



FUTURES HUB

Newsletter

EDITION 16/2025

8 to 20 October 2025

RTO No: 41391



Career Start for Apprentices

Queenslanders can now access more affordable apprenticeships and traineeships through the Career Start and Career Boost programs, supporting entry-level and advanced training in priority industries. Career Start supports new job seekers and young people taking their first step into skilled work. The program funds apprenticeships and traineeships at Certificate II and III levels, allowing eligible participants to complete up to two qualifications, including school-based training, in priority and emerging industries. Click [here](#) to find out more about the Career Start program.

Clay, Concrete, Glass and Stone Processing Machine Operators

Clay, Concrete, Glass and Stone Processing Machine Operators operate machines to manufacture and finish a variety of clay, concrete, glassware and stone products by extruding, shaping, mixing, grinding, cutting and other processes. Interested? Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Median earnings
- Annual employment growth
- Tasks

Pre-apprenticeship options for after school

Pre-apprenticeship training is an entry-level certificate. You will do theory and practical training at TAFE and hands-on work experience in your chosen industry. Pre-apprenticeship training will enable you to find out about a trade for up to 6 months before you commit to a full apprenticeship. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- What are the benefits?
- What job can I get?
- What if I don't know what I want to do?
- Available courses (including courses throughout Queensland)



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Queensland Government's incentives, costs and financial support for apprenticeships and traineeships

[The Queensland Government](#): Offers lots of different ways to reduce the cost of doing your apprenticeship or traineeship in Queensland.

[Funded programs](#): Find information about funded training programs including:

- Queensland Subsidised Training list
- Career Start
- Career Boost
- Apprenticeships and traineeships funding
- VET in Schools (VETiS)
- Free training
- Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s
- Trade skills assessment and gap training (TSAGT)
- Continuing students

[Wage, hours and costs](#): Learn more about your wages, hours and costs of employment including type of employment, fees, material expenses, allowances and leave entitlements.

[Free and reduced-cost training](#) Find free and reduced-cost training and financial support to get the skills to move into work, re-enter the workforce or advance your career.

[Eligibility qualifications under Free apprenticeships for under 25s](#) Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s will cover the cost of training for Queensland apprentices or trainees who commenced or are undertaking one of the high priority apprenticeships or traineeships from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2027.

[Skilling Queenslanders for Work](#) Skilling Queenslanders for Work assists disadvantaged Queenslanders to gain the skills, qualifications and experience to enter and stay in a job.

[Financial help for apprentices and trainees](#) Training costs can include travel, free or reduced-cost training courses, disability support payments and cost of living payments.

[Financial support](#) including rebates, training subsidies, allowances, cost of living and disability support.

Thinking about a trade in the Australian Defence Force?

Some ADF trade jobs are like those found in the civilian world while others are unique to the military. You work with some of the most technically advanced equipment and systems in the world. All come with a great salary from the day you start, comprehensive training, travel and amazing experiences. Click [here](#) for more information about Trade opportunities in the Australian Defence Force.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000



Australian Defence Force (ADF) information sessions

The Australian Defence Force holds [information sessions](#) where you can find out what the ADF offer, job prospects, life in the ADF and much more. Click on the link below for more information about the session including location and event time. You need to register if you want to attend a session.

- 08/10/2025 [Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 13/10/2025 [Rockhampton Indigenous Pathways Information Session](#)
[Noosa Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 14/10/2025 [Townsville Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
[Gladstone Indigenous Pathways Information Session](#)
[Maryborough Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 15/10/2025 [Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session](#)
[Hervey Bay Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 18/10/2025 [Roma Army Reserve Open Day](#)
- 21/10/2025 [Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Gold Coast Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
[Mackay Night in The Army Reserve](#)
[Southport A Night in the Army Reserve](#)





Australia's Careers Online website (COL)

This [website](#) has several helpful career development resources. These include:

- [COL's Job Guide](#) - with information on over 500 Australian Jobs
- [Job Seeker's Workshop](#) - choosing a career and how to prepare your job application

Careers in health

With the current high demand for health workers and the healthcare industry's strong future growth prospects, if you are considering careers in this industry, you can look forward to an expanded number and range of opportunities. You can use myfuture to research different options including:

- [Learn more about the Healthcare and social assistance industry](#)
- [Explore occupations on the Health career bullseye](#)

Find your career pathway

Your Career has an excellent tool that will help you map out a career pathway to the job that you would like to get. Add the occupation you're currently doing or interested in and then you'll be shown how you can move between occupations and any qualifications you might need to get there. Click [here](#) for more information.

How games can land you a job

Think video games or tabletop role play games (RPGs) are just for downtime? Think again. From leadership and communication to complex problem-solving, gaming can be a powerful way to develop – and showcase – job-ready skills. Playing games could see you including the following skills on your resume:

- Conflict resolution
- Problem solving
- Clear communication



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

- Networking
- Teamwork
- Leadership

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

Leaving school and not sure what's next

The Australian Government's Your Career has put together the School Leavers Information Kit. The School Leavers Information Kit (SLIK) can help you make your next move. You might discover new passions, develop valuable skills or learn more about what you want out of life. Click [here](#) to access the Kit and find information on the following:

- Further education and training
- Take a gap year
- Build your career
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- People with disability
- Regional, rural and remote school leavers

Social Work - want to know more?

If you enjoy helping others to deal with personal and social problems, then social work may be a good career choice for you. Courses in social work teach you to understand and analyse the circumstances of people facing a variety of problems and challenges, and to develop strategies that will help to improve these circumstances or reduce their impact. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- Field of Study: Social Work Course Information
- VET study in social work
- Undergraduate study in social work
 - Courses, majors and specialisations in Social Work
 - Where to study Social Work courses
 - Career opportunities in Social Work field

What to study when you don't know what to study

UQ has put together some helpful information if you are leaving school this year and still don't know what to do next year. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Why do you need to start some serious thinking and where to start.
- Find programs that align with your interests
- I don't know what to study, but I'm curious about arts and humanities



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

- I don't know what to study, but I want to help people
- I don't know what to study, but I'm interested in business
- I don't know what to study, but I've got a scientific mind
- I don't know what to study, but I like solving problems
- I don't know what to study, but I'm good with computers

What if I change my mind?



Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize 2026

The Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize is an annual water science competition for high school students. Students are challenged to create solutions for water challenges, with the national prize awarded at Ozwater. The winner of the Australian competition is invited to participate in the [Stockholm Junior Water Prize](#). The competition is open to high school students who have conducted water-related projects of environmental, scientific, social or technological importance. Students may enter as individuals or groups of two. Submissions close 27 March 2026 and click [here](#) for tool and information kits and entry details.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Disabilities

Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support Program

Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support Program is a payment that assists employers of eligible Australian Apprentices with disabilities. For more information about this disability program or questions on employment help for job seekers with a disability, illness, or injury, [call](#) the People With Disability or visit a [service centre](#).

