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# Announcements

## Safe and sound

The Options team hopes that everyone has come through the last few days of 'excitement' (and I use that word very loosely) with little damage and light cleaning up. Always looking for the positive, it's times like these that we get to see the good in people and our community. A BIG shout out to the SES, Police, Army, doctors, nurses paramedics, Council workers and all the good people who have been working tirelessly keeping us safe and getting things back to normal ... Thank you :)

## When we have a choice ...

Cyclone Albert has made me stop and think about how we all rally around and get things done for our safety and success in an emergency ... because we don't really have any choice but to get going.

It can be scary, challenging, hard yakka, requires researching on how Albert is travelling, communication with people we may not know ... and the rest! But we do it and come out the other side.

School can be just like Albert, scary, challenging, hard yakka, requiring research, time management, communication with people we may not know and the rest ...

So now that the realities of the new Year level work load has set in, are you going to let 'Cyclone Albert' rampage over the top of you, or are you going to get on with the business of school and study so you come out the other end happy, organised and getting the results you need to follow your new pathway out of school ... It's your call!



# Apprenticeships & Traineeships



## Apprenticeship and Traineeship preparation checklist

Australian Apprenticeships has put together a preparation check list to help you organise and prepare to apply for an apprenticeship or traineeship. Use the list to make sure you're prepared to start an Australian Apprenticeship. Click [here](#) to find out more about the value of the checklist and how to use it.

## Apprenticeships and Traineeships

The term 'Australian Apprenticeships' covers both apprenticeships and traineeships. They start when an employer creates a job and decides to use this pathway for employing and training staff.

- They are available to anyone of working age with eligibility to work in Australia.
- There are no specific school levels, certificates or other qualifications needed to start one.
- They offer opportunities for you to train, study and earn an income at a variety of Vocational Education and Training qualification levels in many occupations and can be full-time, part-time or school based.

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

## Get your drivers licence!

If you are interested in applying for an apprenticeship, especially in the construction or automotive industry, you will usually need a drivers licence. Consider applying for your learner driver licence when you become eligible (16 years of age). Once you turn 17, have 100 hours or more of supervised driving experience and pass the practical driving test, you will be issued a provisional licence. This licence allows you to drive unsupervised. Visit the [Department of Transport and Main Roads website](#) to find out more about obtaining a driver's licence. Leaving this until the end of Year 12 may put you at a disadvantage when applying for apprenticeships.

## Subsidised training and incentives

There are several key subsidised training and incentive opportunities for both young people and employers. Click [here](#) and read the section in the 2024 School Leavers' Guide which outlines the following subsidised training and incentive opportunities:

- Tools and resources to explore career options

- Vocational training and further study
- Subsidised training and incentives
- Industry specific exploration
- Assistance in finding a job
- Gain on the job experience
- Mental and physical wellbeing support for young people
- Preparing for work

## **Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers - do you need one?**

When you take on an Apprenticeship or Traineeship, you are required to complete an off the job training program. VET training providers deliver off the job training and will issue you with a nationally recognised qualification. When you sign up for an Apprenticeship or Traineeship you and your employer will agree on a VET training provider. It's good to do your homework so that you can have a productive conversation with your employer. Click [here](#) to find a Group Training Provider.

## **Vocational Education and Training is more than the Trades**

The Trades are a vital sector in our workforce and provide many career pathway options. However, Vocational Education and Training (VET) also includes other very valuable pathway options. When doing your career research, don't rule any options out until you have checked them out thoroughly. VET gives you job-ready skills to get you working faster. It is a great option, if you are looking for tertiary education to improve your employability. Check out the benefits of VET [here](#) including:

- What does VET offer?
- Benefits of VET
- Find a course or training provider
- Get job-ready with VET
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- VET can unlock careers in countless industries
- Flexible training that suits you

## **What is a School-Based apprenticeship**

A school-based apprenticeship or traineeship allows you to start your training while you are still at school and will contribute credit towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). When you finish school you and the employer usually agree to continue on with you taking up a full time apprenticeship contract. You can find out about school-based apprenticeships and traineeships on the [Apprenticeships Info website](#).



## ADF GAP year opportunities

You can apply for the 2026 Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year and experience life in the Navy, Army or Air Force without committing to a longer period by 'signing up'. An ADF Gap Year is a way to have an adventurous year, gain valuable skills and work experience and get paid for it. There are many roles to choose from for your 2026 Gap year experience including administration, cabin crew, artillery operator, driver, engineer and more. You must be an Australian citizen, aged between 18 and 24 years on admission and have completed Year 12 (required passes vary by job). Click [here](#) (click refresh if the page doesn't open) to find out what jobs are available, how to apply and answers to frequently asked questions.

## Australian Defence Force information sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions by visiting the Defence Jobs [website](#) (refresh your screen if page doesn't open). View the following specific event information links for more details including location, times and to book your tickets. Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information sessions can be accessed on the ADF [Facebook](#) site.

- 11/03/2025 [Toowoomba A Night in the Army Reserve](#)
- 12/03/2025 [Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 13/03/2025 [Brisbane Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
- 18/03/2025 [Cairns Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
[Toowoomba Gap Year Information Session](#)  
[Loganlea A Night in the Army Reserve](#)
- 19/03/2025 [Maroochydore Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
- 20/03/2025 [Gold Coast Gap Year Information Session](#)  
[Townsville Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
- 25/03/2025 [Maroochydore Gap Year Information Session](#)  
[Warwick A Night in the Army Reserve](#)

## How to join the ADF

There are several ways to join the Navy, Army or Air Force, with many roles offering more than one entry method. To help you choose the right path for you, the ADF have broken down the different requirements for 'General Entry' and 'Officer Entry' below. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- General Entry
  - General non-technical positions
  - Technical and trade apprenticeships
  - Qualified positions
- Officer Entry
  - Navy Officer training
  - Army Officer training
  - Air Force Officer training
- Tertiary education options
  - Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)
  - Undergraduate entry
  - Tertiary Aviation Reimbursement scheme (TARS)
  - Graduate medical program
  - Graduate entry

# Career Exploration



## Banking and finance

A career in the banking and finance sector often offers an exciting and fast-paced environment due to the weight of the financial decisions being made and the advice being provided. The banking and finance sector is wide-reaching and can assist a large range of businesses and individuals (including yourself!). Major segments within the banking and finance sector include banking (mortgage services, saving and loan establishments), investment services (portfolio management), insurance services, tax and accounting services (audit, business regulation), insurance and credit unions. Click [here](#) to find out more about this sector.

## Compare courses

There are lots of options available to you when you decide you want to start higher education study. Courses may differ depending on which university or higher education provider offers them. This could include differences in the course content, location or cost. You need to do your research to make sure you find the course that is right for you. Click [here](#) to check out the Australian Government Study Assist website that has information on:

- Course level
- Course costs
- Course mode
- Type of institution
- Student experience and graduate outcomes

## Find out about occupations and jobs

On the Queensland Skills Gateway you can look up occupations and jobs that you are interested in and find out:

- Skills required in this occupation/job
- Tasks undertaken in this occupation/job
- Specialisations in this occupation/job
- Related occupations
- Training pathways for this occupation/job

Click [here](#) to check it out.

