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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

How do I find a VET course in Queensland?

One source of this information is the Queensland Skills Gateway website at <http://www.skillsgateway.training.qld.gov.au/>. Use the training course search function on the site – enter the field of work (e.g. carpentry), the level of the course (e.g. All) and the industry (e.g. Construction). While the focus of this website is vocational education and training (VET), it does include an occupational search function that has information on a broader range of careers. Also included are a course provider search function and a link to the Student Guide (the link is on the home page).

I want an apprenticeship. How do I find an employer?

There are two broad types of employers for apprenticeships – an individual employer or a group training organisation (GTO). GTO's pay your wages and organise your formal training but place you with host employers for your on-the-job training. The following are strategies you can use to find an employer.

- Read newspapers that have job ads (e.g. 'Careerone' in the Saturday *Courier-Mail*)
- Search the Internet, e.g.

Job Active <http://jobsearch.gov.au/>

Seek <http://www.seek.com.au/> (use 'apprentice' as the keyword)

Careerone <http://www.careerone.com.au/> (use 'apprentice' as the keyword)

Apprenticeship Central <http://www.apprenticeshipcentral.com.au/>

Australian Defence Force <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/> (do a search for 'apprenticeships')

- Contact GTO's near you – find a list of Queensland GTO's at <http://www.training.qld.gov.au/employers/gto/contact.html>
- Scan school and community notice boards
- Contact trade associations – you can find a list of Queensland associations at <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/business/support-tools-grants/support/business-industry-associations/a-z-business-industry-associations>

- Approach previous employers e.g. from work experience or part-time work (take a copy of your resume with you)
- Visit your school VET coordinator and Guidance Counsellor/Officer
- Talk to an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider – search for the one located near you at <http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/australian-apprenticeship-support-network> or ring the infoline at 13 38 73

Most importantly, check out your social network (parents, extended family, neighbours, and friends' parents). Usually there is someone who knows someone who might be looking for an apprentice. Don't be afraid to approach employers who have not advertised a vacancy. It is said that up to a third of all jobs are obtained through contacts not advertisements.

National Skills Week 29 August – 4 September 2016

National Skills Week recognises, celebrates and informs students and the general public of the career pathways associated with Vocational Education and Training (VET). Visit the website at <http://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au/> for a list of events. Perhaps your school will also hold a special event for this week.

Thiess 2017 Apprenticeship Program opens

Thiess has recently opened its 2017 Apprenticeship Intake. Information about the Program and application process is available on the Thiess website at <http://careers.thiess.com.au/caw/en/job/923854/2017-thiess-apprenticeship-intake>. Applicants will need to be self-motivated, conscientious and committed to developing a career in the resources industry. A mature attitude is essential and you must be willing to learn new skills and accept direction. To be eligible to apply, you need to:

- have completed Year 12 by 1 January 2017 with passes in English and Mathematics
- have a current driver's licence (a provisional licence is accepted)
- relocate to the mine site area if not currently living locally
- be willing to relocate to another Thiess site if requirements at current site change (this could be an interstate move).

Applications close 28 August 2016.



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

Gold Coast – Wednesday 24 August 2016 at 5.30 pm - *Women in Defence Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, Ground Floor, 14 Edgewater Court, Robina. Book your spot at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/EZT8B7/>.

Rockhampton – Wednesday 24 August 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at the Leichhardt Hotel, Cnr Denham and Bolsover Street, Rockhampton. Walk-ins are welcome or you can book your spot at <https://www.ivvy.com/event/SYNN4Z/>.

Brisbane – Wednesday 24 August 2016 at 6 pm - *Aviation Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting, Level 13 #295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/PW6W49/>.

Brisbane – Thursday 25 August 2016 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting, Level 13 #295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/FZOPZ4/>.

Online – Thursday 25 August 2016 from 6.30 – 8 pm - *Army Priority Roles Q&A*. On the night, the Q&A will appear as a post on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/>) and you should post your question in the comments. For more information on all the roles on offer visit <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/> or call 13 19 01.

Townsville – Wednesday 31 August 2016 at 6 pm - *Officer Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting, 143 Walker Street, Townsville. Walk-ins are welcome or you can book your spot at <https://www.ivvy.com/event/AZA16W/>.

Maroochydore – Wednesday 31 August 2016 at 6 pm - *Officer Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting, 35-39 Primary School Court, Maroochydore. Book your spot here at <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/D5PBHD/>.

Cairns – Wednesday 31 August 2016 at 6 pm - *Officer Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting, Level 1, 55 Lake Street, Cairns. Walk-ins are welcome or you can book your spot at <https://www.ivvy.com/event/TG6N9B/>.



Australia's Careers Online website

This website located at <http://www.careersonline.com.au/> has a number of helpful career development and job search resources. Of particular interest to students unsure of what they want to do in the future is the Job Seekers Workshop. This section of the website provides a series of activities to help you develop and explore your career options.

