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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Accounting Cadetship

SRJ is an accounting and business advisory firm with offices in Brisbane, Strathpine and Caboolture. SRJ is now accepting applications for its 2017 cadetship program. A cadetship incorporates study with paid work experience. The SRJ cadetship program is open to Year 12 students planning to apply for a commerce, economics or business degree majoring in accounting in 2017. For more information, contact Andrea Roberts on (07) 3490 9931 or 0407 620 466 or email andrea.roberts@srjww.com.au. Read about the SRJ cadetship program on the [website](#).

Career options in the Construction and Property Services Industry

The [Construct My Career website](#) has information on the jobs available in this industry. The information includes [videos](#), [information sheets](#) and [quizzes](#), all of which will introduce you to the jobs available. The site also includes a questionnaire, [My Career Match](#), that comes up with industry job ideas based on your responses to the questions presented.



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Leaving school? Join the Army Reserve

The Queensland Army Reserve is inviting expressions of interest from interested students. Reservists help local communities around Australia and abroad and play an important role in providing additional soldiers for the Australian Army when needed. To find out more about the Army Reserve, attend an information session at 7 pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month at Gallipoli Barracks, Lloyd Street, Enoggera (phone 3332 6785 or email army.reserveqld@defence.gov.au). The ADF [Facebook](#) site has a complete list of Army Reserve information sessions.

Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) events

Brisbane – Wednesday 19 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Engineering Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Rockhampton – Wednesday 19 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Leichhardt Hotel, Cnr Denham and Bolsover Streets, Rockhampton. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Loganholme – Wednesday 19 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Fitzys Loganholme, Cnr Bryant's Road and Pacific Highway, Loganholme. [Book a spot](#).

Brisbane – Thursday 20 October 2016 at 6 pm – *A night in the Navy* at Victoria Park Golf Complex, 223 Herston Road, Herston, Brisbane. [Book a spot](#).

Hervey Bay – Thursday 20 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Hervey Bay RSL, 11 Torquay Road Pialba, Hervey Bay. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Gladstone – Thursday 20 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Gladstone PCYC, 53 Yarroon St, Gladstone. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Gold Coast – Monday 24 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Aviation Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Court, Robina. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Toowoomba – Tuesday 25 October 2016 at 6 pm - *ADF Careers Information and Trivia Night* at Defence Force Recruiting Toowoomba, Milne Bay Training Depot, O'Quinn Street, Toowoomba. [Book a spot](#).

Brisbane – Wednesday 26 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Comms, IT and Intelligence Roles Info Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Maroochydore – Wednesday 26 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Aviation Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Maroochydore, 35-39 Primary School Court, Maroochydore. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Townsville - Wednesday 26 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Pilot and Aviation Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Townsville, 143 Walker Street, Townsville. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Cairns – Thursday 27 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Pilot and Aviation Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Cairns, Level 1, 55 Lake Street, Cairns. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the [Facebook](#) site.



Don't know what to do when you grow up?

You are not unique. Many people, despite hours spent on career exploration, find it difficult to identify one specific job they would like to do in the future. Part of the problem is that we seem to think that there must be an ideal job out there for us. [Emilie Wapnick in her TED presentation](#) talks about 'multipotentialites' - people who have a range of interests and jobs over their lifetime. Perhaps you are one of these people. If so, your best strategy may be to forget about a lifelong ideal job (which is a smart move given the current world of work) and concentrate on choosing your 'first step' occupation.

Resources to help you explore jobs

The next best thing to talking to people already in the jobs we are interested in is to watch videos about the jobs. Visit the [myfuture YouTube channel](#) for videos on a broad range of occupations.

What is your passion?

We are continually told when exploring careers to follow our passion. If we do this everything will fall in place, right? What if we don't know what our passion is? Are we a failure? [Terri Trespicio in her TEDx talk](#) questions the validity of basing our career decisions on passion. She states that passion is not a plan, it is a feeling. It is what we feel when all our attention and energy is focused on what is right in front of us. We don't follow our passion; our passion follows us. According to Trespicio, if we are so busy looking for our passion, we could miss out on the opportunities around us. She suggests we stop stressing about finding our passion and just start doing.



2017 applications open for the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS)

AFTRS, located in Sydney, offers a [Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production](#). This FEE-HELP approved course is designed for people with a passion for storytelling and a commitment to a career in the screen industries. Entry to the course is based on a portfolio of work. Applications are now open for Semester One 2017. If you have a question or want advice on your application, please contact the Student Centre on studentinfo@aftrs.edu.au or 1300 131 461.