## Good Universities Guide upgrade

Good Universities are upgrading the Good Universities Guide. This comes with a brand-new beta version of their site which is now live and available to explore. The new beta site features a fresh design, improved navigation and increased functionality. You'll find that accessing study information and career advice has never been easier. Take a tour of the new site and test out its enhanced features. You can explore all Uni, TAFE and training courses in Australia. Click [here](#) to check it out.

## Interested in creative industry?

If you're a creative, turning your passion into a career is the definition of living the dream. But the road to success in creative industries isn't paved with rainbows. If you want to succeed, you need a strategy. But what, exactly, does that strategy look like? Canva takes a look at some top tips to help you succeed as a professional creative. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Finding your niche
- Challenging your creative thinking
- Networking, networking, networking
- Keeping a student mentality—no matter what stage of your career you're in
- Accepting feedback
- Being as professional as you are creative
- Practicing perseverance
- Get out there and turn your creativity into a career

## Police on your list of career options?

Queensland Police will be holding recruiting seminars in the coming weeks. Recruiting sessions in March include:

*13 Mar - Pathways 4 Mob, Morayfield, 10AM to 2PM*

- QPS Recruiting will be attending this event to help create Employment and Training Pathways for a DEADLY Future 2025!
- Find us at Morayfield Sports & Events Centre.

*17 Mar - Recruiting Seminar, Bundaberg, 6PM to 7:30PM*

- Are you interested in a career in Policing? Our Queensland Police recruiting officers will explain the requirements for entry and share insights into their own experiences
- Bundaberg PCYC.
- [Reserve your free ticket today!](#)

*17 Mar - Recruiting Seminar, Hervey Bay, 6PM to 7:30PM*

- Are you interested in a career in Policing? Our Queensland Police recruiting officers will explain the requirements for entry and share insights into their own experiences.
- Hervey Bay Boat Club.
- [Reserve your free ticket today!](#)

*20 Mar - Pathways 4 Mob, Maryborough, 10AM to 2PM*

- QPS Recruiting will be attending this event to help create Employment and Training Pathways for a DEADLY Future 2025!
- Maryborough Town Hall, Kent Street, Maryborough.

*21 Mar - Harmony Festival, Townsville, 4PM to 9PM*

- Come and chat to our Recruiting Officers about how a career with the Queensland Police Service can help achieve those goals.
- Located at the Townsville Shopping Centre outside carpark, our stall will be surrounded by multicultural displays, food stalls and performances.

*25 Mar - Recruitment Seminar, Toowoomba, 6PM to 7:30PM*

- Are you ready for a challenging and rewarding career? Join us beforehand from 5-6pm for a BBQ supplied by Rapid Relief Australia. We will have local Police and Recruiting Officers in attendance to answer all of your questions! They will explain the requirements for entry and share insights into their own experiences.
- [Reserve your free ticket today!](#)

*26 Mar - Recruiting Seminar, Mackay, 6:15PM to 7:15PM*

- Are you interested in a career in Policing? Our Queensland Police recruiting officers will explain the requirements for entry and share insights into their own experiences
- [Reserve your free ticket today!](#)

*28 & 29 Mar - Ipswich Business and Careers Expo*

- Interested in where a career with Queensland Police Service could take you? Come and chat to our Recruiting Officers about a career with the QPS!
- [Visit us at the Ipswich Region Business, Careers & Jobs Expo.](#)

Click [here](#) to register your attendance and future sessions in April and May.

## Some principles of career decision making

The High Five Principles of Career Development are wise concepts to consider when researching career options and making career decisions. Read the information below and consider discussing them with someone for more insight.

1. **Change is constant** - The world of work is always changing. You also change as you develop personally and experience life. Don't be afraid of change; accept it and use it as an opportunity.
2. **Know yourself and follow your heart** - A most important skill in career management is self-awareness – knowing your interests, abilities, values, aspirations and the things/people that influence you. Start your job ideas list with jobs you would most like (dream jobs) even if they are currently unrealistic. This can get you started and lead to other jobs you hadn't thought of.
3. **Focus on the journey** - It's good to have goals, both short and long term. However, you should not be so focused on them that you miss opportunities that may emerge along the way.

4. **Learning is ongoing** - Learning doesn't stop just because you finish your course and get a job. Just as change is constant so is the need to keep up to speed with new technologies, new methods of practice and emerging trends in your career field.
5. **Access your allies** - These are the people who can help and support you during your career journey, your school guidance officer/counsellor, teachers, your family and friends, sport coaches and others within your social network. You can learn much from other people's experiences.

## University mightn't be the right pathway for your career dreams

[Research](#), recently published in the journal [Educational Review](#), reveals that young people report "that university was explicitly pushed as the only post-school pathway worth pursuing during their schooling. Other pathways were often deemed to be "not good enough". This is why Options Career Information provides a wide breadth of career and pathway information so you can do your homework and make the best career decision based on your and not others, ideas and opinions.

Click [here](#) to read the article outlining the research project's findings. Please note that Options Career Information is not 'pushing' any one post school pathway over another and encourages you to find out about all your options before making your decision. This will see you happier and more successful in the long run.

## Virtual work experience and very short self management courses

[Grandsshake](#), is a free virtual work experience platform for school students. You can have access to virtual work experiences, microprograms and mentoring. They also provide free online Google Career Certificates, some of which include:

- The power of planning and organizing
- The fundamentals of communication
- The art of creative thinking
- Problem solving 101
- Learn to prioritise and focus

To gain access to these courses and their virtual work experience platform, click the Get Started tab on the home page and you will need to register. Check it out and have a talk with your Guidance Officer/School Counsellor and/or VET coordinator.

## Want to help people?

Helpers are caring, dependable, kind and nurturing. They provide support and often lots of advice. Helpers support us in the best and worst of times, they care for us when we're sick, they educate us and they protect us. Helpers aren't just restricted to the health, education and community services industries though. There are helpers in every industry. Without helpful retail workers, safety inspectors, human resources managers or sport coaches, the world would be a very different place.



Helpers always have time for someone in need, friends come to you for advice, and you're happy to help when needed. There are a lot of career options for helpers and plenty of people who need support and guidance. Click [here](#) to read about Helping areas including:

- Beauty and Hairdressing
- Tourism and Events
- Technology, Information and Networking
- Business, Justice and Management
- Sports and Fitness
- Animal Care
- Child care
- Community services
- General education and training
- Nursing and health

## Where to next?

Visit the [CareersEvent.com website](#) and check out the Welcome to Your Webinar Hub. You can click on a category that best suits your dream career, select from a series of video seminars and downloadable information from Universities, Colleges and more. It will help with your research! Categories include:

- Information technology
- Creative Arts
- Science
- Defence
- Tourism and Travel
- Universities
- Health
- Skills-based
- Teaching
- Student Accommodation
- Application process
- Private Colleges



## 2025 Premier's Coding Challenge

The Premier's Coding Challenge is an annual, statewide initiative for all Queensland students in Year 3 to Year 10. The Challenge aims to encourage an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in Queensland students. In 2025, students are tasked with creating an app, game or website that drives positive change in the world by addressing 1 or more of the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals External link](#) (SDGs). This is a great opportunity for students to tackle real-world issues that matter to them.

Students can work individually or in pairs to create an app, game or website and submit a short video explaining their entry. Find out more about the categories on the [get started page](#). Winners will share in \$15,000 worth of robotics prizes, attend an awards ceremony and connect with tech experts to explore future pathways. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details. Submission portal closes on 12 September.