Competitions

Are you an aspiring filmmaker? Win a scholarship to Bond

Submissions for the Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) are now open. BUFTA is a short film competition for students in Years 11 and 12. The first prize is a full-fee scholarship to study B Film and Television at Bond. Entries close on 7 October 2016. Find out more at <http://www.bufta.com.au/>.

Race Discrimination Commissioner

The Race Discrimination Commissioner's Student Prize is an annual competition for school students aimed to promote research and discussion of racism among young people. Years 10 and 11 students are encouraged to submit an essay or record a speech to submit to the Commission by 17 September 2016. Find out more at <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/race-discrimination/projects/race-discrimination-commissioners-student-prize>.



Are you interested in studying architecture?

As part of the Brisbane Open House program the Australian Institute of Architects is opening its doors to high school students (14 – 18 years) who would like to be 'An Architect for a Day'. This free event will be held from 10 am – 12 noon on Saturday 8 October 2016 at the Queensland Chapter Auditorium, 70 Merivale Street, South Brisbane. There will be representatives from UQ, QUT, Bond and Griffith and the participating students will be learning from registered architects, academics and graduates to gain a full understanding of architecture. Advance registrations are required. To register, email qld@architecture.com.au. For information about becoming an architect, visit <http://www.architecture.com.au/architecture/national/becoming-an-architect>.

Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) Brisbane

AFTRS will offer 'Intro to Screenwriting' at The Edge, State Library of Queensland in Brisbane on 17 and 18 September 2016. Visit <https://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses/introduction-to-screenwriting/w565> for details.

CQUniversity snippets

Cairns Campus Open Day – This event will be held from 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday 27 August 2016 at the campus located at the corner of Abbott and Shields Streets, Cairns. More information about the day is available at <https://www.cqu.edu.au/campaigns/opendays/cairns>.

Noosa Information Session – If you have questions about starting university or TAFE, come along to this event which will be held from 6 – 8 pm on Tuesday 6 September 2016 at the CQU Noosa campus. Register your interest to receive up-to-date information about the event and to go into the draw to win a \$1,500 study pack. See <https://www.cqu.edu.au/campaigns/opendays/noosa> for details.

Options Day at Bundaberg campus – This is an annual community event for people with a disability in the Bundaberg region, their friends and families. It will be held from 9.30 am – 1.30 pm on Thursday 8 September 2016. Participants can explore education pathways and other opportunities available to people with a disability. Download the Options Day flyer at <https://my.cqu.edu.au/documents/4106799/103733346/Options+Day+2016+Flyer/dbf6902a-d376-4fa5-a79d-310359144324>.

Access programs - CQU has two access programs that provide pathways to further education for domestic students. These are:

- *Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS)* is a preparatory program that is suitable for students who need to meet subject prerequisites for entry to CQU courses and/or gain confidence in the skills needed for successful university study. For more information, see <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses-and-programs/study-areas/work-and-study-preparation/steps>.
- *Tertiary Entry Program (TEP)* is delivered by CQU's Office of Indigenous Engagement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to assist them to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to undertake university study. Read more about this program at <https://www.cqu.edu.au/courses-and-programs/study-areas/work-and-study-preparation/tep>.

Day in the Life Creative workshops at Billy Blue College of Design

These workshops will be held on Saturday 3 September 2016 at the Brisbane campus located at 90 Bowen Terrace, Fortitude Valley. There will be a morning workshop from 10 am – 1 pm and an afternoon workshop from 1.30 – 4.30 pm (the second workshop is a repeat of the first). These workshops will cover the design areas of:

- Communication/Graphic Design
- Interior Design
- Digital Media
- Branded Fashion
- Photography

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.billyblue.edu.au/news-events/upcoming-events/brisbane/day-in-the-life-creative-workshops-brisbane#IHGo3Er4RiXc3zEJ.99>.

Griffith University updates

Criminology and Criminal Justice Careers Evening - This event will be held from 6 pm – 8 pm on Thursday 1 September 2016 in the Andy Nimmo Auditorium (M23), at the Mt Gravatt campus. During the evening you will learn about the degree programs available and their employment outcomes. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions of university and industry staff. Register to attend at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/criminology-law/school-criminology-criminal-justice/news-events/careers-evening>.

Qld Conservatorium's Musical Theatre Summer School 2017 - If you are passionate about musical theatre, you will love this week of singing, dancing, acting and performance. It will be held from 15 – 20 January 2017 at Burke Street Studio Theatre, Woolloongabba. Find out more at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/music/musical-theatre/high-school-and-community-programs>. Applications are now open.

Griffith and the 2018 Commonwealth Games (GO2018) – Visit

<https://www.griffith.edu.au/sport/gold-coast-2018-commonwealth-games?src=hp&p=lp> to learn about the history of Griffith and GO2018, scholarships you may be eligible to apply for, internships and part-time employment for Griffith students and much more.

On-campus accommodation at Griffith – The residential colleges located on the Nathan and Mt Gravatt campuses are available for students attending Nathan, Mt Gravatt and South Bank campuses. Accommodation at the Gold Coast campus is operated by Griffith University Village. The accommodation website at <http://www.griffith.edu.au/accommodation> provides information about accommodation scholarships, living on campus, the support and activities available for college residents and off-campus accommodation options.