Employment Assistance Fund

Help is available through the [Employment Assistance Fund \(EAF\)](#) which gives financial aid to eligible people so they can buy work related modifications, equipment, help and services. It is good to tell prospective employers that they can access the EAF through Disability Employment Services or jobactive organisations.

School leaver guides for people using screen readers

If you are blind or have low vision, [click](#) here to access the Australian Government guides and discover your next steps after school including:

- School ends. Ideas for you.
 - study
 - work.
- School ends. More ideas for you.
 - getting help with money to study and live
 - getting a job
 - websites to help you.
- Websites to help you.
 - choose a course
 - get ready for work



- find and keep a job.

Tertiary study applicants with a disability

If you have a disability, tertiary institutions have services and facilities available such as:

- Help with physical access needs
- access to specialised technology and equipment
- sign language interpreters
- note-taking services.

The level of help available is assessed by the institution's disability officer or similar. You should contact the relevant institution and discuss with them what you need. Click [here](#) to find out more along with a list of the institutions' disability support services.



Gen Z is adopting 'career minimalism,'

Nick Lichtenberg has written an interesting read about how Gen Z changed the rules of work. He calls it 'career minimalism' where younger workers see their jobs to financial stability, saving real passion and ambition for hours off the clock and increasingly lucrative side hustles. Click [here](#) to read the article in full.

Jobs by occupation

Your Career has some great information about jobs within occupations. Occupations are a way of defining and grouping jobs that require the performance of similar or identical sets of tasks. There are 8 major occupation groups defined by the Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO); which is the classification system currently used in datasets. Click [here](#) to find out more including:

- Managers
- Professionals
- Technicians and Trades workers
- Community and Personal Service workers
- Clerical and Administrative workers
- Sales Workers
- Machinery Operators and Drivers
- Labourers
- Which occupations do young people work?
- Shift towards higher-skilled occupations
- Employment by occupation group

Labour Force Data - August 2025

In trend terms, in August 2025:

- unemployment rate increased to 4.3%.
- participation rate remained at 66.9%.
- employment increased to 14,643,000.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.1%.
- underemployment rate remained at 5.8%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,985 million.

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

Occupation Shortage Report - June 2025

The Occupation Shortage Report offers analysis on possible shortage pressures in the labour market. Some highlights this quarter:

- The national vacancy fill rate rose to 70.6%, showing employers are filling jobs more easily.
- Both metropolitan (72.2%) and regional (65.8%) fill rates improved, narrowing the gap between city and country.
- Fill rates for Skill Level 3 occupations (55.1%) remain well below other skill levels, despite some improvement over the year.
- A new Mismatch Index (MI) highlights uneven distribution of applicants and vacancies across occupations.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

- In 2024–25, 30% of applicants would need to switch occupations for a balanced market, down from 33% in 2023–24.
- Professionals account for more than one-third of the mismatch.
- A better balance could be achieved if some applicants shifted from Clerical and Administrative roles to Community and Personal Service work.

Click [here](#) to download the Occupation Shortage Report for June 2025.

Occupations - there are 1,236 to find out about!!!!!!

Jobs and Skills Australia have a list of 1,236 occupations/jobs. You can find out the following information for each listed job:

- Number employed
- Part-time share
- Female share
- Median weekly earnings
- Median age
- Annual employment growth
- Tasks

Click [here](#) and check out occupations that you know and most importantly those you have never heard of ... you never know it may be just right for you!

School to Work Pathways: infographics and activities

These infographics are designed to help you to visualise various pathways you can take from school to work and to help you to question and explore your options and research the possibilities. Educational qualifications/levels listed are a guide only and should be checked using the Queensland occupational profiles in myfuture. Click [here](#) and check out the careers across a range of 18 industries.

Skills - they are a big deal!

Think of skills as doorways to new career paths. Click [here](#) to explore different learning and training pathways and discover more about the following:

- What are soft skills?
- Soft skills for the future
- Hobbies to home in your soft skills
- How to improve your soft skills
- Work Readiness Workbooks



Summer jobs for high school students

Getting a casual job is a great way to save money and gain experience. Jobs for high school students can be tricky to pin down. How much experience you need and how old you have to be varies from job to job. But many employers are more concerned with how willing you are than your actual age (as long as you meet or exceed the [minimum working age in your state or territory](#)). There are plenty of summer jobs requiring no experience at all. You just need to know where to look. UQ have put together some ideas so click [here](#) for ideas to get you started including:

- Fast food crew member
- Retail assistant
- Santa's helper
- Letterbox dropper
- Pet sitter/dog walker
- Fruit picker
- Warehouse workers/pick packers
- Catering staff

What to do next year - Link and Launch

Link and Launch (L&L) connect with young people who have completed Year 12 but have not yet worked out their first step out of school. L&L can help you to navigate a range of post-school study, training and work options that link with your goals, aspirations, skills and strengths. Some options you may consider include:

- Free apprenticeships for under 25s
- Fee-Free TAFE
- Skilling Queenslanders for Work programs
- Alternative entry to university
- Employment
- Federal incentives and participation programs like Transition to Work.

Click [here](#) to find out more including eligibility, L&L locations/offices and further information.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Bond scholarships

Bond offer scholarships to both Australian and international students across all study levels. You may receive reduced tuition fees for the duration of your degree. They have a range of full-fee scholarships available to domestic students only and part-fee scholarships for both domestic and international students. Bond scholarships are designed to reward and recognise students who have excelled in the areas of academia, leadership, community engagement and sport. Click [here](#) to find out more about scholarships on offer through Bond.

Griffith Uni scholarships and awards

Griffith Uni offer scholarships providing financial support to a wide range of students, so that they have the additional support they need to succeed. Whether you are an academic high achiever, an elite athlete, have experienced educational disadvantages or hardship or simply need help with relocating for study, there's a good chance you could be eligible. Once you submit your application, it will remain current until 30 June 2026. If your application is successful, they'll email you. Please note applying for a scholarship is separate to applying for a place at university. If you have not done so already, you will also need to apply for admission into your [chosen degree](#). Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

QTAC application number for scholarship applications

You may need your QTAC application number when applying for scholarships. This number was on the last screen of your QTAC application after you have paid the application fee. It is also in your application confirmation email and in your online QTAC Account information section of your application.

Real Futures Grant

The Real Futures Grant is an annual Australian program that has been running since 2016. The Real Futures Grant provides the winner with a \$5,000 grant and is awarded to a student studying for a Certificate, Diploma, Degree or Traineeship in one of the following fields:

- Business



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

- Finance
- Healthcare
- Medicine
- Health Care
- Specialist healthcare

Click [here](#) for more information and how to enter. Entries close on 31 October.

The Queensland Commitment Scholarship for low income applicants

Students experiencing financial hardship may be eligible for 5 rank adjustments from UQ and a \$7,000 per year scholarship. Applications need to be made via QTAC's Educational Access Scheme. Click [here](#) for more information.

