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**THE FUTURES HUB LUNCHTIME TALKS
DURING FIRST BREAK IN A101
MONDAY 18 MAY**

Students, join us in A101 (Futures Hub)
for a general presentation by



It will be starting at the beginning of first break
Please email Mrs Halverson if you are attending, thank you.



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\$10,000 incentive payments for housing construction apprentices

If you're an apprentice in housing construction, you can get up to \$10,000 while you train. You'll receive \$2,000 at different stages of your apprenticeship (6, 12, 24, 36 months, and when you finish). [Click here for more info.](#)

Apprenticeship Central

Did you know there are 500+ apprenticeships and traineeships across 50+ industries? Whether you're into office work, construction, design, health or farming—there's an option for you. With an apprenticeship or traineeship, you learn on the job and get paid. [Check out Apprenticeship Central](#) to explore your pathway and find answers to things like:

- what it's actually like
- how long it takes
- if it suits you
- how to get started

Apprenticeship Support Australia

Apprenticeships and traineeships are a great way to kick-start your career. You'll work, study, get paid and earn a nationally recognised qualification at the same time. Apprenticeship Support Australia can help with info, opportunities and support to get you started. Click the links below to find out more.

- [Mentoring and Support](#)
- [Starting an apprenticeship](#)
- [How Much Will You Get Paid?](#)
- [Share your feedback](#)
- [Code of Conduct](#)
- [How to access ADMS \(Apprenticeship Data Management System\)](#)



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- [Key Apprenticeship Program](#)
- [Women In Trades Apprenticeships](#)

Apprenticeships and traineeships Info

Apprenticeship Central is a job site that connects you with real apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities. You can register, search for jobs and get alerts when new roles pop up. It also has heaps of helpful stuff like:

- resume tips
- videos and blogs
- career quizzes (find your best fit)
- FAQs

[A great place to start](#) if you're looking to get into an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Australian Apprenticeship Support Loans (AASL)

The Australian Apprenticeship Support Loan (AASL) can help you cover everyday costs while you train. If you're in a priority trade, you can borrow up to \$25,983 (2025–26). You only start paying it back once you earn over \$67,000. Here's the good stuff:

- payments can be backdated for extra support
- get 20% off your loan if you finish your apprenticeship
- your loan is adjusted each year with inflation
- there's also an extra 20% debt reduction (applied before June 2025)

[More info here once you click on either the Download DOCX or Download PDF tab.](#)



Australian Defence Force



ADF Pilot up your alley?

Some Army and Air Force jobs are grouped into pathways. You'll start as an officer, building top-level leadership and management skills. As you go through training, your pathway is decided based on your preferences, performance and what roles are available. In Aviation, there are two main pathways:

- Mission
- Pilot

You apply for one of these and your exact role is confirmed as you progress through the process. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

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

- 05/05/2026 [Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- [Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- [Bundaberg Trade Careers Information Session](#)
- 06/05/2026 [Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- [Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 07/05/2026 [Townsville Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- [Maroochydore Trade Careers Information Session](#)
- 11/05/2026 [Rockhampton Pop Up ADF Careers \(PACC\)](#)



[Brisbane Logistics, Hospitality & Support Careers Information Session](#)

[Toowoomba Trade Careers Information Session](#)

12/05/2026 [Warwick A Night in the Army Reserve](#)

[Gladstone A Night in the Army Reserve \(PACC\)](#)

18/05/2026 [Biloela Trade Careers Information Session \(PACC\)](#)

[Gold Coast Army Reserve Information Session](#)

19/05/2026 [Redcliffe Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Want to be a submariner?

Ever wondered what jobs are out there in the submarine industry? There's more than you might think — both at sea *and* on land. Here are a few places to start:

- [Royal Australian Navy submariner roles](#) – training in leadership, engineering, communications, logistics and more (check out the 11 roles available)
- [ASC Pty Ltd careers](#) – apprenticeships, Uni programs and graduate jobs working on Australia's submarine program
- [Seek](#) / [LinkedIn](#) – see real jobs being advertised right now

Even if working on a submarine isn't your thing, there are heaps of land-based roles in the industry too. Have a look and make an informed choice.

Work experience program - Find out what the ADF offers in person

The Defence Work Experience Program lets you explore what it's really like to work in Defence. It's a great way to check out careers in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the Australian Public Service (APS) before committing. You can learn about:

- what you'll do on placement
- who can apply
- how to apply
- different career areas

Got questions? Email Defence.WorkExperienceProgram@defence.gov.au. [Click here for more info.](#)



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Career Exploration



An interesting read if you are thinking about Uni

Thinking about Uni? It's worth doing your research first. [Job Jumpstart has a great article](#) that helps you make sure Uni is the right choice *for you* — not just something you feel like you should do. It gets you thinking about:

- why you want to go
- if the course actually suits you
- which Uni fits you best
- what your job options are after you finish

It's all about making a smart choice for your future.

Can you name your values ... the things that matter to you?

Your values play a big role in the career choices you make. They're basically what matters most to you—and they can help guide you towards the right path. Start by thinking about what feels important to you. For example:

- adventure – trying new things
- creativity – being innovative
- independence – doing things your own way
- helping others – being caring or supportive
- fairness – being honest and doing the right thing
- growth – learning and improving

Ask yourself:

- Which of these matter most to me?
- Are there any others I'd add?

Knowing your values can help you choose a career that actually fits who you are

Careers with STEM online magazines

The Careers with [STEM website](#) shows that STEM isn't just about being a maths whiz. [Check out "Find My STEM X"](#) to see how you can mix STEM with what you're already into and turn it into a career.

Think:

- animals
- business
- creativity
- crime & justice
- cyber security
- design & construction
- disaster management

... and heaps more

[Click here to see where STEM +](#) your passion can take you.