GUESTS Summer Semester – There are two summer semester periods for the Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUESTS) program – November/December and January/February. This program allows Year 11 students to study a university subject. Applications are due on 15 October 2016.

International student applications – International students studying Year 12 in Queensland can apply to Griffith:

- directly, using the online application on the Griffith website, or
- through a registered Griffith international agent, or
- through QTAC.

Visit the website at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/international> for details.

News from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Stay Connected – You can keep up-to-date about QUT courses, scholarships, events and key dates by subscribing to the Stay Connected website at <https://www.qut.edu.au/additional/stay-connected>.

Return to Study seminars – QUT will hold these seminars for non-school leavers and mature aged people who may wish to return or commence study at university. They will be held on the dates below. For more information about these events and to register to attend, go to <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/return-to-study-seminar>.

- 13 September Gardens Point campus
- 14 September North Lakes
- 15 September Caboolture campus

REMINDER: Early applications for creative courses – The following creative industry courses have additional entry requirements. Applicants for these courses must apply online to QUT by 9 September 2016 as well as to QTAC.

- B Design (Honours) Fashion

- B Music
- B Fine Arts – Acting
- B Fine Arts – Dance Performance
- B Fine Arts – Dance
- B Fine Arts – Visual Arts (including the double degree with business).

For more information on specific additional entry requirements, visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/study-areas/creative-design-and-performance-courses#undergraduate> (click on the relevant course and then on 'Entry requirements').

Summer bridging courses – QUT offers intensive bridging courses in Maths B, Chemistry and Physics. Successful completion of which will meet the science and maths assumed knowledge for QUT courses and the maths and science prerequisites for the B Education. The daytime summer courses will be held from 21 November – 23 December 2016. Applications close on 7 November 2016. Visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/short-courses-and-professional-development/science-and-mathematics> for more information. These bridging courses may be accepted as fulfilling prerequisites by other universities. Check with the relevant university.

Game On: 48 Hour Game Making Challenge – Interested in game making? You might want to observe or participate in this event. During this challenge, teams must develop a playable game within 48 hours, responding to keywords which are announced on the day. The challenge will be held from Friday 30 September – Sunday 2 October 2016 at the Block and the Glasshouse, QUT Creative Industries Precinct, Kelvin Grove. Visit <http://www.ciprecinct.qut.edu.au/whatson/pubprog/gameon.jsp> for more information.

Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) school holiday workshop

QSFT is offering a two-day School Holiday Filmmakers Bootcamp on 28 and 29 September 2016 at the Annerley campus. You can download the application form at http://www.qsft.qld.edu.au/assets/files/2016/FRM_QSFT%20Workshop%2019-23_Application%20Junior_Write_Record_v2_20160601.pdf. For more information, phone 3392 7788.

Science Bootcamp at CSIRO

This event will be held in the September school holidays from Wednesday 21 – Thursday 22 September 2016 at the EcoSciences Precinct, 41 Boggo Road, Dutton Park. In this program, you will:

- Visit CSIRO research laboratories - see the latest research in action
- Participate in discrete lab experiences - investigate the properties of a range of chemicals

- Attend researcher presentations - meet the scientists behind the news headlines
- Challenge yourself with open-ended investigations - design and perform your own magnetic experiment to remove oil slicks from marine environments and receive further instructions to continue your investigations.

Register to attend at <https://events.csiro.au/Events/2016/July/28/Student-Science-Bootcamp-Sep16-Brisbane>.

TAFE Queensland Roundup

Screen, Media and Animation with Graphic Design Open Evening at Bracken Ridge – This event will be held from 6 – 8 pm on Tuesday 13 September 2016 at TAFE Brisbane Bracken Ridge Campus. Students in Years 10 – 12 and their parents are invited to learn about the courses on offer and to view the work of current students. To register or for more information contact Hanna Day on telephone 3244 5329 or email Hannah.Day@tafe.qld.edu.au.

Screen, Media and Animation Open Evening at Southbank – This evening event will be held from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday 16 September 2016 at the TAFE Brisbane Southbank campus. This is a chance to meet the teachers of the courses and get the information you need for your future studies; be it Games, Interactive Digital Media, Screen or Animation for students in Years 10 – 12. To register or for more information contact Hanna Day on telephone 3244 5329 or email Hannah.Day@tafe.qld.edu.au.

B Dental Prosthetics Information Evening – This is a TAFE degree offered at TAFE Brisbane, South Bank. Prosthetics is about making dental prostheses such as dentures, dental implants, crowns, bridges and other appliances to restore dental function. The information evening will be held from 6 – 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at Room A3003, Level 3, A Block, South Bank campus, 66 Ernest Street, South Brisbane. Register to attend at http://go.tafe-qld.net/EV-BachelorofDentalInfoNightSept_LP-Register.html.

