have unique needs for extra support during your study. Higher education providers are required by legislation to have a [Support for Students Policy](#) which outlines the resources available to help their students succeed in their studies. In addition to this, there are a number of options available to students with unique needs for extra support during your study. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples scholarships
- Rural, Regional and Remote scholarships
- Culturally and linguistically diverse students
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Students with disability or health condition
- Sexuality and gender diverse (LGBTIQA+) students
- Students who are parents or carers
- Students from low-income backgrounds
- Students who are the first in their family to go to university

## UQ - What you can do if you can't afford uni!

Interested in higher education but worried about the costs? Don't dismiss university as a pipedream. There are a range of [scholarship opportunities](#), financial assistance schemes, bursaries and grants available for future and current students who think they can't afford university. If you're worried about the cost, it's worth investigating which scholarships you might be eligible for. Click [here](#) to read about the many scholarships offered at UQ that will assist you in planning for life after school.

## UniSQ Scholarships

If you are thinking of applying to UniSQ, explore what scholarships are available and those coming soon. You can apply for more than one scholarship at a time, so be sure to apply for all that you're eligible for. Click [here](#) (click scholarship search) for answers to some of the following frequently asked questions:

- How do I get a scholarship?
- What is an Australian Commonwealth Government Research Training Program *Scholarship*?
- What documents should I attach to my scholarship application to show financial hardship?
- For scholarship applications, what category of student am I (New, Commencing or Continuing?)
- Is my scholarship considered income by the Australian Government?

# First Nations Peoples



## Defence Indigenous University Support Program

There's a wide range of [First Nations Peoples Australian Defence Force \(ADF\) jobs](#) on offer and tailored programs designed to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to start their ADF careers with confidence. There are several First Nations Peoples pathways into the ADF including:

- [Indigenous Pre-Recruit Program \(IPRP\)](#)
- [Navy Indigenous Development Program \(NIDP\)](#)
- [Army Indigenous Development Program \(AIDP\)](#)
- [Air Force Indigenous Options](#)

## First Nations Peoples university entry schemes

These schemes provide alternative entry pathways for applicants from First Nations Peoples backgrounds. Specific information about these schemes can be obtained from the following links.

- [Australian Catholic University's Special Entry Scheme](#)
- [CQUniversity's Tertiary Entry Program](#)
- [Griffith University's Gumurrii](#)
- [James Cook University's Pathways](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology's Oodgeroo Unit](#)
- [Southern Cross University's Alternative Entry Scheme](#)
- [UQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Scheme](#)
- [University of New England Internal Selection Program](#)
- [University of Southern Queensland's Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program](#)
- [University of the Sunshine Coast's Indigenous Direct Entry](#)

Note that when applying for courses through QTAC, you need to identify as a First Nations Peoples person as part of your application. You may have to provide the university with a [Confirmation of Aboriginality](#). To obtain this might take time, so organise it early.

## Government allowances for students

Abstudy is a Government allowance which is available to Indigenous students and apprentices to assist with education, accommodation, living, transport and prescription medicine costs. To receive ABSTUDY, you must be enrolled in an approved course and not be receiving any other government assistance to complete your qualification. The payment rate you receive depends on several factors, including whether you are considered independent or dependent on your parents or guardians, whether you are studying full time or



part time, your personal income and your age. For more information, including details of payment rates, see the Department of Human Services website. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## **QUT Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships**

The Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships are for Indigenous students from low-income backgrounds and Indigenous students who face significant financial barriers to studying at university. These scholarships include:

- an Indigenous Bursary (IB) of \$1,500 for one semester only, to assist Indigenous students from low-income backgrounds to undertake study at QUT
- an Indigenous Relocation Scholarship (IRS) of \$5,000 for one year only, to assist Indigenous students who have relocated from a rural or remote area to study at QUT
- an Indigenous Costs Scholarship (ICS) of \$3,500 for one year only, to assist Indigenous students meet the cost of living and studying while at QUT.

These scholarships are subject to federal government funding. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Eligibility
- Available scholarships
- How to apply
- Conditions
- About the scholarship

# Gap Year Program News



## Selected gap year program news

Gap year options for 2026 are now being advertised. Research is the key to making a safe and successful decision.

- [Camp America](#) Applications for 2026 are now open. They have several online information sessions coming up:
  - 17/06/2025 [Winter Work Webinar](#) - 7pm
  - 08/07/2025 [Winter Work Webinar](#) - 7pm
  - 16/07/2025 [Au Pair In America webinar](#) - 7pm
- [World Education Program Student Exchange](#) provides overseas placements for high school students. Check out their website for more information including as well as the following information sessions:
  - 24/06/2025 [WEPTalk](#) - 6pm
  - 17/06/2025 [WEPBuddy Q&A](#) - 6pm

## Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

The Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is an opportunity to investigate if you are researching a gap year option. Click [here](#) and find out:

- Upcoming events and webinars
- Their programs
  - Classic programs
  - Select programs
  - Their destinations
  - Host a student
- Amazing high schools, incredible value

Upcoming information sessions:

18/06/2025 [SCCE Information Session Webinar](#) - 6pm

01/07/2025 [SCCE Information Session Webinar](#) - 6pm

17/07/2025 [SEEC Information Session Webinar](#) - 6pm

## Holiday Programs & Short Courses



### **BOP Industries and Robotics Playground workshops**

*Ideate* hold several school holidays' events for primary and high school students. The workshops cover a variety of creative experiences across Brisbane and regions. For more information about upcoming events in the mid year holiday break and to book, visit the [events page](#).