Healthcare is everywhere!

Healthcare is Everywhere an interactive online activity that lets you explore health careers in a fun way, You can zoom and scroll around a virtual city and rural community to see where different healthcare jobs are based and what they actually do. Just click the red markers to discover roles in each location. [Give it a go here!](#)

How to ignore gender bias in jobs

You might hear things like "that job's not for you because you're a girl/boy"... but honestly, your gender doesn't decide what you're good at. Your interests and skills do. Here's how to push past that thinking:

- Back yourself – if you're interested in something, go for it
- Focus on your strengths, not stereotypes
- Look up real people doing the job (there are heaps breaking the mould)
- Get the right info so you're not relying on outdated ideas
- Choose subjects and pathways that match what *you* want

At the end of the day, jobs aren't "for boys" or "for girls" — they're for people who are keen, capable and willing to give it a go.



Looking for career ideas?

Not sure what jobs might suit you? Try a career quiz. They ask about your interests, values and preferences, then suggest jobs you might want to explore. Here are a few types:

- **Online career quizzes** – quick and easy, match you to possible jobs and show your strengths
- **Psychometric tests** – check how your personality and traits fit certain roles (often used by employers and career practitioners)
- **Aptitude quizzes** – test your skills like literacy and numeracy

They're a great way to get ideas and learn a bit more about yourself. [Click here to check out Job Jumpstart's career tools](#) and get started.

Not sure what you want to do? Ask questions

If you still have no idea what you want to do after school, that's totally normal. Most people don't — even adults are still figuring it out. The good news? You don't need all the answers yet. Just start collecting clues. One of the best ways to do that is by talking to people. Keep it casual — chat to family, teachers or people you know about what they do and how they got there. Those simple conversations can give you ideas and help you figure out what might suit you. You can [read more here including answers](#) to the following questions:

- “Tell me about a day at work -what did you do today?”
- “What skills matter most in your job?”
- “What's the hardest part?”
- “What do you really enjoy about your work?”
- “How did you get into this?”
- “If you were my age, what would you focus on?”

Skillsroad - a career exploration website

[Skillsroad](#) has heaps of tools to help you kick-start your career journey. You can try:

- **Career Quiz** – find your strengths and what jobs might suit you
- **Explore Careers** – check out different industries and discover new options
- **Job Fit Test** – see how ready you are for a job and what to do next
- **Search Jobs** – look and apply for real jobs

There's also [resume templates](#), [workbooks](#) and [career advice](#) to help you along the way. [Definitely worth checking out!](#)





2026 Young ICT Explorers competition

Young ICT Explorers is a competition where you submit an information and communication technologies (ICT) related project. Projects can be submitted individually or in teams of up to four Students. You have until 1 July 2026 to register and until 31 July 2026 to submit your project report - click [here](#) for more details. Projects could include a mobile phone application, computer game, website, digital art, robot, short film or animation. Visit the Young ICT Explorers [website](#) for details. Ask a teacher to register your school if you want to compete.

Griffith University's Score It: Film scoring competition

Griffith Uni is again hosting a high school film scoring competition in 2026. Students are invited to submit an original score for an animation created by Griffith Film School students by 12 June 2026. The most promising submission will be performed by a chamber orchestra during a bespoke evening event at the Conservatorium 5 November 2026. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details.

Triple J Unearthed High School Music competition

Got music? This could be your moment. Unearthed High is a comp from triple j looking for the best high school artists in Australia. Big names like The Kid Laroi and Genesis Owusu started here — you could be next. How to enter:

- Upload your best song(s) to your Unearthed profile (they listen to every track)
- Tick the “Enter Unearthed High” box on your profile
- Get it in by midnight, Monday 11 May

Simple. Give it a shot



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Disabilities

myWAY Employability supporting Autistic young people

myWAY Employability (myWAY) helps you discover your strengths, interests and what you want in a workplace—so you can feel more confident and make clearer career choices. It's an evidence-based career planning tool, co-designed with autistic people, along with disability and employment specialists. It's built to support autistic Career Explorers as they plan for a job or their next career step. [Find out more info here.](#)

Welcome to JobAccess - your guide to disability employment

JobAccess is the national hub for workplace and employment information for people with disability, employers and service providers. Created by the Australian Government, it brings together the information and resources that can 'drive disability employment'. Along with this website, there is:

- A telephone advice line ([1800 464 800](tel:1800464800))
- The [Employment Assistance Fund \(EAF\)](#) for workplace modifications and support
- An employer engagement service - the [National Disability Recruitment Coordinator \(NDRC\)](#)
- [Complaints Resolution and Referral Service](#)
- [National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline](#)

Click [here](#) to find out more including information on:

- Workplace assessment
- Modifications and adjustments
- Rights and responsibilities
- Help to find a job
- Financial assistance



Employability skills - Free Micro-credentials that can help

TAFE QLD is offering free, online micro-credentials you can do to improve your employability skills - and they are short, online and free! You can [find out what's on offer](#) here including:

- Employability skills
- Becoming an employee
- Building a digital and online profile
- Job search techniques (Modern)
- Job application preparation
- Job interview skills
- Workplace culture and communication

Five steps to making your dream career a reality

Are you interested in a specific career? Want to find out whether it's the right job for you? JobjumpStart has five steps to increase your chances of making your dream job a reality. [Click here for more information](#) about the following steps:

1. Do your research
2. Watch day-in-the-life videos for an idea of what it's really like to work in a particular job.
3. Match your skills and aptitudes to those required for the job.
4. Link with employers.
5. Connect with training.