2017 TAFE in Schools Course Guide for TAFE Brisbane and TAFE SkillsTech – This booklet can be downloaded at <http://tafebrisbane.edu.au/resources/pdf/tafe-at-school/tafe-at-school-guide-2017-sem-1.pdf>.

Health Link Expo 2016 at TAFE Queensland East Coast - Explore training pathways to successful careers in health care and support services at this Expo to be held from 5.30 – 7 pm on Wednesday 7 September 2016 at the Mooloolaba Campus.

University of New England’s (UNE) Early Entry Program – A reminder

UNE 2017 Early Entry applications are now open. This program enables Year 12 students to be considered for entry to UNE courses before their final Year 12 results are available. Applicants are selected on the basis of information from their school, rather than an OP. Successful applicants receive an offer directly from UNE in early November. Applications for this program close on Friday 30 September 2016. Visit

<http://www.une.edu.au/study/study-on-campus/get-early-entry> for details of the application process.

University of Queensland (UQ) updates

B Advanced Humanities (Honours) – This four-year course will be offered in 2017. It is designed for high-achieving students with an interest in the humanities. The course offers industry internships, field studies and study abroad options. The majors available are Ancient History, Art History, Drama, English Literature, History, philosophy, mathematics, Musicology and Studies in Religion. Find out more at <http://www.hass.uq.edu.au/study/advanced-humanities>.

B Clinical Exercise Physiology (Honours) – The new four-year course replaces the Clinical Exercise Physiology major within the B Exercise and Sport Sciences (Honours) degree. It prepares students for work as accredited exercise physiologists and exercise scientists. Visit [http://www.hms.uq.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study/bachelor-of-clinical-exercise-physiology-\(honours\)/](http://www.hms.uq.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate-study/bachelor-of-clinical-exercise-physiology-(honours)/) for details.

Accommodation – UQ has 10 residential colleges on its St Lucia campus and the Halls of Residence on the Gatton Campus. Interested students can organise a visit during school holidays. Most colleges provide pastoral care, academic guidance, tutorial programs, community service activities and inter-college cultural, sporting and social programs. Visit the Live UQ website at <http://liveuq.edu.au/> for information about the colleges and to apply. It is important to apply early.

Need to meet a subject prerequisite for a UQ course? - UQ College delivers intensive university prerequisite courses in Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry over four weeks in November/December each year. See <http://www.uqcollege.edu.au/programs.php?p=6> for details about the 2016 courses. Applications close on 26 October 2016.

UQ Bucket List – While the focus at university is study, there are many other activities you can be involved in. The UQ Bucket List of 100 things to do before you graduate has been compiled by recent UQ graduates. You can access the list at https://alumni.uq.edu.au/filething/get/18925/2016_BucketList.pdf.

Campus tours – Tours of UQ campuses are offered to students and their families. See https://uqfuture.custhelp.com/ci/documents/detail/2/ctsl_request for more information and to book a tour.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) news

USQ pathway programs - Successful completion of the following programs can guarantee entry to selected USQ undergraduate bachelor degree programs. Further information on these programs can be accessed at <http://www.usq.edu.au/study/degrees/pathway-programs>.

- *Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP)* is a free program that develops writing, computing and general study skills for further study.
- *Tertiary Preparation Program Intensive Pathway* is for Year 12 students who haven't chosen an OP pathway or are not confident of gaining entry to a degree course. Students study over the summer break.
- *Foundation Diplomas* provide students with an introduction to university study before undertaking a bachelor degree program. They are available in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies, Business, Creative Arts, Engineering and Spatial Science, Science and Social Studies.
- *Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP)* provides a pathway to university study for Indigenous students.
- *TAFE plus University* – There are two ways to use TAFE studies to gain entry to USQ courses. You can use TAFE qualifications to gain entry into a degree course, or study one of the USQ/TAFE dual qualification programs.

Semester three Head Start applications – This program is for high achieving Year 10 – 12 students who wish to study a university subject while still at school. Semester three commences on 14 November 2016 and finishes in February 2017. Applications for this semester close on 24 October 2016. Details at <http://www.usq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/head-start>.

Need help with a resume? – The USQ Stepping it up site at <http://www.usq.edu.au/socialhub/how-to/2016/06/stepping-it-up> has a slide show on 'How to take your resume from average to outstanding'. It provides tips and examples for writing a cover letter and developing your resume.

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) notes

Meet USC – The next Meet USC event will be held at the Sippy Downs campus from 1 – 4.30 pm on Thursday 8 September 2016. At this event, you can check out the campus and get answers to your study questions. Register to attend at <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/courses-and-programs/meet-usc#usc-sippy-downs>.

Headstart Program Information Evening - Headstart is a transition program that gives Year 11 and 12 students the chance to experience university by studying a USC subject while still at high school. The Information Evening for interested students and their parents will be held from 5 – 6 pm on Thursday 8 September 2016 at the Sippy Downs campus. Visit <http://www.usc.edu.au/connect/events/2016/september/headstart-program-information-evening> for more information and to register to attend.