### **Queensland Museum Holiday activities for all ages**

Click [here](#) to check out the following school holiday activities:

- Say Our Name: Australian South Sea Islanders
- Discovering Ancient Egypt
- SparkLab
- Auslan Interpreted Highlights Tour
- Highlights Tour
- Exploring Toys
- And more ...

### **Use the school holidays wisely - Work experience and/or exploration may be a good option**

An important strategy in career exploration is experiencing the job you are interested in. This can be undertaken in many ways:

- Work observation – spending a day or more with someone already in the job at their workplace
- Career interview – developing a list of questions and interviewing someone already in a job you are investigating
- Work experience – spending some time (a week if possible) in the job
- Investigating courses by visiting institutions and talking to them about their courses
- Getting a part-time job or volunteering in a job you are interested in
- Doing a course or workshop that relates to the type of work you want to do.

The school holidays are a perfect time to do some of these activities. If you need help organising an activity, speak to your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor/VET Coordinator for some assistance.

## Interstate and International



### Applying for courses interstate

If you are thinking about applying to a university outside Queensland, you need to apply to the relevant Tertiary Admission's Centre (TAC). Find course information on the TAC websites below. You can have multiple applications running at the same time through different TACs but you need to be sure that you understand and follow the application process as it can vary from TAC to TAC. In the case of high demand courses such as medicine, veterinary science and dentistry, students often apply nationally. The different tertiary admissions' centres are:

- [UAC](#) New South Wales and ACT
- [VTAC](#) Victoria
- [SATAC](#) South Australia and Northern Territory
- [TISC](#) Western Australia
- [UTAS](#) Tasmania (you apply directly to the University)

### University profile - University of New England

The University of New England (UNE) is a public university based in Armidale, New South Wales. Established in 1938 as part of the University of Sydney and becoming independent in 1954, UNE is one of Australia's oldest regional universities. UNE is renowned for its strong distance education programs, serving students across Australia and internationally. It offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses across disciplines such as education, agriculture, science, health, business, law, and the arts. Known for its supportive learning environment and focus on research, particularly in rural and regional development, UNE combines academic excellence with a commitment to accessibility and innovation in education. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Courses offered at the University
- Flexible accommodation options
- International experience

# Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



## ADFA Open Day

The ADFA Open Day gives you the opportunity to get an insight into the experience of studying at ADFA. Click [here](#) (scroll down) to find out more about ADFA and the 2025 Open Day on Saturday 16 August 2025 where you will find out about:

- Learn about world class UNSW degrees in Business, Arts, Science, Engineering and Computing;
- Meet with current ADFA Training Officers to learn about life on campus; and
- See a variety of military and educational displays such as Air Force aircraft flyovers, Army parachute displays, Navy divers, abseiling, military vehicle displays, the ADFA marching band and much more.

## JCU Townsville Open Day

Join JCU at JCU Townsville Open Day for a behind-the-scenes look at their unique campus, state-of-the-art facilities and many study opportunities. The Open Day features campus tours, presentations by academic experts and hands-on activities. If you ever wanted to know what your future at JCU could look like, then get ready for Open Day this July! [Register](#) to attend Open Day for your chance to win an exclusive, money-can't-buy experience at the Cowboys vs. Broncos game.

## July Open Days and Career Markets

The following are upcoming Open Days and Career Expos in June and July

19 & 20/07/2025 [Tertiary Studies Expo \(TSXPO\)](#)

25/07/2025 [James Cook University](#) Cairns

26/07/2025 [Bond University](#)

27/07/2025 [Queensland University of Technology](#)

## Preparing for an open day

Choosing a university can be difficult and you'll want all the information you can get before making your decision. You've probably already asked the key questions:

- Does the university specialise in the subjects I want to study?

- Does it rate well academically?
- Does its location work for me?

While you can learn a lot from a website, there's no substitute for seeing a university in real life. Open days are your chance to get to know the university's staff, students and alumni. But to really experience the campus and atmosphere, you'll need a plan of attack. There's often more to see than you can squeeze into a day. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- Express your interest
- The inside track
- Get connected
- Embrace the unexpected
- Hit the clubs

## **South Burnett Careers Market**

Discover career pathways available to you in the South Burnett at this hands-on and interactive event proudly hosted by TAFE Queensland Kingaroy. The market will be held 24 July from 8:30 to 3pm at the TAFE Queensland Kingaroy. Click [here](#) for more information including opportunities to:

- Tour your local TAFE Queensland campus and speak directly to teachers about courses, career pathways and study options.
- Get involved in hands-on activities and interactive displays.
- Visit displays and talk with local employers and representatives from apprenticeship providers, universities, local businesses, council and more.