How employers recruit

Employers look for different things at different stages of recruiting people. When you apply, they're mostly checking your experience, skills and qualifications. But at the interview, they're more focused on your attitude, how you communicate and whether you'd be a good fit for their workplace.



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At the application stage, employers look for:

- Relevant experience and skills
- Qualifications or licences
- Availability
- Communication and people skills
- Willingness to learn

At the interview stage, they focus more on:

- Your attitude and approach to work
- Whether you fit their workplace culture
- Your skills, knowledge, and experience
- Communication and people skills
- Your values

Understanding this can help you write a stronger application and feel more prepared for interviews. [More info here.](#)

Knowing about labour market information is important

To make good career decisions, it helps to understand what jobs are in demand and what opportunities might be available in the future. These resources can help you explore that:

- Jobs and Skills Australia – Check out industry and occupation info to see job trends and what's growing.
- Jobs and Skills Australia – Find out which [jobs are in skill shortage](#) across Australia and in your state.
- Jobs and Skills Australia – Learn about [current and future workforce needs](#), including apprenticeships and training.
- Graduate Careers Australia – Explore info on [graduate jobs](#), salaries, and employment trends.

Using these tools can help you make more informed choices about your future career.

Terminology - What are sectors, industries and career fields?

The world of work influences how you think about, choose, develop and change your career. You need to understand the world of work before you choose a career path. Click [here](#) and find out about sectors, industries and career fields. It will help you understand them and make your career research that little bit easier.

What are skills' clusters?

According to the Australian Government Jobs and Skills [website](#), skills clusters show clusters of jobs requiring similar specialist tasks. They are another way of looking at the labour market, showing how skills are related and connected to one another and are not just connected to a specific job. It's a



new way to explore skills transferability. Skills clusters do not take into account qualifications, registration or licensing required to undertake certain tasks. Click [here](#) to read about the 7 skill clusters as identified by Foundation for Young Australians.

Why people skills matter

People skills (sometimes called soft skills) are the personal qualities that help you work well with others. Unlike technical skills, you use these in almost every part of life — at school, work and beyond. Some key people skills include:

- **Communication** – expressing your ideas clearly and listening to others
- **Teamwork** – working well with others to achieve a goal
- **Problem-solving** – finding solutions when challenges come up
- **Time management** – organising your time and getting things done
- **Adaptability** – adjusting to new situations and change

These skills are highly valued by employers and can make a big difference when applying for jobs or working in a team. [Find out more here.](#)



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Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Elite Athlete University Scholarships

The Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) has created a list of scholarships across the Australian Elite Athlete Education Network to support elite athletes. It's a great starting point, but not a complete list—so make sure you also explore other options that suit your situation. [Click here and scroll down](#) to find a list of available scholarships.

Scholarship options in Australia

Scholarships can help cover things like fees, living costs or both. Some last for your whole course, while others are short-term or require you to reapply. Competition can be strong, so it's important to have a back-up plan. Look into government support and keep an eye out for scholarships you can apply for later in your course. [Find out more about](#) the different types of scholarships available including:

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

Remember, if you don't apply, you'll never get one ... oh, and you can apply for as many as you like!

UQ Bursaries available for Online Bridging Courses

UQ College offers self-paced online bridging courses to help you meet Maths Methods or General Maths requirements for uni. There's a 50% fee reduction available for domestic students who:



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- are experiencing financial difficulties, or
- are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Places are limited and offered first come, first served — so it's worth applying early if you're interested. [Find out more.](#)



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First Nations Peoples



Aurora scholarship portal

The Aurora Indigenous pathways portal has over 483 scholarship opportunities that are available for First Nations Peoples. The [portal](#) lets you search by:

- Scholarship for ...
- Study area
- Study level
- Study load
- Institution
- State

InspireU Extend

InspireU Extend is a 5-day residential camp for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10–12. It's perfect if you're aiming for an ATAR or exploring Uni pathways. You'll dive into a study area you're interested in and build skills for your future.

What you'll get:

- 5 days (4 nights) staying near University of Queensland St Lucia campus
- Hands-on workshops, lab visits and industry experiences
- Advice on ATAR, QTAC and subject choices
- The chance to meet like-minded students and make new friends

The residential camp will be on 29 June to 3 July, and applications close on 17 May. A great way to explore your options and see what Uni life is really like.



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QUT Campus tours for prospective Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

The [Oodgeroo Unit](#) is the QUT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student support centre committed to developing better access to university education for First Nations Peoples. Contact the Unit to arrange a campus tour.

QUT's Indigenous Australian Accommodation Scholarship

The QUT's Indigenous Australian Accommodation Scholarship is a 12-month accommodation scholarship available to eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students relocating to QUT. You will receive an accommodation package. You will be provided with a 12-month accommodation package at [Student One Elizabeth Street](#). Click [here](#) for more information including eligibility, how to apply and Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP).

Scholarships for First Nations Peoples

[Bond University scholarships](#), offers 50% of tuition fees if applying for diploma programs, undergraduate degrees including approved combined programs or up to 320 credit points (excluding the Medical Programs). For those relocating to the Gold Coast and live in on-campus accommodation, the scholarship also provides a one-semester living bursary that includes a meal plan. Applications for 2027 scholarships are open and close on 31 August 2026.

[UQ](#) offer a range of potential scholarships for future undergraduate students. You can access their Scholarship [webpage](#) (scroll down)

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

[QUT scholarships](#) can help you achieve your best through financial support, work experience and exciting networking opportunities. Find the scholarship that takes your success to the next level, some of which could be [Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships](#)

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

[University of Sunshine Coast](#) have scholarships and bursaries that provide financial support throughout your studies to relieve financial pressures and allow you more time to focus on your study.