Early Offer Guarantee – This scheme enables Year 12 students to be offered an early and guaranteed place at USC in November, before the release of Year 12 results. Early and guaranteed offers are made to students based on the recommendations of their school Principal. The deadline for students to submit their application to their school is 10 October 2016. See <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/how-do-i-apply/entry-pathways/early-offer-guarantee> for more information.

Access USC Bonus Scheme – Under this scheme, applicants to undergraduate courses can be awarded up to six bonus ranks across the following programs:

- QTAC Educational Access Scheme
- Regional Preference Bonus
- Disadvantaged School Bonus
- Smith Family Bonus
- Elite Athlete Bonus
- Year 12 Subject Bonus.

Visit <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/how-do-i-apply/entry-pathways/access-usc-bonus-scheme> for details.

New courses - The following new undergraduate courses will be offered at USC in 2017:

- B Laws/B Environmental Management
- B Midwifery
- B Recreation and Outdoor Environmental Studies.

Read about these courses at <http://www.usc.edu.au/learn/courses-and-programs/bachelor-degrees-undergraduate-programs>.

Want to join the circus?

The National Institute of Circus Arts offers a B Circus Arts as well as Certificates III and IV in Circus Arts. Applications are online at <http://www.nica.com.au/>. Entry is based on the completion of Year 12, an audition, short interview and medical assessment. Applications close on 2 September 2016. Queensland auditions will be held on Tuesday 27 September 2016 in Brisbane.

What's new at ACU (Australian Catholic University)?

New majors and minors in B Commerce – The following new majors and minors have been added to this course.

- *Events Management Major* will cover the development and delivery of events including branding, writing briefs, production and technical, media, creativity, sponsorship, marketing and promotions.
- *Data Analytics Minor* will examine big data and the analysis of data for management decision making.
- *Entrepreneurship Minor* will develop skills for small business, including entrepreneurial mindset, managing entrepreneurship and innovation, social entrepreneurship and new venture finance.
- *Indigenous Business Studies Minor* consists of four online cultural and indigenous business units available to all students with face to face intensive schools for indigenous students.

Campus tours – If you missed the ACU Open Day, you can book a campus tour at <http://www.acu.edu.au/489079>. Tours are held from 10 am – 2 pm, Monday to Friday.

ACU's bonus points schemes - Through these schemes eligible applicants are given bonus points when they apply through QTAC. ACU bonus points' schemes include:

- *Subject bonus* – under this scheme, applicants can be given up to five bonus points depending on their results in Year 12 subjects relevant to the course they are applying for. These bonus points are allocated automatically when applying through QTAC.
- *ACU Access* – under the Schools Relationships Bonus, Campus Bonus and Regional Schools Bonus, applicants may receive up to five bonus points automatically through QTAC depending on their geographic location or school relationship with ACU.
- *Education Access Scheme* – this is a QTAC scheme, which allocates bonus ranks based on educational disadvantage. Applicants apply for this scheme as part of their QTAC application.
- *Elite Athlete Bonus* – under this scheme, applicants who have demonstrated an elite level of sporting achievement can receive up to five bonus points. Applicants apply directly to ACU for this scheme.

Further information about these schemes can be found at https://www.acu.edu.au/study_at_acu/alternative_entry/accessacu.

Employment

How to use Twitter to help you find work

We are frequently warned to be cautious about what we put on social networking sites as many employers use these sites to research applicants when they apply for jobs. Karin Lewis, a Canadian employment counsellor, suggests that instead of being a possible handicap to finding work, social networking sites such as Twitter can be used in a positive way as a job search tool. Read her post at <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/join-twitter-use-help-you-find-work-karin-lewis-msw>.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



2017 Science and Engineering scholarships at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) for Year 12 students

Students applying for courses within the Science and Engineering Faculty at QUT can apply for a number of scholarships. These include:

Dean's Scholars Program – When you apply for a QUT Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship you may also be eligible for this program. Successful applicants have access to a range of programs including professional and leadership development and mentoring. Applications for the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships close on 18 November 2016.

Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship – Recipients of this scholarship have access to the Westpac Alumni Program, mentoring, internship opportunities and other events and activities. Applications close on 18 November 2016.

Indigenous scholarships and support - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students commencing a degree can apply for the Undergraduate Indigenous Scholarship. If you gain entry through the Centralised Assessment Selection Program (see <https://www.qut.edu.au/about/oodgeroo>) your fees will be covered for science and maths preparatory bridging courses. Applications dates are not currently available.

Women in Engineering Scholarship – There are up to 10 of these scholarships for females applying for the B Engineering. Recipients of these scholarships are expected to play a leading role in QUT's Women in Engineering Program. Applications close on 18 November 2016.

Women in Information Technology (Go for IT gURL) Merit Scholarship – Up to six of these scholarships are available to female Year 12 students with an OP 1 – 5 who gain entry to an undergraduate information technology degree. Applications close on 20 November 2016.

Visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/science-engineering/courses-and-study/> (scroll down to 'Scholarships, bursaries and development programs') for more information about these scholarships.

