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Applying to QTAC?

A BIG reminder that you must apply to QTAC before 30 September 2026 to get the early bird application fee of $75. After that it goes up to $159! You get 3 free change sessions as part of your application so you can always make changes if needs be.

Laugh for the fortnight!

I found being an electrician interesting but the work was shocking.

Thought for the fortnight

Falling down is part of life.

Getting back up is living -

Jose N Harris

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Brisbane City Council Apprenticeships

Brisbane City Council has not published a set date for its 2027 apprenticeship intake. It advertises apprenticeships as vacancies become available throughout the year. It is worth checking regularly. You can:

- Check Brisbane City Council's current vacancies
- Join Council's Talent Community for job alerts
- Read about its apprenticeship programs

Applicants generally need to be at least 15 years old and meet the residency requirements.

Key Apprenticeship Program

The Key Apprenticeship Program offers eligible apprentices up to $10,000 when starting or restarting an apprenticeship in clean energy or housing construction. There are two options:

- New Energy Apprenticeship
- Housing Construction Apprenticeship

Find out about payments, eligible jobs and how to sign up.

VET courses in Queensland?

Want to know more about VET courses? Check out the Queensland Skills Gateway website. Use the training course search function, enter the field of work (e.g. carpentry), the level of the course (e.g. All) and the industry (e.g. Construction). While the website's focus is vocational education and training (VET), it does include an occupational search function that has information on a broader range of careers and other helpful sites.

Want to be an electrician?

Electro Group Training and Apprenticeships is a Group Training Company specialising in training people for the electrical industry. It employs and monitors the training of electrical apprentices. For more information, visit the Electro Group website (click on 'Apprenticeships'). While you are on the site, read about the attributes and skills required of an electrical apprentice. Also, do the self-assessment to see if you have the maths and science skills needed for the job.

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What do Locksmiths do?

Locksmiths install and maintain locks and related security devices and systems. The job involves:

- Assembling parts and sub-assemblies of precision instruments and locks
- Dismantling precision instruments, locks, repairs and replaces defective parts, and reassembles articles using hand and power tools and specially designed machines
- Installing security systems, changes tumblers in locks, changeing locks, cuts keys and opens locks by manipulation
- Estimate costs and preparing quotes for repairs

Find out more here including key values of workers in Locksmiths and top skills required for workers as Locksmiths.

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Australian Defence Force (ADF) information sessions

The Australian Defence Force runs information sessions where you can learn about ADF careers, training and life in the Defence Force. Click each event for the location and time. You must register to attend. Some sessions are held during the September school holidays.

08/09/2026 Brisbane Army Special Forces Information Session

Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session

09/09/2026 Cairns Defence Careers Information Session

Charters Towers Trade Careers Information Session

15/09/2026 Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session

23/09/2026 Brisbane Army Careers Information Session

29/09/2026 Cairns Defence Careers Information Session

Townsville Defence Careers Information Session

30/09/2026 Defence University Sponsorship Information Session

01/10/2026 Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session

06/10/2026 Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session

Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session

Women in the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

In every one of our 300+ roles, women are showing how it's done. Whether you're after a full-time or part-time role, you can find excellent career opportunities that champion equality in a supportive and inclusive workplace. Check it out here.

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Career Aptitude Test

The Career Aptitude Test uses timed activities and challenges to identify your natural strengths, learning style and problem-solving skills. Unlike personality quizzes, it measures how you perform rather than how you think you perform, helping you explore careers that may suit you. Find out more info here.

Life after ATAR: Navigating the world of offers, preferences and pathways

You've almost finished Year 12! When results and ATARs are released, you may have questions about what comes next. The Good Universities Guide blog has helpful information to explore your options after school. Find out more about:

- Making sense of your ATAR
- Change of preference
- Offers
- Pathways to uni
- Vocational education
- Taking a gap year

Myfuture can work for you

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

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

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- User guide videos - View short videos that demonstrate key sections of the website to learn how to get the most out of myfuture

Want to 'help people'? There are many different job options

Allied health is one of Australia's largest and fastest-growing career areas. Jobs include physiotherapy, psychology, occupational therapy, dietetics, social work, speech pathology, medical imaging and more. Explore allied health careers and check out the myfuture website.

What does a Registered Nurse (Community Health) do?

Registered Nurses (Community Health) provide nursing care, health counselling, screening and education to individuals, families and groups in the wider community with a focus on patient independence and health promotion. Day-to-day tasks include:

- assesses, plans, implements and evaluates nursing care for patients according to accepted nursing practice and standards
- working in consultation with other health professionals and members of health teams, and co-ordinating the care of patients
- providing interventions, treatments and therapies such as medications, and monitors responses to treatment and care plans
- promoting health and assisting in preventing ill health by participating in health education and other health promotion activities
- answering questions and providing information to patients and families about treatment and care
- supervising and co-ordinating the work of enrolled nurses and other health care workers.

Find out more here.

What is that job

SkillsRoad lists over 300 jobs. Click here to search a job and find out information about:

- Who the job is suited to …
- Overview
- Job titles
- Job tasks
- Training and qualifications
- Weekly wage
- Related careers

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JMC Academy and Open Season – Battle of the Bands, Solos or duos!