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Gap Year Program News



Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange gives you the chance to live overseas, learn a new language, and experience a different culture. Open to students aged 15–19, you can choose:

- **Long-term exchanges** – spend a full school year overseas
- **Short-term exchanges** – from a few days to a few months (camps, tours, or homestays)

It's a great way to build independence and see the world. [Find out more here.](#)



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Interstate & International



ANU Early Offer application help

ANU have an application process that incorporates applying for a Degree program, accommodation and scholarships in the one application. Click [here](#) and watch their Early Offer application break down video. Early Offer applications close on 8 May.

Study & Play USA opportunities

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

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

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

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo

The Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo is on from 28, 29 and 30 May at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre. It is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new training options. There will be over 160 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages and entry's Free. You will be able to:

- Talk with over 160 Training Organisations & Employers
- Gain Free Career Advice
- Discover Jobs of the Future
- Experience the Free Career Seminars
- Enjoy the Come & Try'a Skill Zone
- Find your Ideal with ADF Careers

Expo opening hours are 9am to 3pm 28 and 29 May and 9am to 4pm on 30 May. Click [here](#) for more information.

Griffith Uni Creative Arts Open Day - A reminder

On 17 May, 9am–2pm, check out the Griffith University Creative Arts Open Day. Explore creative areas like art, design, music, film and performance through workshops, exhibitions, tours and live demos. A great chance to get inspired and see what studying creative arts is all about. [More info here.](#)

JMC Open Day

The schedule for JMC Academy's Open Day is here! Get ready for an interactive, hands-on experience with creative sessions, live demonstrations and much more! Their open day is on Saturday 09 May 2026. [Find out more and register here.](#)



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Mater Education Townsville Open Day

Are you curious about a career in healthcare? At Mater Education's Townsville Open Day find out more and have all your questions answered. [Register for Mater Education's Townsville Open Day](#) and get a taste of our healthcare career pathways. Check it out on 16 May from 9am to 11am.

Upcoming Career expos

The following are career expos being held in May:

- 12/05/2026 [Gladstone Careers Expo](#)
- 13/05/2026 [Bundaberg Careers Expo](#)
[Biloela Careers Market Day](#)
- 14/05/2026 [Rockhampton Capricorn Mega Careers Expo](#)
- 15/05/2026 [Emerald Careers Expo](#)
- 17/05/2026 [Griffith University Creative Arts Open Day](#)
- 20 & 21 May [Gold Coast Careers Festival](#)
- 23/05/2026 [Australian Performing Arts Conservatory](#)
- 28 - 30/05/2026 [Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo](#)





Accredited Courses at Perform Australia

Want to become an actor? [Perform Australia](#) in St Lucia offers acting courses to help you get industry ready. Start with a Certificate IV (around 5 months full-time), then build your skills with an Advanced Diploma (18 months). There's also a pathway to a degree at the Australian Performing Arts Conservatory. Training covers both screen and stage, so you're ready for theatre, film, and TV.

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) info sessions

ACAP University College is running Online Info Sessions from 11–13 May, giving you the chance to explore study options in psychology, counselling, social work and criminology. You'll hear directly from lecturers, learn how flexible online study works, and get your questions answered live, from wherever you're based! [More info and rego details here.](#)

Basair Aviation College

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

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



SAE Early Offer Program

At SAE Institute, your ATAR doesn't define your creativity — so you don't need one to apply. Their Early Offer Program lets you lock in your 2027 study plans before your final exams, so you can head into Year 12 with less stress. Secure a conditional offer for the February 2027 intake and focus on what really matters — your creative projects and portfolio. Applications are open now, so you can get started anytime. [Info here including application details.](#)

School Holiday Mater Education hands-on program

Interested in a healthcare career? The Mater Education High School Health Adventure is a two-day, hands-on program for Years 10–12. Step into the role of a health professional — wear scrubs, use real simulation facilities and learn from experts. You'll meet doctors, nurses and other health workers and try activities like CPR, emergency response and basic medical procedures. Held during the holidays, it's a great way to experience what a career in healthcare is really like. [Find out more here.](#)

The Hotel School Australia

Interested in tourism, hospitality, or events? The Hotel School (with campuses in Brisbane and the Gold Coast) offers degrees through Southern Cross University. Entry isn't based on your ATAR. Instead, they look at your school results and any relevant work experience. If shortlisted, you'll be invited to an interview to talk about your goals and learn more about the course. [Find out more](#) about courses, key dates, fees, scholarships, and applying.



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How are Assistance schemes and Adjustment Factors linked?

Adjustment Factors can boost your chances of getting into Uni by increasing your selection rank. They're offered for different reasons, so it's important to check the details for each Uni you're interested in. Assistance schemes offer Adjustment Factors and vary from Uni to Uni. Visit QTAC to learn about schemes like:

- Elite Athlete
- Financial assistance
- Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
- Rural Access

Unis may also offer other options like subject bonuses, equity schemes, regional preference and First Nations pathways. [Start researching early](#) so you know what you're eligible for.

QTAC Year 10 Guide

The Year 10 Guide includes the prerequisites and assumed knowledge needed to meet entry requirements for courses in 2029. [Check it out online](#) before you choose your Senior Subjects to make sure you meet any course prerequisites.

Queensland ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank)

Not sure what ATAR is all about? QTAC have an ATAR section where you can find answers to the most common questions that students and parents have. Click [here](#) to check out the information including:

- ATAR and Year 12
- What is the ATAR
- Breaking down the ATAR

- Adjustments and selection rank
- ATAR appeals
- ATAR verification
- Ready to receive your ATAR? - How to register to have your ATAR calculated

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

Time's moving fast — start researching your course options for your QTAC application now. Not sure where to begin? Book a chat with your school Guidance Officer/School Counsellor. Helpful ways to get started:

- **Open Days (May–Sept):** Explore courses and campuses
- **Online QTAC Guide (June/July):** Course info and how to apply
- **Tertiary Studies Expo:** Meet unis, including interstate options
- **QTAC website (from August):** Latest course and application info
- **Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo:** Careers advice and study pathways

Key date: 30 September (Early Bird QTAC deadline for most courses). Make the most of these opportunities to plan your next step after school.