Art scholarship program for students in Year 11

Year 11 students can apply for the National Summer Art Scholarship 2017 program. The program, which will be held 14 – 21 January 2017, offers workshops and a behind-the-scenes experience of the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra. Applications

close on Wednesday 31 October 2016. Visit <http://www.nga.gov.au/SummerArtScholarship/> for more information.

Christian Heritage College (CHC) Teacher Education Scholarships

CHC will offer a limited number of scholarships for students entering the following courses in 2017:

- B Education (Primary)
- B Education (Secondary)
- B Arts/B Education (Secondary).

The scholarships are worth \$4,000 (\$1,000 per semester for four semesters). Download the selection criteria and application form at <http://www.chc.edu.au/future-students/university-scholarships/>. Applications are now open and will close on 31 October 2016.

Endeavour College of Natural Health Scholarships

Endeavour is offering up to five scholarships for secondary school leavers and school gap year students from 17 - 19 years of age (in year of application) seeking a career in the natural health and wellness sector. Applications for the 2017 Endeavour College of Natural Health scholarships are now open and will close on 28 November 2016.

Details at <http://www.endeavour.edu.au/scholarships>.

University of Queensland (UQ) Academic Scholarship Program

The university wide academic scholarships available at UQ for Year 12 students are:

- UQ Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (awarded to applicants achieving at the very top of the OP 1 band or equivalent) valued at \$12,000 per year for up to five years
- UQ Excellence Scholarships (awarded to OP 1 applicants who demonstrate outstanding academic leadership and/or community service achievements during their senior secondary studies) valued at \$6,000 for up to four years
- UQ Merit Scholarships (awarded to OP 1 – 3 applicants who demonstrate significant academic, leadership and/or community service) valued at \$6,000 for the first year of study.

All three scholarships can be applied for on the one application. Applications close on 31 October 2016. Specific information about these scholarships and the application process can be found at <https://scholarships.uq.edu.au/program/uq-academic-scholarship-program>.

University of Queensland (UQ) Science International Scholarships

Scholarships are available for outstanding international students in undergraduate or postgraduate coursework programs in science at UQ. Application close 1 Dec 2016 for Semester one 2017 entry. See

<http://www.science.uq.edu.au/index.html?page=236149> for details.

University of Queensland (UQ) Sporting Scholarships

The following UQ sporting scholarships are now open and will close on 31 October 2016. The scholarships support elite athletes to be successful in their sport and in their study.

- UQ Sports Achievement Scholarship
- Clem Jones Sporting Scholarship
- UQ Sport Scholarship Ambassador Program

Visit <https://www.uqsport.com.au/content/uq-sporting-scholarships> for details of these scholarships.

Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

These scholarships are now open. They include:

- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (Academic) – applications close on 18 November 2016 (110 scholarships worth \$30,000 each and 37 scholarships worth \$10,000 each)
- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (Creative Industries) – no application process required as recipients are chosen from the pool of Creative Industries course applications (12 scholarships worth \$10,000 each)
- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (Elite Visual and Performing Arts) – no application process required as recipients are chosen from the pool of Creative Industries course applications in Dance Performance, Visual Arts, Acting and Music (8 scholarships worth \$30,000 each).
- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships (Elite Athlete) – applications close on 18 November 2016 (8 scholarships worth \$30,000 and 12 scholarships worth \$10,000)

To find out more, visit <https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/undergraduate-scholarships>.



Gap Year Program News

Upcoming Gap Year program information events

- 31 August 2016 - **World Education Program Student Exchange (WEP)** information session from 6.30 – 8 pm at Lake Kawana Community Centre, 114 Sportsman's Parade, Bokarina, Sunshine Coast <https://wep.org.au/lets-talk/sessions/>
- 6 September 2016 – **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** information session from 7 – 9 pm at Ruth Fairfax House, 89-95 Gregory Terrace, <http://www.scce.com.au/information-sessions-coming-up/>
- 13 September 2016 - **Career Counsellors USAAustralia** information night from 6.30 – 7.30 pm at George Williams Hotel, 317 - 325 George Street, Brisbane <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/work-at-summer-camp-info-night-brisbane-tickets-18047088327?ref=ecal>

Indigenous

Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS)

IAESS will be held from 8 – 14 January 2017 at the University of Sydney. The school provides an opportunity for Indigenous secondary students who are entering Years 10 - 12 in 2017 to explore the possibilities of studying and working in various fields of engineering. Applications close on 14 October 2016. Visit <http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/iaess/> for more information and to download a brochure and application form.

Occupational Information



Career lessons from Comedians

Are you a budding comedian? Read *The Potentiality* blog at <http://thepotentiality.com/career-lessons-comedians/> for five important tips on becoming a professional comedian.

Careers in the meat industry

Did you know that the Australian Meat Industry employs around 60,000 people from apprentices through to management? There are many pathways you can take in this industry, from labourers to positions for university graduates. Visit the National Meat Industry Training Advisory Council (MINTRAC) website at <http://www.mintrac.net.au/#> (click on 'Careers') to find out more about the employment opportunities available.