## Aspiring (Unpublished)

[Aspiring \(Unpublished\)](#) is a writing competition for the children's and young adults' markets. You are eligible if you:

- Have not been published in book format within this section's genre, or
- Have less than two books published within this section's genre in any form, print to eBook. This includes trade, partner and self-publishing. or
- Published with more than two books in print and eBook format in another genre where the entrant is not the sole creator responsible for that section. This includes trade, partner and self-publishing.

Click [here](#) to read about the categories and find more information about the competition and [entry form](#). Entries close 13 April 2025.

## Hatchlings writing competition

Hatchlings (8 to 18 year olds) is a writing competition for the children and young adult markets. You will be eligible if you are a writer/illustrator aged between 8 – 18 years old (as of 13 April 2025) and have not been published in book format within the sections' genres. Entries close on 13 April 2025. All entries must have a parent or guardian's details on the entry form. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details.

## High School Moot Competition registrations now open

The QUT High School Moot is designed to introduce high school students to legal reasoning, written and oral advocacy. The mooting competition will be held at the QUT Gardens Point Campus (Brisbane) from 1 - 3 August 2025. Registrations are now open so click [here](#) for more information and registration details with registrations closing on 11 June.

## Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education

The Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in STEM Education recognise students, teachers, support officers, schools and education partners (volunteers, mentors and organisations) who demonstrate an outstanding and innovative contribution to STEM education in Queensland. Nominations for the three student award categories are now open:

- Outstanding Senior STEM Student Awards - \$5,000 each
- Outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Senior STEM Student Awards - \$5,000 each
- Outstanding Rural and Remote Senior STEM Student Awards - \$5000 each

Applications close on 31 March 2025. Visit [Education Queensland website](#) has more details.

## Sunshine Coast Art Prize 2025

This is a national, contemporary, acquisitive award presented by Sunshine Coast Council. The award is open to any Australian resident artist working in a 2D medium. Forty finalists' works will be exhibited at the Caloundra Regional Gallery. Competition entries are now open and close on 11 May 2025. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- [Prize details](#)
- [Conditions of entry](#)
- [Sunshine Coast Art Prize - Entry](#)
- [Previous winners](#)
- [Partners](#)

## What Matters? Writing Competition

The *What Matters?* writing competition is currently open to school students in Years 5 to 12. Responding to the simple question 'what matters?', you can write about any matter you care about. *What Matters?* allows you to raise issues that are important to you and know that your perspectives are valuable, no matter your age, background or viewpoint. Entries can be fiction, non-fiction, poetry or prose of up to 600 words and submitted online at What Matters? Writing Competition. Entries close on 16 May 2025 and you can find out more information and how to enter [here](#).

# Disabilities



## Employment assistance through Ostara Australia

Ostara Australia is a national not-for-profit organisation that works closely with the Australian Government, member organisations, communities and employers to place people disadvantaged through age, health, disability or cultural background into sustainable employment. Their website offers a range of services for [job seekers](#) including:

- Assistance with Job Search & Interviews
- Ongoing Support for a smooth transition into your new job
- A National Network of Employers
- Specialist Mental Health Services
- Personalised Support & Mentoring
- Work Ready Training
- Skill Development
- Goal Setting
- Resume Building
- Career Counselling
- Links with Countless Wellbeing Services

Visit the [website](#) to learn more about this organisation and the services it offers.

## To help you now and when you go to tertiary study or Uni

QUT has established a university-wide agreement with [Read&Write](#) a literacy support tool for reading, writing assignments and online research. Students can now access Read&Write support on QUT-owned or personal devices without having to meet with a disability adviser to request a license.

# Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



## A job for life ... not anymore!

In a rapidly changing world, the concept of a job for life has become as rare as a dial-up internet connection. This shift from stable, long-term employment and single-employer careers to a world where frequent job changes are the norm comes directly from globalisation, rapid technological advancements and the changing ideas about work. Click [here](#) to read more of The Conversation's article including:

- Why such rapid change now?
- Workers' priorities have been changed by the pandemic
- Does moving jobs equal disloyalty?
- How are employers coping with this shift?

## ABS Labour Force Data - January 2025

The Australian Bureau of Statistics have released the [Labour Force Data for January 2025](#):

- unemployment rate remained at 4.0%.
- participation rate remained at 67.2%.
- employment increased to 14,616,400.
- employment to population ratio increased to 64.5%.
- underemployment remained at 6.0%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,976 million.

## Being work ready: a guide to what employers want

The Business Council has developed *Being Work Ready: A Guide to What Employers Want* to assist senior high school students along with people, family, teachers and career counsellors, to better understand what 'work readiness' means from a business perspective. The guide outlines the minimum expectations a business has of someone's work readiness when they apply for a job. These expectations are classified as values, behaviours and skills. Download the guide on the Business Council of Australia [website](#) as well as a video where they explain the key concepts in the guide and why work readiness is important to business.

## Casual job at school - Do I really need one?

Your high school job isn't going to be your ideal job. Working in high school usually only means a couple of shifts a week. You can usually cut back your hours if you've got exams or assignments coming up, so you don't need to stress about being on the grind 9-5. You'll get the benefits of having some 'pocket money' in

your bank account each week, opportunity to develop your personal and job skills, as well as the pride that comes with self-sufficiency. Click [here](#) to read more of the year13 article which has links to resume writing, preparation and interview resources.

## **Interview tips: How to prepare for a pre-screening phone call**

If and when you are job searching, are you prepared to sell yourself on a phone pre-screening call? Hiring managers may prefer to chat with you by phone before moving forward in the interviewing process. Employers can use these types of phone calls to pre-screen applicants prior to inviting them to a formal interview. These calls can range in length from 15 to 30 minutes and generally include similar questions as job interviews (e.g., “tell me about yourself”, “what attracted you to this role”, “what are your strengths” etc.). Click [here](#) to read the tips that can help you be professional at the first stage of the interview process:

1. Collect your materials
2. Do your research
3. Prepare questions
4. Find the right environment
5. Treat it like an interview
6. Send a follow-up email
7. Final thoughts

## **Link and Launch to further education and work**

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

## **LinkedIn Profile Tips for High School Students**

Judy Schramm says there's value in having a LinkedIn account even if you are still at school. Many thousands of students around the world have set up their LinkedIn profiles and are now preparing for the next chapter in their lives. Click [here](#) to read Judy's tips for putting together a quality, professional LinkedIn profile as it's never too early to start putting one together.

## **Not going to Uni? Where to next?**

Scott Riches has written a short article where he simply outlines three main opportunities after school for people who are not wanting to start university. He says that ‘the last year or two of school can be an anxious time not least because our system of education places such importance on a final tertiary ranking score which may determine much of a student’s immediate and even long-term future. Does it have to matter that much?’ Click [here](#) to read his article where he identifies three very valid post school pathways.

## **VET qualifications required for two thirds of employment growth**

The Jobs and Skills Australia Labour Market Update for the December 2024 quarter, shows almost two-thirds of employment growth in the past 12 months came from occupations with Vocational Education and Training pathways. Employment growth was also sound, overall, with the unemployment rate stable at around 4% and the participation rate around the record high. Click [here](#) to read more and to download Jobs and Skills Australia's Labour market update.