## **Toowoomba ADF Careers Expo**

Join the ADF at their upcoming ADF Careers Expo being held on 16 July from 9am to 5pm. You will be able to speak with current serving members to see which Australian Defence Force career is best suited to you. This is your opportunity to discover the range of jobs available in the Navy, Army and Air Force, ranging from (but not limited to) trades, transport, logistics, engineering and combat. Activities on the day will include:

- Augmented reality and flight Simulators
- Weapon and vehicle displays
- Military equipment displays
- ADF Careers Promotions team on hand to answer all your questions

Click [here](#) for more information.

## **UniSC Open Day Moreton Bay Campus (Petrie)**

At the UniSC open day you can explore your options through information sessions, chat one-on-one with UniSC expert academics and take part in hands-on activities that bring your future career to life. You'll get a real feel for uni life and what it's like to study at a campus that's welcoming, vibrant and designed to support your goals. The Moreton Bay (Petrie ) campus open day is on 20 July from 9am -to 1pm. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



## Private Provider Updates

### Ask a Griffith College student

You can connect with Griffith College students to get answers to all your questions about life at Griffith College and study in Queensland. Get a student's perspective on everything from applying and which program to study, to advice for moving into second year of study at university. Click [here](#) to connect with one of their students. It is always important to check out the information directly with Griffith College staff.

### Year 12 post school information management

If you are in Year 12 you should start a folder of information you will need later in the year and early next year. You can add to it during the year. Items that could be placed in this folder include:

- Learning Unique Identifier (LUI) number and password for your Learning Account so you can access your Year 12 results early. You will also be required to know your LUI to complete your QTAC application.
- Tax File Number (TFN), which you will need when applying for a HELP loan next year. You also need a TFN if you want to be paid for a full-time or part-time job.
- Unique Student Identifier (USI) A USI is your individual education number for life. Without one, you can't get Commonwealth financial assistance or your qualification or statement of attainment.
- The *QTAC Guide*, which you may receive in June or you can access online at QTAC [website](#).
- Course, job and tertiary entry information you gather at career markets/expos, institution open days, TSXPO, etc.
- The list of courses you are considering (if you haven't a clue, make an appointment to see your Guidance Counsellor/Officer ASAP!!).
- If you're thinking about Uni, a list of Pathway and Early Offer schemes for the university/ies you are interested in studying at
- Handouts on tertiary entry you are given at Year 12 assemblies, expos and lunchtime talks.
- Information about available scholarships and tips for submitting a great application.
- Additional qualifications you might wish to submit as part of your QTAC application and/or portfolio particularly if applying for EAS
- Any other information related to your plans for 2026.



## External assessment timetable for 2025 Year 12 exams

The QCAA external assessment timetable 2025 includes the external assessments for General and General (Extension) subjects. The timetable will be updated in Term 3 to include language and non-language Senior External Examinations (SEEs). SEEs are 100% external examinations and are different from the mainstream General subjects. Click [here](#) to access the 2025 external assessment timetable.

# Study Skills and Wellbeing



## Exam stress and top tips to de-stress

The following tips are adapted from an article from the University of Queensland's Health Hub. It is difficult to avoid the worry of exams, looming deadlines and challenging expectations (our own and other's). Everybody deals with stress differently, so it is important to recognise your own signs and take control before they control you. The following behaviours can be signs of stress.

- Irregular sleep patterns
- Short temper and irritability
- That gut feeling (butterflies)
- Finding it difficult to relax or unwind
- Overreacting to situations
- Comfort food snacking or loss of appetite

If you are experiencing one, many, or all of these signs, you need to do something about it to help you handle the demands you face. Click [here](#) to read more about the following tips:

- Set the tone for your day
- Create a schedule
- Divide your day up
- Take a break
- Turn your phone off in study period
- Eat for your brain
- Use your nerves, don't let them use you
- Shake it off
- Warn your loved ones
- Prioritise your study

If you continue to experience any of the above symptoms or do not feel well and happy in yourself, definitely ask for support from your Guidance Officer, School Counsellor, your family doctor, parents/guardians. Smart thinkers know when a little bit of help can really make the difference :)

## Regaining your life balance – the Wheel of Life

When study and life demands take over your life, it's all too easy to find yourself off balance, not paying enough attention to other important areas of your life. This is where the Wheel of Life activity on the [MindTools website](#) can be useful. It helps you take a 'helicopter view' of your life, so you can bring things back into balance and manage your life more effectively. The MindTools website has other topics (e.g. Time Management and Decision Making) you might find useful. Check it out.