UQ academic scholarships program

High-achieving students on track to receive an ATAR of 99+ are encouraged to submit one application to be considered for both the UQ Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship and the UQ Excellence Scholarship. Click [here](#) for more information and application details about their UQ Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships and their UQ Excellence Scholarships. Applications close 21 November 2025.

UQ Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship

Thinking about studying Law at UQ? Click [here](#) to read UQ's tips for putting together a great LEAD scholarship application. Click [here](#) to access their application guide. Applications close on Sunday 2 November 2025.

UQ scholarships on offer

The various UQ Faculties/study areas offer scholarships. Click on the links below for more information about specific scholarships including eligibility and closing date.

- [Leadership, Excellence and Diversity \(LEAD\) Scholarship](#) - Valued at up to \$8,000 per year for 5 years, this scholarship also provides mentoring and support for students who have faced educational, social or financial disadvantage.
- [Schools of Business and Economics Indigenous Student Scholarship](#) - This scholarship supports Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who demonstrate leadership potential, community service and academic achievement.
- [Lewin Scholarship](#) - Offering up to \$5,000, this scholarship aims to assist students who are experiencing financial hardship and wish to study eligible business and economics programs.
- [Engineering Futures Scholarship](#) - Valued at up to \$30,000, this scholarship supports a first-year engineering student who demonstrates financial hardship, strong academic performance and clear career ambition.
- [Mitsubishi Development Mining Pathway Scholarship](#) - Valued at \$10,000 per year, this scholarship supports engineering students with a passion for mining and recognises their academic excellence and leadership potential.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

- [The Calboonya Legacy Information Technology and Computer Science Scholarship](#) - Providing at least \$4,500, this scholarship assists students experiencing financial hardship who show academic ability, leadership potential and community engagement, and who plan to study computer science or IT.
- [HUB24 Regional QLD Computer Science and Information Technology Scholarship](#) - Offering \$8,000, this scholarship supports Computer Science or IT students from regional Queensland who may have experienced financial hardship.
- [Gatton Past Students Association Scholarship](#) - Valued at \$5,000 per year for up to 3 years, this scholarship supports students at the Gatton campus in Agriculture or Veterinary Science who face financial hardship or personal challenges that may otherwise prevent study.
- [Ewing Scholarship](#) - Providing at least \$4,500, this scholarship recognises academic excellence among students studying Agricultural Science, Horticulture or Veterinary Science.

UQ's one application for 90+ equity scholarships

Domestic students who are experiencing financial hardship and are also:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander or
- Expecting to receive The Queensland Commitment Scholarship or
- Seeking financial assistance for student accommodation,

can now submit one application to be considered for over 90 equity scholarships at UQ. UQ's Central Equity Scholarship Application is now open. This application form covers all scholarships within the following three scholarship schemes:

- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Scholarship Scheme](#)
- [Aspire Scholarship Scheme](#)
- [UQ Residential Scholarship Scheme](#)

Click [here](#) for more information and application details about UQ Equity Scholarships.



First Nations Peoples



First Nations Peoples Admission to Griffith Uni

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

Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy - CSIRO

CSIRO's award winning Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy is a national program for young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women from high school through to higher education, tertiary pathways and graduate employment. The Academy engages and mentors young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander women who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). There is no cost to schools, students, parents/carers and no additional workloads are expected for busy teachers. The Academy is delivered by over 85% Indigenous staff, with the support of exemplary and Child Safe screened STEM Professional mentors and industry leaders. Click [here](#) for more information.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Interstate & International



Applying to study interstate

If you are thinking of studying interstate the following links will be of interest to you. As in Queensland, you need to apply through the State's Tertiary Admissions Centre (except for Tasmania). You will need to research the universities that you are interested in attending as well as the Tertiary Admission Centres' application process.

Selected interstate universities

[Australian Defence Force Academy](#)

[Australian National University](#)

[Charles Darwin University](#)

[The University of Newcastle](#)

[University of Melbourne](#)

[University of New England](#)

[University of New South Wales](#)

[University of South Australia](#)

[University of Sydney](#)

[University of Tasmania](#)

[University of Western Australia](#)

[University of Wollongong](#)

Tertiary admissions centres

[New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory - University Admissions Centre \(UAC\)](#)



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

[Queensland - Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre \(QTAC\)](#)

[South Australia and the Northern Territory \(SATAC\)](#)

[Tasmania - University of Tasmania](#)

[Victoria – Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre \(VTAC\)](#)

[Western Australia – Tertiary Institutions Service Centre \(TISC\)](#)

QUT brochures for international students

QUT has developed brochures where you can find out more about living in Brisbane, explore the opportunities at QUT and find out how to apply. Their International course guide and specialist guides contain everything you need to know about studying at QUT as an international student. Click [here](#) to find out more and to access guides.



Leaving school - information for Year 12 students

[The Australian Government Services Australia website](#) provides information to help you choose your next step if you have just finished or will soon leave school. Information that you can find on the website includes:

- Help to decide what to do after school
- Help to prepare for your next steps
- Help to continue study
- Help for apprentices or trainees
- Help to get a job
- Help with other life changes



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Top tips for school leavers

The number of people who have degrees in Australia has increased considerably over the last few years. [Research](#) shows that over 271,000 students didn't pursue education after secondary school in 2020 and that's okay too. No matter when or how you decide to leave school, it can be a stressful experience. You are about to step into the real world and make some big decisions about yourself and your life. Click [here](#) to read MCI Institute's top tips:

- Map Out Your Goals
- Consult Professionals
- Start Slow
- Set a Routine
- Choose Your Field
- Mention the Extracurricular Activities
- Develop New Skills
- Network
- Improve Your Soft Skills
- Always Be Honest
- Do What Makes You Happy
- Conclusion



Australian College of Applied Professionals (ACAP)

ACAP offer courses in Psychology, Counselling, Social Work and Criminology. Click [here](#) if you want more information about the courses that they offer along with the opportunity to

- Talk with the experts
- Explore inspiring alumni success stories
- Scholarships
- Course guide



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Australian Film TV and Radio School (AFTRS) ARRI certified

AFTRS is now an ARRI Certified Film School, an international recognition that affirms the school's commitment to delivering world-class, industry-aligned education. This certification sees students able to operate sophisticated ARRI technology, being technically equipped to lead in the global screen and broadcast industries. Click [here](#) for more information.

Australian Film TV and Radio School (AFTRS) B of Arts Screen: Production

Applications for the *Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production* close on Tuesday 8 October. For more information on how to apply, including admission requirements, evidence required and application tasks, review [the Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production 2026 Application Guidance Notes](#). Click [here](#) for application details.