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Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority



Certificates and qualifications

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

- About the QCE
- QCE eligibility and requirements
- QCE Achievement Awards
- Recognised studies
- Learning accounts
- Transfer students and the QCE
- QCE resources
- QCE and QCIA handbook
- Senior Education Profile
- Replacement copies of certificates
- Queensland Certificate of Individual Education



Study Skills & Wellbeing



8 Things Taken for Granted in Year 12

Year 12 can feel like a lot — exams, big decisions and everything happening socially all at once. It's a mix of stress, excitement and moments you'll never forget. Even when it feels overwhelming, there are some amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experiences you won't want to miss. [Check out the Year13 article](#) and read about eight things worth making the most of including:

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

Free app to help you manage the stress of Years 11 and 12

Senior study can get stressful — especially around exams and deadlines — so it's important to have ways to manage it. The [Smiling Mind app](#) is a great free tool to help you learn simple stress management and mindfulness techniques. If things feel overwhelming, don't keep it to yourself — talk to your Guidance Officer, School Counsellor, parents or your GP.

Three ways to build wellbeing

Wellbeing isn't just about dealing with stress — it's about finding balance between doing the best you can at school and looking after yourself all at the same time! You can build your wellbeing by focusing on three key areas:

- **Intention** – plan ahead and take a proactive approach
- **Customisation** – find what works best for you
- **Flexibility** – adapt when things change

They can help you stay on track while still feeling supported and balanced.



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TAFE Queensland Updates



North Queensland locations and courses on offer

The North Queensland region (from the Whitsundays to Mount Isa) has a range of [TAFE Queensland campuses](#) offering practical, job-ready courses. You'll find campuses in:

- Cairns
- Townsville (Pimlico)
- Townsville (Trade Training Centre Bohle)
- Atherton
- Bowen
- Burdekin
- Charters Towers
- Cloncurry
- Great Barrier Reef International Marine College
- Ingham
- Innisfail
- Mt Isa
- Northern Peninsula
- Palm Island
- Thursday Island
- Whitsundays

Their courses are designed to suit local communities, with options from hands-on training to apprenticeships.

TAFE at School mid-year intake

If you're in Years 10–12, you can start a TAFE Queensland course while still at school. Choose from Certificate I–III options across areas like hospitality, health, creative industries and construction. Starting mid-year can give you a head start and open pathways to TAFE or uni. [You can find out how it works](#), costs, courses, and how to apply online. Tip: Applications usually close mid-July and fill fast — talk to your Guidance Officer, School Counsellor or VET Coordinator for help.

TAFE Centre's of Excellence

The Australian Government partnered with States and Territories and have established TAFE Centres of Excellence. They deliver programs in the following areas:

- [Cyber and Robotics Training Centre](#): developing the workers for the future from the South Bank campus.
- [TAFE Centre of Excellence - Health Care and Support](#): developing innovative health care training solutions to address critical skills gaps in health care and delivery.
- [TAFE Centre of Excellence - Clean Energy Batteries](#): developing targeted training solutions for the rapidly growing clean energy battery technology sector.
- [Academy of Sport](#) - Broncos, QLD Rugby, Brisbane Lions, Bullets, Qld Cricket, Hockey Queensland, Gymnastics QLD: Undertake code specific training in an industry setting with real-life integrated learning.



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Universities



2027 Undergraduate Study Guides now available

Start your research early when considering studying at Uni or TAFE. The following are links to each University's 2027 undergraduate guide. In the guides you can find information about:

- Undergraduate courses on offer in 2027
- Minimum thresholds and prerequisites required for each degree or TAFE course
- Accommodation options
- Student support
- Scholarships
- And much more

[Australian Catholic University](#)

[Central Queensland University](#) – Click on Course Directory

[Griffith University](#)

[James Cook University](#)

[Queensland University of Technology](#) – Scroll down

[The University of Queensland](#)

[University of Southern Queensland](#) – Click on 2027 Undergraduate study guide

[University of Sunshine Coast](#) – Click on 2027 Study Guide

[SAE University College](#) – Click on Courses on top navigation bar

[Southern Cross University](#) - Scroll down

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[Torrens University](#)



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International students wanting to study at a university

If you need to meet English requirements for Uni or TAFE, you can take a recognised test like:

- [IELTS](#)
- [TOEFL](#)
- [Pearson](#) Test of English

Some courses — especially in health — may require one of these for entry or professional registration. Requirements vary between universities, so make sure you check what your chosen Uni accepts.

Study Assist - Compare courses

There are lots of ways to start Uni and courses can vary between providers — so it's important to do your research. Things like course content, location and cost can all be different, so take the time to find what suits you best. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Course level
- Course costs
- Course mode - how it's offered
- Type of institution
- Student experience and graduate outcomes

Tertiary study enrolment essentials: Tax File Number and Unique Student Identifier

If you're planning to go to Uni, apply early for a [TFN \(Tax File Number\)](#) and [USI \(Unique Student Identifier\)](#). You'll need both to access government support like [HECS-HELP](#) or [FEE-HELP](#), and to enrol at Uni or TAFE Queensland. For more info, check out the government [StudyAssist website](#).