## Something to think about

Learning is the first essential skill to achieve any change. Learn to ask more patient questions, not only of other people and situations, but also of yourself. Learn how to seek out, hunt down and dig deeper for even better answers. There are rarely right and wrong answers to life's bigger questions, there are only ideas and solutions that are more useful or helpful than the others.

## You're not alone

Balancing the demands of school studies and your home life can sometimes be a challenge, but it's important to remember you're not alone. The World Health Organisation notes that good mental health is when 'a state of wellbeing in which the individual realises his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community'. In the same way we can experience physical illness, we can also experience mental illness.

According to [Queensland Health](#), mental health can affect your thinking, emotional stability and social life. It can also impact your ability to work, study, carry out daily tasks and your relationships. Click [here](#) to read information provided by QCAA (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority) on:

- Stress and mental health
- Exam stress
- Mental illnesses and disorders
- Useful websites
- Phone and online support services

## Payment options

TAFE Queensland have a range of payment options, concessions, loans and scholarships you may be eligible for to assist you with the cost of your study. You may also be eligible for a TAFE Queensland payment plan to help you pay your course fees over the course of your studies. If you are asking yourself if you can actually afford to study, there are a number of options that could make your study at TAFE Queensland more affordable. Click [here](#) to check out:

- What it costs
- How you can pay
- What financial assistance is available
  - Concessions
  - Subsidised training
  - Certificate 3 Guarantee/VET Qualifications
  - Higher Level Skills subsidy/VET Qualifications
  - Construction Skills Queensland/Building and construction training
  - Free apprenticeships for under 25s/Apprenticeships and traineeships
  - Trade Skills Assessment and Gap Training/Apprenticeships and traineeships
  - User Choice Funding/ Apprenticeships and traineeships
  - Commonwealth Supported Places/Degrees
- Scholarships

## Short courses and micro-credentials

Try something new or build on your existing skills with a TAFE Queensland short course. Their short courses run from a few hours to six months in length. From hobby courses to professional development and skill sets to licenses, there's an option to suit you. TAFE Queensland offer short courses that might be of interest. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Micro-Credential Course Categories
- Queensland Future Skills Partnership (QFSP)
- Micro-credentials explained – FAQ's

## Study your way

Learn more about ways to study at TAFE Queensland [here](#) and about TAFE Queensland's study options including:

- [Study on campus](#)

- [Online learning](#)
- [TAFE at School](#)
- [Apprenticeships](#)
- [Traineeships](#)

## **TAFE Queensland - Greater Brisbane campus**

The Greater Brisbane region spans from Caboolture in the north to Loganlea in the south and as far west as Ipswich. It also incorporates our specialised SkillsTech trade training centres in Acacia Ridge, Alexandra Hills, Bracken Ridge and Eagle Farm. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Acacia Ridge - This campus is their flagship trade training centre spanning more than 22 hectares
- Alexandra Hills - Perfect blend of city life with a laid-back coastal atmosphere
- Bracken Ridge - Located 20 kilometers north of Brisbane
- Caboolture - Shares a campus with the University of the Sunshine Coast offering both university and vocational courses in the one location
- Ipswich - Located 10 minutes from the Bundamba train station with nearby childcare facilities
- Loganlea - Located in Brisbane's south 40 minutes from the city offering huge range of study options
- Mt Gravatt - Located 20 minutes from the Brisbane CBD offering a convenient location.
- Redcliffe - A relaxed learning environment within easy walking distance of the Redcliffe business area and nearby beaches.
- South Bank - Located in the heart of Brisbane's arts and cultural precinct adjacent to art galleries, performing arts venues, museums and the State Library.
- Springfield - Located within Education City, a central nucleus of education in the greater Springfield area,
- Yarrabilba - This campus is an inclusive, engaging and responsive place that enables a thriving community to connect, learn, earn and innovate.



## Which is the best university?

All Australian universities offer accredited courses that can lead to employment. Consequently, the better question is 'Which is the best university for me?' Consider the following when researching universities.

- Is the course offered at this university a pathway to the job I eventually want?
- Where is this university located? Can I realistically travel there? What are the transport options?
- Will the university help me gain work experience in my career area of interest while I do the course?
- How hard is it to get into this course at this university?
- Are the courses at this university full-fee or are they subsidised by the Commonwealth Government and eligible for HECS-HELP?
- If the courses are full-fee, is the institution accredited for FEE-HELP?
- Where do students of this course at this university go after they graduate?
- What support services are available at this university?
- What co-curricular activities (sport, clubs, etc.) are available at this university?
- What is the 'atmosphere' or working and social environment of the university like?
- Is it important to me to go to the same university as my friends?
- Does the university offer overseas study options?

These websites can help you with your research.