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JMC are thrilled to announce their next high school competition launching this August – it's time for Battle of the Bands! Whether you're a band, solo artist or duo, all are encouraged to enter.

- Open to all high school students aged 15 years and above
- Work experience opportunities for Film & TV and Audio Engineering high school students also available as part of the event
- The winner will receive a first-place prize of a supporting act spot at one of Brisbane's elite music venues via JMC's partnership with The Tivoli Group

Applications close: 11:59pm Tuesday September 22nd, 2026

Battle of the Bands event: October 2026

Winning prize performance: November – December 2026

Click here to enter today! *Please note that these times may be subject to change at the organiser's discretion.*

The Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize

The Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize is offered each year. Enter the competition by submitting poetry. The 2026 winner of The Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize will receive $3000 and two highly commended entrants will be awarded $500 each. The competition closes on 22 September 2026. You can find more information here.

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Disabilities

Support for young people with disability

The Australian Government has put together a guide with information to support students with disabilities who are leaving school. Click here to read about:

- School ends. Ideas for you
- Do you study. Do you work
- You want to work. Help you can get
- You want to study. Help you can get
- You feel bad. Who can help you
- Websites to help you

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Adwords Specialist - Want to know more?

An AdWords Specialist, now usually called a Google Ads Specialist, creates and manages online advertisements that appear on Google. They usually:

- choose keywords people might search for
- write short online advertisements
- decide which audiences should see the ads
- set and manage advertising budgets
- monitor clicks, enquiries and sales
- test different ads to improve results
- prepare reports for clients or managers

The job suits someone interested in marketing, technology, writing and analysing data. SEEK advertisements may also use titles such as Paid Search Specialist, PPC Specialist, Digital Marketing Specialist or Performance Marketing Specialist. Check out the profile here including job opportunities, salary, job satisfaction and more.

Careers in computer industry

The computer industry is very diverse and growing. The following are jobs that you may not have heard of but find interesting:

- Information Security Analyst
- Web Developer
- Software engineer
- Systems Analyst
- Computer programmer
- Database Administrator
- IT Manager
- Network Architect
- Software developer
- Computer scientist
- Technical support
- Video game developer
- AI Engineer
- Application Analyst
- Applications Developer

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- Computer hardware engineer
- Information technology Officer
- Web Designer

Climate careers

According to the Clean Energy Council, the peak body for the clean energy industry in Australia:

- Renewable energy production has nearly tripled in the last ten years.
- Nearly 30% of Australian energy is already generated from renewable sources, and it's set to increase to 50%.
- Over 3 million homes across the country have rooftop solar panels.
- Over 20 new wind farms are under construction, supporting 8,000 jobs.
- There are over 30,000 jobs in the renewable energy sector, and this number is growing rapidly.

Find out more about a career in climate including:

- What are climate careers?
- Will a climate career suit me?
- Occupations in Climate Careers
- How to get started

Getting paid the right amount

Visit the Fair Work Ombudsman website for information about pay obligations, including minimum wages and the rules regarding unpaid work. You can also find information about:

- Pay and wages
- Leave
- Starting employment
- Employment conditions
- Workplace problems
- Ending employment

Jobs by Industry

An industry is a group of businesses doing similar work. Each industry employs people in many different jobs. For example, construction includes carpenters, electricians, managers, accountants and labourers. Australia's five largest employing industries provide more than half of all jobs:

1. Health Care and Social Assistance — 2.4 million
2. Retail Trade — 1.5 million
3. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services — 1.3–1.4 million
4. Construction — 1.3 million
5. Education and Training — 1.3 million

Download Australian Jobs 2026 to learn more.

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Launch into Work for individuals

You might not have the skills, experience and confidence you need for work right now. But you could still be a good match for a business because of your values, attributes and behaviours. Under the Launch into Work program, businesses work with the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations to design pre-employment projects to prepare individuals for work in their business. Find out more here including eligibility, pre-employment projects and more.

Like Maths - Check out these jobs then!

They say that 75 per cent of the fastest growing jobs require STEM skills! The Australian Mathematical Science Institute (AMSI) has put together a list of industry areas and jobs that use Maths:

- Science and Environment
- Business and Marketing
- Technology
- Sports and Recreation
- Health and Society
- Transport and Logistics
- Biostatistics and Bioinformatics
- Engineering and Resources
- Education
- Finance and Money
- Security and Defence

Occupation shortage list

The Occupation Shortage List (OSL) provides a point-in-time assessment of the shortage status of occupations in the Australian labour market. Discover which occupations are in short supply or if the shortage is confined to metropolitan areas or regional areas. For a list of job shortages across Australia.

The Difference Between Psychology, Counselling, and Social Work?

Want a career helping people but unsure which path to choose?

- **Psychology** explores behaviour and mental health.
- **Counselling** helps people work through personal and emotional challenges.
- **Social work** connects people with support and works to improve communities.

Learn more about the differences here.

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What is an Apiarist - Like honey?

