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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Pre-apprenticeship courses at TAFE Queensland Skills Tech

Doing a pre-apprenticeship course has many advantages. They include:

- Helping you gain skills and a basic understanding of the industry
- Improving your chances of gaining an apprenticeship, as an employer is more likely to take on someone who has some knowledge of the industry
- Saving time on your apprenticeship, as part of the first stage of apprenticeship training is completed within the pre-apprenticeship course.

In addition, at the end of your pre-apprenticeship course, the Skills Tech 'Find Your Apprentice Service' will help connect you with an employer. The following full-time pre-apprenticeship courses are available in 2017 at [Skills Tech](#):

- [Certificate II in Automotive Electrical Technology](#)
- [Certificate II in Automotive Cylinder Head Reconditioning \(Light Vehicle\)](#)
- [Certificate II in Automotive Cylinder Head Reconditioning \(Heavy Vehicle/Road Transport\)](#)
- [Certificate I in Construction](#)
- [Certificate II in Plumbing](#)
- [Certificate II in Engineering Pathways](#)
- [Certificate II in Electrotechnology \(Career Start\)](#).

Enrolments are now open and some of the January programs are almost full. For more information and to enrol, contact Skills Tech on telephone 1800 654 447 or email Schools.SkillsTech@tafe.qld.edu.au. Students residing outside of Brisbane should contact their nearest TAFE campus for information about the pre-apprenticeship courses offered.

Resources to help you get an apprenticeship

Want an apprenticeship? Don't know where to start? The following websites will help you:

- The [Step by Step Guide to Becoming an Australian Apprentice](#) on the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website has a four-step approach to gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- [Steps to get started](#) on the Queensland Apprenticeship Info website also has a four-step approach to gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- [Apprenticeship Central](#) has a job search function specifically for apprenticeships. It also has a resume builder.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Defence Information Sessions

Sunshine Coast - Monday 14 November 2016 at 6 pm - *ADFA Future Leaders Networking* at Mantra Mooloolaba Beach, 7 Venning Street, Mooloolaba. [Book a spot.](#)

Gold Coast – Monday 14 November 2016 at 6 pm – *Defence Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Court, Robina. [Book a spot.](#)

Cairns – Wednesday 16 November 2016 at 6 pm - *Health Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Cairns, Level 1, 55 Lake Street, Cairns. [Book a spot.](#)

Bribie Island – Wednesday 16 November 2016 at 6 pm. - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Bribie RSL, 99 Toorbul Street, Bongaree. [Book a spot.](#)

Townsville – Thursday 17 November 2016 at 6 pm. - *Health Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Townsville, 143 Walker Street, Townsville. [Book a spot.](#)

Toowoomba – Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 6 pm - *Trades Careers Golf Evening* at CityGolf Club Toowoomba, 254 South Street, Toowoomba. [Book a spot.](#)

Gold Coast – Wednesday 23 November 2016 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Court, Robina. [Book a spot.](#)

Brisbane – Wednesday 30 November 2016 at 6 pm - *ADF Careers Opportunities for School Leavers* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. [Book a spot.](#)

Sunshine Coast – Wednesday 30 November 2016 at 6 pm - *Engineering Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Maroochydore, 35-39 Primary School Court, Maroochydore. [Book a spot.](#)

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

Find degrees and jobs available through ADFA

Explore the range of degrees and career pathways available at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) with the [degree and job match tool](#).

One or two year jobs in the Australian Air Force

Want to try out the Air Force before making a long-term commitment? This program allows you to do just that. You can undertake a job in the Air Force for one or two years without the usual long-term commitment. Find out more about this program and the jobs available on the [Defence Jobs](#) website.



How do I find a job with good prospects?

