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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

The outlook for most technicians and trades workers is good

The latest [National Skilled Labour Market report \(2015-16\)](#) indicates that employment for technicians and trades workers is expected to grow by 5.5% by November 2020. However, employers can't always fill their advertised positions. The reasons include:

- many young people aren't applying for technical and trade jobs
- employers consider many applicants to be unsuitable.

This has led to over 60 trades being included on the [National Skills Needs List](#). Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic, Baker, Carpenter, Electrician (General) and Hairdresser are just some of the jobs on the list. The advantages of selecting a job from this list are that:

- you may be eligible to attract employer incentives which could help you get an apprenticeship
- you will be entering an occupation that is in demand.

To be successful in getting the job, you need to demonstrate the qualities and attributes employers want. The main qualities sought by employers of apprentices, as reported in [Australian Jobs 2016](#) (p.33), are:

- Genuine interest in the trade
- Commitment to the trade and the apprenticeship
- A mature and positive attitude
- Reliability
- A strong work ethic
- Good presentation.

Videos about apprenticeships and traineeships

[SkillsOne TV](#) has a collection of videos showcasing skills, trades and industries. If you haven't the time or patience to view long videos, click on 'Skills Bites' (scroll down the left-hand menu) for a taste of skills and trades in 15 seconds.



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Defence University Sponsorship

Start studying a degree of your choice at the university of your choice and then join the Australian Defence Force under the Defence University Sponsorship scheme. Through this scheme, you will have your fees paid, receive a salary while you complete your degree and walk straight into a ADF job following graduation. Visit the [Defence Jobs website](#) for details.

Gap Year applications are closing soon

You can still apply for the 2018 ADF Gap Year to experience life in the Navy, Army or Air Force, without committing to a longer period. However, places are strictly limited, so apply early. Visit the [Gap Year website](#) for more information and to apply.

Upcoming Defence Force Information Sessions

Note that some of these events are during the Easter holidays.

Brisbane – Monday 27 March 2017 at 5.30 pm - *Women in Defence Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot [here](#).

Cairns – Tuesday 28 March 2017 at 6 pm - *Submariner Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting, Level 1, 55 Lake Street, Cairns. Book your spot [here](#).

Townsville – Wednesday 29 March 2017 at 6 pm - *Submariner Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Townsville, 143 Walker Street. Book your spot [here](#).

Gold Coast - Wednesday 29 March 2017 at 6 pm - *Gap Year Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Ct, Robina. Book your spot [here](#).

Townsville – Wednesday 29 March 2017 at 6 pm - *Submariner Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Townsville, 143 Walker Street. Book your spot [here](#).

Sunshine Coast – Wednesday 29 March 2017 at 6 pm - *Gap Year Information Session* at Mooloolaba Yacht Club, Shop G14, The Wharf, 33-45 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba. Book your spot [here](#).

Toowoomba – Tuesday 4 April 2017 at 6 pm - *Aviation Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Toowoomba, Milne Bay Training Depot, O'Quinn Street, Toowoomba. Book your spot [here](#).

Brisbane – Monday 10 April 2017 at 5.30 pm - *Women in Defence Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane - Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot [here](#).

Toowoomba – Tuesday 11 April 2017 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Toowoomba, Milne Bay Training Depot, O'Quinn Street, Toowoomba. Book your spot [here](#).

Brisbane – Wednesday 12 April 2017 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot [here](#).

Gold Coast – Thursday 13 April 2017 at 6 pm - *Aviation Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast - 14 Edgewater Ct, Robina. Book your spot [here](#).

Kingaroy – Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 5.45 pm – *Defence Cinema Evening* at Kingaroy Satellite Cinema, 4 Short Street, Kingaroy. Book your spot [here](#).

Bowen – Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Bowen PCYC, Cnr Hay Street and Queens Rd, Bowen. Book your spot [here](#).

Gold Coast – Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 6 pm - *Australian Defence Force Academy Info Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Ct, Robina. Book your spot [here](#).

Mooloolaba – Tuesday 18 April 2017 at 6 pm - *Commando Information Session* at the Yacht Club Mooloolaba, 33-45 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba. Book your spot [here](#).

Brisbane – Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 6 pm - *Commando Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane - Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Book your spot [here](#).

Proserpine – Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Proserpine Entertainment Centre, 16 Main Street, Proserpine. Book your spot [here](#).

Townsville – Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 6 pm - *Pilot and Aviation Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Townsville, 184 Ogden Street, Townsville. Book your spot [here](#).