## **What is a Blue Card and do I need one?**

The Blue Card system in Queensland is used to monitor those who work with young people. Its aim is to reduce the risks of harm to young people by creating a safe and non-threatening environment. So yes, you will need a blue card if you are paid for your work or are a student enrolled in a tertiary course (including certificate, TAFE and university courses) and need to do a practical placement. Students studying a VET (Vocational Education and Training) course such as Certificate III or Diploma, in which they are required to do a work placement involving young people (under 18 years of age) are required, by law, to have a Blue Card. The Registered Training Organisation (RTO) conducting the VET course (a school or outside organisation) is responsible for applying for Blue Cards on behalf of the students doing a course. You can read more about Blue Cards on the [Blue Card Services website](#).

## **Workforce Australia - services, education and training and jobs**

Workforce Australia is a place where you can search and apply for jobs or find more information on your pathway to employment after school. Click [here](#) to find out about some of the services you can read including:

- We're here to help you find work
- Get started in employment services
- Learn about obligations
- Find your local provider
- Starting a business
- Activities to support you into work
- Your rights and responsibilities
- Explore training options

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## Budgeting is easy when you know how!

Wondering how you'll afford living expenses while studying? You're not alone! You can find a lot of hints and tips online UQ have put together some budgeting tips to get you started. Click [here](#) to read about how to reduce your money worries so you can enjoy university life and focus on study (these tips are useful even if you aren't going to uni!). Read about:

- Making a plan
- Keeping track of what you spend
- Using pay-later services wisely
- Knowing when your bills are coming in
- Taking public transport
- Making the most of student discounts
- Bringing lunch
- Opening a savings account
- Proportioning your pay
- Finding out what financial assistance you are eligible for

## Start looking for a scholarship

With research to do, forms to fill out and deadlines to meet, applying for a [scholarship](#) can be tricky. If you are in the midst of scholarship applications or need some pointers to help you get started, working your way through the following [five-step checklist of scholarship tips](#) will put your mind ease:

1. Have you researched your options?
2. Do you understand the application process?
3. Have you noted down deadlines?
4. Have you triple-checked your application?
5. Do you have a back-up plan?

## TAFE Queensland Scholarships

TAFE Queensland offers scholarships in two main categories: Merit scholarships and Access and Equity scholarships. [Click here](#) to read more and to find out which courses are scholarship eligible and to register to receive further scholarship information from TAFE Queensland.



## Tuckwell Scholarship applications for study in 2026 reminder

The Australian National University (ANU) Tuckwell Scholarship Program is one of the most transformational undergraduate scholarship programs in Australia. Recipients receive:

- \$26,7500 per annum (2025 rate) (increasing annually) for the length of your undergraduate degree program (studying full-time), to cover on-campus residential costs, books and general living expenses.
- from 2024, a one-off payment of \$1,500 relocation grant for first year Scholars.
- guaranteed access to ANU-approved student accommodation.
- travel allowances to assist with your move to Canberra and to support two annual return journeys (e.g. airfares) between your home and the University for each year of your degree.
- an allowance to help cover the transport costs for your parents to attend [Commencement Weekend](#) at the start of the program, and
- an [ANU Sports Centre membership](#).

Click [here](#) for more information about the Tuckwell Scholarship Program, eligibility, the [application process](#) and other opportunities including:

- Leadership development and enrichment
- Mentoring and support
- Health and wellbeing
- Scholars house

Applications must be submitted by 10 April 2025 and Stage 1 applications close on 14 April, 2025.

# First Nations Peoples



## Aurora Education Foundation

The Aurora Education Foundation is an Indigenous organisation that supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to realise their full education and employment potential, whether it is completing Year 12 or achieving a PhD from Oxford. Through their interconnected pathways, they walk with students from high school through to university and the workplace, redefining Indigenous educational and employment success. Click [here](#) to read more about the Foundation and what they can offer you including the following programs found under *Our Work*, located on the top navigation bar:

- Rise
- High School Program
- Internships
- Scholarships and Study Tour
- Indigenous Pathways Portal

## Indigenous Engineers Group

The Indigenous Engineers Group (IEG) is a special interest group within Engineers Australia's [College of Leadership and Management](#). IEG is committed to expressing Indigenous culture as a form of awareness within the industry and to engage with First Nations Peoples engineers. They aim to form a cohesive group of shared knowledge, perspectives, support and inspiration for young professional and upcoming First Nations Peoples engineers. If you are interested in a career in Engineering, click [here](#) to read more about the organisation. You can also read about two First Nations Peoples engineers who are helping to change the profession [here](#).

## 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 and you can request a [resource pack](#).

## UQ's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Scheme

Pursue your passions and reach your goals at UQ with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Scheme. You can boost your selection rank with 5 adjustments through QTAC. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Who is eligible
- How to apply
  - Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)
  - Doctor of Medicine applicants
- What happens next

# Gap Year Program News



## High School Volunteer Projects

Projects Abroad offer pre-planned trips for 15-18 year olds where you can experience life overseas, help disadvantaged communities and gain self-confidence. Programs are offered in many countries which you can find on their website. Or try your hand volunteering in a program for rainforest conservation, building, community work, football coaching, archaeology, childcare, human rights, law and business. For more information visit the Projects Abroad [website](#). NOTE: You must always check the Smart Traveller website for border closures and for safety updates on your chosen country.

## How to Plan a Gap Year in 2026

The early stages of planning a [gap year](#) may be a bit overwhelming: you're not sure what you want to do, there are so many options to choose from, none of your friends are taking gap years and/or the costs seem high. Understandably, hopeful 'gappers' can often get discouraged early in the planning process. Click [here](#) to read about ideas to get you started on your research. The more research and the earlier you start, the better and more confident decision you will make.

## LetzLive

LetzLive coordinates several Gap Year programs including experiences in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Thailand, United States of America and Australia. It's important you visit the LetzLive website for specific information relating to the country you wish to visit during your Gap Year as application closing dates may vary. Visit the Letz Live [website](#) for details of this and other programs.

## Holiday Programs & Short Courses



### Brisbane Youth Week

Brisbane Youth Week, from 6-12 April 2025, is an annual celebration and showcase of young people from 12-25 years of age. Brisbane Youth Week celebrates the contribution they make to the community and is an opportunity for young people to share ideas, attend live events, workshops, activities and forums. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Career Exploration and fun things to do these Easter Holidays

Career Exploration plus fun during these Easter Holidays

- **School Holiday Fun at The Workshop Rail Museum, Ipswich and other activities** - They offer a wide range of activities and programs. For more information visit The Workshops Rail Museum [webpage](#).
- **Junior Keeper for a Day, Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary** - There are three different Junior Keepers programs offered – Junior Joeys (5-8 year olds), Senior Serpents (9-12 year olds) and Teen Keeper for a day (13-17 year olds). Each program is specially designed to match the skills and interests of each age group and vary in duration. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Roman Family Fun Week, Caboolture** - From 8 - 12 April - The Abbey Museum explore ancient Rome with fun for all! Dive into history with hands-on activities and bring the Roman world to life for your family. Archery and excavations will be included. The Museum will have crafts to try and artefacts to see. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation - SCUBA Dive, Surf, Kayak, Sail or Cycle

Are you 15 years or older and in Year 10, 11, or 12 at a Queensland High School or with Distance Education? QMTS Training are offering a Certificate II in Outdoor Education in SCUBA diving, Surfing, Kayaking, Sailing or Cycling (you choose units from these activities). You may be eligible for VET in School funding ([VETiS](#)), allowing you to complete this course at no cost to you during the school holidays. Course locations are:

- Mooloolaba - SCUBA diving, Kayaking, Surfing
- Cairns - SCUBA diving
- Brisbane - Sailing, Kayaking

Click [here](#) for more information and to enrol.