Australian Film TV and Radio School's new Queensland courses

This October, AFTR is starting their first run of short courses delivered in partnership with Griffith University. This training is designed to support the continued development of talented Queensland screen practitioners through programs targeting in-demand skills. Enrolments are now open for the *Intro to Producing & Screen Business*, *Assistant Directing Fundamentals*, *Locations Department Intensive*, *Writers Room Intensive*, and *Production Accounting Intensive* courses. Learn more and enrol below. Click [here](#) for more details and enrolment information.

Aviation Australia Flight Attendant Training

Aviation Australia delivers courses across the aviation industry. Find out about course options including:

- [Aircraft Maintenance Engineering](#)
- [Cabin Crew](#)
- [Pilot Courses & Training](#)
- [Remote Pilot](#)

Griffith College student support

At Griffith College you can get uni-ready with a comprehensive range of support services to help you tackle any barriers to success. They provide the following forms of student support:

- Wellbeing support
- Academic support
- Peer to peer support
- Reporting and disclosure support

Click [here](#) to find out more about the College, the courses that are offered and the support available.

SAE University College Early Entry

Take the pressure off and secure a spot at SAE before sitting Year 12 exams. There is no ATAR required and applying is easy. All you need to do is complete a simple application form that includes your current school name and the course you wish to study. An SAE Course Advisor will then chat with you about your course options and confirm your eligibility. Click [here](#) for more information.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Gap Year Program News



Considering a gap year

Thinking about and looking for Gap Year opportunities? Overseas Gap Year opportunities are now open. To avoid missing out, it's important to begin your exploration early. If you are in Year 11 or 12, it's a good time to start to research your GAP year options. Start with the following list:

[Camp America](#)

[Latitude Global Volunteering](#)

[Letz Live](#)

[Projects Abroad](#)

[EA Ski + Snowboard Training](#)

[Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange](#)

[World Education Program Student Exchange](#)

[Youth for Understanding \(YFU\) Australia](#)

Always thoroughly investigate any gap year programs you are considering. Get your parents/guardian involved in this process. Talk to people who have participated in the program and attend information sessions and webinars.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority



External assessment info

If you are studying QCAA General subjects, you will sit external assessments at the end of Year 12 as part of your assessment for each subject. External assessments are subject-based written exams that are:

- common to all schools
- summative — they count towards your final subject result for QCAA General subjects
- developed and marked by the QCAA.

Click [here](#) to read about:

- How do they contribute to results?
- What do they test?
- How are they developed and marked?
- Key dates and details
 - External assessment timetable
 - Equipment
 - Directions for students
 - EA basics - approved equipment
 - EA basics - response books
- Resources to help you prepare
- 2025 external assessment guide
 - Past papers
 - Tips to help you study and stay motivated
- What to do if you are unwell
- How can I stay updated about changes to external assessment?
- Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments
- Understanding Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments (AARA)



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000



Double check QTAC application process and get it right!

QTAC has information on their website that will help you check and be sure that you:

- Have completed your application correctly
- Can log back into your QTAC application
- Can get accessibility support if needed
- Can manage any technical issues associated with your application
- Read the application FAQ's

Click [here](#) for more information.

Eligibility requirements for Nursing/Midwifery courses

There are additional eligibility requirements for all applicants applying for courses relating to nursing and midwifery. When applying for these courses, you may have a competitive ATAR/selection rank and satisfy subject prerequisites, however you will not be considered for an offer if you do not comply with additional eligibility requirements relevant to your course. Click [here](#) (scroll down quite a way - it is under the heading 'Meeting English Proficiency')) for more information about:

- Additional requirements for Nursing and Midwifery Courses
- Demonstrate and provide Evidence FOR NURSING AND MIDWIFERY
- FAQ Nursing and Midwifery

Key application and fixed closing dates

When you are applying for your chosen course, it's vital to submit your application by the specified deadlines. This [page](#) has all the closing dates so you are fully prepared. Courses related to creative and performing arts may have additional requirements that need to be satisfied, including:

- audition



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

- interview
- portfolio
- questionnaire.

Key dates for 2025/2026

If you haven't yet applied, consider applying as soon as possible and before Term Four becomes totally hectic (and it will). The closing dates to apply for courses commencing in Semester One, 2026 are:

Round Offer	Apply and submit documents by	Final change to preferences
21 November 2025	7 November 2025	not applicable
23 December 2025	8 December 2025	12pm, 19 December 2025
15 January 2026 2025	8 December 2025	11.59pm, 6 January

Be aware that by these dates, many of the courses with fixed closing dates are no longer available and early offers are no longer an option. Check each institution for their fixed closing dates.

OFFER came in ... what next?

So, you've reached the offer stage in your tertiary application journey! It's important to understand how you'll be notified and how to respond quickly to secure your place. It's important to know what options are available to you and how you will respond if you receive an offer. Click [here](#) (scroll down quite a way to the heading 'Offers') to read QTAC's information on:

- How you will be notified of your offer
- Responding to your offer - You can
 - Accept - Check with the institution for enrolment details and dates.
 - Decline - By declining your offer outright, you notify QTAC that you no longer wish to study or be considered for any other preferences.
 - Defer - Rules for course deferral vary by institution. Please visit the deferment page on the QTAC website for [institution policies](#).
 - Conditional Response - By selecting a conditional response, you indicate that you would like to be considered for a higher preference.
- Offer round actions

Ordering your QTAC preferences properly

Go to the [QTAC website](#) (scroll down quite a way to the heading 'Preferences') and P11 in your QTAC Guide for information about managing your preferences. It is important to plan your preferences well. When preferencing your courses you should have:

Preferences 1 & 2 - Your dream courses aligning with your passions and aspirations.

Preferences 3 & 4 - Your backup options that include the less competitive courses within the same field or a different field that interests you.

Preferences 5 & 6 - Your courses that will see you start tertiary study and when successful, improve your tertiary rank for competing for a future course.

Your sixth preference should be one that you have a very good chance of gaining entry to, given its previous adjusted ATAR/Tertiary Rank and your results. You also need to check the offer round dates of your preferences and make changes if the dates differ (preferences need to be chronologically organised according to the offer round of the courses you are applying for).

Courses you are offered in early offer rounds can be conditionally accepted and you can change your preferences for subsequent offer rounds if necessary.

Don't include wasted courses/preferences. Wasted courses include those that:

- You do not meet the entry requirements
- You would not do if you got an offer for them
- Are in regional centres that you have not consulted your parents/guardians about
- Are too difficult or impossible to commute to given where you live
- Are very competitive and you listed them below much less competitive courses.

Valuable information from QTAC

QTAC's new website has easy to find information that you need to become familiar with if you are wanting to apply for Uni, TAFE and some private providers next year. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Important Dates for applications and course offers
- Understanding Previous Selection Rank Requirements
- Is your English proficiency at a tertiary level standard?
- Enhancing your qualifications and improving your selection rank
- Learning the English Subject Prerequisites you need for your chosen course
- Strengthening your tertiary application
- Empowering Your Educational Journey with Assistance Schemes
- Applying through QTAC to these Institutions
- Reactivating your expired offer
- Exploring ways to support your tertiary journey
- Exploring Admissions Policies
- Exploring options to defer your offer

Want to know more about ATAR?