Apiarists plan, organise, control, coordinate and operate apiaries to produce honey, queen bee pollen, beeswax and royal jelly, breed queen bees, and pollinate crops. Find out more here including:

- What the occupation involves
- Common occupation titles
- Specialisations
- Skill level (education and experience level)

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AIQS Donald Napier Scholarship - Construction Management degree students

The Donald Napier scholarship is able to support the future leaders of the Construction Management profession as they begin their university degrees. AIQS (Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors) offers a number of scholarships each year for Year 12 students and early school leavers who qualify for entry into a construction management degree that is AIQS accredited in Australia. There are four scholarships offered each year:

1. **General**
2. **Diversity**
3. **First Nations people** (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)
4. **Disadvantaged** (financial, carer, medical condition or disability, regional or remote)

Scholarships are valued at $5,000 and click here for more information. Applications close on 1 October, 2026.

Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Local Sporting Champions program

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 13-18 participating in state, national or international championships. If successful, applicants will receive $500 - $750 towards the cost of attending their championships. Applications close on 31 October 2026. Click here for more information and to read across Australia:

- Overview
- Eligibility and terms
- Application Process
- Assessment
- Case Studies
- Key Dates

Commonwealth Scholarships

There are three types of Commonwealth scholarships:

Student Start-Up Loan – Available to eligible full-time students in higher education who receive Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance and you must apply.

Relocation Scholarship – This is an annual payment to help eligible ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance students with their higher education if they have relocated to, or from, a regional or remote area to study.

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Payments and support for Indigenous Australians - You may be eligible if you're studying or training. ABSTUDY is a group of payments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students or apprentices.

Financial support when leaving school

Find out about Australian Government payments and loans you can get when taking the leap to further training (Apprenticeships and Traineeships) or study at university or TAFE. Click here to find out about:

- Main student payments
- Extra payments
- Payments for moving to study
- Payments to help with living costs
- Payments for study if you have disability
- Loans you can apply for
- Other loans and payments that are available

QUT scholarships

Applications for many scholarships for students commencing at QUT in 2027 are now open. There are scholarships for students from regional or remote areas, Indigenous Australian students, high achievers across sport, academic or creative fields, students experiencing financial hardship, migrant or refugee students, women and non-binary students and budding entrepreneurs .There are also scholarships for students in specific study areas. Explore all scholarships.

QUT Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

QUT is one of five Australian universities that offer the Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship. Valued up to $20,000 for tuition plus the cost of attending the Westpac Disruptive Leaders Program. It also allows entry into the QUT College of Excellence, the Westpac 100 Scholars Network and access to enrichment programs that develop leadership potential and kickstart a career.

UniSC Scholarships

UniSC believes every student should have the opportunity to achieve their dreams through higher education. If you want a university education, then a scholarship or bursary can provide the support you need to achieve your full potential. Scholarship applications for Study Period 1 2027 are now open and will close on 30 November 2026. You will find out by 26 February 2027.

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UniSQ Scholarships

Explore what scholarships the University of Southern Queensland have on offer that you can apply for now as well as those coming soon. You can apply for more than one, so be sure to apply for all that you're eligible for. Click here to find out about the Indigenous Student Success Program.

Youth Allowance

The Australian Government provides financial help if you're 24 or younger and a student or an Australian Apprentice, or 21 or younger and looking for work:

- 16 to 21 and looking for full time work
- 18 to 24 and studying full time
- 16 to 24 and doing a full time Australian Apprenticeship
- 16 to 17 and independent or needing to live away from home to study
- 16 to 17, studying full time and have completed year 12 or equivalent

Click here to read more about Youth Allowance for students and Australian Apprentices and Youth Allowance for job seekers.

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QUT's Oodgeroo Unit's Centralised Assessment and Selection Program

QUT's Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP) helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants improve their chances of getting into most QUT degrees. Applying through CASP may give you the best chance of receiving an offer. Find out more here including info on QUT's Oodgeroo Unit.

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Crimson Education for OS Study

Crimson Education helps students apply to leading overseas universities, including Ivy League and Oxbridge institutions. Studying overseas is a big decision, so make sure you research your options carefully. Check out the following sessions here to learn more about:

16/09/2026: Use your spring holidays to get into the Ivy League webinar

26/09/2026: The ultimate Australian students guide to Ivy League and Oxbridge Admissions seminar

29/09/2026: From ATAR to the USA. Getting into top US universities from Australia webinar

06/10/2026: Breaking down a winning Ivy League profile webinar

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School Leaver Information Kit in Easy English

Discover your options after school with these easy-to-understand guides.Thes guides are easy to read with pictures to explain some ideas. Find out more about the following here:

- Ideas for when school ends
- You want time to think
- You want to learn more
- You learn by study
- You do classes. You learn a job
- Money to study. Help you can get
- Money to live. You can get help
- You want a job
- To get a job. Things you must do
- You feel bad. Who can help you
- Websites to help you

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Jazz Music Institute: September 2026 and Summer 2027 Jazz Clinics

JMI's Jazz Clinics are short courses for musicians who want to start learning jazz or build their skills. Open to all ages and abilities, the clinics are fun, relaxed and led by JMI's experienced teachers. They run from 25–27 September 2026 and 18–21 January 2027. Find out more and register here.

JMC Academy – Creative Headstart Program

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Why wait until high school is over to start doing what you love?

JMC: Creative Headstart gives eligible high school students the opportunity to study one or two JMC units alongside their school studies to start building towards their future before they have finished Year 12.

· Take a gradual, supported step up from high school into your higher education studies

· Bank a credit before Day 1 of your degree at JMC

· Subjects available across the areas of Music, Acting, Film & TV, Audio Engineering & Sound Production, and Entertainment Business Management

Start now. Get ahead.