## Mid year school holiday opportunities

You can develop your work skills in many different ways. If you are stuck for something to do during the school holidays, check out school holiday activities that may give you the opportunity to meet new people, develop your confidence, skills and interests. Always remember that you need to thoroughly check out the activity provider to ensure it will be a safe, enjoyable and engaging experience. Click [here](#) for some school holiday options. Click [here](#) for further holidays in the Cairns area.

## Interstate and International



### ANU Open Day

ANU are holding their Open Day on Saturday 29 March. You'll meet some current and prospective students and explore their degrees in plenty of time to complete the [ANU early offer application](#), due 15 May. During the day you will:

- find out about your dream degree, majors, careers and more.
- have sneak peeks at the fantastic teaching and learning facilities.
- tour the campus guided by staff and students.
- get to know the awesome places to live on campus (ANU guarantees a room).
- gain insights into campus life and the chance to explore Canberra.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

### ANU direct applications are now open for 2026

Direct applications to study at The Australian National University (ANU) are now open. If you are completing an Australian high school qualification or your final year of the International Baccalaureate diploma, you are eligible to apply. As a Year 12 school leaver, you can apply for admission, campus accommodation and scholarships in one direct application. This could see you receive an offer from ANU for study in 2026 as early as September 2025. Direct applications open on 3 March 2025 and close 15 May 2025. Find out more about applying to study at ANU [here](#).

### Interstate Tertiary Applications

In addition to applying through QTAC for Queensland tertiary courses, you can apply for courses in other states through their Tertiary Admissions Centres (TAC). Although it is early in the year, it is best to start your research on the relevant State TAC's websites so you are well researched and prepared. All TAC applications are online and you should familiarise yourself with the application processes and key dates for applications.

- New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory - [Universities Admissions Centre](#) (UAC)
- South Australia and the Northern Territory - [South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (SATAC)
- Tasmania - Apply directly to the [University of Tasmania](#)
- Victoria - [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (VTAC)
- Western Australia - [Tertiary Institutions Service Centre](#) (TISC)

## Scholarships for international students

There are a wide range of scholarships, grants and bursaries that can help support you financially when studying in Australia. Visit the [Study Australia](#) website to find participating providers and contact the provider directly.

## USA sports scholarships and university placements

Many universities and colleges in the USA offer sports scholarships to students from other countries. To be considered for these scholarships you have to be able to demonstrate your sporting and academic potential. The process involved in researching available scholarships and applying for them is quite complex. There are several organisations that offer a service to help you through the process. It is important to find out as much as you can about the organisations and if possible, talk to previous clients. The following are examples:

- **Study and Play in the USA** – This organisation has had almost 20 years of experience helping young Australians gain sports scholarships in the USA. During this time, it has established regular contact with head coaches in a wide range of sports across the US. Visit the [website](#) for more information.
- **Aus Recruit** – This organisation is a scholarship placement agency that represents talented student-athletes interested in obtaining sport scholarships to US universities. It has been operating since 2002. Read about the services provided by Aus Recruit on its [website](#).
- **Internationally Educated** – This organisation assists students and their families through the selection and application process for US universities. More information on the [website](#).





## Open Days, Expos & Career Markets

### **ACU 2025 Open Day**

Open Day is your chance to find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU before you enrol. You'll be able to check out the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry pathways and talk to experts about your study options and career goals. On 9 April (during the holidays) Australian Catholic University will be holding their Brisbane Open Day. Click [here](#) to find out more about the events that you will be able to participate in and register details.



## Private Provider Updates

### **Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) online courses**

Upcoming short courses delivered online in March and early April:

[Mobile Content Creation](#) | 5 Mar (online)

[Podcasting for your Brand](#) | 1 Apr (online)

[Budgeting Fundamentals](#) | 10 Mar (online)

[Storytelling for Business](#) | 19 Mar (online)

[Screenwriting for Film Bootcamp](#) | 24 Mar (online)

[Brief to Script to Great Video](#) | 2 Apr (online)

### **Charlton Brown**

[Charlton Brown](#) (at Spring Hill) is a private registered training organisation and employment agency that trains and places graduates in employment locally, nationally and internationally. They offer courses in the following faculties:

- Education, Health and Community
- Hospitality and Cookery
- Engineering and Information Technology
- Business, Leadership and Unitrack

### **Jschool - Diploma of Journalism**

Jschool is an Australian independent college of journalism established in 2001. It offers an accredited one-year Diploma of Journalism. The course prepares students for an entry-level position in journalism. For more information, visit the Jschool [website](#).

## Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities



### Join a LEO Club

Leo clubs are sponsored by Lions Clubs International. They encourage young men and women, 12 – 30 years of age, to serve others in their community and around the world. By joining a Leo Club you will gain:

- Leadership Experience
- Teamwork and Social Skills
- Self Esteem
- Problem Solving and Decision Making Skills
- Career Possibilities
- Fun

Typical Leo projects include Environment, Citizenship, Drug Awareness, Public Service, Youth Welfare, Youth Exchange, Health, School Support, Save Sight and Spotlight on Children. Find out more on the Leo Clubs [website](#).

### Queensland Museum Kurilpa - There will be something for you!

World Science Festival Brisbane (WSFB) brings together some of the brightest minds from around Australia and the globe for enthralling conversations, immersive workshops and interactive exhibits. WSFB is turning 10 and this year's theme, *Infinite Awe*, will take your sense of wonder to the next level. Click [here](#) to see the 2025 program you will need to get tickets for some of the events.

### Science Experience Program

The Science Experience is a fun 1, 2 or 3 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students in 2025 program year. Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work. The program takes place in over thirty universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Click [here](#) for more information, program details and application process (click on Where and When tab located in the top left-hand corner of the home page).



## ATAR/Selection ranks for 2025 entry into tertiary courses

Want to know what the 2025 minimum selection rank/ATAR was for the course/s you are interested in for next year? Knowing what you are aiming for gives you purpose for all the hard work. Click [here](#) then click on Application Requirements (scroll down to the university or institution you are interested in), click on *Minimum Selection Thresholds* and you will be able to look up course selection ranks/ATAR by institution.

## Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR)

All states in Australia call their Year 12 tertiary entry score an *Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank* (ATAR). The ATAR is a number between 0 and 99.95 (highest) with increments of 0.05.

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) provides all Tertiary Entrance data (your Year 12 final results) to QTAC who then calculates individual ATARs.

If you are applying for interstate courses, through the relevant Tertiary Admissions Centre (TAC), the relevant TAC can get your ATAR directly from QTAC. You can learn more about ATARs and how to obtain an ATAR statement from the [MyQCE portal](#).