- [QILT](#) (Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching) can help you compare study experience and employment outcomes data from Australian higher education institutions to select the institution with all the qualities you want.
- [The Good Universities Guide](#) has a course and institution search function and information on careers and scholarships. It also has a rating section for all Australian universities.
- [Study Assist](#) provides information on Australian Government financial assistance for further study
- [Course Seeker](#) - Thousands of on-campus and online courses across Australia

Other sources of information are:

- Open days and career expos – access information from the Options Career Information bulletins and the Open days and expos page on the QTAC [website](#). Term 3 is big for open days and check if they are being held live, virtually or both.
- University brochures – obtain these at open days, career expos and university websites
- University websites
- Current students at the university (you will have access to these students at open days).

## Australian Catholic University

### ACU Guarantee Early Offer and Pathways webinar

ACU is hosting a webinar on 8 July (during the first week of the school holidays) where you will learn about ACU's entry and pathway options, including the ACU Guarantee early offer program, key dates and how to apply. Plus, hear from current students about their journeys. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

### Undergraduate Course Guide 2026

ACU prides itself on their student's wellbeing and knows the support of a caring community will help you achieve your best. Check out their [undergraduate course guide](#) for 2026 for the various supports that you can tap into at ACU some of which include:

- Career index
- Why choose ACU
- 12 things that set ACU apart
- Our campuses
- Life at ACU
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student success
- University is for all
- Go global
- Study at our Rome Campus
- See the world through the eyes of others
- Course information
- Timetables, units and course maps
- ACU online
- Applying to ACU
- Pathways to ACU
- Entry programs
- Fees and scholarships
- Selection rank guide
- Course directory

### Work experience while you study

Work integrated learning (WIL) is an umbrella term which covers a variety of work-ready experiences which provides you with an opportunity to put classroom learning into practice. ACU's WIL program gives you a competitive edge by equipping you with the employability skills highly sought after by employers. Industry engagement is also an integral aspect of WIL and is embedded in all our law and business programs. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## Bond University

### How to apply

Bond Uni have made the application process as smooth as possible, with no costs, no commitment and no obligation to accept your offer if you receive one. You can apply at any time using their free, secure online portal. Applying is a three step process:

1. Explore their study areas and choose the program you would like to apply for.
2. Read through their application tips and prepare your application, including any relevant documents like transcripts.
3. Access their online portal and apply direct at a time that suits you.

Click on the links below for more information about:

- [The application process](#)
- [Preparing your application](#)
- [Application tips](#)
- [Regional managers for assistance](#)

### Program finder

Deciding on a degree is a personal choice based on your interests and your future. Bond offers a range of undergraduate degrees and programs, diplomas and non-award programs. You can find out about what undergraduate, diplomas and pathways programs Bond offers on the Bond University [website](#).

## Central Queensland University

### Adjustment Schemes for Undergraduate Applicants

CQU considers a number of adjustment factors to selection ranks for undergraduate applications that may apply to you. Adjustment factors that CQUniversity take into consideration when assessing an applicant's Selection Rank are regional or equity-based. These schemes apply to all undergraduate courses except for CQU's Bachelor of Education courses. Click [here](#) to read more about their individual adjustment.

### Certificate, diploma and undergraduate courses available at CQU

CQUniversity offers a wide range of certificate, diploma and undergraduate courses. Click [here](#) to find a list of degrees and TAFE courses they offer along with study timetables and information on how to apply.



### Adjustment Factors - they may help

Griffith University offers a range of [adjustment factors](#) on the basis of subjects, Brisbane community engagement, Gold Coast and Logan priority access, Educational Access Scheme, Elite Athlete Support Policy and Incremental adjustments for the Bachelor of Medical Science.

- The Year 12 subject adjustment for current Year 12's, offers up to 6 adjustments (2.00 adjustments per subject/course) for a broad range of Senior subjects and up to 4 adjustments for university studies completed as part of the GUESTS program.
- If you live in Brisbane, Logan, Ipswich or Redlands, the Brisbane Community Engagement scheme may entitle you to 2 adjustment factors
- The Gold Coast and Logan Campus Priority Access Scheme improves access to programs offered at Gold Coast and Logan campuses. Applicants who are new to tertiary study and live within the listed catchment areas are eligible for 2.00 adjustments.
- The Educational Access Scheme is for School Leavers who have experienced financial and/or educational disadvantage. Max of 8.00 adjustments.
- Elite Athlete Adjustment recognises the challenges and impacts that sporting commitments can have on the completion of their studies. You can apply for adjustment factors as part of your QTAC application, with up to 6.00 selection ranks able to be applied to your ATAR/selection rank.
- Incremental Adjustments for the Bachelor of Medical Science

Please Note:

- Maximum adjustments that you can receive under all schemes is capped at 8.00.
- You do not need to apply separately – this is part of the QTAC application.
- Some exclusions apply – refer to website for further details as each scheme outlines the degrees that are excluded from the program.

