

Marist Career Information Bulletin

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

Careers Resources

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

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Key highlights in this edition

- [Job Shadowing](#) -
- [8th Year Health VET](#)
- [Opportunities for](#)

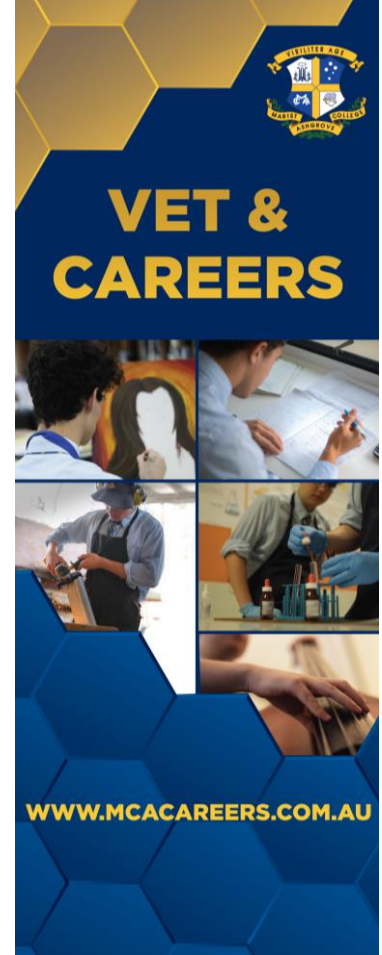


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Announcements

Something to think about

“Opportunities don’t happen, you create them.” – Chris Grosser

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Apprenticeships and Traineeships - FAQ's

Australian Apprenticeships (often referred to as Apprenticeships or Traineeships) are a great way to earn an income while learning new skills. They are available to anyone of working age (15-64 years) enabling you to combine work with study and are available in over 500 different occupations. As an Australian Apprentice you can:

- Earn an income while you study
- Gain hands-on work experience
- Get a nationally recognised qualification that is held in high regard in many overseas countries
- Be debt free (no HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP debt).

You can even begin your Australian Apprenticeship while you're still at school, through an [Australian School-based Apprenticeship](#). Click [here](#) for the answers to the following questions:

- How much does it pay?
- What kind of jobs do apprenticeships and traineeships cover?
- How long does an Australian Apprenticeship take?
- Need more information?
- Is there a guide to starting an apprenticeship?
- Is there a support network provider who can help?

Benefits of an apprenticeship pathway

In today's changing world of work, Australia needs a capable, skilled and adaptive workforce. According to The Good Universities Guide there are [five advantages](#) of apprenticeships and traineeships such as:

- You earn while you learn
- You can choose from a wide variety of interests
- Training is flexible
- You will receive a nationally recognised qualification
- You can start them at school

Post school options - Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships offer nationally recognised qualifications and pathways to over 500 occupations across Australia, from traditional trades to new and emerging occupations. You can explore the many options available by clicking on the links below:

- [Learn more about Apprenticeships](#)
 - Australian Apprenticeships offer a world of possibilities
 - Start an Apprenticeship at school
 - Skill shortage information
 - Government supported websites
 - Career stories
- [Australian Apprenticeships offer a world of opportunities](#)
 - Find an apprenticeship that suits you
 - Improve your chances

Queensland Government apprenticeship assistance

The Queensland Government offers support to encourage employers to take on more apprentices. Read more about [apprenticeship training](#) and [financial help](#) that may be available if you are thinking about starting an apprenticeship.



Upcoming Australian Defence Force information sessions

For details about the following events and more information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the Defence Jobs Australia Facebook [site](#). or visit the ADF's Upcoming Events [page](#).

04/11/2024 [Engineering Careers Information Session](#)

07/11/2024 [Redcliffe Defence Careers Information Session](#)

12/11/2024 [Greenbank A Night in the Army Reserve](#)

[Brisbane Submariner Careers Information Session](#)

Career Exploration



Busting career myths

Success looks different for everyone. Your Career has put together a video about common career myths to help you focus on what's right for you. Click [here](#) and scroll down to watch the video.

Career Quiz from Skillsroad

The Skillsroad Career Quiz could help you figure out how to turn your passion/interest into an actual career. The quiz can help you find a career pathway that matches your natural skills and passions. Click [here](#) to do the quiz.

Career exploration

myfuture is a great website to find information to assist you in doing some quality career research especially now as key decisions need to be made for senior schooling or life after school. On the myfuture [website](#), you can find information about:

- My career profile - Complete activities to identify interests, values and skills and view suggested occupations to explore career pathways.
- Occupations - Explore over 350 occupations describing tasks, skill levels and current labour market information.
- Industries - Access important information (including employment prospects) for each industry.
- Career articles - Discover practical information to support your career exploration.
- Courses - Discover a course for you by viewing current higher education and vocational education and training (VET) courses.
- Career bullseyes - Find out what career pathways are related to school subjects that you like.
- Career stories - Learn tips and tricks by reading real-life career stories about personal experiences.
- Job Seeker resources - Discover resume and cover letter templates and other resources to help you find and gain 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.

You have to sign up to the site, but it is free and they only ask for an email address and your postcode.

Explore your Career

If you are wanting to see what jobs may be right for you, then try Your Career's career test. Click [here](#) to start the quiz where you will be able to see if you like:

- Being creative
- Leading and guiding
- Solving problems
- Working outdoors
- Working with data and details
- Working with your hands
- Working with people

No real plan for next year yet?

It is a hectic time of the year for Year 12, but it is best to finish school with a plan for 2025 - you can always change it. To get some ideas as to where to start your research, you can complete the activities in *My career profile* on the myfuture website to help identify your interests, skills and more, then explore your results, including suggested occupations, employment prospects and training pathways. [Log in to My career profile](#). Registering is free and means that you can log back in and keep working on your profile, at a later date.

Parents and guardians guide

Is your young person a school leaver and not sure what to do next? Your Career's Parents and guardians guide summarises the resources and information available to help you explore all the education, training and work options available to your young person. It can also help you start a conversation on what's next with their career. Click [here](#) to find out more including:

- [Parents and guardians guide](#)
- [Information in other languages](#)
- [Information for School Leavers](#)
- [Leaving school and not sure what is next?](#)

School to Work Pathways

Discover how myfuture can help you to explore career pathways and make career decisions. Click [here](#) to access infographics that will help you find career/work pathways that support your job interests.