Click here to book a call with our admissions team to learn more today!

SAE University College Creative Media Institute opportunities

SAE University College Creative Media Institute offers courses in a wide range of creative arts that may be of interest to you including:

- Animation
- Audio
- Creative Industries
- Creative Technologies
- Design
- Film
- Game Development and Design

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- Information Technology
- Music
- VFX & Virtual Production

Click here to read more about SAE University College.

UQ Skills Diplomas

UQ Skills offers practical training to help you build the skills needed for agriculture and rural jobs. Accredited and non-accredited courses are available online, at UQ's Gatton and St Lucia campuses, and at locations across Australia.They offer courses in the following study areas:

- Agriculture and rural operations
- Business and leadership
- Health
- Information technology
- Maritime
- Animal and veterinary care
- Manufacturing
- Traineeships
- Cultural heritage
- Food manufacturing
- Sport

Find out more information here (click on the Programs tab).

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Griffith Uni's Young Conservatorium music 2027 program

Griffith Uni's comprehensive pre-tertiary programs continue to produce young musicians of the highest calibre. Young Conservatorium recognises talent and engages young musicians through to adulthood. All their ensembles, classes and individual tuition are held at the Queensland Conservatorium. Applications for 2027 are now open and close on 26 September 2026. Click here for more information, key dates and the 2027 Young Conservatorium brochure.

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Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS) may help if difficult circumstances have affected your recent study. Categories include:

- Financial hardship
- Home environment and responsibilities
- English language difficulty
- Illness or disability
- School environment

If approved, you may receive selection rank adjustments. Financial Hardship applicants may also qualify for scholarships or bursaries. Your information is kept confidential. Learn more and find the required cover sheets here.

Final reminder! Don't miss out on the early bird application date!

30 September is the QTAC Early Bird deadline. Apply by this date to pay $75 instead of $159. If paying by debit card, pay by 25 September to allow time for processing. Not sure about your course choices? Apply with at least one preference to secure the lower fee. You'll receive three free preference-change sessions, so you can update your choices later. Find out more here.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Studies

Australian universities recognise the IB Diploma as equivalent to Year 12 QCE. IB scores from 24 to 45 are converted to a National ATAR, allowing IB students to compete for university places alongside students who receive an ATAR. QTAC then uses this result to calculate a selection rank. Find out how it works here.

Pros and cons of mid-year entry

Many tertiary courses give you the choice of starting in Semester 1 or mid-year.

Benefits of starting mid-year

- Enjoy a longer break after Year 12.
- Reapply if you miss out on a Semester 1 offer.

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- Complete a preparation or pathway course first.
- You may still graduate on time by studying over summer or in Trimester 3.

Things to consider

- Not all courses offer mid-year entry.
- Fewer places may make mid entry more competitive.
- You may lose motivation or get out of the study habit.

Another option is to apply for Semester 1 and defer. Check with the institution to see if you can defer for six months.

You HAVE TO register with QTAC to get your ATAR calculated!

If you're in Year 12 and ATAR eligible, register on the QTAC ATAR Portal to receive your ATAR. Queensland ATARs will be released at 9 am on Friday 18 December 2026. You'll need:

- Your full name
- Date of birth
- LUI number
- A personal email address

You must also submit a separate QTAC application if you want to apply for tertiary courses. Registering is also important if applying interstate, as it allows QTAC to share your ATAR with other State Tertiary Application Centres. Register for the ATAR Portal here.

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Student Portal - Year 12 registration

The myQCE Student Portal keeps your learning information in one place. Register using your LUI and a personal email address—*not your school email*. You can:

- Check and update your personal details
- View subjects, courses, VET qualifications and final Year 12 results
- Complete the QCAA academic integrity course and download your certificate

Make sure you register so you can access your QCE results.

What qualifications will I get at the end of Year 12?

On 16 December 2026, you will be able to log into your QCAA Student Portal to see your final subject results located in your learning account. If eligible, you will be issued with a senior education profile. Included in this profile could be:

- Senior Statement - this is a transcript of your learning account. The Senior Statement shows all QCE contributing studies and the results achieved that may contribute to the award of a Queensland Certificate of Education. If you receive a Senior Statement, then you have satisfied the completion requirements for Year 12 in Queensland.
- Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) - The QCE is Queensland's senior school qualification and is awarded to eligible students, usually at the end of Year 12.
- Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) - The Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA) recognises the achievements of students who are on individualised learning programs.

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How to retain information

German psychologist Hermann Ebbinghaus found that we forget new information quickly, especially in the first few hours. This is called the **forgetting curve**. Two ways to remember more are:

- **Memory tricks:** Use songs, images, connections or mnemonics such as ROY G BIV for the colours of the rainbow.
- **Spaced practice and active recall:** Review information the next day, a week later and again after a few weeks. Test yourself each time instead of just rereading your notes.

Regular revision over several weeks works better than cramming the night before an exam. Learn more about the forgetting curve.

Study smarter, not harder

Let's be honest: study, even studying a subject you're in love with, isn't fun. That's doubly true when you're halfway through a subject and realise you don't actually understand it, or when you're overwhelmed by the due dates for several assignments that've all crept up at once. It may seem tempting to procrastinate or to burn the midnight oil, but there are far better solutions. Click here to read more about Deakin Uni's 7 tips (helpful for all students) to help you study smarter, not harder including:

1. Fake it 'til you make it
2. Treat it green, keep it keen
3. Bigger is not always better
4. Rinse, repeat
5. Find your happy place
6. Embrace the dryness
7. Get with the century

Top Tips to keep cool and mindful at the end of Year 12

You're at the pointy end of the year for Year 12 students (soon to be graduates) so QTAC have put together some top tips to keep a cool headspace. Click here for tips on how to keep your cool including:

- Take a well-deserved break
- Stay busy with hobbies
- Work or volunteer
- Plan a trip with friends or family

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- Stay Connected with Friends
- Social media detox
- Practice mindfulness and stress management
- Talk about your feelings
- Remind yourself: results are not everything

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Ways to study your chosen courses

TAFE Queensland offers traditional on-campus study, hands-on apprenticeships and traineeships, online study, TAFE at School courses and the ability to complete qualifications through recognition of prior learning. Click here to read more about:

- Delivery modes
  - Study on campus
  - Online learning
  - TAFE at School
  - Apprenticeships
  - Traineeships
  - Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)
- Compare the study modes
  - On campus
  - On campus with some online
  - Online self-directed
  - Online virtual classroom
  - Online with on campus practical training
- Study loads
  - Study or train full time
  - Study or train part time

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How to choose an education institution

Choosing a university can feel overwhelming, but comparing a few key features can make it easier. Look for a university that suits your interests, goals, personality and preferred learning environment. Read the Good Universities Guide's tips on choosing the right university for you. These include:

- How can you tell institutions apart?
- Narrowing down your options
- Researching your institution

How to survive your first year of Uni

Starting Uni can be a challenge, especially for those who have just left school. On the upside, your Uni years will be some of the best you'll have and they'll probably go very quickly. Click here to read The Good Universities Guide to the best tips to help you survive your first year including:

- Get to know your campus
- Use your time wisely
- Ask for help when you need it
- Manage your finances within a budget
- Take advantage of freebies
- Stay healthy
- Make an effort to befriend your classmates
- Join clubs and attend campus events
- Work-life-study balance
- Use apps to stay on track

Uni vs High School

Uni is nothing like school! Following is a list of seven (out of a thousand) things that make uni better than high school. Click here to read more including:

1. You'll make your own timetable
2. You can wear what you're most comfortable in
3. You'll study what you really love
4. The campus is huge and has multiple food courts
5. Holiday breaks are longer than school breaks
6. University clubs and societies run fantastic events
7. You'll learn to be the best adult version of yourself

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Australian Catholic University

Accept your offer and enroll

If you've received an offer to study at ACU, your response counts. Click here to find out the various ways to respond, as well as your next steps including:

1. Read your notice of offer
2. Manage your offer
    1. Accept your offer
    2. Defer your offer
    3. Decline your offer
3. Start enrolling and plan your orientation
4. Set up your ACU student email
5. Attend orientation

Scroll down the page if you are an international student.

Admission pathways

ACU's admission pathways and programs can make it easier for you to achieve your goal of enrolling in a University degree. Find out about the options below to see if you're eligible for any of the programs. Use their pathway finder to see what pathways and programs are available for you. Narrow down your options by study area or your personal situation. Check out:

- I'm in Year 12 and want an early offer - check the universities you are interested in attending
- I didn't get the ATAR/rank
- I'm in Year 11 and want to experience university life - check the universities you are interested in attending
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student
- I'm an elite athlete or performer

Australian National University

Support and scholarships

When you apply to ANU, you'll automatically be considered for a range of scholarships. These can provide financial help and other support throughout your studies. Some of the support available includes:

- Academic Skills
- ANU Careers and Employability
- Free mental health and wellness support for students at ANU

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Bond University

How to apply

Applying directly to Bond University is free and doesn't lock you into studying there if you are also interested in a course at another Uni. Follow these three steps:

1. Explore Bond's courses and choose one.
2. Prepare your application and documents, such as transcripts.
3. Apply through Bond's secure online portal.

Find out more and apply here.

Central Queensland University

Adjustment Schemes

CQU considers a number of adjustment factors to calculate selection ranks for undergraduate applications that may apply to you. Adjustment selection ranks max out at 10. These include:

- Regional Adjustment Factor Scheme
- Equity Schemes
- Adjustment Scheme Caps

Find out more here.

Key closing dates

Make sure that you don't miss out because you missed the closing date. QTAC applications close for the following courses on:

7 December 2026

- Bachelor of Echocardiography and Cardiac Physiology / Graduate Diploma of Echocardiography (CV69)
- Bachelor of Medical Imaging
- Bachelor of Midwifery
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Nutrition/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Oral Health
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)

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30 September 2026

- Bachelor of Medical Sonography and Graduate Diploma of Medical Sonography
- Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine

Preparing for University

Wondering where to start as you explore your options? Whether you know what you want to study or are still learning about your options, you'll find easy-to-access links and resources to help you prepare to study at CQUni and make the most of your university experience. Click here for more information including:

- Explore courses
- Ready to get started
- Explore courses
- Course fees

Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) Term 3 Information Session and webinar

Not sure if you're ready for university or need to meet subject prerequisites? CQUniversity's STEPS program is a free, Centrelink-approved course that builds your skills and confidence for university study. Learn more and register for the online webinar on 7 October.