Rapid changes in the world of work and emerging new technologies mean that we need to try and stay ahead of the game by looking for occupations that have better job prospects than others. How do we do this? A myfuture article, [The 4 factors affecting job prospects](#), suggests that we should be taking the following factors into account when looking for a job with good prospects:

- **Number of people** - The more people employed in an occupation, the more likely there will be jobs in every location.
- **Employment growth** – Historical information tells us how many new jobs have been created in an occupation. Projected growth information can indicate how many additional jobs there are likely to be in the future.
- **Skills shortages** – These indicate good opportunities in an occupation for people with the skills and experience needed. Shortages vary by location and change over time.
- **Job turnover** - This is the annual percentage of employees who move out of the occupation into other occupations, retirement or unemployment plus employees who change jobs within the same occupation. Turnover creates opportunities in all occupations when employees need to be replaced.

Where can I find this information about the jobs I'm interested in?

- [myfuture](#) website - Sign up for free if this is your first time on the website. Go to the Occupations section and search for your job of interest. Click on the Prospects tab.
- [Job Outlook](#) provides occupational information including job prospects.
- The [Australian Jobs](#) publication provides information about the labour market for industries and occupations as well as states, territories and regions of Australia. It also provides occupational and industry information that will help you understand where the jobs will be in the future.
- The [Labour Market Information Portal](#) provides you with up-to-date information about your local labour market. It provides information at the national, state and regional level.

Some cautions:

- Fast growth within an occupation does not guarantee more job opportunities, because the number of people seeking work may outnumber the job openings.
- Even occupations with declining job prospects can offer job opportunities, as people move across jobs.
- It is difficult to accurately predict long term job prospects. Unexpected events can have an enormous impact on the labour market (e.g. very few people predicted the global financial crisis).

Consequently, when you are making career decisions, job prospects are just one piece of information you need to consider. Other information includes your interests, skills, values, work preferences, and education and training requirements.

Competitions

SBS National Youth Week Film Competition

This competition is open to young people between the ages of 15 – 24 years. The theme is 'Identity'. To enter, you upload a 30-second video to the [SBS Youth Week](#) website which shows you talking about your unique identity. No filmmaking experience is necessary. Five winners will be selected and flown to Melbourne for a five-day filmmaking workshop where they will learn all about storytelling, be mentored by industry experts and get to transform their stories into one minute films for SBS channels. Entries close on 20 November 2016. Visit the website for details.

Sunflower Competition

Register now for the University of Queensland (UQ) Sunflower Competition for 2017. The competition is for Year 7 – 12 students and involves documenting the growth of sunflowers and associated group activities. Registration closes on 7 February 2017. Visit the [UQ Sunflower Competition](#) site for details about the competition and to register. Talk to your Science teacher about participating in this competition.



Applications are now open for NIDA Studios 2017 in Brisbane

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) Studios acting courses for adults and young people run for 12 months at TAFE Brisbane, South Brisbane. Classes are held on Sundays for the Young Actors Studio and Saturdays for the adult studio courses. Auditions will be held on Saturday 10 December 2016. Visit the following sites for more information:

- [Young Actors Studio](#) (15 – 18 years)
- [Actors Studio](#) (18 years +)
- [Advanced Actors Studio](#) (18 years +)
- [Screen Actors Studio](#) (18 years +).

Australian Institute of Applied Science (AIAS) invitation to visit

AIAS offers courses in Beauty, Massage and Counselling and Community Services. Students can study full-time, part-time or online. The last intake for 2016 for online courses is 21 November 2016. The Brisbane campus invites you to book a campus tour to check out the campus and to learn more about its courses. The campus is located at 28 Old Cleveland Road. Book your tour on the [AIAS](#) website. Visit the [AIAS Blog](#) for the latest AIAS news.

Bond University's January 2017 Student for a Semester Program

Year 11 and 12 students participating in the [Student for a Semester](#) program can experience life as a university student as well as get a head start on their university studies before they finish high school. A pass in a Student for a Semester subject may provide credit towards a Bond undergraduate degree. In addition, students who successfully complete two subjects will be eligible for direct admission into most Bond degree programs at the end of their Year 12 studies. Applications are now open for the January 2017 Semester One program. Applications close on 2 December 2016.