### Griffith Film School Portfolio Application Webinar

As part of your application, Griffith use a portfolio admission process for potential students, so you can showcase your creativity. A portfolio is a collection of your work. It allows us to get to know you, and is your chance to show us your skill, creativity, personality and potential. Admission to the [Bachelor of Animation](#) and the [Bachelor of Film and Screen Media Production](#) is via portfolio. Limited offers may be made in later rounds via ATAR/rank should places remain.

There are two admission pathways to the [Bachelor of Game Design and Production](#). Applicants may be considered via submission of a portfolio, **or** via guaranteed ATAR/rank of 70.00 or higher.

Griffith will be hosting a portfolio application webinar on 22 July. Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

## Trimester 2 Head Start applications

Year 11 and 12 students who wish to make a start on their university studies in the Head Start program can apply now. You can choose to study one subject through the [Head Start On Campus or Online program](#). Applications close 23 June so check it out and talk with your parents and Guidance Officer/School Counsellor.

## Using VET and other alternative qualifications for competitive entry to Griffith University

Griffith accepts standalone VET qualifications from current Year 12 and mature applicants and acknowledges that they are a highly effective pathway to university. Students with a [VET qualification](#) completed at high school will continue to be considered for admission whether or not they are ATAR-eligible. QTAC will consider your VET qualification in conjunction with other senior subjects or as a standalone qualification when you are applying for entry into Griffith courses. VET qualifications for entry into certain Griffith courses/programs will not be considered, so check the link for more information.

## James Cook University

### Careers in Health webinar

JCU is hosting a Careers in Health webinar where you can find out how you can turn your passion for helping people into a successful and rewarding career in health. You can explore the wide range of career opportunities in the field of health, from those in allied health to those within pharmacy and medicine. The webinar will be held on 22 July from 7 - 8pm. Click [here](#) for more information and registration details.

### Engagement with the university

JCU has created an area on their [website](#) where you can find out information and engagement programs that they offer for high school students. It includes information on:

- Visit JCU
- Application based programs
- Campus tours
- Why JCU

## JCU NOW

Through JCU NOW, Year 11 and 12 students get a taste of university life by participating in first-year university subjects taught by current JCU lecturers and tutors. You can choose from unique subjects across a range of study areas, such as Human Rights Law, Design Thinking, Sport and Exercise Nutrition, Educational Psychology and more. The first JCU NOW subject is FREE and additional subjects are heavily subsidized. Applications for Semester 2 close on 14 July. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Looking at JCU for next year?

Each university has their own selection process although they have much in common with each other. JCU will assess your application for the following:

- Eligibility – based on the University's [admission rules](#) and course admission requirements, for example: course prerequisites and English language proficiency requirements.
- Merit – based on OP/ATAR, selection rank, Grade Point Average (GPA) and performance in special selection criteria, such as interviews and written applications.

Click [here](#) for more information.

## Queensland University of Technology

### Adjustment schemes

If you're applying through QTAC to study at QUT, you may be eligible for an adjustment to your selection rank or ATAR through a number of adjustments schemes, making you more competitive for a course offer. You can apply for as many adjustments as you're eligible for, up to a maximum of 10.00 ATAR or selection ranks across all schemes. QUT's adjustment schemes include:

- Educational Access Scheme
- Regional, Rural and Remote Adjustment Scheme
- Year 12 Subject Scheme
- First Generation Adjustment Scheme

Click [here](#) for more information on each of these schemes and to see if you're eligible. Make sure you double check the information as it can change throughout the year.

### Explore careers in podiatry

If you're interested in the health industry, fascinated by human movement and love practical problem-solving, a career in podiatry may be for you. Check out QUT's latest publication in collaboration with Careers with STEM and see how a career in podiatry is so much more than you think. Click [here](#) to download a Podiatry Job Kit so you can explore career pathways, earning potential, essential skills, and the innovative work of real podiatry professionals.

### Explore health courses at Open Day

If you're keen to study Health at QUT, check out their top must-do activities. From exploring state-of-the-art lab equipment with students and academics, to learning how to perform CPR. From Exercise Sciences to Nursing, click [here](#) to find out more about activities available during Open Day.

## Project Management vertical double degrees

QUT's vertical double degrees mean you will graduate with both a Bachelor and Master's degree in five years. You can fast track your career with critical project management skills to meet the demands of infrastructure projects, including those linked to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games. Find out more about QUT's project management verticals - [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\) / Master of Project Management](#) and [Bachelor of Built Environment \(Honours\) / Master of Project Management](#).

## QUT Medical program— starting in 2027

Year 11 students looking at doing Medicine will be interested in finding out more about QUT's Medical program. QUT is planning to offer its new medical program starting in 2027. It's not ready yet, and the course still has to go through an accreditation process to get approval before any places can be offered. Once it's ready this course will be a five-year medical program designed to prepare future doctors to make a real difference. It will focus on practical training, emphasise community care, and will offer a pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and students from regional, rural and remote areas. Click [here](#) to find answers to some of your questions.

## Virtual tours to find out more

You can explore QUT's faculties and facilities through their 360° videos and 3D tours. Click [here](#) to do a video tour of Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses as well as individual faculty areas.