Values can help career decision making

Our 'values' shape the career choices we make, but what exactly are values and how can you identify the values that are important to you and that will positively impact your career? Below are some values that may influence your career choices. Ask yourself, which of the following values are important to you and are there any you want to add:

- **Adventurous:** To be adventurous; to actively seek, create, or explore novel or stimulating experiences
- **Assertiveness:** To respectfully stand up for my rights and request what I want
- **Authenticness:** To be authentic, genuine, real, be true to myself
- **Caring:** To be caring towards myself, others, the environment
- **Challenging:** To keep challenging myself to grow, learn, improve
- **Cooperative:** To be cooperative and collaborative with others
- **Creativeness:** To be creative or innovative
- **Curiousness:** To be curious, open-minded and interested; to explore and discover
- **Fairness:** To be fair to myself and others
- **Humourous:** To see and appreciate the funny side of life
- **Independence:** To be self-supportive, and choose my own way of doing things
- **Open-mindedness:** To see things through/from other's points of view, and weigh evidence fairly
- **Power:** To strongly influence or wield authority over others, e.g. taking charge, leading, organising
- **Respectfulness:** To be respectful towards myself or others; to be polite and show positive regard for others
- **Self-development:** To keep growing, advancing or improving in knowledge, skills, character, or life experience
- **Supportiveness:** To be supportive, helpful, encouraging and available to myself or others
- **Trustfulness:** To be trustworthy; to be loyal, faithful, sincere and reliable



Competitions

2025 St Kilda Film Festival

The St Kilda Film Festival supports the Australian film industry by showcasing its best short films in a tightly curated program that includes more than 100 'in competition' works. These films, made by emerging and accomplished industry professionals, are 'in with a chance' to share in a massive prize pool; and as an Academy Awards qualifying event, award-winning films from the Festival are also eligible for consideration in the Short Film Awards and Documentary Short sections of the Oscars®. Submissions for 'Under the Radar' (St Kilda Film Festival's youth competition for filmmakers under the age of 21) can be entered [here](#). Click [here](#) for more information and competition rules. Early bird submissions close on 31 December 2024 with final submissions due 31 January.

FLICKERFEST 2025 FlickerUp Competition reminder

FLICKERFEST, Australia's premier international short film festival, will be held at Sydney's famous Bondi Beach in January 2025. The Festival in 2025 will celebrate 34 years of screening the best short films from Australia and around the world in competitions and special showcases. FlickerUp submissions deadline is Wednesday 20 November 2024. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details.

UQ Science and Engineering Challenge

The Science and Engineering Challenge is run in partnership between The University of Queensland and The University of Newcastle. It is designed for Year 9 and 10 students to foster their interest in STEM. The Challenge involves a full day of practical activities where students put their best problem-solving minds to:

- designing efficient codes to send secret messages along fibre optic rods using pulses of coloured light.
- building a strong model bridge that can support a trolley carrying 'gold' ingots from one side of a test rig to the other, and much more!

If you are interested speak to your Science teacher or Guidance Officer/School counsellor. Click [here](#) for more information. The competition will be run between 5 and 7 February 2025.



Are you a Year 12 student or leaving school?

Leaving school is a big step. When a participant is leaving school, they might need help to build their skills and be ready for work. NDIS has valuable information on their [website](#) to support you to make a smooth transition from school into adult life and employment. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- At school and thinking about work?
- Are you a Year 12 student or leaving school?
 - Wanting to get your first job?
 - Thinking about further study or training after school?
 - Not yet working but want to work?
 - Volunteering
 - Planning for work
- Finding employment service providers
- NDIS employment assistance and other employment programs

Click [here](#) to find out more.

Help Employment and Training

Help Employment and Training is a disability employment service that provides tailored employment and training solutions to job seekers, students and employers across South East Queensland. Whether it's finding meaningful employment, growing your business or developing and learning new skills, they believe employment changes people's lives. Find out more information including finding an employer [here](#).

Ostara Australia

Ostara Australia is a national not-for-profit organisation that works closely with the Australian Government, member services, communities and employers to provide employment services for those job seekers who are the most disadvantaged in Australia. They work with employers to remove these barriers to meaningful employment. Visit their [website](#) to find out more about:

- developing job readiness
- Upskilling
- Gaining employment
- Support at work



Computer Skills for your resume

Many people interact with computers in their careers. Promoting computer skills on your resume can help you show an employer that you're a capable person who can complete tasks with computers efficiently. Developing these skills can help you advance in your career. An article from the Indeed Editorial Team explains what computer skills for a resume are, provides examples of these skills and explains how to develop, use and promote them. Click [here](#) to read their article.

How to Apply for an Entry-Level Job

No experience? No worries. Recruiter Deccie shared with SkillsRoad.com.au what experience actually matters when applying for an entry-level job! This one will surprise you as it might not be exactly what you're thinking. Click [here](#) to watch a short video which will give you some great hints and tips!

How to read an online job advertisement

An accurate reading and understanding of an online job advertisement is essential for preparing your job application. An online jobs site may have a short advertisement to attract your attention, with a link to a longer advertisement. The longer advertisement may still not provide all the information you need, particularly for public sector jobs. [Following](#) are ten critical details to note when reading an online job advertisement including:

1. Name of organisation
2. Sub-unit and location
3. Job type and status
4. Salary
5. Duties and accountabilities
6. Selection criteria
7. How to apply
8. Eligibility
9. Position/inquiries contact
10. Submitting an application and closing date

How to write a resume

Youth Central has provided a resume template to help you put together your first resume. A one-page resume is more than acceptable when you're just starting out in the world of work. You may end up with two pages but if your resume ends up being three pages long, you're probably providing too much information. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- The purpose of a resume
- How long should my resume be?
- How should I order my resume?
- Do I need to change my resume for each application?
- What your resume should include
- What NOT to put on your resume
- Reviewing your resume
- Resume templates

Jobs seekers resources

If you are looking for work during secondary school or beyond and/or considering an apprenticeship, then you can learn how to find opportunities, produce quality applications, prepare for job interviews and more from the myfuture's [job seeker resources, tips and templates](#).