Chat with Australian National University (ANU)

On Wednesday 21 December 2016 from 10 am – 2 pm, you can join online for a [Facebook chat](#) with ANU staff representatives regarding your future study options and questions about ANU. ANU offers programs and courses in a wide range of academic areas. This allows you to choose specific specialised degrees, or combine different degree programs to suit your study interests and career goals. More information about courses can be accessed from the [ANU website](#).

CQUniversity (CQU) stop press

New students – Students new to CQU can find the following information on the [New Student](#) webpage:

- Help with enrolling
- Access to the Student Portal
- Links to student support services
- Information sheet explaining key dates.

Online chat session – Find out about CQU courses and campuses during this session to be held from 3 – 6 pm on Tuesday 29 November 2016. Register to attend this session on the [2017](#) webpage.

Information sessions following the release of Year 12 results – CQU will hold [On-campus Info and Online Chat Sessions](#) from 9 am – 1 pm on Monday 19 December 2016. The on-campus sessions will be held at all CQU's Queensland campuses.

Griffith University updates

Know your options – After you receive your Year 12 results, you may want information about study options and pathways to your preferred degree. Griffith is providing several options for you to talk to study advisers, starting from Saturday 17 December 2016.

- Chat over the phone on 1800 677 728 from Monday to Friday during business hours
- Talk to study advisers at on-campus student centres from Monday 19 – Friday 23 December 2016, from 8.30 am – 5 pm on all days except Friday when the service will close at 2 pm.
- Chat online from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday 17 and Monday 19 December 2016.

For more information about these options, visit the [Options 2017](#) webpage.

Book a twilight tour – You and your parents are invited to [book a 45-minute twilight tour](#) at Nathan or Gold Coast campuses. If you have received a Griffith offer of a course place, you can get your student card at the same time.

Student support at Griffith – The [Support](#) webpage lists the personal, academic and financial support available to Griffith students. You will hear more about these services during Orientation Week.

O-Week at Griffith (20 – 24 February 2017) – It is important for new students to attend Orientation Week. This week is made up of information sessions, skills workshops, social events and tours. It is an opportunity to meet staff and students and explore the campus. On the [Orientation](#) webpage you can access an O Week Planner, First Trimester tips and tools, and explore the student services available.

Griffith Scholarships – It is not too late to apply for scholarships. The due date for the Deans Sir Samuel and Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships is 11 December 2016. The Unistart Equity Scholarships also close on this date. Visit the [Scholarships](#) webpage for more scholarship information.

Offers - Griffith will be making offers to eligible school leavers from Wednesday 21 December. You have a short timeframe to respond to an offer, so check your email regularly and accept offers by the due date.

Offers will continue to be made into early 2017. Visit the [Offers and preferences](#) webpage for more information.

Resources for parents –The Griffith website has a dedicated webpage for [Parents and families](#).

Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) enrolling for 2017

QSFT, located at 22 Warwick Street, Annerley, offers accredited certificate and diploma courses in screen and media. Enrolments are currently open for the Diploma of Screen and Media, commencing in 2017. Find out about this course on the [QSFT website](#) and the [QSFT Facebook page](#). For more information contact the School on telephone 3392 7788.

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Info

DUST: QUT Fashion Graduate Show 2016 – This event will be of interest to those interested in fashion design. It will be held from 16 – 18 November 2016 at The Block (Z3), QUT Creative Industries Precinct, Kelvin Grove. View the trailer on the [QUT website](#). You can purchase tickets from this site.

Scholarships are closing soon – The Vice-Chancellor’s Scholarship (Academic and Elite Athlete) applications close on the 18 November 2016. Visit the [Scholarships and Prizes](#) webpage for information about these and other QUT scholarships.

Real Decisions event – After you receive your Year 12 results, you may have questions about courses, ordering preferences, upgrading, offers and what uni will be like. QUT’s [Real Decisions event](#) on Tuesday 20 December 2016 from 9 am – 1 pm at the Gardens Point campus, and from 2 – 5 pm at the Caboolture campus, will provide answers to these questions.

Support for QUT students – Visit the [Educational Access Scheme \(EAS\) benefits](#) website for links to the various support services available at QUT.

Information for parents – The [Are you the parent of a school student?](#) webpage has everything a parent needs to know about study and life at QUT. On this page, parents can register to receive parent newsletters to stay connected.

SAE Summer Program for school students interested in creative media

The SAE Brisbane campus, located in West End, is opening its doors these holidays for the [SAE Summer Series](#). This is a 3-day program for students aged 14 - 17 years to come and work on creative projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Design, Film or Games. The program will run from 11 – 13 January 2017 from 10 am – 4 pm each day. Register before 11 pm on 4 December 2016 for the early bird special of \$150.

TAFE Queensland round-up

TAFE Queensland Brisbane

- **Cre8 Brisbane 2016** – Southbank’s free creative block party is here again showcasing emerging artists, technology, live music and street food. It will be held on Thursday 17 November 2016 from 5.30 – 8.30 pm. [More information here](#).
- **Neoteric: End of Year Graduate Fashion Parade** – This event showcases the work of Advanced Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology students. It will be held from 5.30 – 8.30 pm on Tuesday 22 November 2016 at the Mt Gravatt Campus. Visit the [Events](#) page for more information and to make a reservation.
- **Adult Tertiary Preparation Information Sessions** – These sessions will be held from 5.30 – 7 pm on Monday 28 November 2016 and Monday 16 January 2017 at the Southbank, Loganlea and Caboolture campuses. The [Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation](#) could be an option for school leavers who need to upgrade (i.e. gain a better tertiary entry score). To register to attend one of these sessions, ring 13 72 48.

TAFE Queensland Gold Coast

- **Information Session** – This event will be held from 4 – 7 pm on Thursday 1 December 2016 at the Southport campus. In the afternoon, you can participate in guided facilities tours in your chosen study area including: Early Childhood Education and Care, Education Support, Hairdressing and Beauty, Hospitality, Events and Tourism, Nursing, Aged Care, Community Services and Fitness. Register for an information session on the [Events](#) webpage.

TAFE Queensland East Coast

- **Creative Showcase** – During the month of November, East Coast is opening its doors to showcase the work of its 2016 graduating graphic design, music, fashion, photography and visual arts students. Visit the [Events](#) website for dates and venues.

University of Queensland (UQ) Snippets

Campus tours – If you missed out on this year’s Open Day and want to learn more about the UQ campuses before you begin your studies next year, you have a few options:

- [Read about the campuses](#) and view a video of the St Lucia campus on the UQ website.
- [Book a tour of the St Lucia campus](#). Between 5 November 2016 and 28 January 2017 tours will be available on a Saturday starting at 10 or 11 am.
- Do your own thing and go on a [self-guided tour](#).

OP Results Advice Night – This event will be held from 4 – 7 pm on Monday 19 December 2016 at the St Lucia Campus. It provides an opportunity to learn more about your study options at UQ after receiving your OP. You can also go on a tour of the St Lucia campus or attend a seminar presented by the facilities and institutes. See the [Op Results Advice Night](#) webpage for more information.

2017 UQ Science Ambassador Program – Applications are now open for this [Program](#) and will close on 1 March 2017. Through this program, science teachers nominate Year 11 students to interact with UQ and assist science teachers to raise the profile of science in their school. If you will be in Year 11 in 2017 and are interested in being a part of this program, talk to your science teacher.

Responding to your QTAC offer – Visit the [Applying for Undergraduate Study](#) webpage for information about responding to your QTAC offer of a UQ course place. There is also information on this site for students who don’t receive an offer to UQ.

Updates from the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)

International students – Visit the [International Student](#) site on the USC website for information about courses, costs and how to apply.

Support services at USC – There are several ongoing support services available to USC students. These include [Academic and Study Support](#), [Counselling Services](#), and Online Resources such as [Your Tutor](#) and [Peer Assisted Learning](#). The important thing to know is that when you are a uni student, you must approach these services for assistance, they won't come to you.

Semester 1 2017 Orientation – This will be held from 20 - 24 February 2017. Commencing students will receive an official invitation to [Orientation](#) via email a few weeks before the event when the program of activities is available. Before Orientation, new students will receive occasional emails with useful information about enrolling and invitations to events.

UQ College Tertiary Preparation Program - January 2017

This program is an option for students who would like to upgrade (i.e. gain a better tertiary entry score) to improve their chances of gaining entry to University of Queensland (UQ) courses in the future. The program has no tuition fees and is delivered over 28 weeks in two trimester periods. It is offered at UQ College located on UQ's St Lucia campus. To apply, students must be 18 years of age or have completed Year 12. Applications for January 2017 are still open. See the [UQ College](#) website for more information and to apply.

What's happening at the Australian Catholic University (ACU)?

ACU Know Your Options Information Session - This event provides an opportunity for students to explore their study options at ACU after they receive their Year 12 results. It will be held from 3.30 – 6 pm on Monday 19 December 2016 at the Brisbane campus. You can download the program and register to attend on the [ACU website](#).

Ask ACU – Use the [Ask ACU search function](#) on the ACU website to search for answers to your questions about courses, applications, offers, etc.

Orientation Week – This week will be held from Monday 20 to Friday 24 February 2017. It is important to attend this event if you are a new student at ACU. Information about this event will be available on the [ACU website](#) closer to the event.

Employment

High-paying jobs you won't need a university degree for

Not all jobs require a university qualification. Some jobs have more than one pathway e.g. a university qualification, a VET qualification or on-the-job training. The latest Career FAQs newsletter lists [10 jobs that don't necessarily require a university degree](#). The following are some of the jobs listed:

Construction managers - Their job is to know everything and everyone on a project site. They require leadership and project management skills and knowledge of building and construction best practice. People train for this job in several ways: a construction management degree; a diploma of building and construction; a construction apprenticeship (e.g. carpentry); or on-the-job. See the [myfuture](#) website for more information about this job. Sign up for free if this is your first time on this website.

Air transport professionals - Navigating the skies as a commercial pilot or air transport professional might not require a degree but does take serious commitment and skill. The Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) strictly regulates the industry in Australia and requires that you pass a series of examinations and clock up many hours of flying experience before you can be eligible for a Commercial Pilot's Licence or an Air Transport Pilot Licence (multi-crew pilots). See the [CASA](#) website for more information.

Crane, hoist and lift operators - Crane and lift operators are perhaps the most well-paid labourers in construction. Due to the high risks involved in the role, you'll need to be comfortable working at heights and have exceptional coordination and mechanical aptitude. To become qualified, you need to obtain a Licence to Perform High Risk Work and complete a crane operator traineeship. Visit the [WA Career Centre](#) website for more information about the job.

Gas, petroleum and oil power plant operators - While these jobs don't require a university education, you do need to have mechanical aptitude, strong mathematical skills and the ability to cope with the physical demands of the jobs. Visit [Job Outlook](#) for details about these jobs.

Work Health and Safety professionals (WHS) - As sectors such as the Australian building and construction industry grow, so too does the demand for qualified WHS professionals. There are several pathways to work in WHS. These include a university degree, diploma or a Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety. Read a case study of a WHS manager on the [Seeklearning](#) website.

Skills for getting a job – full-time/part-time/casual

The following are resources you can access to help you gain the skills you need for your job search:

- [Finding a job](#) on the WA Career Centre website has a 10-step job search plan, a resume builder, example resumes, interview advice and other helpful job search tools.

- [Applying for Jobs](#) on the Youth Central website has information and examples for developing a resume and writing cover letters as well as other tips to help you get a job.
- The [Getting a job](#) section of the Good Careers Guide e-book (you register free of charge to access the e-book) provides information on understanding work and steps for looking for work.
- [How to answer interview questions](#) on the Career FAQs website lists common interview questions and how to respond to them.

What are employers looking for?

The [How to hunt for a job](#) article on the Foundation for Young Australians website includes a section based on a research paper titled 'The New Basics'. The new basics are enterprise skills - the skills employers will want in the future. Enterprise skills include:

- Problem solving
- Creativity
- Financial literacy
- Digital literacy
- Critical thinking
- Presentation skills
- Communications
- Teamwork.

Enterprise skills are transferable skills as they apply to most jobs; whereas Technical skills generally apply to specific jobs (e.g. Javascript knowledge for a computer programmer, surgery skills for a Vet.). Other sections of the article contain useful job seeking tips.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



ANU National University Scholarship

The Australian National University (ANU), located in Canberra, annually offers the National University Scholarship worth \$12,500 per year for up to five years. Selection is based on an ATAR of 99.90 and above or equivalent OP. You don't apply for this scholarship. All eligible applicants with ANU as a first, second or third preference when applying through UAC will be automatically considered. Visit the [ANU Scholarship](#) page for more information.

How to save money when you're a student

Although saving money as a student may seem impossible, once you try some of the following tips, it won't seem so hard. Try one of the tips for a month and see how much money you save.

- **Set goals** – A goal might be as simple as buying text books, or as exciting as organising that once in a lifetime trip to Europe. Whatever your goal, use it to develop a weekly savings target. Start with saving \$10 - \$20 a week and see how it adds up.
- **Student discounts** – Whether you are going to the movies, booking flights, getting a haircut or even servicing your car, there is bound to be a student discount available if you just take the time to look. Make sure you check out [The Student Edge](#) deals. This is a great site which is constantly updating the range of discounts available to students.
- **Uni/college necessities** - Be smart, there is absolutely no shame in buying second-hand items. Check out your institution's book store for a second-hand section. Look on noticeboards around the campus for text book ads. Remember to sell your text books as soon as you have finished with them.
- **Leave the credit card behind** – Consider cash only outings with friends. This way you can easily avoid spontaneously shouting the entire bar a round of drinks.
- **Quit online shopping** - Not only will you save money, you'll also cut down on the pile of dud purchases sitting at the bottom of your wardrobe that you (let's be honest) have no intention of returning.
- **Student services** - While services differ between institutions, most are likely to offer free help and advice, including; money management, legal advice, health services, moving out of home support, scholarships and travel.

The above information is adapted from a [Foundation for Young Australians article](#).

The QUT Amy Clough Scholarship

This scholarship is a partnership between the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Sony Music Australia, Nova Radio 106.9, News Corp and the Brisbane Broncos. These organisations have come together to honour Amy's memory by supporting other university students whose lives have been impacted by cancer. To be eligible, you must have applied for entry to B Entertainment Industries, B Journalism or B Music and to have had your life impacted by cancer, whether you experienced the cancer directly or indirectly. Read about other eligibility requirements on the [QUT Scholarship](#) website. Applications close on 23 January 2017.

University of Queensland St Leo's College Equity Accommodation Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to students to assist with accommodation costs associated with moving away from home to attend university. It is worth \$6,000 per year. Applications are now open and will close on 9 January 2017. Visit the [Scholarship](#) site for more information.

UQ and St Leo's College Music Achievement Scholarship

The University of Queensland (UQ), in collaboration with St Leo's College, award this scholarship to encourage college residents who are enrolled, or planning to enrol, in studies in music. The value of the scholarship for a year is a \$6,000 reduction in residential fees for accommodation at St Leo's College. Applications are now open and will close on 21 November 2017. Find out more on the [Scholarship](#) site.



Gap Year Program News

EA Ski and Snowboard Training

Want a gap year experience in the snow? EA offers Ski and Snowboard Instructor Internships and Training Courses in Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, USA and Canada. You are guaranteed a job offer with each traineeship. Find out more on the [EA](#) website.

Letz Live/Tutors Worldwide Gap Year Program 2018 applications open

Want to work in a local school in the UK or an international school in Thailand? Now is the time to explore your options with Letz Live and Tutors Worldwide as applications for 2018 placement close in April 2017. Visit the [Letz Live](#) website for details.

Selected Gap Program Events

- Camp America will hold online Info Sessions from 6 – 7 pm on 16 November and 13 December 2016. Visit the [Camp America](#) website for details.
- Projects Abroad will hold a program overview webinar on Tuesday 15 November 2016 at 4.30 pm (Qld time). Register for the webinar on the [Projects Abroad](#) website. For more information, call 1300 132 831 or email info@projects-abroad.com.au.
- Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE) will hold an Information Session from 7 – 9 pm on 9 February 2017 at Ruth Fairfax House, 89-95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. Visit the [SCCE](#) website for more information.
- WEP Australia will hold an Information Session from 7 – 8.30 pm on Wednesday 23 November 2016 at the Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, Brisbane. See the [WEP](#) website for details and to register.

Indigenous

Indigenous scholarships

The following scholarships are available for Indigenous students planning to commence their undergraduate university studies in 2017. You can find more Indigenous scholarships on the [Aspiration Initiative](#) website.

- [John Koowarta Reconciliation Law Scholarship](#) at most universities in Australia closes on 2 December 2016.
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Scholarship](#) at the University of Western Sydney closes on 6 January 2017.
- [Rotary Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tertiary Scholarship](#) at several universities in Victoria closes on 25 November 2016.

Occupational Information



Tourism and hospitality

Use the [Discover your career website](#) to explore the types of jobs available in the tourism and hospitality industries.

What is a forensic accountant?

The following information has been adapted from the [Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand website](#).

- A forensic accountant is part detective, part lawyer and part accountant. They tend to be involved when there may be an issue of fraud or of legal action, both criminal cases and civil cases. Through analysis and investigation of the numbers, they aim to find out what happened in the past, and uncover the truth behind financial and business actions. Forensic Accountants are often required to testify in court, present their evidence to juries and explain their methods of investigation.
- Forensic accountants can be employed by law enforcement agencies, such as the police, government entities such as the Australian Tax Office and legal firms specialising in both criminal and civil law. Forensic Accountants may also be employed in large public practice organisations to investigate instances of bankruptcy and fraud.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Aviation Australia Cabin Crew Career Session

This session will be held from 6.30 – 8.30 pm on Wednesday 30 November 2016 at Aviation Australia’s Flight Safety Training Centre located at 15 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport, Eagle Farm. Please register to attend on the [Aviation Australia](#) website.

JMC Academy Information Session

This session will be held from 6 – 7 pm on Thursday 8 December 2016 at the JMC Brisbane campus in South Brisbane. It is for students who want more details about the growing career opportunities in the areas of Animation, Film and TV, Music, Songwriting, Game Design, Entertainment Management, Audio Engineering and Digital Design. Book to attend the session on the [JMC Academy](#) website.

Shillington College Info Session in Brisbane

Shillington is an international college which specialises in Graphic Design. It will hold an Info Session, starting at 6 pm, on Friday 18 November 2016 at its Brisbane campus at L7 157 Ann Street. For information about this institution and its course, visit the [College website](#).



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

General tips for a successful transition to university

- Familiarise yourself with the campus before the semester starts.
- Attend Orientation week events. This is where you find out about the student support services available at your university.
- Identify any study skills you need to polish up on and book into a workshop.
- Register with your university's disability services if applicable.
- See the university's financial or counselling services if you are worried about money or you have other concerns.
- Find students in the same course and attend student run social activities.
- Visit the library (virtual and physical) and attend workshops on how to use the library effectively.
- Attend all tutorials.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Other tips for first year university students can be found in [Top tips for first year uni students](#) and [How to balance university, work and life](#). For a bit of comic relief, visit the [Collective Noun Facebook](#) page. Scroll down to the 'Uni Sketches'.

Life at uni

The following websites provide you with information about university study and lifestyle:

- [An Insider's guide to uni](#) from the Good Universities Guide
- [A-Z guide of studying at uni](#) from the University of Southern Queensland
- [Life as a student](#) from James Cook University
- [Tips for new students](#) from the University of Queensland
- [What to expect at uni](#) from the Queensland University of Technology.

QTAC updates

QTAC Pathways Service – This new service on the [QTAC website](#) is for people who know the course they want but don't know how to get into it or for those who need help choosing a course because they haven't a clue what they want to do in the future. The site has a Pathways Form you can complete to provide QTAC with information about your situation. You then can book a phone appointment.

Offers for Year 12 students – Students applying for courses not requiring Year 12 results will start to receive their offers from **midday Friday 18 November 2016** (your last day at school). Some offers will be made between the release of Year 12 results and 16 January 2017 for courses not requiring you to compete for a

place. Don't panic if you don't receive an early offer, as most course offers will be made on their major offer-round date (as published in the *QTAC Guide*). Check the [Course Offer Dates](#) page to find out when your institution will make offers.

How does QTAC work out if you'll get an offer? – QTAC uses eligibility and merit to decide if you can get into a course. Eligibility is determined by prerequisites and the institutions admissions rules. Merit is based on your OP or selection rank. More details about this process can be accessed on the [Entry requirements](#) webpage. You can go into your [QTAC Application Services account](#) to check the status of the courses you have applied for.

How will I know if I have an offer? QTAC will send you an email. You will have four days to respond. It is essential to monitor your emails to avoid missing an offer. If you don't respond by the due date, your offer will lapse and your application will become inactive. If this happens, contact QTAC immediately, as they may be able to reinstate your offer.

Connect with QTAC – If you have any questions about your QTAC application, visit p.1 of the *QTAC Guide* for all the ways you can get in touch with QTAC.

What does university gobbledygook mean?

When you first arrive at university, it sometimes seems that university people, especially the administration staff, speak a foreign language. Some universities provide their students with a dictionary or glossary of the most frequently used words. The following are examples:

- Australian Catholic University - [Glossary of Terms](#)
- CQUniversity – [Uni speak](#)
- James Cook University - [JCU enrolment terminology](#)
- Queensland University of Technology - [Glossary of terms used at QUT](#)
- University of Queensland – [Dictionary of UQ Terminology](#).

Worried about getting lost on your university campus next year?

Worry no more. Download the 'Lost on campus' app from the Apple App Store or Google play (for Androids). This free application has maps and information on a range of universities and campuses around Australia.

Release of Queensland Core Skill (QCS) Test results

Your individual QCS Test grades will be available in your Learning Account on the [Student Connect](#) website from 9 am on Wednesday 16 November 2016. Final Year 12 results, OPs and FPs will be released in your Learning Account on Saturday 17 December 2016.

Student Connect hotline

Students with questions about their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), Senior Statement, Tertiary Entrance Statement or the results in their Learning Account can contact the Student Connect hotline on 1800 804 991 or email studentconnect@qcaa.qld.edu.au. Hotline staff can provide information and advice about:

- accessing Learning Accounts
- verifying or reviewing results
- changing personal details on certificates and statements
- reissuing certificates and statements.

For answers to questions about tertiary selection ranks or bonus ranks, students should contact QTAC on 1300 467 822.

Youth Enrichment Activities

Interested in leadership and community service?

If so, why not investigate the [Lions Youth of the Year Quest](#). This is a project of Lions Clubs International of Australia and Papua New Guinea. It is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and taking an active role in the community. Students between the ages of 15 – 18 are welcome to apply.