Upcoming events

On 22 September, CQU will be hosting their Mackay Nursing Information Session and Lab Tour from 4:30 - 6:00pm. Join their Nursing team at CQUniversity Mackay City for an informative session where you can:

- Learn about their flexible Nursing study options designed to help you enter the workforce with confidence
- Tour their state-of-the-art Nursing facilities
- Discover how they use simulated learning to prepare you for placements and a career in Nursing
- Gain insights into entry requirements and available pathways
- Hear about the wide range of support services available to students

Find out more here and rego details.

Christian Heritage College

2027 Course Guide

Christian Heritage College focuses on providing quality courses in teaching, counselling, business, human services, philosophy and ministry. Early offer pathways are available so that you can secure your place prior to receiving your ATAR results. Find more information on their early offer pathways. You can access their 2027 Undergraduate Course Guide here.

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Griffith University

Adjustment Factors

Adjustment factors boost your Selection Rank/ATAR positioning and can improve your chances of gaining a place in your preferred degree at Griffith. The maximum adjustments that you can receive at Griffith Uni under all pathways is capped at eight (8). Click here for more information including:

- How do Adjustment Factors Work?
- Available schemes
    - Year 12 subject adjustment
    - Location Adjustments
    - Educational Access Scheme
    - Elite Athlete Support Policy
    - Incremental Adjustments for the Bachelor of Medical Science
    - Advanced Study - University courses

Check out Griffith during the school holidays

You can check out the various Griffith campuses with a free tour during these Spring school holidays. Explore their teaching spaces, libraries and facilities for learning and research. Find out more and book a tour here.

Double Degrees

Griffith has a suite of double degree programs where you complete two bachelor's degrees in as little as four years. The advantages of this pathway are:

- Graduate faster
- Study for less
- Double your options
- Get an edge

Click here for more information.

Head Start Program online and on campus

Griffith's Head Start program lets you study a university subject while completing high school—without paying tuition fees. You can experience university life, learn from experts and build your skills. Successfully completing Head Start and Year 12 can guarantee entry into more than 70 Griffith single and double degrees. Find out more here including:

- Eligibility and entry requirements
- Study what matters to you

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- How to apply
- Frequently Asked Questions

Key Dates:

- Applications for Trimester 3, 2026 for Year 11 students only close on 19 October 2026
- Applications for Trimester 1, 2027 for 2027 Year 12 students on 8 February 2027

Prerequisites and Assumed Knowledge

Some Griffith degrees expect you to have studied certain Year 12 subjects so you're ready for first-year study. Most courses also have an English prerequisite. Recommended subjects may include Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Psychology. If you haven't studied the right subjects, an equivalent subject or bridging course may help. Check prerequisites, assumed knowledge and bridging options here. Don't miss your preferred course because you didn't check!

Priority places for rural students in Dentistry

If you have lived in a regional or remote area for at least five consecutive years, you may be eligible for a priority place in Dentistry at Griffith. These priority places are set aside to help support and develop the next generation of dentists, familiar with the unique challenges facing rural communities. Applications close 30 September 2026 for Trimester 1 2027 admission. Click here for more information.

James Cook University

Pathways Webinar

Join JCU's Pathways Webinar on 16 September at 7pm and discover how you can still pursue your dream career, even if it's been a few years since you've finished school, or you need a few more qualifications to meet entry requirements. More info and rego details here.

Year 12 student success package

JCU has several opportunities for gaining or improving your chances of entry in 2027. These include:

Early Offer - Get your offer early so you can concentrate on finishing Year 12 well.

Guaranteed Admission - Guaranteed entry to the majority of courses based on your ATAR above 90. Subject prerequisites waived. Applicants awarded an ATAR of 73 or above will be guaranteed entry into most JCU courses but will need to meet the course subject prerequisites.

Adjustment Factors - You could be eligible to receive bonus Adjustment Factors based on where you live in Queensland or what subjects you successfully completed at school.

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Year 12 Webinar

Get all the info and tips you need to discover what your life could look like at JCU. By joining JCU's Year 12 Webinar on 8 October at 7pm, you will gain first-hand advice from current JCU staff and students as they share real stories about making the leap from high school to uni. More info and rego details here.

Queensland University of Technology

Adjustment schemes: Year 12 Subject Scheme and Creative Arts

The Year 12 Subject Scheme provides an ATAR/selection rank adjustment based on completing specific subjects at school (Specialist Maths, Physics, LOTE) or university-level units (e.g. START QUT). Students may be eligible for an adjustment of 2.00 selection ranks for each approved Year 12 subject, up to a maximum of 8.00 selection ranks. In addition, for students seeking entry to the Bachelor of Creative Arts single degree, QUT now provides selection rank adjustments for general and applied creative subjects. Stand alone VET qualifications are not applicable. **Read more about QUT's six adjustment schemes.**

Discover Creative Arts and Design at QUT

On 12 November, Year 9–11 students can explore future study and career pathways in creative arts and design through a full day of hands-on workshops, student showcases and immersive learning experiences at QUT's Creative Industries Precinct. Teachers or career practitioners can **register your interest now**.

How to choose a career in healthcare

There are lots of ways of working in health. Whether you are interested in working with patients or you would like to work behind the scenes in a laboratory or in an office improving health services, there's a course that can connect you to your dream career. If you're still searching for a role that plays to your interests and strengths explore **how to choose a career in healthcare.**

Looking at Acting?

You can take the next step towards a career in Acting by applying now by:

- submitting your QTAC application including the Bachelor of Creative Arts (Acting)
- preparing audition materials and submitting them online through QUT
- completing both these steps by 5pm on Wednesday 7 October 2026 (Brisbane time).

See the **website** for full entry requirements and audition instructions.

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Pathways to QUT degrees through QUT College diplomas

If you are unsure of your ATAR or academic preparation for university entry you can start your university journey with one of QUT's diplomas delivered at QUT's Kelvin Grove campus. Develop the academic skills and knowledge needed to step into QUT undergraduate degrees with confidence. All diplomas provide guaranteed entry to related QUT bachelor degrees. Choose from one of the following:

- Diploma in Architectural Studies
- Diploma in Business
- Diploma in Creative Industries
- Diploma in Engineering
- Diploma in Esports
- Diploma in Health Science (Health Studies)
- Diploma in Information Technology
- Undergraduate Certificate (Nursing)

Learn more about QUT diplomas.

START QUT applications now open

Year 11 students can explore the START QUT program for Semester 1 (Year 12) and the STEM Intensive summer program held before they commence Year 12. You can receive a selection rank adjustment and gain potential credit towards a future degree while trialling future study areas and experiencing life as a student at QUT. Applications are now open and close on 31 October 2026.

Year 12 Early Offer Scheme and new Creative Arts eligibility

Queensland Year 12 students can receive an early offer for their QUT degree on the last day of Year 12, before receiving their ATAR or other final school results. More than 80 single and double degrees are included.
Students applying to the Bachelor of Creative Arts single degree can now be considered for an early offer through a non-ATAR pathway. Eligibility has been expanded to include students with completed Certificate IV qualifications, non-AQF performing arts qualifications or applied creative subjects. To be considered, you must submit your QTAC application and include an eligible course by 21 October. **Find out more.**

The University of Queensland

Adjustments and admission schemes

UQ's access schemes recognise diverse educational pathways and life experiences supporting you to reach your potential. You could be eligible for up to 5 adjustment points on top of your ATAR (or equivalent),

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improving your entry score and opening up more opportunities to study at UQ. Check out their adjustments and admission schemes including:

- How to apply
- Eligibility
    - Attending a specific high school
    - Living or attending school in a rural of remote location
    - Identifying as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
    - Experiencing financial or personal hardship
    - Studying specific subjects in high school
    - Applying to study law at UQ

Pathways to Law at UQ

If you don't think you'll get the ATAR required to study law at UQ, you may be eligible for other pathway options. Click here to read their flyer, Pathways to law at UQ for more information.

Spring into Engineering Holiday Program

This 3-day program run by UQ's Women in Engineering is for Year 10-12 girls wanting to explore Engineering with hands-on workshops, behind-the-scenes lab tours and an industry day. It will be held during the September holidays from 28 September to 30 September. Click here for more information and to register.

UQ Ready

Join UQ for an online informative session that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university. It will be held on 16 September from 6 - 7pm. More info and rego details here.

Using your VET Certificate and diploma qualifications Tertiary Rank for entry into UQ

Completed Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) certificate or diploma qualifications may be considered for tertiary admission and can get you a selection rank. Competency-based studies can be combined with the results of the Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT) to raise the base selection rank. The new rank will be allocated using the overall score from the STAT and the level of study. This table shows the maximum ranks attainable for competency-based and graded certificate level study.

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Torrens University Australia

What does Torrens Uni offer?

Torrens University Australia offers courses in business, design, health, hospitality, technology and education. You can study on campus, online or through a mix of both. Its specialist schools include Billy Blue College of Design and Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School. Explore your study options here.

University of Southern Queensland

ATAR explained for entry into UniSQ

ATAR is the primary criteria to assess and compare the results of high school students for entry into an undergraduate university degree. UniSQ has put together some information explaining:

- ATAR explained
- Assessing your ATAR
- About ATAR
- Adjustment factors pathways
- Plan your options

Career Finder

You may already know what excites and interests you. But perhaps you're not exactly sure where this could take you. UniSQ's Career Finder can help. Their Career Finder will help you discover what different jobs actually involve, what skills and qualifications you need and which degree can help you get there. It could open your eyes to a future you never imagined! Check it out.

Information for future students

UniSQ has put together information that will assist you to find out more facts about the University and options that are open to you including:

- Undergraduate study
- Hear from students
- Fees and scholarships
- Pathway options
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Take your first step

Click here to find out more.

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University of the Sunshine Coast

Access UniSC Adjustment Schemes

Under this scheme, applicants to UniSC undergraduate courses can be awarded up to six selection ranks or adjustment factors across the following programs:

- QTAC's Educational Access Scheme – up to 6 selection ranks
- Elite Athlete Adjustment – up to 6 selection ranks
- Regional Preference Adjustment – 2 selection ranks
- Disadvantaged School Adjustment – 2 selection ranks
- Participating in the Smith Family Learning for Life program – 2 selection ranks
- Year 12 Subject and Headstart adjustment factors for Specialist Mathematics, Languages other than English (LOTE), Physics, Biology, Chemistry and Headstart subject– 2 selection ranks per subject

Visit the website for further details of UniSC's regional preference scheme.

Early Offer Guarantee

UniSC's Early Offer Guarantee is based on your principal's recommendation—not your Year 12 results. They'll consider your academic performance, motivation, talents, passions and potential to succeed at university. If recommended, you'll receive an early offer for an eligible degree, as long as you meet its prerequisites and other entry requirements. Find more info here:

- How does it work?
- Benefits
- Key dates - Trimester 1, 2027
- How do I apply?

UniSC Your Future Made Better: Year 12 Info Night webinar

Early Offer Guarantee gives you the chance to receive an offer to study at UniSC as early as September, long before ATARs and final results are released so you can head into your final exams knowing you're sorted for the year ahead. Register to attend the Your Future Made Better: Year 12 Information Night webinar on 15 September.

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
08/09/2026	ADF: Brisbane Army Special Forces Information Session
08/09/2026	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
08/09/2026	START QUT Webinar
09/09/2026	ADF: Cairns Defence Careers Information Session
09/09/2026	ADF: Charters Towers Trade Careers Information Session
09/09/2026	UniSC Headstart online webinar
10/09/2026	GU Fixed closing date for Design, Visual Arts, Design/Business, Visual Arts/Business
10/09/2026	GU Qld College of Arts and Design optional portfolio entry due
10/09/2026	JCU Pathways Webinar
13/09/2026	CASPER Test for Veterinary Science entry Optional test date
14/09/2026	2027 Flickerdest entries close
14/09/2026	ACU Guarantee Early Offer Program
14/09/2026	UNE Early Offer Round 2 applications close
15/09/2026	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
15/09/2026	UniSC Your Future Made Better: Year 12 Information Night webinar
16/09/2026	UQ Ready online session
16/09/2026	Use your spring holidays to get into the ivy league webinar
20/09/2026	UQ's Young ChangeMakers program applications close
21/09/2026	GU Early Offer applications close
22/09/2026	JMC Academy and Open Season – Battle of the Bands, Solos and Dous entries close
22/09/2026	Mackay Nursing Information Session and Lab Tour
23/09/2026	ADF: Brisbane Army Careers Information Session
26/09/2026	GU's Young Conservatorium music 2027 program applications close

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26/09/2026	The ultimate Australian students guide to Ivy League and Oxbridge Admissions seminar
28/09/2026	NIDA 2027 applications open
29/09/2026	ADF: Cairns Defence Careers Information Session
29/09/2026	ADF: Townsville Defence Careers Information Session
29/09/2026	From ATAR to the USA. Getting into top US universities from Australia webinar
29/09/2026	Rural Access Scheme closing date to apply through QTAC f
30/09/2026	ADF: Defence University Sponsorship Information Session
30/09/2026	Course early closing dates for some Medicine, Dentistry and Creative Arts Courses
30/09/2026	GU B of Dental Health Science closes
30/09/2026	JCU closing date to apply through QTAC and JCU Application Portals
30/09/2026	Provisional MD and BMedSci/MD -QTAC Application Fixed Closing Date
30/09/2026	QTAC Early Bird application offer closes
30/09/2026	QTAC Rural Access Scheme (RAS) - submission deadline for Provisional MD and MMedSci/MD applicants close
30/09/2026	TAFE QLD scholarships applications close
01/10/2026	ADF: Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session
01/10/2026	AIQS Donald Napier Scholarship closes
01/10/2026	Real Futures Grant applications close
03/10/2026	SAE Create for a Day Workshops
06/10/2026	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
06/10/2026	ADF: Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session
06/10/2026	Breaking down a winning ivy league profile webinar
07/10/2026	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
07/10/2026	CQ Uni STEPS Term 3 Information Session webinar
07/10/2026	QUT Acting applications close
08/10/2026	CASPER Test for Veterinary Science entry optional test date
08/10/2026	JCU Year 12 Webinar
12/10/2026	ADF: Mackay Defence Careers Information Session
13/10/2026	ADF: Townsville Air Force Careers Information Session
14/10/2026	ADF: Brisbane Comms, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session

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15/10/2026	ADF: Gold Coast Air Force Careers Information Session
15/10/2026	UniSQ Early Entry applications close
19/10/2026	GU Trimester 3 Head Start Program applications close
19/10/2026	JCU closing date for Medicine applicants
21/10/2026	GU Final date to apply, to be eligible for an early offer.
21/10/2026	QUT Final early offer invitation date to complete your QTAC application
23/10/2026	QUT Early Offer applications close
30/10/2026	Fixed Closing Date for Veterinary Science - QTAC Application
30/10/2026	GU Qld Film School optional portfolio admissions due
30/10/2026	QUT RISE Scholarship applications close
30/10/2026	UQ Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) applications close through QTAC
31/10/2026	Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Local Sporting Champions program Round 2 Closes
31/10/2026	AVCAT (Aust Veterans' Children Assistance Trust) scholarships close
31/10/2026	QUT START QUT Sem 1 2027 close
31/10/2026	START QUT Sem 1 2027 applications close
31/10/2026	UQ Sporting Scholarship applications close

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