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), is a ranking system that reflects your overall academic performance in your final years of secondary education, providing a standardised measure for university admissions. Understanding the ATAR is essential for students and parents as it plays a significant role in determining the pathways available for further study and career opportunities. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- What is the ATAR
- Breaking down the ATAR
- Adjustments and Selection Rank - What is a selection rank?
- ATAR Appeals



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

- Ready to receive your ATAR?



A stress management mind set

1. Focus on what you can control and do it well - try not to spend emotional energy on what is out of your control
2. Give yourself credit when it is due - we don't get everything right all the time but own the wins
3. You don't have to solve everyone else's problems - manage yourself well and you will be a good friend
4. Don't get or keep being sucked into believing everything you read or see on social media - it's all too often 'just a made up story'
5. What you think is how you are - watch the self talk or the conversations in your head that you have with yourself. We are too often our own worst critics. Listen to the positive voice.
6. Make sure that you have regular 'Me Time' - time to sit, unwind and do something you like doing

Exam Revision

Revising can be a little daunting but being organised will help you keep track of what you need to do so you don't waste time going over some topics too often at the expense of others. Click [here](#) to read more about Melbourne Uni's following suggestions:

- Find out what kind of exam you will be sitting
- Look at old exam papers
- Review the subject handbook and objectives
- Be clear about exam details
- Set goals and prepare early
- Find a space just for study
- Remove distractions from the study area
- Organise your subject material
- Prioritise your subjects



- Prioritise the topics within a subject
- Revision in action
- Making a revision programme (with video)
- What to revise
- Improving subject knowledge for exams
- To learn by rote
- To remember concepts and theories
- Make revision meaningful
- Final tip - If you need help preparing for exams, seek it as early as possible, whether it is from your tutors, lecturers, Academic Skills Advisers or student support services.

Music to study to

Struggling to stay focused? Listening to music can help you keep calm, increase your productivity, boost your mood and motivation and even help you stay in the zone for longer. While listening to your favourite band might be great for keeping your spirits high, it might end up in a two-hour dance-a-thon and end up being more of a distraction. But which music is the best for studying? Click [here](#) to read The Good Universities Guide's ideas of good music options to study by.



Fee-Free TAFE in 2026

New funding has been announced for Fee-Free TAFE courses commencing in 2026. High-priority areas including aged care, blockchain, community services, cyber security, early childhood education and healthcare. With a range of skill sets, certificates and diplomas available, now's the time to get job ready with Fee-Free TAFE. Click [here](#) to see the TAFE courses that are included in the Fee-Free funding package.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



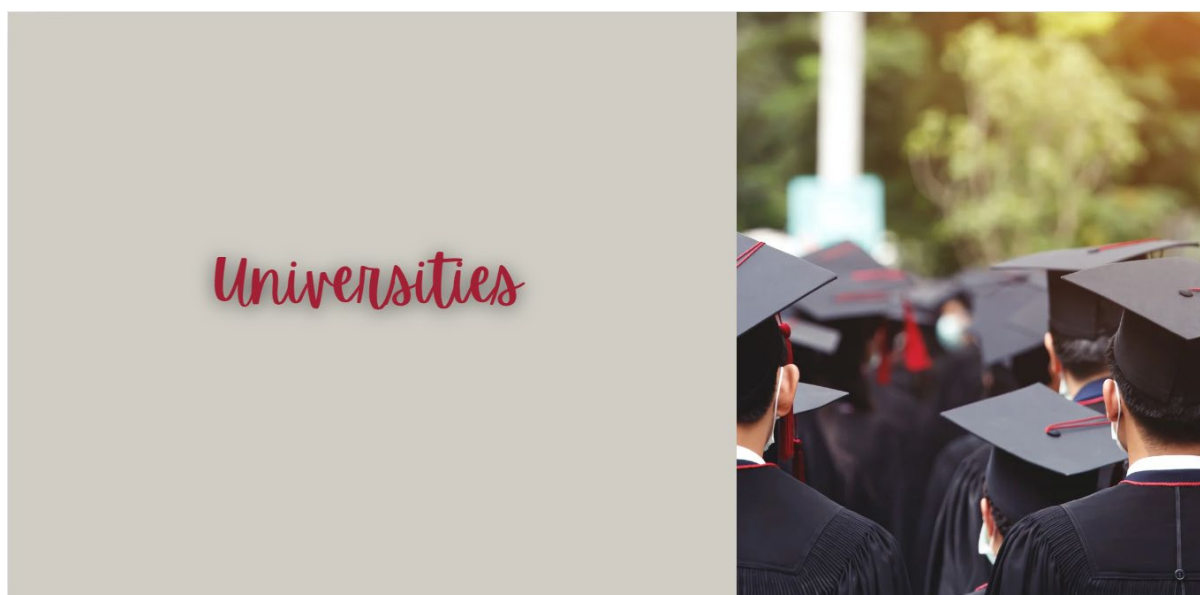
07 3357 6000

TAFE at Schools2026

If you're a Year 10, 11 or 12 student in 2026 you may be able to complete a TAFE Queensland qualification while you're still at school. You can choose from a variety of Certificate I, Certificate III and Certificate IV courses. For more information see your Guidance Officer or VET coordinator and visit the TAFE at School [website](#). There are TAFE at School guides that provide all the information about courses, costs, timetables etc. Click on the relevant link for you:

- [North Queensland](#)
- [Greater Brisbane](#)
- [Darling Downs and South West](#)
- [Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay](#)
- [Gold Coast](#)

2026 applications and enrolments are now open, and information can be found in the TAFE at School Guide for your location above or talk with your VET Coordinator or phone TAFE directly.



3 Myths About Early Entry Programs

You've heard about Early Entry programs but there's a lot of muddled info out there. Year 13 have broken down some of the biggest myths surrounding how you can lock in a place at a great uni! Just a heads up, they're using the University of New England (UNE) as an example in the article and not all universities have the same early entry policies, so make sure you check up on all the different policies of any unis you're applying to. Click [here](#) to read about the three main myths around early offers:

Myth 1: If I'm planning on using an early entry scheme, I don't have to worry about my marks in Year 11 or Year 12

Myth 2: Getting an Early Entry offer means I can't apply for other courses later

Myth 3: You can apply for any course you want via the Early Entry Program



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Course Seeker

[Course Seeker](#) is an Australian Government initiative where you can search and compare thousands of courses from different institutions across Australia. The website displays course information, entry requirements, admission processes, student satisfaction and graduate survey results. It is particularly helpful if you are thinking of studying interstate.

Early offers

Offers made through Universities' Early Offer schemes for Year 12 are mostly being made by QTAC, however, some are made directly from the institution. If you get an offer, your options are:

- accepting the offer outright
- accepting the offer conditionally
- deferring (depending on the university).

If you accept an early offer outright, your QTAC application will stop there. If the university allows you to conditionally accept your early offer and you choose this option, you need to go back into your QTAC application and reorder your course preferences putting your most desired course as your Number 1 preference. You will then be eligible for consideration in the next offer round. Click on the following links to find out university specific information: [ACU](#), [Bond](#), [UniSC](#), [CHC](#), [CQU](#), [GU](#), [JCU](#), [QUT](#), [SCU](#), [Torrens](#), [UNE](#), [UniSQ](#), [UQ](#). If you have any questions, it is best to check with the university directly.

Fast track options - are they suitable for you?

Institutions use a semester system with two periods of study: the first from around March to June, followed by a short winter break and the second from around July to November, followed by a long summer break while some institutions and courses have a third period of study that takes place during the traditional summer break. These three periods are called trimesters. By fitting an extra semester's worth of material into each year, students can graduate from their course sooner (for example, a standard three-year bachelor degree may be completed in two years). These accelerated options are known as "fast-tracked" courses. The Good Universities Guide has put together an [article](#) that sets out the positives and negatives of the fast-track option so you can decide if it's for you.

Micro-apprenticeships could bimprove your employability after Uni

Micro-apprenticeships are mini on-the-job training programs run by an employer, that build on the skills, knowledge or experience gained during University degrees/Diplomas and can cover an incredible variety of industry-specific skills. Being much shorter than a typical endorsed work placement, micro-apprenticeships are highly accessible and are becoming increasingly sought after when kickstarting a STEM career. They're specifically designed to supercharge your transferrable skills and get you up-skilled – ideally by your employer. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Open Universities Australia

If you can't get to a Uni campus (perhaps interstate or are regional) or only want to study one subject/course to start with, then Open Universities Australia may be your answer. Open Universities Australia (OUA) offers online higher education courses through OUA, you can:



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

- Study online, so you have flexibility about when and where you study
- Choose from a large range of undergraduate courses
- Select individual undergraduate units/courses/subjects instead of a whole course
- Study with Australian universities e.g. Monash, Griffith, Macquarie, Curtin, RMIT, Swinburne University of Technology, University of South Australia and many more
- Graduate with the same qualification as an on-campus student
- Access online support services.

Eligible OUA students may be able to access HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP or VET Student Loans depending on their course. Find out more on the OUA [website](#).

Things I wish I knew before coming to university

Moataz Hamde shares with ABC's EveryDay the things she wishes she understood/knew about before going to uni. She says that her idea of what to expect from university life came in the form of trashy US college movies. She was gearing up for non-stop debauchery, but the reality was far different — a demanding workload, strict deadlines and the ultimate test of mental, emotional and physical strength. Click [here](#) to read more about her tips for managing and being successful at university including:

- Stress less, no-one cares what your school score was
- Make sure you're studying what you want to learn
- Keep an open mind
- Expand your circle
- Go out and get some real-world experience
- Study hard and work a little bit

Thinking of going to uni? Read this first!

What's your motivation for going to uni? Is it to get qualified for your dream career? To experience the student lifestyle? Or is it because everyone is telling you it's the only way to get a good job? Before making your choice, click [here](#) and consider the following:

- Why am I going to university?
- Is this course right for me?
- Which university is right for me?
- Will I get a job when I finish?
- More resources to help you

Using VET qualifications for competitive entry to University

Most universities offer an entry pathway using your VET qualifications. University policies differ and can change at any time so it's best to check their websites for any changes. These ranks are relevant to students who HAVE NOT sat the STAT test (through QTAC more suited to non school leavers) or gained a score less than 150.

Year 12 VET qualifications and the tertiary ranks they are awarded by institution

Institution	Certificate III	Certificate IV	Diploma
-------------	-----------------	----------------	---------



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

QUT	68 (QUT Dip entry only)	74	87
Griffith Uni	68	74	87
UniSC	68	74	82
CQU	68	74	82
Bond	NA	74	78
ACU	Check with ACU	74	82
SCU	67	73	75
TAFE	72	74	84
UQ	68	74	87 (Can be used for entry into Semester 2 of first year out of school)

[JCU](#) If you completed a Certificate III or a Certificate IV qualification while at school, you are guaranteed entry into several JCU undergraduate courses. Some courses require additional subject prerequisites to be met and are detailed in the [Handbook](#) found on each course page.

Year 12 Subject Adjustment Schemes

Some universities offer adjustment factors when you successfully complete specific subjects in Year 12. Adjustment factors are additional selection ranks that make you more competitive for entry into your nominated course. Each university has its own scheme. You don't have to apply for these schemes as adjustment factors are automatically applied through QTAC. School subject adjustment factors only apply to Year 12 qualifications (e.g. ATAR and IB and some non-ATAR pathways) on leaving school. Click on the links below for a summary of Year 12 Subject Schemes:

- [ACU](#)
- [Griffith University](#)
- [QUT](#)
- [UQ](#)
- [UniSC](#)
- [UniSQ](#) (scroll down)
- [JCU](#)

Australian National University

Guaranteed accommodation at ANU

When you're accepted to study at ANU, you're guaranteed a place at one of their student residences. Living on campus means being part of a lively community where you'll feel safe, supported and connected. With everything you need just a short walk away, ANU campus life is convenient and fun. It offers the perfect blend of a rewarding study and a fun social life. Click [here](#) to find out more.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Bond University

Applying to Bond

Bond 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'll simply have another option to consider when the time comes to decide where to study. You can apply at any time using their free, secure online portal. Click [here](#) to find out more and how to apply.

Griffith University

Accommodation at Griffith University

Choose to live on campus at Nathan or Gold Coast or off-campus with one of their off campus partners. For international students, a Homestay is another great option to experience life with a local family while you study. Click [here](#) to find out more about their accommodation options including:

- On campus
- Homestay
- Off Campus

Application support information

Griffith provides the support if you're feeling unsure about your application. You can book a 30-minute Q&A session to receive personalised support with your application and learn about the range of services available at Griffith. Video call or telephone appointments are available. Click [here](#) to book a session.

Griffith University Head Start - Applications due for Trimester 3 2025

Griffith University Head Start program is designed to give you the opportunity to study a course (subject) at Griffith while completing your high school studies. With the tuition fee covered by the University, the program lets you sample university life at Griffith, learn from industry leaders and stretch your academic boundaries. The Head Start Trimester 3 program applications close on 20 October for Year 11 students wanting to study a Uni course over the Summer school holidays. Click [here](#) for more information and application details including:

- Eligibility and entry requirements
- Choose a course to suit you
- How to apply
- Frequently asked questions

Tips and important info for applying to study at Griffith University

Griffith's admission pathway options can help you improve your Selection Rank, upgrade to your preferred Griffith degree or satisfy subject prerequisites. If you didn't complete Year 12, they have access schemes that can help you gain admission to Griffith. Click [here](#) to:

- Explore your pathway options
- Undergraduate Diplomas
- Things to consider



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

- Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee
- ATAR Guarantee
- Prerequisites and assumed knowledge
- All about your ATAR
- Adjustment factors
- International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Rural Priority Access Scheme
- VET Pathways
- Study at Uni while at school
- Admissions pathways
- High Achievers
- Elite athletes
- Scholarships
- Bridging and enabling programs

VET Pathways to Griffith

Griffith accepts standalone VET qualifications for current Year 12 applicants. A completed Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Certificate III, IV or Diploma provides a selection rank for admission to a range of Griffith University degrees. For some degrees, your qualification may provide you with certainty as to your future study with the [VET guarantee](#). If you are applying as an international student, visit [International applications](#). To find out which degree your completed AQF Certificate III, IV or a diploma provides admission to, see [guaranteed admission](#). These degrees are also identifiable on the [Griffith Degree Finder](#) by the VET guarantee badge. Applicants must still meet the English subject prerequisites for admission as well as any other admission requirements. Click [here](#) for more information.

Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee key dates

Offers will be made to eligible applicants between September and November 2025. As soon as you submit your documentation, you'll be considered in one of the offer rounds listed. Don't panic if you can't provide your documentation until late October because your IA3 results aren't in the QCAA portal yet. Griffith will continue to make early offers for all eligible programs until the 21 November offer round.

- **20 October:** Final date to apply, to be eligible for an early offer.
- **31 October:** Final date to submit supporting documentation for the main offer round on 15 November.
- **17 November:** Last day to change your preferences to your preferred degree.

Click [here](#) for more information including:

- How to apply
- What documentation is required
- Degrees that are available
- Frequently asked questions

Queensland University of Technology



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Careers with STEM webinar

Join QUT on 5 November for their free [Careers with STEM](#) webinar from 11am, featuring three QUT technologists. The panellists will share their journeys and advice for anyone considering pursuing a career in technology. Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

Creative arts and design engagement day

Students in Years 9–11 are invited to a day of hands-on workshops across the creative arts and design disciplines on Tuesday 18 November, 9am to 2.30pm at QUT Kelvin Grove Creative Industries Precinct. You will experience a taste of what a future career in the creative arts and design could look like. Find out more and register your interest [here](#).

Creative Arts Showcase 2025

Film & Animation High School Matinee Screening—Wednesday 22 October

You are welcome to a special screening that showcases documentaries, dramas and animated shorts created by QUT Film, Screen & Animation students, past and present. After the screening, there will be a panel discussion and Q&A with filmmakers. Click [here](#) to learn more and get your free tickets.

Visual Arts Graduate Show Tours—Tuesday 4 until Friday 7 November

Take a guided tour of the QUT Visual Arts graduation exhibition, showcasing works across sculpture, drawing, video and photomedia. Click [here](#) to find out more and register.

See all the QUT Creative Arts Showcase events [here](#).

Diploma Health Science (Health Studies)—guaranteed pathway to health bachelor degrees

QUT's new [Diploma in Health Science \(Health Studies\)](#) (QTAC code 420501) will commence from Semester 1, 2026. This Diploma provides guaranteed entry to Bachelor Degrees in Behavioural Science (Psychology), Biomedical Science, Human Services, Medical Laboratory Science, Nutrition Science, Public Health and Social Work, with up to 72 credit points (e.g. 6 units/subjects) of advanced standing.

Early offer updates

The Year 12 Early Offer Scheme can offer you a place at QUT before you receive your ATAR, IB Diploma or VET Diploma. If eligible, you'll receive an offer for your QTAC first preference the day you complete Year 12. The scheme includes more than 80 single and double degrees from a wide range of study areas including business, creative arts, engineering, health and science. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Important dates
- Am I eligible?
- Required school results
- What courses are included in the scheme?
- Applying and receiving an offer
- Supporting documentation
- Other things to consider
- Contact us



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Offer guarantee and VET guarantee

Year 12 graduates could be guaranteed an offer for their course if their ATAR or selection rank meets the offer guarantee for that course. If you have a VET qualification, such as a diploma or certificate III or IV, you are also guaranteed an offer for many QUT degrees, diplomas or combined diploma/degree programs. [Check the offer guarantee and VET guarantee for QUT courses.](#)

Power of Engineering

QUT encourage female students in Years 7–12 to explore Engineering and STEM-related careers through their Power of Engineering workshops, presentations from industry professionals, and where possible, site visits to showcase the real-world applications of Engineering and its potential to solve global challenges. These events will be run between Sunday 16 to Thursday 20 November. Click [here](#) to find out more and to apply.

QUT acting auditions closing date reminder

Applications for the Bachelor of Creative Arts (Acting) close today. If you love performance, storytelling and bringing characters to life, this course could be for you. The final deadline for applications and auditions is 5pm Tuesday 7 October 2025. Late submissions will not be accepted. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

QUT entry pathway for First Nations Peoples' students

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

QUT Real Decisions: Application essentials seminar

Join QUT on 2 December for their QUT Real Decisions: Application Essentials seminar at QUT Gardens Point campus and find out more about the QTAC process and how to make your preferences work for you. The session will include:

- QTAC offers explained
- Things to consider before the QTAC deadline on 8 December
- How to manage your preference changes
- What happens next.

The information provided in this seminar is for domestic students considering undergraduate study (i.e. bachelor degree study). Click [here](#) for more information and to register to attend.

Undergraduate Certificate (Nursing) offer guarantee Tertiary Rank change

Are you interested in Nursing but may not get the ATAR/Tertiary Rank needed? QUT's offer guarantee for the [Undergraduate Certificate \(Nursing\)](#) (QTAC code 420551) has increased from 60.00 to 65.00 for entry in Semester 1, 2026



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Southern Cross University

Pathway to Uni options

There are many pathways to university. Gaining entry to university with your high school results is just one. If you don't get the ATAR you need to go straight into your chosen course, you can complete one of Southern Cross Uni's free pathways programs.

- Transition to Uni (six-weeks intensive)
- Preparing for Success (12-weeks) will equip you with the academic and study skills you need to succeed.

If you successfully complete either of these pathway programs, you are guaranteed entry to a range of their Bachelors' degrees. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

The University of Queensland

Does UQ do early offers?

UQ does not participate in early offers. They offer an [ATAR guarantee](#) scheme. This means as soon as you find out your ATAR on 18 December 2025, you'll know whether you're guaranteed an offer for your preferred program at UQ. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- What is an early offer for university?
- When do early offers come out?
- Is there a UQ early offer scheme?
- How does UQ's ATAR guarantee work?
- Using adjustments to meet the guaranteed threshold

Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) - Semester 1 2026 applications open now

The Enhanced Studies Program provides students with an opportunity to extend their knowledge and skills by completing one university subject during the first semester of Year 12.

- No tuition fees
- In person, External and Intensive course offerings available.
- ESP prepares students for university study by experiencing classes, completing assessment and enjoying campus life.
- Students who successfully complete ESP will be eligible to receive one adjustment to their ATAR.
- ESP students who later enrol in a relevant UQ degree may receive credit for their completed course.
- ESP study counts towards a student's Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

Applications close on Friday 17 November 2025. Click [here](#) for more information, the 2026 brochure and to register.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Guaranteed accommodation

UQ ensures students commencing studies at their campuses are able to find safe and convenient accommodation. The approved provider scheme helps students to secure suitable accommodation before arriving in Brisbane. As well as our on-campus residences, UQ is partnering with a select number of private, purpose-built, off-campus accommodation providers. If you're an international student and under 18 years of age, you'll need to apply through their [Under 18 Supervision Program](#). Click [here](#) for more information including:

- Accommodation partners
- On campus providers
- Off campus providers

Scholarships Information Webinar

On 15 October from 6 - 7pm you can join UQ's scholarships information webinar where you will:

- explore the different types of scholarships offered by UQ
- learn about the application process and gain helpful tips for a strong application
- hear from a current scholarship recipient about the benefits of a scholarship
- understand key scholarship updates
- participate in a live Q&A session

Click [here](#) for more information and registration details.

UQ's Adjustment Factors - are you eligible?

Adjustment factors aren't extra ATAR points, they don't change your overall ATAR. They are bonus that tertiary institutions (such as universities) add onto your ATAR to increase your selection rank, helping you get into specific programs at that institution. It's important to know that different institutions have different types of adjustment factors and vary the maximum number of rank adjustments you can gain – for UQ, it's a max of 5. Click [here](#) to find out what UQ gives adjustment factors for including:

- Completing specific subjects in high school
- Living in a rural or remote location
- Attending a specific high school
- Experiencing hardship financially or personally
- Identifying as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- Attending uni in your local area
- Being an elite athlete or performer
- How do I apply for rank adjustments?

University of Southern Queensland

Allied Health study options

UniSQ is offering the following Allied Health study options in 2026:



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

- Counselling
- Medical Sciences
- Medicine Pathway
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Occupational Therapy
- Paramedicine
- Physiotherapy and Sports Science
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Social Work
- Speech Pathology

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

Want to talk to someone about going to uni?

Find out more information about UniSQ including:

- International Student Enquiries
- Current Student Enquiries
- Domestic Future Student Enquiries
- Career Advising Practitioners
- Scholarship Enquiries

You can book an appointment to discuss the following options:

- Degree Advisor Discussion
- High School Student Discussion
- Pathways Discussion

Click [here](#) for more information.

University of the Sunshine Coast

Immerse yourself in the university experience

Immerse is a one-of-a-kind online experience that allows you to 'step inside' and explore UniSC and all that there is on offer. Experience UniSC's world class teaching and learning spaces as real students and lecturers go about their day-to-day activities. Get a feel for UniSC and what to expect heading from high school to university. Click [here](#) for more information.

Scholarships webinar

Register for the UniSC Scholarships webinar and discover how [scholarships and bursaries](#) can support your study journey and help relieve financial stress. UniSC awards over \$4.3 million to more than 1,500 students. Whether you're relocating, excelling academically or navigating financial hardship, you may be eligible for more support than you think and yes, you can apply for more than one! The webinar will be held on 23 October from 5 - 6pm. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

Study advisor call appointments

Have you got questions about Oyour university application, your chosen degree or starting university? Book a call with a UniSC study advisor and get your questions answered. Click [here](#) to book a study call with a study advisor.



Date	Event
08/10/2025	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
08/10/2025	CQUni Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) information session
10/10/2025	JCU Early Offer program applications close
11/10/2025	GU Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship closes
12/10/2025	QUT Corporate Partners in Excellence Scholarship closes
12/10/2025	QUT's Corporate Partners in Excellence (CPIE) Scholarship
13/10/2025	ADF: Noosa Defence Careers Information Session
13/10/2025	ADF: Rockhampton Indigenous Pathways Information Session
14/10/2025	ADF: Gladstone Indigenous Pathways Information Session
14/10/2025	ADF: Maryborough Defence Careers Information Session
14/10/2025	ADF: Townsville Air Force Careers Information Session
15/10/2025	ADF: Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000

15/10/2025	ADF: Hervey Bay Defence Careers Information Session
15/10/2025	UQ Scholarship information webinar
17/10/2025	National Awards for Disability Leadership nominations now open
18/10/2025	ADF: Roma Army Reserve Open Day
20/10/2025	GU last day to apply for Early Offer consideration
20/10/2025	GU Sem 3 Head Start applications close
20/10/2025	JCU Medicine applicants prediction of Academic Achievement due
20/10/2025	Trimester 3 Griffith Uni Head Start Program applications close
22/10/2025	QUT Early Offer applications close
22/10/2025	QUT Film & Animation High School Matinee Screening
22/10/2025	QUT Year 12 Early Offer last date to be considered for an offer
23/10/2025	UniSC Scholarships webinar: Money to help you study
31/10/2025	AIS Local Sporting Champions program
31/10/2025	Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) Scholarships and Bursaries close
31/10/2025	GU final date to submit supporting early offer documentation
31/10/2025	QUT Specialist Maths summer school applications close
31/10/2025	Real Futures Grant
31/10/2025	START QUT Sem 1 2026 applications close
31/10/2025	UQ Sporting scholarships
02/11/2025	UQ's 2025 LEAD Scholarship applications closes
04/11/2025	QUT Visual Arts Graduate Showcase Tours
05/11/2025	QUT Careers with STEM webinar
05/11/2025	QUT Year 12 Early Offer close date for uploading supporting documentation to QTAC
07/11/2025	QTAC applications close for 21 Nov round offers
10/11/2025	UQ College bridging course applications close
14/11/2025	QUT Early Offer first round offers
14/11/2025	QUT Year 12 Early Offer first round offers notified
17/11/2025	GU last day to change early offer preferences in QTAC application
17/11/2025	UQ Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) Sem 1 2026 applications close
18/11/2025	QUT Creative arts and design engagement day
18/11/2025	QUT Year 12 Early Offer final date to rearrange QTAC preferences



21/11/2025	QUT Early Offer released to first round approved applicants through QTAC
21/11/2025	UQ Academic Scholarship applications close
27/11/2025	UQ Qld Maths Summer School applications close
28/11/2025	QUT Yr 12 Early Offer second round offers released by QTAC



Mount Alvernia College
82 Cremorne Road
Kedron Qld 4031



mta@mta.qld.edu.au



07 3357 6000