## The University of Queensland

### Accommodation options

Finding the right place to live is a big part of settling into student life. With options available both on and off campus, UQ Services can help you find your new home. If you're a new regional, interstate or international student, they can guarantee you a place at one of their approved accommodation providers or residential colleges before you arrive in Brisbane. It's never too early to [learn more about guaranteed accommodation](#). Residential options include On-campus and off-campus and an under 18 supervision program. Find out more [here](#).

## Changes to Bachelor of Veterinary Science for 2026

UQ have changed their prerequisites for entry into the Bachelor of Science for 2026. The Queensland Year 12 (or equivalent) prerequisites are now:

- General English subject (Units 3 & 4, C)

- Chemistry (Units 3 & 4, C)
- Mathematical Methods (Units 3 & 4, C);
- One of Physics or Biology (Units 3 & 4, C).

Applicants must also complete [Casper](#), a situational judgement test in the year of application. Casper test dates are 19 June, 5 August, 11 September and 5 October.

In 2025, a new selection method will be introduced to determine which applicants receive offers for 2026. Applicants will be ranked using a Combined Final Selection Index that considers both their adjusted ATAR or tertiary study selection rank and their result in the situational judgment test. The combined final selection rank will be a combination of both academic and non-academic performance as follows:

- 60% from the adjusted ATAR/tertiary study selection rank (academic performance)
- 40% from the Casper Test score (non-academic performance)

Click [here](#) for more information.

## Economics Schools Day

Economics Schools Day is an interactive learning day hosted in partnership with the [Queensland Economics Teachers' Association \(QETA\)](#) and is open to any Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Throughout the event, you have the opportunity to attend lecture-style presentations, network with other students and participate in thought-provoking activities on a myriad of social issues such as sustainability and healthcare. It will be held on 17 July from 10am to 1:30pm. If you are interested speak with your teacher or School or Career counsellors. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Engineering, Design and Computing Careers Evening

The University of Queensland invites high school students in Years 9-12 to join them at the Engineering, Design, and Computing Careers Evening. This event is designed specifically for you to explore the degrees that can lead you to these fulfilling opportunities. It will be held on Thursday 24 July from 5 - 7pm. Click [here](#) to find out more about what will be covered and to register.

## Glossary of terms

Choosing to go to university is a big decision but it can bring up a whole lot of questions. You've probably heard people talk about programs, prerequisites, majors and minors but what do these all mean? UQ have put together a glossary of terms to help you understand what you are hearing and reading. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- QTAC
- Prerequisite
- Bridging program
- Undergraduate and postgraduate
- Semester

- Program
- Course
- Unit
- Elective
- Course delivery mode
- Major and minor
- Lecture and tutorial
- Honours

### **Moving out for uni: pros and cons**

Should your teen move out of home when they start university? UQ lists the pros and cons that will help them make a decision. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Finances
- Independence
- Study environment
- Relationships
- When is the right time for your teen to move out of home?

### **Provisional entry for the Doctor of Medicine (MD)**

Applicants are now selected for all offers using a merit order rank which is derived by:

- percentile rank in the MMI (Multi-mini interview) = 50%
- percentile rank in the UCAT = 25%
- percentile rank in the Adjusted ATAR = 25%

This rank was derived by QTAC across those applicants who met the ATAR better or equal to an ATAR 95.00 threshold

- Median UCAT and median adjusted ATAR to receive a full offer      UCAT aggregate 3110  
Adjusted ATAR 99.95

If you don't meet the entry requirements for the provisional entry pathway, consider applying for one of our [recommended bachelor's degrees](#). You can then apply for the [graduate entry pathway](#) in your final year of study. You can meet the other requirements for this pathway (e.g. subject prerequisites) while you complete your bachelor's degree.

### **UQ Ready**

Join UQ in person or online for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university. The upcoming events are:

15 July: Toowoomba: 5:30 - 7:00pm; Toowoomba Golf Club. Click [here](#) to register.

## Year 12 subject adjustment scheme

From Semester 1, 2027 you can receive a maximum of **3 adjustments** under the Subject Incentive Scheme. You may still be eligible for other schemes including the [School Opportunity Scheme](#) and [Rural Access Scheme](#) for a combined maximum of 5 adjustments.

## University of New England

### Early Entry Offer

UNE Early Entry is open to all Year 12 applicants, whether or not you're expecting to receive an ATAR. Early Entry relies on your school's assessment of your attributes and abilities, your ability to work and learn independently and your overall potential for academic success. Based on your school's recommendation, UNE will guarantee you an offer to start with them in 2026 but if you are not eligible for one of your preferences, you will receive an offer for an alternative course. Click [here](#) for more information and application process. Applications close in July so check with the University for actual closing date.

### Residential Colleges

UNE's Residential Colleges provide more than shelter, food and friendship. Finding the balance between study and your social life can be difficult in the first months of your university experience. College provides support to ensure that your time at Uni is as productive as it is enjoyable. Student support includes:

- Academic support: Academic mentors (or tutors) are senior students who commit additional time to guiding academic progress of the College residents. These senior students have consistently shown a high level of achievement during their own studies and will be able to help you with understanding assessment requirements, tutorial questions and general content help throughout your time at Uni.
- Personal support: The combined challenges of finding your feet in a new location, making new friends and keeping pace with assignments, can be difficult to juggle. UNE Colleges provide the support you need to make this transition easier, to manage your priorities and to help you have fun at the same time.

For more information contact the university or check out their [website](#).

## University of Southern Queensland

### Adjustment factors pathway

Adjustment factors may increase your selection rank through the allocation of additional points in certain circumstances such as where you live and subjects you passed at school. UniSQ gives a total of 10 adjustment factors across their pathway schemes. You do not have to apply for these adjustment factors as they are automatically applied by QTAC when your application is assessed. It is good to know if you are

eligible for any adjustment factors as this may influence your QTAC course preferencing. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- First in family
- Location adjustments
- School adjustments
- Supporting you and your journey to UniSQ
  - Subject adjustment
  - Early offer
  - Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
  - Elite athlete adjustment



# Upcoming Events



Date	Event
17/06/2025	ADF: Cairns Army Reserve Information Session
17/06/2025	ADF: Gold Coast Army Reserve Information Session
17/06/2025	ADF: Rockhampton Defence Careers Information Session (MACC)
17/06/2025	Camp America winter work webinar
17/06/2025	QUT Sem 2 bridging program applications close
17/06/2025	WEP Buddy Q&A webinar
18/06/2025	ADF: Royal Military College Information Session
18/06/2025	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Information Session Webinar
19/06/2025	ADF: Bundaberg Trade Careers Information Session
19/06/2025	ADF: Redcliffe Defence Careers Information Session
19/06/2025	Opti-Minds Creative sustainability Challenge registrations close
20/06/2025	GU Score It: Film scoring competition closes
21/06/2025	Engineering, Design and Computing School Holiday Program applications close
23/06/2025	CQUni - SUN Term 2 applications close
23/06/2025	GU Head Start Semester 2 applications close
23/06/2025	GU Trimester 2 Head Start applications close
23/06/2025	Head Start Semester 2 applications close
24/06/2025	ADF: Maroochydore Army Reserve Information Session
24/06/2025	ADF: Toowoomba Army Reserve Information Session
24/06/2025	ADF: Townsville Army Reserve Information Session
24/06/2025	WEP student exchange webinar
25/06/2025	ADF: Mackay Defence Careers Information Session (MACC)
26/06/2025	ADF: Brisbane Aviation Careers Information Session
29/06/2025 to 02/07/2025	FEAST 2025

30/06/2025 to 04/07/2025	QUT Future You Summit 2025
30/06/2025	QUT Vermillion High music competition closes
30/06/2025 to 01/07/2025	UQ's Biology Winter School, Year 11
01/07/2025	ADF: Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session
01/07/2025	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange info session
02/07/2025	ADF: Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session
02/07/2025	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
02/07/2025	ADF: Townsville Defence Careers Information Session
03/07/2025	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
03/07/2025	ADF: Cairns Defence Careers Information Session
07/07/2025 to 09/07/2025	UQ Winter school - Macbeth
08/07/2025	ACU Guarantee Early Offer and Pathways webinar
08/07/2025	ADF: Yandina A Night in The Army Reserves
08/07/2025	Camp America Winter Work Webinar
09/07/2025	ADF: Brisbane Parents & Teachers Information Session
14/07/2025	ADF: Engineering Careers Information Session
15/07/2025	ADF: Mt Isa Indigenous Pathways Information Session
15/07/2025	ADF: Toowoomba Aviation Careers Information Session
15/07/2025	UQ Ready Toowoomba
16/07/2025	ADF: Toowoomba ADF Careers Expo
16/07/2025	Camp America Au Pair in America webinar
17/07/2025	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Info session
19/07/2025	JCU Open day Townsville
19/07/2025	JCU Open Day Townsville
19/07/2025 to 20/07/2025	TSXPO Tertiary Studies Expo
20/07/2025	UniSC Moreton Bay (Petrie) Campus Open Day
20/07/2025	UniSC Moreton Bay campus Open Day
21/07/2025	Sem 1 2026 TAFE At School applications close
22/07/2025	Griffith Film School Portfolio Application Webinar
22/07/2025	Ignite Youth Careers Expo
22/07/2025	JCU Careers in Health webinar

22/07/2025	Sunshine Coast Careers Expo
24/07/2025	Engineering, Design and Computing Careers Evening
24/07/2025	South Burnett Careers Market
25/07/2025	JCU Open Day Cairns
26/07/2025	Bond Uni Open Day
27/07/2025	QUT Open Day
31/07/2025	CQUni Mackay Open Day