**You will need to register with QTAC in August, requesting them to calculate your ATAR as it's not an automatic process. This is a SEPARATE registration from your QTAC course application.**



## Senior External Examination registrations open for 2025

Year 12 students are eligible to sit Senior External Examinations if they can't study the General subjects offered in Queensland because the subject is not taught at their school or there is a timetable clash. The external examination subjects available are Arabic, Chinese, English, Indonesian, Korean, Latin, General Mathematics, Modern Greek, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Tamil and Vietnamese. The examinations are held in October and November.

You will need the permission of your school to sit these exams. Your school will register you for the exams with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA). Registrations to sit external exams close on 30 April 2025. Read the information on the QCAA [website](#) and see your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer for more information.

## myQCE gateway for students and parents

myQCE will help you plan your pathway to achieving a QCE by the end of Year 12 and help you to explore further study, training and career options. Year 12 students must register through Student Portal Learning Account in order to access their Year 12 results. The [webpage](#) provides information on:

- Tips to organise your study
- Staying healthy and happy
- You're not alone
- Registered for the Student Portal Yet?
- Career Pathways
- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) requirements

## Study Skills and Wellbeing



### **A high school senior on stress, career advice and what comes next**

Senior year of high school can be an exciting yet overwhelming time. The weight of the future is ever-present as students grapple with the question of what to do after Grade 12. College or a gap year? University or an apprenticeship? It can feel like pressure is coming from all directions – parental expectations, teacher guidance, personal dreams and the inevitable comparisons to peers. Click [here](#) to read or listen to Arianna Chau's thoughts and senior school experiences. Although Arianna is in Canada, the information is also relevant for the Australian scenario.

### **How to take care of yourself during Year 12**

Year 12 is arguably the most important year of school. It is full of exams, milestones and decisions. It is both the culmination of formal school learning and the gateway to what lies beyond. It is an end and beginning all in one. Unsurprisingly, many Year 12s find it to be a demanding and stressful time. So, what mindsets and habits can you set up now to give yourself the stamina and support you need for the year ahead? Click [here](#) to read a Conversation article which looks at:

- Put your exams in context
- Don't study all the time
- You're not alone

### **Learn to prioritise and focus**

Grandshake has a 40 minute online micro course looking at how to [prioritise and focus](#) on what's important, not what's most urgent. Get some ideas to assist you to develop good study strategies for success.

## Certificate 3 Guarantee

The Certificate 3 Guarantee supports eligible people to complete their first post-school Certificate III qualification. The program also supports school students to access training and Queensland's Year 12 graduates to transition to employment by providing free training in high priority qualifications. The Certificate 3 Guarantee is targeted at Certificate III qualifications because they are considered the entry-level qualification most often needed to gain employment in many industry sectors. Click [here](#) for a full list of subsidised qualifications is available on the Priority Skills List. Click [here](#) to find out:

- What training is available?
- How does the program work?
- Does the individual need to contribute to the cost of training?
- What outcomes are expected?

[Visit TAFE Queensland](#) for more information and a list of the courses that they offer under this scheme.

## TAFE Queensland locations - Far North Queensland

Spanning from Innisfail in the south to Thursday Island in the north, the Far North Queensland region includes the regional areas of Atherton and the Northern Peninsula Area, as well as the city of Cairns. TAFE Queensland has campuses in:

- Cairns
- Atherton
- Great Barrier Reef International Marine College
- Innisfail
- Northern Peninsula
- Thursday Island

Click [here](#) to find out more about these campuses, the courses you offer and the region in general.

## Why study at TAFE Queensland

Deciding what you're going to do with your life is a huge decision and ultimately, the only person qualified to decide is you. Part of making that decision about investigating and evaluating your options and taking your first step is to look at all options open to you. Every pathway has benefits and positive outcomes. TAFE

Queensland has put together the top 10 reasons why you should you study at TAFE Queensland. Click [here](#) to read about:

- Flexibility
- Industry-standard facilities
- Experienced teachers
- Support services
- Recognition of prior learning
- University pathways
- Student satisfaction
- Student outcomes
- Award winning
- Make great happen





## **Bachelors or Bachelors Honours - and the difference is .....**

### *Bachelor Degree / Bachelors Pass*

This is the main undergraduate award/qualification offered in higher education. It provides a broad theoretical understanding of the underlying principles/knowledge and concepts relating to a specific or general body of knowledge. It prepares students for entry to particular professions, vocations and/or postgraduate study. It typically takes 3 years full-time study to complete however, it can take up to 5 years for more complex courses.

### *Bachelors Honours*

A Bachelor Honours Degree may also be incorporated in a Bachelor Degree, typically as an additional year. The purpose of the Bachelor Honours Degree qualification is to qualify individuals who apply a body of knowledge in a specific context. They can undertake professional work and is a pathway for research and further learning. A Bachelor Honours Degree is typically 1 year of study following a Bachelor Degree.

## **Higher-Level Apprenticeship Dual Bachelor of Engineering Science**

This 6-year dual qualification pathway provides you with 2 qualifications: the Certificate III Electrotechnology Electrician (UEE30820) and the Bachelor Degree of Engineering Science. You will commence both qualifications at the same time. After gaining the trade licence at the end of Year 4, you will focus on completing the degree program. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Medical Schools in Australia**

Queensland students interested in gaining entry to a medical course can apply to medical schools throughout Australia. The [Australian Medical Council website](#) has a list of [Australian medical schools](#) with links to each school. There are three major entry points for medical courses in Queensland. These are:

- Direct entry from Year 12 (Bond University and James Cook have this type of entry)
- Graduate entry after completing an undergraduate degree (Griffith University and the University of Queensland have this type of entry)
- Provisional entry for high achieving Year 12 students (Griffith University, University of the Sunshine Coast and The University of Queensland have this type of entry)

Some of the other states/territories also offer these three pathways. Visit the following websites for more information about medical studies pathways in Australia.

- [Australian Medical Association – Becoming a doctor](#)
- [Medical Board of Australia – Medical Specialisations](#)

## University Clinical Aptitude Test ANZ (UCAT) 2025

Some undergraduate health courses, ie undergraduate medicine and dentistry, require you to sit the [UCAT ANZ](#) as a compulsory entry requirement for Australia and New Zealand Consortium universities. You are required to sit the UCAT ANZ 2025 test (between 1 July and 5 August 2025) if you are intending to apply for entry in 2026 to a relevant course or programme.

UCAT ANZ results cannot be carried over from one year to the next. For example, results from UCAT ANZ 2025 can only be used to apply for courses commencing in 2026. Some pathways to medicine/dentistry/clinical sciences will not require the UCAT ANZ. For some universities a different test may be required. Before booking a test, you should check the entry requirements for each course or programme on the university website/s which you intend to apply to.

The UCAT ANZ test is changing in 2025. The Abstract Reasoning subtest will be withdrawn from the test. The new test format will comprise 3 cognitive subtests (Verbal Reasoning, Decision Making and Quantitative Reasoning), and the Situational Judgement Test. Click [here](#) for more information about structure and timings.

Click on the links below to find out about UCAT ANZ:

- [UCAT ANZ Eligibility](#)
- [UCAT ANZ 2025 - You need to book a test date and bookings close on 16 May 2025](#)
- [UCAT ANZ Test Format](#)
- [UCAT ANZ Universities](#) - Find out which universities and courses require you to sit UCAT ANZ
- [UCATANZ Concession Scheme Applications close 10 May 2024](#)
- [Practice Tests and Question Banks](#)
- [UCAT ANZ Test Day](#)
- [UCAT ANZ Results](#)

## Australian Catholic University

### Discover ACU's Brisbane campus

Check out ACU's free Discover ACU activities. You can tailored them to your study area of interest and attend practical sessions giving you an insight into life as an ACU Brisbane student. The event has a wide range of course-related workshops including business, exercise and sports science, law and criminology, midwifery, nursing, paramedicine, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech pathology and education. Plus you can tour their state-of-the-art facilities and chat with students and staff. It is a free event being held on 9 April (during the next holidays) from 9am to 12 noon. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

## Griffith University

### Pathways to medicine at Griffith

An undergraduate degree at Griffith, gives you excellent training to support your application for the Doctor of Medicine. You will develop knowledge and skills in the biological sciences and clinical sciences and understand how they can be applied to medicine and biomedical research. The Bachelor of Medical Science is designed for high-achieving secondary school leavers and provides the opportunity for you to progress directly into our Doctor of Medicine:

- [Bachelor of Medical Science](#)

Other pathway programs include:

- [Bachelor of Biomedical Science](#)
- [Bachelor of Health Science](#)
- [Other key degrees](#) - a 'key degree' can be an undergraduate degree, Honours, Masters or PhD in any study area of your choosing - it does not need to be a Health-related discipline.

When choosing an undergraduate degree, make sure that you can see yourself working in that field just in case you don't get into Medicine as a graduate entrant.

## James Cook University

### Campus locations

JCU has 8 campuses, all offering undergraduate bachelor degrees that you may be interested in. Check them out as you never know what you may find.

- [Townsville](#)
- [Emerald](#)
- [Cairns](#)
- [Brisbane](#)
- [Mount Isa](#)
- [Mackay](#)
- [Thursday Island](#)
- [Singapore](#)

### Tertiary Access Courses

From January 2024 Tertiary Access Courses (TAC) will be replaced by [JCU Prep](#). Similar to TAC, JCU Prep offers a pathway into university study for school-leavers and mature students over 18 years of age who may not have finished high school, meet the entry requirements for their preferred undergraduate degree or for those who haven't studied for a while. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- What is JCU Prep?
- What can I study?
- Who can apply?
- How long does JCU Prep take to complete?
- When do JCU Prep subjects commence?
- How much does JCY Prep cost?
- Do I receive credit for completing JCU Prep?
- How do I apply?
- How can I find out more?

## Queensland University of Technology

### Diploma pathway in Architectural Studies

QUT's Diploma in Architectural Studies offers a pathway into the Bachelor of Architectural Design or Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) with a major in interior design or landscape architecture. You will gain foundational architectural skills in a personalised, supportive learning environment, helping you to transition to university and pursue a career in architecture and the built environment. Click [here](#) to learn more about this pathway program.

### Engineer Your Future

Considering a career in Engineering? QUT, in partnership with The Engineering Link Group, Engineers Australia and Queensland Government (Transport and Main Roads) are showcasing engineering as it really is – exciting, challenging and world-changing. Year 9–12 are invited to join QUT on 22 March for this engineering experience day. You will participate in hands-on workshops from a range of engineering disciplines while connecting with professional engineers and QUT undergraduate engineering students. [Register now.](#)

### English language requirement for international students studying the Australian Year 12 curriculum

International high school students studying the Australian Year 12 curriculum have different English language requirements to domestic students when applying to university. Read more [here](#).

### Podiatry at QUT: a step ahead

A big part of choosing a university is considering how connected they are to your dream job. A top employer of QUT podiatry graduates shares what makes them stand out and how they successfully transition into the workforce. [Read the interview.](#) Check it out as you might not know much about Podiatry but we need our feet to work forever!

## **QUT Future You Summit 2025**

QUT's Future You Summit provides Queensland and Northern NSW students in Year 11 and 12 a taste of university life. Students will have the opportunity to expand their skill sets beyond the classroom and explore future career ambitions with like-minded peers.

The Summit will be held between 30 June and 4 July (June/July school holidays). You will be treated like real QUT undergraduate students, with access to QUT's world class facilities across both Brisbane campuses while participating in a program encompassing all QUT study areas:

- law and business
- creative industries, education and social justice
- science, maths and technology
- engineering and the built environment
- health

You will choose from discipline-based program streams, which have been designed to inspire, engage and up-skill you in your area/s of interest. For more information and to apply, please visit [QUT - Future You Summit](#). Applications are now open and close on 31 March. You can also register to join an Application support webinar, scheduled for Wednesday 12 March, 6-7pm. [Register now.](#)

## **Science careers webinars**

QUT has partnered with Careers with STEM to bring you insights from three scientists at different stages of their careers. In this 45-min webinar recording, you will hear from an analytical chemist, a QUT astrophysicist and senior lecturer and a journalism and environmental science double degree student. Click [here](#) to watch the webinar recording.

## **Senior subject selection and post-school pathways webinar for parents**

QUT are hosting a free webinar that will provide case studies, practical resources and tips and tricks to help parents support their Year 9 and/or 10 child to make informed decisions for their futures. Join QUT's career educator who will show you strategies to help with your discussions about careers exploration in terms of subject selection. Topics covered will include career exploration, the future world of work and useful ways to connect SET planning pathways to career decision making and understanding of self. The webinar is being hosted on 1 May from 7 - 8pm and you can register [here](#).





## **VET and AMEB qualifications that QUT consider**

Students with an ATAR, an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD), a vocational education and training (VET) qualification completed at school (Certificate IV or above) or AMEB qualification, now meet minimum entry requirements for QUT's bachelor degree courses. Certificate III can be used for a selection rank for entry to diploma courses. Click [here](#) for more information.

## The University of Queensland

### 2025 Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST)

This four-day residential program at UQ Gatton allows you to explore the fields of agriculture, animal science, plant science, food and fibre technologies and experience the global science and industries shaping our future. [Check out this video](#) from FEAST 2024 to see what's in store! FEAST is your chance to explore what you will study in these fields and discover where your passion could take you. FEAST 2025 will run from Sunday 29 June to Wednesday 2 July 2025. During the program you will:

-  **Get hands-on with science** in cutting-edge labs and teaching facilities.
-  **Hear from innovative researchers** shaping the future of our planet.
-  **Connect with university and industry professionals and UQ students** who share your interests.
-  **Experience life on campus** and see what it's like to be a UQ Gatton student!

If you are interested in attending the program, please submit an expression of interest and they will be in contact you after applications open. Click [here](#) for more information, to register with registrations close 28 April 2025.

### Doctor of Medicine admissions

To apply for the Doctor of Medicine, you need to know which entry pathway you're eligible for. At UQ, the [Doctor of Medicine \(MD\)](#) is a 4-year postgraduate program. Explore the entry pathways into the MD program for high school students and university graduates. Click the link and find out more about:

#### Provisional entry programs

- Greater Brisbane provisional entry - Applying to UQ will put you into the Greater Brisbane provisional entry pathway.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander provisional entry - If you're an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person you can apply through their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit
- Central Queensland and Wide Bay regional medical pathway - Based in Rockhampton and Bundaberg, study your undergraduate pathway to medicine program at CQ University and complete your MD at their UQ Rural Clinical School in Central Queensland or Wide Bay
- Darling Downs and South West Queensland medical pathway - Based in Toowoomba, study your undergraduate pathway to medicine program at the University of Southern Queensland and complete your MD at our Rural Clinical School in the Darling Downs – South West region.