Jobs that use maths

The Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute has recently released the 2016-17 edition of *Maths Ad(d)s*. This booklet contains job advertisements with a mathematics and statistics theme that have recently appeared online. These give an overview of possible careers available to prospective university students after graduation if they include mathematics or statistics in their degrees. You can access the booklet at <http://amsi.org.au/publications/maths-adds-2016-17/>.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Jazz Music Institute (JMI) Open Day

JMI will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 10 September 2016 from 11 am to 2 pm. There'll be jam sessions, a BBQ, a video room with live jazz footage and current staff and students available to ask any question about JMI's courses. The Institute is located at Bowen Hills, Brisbane and offers the following courses:

- B Music in Jazz Performance
- D of Music (Jazz Performance)
- Certificates III and IV in Music (for high school students).

Register your interest in attending the Open Day by e-mailing play@jazz.qld.edu.au. Visit the JMI website at <http://www.jazz.qld.edu.au/> for more information about the Institute and its courses.

Overseas Studies

Need help applying for a US university?

Internationally Educated assists students and their families through the selection and application process for universities in the United States. The services offered by this organisation include searching for and recommending appropriate universities and assisting with applications. Visit the Internationally Educated website at <http://www.internationallyeducated.com.au/>. For further information, contact Debbie Shively on telephone 02 8006 9737 or email debbie@internationallyeducated.com.au.

US and UK Study Expo 2016

This event will be held from 3 – 5 pm on Saturday 10 September 2016 at the Rydges South Bank, Brisbane. On the day you will hear from students who have attended the world's top universities and learn about the application processes, campus life, extracurricular activities and future pathways. The event is presented by Crimson Education (see <https://www.crimsoneducation.org/home>). There is a \$5 charge to attend. Book a place at http://studyexpo_brisbane.eventbrite.com.au. Registrations close on Friday 9 September 2016.



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Choosing the best course to study

The Career FAQs Australia website suggests that you should use the following criteria to select your courses.

- **Course content** - The same course may be taught very differently from one institution to another. Review course outlines and pay close attention to core subjects, electives, and whether or not there's a work placement component.
- **Accreditation** - It's important to check that the course is accredited by relevant industry bodies. The Good Universities Guide course ratings at <http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/> (click on 'Compare ratings') are a great resource for finding out how different institutions rate in different areas.
- **Online or on campus** - You need to think about what mode would suit your learning style and lifestyle best – on campus or online.
- **Industry connectedness** - The graduate job market is tough and it's becoming more common for courses to offer students the opportunity to undertake internships and work experience during the course. Check this out.
- **Institution 'feel'** - If you're planning to study on campus, make the effort to attend open days and faculty information sessions as they give you a chance to explore, talk to staff and get a feel for the campus.
- **Student support services** - You may need to access support services during your studies. Ask about academic support, online resources, health services and career counselling services.
- **Funding** - Once you've narrowed down your options, you need to make sure you can afford them. Find out if there are Commonwealth Supported Places available or government loan schemes such as HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP and VET FEE-HELP.

Read the full article at <http://www.careerfaqs.com.au/courses/study-tips/choosing-the-best-course-of-study/>.

Pros and cons of mid-year entry

Many tertiary courses have Semester 1 and Semester 2 entry. This means students can commence their course at the beginning of the year or mid-year. The following is a list of some of the advantages and disadvantages of applying mid-year.

Advantages

- You can have a longer break from study between finishing Year 12 and starting further study half way through the following year (like a mini Gap year).
- Mid-year entry allows you to apply again if you don't get a course for Semester 1.
- Starting mid-year gives you a chance to improve your skills by doing a study preparation course or short lower level course during Semester 1.
- Starting mid-year does not necessarily mean you take longer to graduate as many courses offer catch-up options such as summer schools.

Disadvantages

- Not all courses offer mid-year entry.
- OP/rank cut-offs are often more competitive mid-year because there are usually fewer places available. For example, the Semester 1, 2015 cut-off for QUT B Urban Development was OP 9 while the cut-off for Semester 2 was OP 7.
- You could regret not starting your study earlier when you see your friends starting their courses in Semester 1.
- You might get out of the study habit.
- You could become bored and end up wasting your time.

A sensible strategy is to apply for Semester 1 courses and defer your study. Read about deferment on the QTAC website at <http://www.qtac.edu.au/applications/apply-here/offers/deferment>. Also, contact the Admissions office of the institution to find out the process to defer for six months instead of a year, which is the usual deferment period.

QTAC Facebook Open Day

This event will be held on 15 September 2016 from 9 am – 6 pm. There will be representatives from 15 institutions on the QTAC Facebook site to answer any questions you might have. To be part of this event, simply 'like' QTAC at <https://www.facebook.com/qtacinfo>.