Australian Catholic University

Talk with Industry Series

ACU is hosting webinars where you can hear from alumni (graduated students) about their professional experiences after completing their studies at ACU. You will be able to take part in a Q&A session with ACU graduates to find out what your future could hold with one of our degrees. Upcoming events are:

20/05/2026 Talk with Arts Students and Graduates: Turning Passion into Purpose - 6:00 - 6:45pm

21/05/2025 Talk with Biomedicine and Nutrition Experts: From Science to Real-World Impact - 6:00 - 6:45pm

[Find out more and register here.](#)



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Uni Step-Up – Study Uni subject in Year 11

Uni Step-Up lets Year 11 students try Uni early by studying two first-year subjects while still at school. You'll experience Uni life, build connections and study at a higher level. Choose from on-campus programs (holiday intensives) or an online option for regional students, with study areas like health or criminology. [Click here for more info](#) including:

- Why study Uni Step-Up?
- Program offerings (click on Brisbane)
- Who can apply for Uni Step-Up
- What can I study?
- How to apply (applications for the Scheme close on 22 May 2026 or when subject is full)

Australian National University

ACU Diploma of Information Technology Get ready for a career in IT — one of the fastest-growing industries out there.

Get ready for a career in IT — one of the fastest-growing industries out there. ACU's Diploma of Information Technology is a great starting point, and it can be studied online or on campus! You'll finish with a recognised qualification and get credit for your first year of a Bachelor of IT at ACU — so you can jump straight into second year. [Find out more about the course](#).

Bond University

2027 Undergraduate Guide - Ambition Loves Company

At Bond University, Uni is about more than just your course — it's about who you learn from, who you learn with and how you learn. Their approach focuses on helping you discover your interests, build real skills and stand out in your future career. Thinking about 2027? Check out the Bond University [2027 Undergraduate Guide](#) to explore your options.

Upcoming Experience Days

Bond runs Experience Days for Year 10, 11 and 12 students throughout the year. Below are the upcoming events. Click on the links for more details and to register.

04/06/2026: [Enterprise AI in action](#)

[Architecture Experience Day](#)

05/06/2026: [Global Changemakers Experience Day](#)



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06/06/2025: [Health Experience Day](#) - multiple sessions available

13/06/2026: [Bond Law Court Advocacy Showcase Invitation](#)

Check with your teacher or Guidance Officer/School Counsellor if interested in going.

Central Queensland University

Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine)

CQUniversity's Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine) is a direct pathway into becoming a doctor. Finish the 3-year degree with a GPA of 5.0+ and you'll get guaranteed entry into The University of Queensland's 4-year Doctor of Medicine (based in Central QLD and Wide Bay).

- Total study time: 7 years
- Must apply straight from school
- Full-time study only

A clear, structured path from school to medicine. [Click here for more info](#) and you apply through QTAC later in the year.

Online Chat Session

Thinking about TAFE or Uni in 2027? If CQUniversity is on your list, this is a great way to get your questions answered. Join the May Online Chat Session on Thursday, 21 May at 3 pm AEST. Just head to the CQUniversity Facebook page, send a message during the session and get real-time answers. You can ask about courses, pathways, support services or anything else you want to know about studying at CQU. [More info and rego here.](#)

Griffith University

Undergraduate Diplomas

Griffith University Undergraduate Diplomas are a great backup (or stepping stone) into Uni.

- Can lead straight into a related bachelor's degree (often into 2nd year)
- Or finish the Diploma and head straight into work

How to apply (through QTAC):

- Put your chosen Bachelor as your 1st preference
- Put the matching Diploma as your 2nd preference

Near the end of your Diploma, Griffith will help you move into the bachelor's degree through their direct entry process



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- 25 Diploma options across different study areas
- Flexible pathway if you don't get into your first choice straight away

[Find out more here.](#)

James Cook University

Applying to JCU Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science?

JCU has a two-step application process for the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours)

Steps to apply

1. Apply online via the [QTAC website](#); **AND**
2. Apply online [directly to JCU here](#). (click on course link for specific course information)

Legal Studies Conference

This conference explores law, human rights and real-world issues affecting young people today. Topics include criminal law, international law, the judiciary, First Nations self-determination and a panel on youth justice and the age of criminal responsibility. Open to all students in Years 9–12 — no legal studies required.

Dates & locations:

- Thursday 12 June 2025 – James Cook University Townsville (Bebegu Yumba campus)
- Thursday 19 June 2025 – James Cook University Cairns (Nguma-bada campus)

A great chance to learn, think critically and hear from experts. [Find out more here and rego details.](#)

Talk through your study options at JCU

Feeling unsure about Uni? You're not alone! You can book a free chat with the staff at James Cook University (JCU) and talk through anything on your mind — no pressure, just helpful advice. It can help with:

- Entry requirements
- Pathways to study
- Fees
- Credit for previous study/work experience
- Modes of study or online course delivery
- Course timetables
- Career opportunities, and more.

Click [here](#) for more information and to book a call.

Queensland University of Technology

Find a career caring for patients at QUT

If you're passionate about helping people you might have already decided that a career looking after patients is for you. Most people think of doctors and nurses but there are lots of different roles available in healthcare. With high ATAR thresholds some patient care courses are a little tricky to get into. Explore your options and find out more about [upgrading pathways in patient-care courses](#).

National Virtual Expo

QUT will be part of the [National Virtual Expo](#), a free, week-long online event running 10-17 May during National Careers Week, with a QUT Deep Dive session on Wednesday 13 May at 6:30pm AEST. It will also be available on demand after the event. The Expo features more than [80 sessions](#) on university options, plus practical topics like career direction, funding opportunities, managing money as a student, building confidence for post-school decisions, apprenticeships, alternative pathways and more.