### Tertiary Experience Day for Indigenous students

A Tertiary Experience Day (TED) is an opportunity for schools, community and scholarship program students to experience UQ's St Lucia campus and get a glimpse into student life. TED provides information about the opportunities that UQ can offer for future Indigenous students. Click [here](#) to find out more and see your Guidance Officer or School Counsellor for more details and how to book.

## Torrens University Australia

### Career Crush quiz

The Torrens University Australia Career Crush is an online quiz that can show your personal strengths, passions and aspirations to match you with the careers and courses you may find interesting. You will develop a personality profile, compatible careers and courses that complement your quiz responses. The 5-minute Career Crush quiz will reveal how you can turn your passions, aspirations and strengths into a career you love. Find the Career Crush [here](#) and remember the results indicate your point in time thinking and you should repeat career quizzes as you undertake more research.

### Torrens University Open Day online and on demand!

Watch on demand as their academics talk you through the courses on offer and how you can get the most out of studying with them. Learn about scholarships, internships and what sets them apart from other universities. Click [here](#) to choose from the following virtual open days:

- Business and Hospitality
- Design and Creative Technology
- Health and Education
- Technology

## University of New England

### Joint Medical Programs

The [Joint Medical Program](#) (JMP) is offered jointly by the University of Newcastle and the University of New England. You can study on either a metropolitan (Newcastle) or rural (New England) campus. Clinical venues will give students metropolitan, regional and rural experience so they will be prepared to practice anywhere in Australia. This is a direct entry program that Year 12 students can apply for. There are no subject prerequisites for admission to this course. However, students may benefit from completing Chemistry and English. Applicants need to sit for UCAT and apply through [Joint Medical Program](#) and [UAC](#) NSW. Applications open on 5 April and close on 30 September 2024. Click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) for application details.

## University of Southern Queensland

## Study options and admission pathways

There are many ways you can start your higher education journey at UniSQ from studying while still in high school to pathways and undergraduate degrees. Some of these pathways include:

[Head Start](#) - UniSQ offers Head Start, a program that provides high school students with the opportunity to study a university subject while at school

[TAFE/VET pathways](#) - As a TAFE or VET graduate, you can use your Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) awards of Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma to submit an application to study with UniSQ.

[UniPrep](#) - a pathway to most UniSQ undergraduate degrees for high school students focusing on developing academic skills to prepare them for transition to university and success in their chosen undergraduate degree.

[Pathways to University](#) - Regardless of ATAR results there are a number of pathways to help you achieve your tertiary study goal/s

[Early Entry](#) - Year 12 students who place UniSQ #1 on their QTAC application, can receive an early offer to UniSQ

## University of the Sunshine Coast

### A Certificate qualification that gives you a taste

The University of Sunshine Coast offers a number of Undergraduate Certificates that are stand alone and that can be completed in 6 to 12 months. These Undergraduate Certificate courses can be used to improve your competitiveness in the workplace or as a pathway to related Undergraduate Degrees at the University - or both! They are a good option for trying a course of study before committing to a 3 - 4 year Undergraduate Degree. Most often you will be able to gain study credit for the related Degree/s. Click on the links below for more information on Undergraduate Certificates in the following areas:

- [Allied Health Assistance](#)
- [Animal Ecology](#)
- [Community Services](#)
- [Digital Business](#)
- [Education \(Early Childhood\)](#)
- [Education \(Primary\)](#)
- [Engineering Design](#)
- [Game Design](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Health Promotion Foundations](#)
- [Interactive Media](#)
- [Legal Studies](#)
- [Nutrition](#)
- [Small Business](#)
- [Social Media](#)



## **Biomedical Science at Moreton Bay campus**

Interested in Biomedical Science? UniSC Moreton Bay campus offers a 3 year course. You will gain a comprehensive understanding of how the human body works and what happens when diseases, infections and clinical disorders occur. Click [here](#) to find out more.

## **Moreton Bay Campus at Petrie - Virtual tour**

UniSC's Moreton Bay Petrie campus offers a wide range of courses. Click [here](#) to take a virtual tour inside the UniSC Moreton Bay campus and see the learning and teaching spaces. [Click here](#) to find out what programs (undergraduate degrees) are being offered on Moreton Bay campus.

## **UniSC and GU Joint Medical Program**

With Griffith University (GU). UniSC's Bachelor of Medical Science is your first step. This highly competitive program provides provisional direct entry (subject to entry requirements) to Griffith University's Doctor of Medicine program and towards a medical career. For more information regarding this pathway, visit the [Bachelor of Medical Science](#) web page on the USC website.

# Upcoming Events



Date	Event
11/03/2025	ADF: Toowoomba A Night in the Army Reserve
11/03/2025	QUT Advice Night webinar
12/03/2025	2025 Future You Summit Application Support Webinar
12/03/2025	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
13/03/2025	ADF: Brisbane Air Force Careers Information Session
13/03/2025	Police Recruitment Morayfield Session
17/03/2025	Police Recruiting Seminar, Hervey Bay
17/03/2025	Police recruiting session Bundaberg
18/03/2025	ADF: Cairns Defence Careers Information Session
18/03/2025	ADF: Loganlea A Night in the Army Reserve
18/03/2025	ADF: Toowoomba Gap Year Information Session
18/03/2025	UniSC Sunshine Coast Headstart program information evening
18/03/2025	UQ Medicine Information Evenint
19/03/2025	ADF: Maroochydore Air Force Careers Information Session
19/03/2025	UQ Medicine Information webinar
20/03/2025	ADF: Gold Coast Gap Year Information Session
20/03/2025	ADF: Townsville Air Force Careers Information Session
20/03/2025	Police recruiting Pathways 4 Mob, Maryborough
20/03/2025	UniSC Moreton Bay Headstart information evening
21/03/2025	Police recruiting Harmony Festival, Townsville
22/03/2025	Engineer Your Future experience day
24/03/2025	IM2C International Mathematical Modeling challenge entries close
25/03/2025	GU Pathways to Medicine Information session
25/03/2025	Police Recruitment Seminar, Toowoomba

26/03/2025	Police Recruiting Seminar, Mackay
26/03/2025	UniSC Headstart online information webinar
27/03/2025	GU Pathways to Medicine information session Brisbane South Campus (Nathan)
28/03/2025 to 29/03/2025	Police recruitment session Ipswich Business and Careers Expo
29/03/2025	ANU Open Day
29/03/2025	ANU Open Day
01/04/2025	GU Pathways to Medicine introduction webinar
01/04/2025	START QUT webinar
01/04/2025	Very Short Film Festival competition closes
04/04/2025	Photo Competition QTC closes
06/04/2025 to 12/04/2025	Queensland Youth Week
09/04/2025	ANU Open Day - Discover their Brisbane Campus
09/04/2025	Discover ACU – Brisbane Campus
10/04/2025	Tuckwell Scholarship for ANU applications close
13/04/2025	Aspiring (Unpublished) competition closes
13/04/2025	Hatchlings writing competition entries close
14/04/2025	Tuckwell Scholarship applications close
24/04/2025	Qld Assoc of Mathematics Teachers Problem Solving Competition entries close
28/04/2025	FEAST applications close