Year 12 QTAC application FAQs

When are QTAC applications due? - The on time due date for QTAC applications for the 2016/17 offer rounds is 30 September 2016 (during the school holidays). A higher application fee of \$138 will apply after this date. The QTAC application is an online application on the website at <http://www.qtac.edu.au/>. You need to create an account before you can apply. This will require you to provide your personal email address (not your school email) and a password (one you can remember!) as well as some contact details. You will need to know your LUI number for the application.

What if I change my mind after this date? Can I change my preferences? - Yes. Visit the 'How can I change my preferences?' page on the QTAC website at <http://www.qtac.edu.au/applications/apply-here/preferences>.

Will I know my OP before the last date to change preferences? – Yes, you have until 9 January 2016 to change preferences for most courses for the major offer round on 16 January 2017 (check page 20 in the *QTAC Guide* for courses that have fixed closing dates). The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) will post Year 12 results on the 16 December 2016. Students can wait for these results to arrive in the mail or access their results from their Learning Account on the Student Connect website (<https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au/>) on 17 December 2016. You will need your LUI and PIN to enter your Learning Account. It is advisable to check out your Learning Account well before this date.

I am OP ineligible. When will I get my rank? - You can find out your OP ineligible selection rank by going into your application on the QTAC website (enter through the 'Applicant log in') in late December 2016. You will only receive your rank through QTAC. The QCAA will not give it to you when you receive your Year 12 results. If you are not a QTAC applicant, you can phone QTAC on 1300 467 822 to find out your OP ineligible selection rank.

How difficult is the QTAC application? – The application has five sections – My Details, Education and Experience, Course Preferences, Review Application and Submit Application. Page 5 in the *QTAC Guide* provides brief information about each section. Check out the 'Application Services FAQs' at <http://www.qtac.edu.au/applicationservices>. View the 'Applying to study? Don't be nervous' video at <http://www.qtac.edu.au/applications/apply-here>.

What if I have a problem with my application during the school holidays? – The following are resources you can check out:

- 'Common questions' on the QTAC home page
- 'Application Services FAQs' page at <http://www.qtac.edu.au/applicationservices>
- 'Connect with QTAC' on page one of the QTAC Guide has various social media and other contact information for QTAC.

If this doesn't solve the problem, ring QTAC on 1300 467 822. You need to be patient when you ring as QTAC is very busy at this time of the year and you will be placed on a queue. Consequently, it is unwise to wait until the last minute to do your application.

How should I organise my preferences? – You can put up to six course preferences from different institutions on the one application. The order of your preferences is very important. There are a number of resources to help you with this. They include:

- The 'How should I order my preferences' section on the QTAC website at <http://www.qtac.edu.au/applications/apply-here/preferences>
- 'Ordering preferences' on pages 5 and 6 of the *QTAC Guide*.

How many courses will I be offered? - You will be offered one course at any given offer round through QTAC. This course will be your highest eligible preference i.e. where you meet all the entry requirements (prerequisites and OP or rank).

Consequently, it is very important to list your courses in strict order of your preference.



Some hints on preparing for exams

Find out exactly what is required for the exam.

- When is the exam? What is the length of the exam? How many questions will be on the exam? What will it cover?
- What kind of questions will be asked (multiple choice, short answer, true or false, essay, etc.)?
- Will you be penalised for guessing answers?
- What equipment do you need to bring to the exam?

Organise yourself mentally and physically for the exam.

- Eat healthy food regularly. Get enough sleep. Do some exercise every day even if it is only a short walk and a stretch.
- Consider reducing the time spent at your part-time job or at training a couple of weeks before the exam block.
- Take a temporary break from socialising, social networking, TV and other time-consuming leisure activities.
- Review the strategies for taking different types of exams.
- Think positive thoughts. With a good revision program and motivation to do your best, you will succeed.

Revise, revise and revise – use a revision technique that suits you. The following are some suggestions.

- Make a revision timetable. Include short breaks.
- Summarise the content to be examined – use a diagram if this is helpful.
- Ask your teacher about any content you don't understand.
- Review by reading your summaries aloud.
- Test yourself. Do revision sheets if your school provides these.
- Revise with a friend if possible.
- Do a timed practice test.
- Be honest with yourself. Are the revision strategies you are using effective? If not, seek help from your teacher or learning support person at your school.

Keep things in perspective.

- The exams might seem like the most important thing in your life at the moment, but in reality they are only a small part of your life.

- Avoid panicking. It is normal to be nervous before an exam. Some stress actually helps you achieve your best. However, too much stress won't help you do your best.
- Focus on some deep breathing for a few minutes if you feel yourself start to panic or if your mind goes blank. If you have prepared well, the information is there, you just have to get to it. If after relaxing for a few minutes, you still can't remember the answer, move onto the next question and come back to this one later.
- Answer as many questions as you can. If you don't know the answer to a question, then just pop anything down as the answer. Having a stab at a question is better than just leaving the space blank. Who knows, what you put down may even be correct!

It is always a good idea to review your exam preparation strategies when you receive your results. Did the strategies you used work for you? If yes, use them for the next exam. If no, talk to your teacher or learning support person about more effective strategies. Do this now; don't wait until the next exam.

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