Jobs you can get with an environmental science degree

A [degree in environmental science](#) opens doors to many important, exciting, and rewarding environmental science careers from protecting native wildlife, analysing chemicals or mapping environmental features to assisting in sustaining our natural environments for longer. Check out the following jobs in the environment industry:

- [Conservation officer](#)
- [Toxicology consultant](#)
- [Water quality specialist](#)
- [GIS analyst](#)

Occupational Shortage List

Discover which occupations are in short supply and if the shortages are confined to metropolitan areas or regional areas. You can explore at the Unit group level and discover 'Occupation Shortage Drivers' (OSD). They are used to identify the primary cause or 'driver' of occupations shortages. For more information including FAQs, visit the [Occupation Shortage Analysis](#).

Want a job in a sport but not a sportsperson?

Working in the AFL or any other sport for that matter, doesn't just mean being a player or a coach. There are hundreds of roles behind the scenes that impact game days. These include Advertising Account Executive, Administrative Assistant, Dietitian, Medical Practitioner, Chef, IT Manager/Computer Engineer, Marketing Officer, Statistician, Physiotherapist, Podiatrist, Events Manager/Coordinator and Journalist. Read the article [Behind the scenes at the AFL](#) on the Good Universities Guide website to learn more about these jobs and how they relate to the AFL and other professional codes.

Work Trials - Insights from employers

Employers use work trials to decide whether someone has the skills to do the job and whether they will fit in with the team. Click [here](#) for some insights from employers on what they look for during a work trial, including tips on preparing for one:

- What should I expect during a work trial?
- What do employers look for during work trials?
- How can I use this information?
- Tips for preparing for a work trial
- More resources to help you

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



ACU Scholarships and fee information

Studying is a big financial commitment. Discover how to understand your university fees, work out if you're eligible for scholarships or financial assistance, and learn what other expenses you may have to pay. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Domestic student fees
- International student fees
- Other fees and costs
- Scholarships
 - Find a scholarship
 - International scholarships
- Finance your studies
- Payments and refunds

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Uni Scholarship for rural and regional students

2025 applications for scholarships open on 2 December 2024 and successful recipients will be notified early in 2025. What you need to know:

- This Scholarship is for students living in rural and regional Australia.
- Any subject can be studied under this scholarship provided that it is at undergraduate bachelor's degree level in an approved Australian course.
- You must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- Only first-time, first year university students wishing to study full-time in 2025 can apply.
- You can demonstrate your passion and desire to supporting rural communities both now and into the future.
- You can demonstrate community involvement

[Click here](#) to find more information including a 'Fast Facts' section.

Griffith University Adam Scott Foundation Sports Business Scholarship

The Adam Scott Foundation Business Scholarship is for students who have overcome adversities in their life, are passionate about business and may also have an interest in sport.

The scholarship is for payment of the student contribution charges (CSP/HECS).

Applicants must apply and gain entry to one of the following Griffith courses in 2024:

- B Business
- B International Tourism and Hotel Management
- B Sport Development
- B Business/B Government and International Relations
- B International Tourism and Hotel Management/B Business
- B of Advanced Business (Honours)

Visit the [website](#) for more information. Applications close on 28 January 2025.

Last chance: UQ's LEAD Scholarship

The LEAD Scholarship supports aspiring UQ Law students who have experienced educational, social and/or financial disadvantage. The [UQ Leadership, Excellence and Diversity \(LEAD\) Scholarship](#) is closing soon. With 10 scholarships available in 2025. Simply finish your final application by Sunday 3 November, including your QTAC application, personal statement and [online LEAD application form](#). If you have any extenuating circumstances preventing you from completing your application, please call us on 3443 1354 or [email us](#) as soon as possible. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

QUT Adrian Scott Rural Journalism Scholarship

The [Adrian Scott Rural Journalism Scholarship](#) supports a student from a regional, rural or remote location to study in a Bachelor of Communication at QUT. This scholarship offers financial assistance to relocate. It is valued at \$8,000 for two years, paid in four instalments to help with your study. Applications open on 1 November and close 28 February 2025. Visit the QUT [website](#) to find out more.

QUT Scholarship info

Whether you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, you're a budding entrepreneur, are facing financial hardship or you come from a rural or regional area and/or you have outstanding academic, sport and esports, creative or STEM achievements, there may be a scholarship for you. There are even scholarships for specific study areas.

Click [here](#) to read more about:

- No application required
- Other scholarships for school leavers
- Discover the right scholarship for you
- Prepare a great application
- Research scholarships

The QUT Dalwood-Wylie Foundation Scholarship now open

The Dalwood-Wylie Foundation Scholarship assists students from regional and remote areas requiring financial support to study acting or drama at QUT. You will receive a \$5,000 payment to support your transition to university to be used towards relocation, accommodation or education expenses. Applications close 28 February 2025. Visit the QUT [website](#) to find out more.

Torrens University faculty scholarships

Are you planning to study Business and Technology, Creative Technology, Design, Education, Health or Hospitality, or study at the Blue Mountains International Hotel School? Torrens University may have a 2025 scholarship for you. If you're motivated, future-focused and keen to fast-track your career, you are encouraged to apply for one of their [scholarships](#). Successful students get up to 20% off their course fees and access to a range of exclusive opportunities.

UQ Kathy Hirschfeld AM Scholarship Endowment for Women in Engineering

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage and support first year female students who are currently experiencing financial barriers to undertake studies in engineering at The University of Queensland. The award is valued at \$4,500 for one year. See the [website](#) for details. Applications close on 9 March 2025.

UQ key scholarships

Here are a few key scholarships that are currently open and accepting applications. All information about scholarships can be found on UQ's Scholarships [website](#).

2024 Academic Scholarships

Applications close 25 November 2024. Click [here](#) for more information.

Schools of Business and Economics Indigenous Student Scholarship

Indigenous students in Economics. Click [here](#) for more information. Schools of Business and Economics Indigenous Student Scholarship

Calboonya Legacy Information Technology and Computer Science Scholarship

For students experiencing financial hardship and enrolled in:

- Bachelor of Computer Science
- Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science (Computer Science Major)
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Computer Science Major)
- any dual program including the above programs.

Applications close 09 March 2025. Click [here](#) for more information.

UniSQ Academic Excellence scholarships

The [USQ Academic Excellence Scholarships](#) are automatically awarded to eligible Year 12 Students who put USQ as #1 on their QTAC application for 2024 and achieve the required ATAR. You do not have to put in an application.

UniSQ Residential College Scholarships

Residential College Scholarships are for those looking to live on campus. Each scholarship is for a maximum of one year (3 study periods) and is paid as a reduction in accommodation fees at the [UniSQ Residential Colleges](#), Toowoomba campus. Scholarships to be paid as a reduction in Residential College fees. Applications close on 27 January 2025 - click [here](#) for more information.

First Nations Peoples



Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarship

If you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and are studying or intend to study an undergraduate or postgraduate teacher qualification, the Queensland Government's Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarship might be right for you. The scholarships are valued at up to \$40,000 and the opportunity to secure permanent employment as a teacher in a Queensland state school after graduation. You must complete Year 12 this year and be commencing or continuing an undergraduate Initial Teacher Education (ITE) program, such as a Bachelor of Education, in the first semester of the year after you graduated Year 12. Applications close on Friday 13 December 2024. See the [website](#) for details.

QUT Laurie Cowled Indigenous Scholarship for Business Students

You'll receive \$7,500 over one year, paid in two semester instalments. Half of each instalment will be paid towards your fees, and half will be paid into your nominated bank account, post-census. You must be:

- a female Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- commencing or continuing your business studies at QUT in 2025
- studying a Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Business - International, Master of Business, or a double degree that includes a Bachelor of Business component
- enrolled full-time or part-time.

School-leavers and TAFE graduates are encouraged to apply. Click [here](#) for more information and applications close on 23 March 2025.

SAE University College's First Nations Scholarship application closing date extended

SAE's Creative First Nations Scholarship celebrates Indigenous students commencing a full-time Bachelor's degree in Trimester 1, 2025. The scholarship covers the full tuition costs of successful applicants. Applications close on 11 November 2024 - click [here](#) for more information



Gap Year Program News

Gap year may be an option

Taking a gap year after school is becoming more popular in Australia and abroad. It's not difficult to see why as employers are on the lookout for well-rounded candidates with 'work ready' skills. Also, many universities and TAFEs are accepting student deferrals for a gap year. Some openly support their many benefits to students. Click [here](#) to find out more about Gap years: making them work for you including:

- Volunteer at home
- Travel
- Upskill and get fit while you're at it
- Time out
- Work in any capacity



Compare US colleges and universities

When researching US colleges and universities, you can open an account on the [College Board website](#) to save all your college planning activities. The website has a [Compare Colleges page](#) where you can compare up to three colleges. It can help you organise your research.

QUT International student information

Finishing high school and starting university is a once in a lifetime experience. If you're an international student finishing year 12 in Australia, click [here](#) to find out how QUT can assist you by providing information about:

- Scholarships
- Adjustment schemes
- ATAR requirements
- Changing your preferences
- Double degrees
- Global opportunities
- Student life
- Workplace experience

World University Rankings 2025

Discover the top universities worldwide with the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025*. This year, we have ranked more than 2,000 institutions from 115 countries and territories.

University rankings 2025: key insights

- **Oxford** holds on to the top spot for the ninth consecutive year, bolstered by significant improvements in industry engagement and teaching
- **MIT** rises to second place, overtaking Stanford, which drops to sixth
- **China** edges closer to the top 10, further boosting its global research influence
- **Australia's** top five universities all slip down the rankings, due to declining reputation and international outlook
- **Three new countries** join the top 200 - Brazil, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates - highlighting the rise of emerging markets in higher education

Click [here](#) to explore the table and discover the full rankings and how universities around the world are performing this year.

Private Provider Updates



AMC Training and Consulting: Cert III in Individual Support

[AMC Training and Consulting](#) delivers courses for those interested in entering the Caring industry. The courses they offer are:

- [CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support](#) - Specialising in Ageing
- [CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support](#) – Specialising in Disability

Jaz Music Institute (JMI) 2025 courses and audition information

Entry into JMI's accredited courses is through a successful audition. Click [here](#) and complete the JMI audition application form. Only **domestic students** should apply this way and if you are an international student, visit their [International Students](#) page for information on how to apply. Once you have submitted your application form, JMI will contact you directly to arrange a time for your audition. There is a \$30 audition fee payable at the time of your audition. Before completing the form, make sure you have looked at the [audition requirements](#) for the course/s you are applying for. If you have any queries regarding these audition requirements, please [contact JMI for an information session](#).

Jaz Music Institute (JMI) Brisbane Summer Jazz Clinic

This is a four-day jazz performance clinic designed for musicians of all ages and abilities. The clinics are delivered in a fun and friendly environment and are ideal for beginner, intermediate and advanced jazz players. It will be held from 13 – 16 January 2025. Find out more [here](#).

Qld School of Film and Television 2025 High School Program

Applications are now open for QSFT's [Certificate III in Screen and Media](#) in 2025. This is a twelve-month program for high school students, with students attending one class per week. It will give you the opportunity to complete a nationally recognised qualification that provides the fundamental skills necessary to work in the film and television industry. Scholarships may be available. For more information visit the website link above and speak to your Guidance Officer or VET Coordinator.

SAE University College's Music degree

The music industry of today demands professionals who have a unique blend of creativity, adaptability and business acumen. SAE's new Bachelor of Music degree has been designed to support aspiring musicians and music creators with the modern skills to not only survive but excel in the ever-evolving music landscape. Hear from SAE's Music Course Leader, David Turner who has dived deeper into the degree and its transformative potential to support students' future careers in music. Click [here](#) to find out more.



Assistance schemes and Adjustment Factors

The following are the various assistance schemes that can be applied for through QTAC. It is wise to read about each scheme to see if you are eligible to apply. They all have different advantages and you may need to apply for some schemes prior to you receiving an offer. There are several government, institution and private schemes that can provide financial assistance to students:

- [Educational Access Scheme](#) (scroll down)
- [Financial assistance](#) (scroll down)

Each institution has its own student assistance schemes so it's best to access this information through individual participating University [websites](#). Click [here](#) (scroll down) for information about the assistance schemes found on the QTAC website including:

- Special admission schemes
- Year 12 subject scheme
- Access and equity schemes
- Rural Access Scheme
- Regional preference schemes
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander schemes
- Elite Athlete and Performer Scheme
- Other special admission schemes

Avoid relying on online ATAR calculators

Some Year 10 and 12 students are using ATAR calculators found online to help them choose either their senior subjects or tertiary pathway for 2025. You should avoid using these calculators because they cannot accurately predict a Queensland student's ATAR or how Queensland Senior subjects will scale. No one (including QTAC and university experts) are able to produce a calculator that can accurately predict Queensland ATARs to be awarded from 2025. As always, it is recommended that you choose subjects and undergraduate degrees based on what:

- you enjoy
- you think you will achieve well in
- subject prerequisites for tertiary courses Year 10 students need for tertiary courses after leaving school

You can read about QTAC subject scaling on the QTAC [website](#) and subject scaling outcomes for students completing Year 12 in 2023.

Contacting QTAC

If you have any questions or need some assistance from QTAC you can call them on 1300 467 822. Their phone lines are open from 8.45am to 4.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9am to 4.30pm Wednesday.

Do you have all your QTAC documents and numbers in a safe place?

Including:

- Your *2025 Year 12 Guide*
- A copy of your QTAC preferences
- Your QTAC password
- Your QTAC reference number
- Your LUI, Learning Account password and USI.

If you are going on holidays over Christmas, especially overseas, you should take these with you.

QTAC FAQs

Q Will I get an offer for all the courses I applied for through QTAC?

A No. You will only receive one offer for your highest eligible course that you are competitive for. Therefore, it is essential to order your courses according to your preference, putting the course you most want first and having a 'safety net' course as your 6th option.

Q Will I get a letter in the mail from QTAC with my offer?

A No. If you have an offer, QTAC will notify you by email or SMS. You need to log on to your application on the QTAC website for details of your offer and to respond to your offer. Because there are numerous offer-round dates (see [Course offer dates](#)), you must check your emails regularly (including your Junk folder).

Q Is there anything I can do if I don't respond to an offer by the due date?

A Yes. Contact QTAC immediately. QTAC may be able to reinstate your offer.

Q What happens after I have accepted an offer of a course place?

A You enrol at your institution by the due date. Most institutions will have an 'Enrol here' link on the QTAC website. If there's no enrolment link, your university will contact you directly.

Q I have applied for courses that start in Semester One and Semester Two 2025 on my QTAC application. Is this OK?

A Yes, if the Semester One courses are listed before the Semester Two courses. However, a better strategy is to put only Semester One courses on your application in the first instance. After the major offer-

round for Semester One courses in January 2025 (see page 19 in the QTAC book), you can put Semester Two courses on your application if you have not received your preferred offer.

Q What should I do if I don't get an offer?

A First check your application on the QTAC website. You may be ineligible for the courses you applied for. This will be indicated on the Preferences page of your application beside each course preference. Reasons for not receiving an offer may include:

- Quota restrictions (that is, your ATAR/rank did not meet the minimum threshold)
- Failure to satisfy minimum entry requirements (prerequisite subjects, audition, etc.)
- Failure to pay QTAC processing/application fee
- Preferencing your courses incorrectly (e.g. putting semester two courses before semester one courses; not including a 'good' pathways option for your 5th and 6th preferences)
- Applying after the due date for the offer-round
- Not submitting required documents
- Not responding to an earlier offer.

If you don't get an offer and none of the above points apply, contact QTAC immediately.

Q What do I have to do when I receive an offer?

A You must respond to QTAC by the due date. You usually have four days to respond. If you don't respond by the due date, your offer will lapse and your application will become inactive. When you respond to your offer, you have two main options:

- Make an outright acceptance, deferment or rejection OR
- Conditionally accept your offer so you can be considered for higher preferences in future offer rounds. If you choose this option, you must go back into your QTAC application and put your preferences back into your application.

See more information about responding on the Application Services [page](#) on the QTAC website.

If you were ineligible for the courses you applied for, you can change your course preferences for consideration in any subsequent offer-round if further offers are made. QTAC usually publishes remaining course vacancies on its website after a major offer-round. You can also contact QTAC by phone, email or Facebook for advice.

Release of Year 12 results and ATARs

Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority (QCAA) will release students' final subject results and Senior Education Profiles on their [myQCE website](#) on Wednesday, 11 December 2024. QTAC will release students' ATARs via the [ATAR Portal](#) on 13 December 2024. You need to register for the Student Portal and ATAR Portal to find out your results.

Tertiary application reminders

Have you put important dates in your phone or diary? Including:

- Scholarship application due dates (see the scholarship page on the institution websites)
- QTAC offer-round dates (check the [Course Offer Dates](#) on the QTAC website)
- When Year 12 results are uploaded to your Student Portal account so you can access them through your [myQCE Student Portal](#)
- When QTAC will be emailing you or you can log into your QTAC ATAR account to find out your ATAR
- The last date you can change preferences for the offer rounds on 15 November, 23 December 2024 and 16 January 2025 (see [Key Dates and Fees](#) on the QTAC website or Page 19 in your QTAC book).
- Date that you must have submitted any required documentation for each offer round (Page 19 in your QTAC book)



QCE Achievement Awards certificates go online

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) will issue Queensland Certificate of Education, Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement and Achievement Awards Commendation Certificates electronically via student learning accounts. Eligible students will be able to download their certificate on Wednesday 11 December.

- Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement - for students who undertook an Individualised Learning Program (QCIA)
- Queensland Certificate of Education - for students who meet identified learning outcomes (QCE)
- Certificate of Academic Commendation — for students who achieve an A in six or more General and/or General (Extension) subjects.
- Subject Achievement Commendation — for students who achieve the highest result in at least one General or General (Extension) subject.

Students can access their learning account in the Student Portal, via the [myQCE website](#).

Study Skills and Wellbeing



A suggestion as to what to do if you get a mind blank in an exam

Art of Smart has an article which outlines some strategies that may suit you if you get a memory blank during exams. They say that it happens to the best of us! That's why in the video, Rowan will show you how to deal with a mind blank in an exam so that you can come back into focus and maximise your marks anyway. Click [here](#) to read about the steps including (only use these if they assist you):

- Step 1: Acceptance
- Step 2: Meditation
- Step 3: Hydration
- Step 4: Self-Talk
- Step 5: Self-Confirmation
- Step 6: Have a Plan!

De-stress with Mental Stillness

This is the time of the year when our stress levels soar. Unfortunately, stress not only affects mental and physical health but can also impact on exam performance. To help us manage our stress, Generation Next and Sydney University's Department of Psychiatry have developed a free, easy-to-use app. The Mental Stillness App provides simple guided-meditation sequences on video that can be used on demand. It can be downloaded for [iPhones/iPads](#) and there are similar apps on Android devices.

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) external assessment support

QCAA are developing a suite of short videos featuring Dr Judith Locke, Clinical Psychologist to help you overcome common issues relating to study and exams. The first video, about maintaining a balanced life while studying, is available on the [myQCE website](#) and more will be added soon. You can find additional resources, including the 2024 External assessment guide, on the [myQCE website](#).

Study skill resources

UQ's Student Services Learning [website](#) has online guides and workshops to help you with all aspects of study. While these are provided for UQ students, most of them are equally useful for Years 11 and 12 students including general study skills, exam tips, assignment writing and workshops.

Adult Tertiary Preparation Course

If you don't think you will gain entry to your preferred tertiary course or you need to meet subject prerequisites, consider completing the Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation. You can learn about this course by visiting the TAFE [website](#).

TAFE Queensland offers more than trade courses

See where TAFE can take you by getting the qualifications that you need. TAFE offer a wide range of qualifications from Certificates to Diplomas, to Degrees, to trade qualifications all across many different industry areas. Click [here](#) to read more about the different pathways that TAFE offer.

Unilearn Ready Program

The Unilearn Ready Program can help you get a Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) Selection Rank or complete your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Completing three subjects in 30 weeks, this full-time program is delivered entirely online, allowing you to study at a time and place that suits you. You will need to complete the compulsory core subject Academic Literacy Skills and choose two of the following elective subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Introduction to Economics, Introduction to Mathematics, Senior Mathematics, Senior English or Physics. You can watch this [short video](#) to learn more about the Unilearn Ready Program. Click [here](#) to find out more about the program and how to apply.

Alternative pathways to Uni

If you are wanting to go to Uni but don't have a tertiary rank to get you there, then click [here](#) to read about some alternative pathways to higher education. You can find out about eight pathways you may not have thought about. The article from myfuture discusses:

1. Enabling courses
2. Enabling outreach courses
3. Bridging courses
4. Special Tertiary Admissions Test
5. Vocational education and training (VET) and TAFE pathways
6. Credit for recognised learning (CRL)
7. Portfolio entry
8. VET in schools

How to decide whether to defer your course

Deferring was once sternly frowned upon. There was a fear that once you had a taste of freedom, studying would be on the backburner. Perceptions have changed significantly. It's now considered by many as a well-earned break from study and a chance to learn, grow and be better prepared for the opportunities and challenges of adulthood. With graduate employers on the lookout for well-rounded people with 'work ready' skills, it's clear why taking a gap year after school is gaining popularity. Click [here](#) for some pointers to help you think through this option.

Australian Catholic University

Don't have the prerequisites for primary teaching?

The Diploma of Educational Studies is a great pathway if you do not meet the prerequisites (English or Maths) for entry into an education course. You can complete the Diploma in one year and request a transfer

into the desired initial Education course and receive full credit (apart from the unit/s that you did not have as a prerequisite/s). You can read more [here](#) about the units you would study. This is a direct application to ACU, which means you do not list it as a QTAC preference. Contact ACU for more information.

Entry schemes/Adjustment factors

These schemes can help you improve your chances of gaining entry to ACU courses through the allocation of adjustment factors. You can be allocated a maximum of 12 adjustment factors. You don't have to submit an application for most entry schemes however, some require a direct application to ACU. Read the information carefully to be sure you meet all entry requirements and application processes. The available [Adjustment factor categories schemes](#) are:

- Year 12 ACU subject program (max 5 points)
- Elite Athlete and Performers Program (EAPP) (depends on level of competition)
- School relationship program (max 5 points)
- Campus program (max 5 points)
- Campus program (max 5 points)
- Regional Schools Program (max 5 points)
- State access and equity schemes (apply through QTAC)

You are required to apply for the following entry schemes:

- [QTAC's Educational Access Scheme](#)
- [ACU's Elite Athlete and Performers Program](#)

Talk with Industry

You can go online and hear from ANU alumni about their professional experiences after completing their studies at ACU. Click [here](#) to listen to videos from the following study areas:

- Arts, Education and Teaching
- Business, IT, Law and Human Rights
- Health Sciences
- General Sessions

Central Queensland University

CQUniversity online chat session

If you are thinking about starting a TAFE or university qualification and have a few questions or would like to talk through your study options, join the CQU [on line chat session](#) from 3 – 6 pm on 21 November 2024. Get to know CQUniversity a little better whether it's in relation to your course of interest, student support services or anything else to do with studying at CQU.

Christian Heritage College

Applications for the Christian Heritage College LAUNCH program

CHC is a Christian college of higher education. It offers degree courses in Business, Education and Humanities, Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Ministries. It is located at Carindale, Brisbane. The LAUNCH program provides secondary students with an opportunity to get a head start by studying up to three CHC subjects in Semester Two of Year 11 and/or Semester One of Year 12 (one unit per semester). Successful completion of a CHC subject may provide automatic admission to a degree course at CHC on completion of Year 12. Applications for 2025 Semester One are now open. Click [here](#) for more information as 2025 information is published on their website.

Griffith University

Live Griffith Options chat

Get personalised advice from the day your Year 12 results are released. Whether your ATAR isn't quite what you'd hoped for or you've had a change of heart since submitting your university application, the live chats will help you understand your study options and find you a suitable study pathway. The live chats will be held between Friday 13 December and Tuesday 24 December. Click [here](#) to find out more and to book a time.

One on One Q&A session

You can book a 30-minute Q&A session to explore your study options, receive personalised application support and get advice on a range of support services available at Griffith. Video call or telephone appointments are available. Click [here](#) for more information and booking details.

Sports College applications

If you are competing at a state, national or international level you might be eligible to join the Griffith Sports College. Griffith Sports College supports you by helping you to devote time to training and competition while you complete your tertiary studies at Griffith University. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

Study Griffith's Diploma of Languages part-time with any bachelor degree

Communicating in other languages can be beneficial in almost any career. With Griffith University's Diploma of Languages, you can continue learning a language taken at school or start a new language as a beginner while also studying a degree in another area. You can specialise in one of the following languages:

- Chinese
- Italian
- Japanese
- Spanish

The Diploma is taken part-time on top of your usual studies and completed in two years. Find out more [here](#).

Undergraduate Diploma pathways to Griffith Uni

Griffith University's undergraduate diplomas give you a supported start to your university studies, providing you with a practical pathway to achieving a full bachelor's degree. Click [here](#) for more information and a list of Diplomas and pathways that they offer.

Queensland University of Technology

Deferring your QUT QTAC offer

For many QUT undergraduate courses, you can choose to take a year off before you start university by deferring your QTAC offer. You may be able to defer your offer if you've applied through QTAC and have been offered a place in one of our undergraduate courses. Check your course information to find out if deferring is an option for your course. Click [here](#) for more information on:

- International students
- Can I defer my offer?
- How do I defer my offer?
- Late requests for deferment
- When will I know if my deferment is approved?
- Deferment timelines
- How long can I defer for?
- Starting your course after deferment
- I deleted or can't find my offer

How to look after yourself at uni

Adjusting to life at uni can be challenging for everyone. You may be anxious about managing your workload or meeting new people or simply unsure about the different study modes and student support services you can utilise. QUT have put together some tips to help you navigate a variety of challenges. Check out the tips [here](#).

Major in Urban Planning

QUT has a strong focus on sustainability and innovation. Students gain work experience solving real-world problems with their government, development and community partners. QUT also has exclusive

opportunities for overseas exchange and European summer schools to learn international planning. Learn more about QUT's Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) (Urban and Regional Planning) [here](#).

More at QUT

Student stories:

- [Lewis powers his way to podium at Paris Paralympics](#)
- [Briana's music career gets real](#)
- [Clea scales the globe for northern summer of sport climbing.](#)

Moving to Brisbane

[QUT - Make your move to Brisbane](#)

QUT course changes

- **Dance:** Entry to the Bachelor of Creative Arts (Dance) and associated double degrees is paused for 2025. This will enable the Faculty to undertake an in-depth review of the dance program in 2025 in consideration of future course offerings. If you have selected this course as one of your preferences on your QTAC application, you will receive an email with this advice. QUT encourage you to explore other [Bachelor of Creative Arts](#) majors.
- **Contemporary art:** The Bachelor of Creative Arts (Contemporary Art) will be changed to Bachelor of Creative Arts (Visual Arts). This is a title change only and will not affect course content, structure or study plans.
- **Communication/Data science:** The double degree with the [Bachelor of Communication](#) and [Bachelor of Data Science](#) has been discontinued. You are encouraged to explore either of the single degrees or other [double degree options](#) with these degrees.
- **Communication/Public Health:** The double degree with the [Bachelor of Communication](#) and [Bachelor of Public Health](#) has been discontinued. You are encouraged to explore either of the single degrees, or other [double degree options](#) with these degrees.

QUT's Design Festival

See tomorrow's design leaders in action and attend QUT's Design showcases. If students are interested in studying a Bachelor of Design at QUT, they can view current student works and see what is possible. Our interaction design and visual communication exhibitions are being held on Wednesday 30 October, while our industrial design graduate showcase is being held on Wednesday 13 November. Find more details [here](#).

Real Decisions Webinar

On 13 December, Year 12 can join QUT's Real Decisions Webinar where you will get advice about pathways to your preferred course, ordering QTAC preferences, responding to offers and guaranteed entry once they know their ATAR. Click [here](#) to register and to find out more about the webinar including:

- Advice about admission pathways to your preferred course including QUT College diplomas
- Tips about ordering QTAC preferences and responding to offers
- Advice about guaranteed entry
- Information about study costs and support services
- Advice from a current QUT student about their uni experience and why they chose QUT.

Student support

Your wellbeing and your ability to succeed in university studies can be heavily impacted by current social issues such as the increased cost of living, accommodation availability and mental health challenges. To support students to thrive, QUT offer a range of services including:

- counselling services with immediate, flexible and accessible appointments
- financial support in the form of scholarships, student loans for study and living costs, emergency bursaries and food vouchers
- disability and accessibility services that develop individual plans unique to the students' study environments and requirements.

Click [here](#) to read more about their student support services.

Southern Cross University

Heading off to Southern Cross Uni next year?

Going to Uni is a great adventure with many new academic, social and personal experiences on offer. Remember, help is always at hand if you have any questions about your [courses](#), [campuses](#), [student support services](#), [accommodation](#), [financial assistance](#) and [university life](#). Year 12 students are welcome to join one of the [On campus or Virtual Information Sessions](#) held in December, or book a personalised [campus tour](#) and talk with the staff face-to-face. The [Future Students](#) team members are also available by phone and email to help you every step of the way.

The University of Queensland

2025 Provisional Entry Doctor of Medicine application update

The UQ Medical School would like to advise that invitations to interview for a place in Provisional Entry Doctor of Medicine program were released late October. You should review the advice and guidelines provided carefully and meet all deadlines. If you have not yet received an interview invitation, you should revisit your QTAC preferences, listing other courses that you would be interested in completing as a pathway to Medicine and/or different career pathway.

Guarantee your place at UQ in 2025

UQ offers Guaranteed ATAR entry thresholds across most programs in 2025. This means you may be able to secure an early position in a UQ program based on your ATAR. You'll be able to lock in your position for Semester 1, 2025, if you select a UQ program as your first QTAC preference and meet or exceed the guaranteed ATAR threshold. Some things worth noting:

- This guarantee will be assured for offers up to and including the main offer round in January 2025.
- It will also apply to eligible programs you've listed as lower preferences.
- Entry is always subject to you meeting English standards, prerequisites and any other entry requirements for your selected program.
- The guaranteed ATAR threshold includes adjustment factors (additional points added to your selection rank). UQ offers a range of admission schemes that can increase your selection rank based on special circumstances and subject choices.

Click [here](#) to learn more about adjustment factors. Click [here](#) to see the full list of degrees within this program including dual degrees.

Multiple mini-interviews (MMIs) preparation for entry in 2025 (current Year 11 students)

Multiple mini-interviews (MMIs) are used to assess your personal qualities to ensure your values align with UQ's mission and vision. They also assess other qualities, such as your:

- kindness and compassion
- integrity
- adaptability
- verbal communication skills.

To learn more about how applicants are selected for interview, visit [Submit your application](#) and select your entry type.

School Opportunity Scheme

UQ's School Opportunity Scheme can boost your ATAR by 2 or 4 selection ranks based on your school's Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) value. The adjustment aims to enhance the educational opportunities for all students. Click [here](#) to find out more including:

- Who is eligible
- Find your school's ICSEA value
- How to apply

UQ College Bridging Program to meet the following prerequisites - Mathematical Methods, Biology, Chemistry, Physics

UQ College is offering a four-week intensive course to meet prerequisite requirements for undergraduate programs at The University of Queensland. You can choose from Mathematical Methods, Biology, Chemistry

or Physics. Applications close on 11 November and classes start on 18 November. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

UQ Vet Science (Honours) applications close soon

If you want to apply to study, including change of preferences, for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours), you'll need to do so by 30 November 2024. [Click here](#) for more information.

University of Southern Queensland

Multidisciplinary Studies - Diploma of University Studies

UniSQ's Diploma of University Studies is open to everyone over the age of 18 years and is a pathway to a university degree program. An overview:

- You will receive a university award qualification upon completion and this program provides a quality foundation for tertiary study to set you up for university success
- The core courses are offered online which will enable you to balance work, life and family commitments
- You can choose one of eight specialisations, allowing you to sample a study area you are interested in.
- Once successfully completed you can graduate with a degree qualification or, provided you meet all the entry requirements, you can transfer directly into an undergraduate degree to reach your career goals

[Click here](#) for more information on the program and following Diplomas:

- Diploma of University Studies (Business and Commerce)
- Diploma of University Studies (Creative Arts)
- Diploma of University Studies (Indigenous Community Development)
- Diploma of University Studies (Social Studies)
- Diploma of University Studies (Construction)
- Diploma of University Studies (Engineering)
- Diploma of University Studies (Science)
- Diploma of University Studies (Spatial Science)

You don't have an ATAR but want to go to USQ?

If you are not sure what ATAR you will get or won't get an ATAR but want to go and study at UniSQ, their pathway programs may help you get into uni. You can fast-track your pathway with their Accelerated Entry Pathway Program by beginning your university studies in a preparatory program over Semester 3 to gain entry into a USQ degree in Semester 1 2025. This is a free program and click [here](#) for more information and application details or contact the university directly.

University of the Sunshine Coast

Worried your child won't get the ATAR they need?

For many High School students, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) represents their final score after 13 years of School. Whatever the outcome, a student's ATAR represents one pathway to university study. Waiting for the final ATAR score can be nerve wracking. Read the article, [Does my ATAR really matter?](#) from USC's Parent Lounge Updates about some suggestions about how you help your child navigate these times.

Upcoming Events



Date	Event
29/10/2024	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
29/10/2024	ADF: Cairns Army Reserve Information Session
29/10/2024	ADF: Toowoomba Gap Year Information Session
30/10/2024	ADF: Maroochydore Gap Year Information Session
30/10/2024	ADF: Townsville Gap Year Information Session
31/10/2024	2024 Real Futures Grant applications close
31/10/2024	ADF: Gold Coast Gap Year Information Session
31/10/2024	ADF: Indigenous Pathways Information Session
31/10/2024	Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) Scholarships and Bursaries
31/10/2024	Griffith Uni's Final date to submit supporting documentation for the ATAR/IB stream to make the 15 November offer round
31/10/2024	GU Early Offer documentation due in
31/10/2024	Queensland Mathematics Summer School
31/10/2024	QUT Early Offer supporting documentation closing date
31/10/2024	QUT Sem 1 START QUT applications close
31/10/2024	Real Futures Grant applications close
31/10/2024	START QUT applications for Summer and Semester 1 2025 close
31/10/2024	Start QUT STEM Intensive 2025 applications close
31/10/2024	UniSC Headstart Sem 1 2025 applications close
31/10/2024	UQ Sports Achievement Scholarships
31/10/2024	UQ's Queensland Mathematics Summer School applications close
04/11/2024	ADF: Engineering Careers Information Session
04/11/2024	ADF: Maroochydore Submariner Careers Information Session
04/11/2024	AFTRS Constellation Creatives Scholarship applications close

04/11/2024	Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) 2025 scholarships
04/11/2024	UniSQ Headstart summer semester applications close
05/11/2024	ADF: Cairns Defence Careers Information Session
05/11/2024	ADF: Mackay A Night in the Army Reserve
05/11/2024	ADF: Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session
05/11/2024	ADF: Townsville School to Service Information Session
06/11/2024	ADF: Gold Coast Submariner Careers Information Session
07/11/2024	ADF: Redcliffe Defence Careers Information Session
08/11/2024	QUT Early Offer confirmation emails sent out
11/11/2024	Griffith Uni's last date to change your preference to preferred degree for the 15 November offer round
11/11/2024	GU Early Offer last day to change preferences
11/11/2024	SAE's Creative First Nations Scholarship application closes
11/11/2024	UQ College Bridging Program - Mathematical Methods, Biology, Chemistry, Physics applications close
12/11/2024	QUT Early Offer final date for reordering QTAC preferences
15/11/2024	Griffith Uni's Early Offer third offer round
15/11/2024	QUT Early Offers released via QTAC
17/11/2024	Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) close
18/11/2024	CAS Hawker Scholarship applications open
18/11/2024	UQ College Bridging Program - Mathematical Methods, Biology, Chemistry, Physics Classes commence
19/11/2024	The many ingredients of employability: The Employability Capital Growth Model
20/11/2024	Flickerfest Australian Youth and School Competition 2025 close
20/11/2024	SAE FlickerUp youth short film competition entry closes
25/11/2024	UQ's late audition application closes for Bachelor of Music (Honours)
30/11/2024	UniSC scholarships for 2025 applications close
30/11/2024	University of the Sunshine Coast scholarships applications close