QUT Year 9-10 Advice Night

Students in Year 9 or 10 who are curious about Uni life are invited to join QUT online on Tuesday 2 June to discover QUT courses, explore how to get in and find out what makes Uni different from school. Plus, hear real stories from current QUT students about their Uni experience. [Find out more.](#)

STEM + X: Data Science Careers Webinar

On Wednesday 20 May, QUT are hosting a future-focused webinar where QUT data science students and industry professionals lift the lid on what it's like to work in this rapidly growing field. You'll hear how data scientists tackle huge, messy, fast-moving datasets to solve problems that matter; from mapping galaxies and modelling climate futures to decoding genomes and powering next-gen simulations. If you've ever wondered what data driven science looks like in action, this is your chance to see it up close. [Register now.](#)

The Power of Engineering - an event for girls

Power of Engineering lets girls in Years 7–12 get excited about engineering and STEM careers. You'll take part in hands-on workshops, hear from real engineers and sometimes even visit worksites to see how it all happens in the real world. It's a chance to explore how engineering can solve big global problems—and maybe find a career you love. It is held once a term with Term 2's event scheduled for 22 - 26 June. [Click here for more info and registration details](#)



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Year 12 Subject Scheme changes

You may now be eligible for an ATAR or selection rank adjustment of up to 2.00 per subject for Applied or General creative arts subjects (maximum of 8.00) when applying for the Bachelor of Creative Arts. [Learn more.](#)

Southern Cross University

2027 Early Offers now open

Want to lock in a Uni spot before exams? Southern Cross University's Early Offer program lets Year 12 students secure a place before results come out.

- Takes pressure off your final year
- Not based only on your ATAR
- Direct pathway into Uni

What you need:

- A school recommendation (following SCU guidelines)

Applications for 2027: open now – close 30 September 2026. You can [also check out](#) FAQs, info for parents and their Early Offer podcast for more details

Student Handbook and Course Guide.

You can find SCU's Student Handbook including [2027 course guide here](#). Start your research so you can compare courses across universities to be sure that you enrol in the course and Uni that best suite your learning style, personal situation and location. It takes time so don't leave it until QTAC applications open!

The University of Queensland

Future Leaders Workshop

What's involved in this 1-day workshop?

- develop leadership skills and the confidence to lead effectively
- strengthen your communication and team culture skills
- build a practical leadership action plan you can immediately apply
- hear from influential keynote leadership speakers, including Lachie Smart, a record-breaking pilot and leadership speaker who became the youngest person to fly solo around the world
- engage in interactive activities and connect with future leaders



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- connect with current UQ students and hear about their leadership journeys

[Click here to find out more and to register.](#) Rego closes on 5 June.

Indigenous pathways to medicine

Join UQ online for their Twilight Information Sessions, providing information about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Graduate Entry pathway into the Doctor of Medicine (MD) at UQ. Sessions will be held on 2 June and 7 July. Find out more and [Register now](#)

Multiple mini-interviews (MMIs) preparation for entry in 2028 (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.

Online bridging courses in General Maths and Maths Methods

Need a Maths prereq for Uni? UQ College offers online bridging courses to help you get there:

- Counts as a Year 12 Maths alternative for The University of Queensland
- Study from home, at your own pace
- Weekly Zoom check-ins with teachers for support

Courses start on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. A flexible way to build your skills and qualify for your chosen degree. [Find out more here.](#)

Queensland Regional Youth Innovation Program

In many regional and remote areas, students don't always get the same opportunities to build key skills like problem-solving, innovation and leadership. The University of Queensland Discovery Queensland Regional Youth Innovation Program (QR-YIP) is designed to change that. It gives high school students the chance to take part in a fun competition, solve real community challenges and build skills for the future. You'll develop confidence, think creatively, and work with others to make a positive impact in your local area — all while gaining skills that matter for life after school. [Click here for more info and to express your interest.](#)



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Science events for high school students in Term 2

UQ are hosting several events and competitions during Term 2 to encourage a fascination with science and a love of Scientific discovery including:

22 June - 24 July - [Experience Genetics](#) - [Experience Genetics](#) - Year 12 biology school groups, to improve understanding of Unit 4 subject matter and practice laboratory skills relevant to genetics.

1 June - 1 July - [Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology \(FEAST\)](#) - Gatton: a 4-day residential program for high school students looking at careers in the agriculture, animal, plant and food industries.

29 - 30 June - Queensland Biology Winter School - comprises separate 2-day non-residential programs for [Year 11](#) and [Year 12](#) students to explore contemporary topics in line with the QCE and IB Biology syllabuses through interactive lectures, practicals and tutorials.

17 July - [Experience Geographical Science](#) - for school groups across Years 10 to 12. It is a curriculum aligned day of lectures and practicals that extend core learning from the Geog syllabus.

6 - 7 July - The [Queensland Chemistry Winter School](#) provides a deep dive into contemporary topics aligned with subject matter in the QCE Chemistry syllabus.

6 - 9 July - The [Junior Physics Odyssey](#) is a 4-day non-residential program for Year 10 students with an interest in physics, science and mathematics to develop problem-solving skills and an understanding of physics.

Upcoming UQ Ready sessions

UQ is hosting informative nights at the following locations that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university. Click on the links to find out details and registration.

12/05/2026 [Bundaberg](#) - 5:30pm - 7:00pm: Brothers Sports Club

13/05/2026 [Northern Rivers](#) - 5:30 - 7:00pm: Xavier Catholic College

20/05/2026 [Toowoomba](#) - 5:30 - 7:00pm: Toowoomba Golf Club

UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship information webinar

The University of Queensland Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship supports students studying Western Civilisation with up to \$20,000 per year for 3 years. If you're from interstate or regional Queensland, you may also get an extra \$12,000 per year. Open to school leavers starting in 2027, for:

- Bachelor of Advanced Humanities (Western Civilisation) (Honours)
- Bachelor of Humanities / Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

A great option if you're into humanities, history, philosophy and big ideas. Attend their webinar on 12 June and [find out more here](#).