AFTRS also offers a [Summer School program](#) from late November 2016 until 10 February 2017. Courses run from five-days to three-weeks and include the Three Week Film School, Three Week Radio School, Sketch Comedy Intensive and Prop Making and Scenic Art Intensive. A 20% discount applies if you book a course before 30 October 2016.

2017 directory of performing arts courses now available

Interested in performing arts courses? Download the [2017 Stage Whispers Directory of Performing Arts Courses](#) for a comprehensive list of performing arts courses in Australia and New Zealand.

Events and programs at Bond University

Bond University Preparation Program – Successful completion of [this program](#) provides a guaranteed pathway to Bond undergraduate courses in the faculties of Law, Business, Health Sciences (except medicine) and Society and Design for Australian domestic student. This program may also provide access to undergraduate programs at other Australian universities (check with the relevant university). International students can complete a [Foundation Program](#).

Hotel and Tourism Management Careers Evening – This event will be held from 6 – 8 pm on Wednesday 26 October 2016. This is your opportunity to hear about management careers from some of the top hotel companies in the world. [Registration](#) is complimentary.

Bond Business School Experience Day – This event, for Year 11 and 12 students, will be held from 9 am – 3 pm on Thursday 27 October 2016. During the day you will hear about Entrepreneurship and Actuarial Science, get hands on with the 40 Bloomberg terminals and see the new Big Data Centre. [Register to attend on the website](#).

New Bachelor of Creative Arts – [Creative Arts](#) students undertake three majors: a creative writing major to develop skills in creative thinking and narrative; specialist creative major (advertising; communication; film

and television; journalism; media; multimedia design; public relations or social media); and a third foundation major related to their creative area e.g. a creative entrepreneur may pursue a business major. The course has a hands-on, project-based approach to learning, where students are encouraged to develop industry relationships, undertake creative internships and practice and publish within their chosen creative fields.

News from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

START QUT application and orientation dates - Applications for Semester One 2017 close on 31 October 2016. Students accepted into the program will be notified by email by mid-November. Students who accept their offer will be required to attend an orientation session at Gardens Point campus on 17 January, or Kelvin Grove campus on 18 January 2017 (depending on the subject they are studying). Visit the [START QUT](#) website for more information.

What happens when you defer? - You are able to defer your offer (usually for one year) if you've applied through QTAC and been offered a place in a QUT undergraduate course. This means that you begin your studies in the following year. You will receive an email from QUT in late October of your deferment year to advise you of your username and password to enrol at QUT from mid-December for the following year. If you have changed your mind about what you want to study, you can apply through QTAC again for a different course. For more information about deferring offers visit the QUT [Deferment](#) page.

Support for students with a disability, injury or health condition - QUT's Disability Advisers conduct free and confidential appointments with QUT students to discuss reasonable course adjustments and other support if required. Prospective students who are concerned about transitioning to university are welcome to make pre-enrolment appointments to discuss potential support options. Contact [Disability Services](#) for more information.

I've applied through QTAC. What happens next? – With the panic of applying for courses, organising schoolies celebrations and waiting for the December results, you may not have had the time to think about what happens next. QUT's [After you apply through QTAC](#) webpage provides you with the information you need to know.

Student Support at QUT – Support services at QUT range from personal counselling, LGBTIQ support, medical services, career and employment advice, academic workshops, peer advisers and disability support. Visit the [Student Support](#) webpage for links to the services available.

Shortage of early childhood teachers - There has never been a better time to study to become an early childhood teacher as early childhood teachers are in high demand. QUT's B Education (Early Childhood) provides a range of employment options for graduates in the prior to school sector and in the early years of school. Find out more about a [QUT early childhood teaching qualification](#).

B Games and Interactive Entertainment (BGIE) End of Year Showcase – You are invited to [this event](#) to be held from 5 – 9 pm on 2 November 2016 at the Gardens Point campus. On the night you will see demonstrations of the best published games created by QUT's BGIE degree students. The showcase is an opportunity to find out more about QUT's BGIE degree. Watch a [video from the 2015 showcase](#) event to give you some idea of what to expect.

Notes from the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)

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Meet USC at South Bank – [USC South Bank](#) offers the following undergraduate courses:

- B Business
- B Business (Tourism, Leisure and Event Management)
- B Commerce (Accounting)
- Diploma of Accounting/B Commerce (Accounting)
- Diploma of Events/B Business (Tourism, Leisure and Event Management)
- Diploma of Hospitality/B Business (Tourism, Leisure and Event Management)
- Diploma of Travel and Tourism/B Business (Tourism, Leisure and Event Management)

This campus will hold a Meet USC event from 1 – 4 pm on Wednesday 2 November 2016. Find out about the courses and facilities through tours and presentations. Students and parents are encouraged to [register](#) their attendance.

Due date reminders – Headstart applications will close on 31 October 2016. The due date for most scholarship applications is 31 October 2016.

New USC Programs for 2017 – The following new undergraduate programs will be offered from Semester One 2017:

- [B Laws/B Environmental Science](#)
- [B Midwifery](#)
- [B Recreation and Outdoor Environmental Studies.](#)

Online hospitality courses

Looking for part-time or full-time work in the hospitality industry but lack the required skills? The [Hospitality Institute of Australasia](#) is offering online courses in a number of related topics including:

- Responsible Service of Alcohol
- Responsible Service of Gambling
- Beer knowledge
- Wine knowledge
- Food Safety Training.

Qld School of Film and Television (QSFT) 2017 High School Program

Applications are now open for QSFT's [Certificate III in Media for Year 12 students](#) in 2017. This is a twelve-month program, with students attending one class per week on Wednesday afternoons. The course will develop the fundamental skills necessary to work in the film and television industry. QSFT is offering one scholarship for a Year 12 student (currently in Year 11) applying for this program. You can indicate your interest in applying for the scholarship on the [Application for Admission](#). For more information, phone 3392 7788 or email marketing@qsft.qld.edu.au.

Sonography at CQUniversity (CQU)

Medical Sonography is a diagnostic medical procedure that uses high frequency sound waves (ultrasound) to produce visual images of organs, tissues, or blood flow inside the body. This field of work is in demand nationally. CQU offers a four-year B Medical Sonography/Graduate Diploma of Medical Sonography which leads to accreditation with the [Australasian Sonographer Accreditation Registry](#). In Queensland the course is offered at the CQU Brisbane and Mackay campuses. During the course, students study anatomy, physiology, health science and sonographic skills and undertake extensive clinical placements. You apply for this course through QTAC. More information about the course is available on the [CQU website](#).

Study a foreign language during the holidays

Students in Years 11 and 12 in 2017 can study enrichment language courses in German, Japanese, French, Chinese (Mandarin) and Spanish at the University of Queensland's Institute of Modern Languages Summer High School Program from 9 – 13 January 2017. These courses are suitable for students who wish to enrich their knowledge of the language and culture they are currently studying and practise their language skills. For further information and to enrol, visit the [website](#).

TAFE Queensland Brisbane Events

- **Cre8** - TAFE Queensland Brisbane will hold its premier creative industries event from 5.30 – 8.30 pm on Thursday 17 November 2016 at its South Bank campus. [Cre8](#) is packed with free and interactive experiences, events and exhibitions.
- **Gig Week** – This is an annual event which showcases the emerging musical talent of students nearing the end of their course. This year TAFE QLD Brisbane music students will be going head-to-head as they compete for the chance to be named Brisbane's next big thing at CRE8 Brisbane. It will be held on the Green Space at the South Bank campus from 31 October – 3 November 2016 between 11.30 am and 2 pm every day.
- **Photoshop course** - Enrolments are now opened for '[Using Photoshop to make the most of your digital images](#)'. This course will be held from 9 – 30 November 2016, every Wednesday night from 6 – 9 pm in Room 2015, Level 2, H Block, South Bank campus. The course cost is \$350. To enrol, call the Customer Service Team on 13 72 48 (you may require the following information – DP number: 384175; Class number: 41737). You are to bring to class a Compact Digital Camera, Digital Camera or phone, a USB and some of your images.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) snippets

Tertiary Preparation Program Intensive Pathway (TPPIP) Information Sessions – The TPPIP program is for Year 12 students who wish to study at university but are worried they may not meet the entry requirements. The Information Sessions will be held from 4 – 5 pm on 20 October 2016 at the [Toowoomba](#) and [Ipswich](#) campuses.

Study Options Evening – This event will be held from 5 – 7 pm on 2 November 2016 at the Springfield campus. This is an opportunity to explore the study options available, ask questions and to check out the campus. [Register to attend on the website](#).

First in Family to Uni – If you are the first person in your family to go to university, you and your family probably have questions about the benefits and expectations of attending university. The [First in Family website](#) will provide answers to many of your questions.

Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)

Getting to the core of uni life – This [UQ Health blog](#) will be of interest to students considering a course/career in health. The following are just some of the topics on the blog:

- Six things you may not know about accredited exercise physiologists
- A day in the life of an occupational therapy student
- What is clinical exercise physiology all about?
- Life after uni as a speech pathologist.

You can sign up on the Health Blog to receive updates about student experiences, opportunities, events and career information.

The Science Experience - Applications are open for the [2017 Science Experience at St Lucia campus](#) from 18 - 20 January 2017. Students in Years 9 and 10 in 2016 who have a passion for science are invited to apply for this event. Applications are due by 5 December 2016.

Changing the UQ image – UQ has produced a flyer, [UQ Myths busted](#), which ‘busts’ common beliefs about UQ e.g. that UQ is theory and research driven, it provides little support for students, it is difficult to get to and that its graduates are less job ready.

B Exercise and Nutrition Sciences – As of Semester one 2018, the [prerequisites for this course](#) will be Year 12 English, Mathematics A, B or C, plus one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

Concurrent diplomas – You want to get into the B Engineering (or B Science or any other degree at UQ) but you also want to continue studying Japanese (or another language, or music or world issues). If you can identify with this dilemma, read about the [concurrent diplomas offered at UQ](#). These diplomas (in Global Issues, Languages and Music Performance) can be studied alongside your degree studies. You can apply for the Music Performance and Languages diplomas directly to UQ (not QTAC) once you have received your offer of a place in a bachelor degree. The D Global Issues is available once you have completed your first year of undergraduate study.

Sunflower Competition – Registrations are now open for the [2017 UQ Sunflower Competition](#). The competition is for Year 7 – 12 students and involves documenting the growth of sunflowers and associated group activities. Registrations close 7 February 2017. Talk to your Science teacher about entering this competition.

Disabilities

Disability services at tertiary institutions

Tertiary institutions have services and facilities to assist students with a disability. The level of assistance provided is assessed by the disability personnel at the institution. The [QTAC website](#) has a list of institution disability service contacts. It is recommended that you approach the service prior to starting your course.

Have you applied for EAS?

Students with a disability are strongly encouraged to apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when applying for tertiary courses through QTAC. The benefit of this scheme is that you may be eligible to receive bonus OPs or ranks that improve your chances of receiving a course offer. It is not too late to apply for EAS if you have not already done so. Visit the [Educational Access Scheme](#) page on the QTAC website to download the relevant cover sheet. Comply with all the requirements on the cover sheet and mail or deliver it, with the supporting documentation, to QTAC. The final date to submit your EAS application is 8 December 2016 for the major offer-round on 16 January 2017. However, QTAC would prefer current Year 12 students submit their application by the end of October, so contact with your school can be made if necessary.

Employment

Going for a job interview?

It is wise to prepare for a job interview whether the interview is for a cadetship with a large corporation, an apprenticeship with a local builder or a checkout job at a supermarket. Your preparation should include thinking up job interview questions and how you might answer them. A good resource to help you with this can be found on the [Career FAQs website](#).

Job hunting myths busted

Dr Jim Bright and his post-graduate students set out to test job hunting myths. The following is a selection of their findings.

Myth: Use coloured paper or text to make your resume stand out from the crowd - The recruiters hated the coloured resume and thought it contained less information (because they didn't bother to read it). Don't use colour as a gimmick.

Myth: The interview is more important than the resume - Resumes rated just as strongly as interviews in predicting who would be short-listed. Both are important, but the resume is the only chance the applicant has to completely control what is presented.

Myth: Setting career goals and sticking to them is the best way of having a successful career - Being flexible, open to opportunity, persistent and optimistic are probably more important qualities. Goals can be useful, but mostly in the short-term.

Myth: An online vocational interests test will reveal what my ideal career should be - Research shows that interests account for less than 4 % of influences on career choice. Personal circumstances, ability, attitude, serendipity and many other factors also need to be considered.

Myth: There is one ideal occupation for me - Unlikely. This assumes you or your circumstances will never change and you will not develop new skills and interests. It also assumes occupations will never change. It would be a bit sad if your ideal career was typewriter repairer!

Read about all the myths in the LinkedIn article '[The first 11 job hunting myths busted - based on evidence](#)'.

Need help to start your own business?

The [Enterprise Network for Young Australians](#) (ENYA) is a not for profit organisation run by young people, for young people. It provides advice and information for young people about starting their own business. You

may be eligible to participate in the [New Enterprise Incentive Scheme](#) (NEIS). Through NEIS, you can receive accredited small business training, income support and business mentoring.

Online job search links

Looking for a job? One of the strategies to include in your job search toolkit is an online job search. The following are some of the job search sites available:

- [Job Active](#) - This is an Australian Government site that has a general information section for job seekers as well as a job search function.
- [Australian Defence Jobs](#) – Priority jobs and a useful Job Finder Tool can be accessed here.
- [Indeed](#) – On this site you search by job title and location. You can also upload your resume to the site.
- [Seek](#) – Put your ‘Profile’ on this site to get updates about jobs. There is a search function and a useful ‘Advice and Tips’ section.
- [Careerone](#) – In addition to a search function, this site has information on job-seeking skills (e.g. resume and cover letter tips, job hunting strategies and interviews). Probably not a good idea to sign up to be contacted by course recruiters.
- [Adzuna](#) – This site claims to bring together millions of ads so you can find every job, everywhere in one spot. It also provides data about the job market.
- [Spot Jobs.com](#) – You can do a job search based on job title, location, distance from home, time of work day and people contact. There is also a quiz to find your Plan B.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



BMA Community Scholarship Program

The BMA Community Scholarship Program and the BMA Indigenous Scholarship Program are provided by BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) in partnership with CQUniversity to address skill shortages in the Bowen Basin region. While the key study areas for these scholarships includes medical science and nursing, allied health, business and education, applications are encouraged from prospective students wishing to study in any area which is not mining or engineering related. The scholarship value is approximately \$20,000. Applications close on 6 November 2016. See [CQU Scholarships](#) for details.

CAS Hawker Scholarships

The Charles Allan Seymour Hawker Scholarship commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected statesmen. Selection for this scholarship is via interview and is based on personal qualities as well as academic ability. A full C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship normally covers all college fees and university HECS fees. Successful applicants can choose to study at one of the following institutions:

- [Australian National University](#) (ACT)
- [Flinders University of South Australia](#) (SA)
- [University of Adelaide](#) (SA)
- [University of New England](#) (NSW)
- [University of South Australia](#) (SA)
- [Marcus Oldham College](#) (VIC)
- [University of Cambridge](#) (UK)

Applications for the 2017 [C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships](#) open on 5 December 2016 and will close on 6 January 2017.

Fee-free vocational training for Year 12 graduates

This program supports Queensland Year 12 graduates to transition to employment by providing fee-free training for Certificate III qualifications in high priority vocational areas. Find out more on the [Queensland Government Training website](#).

James Cook University (JCU) Innovator Scholarships

JCU is offering \$5,000 scholarships for undergraduate studies in the following courses.

- [B Engineering in Electronic Systems and the Internet of Things](#)
- [B Advanced Science](#)
- [B Environmental Practice](#)

These three courses have been selected as they have been designed to prepare students for the careers of the future. Applications for the [Innovator Scholarships](#) close on 23 December 2016.

Selected Australian Catholic University (ACU) Scholarships

ACU Equity Bursaries for Commencing Students - ACU awards 22 ACU Equity Bursaries to commencing students each year. These bursaries are intended to financially assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds and are a one-off payment of \$2,000.

Andrew Aitken Memorial Nursing Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded to an eligible student in the first year of their nursing course at ACU. One scholarship, valued at \$3,000, is awarded each year.

Catherine McAuley Scholarship – Students in their first year of undergraduate studies (except for the B Theology) at the Brisbane campus can apply for this scholarship. Two scholarships, valued at \$2,500 per annum, are available each year. The scholarship is paid annually for the duration of the recipient's course.

Co-op Scholarship – This scholarship has been established to assist high achieving students with financial costs associated with attending university. Four scholarships valued at \$2,500 are available each year. The scholarship is open to undergraduate students in their first year of the course.

Indigenous Access Scholarships (IAS) - IAS are intended to assist Indigenous students to undertake tertiary study. They are valued at \$4,904 and given to eligible students who can demonstrate financial hardship.

Applications for these scholarships are now open. Visit the [ACU Scholarships and Bursaries](#) site for information about all the scholarship available at ACU. Note the application processes and the application due dates.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation Scholarship 2017

This scholarship is awarded to a financially disadvantaged student who has resided in a foster/kinship care arrangement and who wishes to study an undergraduate program at the University of Queensland (UQ). Applications close on 5 March 2017. More information on the [UQ Scholarship website](#).

UQ and Duchesne College Music Achievement Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by the University of Queensland (UQ) and Duchesne College (residential college at UQ). It is awarded to a Duchesne College student enrolled in studies in music. Applications close on 21 November 2016. Find out more on the [UQ Scholarship website](#).

UQ and St Leo's College Music Achievement Scholarships for 2016

The University of Queensland (UQ), in collaboration with St Leo's College (residential college at UQ), award these scholarships to encourage college residents who are enrolled or planning to enrol in studies in music. Applications close on 21 November 2016. Find out more on the [UQ Scholarship website](#).

VET Student Loans to replace VET FEE-HELP

Contingent on the passing of legislation, from 1 January 2017, [VET Student Loans](#) will replace the current VET FEE-HELP scheme, to give eligible students access to higher level VET qualifications (e.g. Diploma, Advanced Diploma). To be eligible for a loan, students must meet certain criteria, including being assessed as academically suited to undertake the course. The [loans will be capped](#) at \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000, depending on the course. Courses must also meet eligibility criteria. A [list of eligible courses](#) has been developed. Course providers must apply for approval to participate in the VET Student Loans program. Read about the new loans from the '[A VET Student Loans – Information for Students](#)' handout.



Gap Year Program News

Spend your gap year as a volunteer

Volunteering is a great way to:

- Explore a range of jobs (gain work experience)
- Help you make new friends and contacts (expand your network)
- Improve your social, relationship and communication skills
- Increase your confidence and boost your self-esteem
- Keep you healthy, physically and mentally
- Add to your resume
- Help you learn new skills
- Connect to your community
- Develop effective team skills
- Gain a sense of well-being and fulfilment.

Read the myfuture article '[Volunteering could be your pathway to employment](#)' for more benefits of volunteering. This article also has information on the rights of a volunteer. Explore the following websites for volunteering ideas:

- [Volunteering Queensland](#)
- [Go Volunteer](#)
- [Seek Volunteer.](#)
- [The Good Universities Guide](#)
- [Volunteer with the Red Cross in Queensland.](#)

Want an exciting alternative for Schoolies week?

South Passage, Queensland's only tall ship, is offering a five-day Schoolies Voyage out of Sydney from 12 - 16 December 2016. The ship is a 100-foot gaff-rigged schooner that has been specifically designed to offer 14 - 17-year old's a fun, safe and exciting adventure. [Check out this adventure](#) if you are seeking something different for your schoolie's celebration. For more information, phone Jackie on 07 3839 3777.

Indigenous

InspireU Senior Engineering

This is a five-day residential camp from 15 – 20 January 2017 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students going into Years 11 and 12 in 2017. Students will have an opportunity to experience life on campus at the University of Queensland and learn more about engineering and the different disciplines and opportunities within this field. Applications close at 5 pm on Friday 11 November 2016. Visit the [InspireU Senior Engineering](#) site for more information.



Miscellaneous

Schoolies website

The Queensland Government has developed the [Schoolies website](#) to help Year 12 students stay safe during their celebration of finishing secondary school. Parents and students can register on the site to stay up-to-date on everything schoolies.

Occupational Information



A career in radiation oncology

Download the '[Target your future: A career in Radiation Oncology](#)' brochure to read about the specialties in radiation oncology - Radiation Oncologist, Radiation Therapist and Radiation Oncology Medical Physicist. This site has case studies and information on pathways to these jobs.

Careers in the Racing Industry

The Australian thoroughbred racing and breeding industry offers a range of careers and employment opportunities. The [Racing Australia website](#) lists and explains over 20 of the jobs available. These include Stable Hand, Farrier, Steward, Race Caller, Barrier Attendant, Jockey and many more.

Explore jobs in health care, construction and food service

The [Right Choices website](#) has information on jobs and training in the healthcare (child care, aged care and allied health), construction (carpentry, plumbing and electrician) and food service (food and beverage, kitchen operations) industries.

Project manager – an occupation for all industries

This occupation is known by several different titles, including Project administrator, Program manager and Contract administrator. The title can also be different in different industries e.g. Construction manager in the construction industry, Health administrator in the health industry, Production manager in the manufacturing industry.

Project managers are responsible for ensuring that projects are designed and completed on time and within budget. They work in both the public and private sectors across all industries. Visit the [Project Manager website](#) to view project management profiles.

According to the [Job Outlook website](#), employment in this occupation to November 2020 is expected to grow strongly. The skills required for the job include: self-discipline, time management, good communication skills, leadership skills, ability to work under pressure, financial awareness and analytical skills.

There are different levels of training available for this occupation, from VET qualifications (e.g. Certificate in Project Management) to post graduate qualifications (Graduate Certificate in Project Management,

Graduate Diploma in Project Management, Master of Project Management). A good foundation for postgraduate courses would be a degree in Business, Commerce, Economics, Engineering, Regional and Town Planning or Information Technology. Some degrees that provide project management skills are specific to an industry e.g. B Construction Management, and B Hospitality Management.

What type of nurse do you want to be?

Did you know that there are many areas a nurse can specialise in? The [NurseInfo](#) website has information about how to become a nurse and areas of nursing practice. You may also find the following articles related to nursing of interest:

- [What type of nurse do you want to be? There are heaps of areas of specialization](#)
- [The difference between an enrolled nurse and a registered nurse -](#)
- [The best and the worst of nursing.](#)

What would it be like to work for the Australian Red Cross?

A career with the Red Cross is about helping to improve the lives of people and communities in times of vulnerability – internationally and/or within Australia. The Red Cross employs people from a variety of occupations and work backgrounds. You can view a list of current [job opportunities](#) within Australia on the website. The Australian Red Cross also maintains a register of specialist aid workers who can be sent overseas at any time to support humanitarian field operations. The [skill requirements for these positions](#) are very specific as aid workers may be required to operate in situations of disaster, violence or armed conflict. You can listen to the stories of young Red Cross workers through [Red Talks](#), a series of videos on YouTube.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Aviation Australia Aeroskills Information Session

This session will be held from 6.30 – 8.30 pm on Wednesday 2 November 2016 at the Cairns Aviation Skills Centre. The session will provide an opportunity to check out the facilities and speak to industry experts about options for entry to a career as an aircraft maintenance engineer. Please [register](#) to attend this session.

Brisbane Think Education Colleges Information Night

The following colleges will hold an information event on the evening of 15 November 2016. You need to register to attend.

- [APM College of Business and Communication](#)
- [Australasian College of Natural Therapies](#)
- [Australian National College of Beauty](#)
- [Billy Blue College of Design](#)
- [CATC Design School](#)
- [William Blue College of Hospitality Management](#)

SAE Qantm Info Night

[SAE Qantm](#) offers Degree and Diploma courses in Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games and Web and Mobile. The college will hold an [Information Night](#) at its Brisbane campus from 6 – 8 pm on 1 December 2016. Reservations are required.



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Pathways to university study

While an OP is still the most popular pathway to gaining entry to your preferred university course, it is not the only pathway available in Queensland. If you don't achieve your university course goal straight after Year 12, this is not the end of the road. There are many upgrading pathways available to you. Several tertiary institutions have web pages dedicated to the various pathways available.

- Australian Catholic University – [Alternative entry](#)
- Bond University – [University pathways](#)
- CQUniversity – [English, Work and Study Preparation](#)
- Griffith University - [Alternative-Entry Pathways](#) and [Pathways to Griffith](#)
- James Cook University - [Pathways to University](#)
- Queensland University of Technology - [Worried you won't get into the course you want?](#)
- TAFE Queensland – [University pathways](#) and [Do uni differently](#)
- University of Queensland – [Pathways and Bridging](#)
- University of Southern Queensland - [Alternative entry pathways](#)
- University of the Sunshine Coast - [Entry pathways](#)

Also check out the [Upgrading Pathways](#) page on the QTAC website. Note that some of the pathways are specific to the institution listing them. You should always check that the institution you want to go to accepts the pathway you are thinking of choosing.

QTAC Q & As

Q. I applied for the Financial category of the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when I applied to QTAC. I put my Centrelink number on the application. Do I need to provide any additional information?

A. QTAC will let you know if more information is required. Consequently, it is important to monitor your emails.

Q. If I get an OP 1, will subject bonus ranks improve my chances of getting into a course?

A. No. The rank schedule is on a 1 – 99 (highest) scale. When you receive bonus ranks, your OP is converted to a rank. OP 1 is comparable to rank 99. This is the top of the rank scale so further ranks cannot be added to it.

Q. I didn't apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) when I applied to QTAC. Can I still apply for EAS?

A. Yes. Download the relevant cover sheet from the [EAS page](#) on the QTAC website. Complete all the requirements listed on the cover sheet. Attach supporting documents if required. Mail or deliver your completed EAS application to QTAC. Some cover sheets may require a school statement. QTAC would like Year 12 students to submit their EAS applications by the end of October.

Q. I am totally confused about offer rounds. According to the *QTAC Guide*, the major offer-round for my courses is 16 January 2017. Now I hear that I could get an earlier offer.

A. Institutions may give early offers to eligible applicants (i.e. applicants who have met all the entry requirements). Visit the [Course Offer Dates](#) page on the QTAC website for dates when institutions might give offers. Regardless of early offers, offers will still be made on the major offer-round dates. It is essential that you monitor your email as this is how QTAC will let you know you have an offer. This is critical as you must respond to an offer by the due date or your offer will lapse and you will not be considered for any other offer rounds.

Q. I want to do a course that has Maths B as a prerequisite. I did Maths A in Year 12. Is there any possible way I can meet this prerequisite for entry in Semester One 2017?

A. The following institutions offer intensive prerequisite courses in November and December. If you successfully complete the course, your results will be sent to QTAC in time for the major offer-round on 16 January 2016. Let QTAC know you are doing the bridging course.

[UQ College](#) offers intensive prerequisite courses in Math B, Chemistry and Biology from Tuesday 22 November - Saturday 17 December 2016 at St Lucia Campus. Applications close on 26 October 2016.

[Hubbard's School](#), located at Milton, offers intensive prerequisite courses in [Biology](#), [Chemistry](#), [English](#), [Maths A](#), [Maths B](#) and [Physics](#) from 21 November – 16 December 2016.

[Griffith University's Maths B bridging course](#) is offered from 28 November to 9 December 2016 at the Nathan campus. You register for this course on [GriffithPAY](#).

[QUT offers intensive Maths B, Chemistry and Physics courses](#). Maths B is offered during the Summer Semester (day) from 21 November – 23 December 2016. Registrations for this course close on 7 November 2016. The Physics course is offered online. The Chemistry bridging course will be held from 28 October – 2 December 2016. Face-to-face courses are offered at the Gardens Point campus.

Q. I applied for a university course that requires an audition but didn't do the audition. Will I still be considered for entry to this course?

A. You should contact the university. However, the answer will probably be 'No'.

Q. My OP estimate is currently 9 – 12. The Pathways (preferences 5 and 6) courses on my QTAC application have previous cut-offs of OP 11. Is this a good enough safety net?

A. No. It is advisable to select Pathways courses (especially your 6th preference) that have been cutting off at least three or four OP points below your estimated OP to provide you with a really good safety net.

Q. I applied to QTAC before the 30 September 2016. I chose BPay as my payment option but have not yet paid the \$37 application fee. Is this a problem?

A. Depends on how rich you are, as you now have to pay a late fee of \$138. If you never pay it, your application will not be processed by QTAC and you will not receive an offer of a course place.

Q. **Where can I get help with my QTAC application after I leave school?**

A. Your best source of help at this time of the year is QTAC. First look at the 'Common Snapchat Questions' on the QTAC homepage. If this doesn't help, ring (1300 467 822) or [email QTAC](#). Email is probably best, as the QTAC phone is very busy at this time of the year and you will need to be patient as you will be put on a queue.

Your Year 12 results

Year 12 students will receive their Senior Education Profile (SEP) from the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) in the mail from Friday 16 December 2016. The Senior Education Profile will be made up of one or more of the following documents (depending on your eligibility).

- Queensland Certificate of Education
- Tertiary Entrance Statement (OP and FPs)
- Senior Statement
- Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement.

All results contributing to the Queensland Certificate of Education and OPs and FPs will be available in your Learning Account on the [Student Connect website](#) from 9 am on Saturday 17 December 2016. You need your Learner Unique Identifier (LUI) and password (initially the day and month of birth) to log in and check your results. You will be able to access your results more quickly if you have previously accessed your Learning Account. Find out more about the SEP on the [QCAA website](#).



Study Skills

Helpful study tips

- How to survive school and exam stress - [The Headspace website](#) has tips to help reduce the stress of exams.
- Helpful strategies to beat study procrastination – [Ann-Marie from the University of Southern Queensland](#) provides information on procrastination and how to overcome it.
- Does your motivation need a kick start? – Follow the three r’s on the [University of Southern Queensland Social Hub](#) to help you move forward.
- Top five exam survival tips – [The Good Universities Guide](#)
- A bit of inspiration - [Ow.ly](#)
- Three effective things you can do to keep from stressin’ – [Foundation for Young Australians](#)