Rockhampton – Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Empire Apartment Hotel, 5 East Street, Rockhampton City. Book your spot [here](#).

For more details, visit <https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events/>.



Exploring jobs through a VET course

If you're unsure about what you want to do in the future, but you do have a few ideas, instead of applying for entry to a university course to see if you like it, consider applying for a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course. A VET course is usually cheaper and shorter and will get you into employment faster.

For example, if you think you might like nursing, but you're not sure, why not apply for a Diploma in Nursing at TAFE. You can complete the course in 18 months and gain employment as an Enrolled Nurse. If you wish, you can further your studies in nursing by doing a B Nursing at a university and gain credit for your diploma.

Similar examples can be found in the fields of engineering, interior design, screen and media, business, justice studies, community services, dental technology, information technology, building design and many more. Visit the [TAFE Queensland Brisbane website](#) to download 'Degree Pathways 2017 Course Guide' and read the section on diploma to degree pathways.

Exploring jobs through Instagram profiles

The Commonwealth Department of Employment's [Instagram platform](#), Australians at Work, has short case studies of people in a range of jobs. The case studies currently on the site, include Tram Driver, Designer, Anthropologist, Fitness Instructor, Brewer, Industrial Designer, Antique Dealer and Restorer and many more. If any of the jobs in the case studies interest you, find out more about them from the Occupations section of the [myfuture website](#) (Sign in to this free site if this is your first visit).

The Good Careers Guide

The Good Careers Guide (GCG) is a helpful resource for students starting their career exploration. It provides up-to-date information on over 400 jobs. It also includes useful information on:

- How to start your career exploration
- Education and training pathways, including apprenticeships, VET courses (e.g. Certificates and Diplomas at TAFE) and higher education (e.g. a Bachelor Degree at university or an accredited private institution)
- How to get funding for your education and training
- How to get a job.

GCC comes in several formats:

- **e-book** – The [e-book version](#) of GCG has the same information as the hard copy version.
- **Hard copy** - Your school may have hard copies of GCG. Ask your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor. You can also purchase it from the [Good Education Bookshop](#).
- **Online** - The [online version](#) of GCG has a job search function; blog posts on lots of career related topics (e.g. 'Your guide to choosing a career'); and Career Ladders (these list jobs in broad subject categories e.g. Chemistry, Maths, Computing, Environmental Science).
- **GCG App** - This [App](#), called Good Education AR is available for Apple and Android mobile devices. The App compliments GCG by allowing you to interact with elements of GCG content.

Note that the current GCG is the 2016 edition. A 2017 edition will be released in May. Meanwhile the 2016 edition is fine for beginning your career exploration.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

You probably recognise the question. You've been asked it since you were five years old. To some of you it provides an opportunity to talk about your passion and your future plans. To others of you, it creates anxiety, because you have lots of interests but no one true passion. A recent article on the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) website, titled [Why some of us don't have a true calling](#), suggests that having many interests might be an advantage.

The article refers to [Emilie Wapnick's TED X talk](#) in which she calls people with numerous interests, multipotentialites. Multipotentialites, according to Emilie, can convert their many interests into entrepreneurial ventures. She suggests that they might be ahead of the game in today's rapidly changing world of work because they tend to be innovative, rapid learners and adaptable (skills needed in the 21st Century). The FYA article relates this concept of many jobs to Job Clusters in [The New Work Mindset](#) report. Job clusters are groups of jobs requiring similar skills. One job within the cluster can lead to other jobs within the cluster. Watch the TED X talk. Then read the article for more information about this different way of thinking about jobs.

Competitions

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards

Entries are now open for this annual poetry competition. The optional theme for 2017 is 'All over the world'. The closing date for entries is 30 June 2017. Visit the [website](#) for details.

Queensland Regional Titration Competition

The aim of this competition is to challenge and encourage students who enjoy chemistry. Entrants compete in teams of three from Years 10 – 12. Applications are through your school. For details, see the [Royal Australian Chemical Institute website](#). Talk to your science teacher about participating in this competition.

Secondary Schools Public Speaking Competition 2016

This competition requires students to speak on a subject of their choice inspired by a broad nominated topic. There are three competition categories – Senior (Years 11 and 12), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Junior (Years 7 and 8). The Senior topic for 2017 is 'Not to engage in the pursuit of ideas is to live like ants instead of like men (and women)'. For more information and to nominate online, visit the [English-Speaking Union website](#). Nominations close on the 1 May 2017.

Wool4Skool Student Design Competition

Want to work in the fashion industry? Fancy yourself as a designer? If so, you are invited to enter the Wool4Skool student design competition. The competition is open to Year 7 – 12 students. This year Wool4School is asking you to design an innovative performance outfit for your chosen musician. The outfit should be made from at least 80% Merino wool and suitable for the performance. Find out more on the [competition website](#). Registrations close on 26 July 2017.



Australian Catholic University (ACU) updates

2018 Undergraduate Course Guide – The Guide provides information on the courses to be offered in 2018 at all the ACU campuses in Australia (including the Brisbane campus at Nudgee), scholarships, pathway programs, how to apply and much more. It can be download from the [ACU website](#) or you can get a copy from your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor.

New course in 2018 – ACU Brisbane campus will offer B Nursing/B Counselling commencing in 2018. Studying counselling combined with nursing will provide graduates with a Registered Nurse qualification and the counselling skills necessary to better support the provision of holistic care. This is a four-year program. The prerequisite is English (4, SA). For more information, read page 93 of the [2018 Undergraduate Course Guide](#).

New delivery model for business courses - The [Peter Faber Business School](#) at ACU is planning to offer all business units as interactive workshops by 2018. Teaching strategies used in the workshop delivery method include:

- A mini-lecture that connects the current weekly topic to previous learning
- Lecturers state explicitly the essential knowledge that's related to the topic
- Lecturers demonstrate exactly what they want the students to learn and do
- Students 'try out' or discuss what they are to learn and do
- Students work independently or in groups on a task while lecturers supervise and provide assistance
- Lecturers conclude by summarising, using students' individual/group work as examples.

The workshop delivery method is supported by a digital core of online resources, learning activities and discussion.

Bond University's Medical Program

Bond's [Medical Program](#) is made up of two sequential qualifications - the Bachelor of Medical Studies and the Doctor of Medicine. Students are required to complete both degrees for registration as a medical practitioner. Both degrees are awarded at the completion of Year five. The program has an educational focus on case-based learning, evidence-based medicine and integrated clinical practice. Entry requirements for the Bachelor of Medical Studies are:

- Minimum academic score to be competitive for an interview - OP 1 - 2 or IB Total 39+
- Prerequisites of Authority English plus one of Chemistry, Maths B or Physics
- Short-listed applicants will be required to attend an interview (a structured Multi Mini Interview)
- Note that UMAT is **not** a prerequisite.

Applications for the Bachelor of Medical Studies are through QTAC. They usually open mid-January and close early February each year.

CQUniversity (CQUni) briefs

CQUni Life Blog - If you are interested in finding out what it's like to be a CQUni student, check out the CQUni Life Blog. The blog follows experiences of CQUni students. Their posts will give you an insight into life at CQUni. Click [here](#) to access the blog.

Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) - STEPS is CQUni's pathway course designed to help students gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to enter university. The course is suitable for students who:

- Have not met the prerequisite subjects for their preferred diploma or degree
- Have not achieved their desired OP to get into their preferred course
- Need some additional support with the transition from school to further study.

The STEPS program is free and is available by distance education or on-campus. It may also be an acceptable bridging program for other universities in Queensland (check with the institution you wish to enter). Visit the [STEPS website](#) for more information about the course. Find an information session near you at [STEPS Information Session](#).

Endeavour 2017 school leaver prospectus

Endeavour College of Natural Health offers degree courses in Acupuncture, Myotherapy, Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic and Complementary Medicine. Endeavour's 2017 prospectus can be downloaded from the [website](#).

Events at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

Lost the Plot: Get Writing Workshop – If you are interested in improving your writing skills or working on your [Get Writing Prize](#) entry, you are invited to attend [this workshop](#) to be held from 4 – 6 pm on Wednesday 29 March 2017 at the Toowoomba campus. Registrations are required.

Deadly Ways Year 11 and 12 Residential for Indigenous students - This [event](#) is designed to give Indigenous students from Toowoomba and Darling Downs, South-West and Metropolitan regions an on-campus experience of living and studying at university. Students will participate in interactive sessions in a number of course areas as well as general USQ information sessions on student support and pathway programs. If you are interested in attending this event to be held from 18 – 21 April 2017, contact the USQ Indigenous Engagement Officer at email Melanie.Waters@usq.edu.au.

Griffith University events and updates

Twilight Tours – Explore Griffith’s Nathan and Gold Coast campuses on a Twilight Tour. The first tours on these campuses for 2017 will be held from 4 – 5.30 pm on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 April. The 11 April tours will have an Arts, Education, Law and Business focus while the 12 April tours will focus on Health and Science. Register to attend a tour on the [Twilight Tours website](#).

The Learning Space – This space, located on Level 2, Garden City Shopping Centre, Upper Mt Gravatt, provides a venue for educational experiences and community activities. Visit the [website](#) to read about the Maths B tutoring sessions and the activities planned for the school holidays.

Science and Engineering Challenge – The challenge is open to class-sized teams of Year 9 and 10 students. The aim is to provide the students with a minimum introduction to science and engineering to enable them to explore scientific principles for themselves. Registrations open on 28 March 2017. Visit the [Science on the Go website](#) for more information.

New double degrees – The following courses are scheduled to commence in 2018.

- [B Creative and Interactive Media/B Business](#) – This course will be offered at Nathan, Gold Coast and South Bank campuses. The prerequisite is English (4, SA).
- [B Fine Art/B Business](#) – This course will be offered at Nathan and South Bank campuses. English (4, SA) is the prerequisite.
- [B Photography/B Business](#) - This course will be offered at Nathan and South Bank campuses. English (4, SA) is the prerequisite.
- [B Engineering/B Aviation](#) – This course will be offered at the Nathan campus. Prerequisites are English (4, SA) and Maths B (4, SA).
- [B Engineering \(Honours\)/B Industrial Design](#) – This course will be offered at the Gold Coast campus. Prerequisites are English (4, SA) and Maths B (4, SA).
- [B Engineering \(Honours\)/B Computer Science](#) – This course will be offered at the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses. Prerequisites are English (4, SA) and Maths B (4, SA).
- [B Dental Technology/B Dental Prosthetics](#) – This course will be offered at the Gold Coast campus. English (4, SA) is a prerequisite and assumed knowledge is one of Biology, Chemistry or Maths B (4, SA).

Other new degrees – Griffith will offer the following courses in 2018.

- [B Acting](#) – Griffith will offer a B Acting at the South Bank campus. Prerequisites are English (4, SA) plus audition and interview.
- [B Social Sciences](#) – This courses will be offered at the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses. English (4, SA) is the prerequisite.
- [B Physiotherapy](#) – This course will be offered at the Gold Coast campus (possibly at the Nathan campus). Prerequisites are English (4, SA) and assumed knowledge is Maths B (4, SA) and one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics (4, SA).
- [B Dental Prosthetics](#) – This will be offered at the Gold Coast campus. English (4, SA) is a prerequisite and assumed knowledge is one of Biology, Chemistry or Maths B (4, SA).
- [B Occupational Therapy](#) – This course is currently offered at the Gold Coast campus. In 2018, it will also be offered at the Nathan campus. Prerequisites are English (4, SA) and one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics (4, SA).

News from the University of Melbourne

The Melbourne curriculum – The structure of the curriculum at Melbourne uni is somewhat different from other universities in Australia. At Melbourne, you start by completing [a three-year undergraduate degree](#). You can then enter the workforce, or apply for a graduate program. To enter many professional fields (e.g. nursing, journalism, medicine, law, engineering, etc.), you are required to complete a graduate program. Find out more about Melbourne’s graduate programs [here](#). A [Guaranteed Entry scheme](#) is available for very high achieving Year 12 applicants. This scheme guarantees entry to graduate programs after the completion of an undergraduate degree at Melbourne.

Studying law at the Uni of Melbourne – The [JD \(Juris Doctor\)](#) is a three-year full-time course. The requirements for entry are the completion of an undergraduate degree other than Law. In addition, all applicants for the Melbourne JD must sit for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) before applying. Only University of Melbourne [Guaranteed Entry applicants](#) are exempted from sitting the LSAT. Visit the website for more information about the course and LSAT.

News from the University of Queensland (UQ)

Girls in Computer Science – Girls in Years 8 – 12 are invited to this event which will be held from 6 – 7.30 pm on Thursday 27 April 2017 on the St Lucia campus. Activities during the event will include presentations from UQ graduates, networking with current UQ students and the opportunity to try hands-on activities. Register to attend [here](#). Registrations close on Friday 21 April 2017.

Information sessions for Year 10 parents, guardians and carers – The objective of these sessions is to provide you with information to help your child make informed decisions about their future. Topics include understanding university language, differences between school and university, entry pathways, scholarships, QTAC and more. The sessions will be held:

- Tuesday 16 May from 10:30 am - 12 pm
- Tuesday 16 May from 6:30 - 8 pm
- Wednesday 17 May from 6:30 – 8 pm
- Thursday 18 May from 1 - 2:30 pm.

Bookings are essential and will close on 8 May 2017. Register to attend [here](#).

UQ St Lucia campus tours – This is a great way to become familiar with the campus. If you take your tour between 6 March – 30 October 2017 you can go into the draw to win a GoPro HERO5 Black, a Red Balloon Voucher and a UQ shirt, at a total of \$800. To book a guided tour, visit UQ’s [Future Students website](#); scroll down and click on the High School Students section; scroll down and click on Campus Tours.

Access to UQL Cyberschool – This is a free service for Year 11 and 12 students offered by the UQ Library. Students in Brisbane can borrow books from the library. There are links to online resources for most senior secondary subjects. Visit the [UQ Library website](#) for a rundown on the services offered to secondary students.

Reminders – The following events have been listed in this bulletin previously.

- Registrations close for [FEAST](#) (Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology) on Friday 31 March 2017.
- Careers that shape the world will be held on 19 April 2017 (first week after the Easter school holidays). Register on the [website](#) ASAP to avoid missing out on sessions you want to attend.

NIDA holiday courses

There is still time to enrol in the NIDA (National Institute of Dramatic Arts) school holiday courses to be held at the Queensland Academy of Creative Industries, Kelvin Grove. For more information and to book a place, visit the [website](#).

Ride It, Drive It, Grow It, Taste It!

The Agricultural Skills and Technology Experience (TASTE) is a four-day program for high school students aged 15 and over to help them explore the many career options available in the rural industry. The program will be run in the June/July and September/October school holidays at the Longreach Pastoral College and the Emerald Agricultural College. The June/July 2017 program dates are:

- 25 – 29 June - [Longreach Pastoral College](#)
- 2 – 6 July - [Emerald Agricultural College](#)

Download a flyer from the [Taste website](#). Rotary [scholarships](#) are available to help cover the cost of the program at both colleges.

University of Sydney Information Evening in Brisbane

This event will be held from 11 am – 5 pm on Saturday 20 May 2017 at Pullman, Corner of Ann and Roma Streets, Brisbane. The following three sessions will be held on this day:

- **International Consultations** (11 am - 1pm) - Book a 10-minute consultation to discuss your degree options at the University of Sydney.
- **Undergraduate Scholarship Workshop** (2 – 3pm) - This workshop for current Year 12 students provides you with insider tips to a successful Sydney Scholarship application.
- **Meet Sydney Information Session** (3 – 5pm) - Find out about the choice and flexibility on offer in the new curriculum, including the B Advanced Studies and Dalyell Scholars program, learn about the diverse leadership opportunities and global experiences, and gain an insight into life on campus.

Register to attend on the [website](#).

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) snippets

USC study locations – USC has four campuses in Queensland (USC Sunshine Coast at Sippy Downs, USC Fraser Coast at Hervey Bay, USC Gympie and USC Southbank in Brisbane). In addition, there are USC Study Hubs in Noosa, Caboolture and North Lakes. Learn more about these study locations and the courses they offer [here](#). USC will open [USC Moreton Bay](#) at Petrie in 2020.

High Performance student athlete program – If you are competing in a sport at national or international level, you can apply for this program once you get accepted into a course at USC. The program assists athletes to manage the demands of study as well as sport. More information on the [website](#).

Headstart program – Through this program Year 11 and 12 students can study USC subjects while completing their senior studies. Some of the benefits of the Headstart are:

- Gain credit towards a USC degree when you become a full-time student at USC
- Experience what it is like to study at a university
- A completed USC subject (with at least a passing grade) can contribute two credits towards your QCE.
- When you successfully complete two USC subjects, you are guaranteed entry to most undergraduate degrees at USC.

Read more about this program on the [Headstart webpage](#). Applications for Semester two (24 July – 17 November) close on 26 May 2017.

Updates from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Applications are open for the QUT Vice-Chancellor's STEM Camp – This free, five-day STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) camp is for high achieving Year 11 students. It will be held from Sunday 24 September - Friday 29 September 2017 (school holidays). During the camp, students will work with QUT researchers and current students and engage in solving some of the major challenges facing our society and planet today. Visit the [STEM Camp webpage](#) for details of the camp. Applications close on 2 May 2017.

Subject Selection for STEM Careers 2017 – Find out which subjects in senior high school prepare you for successful studies at QUT in science, IT, engineering, mathematics, health and education at this free event to be held on 27 April 2017 from 4.30 – 8 pm on the Gardens Point campus. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register to attend.

New four-year double degree in Human Services and Public Health in 2018 – This [program](#) will provide an understanding of how social, cultural and economic factors can influence the health of individuals and communities and how this can impact on human services delivery. Students will have an opportunity to complete placements in Australia and overseas, to gain experience and industry contacts. Graduates may work for government health and human services departments, non-government organisations, community and advocacy groups and not-for-profit organisations.

Why choose a double degree? – A double degree combines two bachelor degrees into a single course of study, doubling both your study and career options without doubling the study time. Check out some good reasons to consider a double degree, find out how it works, and browse the list of QUT double degrees at [Why choose a double degree?](#)

Test drive uni with START QUT – High-achieving Year 12 students can study a QUT subject through this program, giving you the opportunity to trial an area of interest before committing to further study. You can access all QUT's facilities and enjoy campus life in the same way as current university students. Once completed, you can receive credit for your studies, putting you ahead of your peers and setting you up for future success. Applications for the Semester two [START QUT program](#) close 14 May 2017.

Students in regional or rural areas – There are several ways you can access information about QUT, even if you live in a rural or regional area. You can search for [course information](#), or access [QUT publications](#) online. QUT's general guide to QUT, 'Real Choice's, is currently available online, and the new faculty guides will be added in May. QUT staff and students will be available to talk at [career markets](#) throughout Queensland and

northern New South Wales. Your school can request a [Skype presentation](#) from QUT. There is also a dedicated web page with everything you need to know about [moving to Brisbane for university](#).

Employment

Four tips for starting a business from two teenagers who've done it

Lucinda and Mitchell are your average teenagers whose lives are filled with school, sport, friends and part-time work. The reason they stand out, is that they somehow found the time to run their own business and to even make money. Their initial funding came from the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) \$20 Boss Program. A recent article on the FYA website reports on Lucinda and Mitchell's venture and lists four tips the teenagers felt contributed to their success. Read about the tips in the [article](#). You might also be interested in the FYA \$20 Boss Program.

Spot Jobs.com – an online job search site

[SpotJobs.com](#) is one of Australia's fastest-growing online job boards. It focuses on permanent and flexible (part-time, casual) employment opportunities. You can search jobs by location and working conditions, including the time of day you would like to work and preferences such as working indoors or outdoors, or in a customer service role.

Top 10 Employability skills

A recent article on the [Postgraduate Futures website](#) listed the following as the skills that make you highly desirable to employers, no matter what the job. The list was generated from extensive research of what employers valued.

- Communications
- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Initiative
- Leadership skills
- Managing, Organising and Time management
- Negotiating and Persuading
- Lifelong Learning
- Decision-making
- Creativity and Innovation

Read the article for details about each of these skills. Do you have these skills? If not, how might you acquire them?

What does it mean to have a career today?

A broad definition of 'career' includes life roles, leisure activities, learning and work ([Australian Blueprint for Career Development](#), see the Glossary). The broad nature of this definition is particularly relevant to a world of work that is changing more rapidly than ever before. A recent article published by the [Deloitte University Press](#) uses an interesting infographic to show the changing nature of a career. While the article itself isn't particularly of interest to students, the infographic is. It suggests that:

- People are staying in the workforce longer, possibly up to 60 – 70 years as we live longer
- The length of time people tend to stay in one job is approximately 4.5 years instead of the past aspiration of a job for life or the more recent 5 - 7 jobs in a lifetime
- The skills we learn for a specific job will rapidly become outdated. They may only last up to four years before we need to retrain and upgrade our learning to remain relevant in the work place.

The article's authors make the point that, in the past, we learned to gain skills for a career; now, the career itself has become a journey of learning. What might the implications of this be for you in your career?

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Bond University scholarships for 2018 will open on 1 April 2017

Bond's scholarship program offers a large number of full fee and part fee scholarships as well as cash bursaries. Most scholarships can be used for any single or combined program (with the exception of the Medical Program). These scholarships are available to Australian and international students. Visit the [Bond website](#) for more information, to download the 2018 scholarship brochure and to access the application tips. Scholarship applications for Year 12s must be lodged online using the Bond University application form. Applications close on 31 July 2017.

Interstate Design Scholarships at the University of Melbourne

[Interstate Design Scholarships](#), valued at \$5,000, are available to high-achieving domestic school leavers applying for the B Design from outside of Victoria. You will be automatically considered when you apply for the course through VTAC; no separate scholarship application is required.

St Andrew's Scholars Program

St Andrew's College is a co-residential academic community within the University of Sydney. [St Andrew's Scholars](#) are young men and women who thrive academically, are engaged in life and have the potential to make a significant contribution to the College and the wider community. Applications for the 2018 intake close on 4 August 2017.



Gap Year Program News

AFS Gap Program

The AFS Gap Program provides opportunities for young people to live for a few months or a whole year in another country where they can study a new language, attend a local school or participate in volunteer projects. Find out more [here](#).

Be a ski instructor in Canada, Japan, Switzerland or USA

Educating Adventures offers ski and snowboard instructor courses and internships. The internships may provide an opportunity to obtain paid employment at a ski resort and complete an internationally recognised ski or snowboard instructing qualification. See the [website](#) for more information.

International Student Volunteers (ISV)

ISV offers a range of volunteer travel programs for students wishing to volunteer abroad. You can volunteer to work with children or animals, communities or endangered habitats. For more information, visit the [ISV website](#).

Try a different Schoolies – have an overseas adventure

Antipodean Abroad's Schoolies Unearthed Program is an alcohol-free, 10-day journey overseas that combines community service projects with adventurous exploration and activities. The program provides school leavers an opportunity to immerse themselves in a new environment and culture. Destinations include Borneo, Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand. For more information, visit the [Antipodean website](#).

Indigenous

Indigenous scholarships at Bond University

These scholarships, valued up to 50% of tuition fees for any single undergraduate degree (excluding the Medical Program) or 100% tuition for any diploma program, are awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who have demonstrated extracurricular involvement, leadership potential, academic achievements and connection to their Indigenous heritage. Further information can be found on the [Bond website](#). Applications for 2018 scholarships will open on 1 April and close on 31 July 2017.

Occupational Information



Chemistry careers

The [Royal Australian Chemical Institute website](#) has a section on Career planning which contains profiles of people who use chemistry in their careers. The profiles include an inorganic chemist who is also a violinist, a lecturer in medicinal chemistry who was once in the Navy and a chemist who is also an aviator.

Do you have a passion for finding things? Consider Archaeology

Archaeologists study past human societies by findings things such as cultural artefacts, food remains, skeletal remains, etc. They do this by talking to people, studying maps, making field surveys and by carrying out excavations. They are also involved in cleaning, restoring, recording and displaying the material they find. To become an archaeologist, you need to complete a university bachelor degree or higher qualification. The following Queensland universities offer courses in Archaeology.

- James Cook University: [B Arts in Archaeology](#)
- University of Queensland: [B Science \(major in Archaeological Science\)](#); [B Arts \(major in Archaeology\)](#)
- University of Southern Queensland: [B Arts \(majors in Archaeology and Anthropology and in Archaeology\)](#)

This occupation is small (10,100 in 2015 in Australia) and the job openings are below average according to the [myfuture website](#). You can check out the personal requirements for Archaeologists on this free site (Sign in if it is your first visit. Go to Occupations and search for Archaeologist). The following Archaeologist case studies will give you a broader understanding of the job:

- Erin McGowan is an Archaeologist. Erin saw Raiders of the Lost Ark when she was six and started digging up her backyard. Read the rest of her story on the [Ace Day Jobs website](#).
- Sarah Parcak is a Space Archaeologist. She uses satellite technology to find hidden archaeological sites. She has created an online citizen science satellite archaeology platform, called [Globalxplorer \(GX\)](#), to allow anyone in the world to help in the search for looted sites and previously unknown ones. Read about Sarah and listen to her TEDX talk [here](#). Check out GX and help in the search.

Pathways to medical specialisations and other health career resources

The [My Health Career website](#) has infographics and other information on pathways to ten different medical specialisations. The 'Videos' section of the website has interviews with practitioners involved in dentistry, dietetics, medicine, nursing, optometry, occupational therapy, pharmacy, psychology, physiotherapy and podiatry. Explore more of the resources on this website and subscribe to a regular health careers newsletter.

Queensland Police Recruiting seminars

If you are interested in exploring the career opportunities within the Queensland Police Service, you can attend a seminar. Visit the [Queensland Police Recruiting website](#) for upcoming seminars.

Weird jobs you probably didn't know exist

An article on the [Business Insider website](#) lists 17 pretty weird jobs that are actually real. The jobs include Odour Judge (would you do this?), Snake Milker, Professional Bridesmaid, Iceberg Mover, Panda Nanny, Face Feeler (what do you think they do?), Professional TV Watcher and Dog Food Taster. It just goes to show that where there is a need, there is a potential job!



Academy of Design – every day is an open day

The [Academy of Design](#) is a private college located on the Gold Coast. It offers accredited certificate and diploma courses in fashion design, photography, film and TV, graphic design, makeup, massage, beauty and interior design. The Academy invites potential students to drop in and see their recruitment staff at any time.

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) Information Session

This college offers accredited courses in counselling, psychology, case management, social work, youth work, social sciences and coaching. The College will hold an information session 26 April 2017. Visit the [ACAP website](#) to register your attendance at the session.

Overseas Studies

Exploring college options in the USA and SAT through Khan Academy

The Khan Academy [‘Exploring college options’ web page](#) provides a helpful process for exploring tertiary courses in the USA. The Khan Academy website also has a free [SAT preparation module](#).



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Updates from QTAC

How did the 2017 Year 12s go in the QTAC offer rounds? – The following figures show the outcome for last year's Year 12s:

- 22,201 Year 12 students applied to QTAC for entry in Semester one 2017
- 22,289 were OP eligible and 3,912 were OP ineligible
- 97.8% of the OP eligible applicants and 93.1% of the OP ineligible applicants were made an offer.

This is good news for Year 12 students.

What were the most popular fields of study for the 2017 Year 12s? – The following are the top seven fields of study last year's Year 12 students applied for. They are listed in priority order.

- Health
- Society and Culture
- Management and commerce
- Natural and physical sciences
- Creative arts
- Education
- Engineering

Changes to requirements for teacher training degrees – Currently the prerequisites for entry to a teaching degree are:

- At least Sound Achievement in Authority English
- At least Sound Achievement in Mathematics (Mathematics A and/or B and /or C)
- Students entering undergraduate primary (including early childhood and middle years) programs also require a Sound Achievement in an Authority Science subject.

In addition to these requirements, applicants applying for teaching courses commencing in 2018 will be required to submit to QTAC a 1000-word statement addressing their personal competencies. This will be assessed by QTAC as satisfactory or not satisfactory. Applicants applying for more than one teaching degree need only submit one statement. More information about this new requirement will be available shortly.



Free app to help you manage the stress of Years 11 and 12

Senior studies can be stressful, especially around exam time and assignment due dates (which seem to coincide!). Having stress management strategies to call on when needed is essential, not just for this year but also for your future success and happiness in studies and living. The Smiling Mind app is a tool that could get you started on learning useful strategies. This app is free for use online or as a smartphone app. It is a modern meditation program that guides the user through a series of exercises. Visit the [Smiling Mind website](#) for more information.

Why smart people don't multitask

When you're doing homework, do you focus on one task at a time, or do you interact with your electronic devices at the same time? A recent article in [The Huntington Post](#) cites Stanford University research that found that multitaskers can't pay attention, recall information, or switch from one job to another as well as those who complete one task at a time. Other research suggests that multitasking may have a negative effect on our IQ when we're doing cognitive tasks (e.g. homework and exam revision). Read the article for more information about the negative impact of multitasking.

Youth Enrichment Activities

2017 Chrysalis International Young Leaders Conference

The [Chrysalis International Young Leaders Conference](#) will be held Sunday 22 July – Saturday 30 July 2017 in Brisbane. It will be available to Year 9 - 12 students from around the world to come together for a fun and stimulating one-week program of leadership education, extra-curricular and recreational activities. Applications are now open.

The Australian Youth Aerospace Forum (AYAF) for those who love flying

[AYAF](#) is an annual five-day conference for students in Years 11 and 12 who are interested in investigating careers and pathways in the aerospace industry (e.g. Aerospace engineering, Aerospace trades, Military aerospace and Pilot Training). In 2017 the AYAF will be run from 3 – 7 July (school holidays) in Brisbane. Early bird applications are now open and will close on Friday 21 April 2017. Standard applications open on Saturday 22 April and close on Friday 26 May 2017.