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University of Southern Queensland

Pathways to Uni

University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ) has two main pathways into Uni.

UniPrep

- For Year 11–12 students
- Great if you're not doing an ATAR or unsure about Uni
- Try Uni-level study + build confidence

Pathways to Uni

- No ATAR? No stress
- Helps you get into Uni if you don't meet entry requirements

A flexible way to get started, no matter your pathway. [More info here](#).

University of the Sunshine Coast

Pathways to Uni free webinar

Thinking about study but not sure how to get there? UniSC's [Explore Pathways to Uni](#) online info session shows you flexible ways to get started, without putting your life on pause. Explore fee-free bridging programs, diploma-to-degree pathways and their [Equip program](#) – designed to help you get started with confidence. It will be held on 14 May from 6 - 7pm. [Find out more plus rego details here](#).

Semester 2 Headstart Applications are now open

Want to try Uni while you're still in school? University of the Sunshine Coast's Headstart program lets you get a head start.

- Study Uni subjects for free while in high school
- Try out your dream course
- Earn credit towards your future degree
- Build skills and confidence early

Semester 2 applications close on 8 May. It's a great way to test the waters and get ahead before you even finish Year 12.



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Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
05/05/2026	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
05/05/2026	ADF: Bundaberg Trade Careers Information Session
05/05/2026	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
05/05/2026	QUT Australian Schools Cyber Challenge closes
06/05/2026	ACU webinar - Talk with Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists
06/05/2026	ADF: Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session
06/05/2026	ADF: Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session
06/05/2026	CQU STEPS Term 2 Information Session 1
07/05/2026	ACU webinar Talk with Teachers and Educators
07/05/2026	ADF: Maroochydore Trade Careers Information Session
07/05/2026	ADF: Townsville Defence Careers Information Session
07/05/2026	Bond Criminology experience day
07/05/2026	Griffith University Creative Arts Open Day
07/05/2026	JCU Legal Studies Conference
07/05/2026	QUT Gals in ICT Day
08/05/2026	ANU Early Offers applications close
08/05/2026	Bond Construction, Property & Project Management Experience Day
09/05/2026	JMC Brisbane Open Day
10/05/2026	Sunshine Coast Art Prize competition closes
10/05/2026	UniSC's Best Field Trip Ever -Science and Technology entries close



11/05/2026	ADF: Brisbane Logistics, Hospitality & Support Careers Information Session
11/05/2026	ADF: Rockhampton Pop Up ADF Careers (PACC)
11/05/2026	ADF: Toowoomba Trade Careers Information Session
11/05/2026	Triple J Unearthed music competition closing date
12/05/2026	ADF: Gladstone A Night in The Army Reserve (PACC)
12/05/2026	ADF: Warwick A Night in the Army Reserve
12/05/2026	Gladstone Careers Expo
12/05/2026	UQ Ready Bundaberg info session
13/05/2026	ACU webinar Talk with Nurses, Midwives and Paramedics
13/05/2026	Biloela Careers Market Day
13/05/2026	Bundaberg Careers Expo
13/05/2026	UniSC's Best Field Trip Ever -Explore K'gari entries close
13/05/2026	UQ Ready Northern Rivers session
14/05/2026	ACU webinar
14/05/2026	Capricorn Mega Careers Expo - Rockhampton
14/05/2026	JCU Legal Studies Conference
14/05/2026	Rockhampton Capricorn Mega Careers Expo
15/05/2026	Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition entries close
15/05/2026	Emerald Careers Expo
15/05/2026	UCAT ANZ final booking closing date
15/05/2026	What Matters? Writing Competition
17/05/2026	Griffith Uni Creative Arts Open Day
17/05/2026	InspireU Extend applications close
18/05/2026	ADF: Biloela Trade Careers Information Session (PACC)
18/05/2026	ADF: Gold Coast Army Reserve Information Session
18/05/2026 to 24/05/2026	National Volunteer Week (NVW)
20/05/2026 to 21/05/2026	Gold Coast Careers Festival
20/05/2026	QUT STEM + X: Data Science Careers Webinar
20/05/2026	UniSC HeadStart Info seminar - Sunshine Coast



20/05/2026	UniSC HeadStart Info Session Fraser Coast
20/05/2026	UQ Ready Toowoomba session
21/05/2026	CQU online chat session
21/05/2026	UniSC Headstart Info session - Moreton Bay campus
23/05/2026	Australian Performing Arts Conservatory (APAC)
24/05/2026	Queensland Biology Winter School, Year 11
27/05/2026	UniSC Headstart online Info session
28/05/2026	Bond Communication Experience Day
28/05/2026 to 30/05/2026	Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo
28/05/2026	UCAT ANZ Late booking closes
01/06/2026	QUT Mooting competition registrations close
02/06/2026	QUT Yr 9 - 10 Advice Night
04/06/2026	Bond Architecture Experience Day
04/06/2026	Bond Enterprise AI in Action
05/06/2026	Bond Global Changemakers Experience Day
05/06/2026	Future Leaders workshop rego closes
05/06/2026	UCAT ANZ Final booking deadline
06/06/2026	Bond Health Experience Day
12/06/2026	Griffith University's Score It: Film scoring competition closes
12/06/2026	Score It: Griffith Uni's high school film scoring competition closes
12/06/2026	UQ UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship information webinar
13/06/2026	Bond Law Court Advocacy Showcase
28/06/2026 to 01/07/2026	UQ FEAST event
29/06/2026 to 30/06/2026	UQ QLD Biology Winter School
30/06/2026	Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards

