



# **Options Career Information Bulletin**

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### **Free app for apprenticeships and traineeships**

[AusAppPathways](#) is a free app that helps students and jobseekers explore Australian Apprenticeships career pathway ideas on their smartphone or tablet. Users can access:

- General industry options as well as specific apprenticeships and traineeships
- Links to job hunting and career research sites
- Contacts for local Apprenticeship Network providers and Group Training Originations.

AusAppPathways is available for both Apple and Android devices. A 'Guide to Using AusAppPathways' can be found on the [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website](#).

### **Industry information and aptitude quizzes**

[Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#) Information Service has a webpage for [Industry Information](#) and quizzes in a range of careers. Each industry area has an overview, industry information, employment/wage data, key occupations and career pathways. Some of the industries included are:

- Arts, Culture and Performance
- Automotive and Boating
- Building and Construction
- Business, Clerical and Financial Services
- Electrical, Electronics and Utilities
- Food and Wine Processing
- Gardening, Farming, Animals and Environment
- Government, Schools, Public Safety and Corrections
- Health, Care and Community Services
- Hospitality, Travel and Tourism
- Information Technology and Telecommunications
- Manufacturing and Production
- Metal and Engineering
- Property Maintenance and Management
- Resource Mining and Processing
- Retail, Sales Marketing and Customer Service
- Sport, Recreation, Hair, Beauty and Services
- Transport, Logistics and Warehousing

The quizzes give you an idea about the aptitudes needed for the jobs in the industries listed.

## **Job Pathways Charts**

The [Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#) Information Service has developed a webpage that contains information regarding [Job Pathway Charts](#). These charts show the potential training pathways within specific industries which start with an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Some of the Job Pathway Charts included are:

- Aeroskills MEA
- Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management AHC
- Animal Care and Management ACM
- Australian Meat Processing AMP
- Automotive Manufacturing AUM
- Automotive Retail, Service and Repair AUR
- Aviation AVI
- Business Services BSB
- Chemical, Hydrocarbons and Refining PMA
- Community Services CHC
- Construction, Plumbing and Services CPC
- Correctional Services CSC
- Creative Arts and Culture CUA
- Electricity Supply Industry – Generation Sector EUP
- Electrotechnology UEE

A full list of [Job Pathway Charts](#) can be found on the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website.

# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming [Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions](#) by visiting the Defence Jobs website.

View the specific events information link for more details including: location, times and to book your tickets.

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

21/02/2018	<a href="#">Brisbane Army Officer Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
27/02/2018	<a href="#">Gold Coast Army Officer Information Session</a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
01/03/2018	<a href="#">Cairns Parents &amp; Teachers Defence Careers Night</a> <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
02/03/2018	<a href="#">Cairns Elders &amp; Community Breakfast</a> <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
05/03/2018	<a href="#">Bowen Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Bowen, QLD</i>
06/03/2018	<a href="#">Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/03/2018	<a href="#">Cairns ADF Gap Year Information Session</a> <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
07/03/2018	<a href="#">Brisbane Commando Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
07/03/2018	<a href="#">Gold Coast Army Reserve Information Session</a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
07/03/2018	<a href="#">Mackay ADF Gap Year Information Session</a> <i>Mackay, QLD</i>
07/03/2018	<a href="#">Townsville Women in Defence Information Session</a> <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
08/03/2018	<a href="#">Gold Coast Commando Information Session</a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
12/03/2018	<a href="#">Lismore Army Reserve Information Session</a> <i>Lismore, QLD</i>
13/03/2018	<a href="#">Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session</a>

	<i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
14/03/2018	<a href="#">Mount Isa Trades Careers Information Session</a> <i>Mount Isa, QLD</i>
15/03/2018	<a href="#">Gold Coast Gap Year Information Session</a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
19/03/2018	<a href="#">Australia Defence Force Academy Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

### **Join the Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC)**

The [Australian Air Force Cadets \(AAFC\)](#) is a youth oriented organisation that is administered and actively supported by the Royal Australian Air Force. Any young Australian who is between the ages of 13 and 18 years and is physically fit enough to participate in the activities is welcome to join the AAFC. Through this organisation you will gain important life skills in leadership, self-reliance, self-confidence, self-discipline, self-respect, good communication, teamwork and citizenship. Some activities undertaken by the AAFC include flying, fieldcraft, adventure training, firearms safety training, drill and ceremonial, service knowledge, aeromodelling, navigation and gliding. You will also have an opportunity to experience life in the Air Force. For more information, visit the [AAFC website](#) where you can access information regarding:

- [Who We Are](#)
- [What We Do](#)
- [How to Join](#)
- [Our Units](#)
- [Our Supporters](#)
- [News](#)

### **Year 11 and 12 students wanting to apply to the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)**

If you are in Year 11 and considering applying for a place at [ADFA](#), you are encouraged to commence your application when you are 16 years of age. To start your application, call 131901 or apply online on the [Defence Jobs website](#) (click 'Apply now' on the top right-hand corner of the home page). It is not too late for Year 12 students to apply but you need to start your application as soon as possible.





## **Careers with STEM**

The [CareersWithSTEM](#) website is one of Australia's free student STEM Career Guides for students, parents and teachers. According to the [About section on the CareersWithSTEM website](#), 75% of future jobs will require STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) skills. Yet just 16% of high-school graduates are enrolling in STEM degrees in Australia. In 10 years' time, how will rapid technological change affect our future career choices? To help discover the answer to this question, access the [CareersWithSTEM](#) website which provides access to a range of information regarding:

- [Get Inspired](#)
- [People](#)
- [STEM Magazines](#)
- [Fun Stuff](#)
- [Degree Finder](#)
- [Classrooms](#)

You can also [stay connected by signing up](#) to the STEM Newsletter, to get instant information on future careers, resources, stories and events straight to your email inbox.

## **SkillsRoad Career Quiz – Helps you choose a job that's right for you!**

Knowing who you are and what you are good at are important in career exploration and decision making. The information can help you identify potential jobs and career pathways. [SkillsRoad Career Quiz](#), helps you choose a job that's right for you as it connects WHO you are with WHAT you are naturally good at. The quiz will help you to uncover your strengths and talents, so you can make more informed choices. The quiz takes approximately 15minutes and will help you to understand:

- Your personal style and the type of person you are
- What influences your behaviour
- Things you are naturally good at
- Jobs you will likely be attracted to
- Special qualities and values you will bring to a job

## **The best way to find out about a job is to try it**

The best way to explore a job you are interested in is to try it. This sounds obvious, doesn't it? However, it is often the last thing people think of when exploring jobs and making career decisions. The following are ways you can try a job.

- Work observation/shadowing - spend one or two days with someone already in the job
- Work experience – spend up to a week working in the job
- Volunteering – volunteer your services to an organisation that has jobs you are interested in
- Part-time paid work – explore the possibility of part-time or casual work in your preferred career area
- Join an activity group where you can try out some of the skills you will need in the job you like e.g. join the Air Force Cadets or the St John Ambulance Cadets
- Participating in various programs associated with specific career areas e.g. Engineering Link projects

The benefits of trying a job are:

- Learning about what the job involves
- Having a structured, supervised, hands-on experience
- Experiencing a work environment – the world of work isn't like school!
- Gaining a new referee to add to your resume
- Developing contacts that may help you gain employment in the future.

Your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or VET Coordinator can help you organise work experience. Read '[Tips for finding work experience](#)' on the [myfuture website](#) for other ways of finding work experience.

**Find Work Experience with the Queensland Government** - you can find information about work experience opportunities online through websites like:

- [jobactive](#) - the Australian Government's employment service
- [Australia.gov.au](#) -for cadetships, scholarships and work experience opportunities
- [Myfuture](#) -offers work experience links
- [Queensland Government](#) – information regarding work experience, finding opportunities, benefits

Do your own online search and see what work experience opportunities may be offered in your local area.

Graduates can also look for opportunities to work within the Queensland Government through the [Queensland Government Graduate Portal](#).

### **Tips to help you build a successful creative career**

Want a creative career and not sure where to start? Sick of all the doubters shooting your ideas down? Then these tips are for you. They come from a Career Insights article on the [myfuture website](#). The following is a summary of the tips.

- **Where are you heading?** – have some idea of your career direction (you don't have to know the destination yet). Think of what you love doing and train, practice, learn and rehearse
- **Inspiration** – research people who have made it in the creative industries. Read their blogs and follow them on Instagram. Take every opportunity to talk to people who make a living from their creative talents
- **Information** - find out more from industry associations. You'll find links to professional associations on most of the [myfuture occupation](#) pages e.g. professional associations for Set Designer include the [Media, Entertainment and Arts Alliance](#) and the [Design Institute of Australia](#)
- **What's in demand?** - look for areas of demand, or that might be growing. Look for the trends and then advance them

- **You've gotta eat!** - be prepared to work more than one job. Creative careers often take a while to become established. Find something that you're happy to do to support yourself, while having enough time and mental space to invest in your art
- **Internships and volunteering** - this is about getting experience, building your reputation and getting to know people in the industry
- **Get some business skills** – you'll need them! Learn the basics of business management so you can make some money from what you do
- **Hear from people who are working as creatives** – find out how they first started. Learn from them
- **Unconventional and unafraid** - marketing and business skills are essential. You need to be savvy and be wired to the best way to sell your skills
- **Be the one** – be the one who succeeds in a creative career. Make sure it is you!
- **Last words: be real** – be authentic. Being yourself in your art is the greatest thing you can give to the world

If you found these tips helpful, have a look at [Jonathan Yvonne's Twitter account](#) (scroll down to '31 ways to stay creative' tweeted on 28/06/2017). Also, read the advice given by JMC Academy lecturer, Nigel Tucker, in [How to break into the arts and entertainment industries](#).

### **Work experience with CSIRO scientists**

If you are interested in a science career, consider applying for a work experience placement with the CSIRO. [CSIRO](#) offers students in Years 10 to 12 the chance to gain first-hand experience of research in a scientific environment. Applications for 2018 will open on 5 March 2018. Visit the [CSIRO Work Experience](#) website for more information regarding:

- How to apply
- Conditions of participation
- Frequently asked questions

#### **Upcoming Events:**

05/03/2018 to 30/03/2018     [CSIRO – Work Experience Applications Open](#)  
*Online*

# Competitions

## Upcoming Competitions

Below are a range of upcoming competitions. Please visit the competition website for information regarding eligibility requirements, registration dates/information, costs and any other relevant information.

- **2018 UQ/QAMT Problem Solving Competition - Problem Solving Competition**

This is a mathematics competition which is held close to Pi Day each year. Students sit for the competition at their school on 9 March or at the University of Queensland (UQ) St Lucia campus on 10 March 2018. Entry fee is \$5 and there are plenty of prizes for the winners! Find out more on the [UQ website](#). Interested students should talk to their Maths teacher as registrations are through schools.

- **Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize**

Entries are now open for this competition which is administered by the University of Southern Queensland. The competition is open to Australian citizens and permanent residents. You can submit up to five poems for consideration. Entries close on 1 June 2018. Find out more on the [Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize webpage](#).

- **Get Writing! competition**

If you are an Australian student in Years 7 – 12 who loves writing, the University of Southern Queensland's (USQ) 'Get Writing!' competition is for you. Entries are now open and will close on Tuesday 15 June 2018. Submit original poetry or a short story for a chance to win. Visit the [USQ website](#) for details. You might also be interested in brushing up your skills at the [Writing Workshop](#) to be held in March 2018.

- **Register now for the 2018 Australian Brain Bee Challenge**

This Challenge, which is open to Year 10 students, is a neuroscience competition in which participants learn about the brain through provided resources and then complete an online quiz. A teacher will need to register your school to enter the challenge. See the [Australian Neuroscience Society website](#) for information about the challenge.

- **The 2018 Hermitage Plant Science Competition**

This competition is open to students (P – 12) with an interest in science and agriculture. This year's topic is 'Game of Drones'. Visit the [website](#) for competition details. A teacher is required to register interest in this competition.

**Upcoming Events:**

22/01/2018 to 29/06/2018	<a href="#"><u>2018 Hermitage Plant Science Competition</u></a> <i>Online</i>
19/02/2018 to 01/06/2018	<a href="#"><u>USQ - Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize</u></a> <i>Online</i>
19/02/2018 to 15/06/2018	<a href="#"><u>USQ - Get Writing Competition</u></a> <i>Online</i>
09/03/2018	<a href="#"><u>UQ/QAMT Problem Solving Competition</u></a> <i>Various</i>
10/03/2018	<a href="#"><u>UQ/QAMT Problem Solving Competition</u></a> <i>St Lucia, QLD</i>
12/03/2018 to 16/03/2018	<a href="#"><u>Australian Brain Bee Challenge – Round 1</u></a> <i>Online</i>

# Employment

## **12 industries to watch for future jobs**

The Careers FAQs team analysed reports from internationally known experts to come up with 12 industries they believe are going to be the next 'big thing'. They list and back up their selection in [Jobs of the Future: The 12 Industries to Watch](#). The industries are:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) - AI technology has improved in leaps and bounds over the last few years, and is expected to evolve even more rapidly in 2017 and beyond.
- Drones - The drone industry is set to boom by 6,000% by the end of the decade.
- Virtual reality – See the Facebook demonstration of augmented social reality in the article.
- Wearables technology - Estimated to be worth \$14 billion at present, the wearables industry is expected to grow to a staggering \$34 billion by 2020.
- Mobile payments – Mobile payments are set to increase in the future.
- Cryptocurrencies - Just like the internet revolutionised the way we communicate (making it possible to speak to anyone in the world, anywhere, anytime), cryptocurrencies allow us to transfer money instantly to anyone in the world, anywhere, anytime.
- Genomics – The branch of molecular biology concerned with the structure, function, evolution and mapping of genomes could be the next trillion-dollar industry of the future.
- Internet of Things (IoT) – Currently there are 8.4 billion devices connected to the internet. Last year the world's connected devices managed to outpace the world's population.
- Robotics - Robots are already manufacturing shoes for us, greeting patients at our hospitals, and even making pizzas for us.
- Connected Home - From roof tiles that store and convert solar power to smart ovens that recognise food (and automatically cooks it for you!), homes of the future will take convenience and efficiency to a whole new level.
- Driverless cars – In the future, expect to use a network of fully autonomous cars to get from A to B.
- 3D printers – From houses to organs, 3D printers will revolutionise many industries.

With these emerging technologies and industries, how can we plan for future jobs? Read [The 10 Skills You'll Need by 2020 \(and beyond\)](#).

## **A career path you may not know about:**

Electrical Engineering Draftspersons and Technicians assist in electrical engineering research, design, manufacture, assembly, construction, operation and maintenance of equipment, facilities and distribution systems.

### Related occupations include:

- Electrical Engineering Draftsperson
- Electrical Engineering Technician
- Electrical Engineering Technical Officer
- Electrical Engineering Laboratory Technician
- Electrical Instrument Technician
- Electrical Engineering Design Draftsperson

### Main tasks performed

- preparing drawings, plans and diagrams of electrical installations and circuitry
- assisting Electrical Engineers and Engineering Technologists in design and layout of electrical installations and circuitry on substations, switchgear, cabling systems and motor control systems
- collecting data, performing tests and complex calculations, graphing results, and preparing charts and tabulations
- estimating materials costs and quantities
- inspecting designs and finished products for compliance with specifications and regulations
- assembling, installing, testing, calibrating, modifying and repairing electrical equipment and installations to conform with regulations and safety requirements

Source: [myfuture](#)

### Global Recruiting Trends 2018

A recent [LinkedIn Blog: Global Recruiting Trends 2018](#) looked at how interview processes are changing along with the job market. More than ever, companies are on the hunt for employees with stellar soft skills, but they're struggling to find them. In fact, more than 60% of recruiters indicated that soft skills don't always come across during the interview process. The article collates feedback from recruiters and managers worldwide on how they are screening candidates. They provide the following highlights:

- **Traditional interviews still lead the way** – including phone screens, structured and panel interviews, as well as work assignments
- **New tools on the block** – to identify the best candidate for the job include: soft skill assessments, meeting in a more casual setting and leveraging virtual reality
- **The future of the interview** – expect to see more comprehensive, research-based interview tactics like job auditions, soft skill evaluations and virtual reality assessment

### So what's changing and how can you be prepared?

- **Prepare for behavioural interview questions:** Behavioural interview questions can be the toughest part of the interview and top the list for what hiring managers use to evaluate soft skills. Often, they're looking for skills such as teamwork, leadership, and time management.
- **Highlight the right skills:** It may not always be a real person doing the first scan of your interview, often technology systems take the first pass to make sure candidates have what the company is looking for. This means the content in your resume is important.
- **Talk to someone with the right insight.** There's nothing more valuable than a conversation with someone who has the insight you need to take the next step in your career.



## **Queensland Government Certificate 3 Guarantee**

You may wish to investigate if you are eligible for the [Queensland Government, Certificate 3 Guarantee](#) program. The Certificate 3 Guarantee supports eligible individuals to complete their first post-school Certificate III level qualification and increase their skills to move into employment, re-enter the workforce or advance their career. The program also supports school students to access training and Queensland's Year 12 graduates to transition to employment by providing fee-free training in high priority qualifications. For an overview of what the Certificate 3 Guarantee means for students, view the [Certificate 3 Guarantee student fact sheet](#).

## **Want to be a paramedic? Become a St John Ambulance cadet**

Young people between 11 and 18 years can apply to be a cadet. Activities include learning first aid, providing first aid services at public functions and competing in first aid competitions. For more information, visit the [St John Ambulance website](#).

## **What is surveying?**

Surveying is related to the broad areas of Spatial Science and Geospatial Science. If you are familiar with Google Earth and know what a GPS is, you already know about Spatial Science. Spatial means the relative place or location of something. Spatial Science helps us understand the relationship between the community and the environment to help predict trends and patterns. Visit the [Destination Spatial website](#) for more information on Spatial Science.

The main Surveying specialisations are Land, Mining, Engineering and Hydrographic. Land surveyors, like most surveyors, work in the office and in the field. In the field, they use the latest technology such as high order GPS, Robotic Total Stations (Theodolites) and aerial and terrestrial scanners to map an area, making computations and taking photos as evidence. In the office, surveyors use sophisticated software, such as Auto-cad to draft plans and map the onsite measurements. Surveyors work on a diverse variety of projects from land subdivision and mining exploration, to tunnel building and major construction, which means lots of variety. Visit the [Life Without Limits website](#) for more information about Surveyors.

In Queensland, the University of Southern Queensland (USQ) offers the following courses, on-campus or by distance education, at its Springfield and Toowoomba campuses:

- [Associate Degree of Spatial Science Major Surveying](#)
- [Bachelor of Spatial Science \(Honours\) Major Surveying](#)
- [Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology Major Surveying](#).

Other universities in Queensland may offer aspects of Spatial Science within their Engineering, Science and Environmental Science courses or within a Geography major.

## **What will the future automotive industry look like?**

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTAQ) is the peak body representing the interests of employers in the retail, service and repair sectors of Queensland's automotive industry. MTA Queensland



recently published a You Tube video [New World Automotive](#) (on 8 February 2018), to inspire a new workforce into the automotive industry by showcasing innovation and technology connection to the future automotive sector and the new job opportunities that brings, which are very different from the past.

The [MTA Institute](#) is the largest private provider of automotive apprenticeships and training in Queensland. They offer a full suite of nationally accredited automotive apprenticeships and traineeships in the fields of Light Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, Motorcycle, Mobile Plant, Automotive Body Repair, Refinishing and more. The MTA Institute webpage provides further information on:

- [Apprenticeships](#)
- [Traineeships](#)
- [Automotive Licensing](#)
- [Skills recognition](#)
- [Pre-apprenticeships](#)
- [Short Courses](#)

For more information regarding MTAQ visit the [MTAQ Website](#) or visit their [Facebook Page](#).

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## **Applications opening soon for the Tuckwell Scholarship**

If you are awarded a Tuckwell Scholarship you will receive \$21,700 per year (2017 rate) for the length of your undergraduate degree studies at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra. In addition, you will be in a group of motivated young people who want to use their abilities to make a difference in the world. The scholarship is unique in that it allows you to study a single or double undergraduate program, including honours and vertical degrees (degrees that combine undergraduate and graduate study, across a range of disciplines, completed in a reduced time-frame) in any discipline offered at ANU for up to five years. Find out about the study options available on the [ANU website](#).

The application consists of a three-stage process.

- Stage 1 – Initial Application: applicants submit a written online application and nominate a teacher to provide a reference. Applications for Stage 1 open on 5 March and close on 22 March 2018.
- Stage 2 – If your Stage 1 application is shortlisted you will be sent a link to the Stage 2 application form which you will be able to complete online.
- Stage 3 – 75 applicants from Stage 2 are selected for individual and group interviews to be held in Canberra in July 2018.

The selection panel is looking for bright students, but not necessarily those with OP1. They will be looking at applicant attributes, interests and achievements as well. Visit the [scholarship site](#) for information about the selection criteria and the application.

### **Upcoming Events:**

05/03/2018

[ANU - Tuckwell Scholarship Open](#)  
*Online*



## Gap Year Program News

### **10 Reasons to Take a Gap Year**

[Letz Live](#) has provided the following 10 reasons for taking a gap year.

1. Take a break from academic stresses and pressures
2. Gain insight and clarity into your preferred field of study by gaining life experience. Many universities have reported that gap year students achieve better results and are more committed
3. Go on an adventure while you are young. When else in your life will you be free of work, study, a mortgage, a family and all that other adult seriousness?
4. Gain independence by living in another country
5. Learn what's important through gaining perspective by living and breathing the realities of another culture in another part of the world
6. Collect stories and experiences that can last forever
7. Give yourself time to ponder life without the constraints and distractions of home
8. Gain broader, more worldly knowledge
9. Make new friends from all over the world
10. Have fun. You'll explore the world, you'll meet awesome people, you'll collect unbelievable stories and, most of all, you'll have fun

### **Gap Year Program information events and due dates**

- Applications for the [Australian Defence Gap Year](#) will open in March. This is a very popular program. Don't miss out. Apply early
- [Camp America](#) organises summer (May, June, July) camp jobs in the USA for students from around the world. At camp, participants work directly with American children; by instructing or assisting them in activities. There are different [types of camps](#) and [types of roles](#) available. The visa required for the program includes 30 days of travel time in the USA before and after the camp. Visit the [Camp America website](#) for more information..
- [GVI International](#) offers you a chance to speak to their team if you are interested in joining a GVI project but are unsure of what to expect. They offer [Meet Ups, Open Days and Events](#). Visit their website for more information.
- Applications for the [2019 Letz Live/Tutors Worldwide UK gap program](#) will close on 9 April 2018. Visit the [Letz Live website](#) for details.
- Projects Abroad will hold a [High School Projects Webinar](#) on Monday 19 March 2018. Visit the site to register.
- [Southern Cross Cultural Exchange](#) will hold a number of [information sessions](#) in March 2018. Visit their website to register your interest in attending.
- [Youth for Understanding \(YFU\)](#) will have a number of [Webinars](#) on their website to assist you to understand options for Studying Abroad.

### **Upcoming Events:**

01/03/2018	<a href="#">ADF Gap Year Applications Open</a> <i>Online</i>
06/03/2018	<a href="#">Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
20/03/2018	<a href="#">Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions</a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
27/03/2018	<a href="#">Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
09/04/2018	<a href="#">LetzLive UK Gap Year Program Applications Close</a> <i>Online</i>

### **Gap years – Make them Meaningful with a Purpose**

Recent [research](#) from Canada suggests that taking a year off after Year 12 does not necessarily assist students who are unsure of their career path. Without a plan, a year out of formal education can be characterised by few ambitions or aspirations about how this time is spent. Alternatively, a formal gap year is known to offer many significant benefits. A formal gap year involves students in structured activities such as paid-work, volunteering and other forms of self-development related to possible future career options. This type of gap year enables students to try out a range of activities that can assist them in their career decision making. According to the research, students who have a purposeful gap year are less likely to drop out of further study pathways.

### **High School Volunteer Projects**

Projects Abroad have recently announced their High School Projects for Summer 2018/19. These projects are designed for Year 10 and 11 students and consist of two-week group trips to locations in Cambodia, Nepal, Fiji, Samoa, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The projects mix volunteer work with cultural activities. Visit the [website](#) to find out more.

### **How does a gap year help your career?**

An article on the [Go Overseas website](#) suggests that a purposeful and structured gap year can help your career in the following ways:

- A gap year is a chance to really discover yourself away from the crowd and noise. Self-awareness is an important skill for career decision making.
- When selecting a gap year, people tend to follow their hearts, finding opportunities that naturally correspond with their interests, passions, or hobbies. This provides an opportunity to check out potential careers.
- Some gappers take this opportunity as a chance to discover, rather than explore, what it is that they're passionate about.
- A gap year helps develop new skills e.g. confidence, self-sufficiency, flexibility, leadership, humility, the ability to think outside of the box, team work and the ability to learn how to deal with others from vastly different cultures and world views.

## **Lions Australia Youth Exchange Program**

This program provides an opportunity to travel to an international destination for up to six weeks. While overseas, you live with one or more families associated with Lions International to experience first-hand a new culture, lifestyle and customs. Unlike some exchange programs, the [Lions Youth Exchange Program](#) does not involve tourism, academic studies or employment. The aim of the program is to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. Visit their website for more information.

# Holiday Programs & Short Courses

## **Holiday courses at the Australian Institute of Creative Design (AICD)**

AICD has campuses on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane. It offers Certificate and Diploma courses in Art and Design, Beauty Therapy, Fashion Business, Fashion Design, Fashion Styling, Interior Design, Make-up and Photography. Courses can be studied full-time, part-time and by distance education. AICD also offers short courses. The following are some of the short courses AICD will be offering during the coming school holidays:

- Styling
- Photography
- Fashion Design
- Art and Design
- Make-Up
- Beauty Therapy
- Interior Design
- Beauty Therapy
- Art and Design

For more information, visit the [AICD website](#) and click on 'Holiday Courses'.



### **AMA Indigenous Peoples' Medical Scholarship**

If you are an Indigenous student interested in studying medicine, you need to be aware of this [Australian Medical Association \(AMA\) scholarship](#). You can't be awarded the scholarship until your second year of medical studies. In 2018 the scholarship is valued at \$10,000 per year. Applications are usually due in January each year.

### **CSIRO – Opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have extraordinary contributions to make to Australia in every aspect of life including culture, economy and science. We're committed to encouraging more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to work with us, in both our science and support areas. Visit their [website](#) to access information regarding:

- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Postgraduate Scholarships](#)
- [Indigenous Careers](#)
- [Indigenous traineeships and cadetships](#)

### **Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program**

The [Elite Indigenous Travel and Accommodation Assistance Program \(EITAAP\)](#) is an initiative that is jointly managed by the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). Funding is for athletes, coaches, managers or officials to assist with out-of-pocket travel and accommodation expenses when attending eligible national championships or international competitions. This program offers Indigenous sports people in state/territory teams funding to attend national and international championships. The ASC is not currently in a position to process new funding applications however you can direct any enquiries to Phone: (02) 6214 1461 or [eitaap@ausport.gov.au](mailto:eitaap@ausport.gov.au)

### **InspireU Programs**

The [InspireU programs](#) at the University of Queensland are for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The program involves a series of residential camps themed around the professional disciplines of engineering, science, law, business and health sciences. Program participants attend on-campus residential camps, take part in interactive workshops and lectures, workplace/industry visits and receive guidance from UQ and industry experts about study and career opportunities. [InspireU](#) is delivered in collaboration with community and industry partners, and UQ faculties and schools.

**Upcoming Events:**

01/07/2018 to 06/07/2018	<a href="#">InspireU Health Sciences</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
01/07/2018 to 06/07/2018	<a href="#">InspireU Business</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
08/07/2018 to 13/07/2018	<a href="#">InspireU Education</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
23/09/2018 to 29/09/2018	<a href="#">InspireULaw</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

**The Aspiration Initiative Academic program**

The Aspiration Initiative Academic enrichment program is an innovative education program designed to enhance academic achievement for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students. The aim of the program is for all students to successfully complete high school and be eligible for direct entry to university (on their own merit). The [website](#) has information about academic enrichment programs and Indigenous scholarships.



# Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



## **2018 Tertiary Studies Expo**

[Tertiary Studies Expo \(TSXPO\)](#), Australia's largest tertiary studies expo, will feature many local, interstate and overseas education providers, student services and support agencies in the one location.

### **Upcoming Events:**

21/07/2018 to 22/07/2018      [TSXPO \(Tertiary Studies Expo\)](#)  
*Brisbane, QLD*

## **Careers and Employment Expos**

### **Upcoming Events:**

02/05/2018 to 03/05/2018      [Gold Coast Careers Festival](#)  
*Gold Coast, QLD*

11/05/2018 to 12/05/2018      [Careers and Employment Expo Brisbane](#)  
*Brisbane, QLD*

24/05/2018                      [Cairns Career and Employment Expo](#)  
*Cairns, QLD*

21/07/2018 to 22/07/2018      [QLD Work Skills and Career Expo](#)  
*Brisbane, QLD*

24/07/2018                      [Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo](#)  
*Sunshine Coast, QLD*

06/08/2018                      [Townsville Careers Expo](#)  
*Townsville, QLD*

## **New York Film Academy (NYFA), Gold Coast Open Day**

NYFA offers Diploma's in Film Making, Acting for Film and Screenwriting. RSVP on the [NYFA website](#).

### **Upcoming Events:**

10/03/2018                      [New York Film Academy Open Day](#)  
*Gold Coast, QLD*

# Private Provider Updates

## **Interested in theatre production and/or performing? Check out the College of Theatre Practice**

The Brisbane Art Theatre's [College of Theatre Practice](#), located on Petrie Terrace, Brisbane, offers Certificates III and IV in Performing Arts and in Live Production and Technical Services. Acting workshops are also available for adults and youth. The Performing Arts course can be studied full-time over one year or part-time over two years. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

## **Massage courses at Evolve College**

Evolve offers a Certificate IV in Massage Therapy and a Diploma of Remedial Massage at its Queensland campuses in Brisbane and Townsville. These courses are provided on a flexible basis and students can choose to study part-time, full-time or by correspondence. Evolve also offers weekend introductory courses. Learn more about the college and its courses on the [website](#).

## **NIDA short courses in acting and directing coming to Brisbane**

The [National Institute of Dramatic Art \(NIDA\)](#) is bringing a range of short courses to Brisbane in April 2018. There are courses for adults, primary, junior and senior students. Classes start on 9 April 2018 and will be held at the Queensland Academies Creative Industries located at Kelvin Grove. The courses for Year 11 and 12 students are:

- [NIDA Actor's Project](#) – this course will explore the core concepts of NIDA actor training
- [Voice and Movement Masterclass](#) – this course draws on actor training techniques to explore relationships between voice and physicality
- [Acting for Grades 11-12](#) – practice skill-based learning by industry experts across a range of performing arts disciplines

There is a 10% earlybird discount if you book four weeks before the course start date. Visit the [NIDA website](#) for details.

### **Upcoming Events:**

09/04/2018 to 13/04/2018	<a href="#">NIDA Actors Project – Grades 11-12</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
14/04/2018 to 15/04/2018	<a href="#">Voice and Movement Masterclass</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/05/2018 to 24/06/2018	<a href="#">Acting for Grades 11-12</a>

	<i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
29/07/2018 to 16/09/2018	<a href="#">Acting for Grades 11-12</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
21/10/2018 to 09/12/2018	<a href="#">Acting for Grades 11-12</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

### **Queensland School of Beauty Therapy (QSBT)**

The [Queensland School of Beauty Therapy](#) (QSBT) will offer a range of Certificate, Diploma and Short Courses in Beauty Therapy. [Internal Courses](#) include:

- Certificate III in Nail Technology
- Certificate III in Make Up
- Certificate III in Beauty Services
- Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy
- Diploma of Beauty Therapy

A number of their [short courses](#) are offered throughout the year. These courses include:

- Makeup
- Lash and Brow
- Waxing
- Nails
- Massage
- Facial Treatments
- Spa Therapies and Body Treatments
- Spray Tanning
- Electrolysis

For more information visit the [QSBT website](#).

### **Workshops at the Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT)**

[QSFT](#), located in Annerley, offers accredited Diploma and Certificate courses in screen and media. They also offer workshops on weekends and during the school holidays. QSFT is still in the process of finalising their 2018 schedule of events/workshops. Early bird discounts are often available. Keep an eye on their website for the latest information. You can access the application form [here](#).



### **Future Leaders Awards 2018**

The Future Leaders Awards recognise young Australians who have shown strong achievement, leadership and potential. The award categories are:

- [Helen Handbury Leadership Award](#) – This award recognises Year 12 students in rural and regional Australia who have shown outstanding community leadership.
- [Future Leaders Writing Prize](#) – This prize is designed to recognise and reward talented young writers. It aims to encourage expressive and creative writing. Australian Year 11 and 12 students are invited to submit a piece of writing (800 to 1,000 words). The essays can be fiction or non-fiction and on any topic.
- [Future Leaders Future Justice Award](#) – This award recognises Year 12 students who have shown leadership and initiative on intergenerational equity, future justice. Future justice is concerned with what those living today leave behind for future generations.
- [Future Leaders Photography Prize](#) – This prize is designed to recognize talented young photographers.
- [Future Leaders Jazz Award](#) – This award is designed to expose talented young musicians (18 to 30 years) to international jazz performers and networks.

The due date for all categories is 31 May 2018. See the [Future Leaders website](#) for details.

### **Opportunities from Brisbane City Council**

[Visible Ink](#) is a Brisbane City Council program with offer free space, equipment and staff support to young people aged 12-25. Visible Ink provides spaces to meet for organised activities, resources to help get your ideas off the ground and staff to support to provide you with help and information. Their aim is to assist young people to be enterprising, get visible and stay informed.

[genYOU Inspire 2018](#) - imagine if you received a toolbox, one which would not only help you secure the job you really want, but also be awesome at it! We're not just talking about technical knowledge (you probably have that already), but the additional traits, attitudes and skills which will help you to stand out of the crowd. That skills toolbox is generationYOU. Proudly supported by Brisbane City Council, genYOU Inspire is a series of short events that bring together local legends with a single goal – to help Brisbane's young people unleash their potential at work and in life!

**Know someone who's 17-25 and looking to boost their job prospects?** The Brisbane City Council has a Youth Employability Program that is hosting an event on how to create a CV and cover letter for maximum impact. The next session is being held on 1 March 2018, from 5.30pm to 7.45pm. Visit the [generationYOU website](#) to book your place and review the FAQ's for the event.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 01/03/2018 [How to create a CV and Cover Letter for maximum impact](#)  
*Brisbane, QLD*
- 11/04/2018 [Learn how to network like a pro](#)  
*Brisbane, QLD*
- 06/06/2018 [Enterprise skills: what they are and why you need them](#)  
*Brisbane, QLD*
- 07/08/2018 [Building an outstanding personal brand](#)  
*Brisbane, QLD*
- 10/10/2018 [How to ensure your career is on the right track](#)  
*Brisbane, QLD*



## **Certificates, Diplomas and Bachelor Degrees – How are they different?**

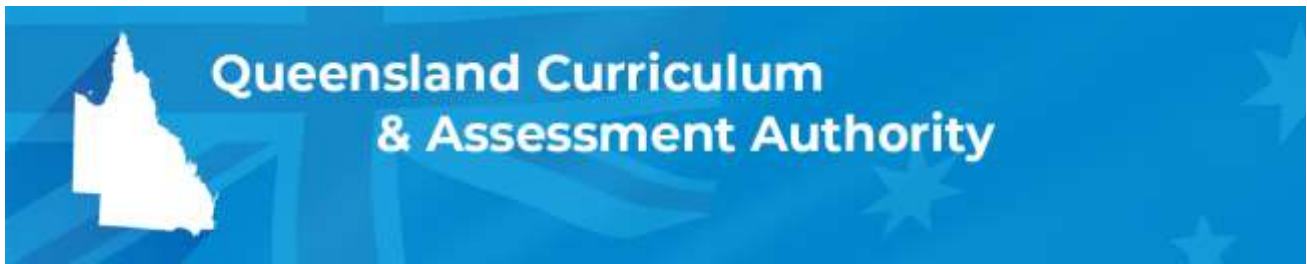
In Australia, we have a national system of qualifications called the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). At the end of Year 12, you can apply for the following qualifications from the Framework. These qualifications can differ in length, content and competitiveness as shown below.

- **Bachelor Degree:** Usually 3-5 years full-time (or part-time equivalent); theoretical; entry is usually competitive.
- **Associate degree/Advanced diploma:** Usually 2 years full-time (or part-time equivalent); combination of theory and practice; range from not competitive to very competitive depending on the topic.
- **Diploma:** Can be 1-2 years full-time (or part-time equivalent); tend to be practical with some theory; range from not competitive to very competitive depending on the topic.
- **Certificates I, II, III, IV:** 1 month - 1 year full-time; usually very practical; usually not competitive.

The different levels of qualifications on the AQF are a bit like a ladder. You can use one level to help you gain entry to a higher level of study in the future depending on your results and the rules of the institution you want to gain entry to. To decide on the best level of qualification for you, consider:

- The study/training requirements of the job you want
- Your past study results
- Whether you are a hands-on (practical) or theory person
- The cost of the course
- The length of time you are prepared to study.

Visit the [AQF website](#) for more information about these qualifications.



### **Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) Achievement Awards**

On Saturday 17 February 2018, the QCE Achievement Award winners were announced. This award is for Queensland's top performing Year 12 students in seven categories:

- Outstanding Academic Achiever
- Distinguished Academic Achievers
- Highest Achievement by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Student
- Highest Achievement by an International Student
- Highest Result on the Queensland Core Skills Test
- Highest Achievement in the International Baccalaureate

Visit the [Queensland Curriculum and Assessment website](#) for information about the award and the selection criteria used.

### **Senior External Examination registrations open for 2018**

Year 12 students are eligible to sit a maximum of two [Senior External Examinations](#) if they can't study the Authority subjects offered in Queensland because the subject is not taught at their school or there is a timetable clash. The external examination subjects available are Accounting, Ancient history, Arabic, Biology, Chemistry, Chinese, English, Korean, Legal Studies, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Modern Greek, Modern History, Philosophy and Reason, Physics, Polish, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese, Visual Art. The examinations are held in October and November.

You will need the permission of your school to sit for these exams. Your school will register you for the exams with Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA). Registrations close on 30 April 2018. Read the information on the [QCAA website](#) and see your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer for more information.





# Study Skills

## Concentration – how to improve it

Concentration is the ability to focus and control your attention. Some people seem to be born with it, the rest of us have to learn how to do it. The good news is that anyone can improve his/her ability to concentrate. The following are strategies to help you get there.

- Make sure you get plenty of sleep. It is difficult to concentrate when you are tired. Regular exercise and healthy eating are also important
- Set realistic and specific study goals for yourself (e.g. I will go up one grade in English next exam)
- Develop regular habits of study – same desk, same time, etc
- Work in a place that is free of distractions (in front of the TV is probably not the best place!). De-cluttering your desk will help too
- When you sit down to study, make a plan of what you want to achieve that session and cross off items as you complete them
- If you find yourself distracted by something else (e.g. I feel fat; I should do more exercise), jot down the task, idea or problem to deal with later
- Begin working immediately – don't wait for inspiration
- Attend to one thing at a time
- When you start to lose focus, get up and take a walk

## Growing Leaders

The first step in anyone's leadership journey is self-leadership. We must be able to lead *ourselves* before we can lead anyone else. In fact, the effects of leaders who don't have strong character, core values, mental toughness, or integrity can be devastating. Whether in communities, families, churches, or schools, leaders lacking these characteristics can have a negative influence on those around them. [The Art of Self-Leadership](#), Dr. Tim Elmore seeks to equip today's students to graduate with strong character, a healthy personal identity, and self-discipline. Through thirteen memorable images — each with a series of engaging stories, self-assessment questions, and thought-provoking discussion topics — students learn and internalize important principles of good character that will help guide them as they step into college or their careers. Watch a [YouTube video](#) with the Author of The Art of Self Leadership, Dr Tim Elmore discussing Growing Leaders in Today's Society and what we need to do today to grow leaders for tomorrow.

## Tips for parents

Generation Next has an article on [How parents can help students in the senior years of school](#) written by Andrew Fuller. The article states that parents have a vital role in helping students to:



- Manage time
- Manage energy
- Manage stress
- Manage to get everything in at the right time and in the right place.

This sounds like a big ask! However, the body of the article does suggest strategies to help parents achieve their role. Topics include:

- Developing a system – time management planning
- Dealing with meltdowns and catastrophic thinking
- What to do when the system breaks down or when your child won't listen to you
- How to deal with the build up to exams.

Finally, the article makes the point that Year 12 results aren't the end of the world. They don't determine a student's future success in life.

Parents with a student in Year 11 or 12 may find this article of interest.



## **TAFE Queensland Open Days**

Take a tour of our campuses and speak with our amazing teachers and staff to discuss our range of courses to help you make an informed decision about your career.

### **Upcoming Events:**

01/05/2018	<a href="#"><u>TAFE Queensland Open Day – South West Region</u></a> <i>Ipswich, QLD</i>
08/05/2018	<a href="#"><u>TAFE Queensland Open Day – South West Region</u></a> <i>Ipswich, QLD</i>
16/07/2018	<a href="#"><u>TAFE Queensland Open Day – North Region</u></a> <i>Cairns, QLD; Townsville, QLD</i>
10/08/2018	<a href="#"><u>Ashmore Trade Training Centre Open Day</u></a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
12/10/2018	<a href="#"><u>TAFE Queensland Open Day – East Coast Region</u></a> <i>Mooloolaba, QLD</i>
12/10/2018	<a href="#"><u>TAFE Queensland Open Day – East Coast Region</u></a> <i>Nambour, QLD</i>
18/10/2018	<a href="#"><u>TAFE Queensland Open Day – East Coast Region</u></a> <i>Gympie, QLD</i>
25/10/2018	<a href="#"><u>TAFE Queensland Open Day – East Coast Region</u></a> <i>Bundaberg, QLD</i>
26/10/2018	<a href="#"><u>TAFE Queensland Open Day – East Coast Region</u></a> <i>Hervey Bay, QLD</i>



### **Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School at Torrens University**

[Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School](#) (BMIHMS) at Torrens University has campuses in Sydney and Leura (in the Blue Mountains). It offers internationally recognised hospitality and business degree courses in [International Hotel and Resort Management](#) and [International Event Management](#).

BMIHMS conducts a [Career Focus Days program](#) three times a year. The three-day program provides interested students with a glimpse of what hotel, event or restaurant management is like. The total cost of the focus program is \$325. This includes transportation throughout the program (including pick up and drop off at Sydney Domestic Airport), accommodation, meals and activities during the program. For further information call 02 9307 4600 or email **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid..**

#### **Upcoming Events:**

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| 11/07/2018 to 13/07/2018 | <a href="#">Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Career Focus Day</a><br><i>Leura, NSW</i> |
| 14/11/2018 to 16/11/2018 | <a href="#">Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Career Focus Day</a><br><i>Leura, NSW</i> |
| 27/11/2018 to 29/11/2018 | <a href="#">Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Career Focus Day</a><br><i>Leura, NSW</i> |

### **Christian Heritage College (CHC)**

[CHC](#) is a Christian Higher Education institution located in Carindale and is a fully accredited private higher education provider, that aspires to model a Christian higher education alternative. It offers accredited bachelor degrees in business, education, humanities, social science and ministries. The college is located in Mansfield, Brisbane. Applications to CHC are through QTAC. HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP are available for eligible students. Visit their website for more information relating to:

- [Future Students](#)
- [Courses](#)
- [About CHC](#)

### **Events at CQUniversity**

[Dream Big Project](#) - is holding a 'Dream Big Event' to promote engineering to Year 10, 11 and 12 female students at CQUniversity's Bundaberg, Gladstone, Mackay and Rockhampton campuses. The aim is to provide an opportunity to develop an understanding of being an engineer and the job prospects available. Students will have an opportunity to talk to current engineering students and established engineers. The

events will be held on the dates below. For more information regarding the project, visit the [Dream Big Project website](#) or the [Dream Big Facebook](#) page

**University Experience Rockhampton** – This event is a free, one-day, on-campus event for Year 12 students to explore their post-Year 12 options, including higher education degrees and TAFE courses. It will be held from 9 am – 2 pm on Friday 9 March 2018 at the Rockhampton campus. Speak to your Year 12 Coordinator or Guidance Officer/Counsellor if you are interested in attending this event. Visit the [CQUniversity Events](#) for more information.

**Upcoming Events:**

09/03/2018	<a href="#">CQUniversity – University Experience Rockhampton</a> <i>Rockhampton, QLD</i>
19/03/2018	<a href="#">CQUniversity – Dream Big Event</a> <i>Rockhampton, QLD</i>
30/04/2018	<a href="#">CQUniversity – Dream Big Event</a> <i>Gladstone, QLD</i>
28/05/2018	<a href="#">CQUniversity – Dream Big Event</a> <i>Bundaberg, QLD</i>
25/06/2018	<a href="#">CQUniversity – Dream Big Event</a> <i>Mackay, QLD</i>

**Griffith University News**

**Register for Open Day** – This event will be held 12 August 2018 at the Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses. You can now register on the [Open Day webpage](#) to receive information and updates about the event. This page also lists some of the new degrees at Griffith in 2018.

**GriffithBUSINESS Ambassadors Workshop 1** -The GriffithBUSINESS Ambassadors Program offers students their first real look at university life, whilst providing them with a greater understanding of social innovation and social enterprise through working with academic staff from Griffith University. Registrations open soon, visit the [GriffithBUSINESS School Outreach Program](#) website for more information.

**Discover Innovate Succeed (Year 10)** -Year 10 students will receive information to assist with their course and subject selection prior to the commencement of their senior schooling. Students, parents and business educators are invited to join staff and industry professionals for an interactive evening focused on supporting students on their pathway to success. Registrations open soon, visit the [GriffithBUSINESS School Outreach Program](#) website for more information.

**Upcoming Events:**

28/02/2018	<a href="#">GU – GriffithBUSINESS Ambassadors Workshop 1</a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
06/03/2018	<a href="#">GU – GriffithBUSINESS Ambassadors Workshop 1</a> <i>Logan, QLD</i>
14/03/2018	<a href="#">GU – GriffithBUSINESS Ambassadors Workshop 1</a> <i>Nathan, QLD</i>
08/05/2018	<a href="#">Title GU – Discover Innovate Success (Year 10)</a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
09/05/2018	<a href="#">GU – Discover Innovate Success (Year 10)</a>

	<i>Logan, QLD</i>
10/05/2018	<a href="#">GU – Discover Innovate Success (Year 10)</a> <i>Nathan, QLD</i>
12/08/2018	<a href="#">Griffith University Open Day</a> <i>Nathan, QLD</i>
12/08/2018	<a href="#">Griffith University Open Day</a> <i>Southbank, QLD</i>
12/08/2018	<a href="#">Griffith University Open Day</a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>

## **Higher Education Admission Information is Improving!**

**What's happening?** The Australian Government, in partnership with higher education institutions, is making changes to the way universities and other providers explain their admission processes. These changes are intended to make the processes for applying to study higher education easier for students to understand, and to compare. Some changes are already in place, with more coming in 2018, to support students enrolling in 2019. A [Quick Reference Guide](#) for students and parents has been published to provide more information.

**Where to get help and advice:** General information on the changes is available at [Admissions Transparency Implementation Working Group](#) website. If you are still at school, you can also talk to your school support contacts, such as career advisers and teachers for advice on tertiary study opportunities.

## **Opportunities to learn about Australian Catholic University (ACU) and its courses**

In Queensland, ACU is located at Banyo, 12 km North of the Brisbane CBD. It currently has over 5,200 students. It offers degree programs in Allied Health, Arts, Business and Commerce, Teaching and Education, Exercise Science, Nursing and Midwifery, Paramedicine, Biomedical Science, Psychology and Counselling, Social Work, Theology and Philosophy. ACU provides various opportunities for Year 12 students to learn about the campus and the courses that are offered.

**University Experience Day** - This [event](#) provides future students with an opportunity to sample a degree they are interested in and to check out the ACU staff and campus. It will be held on 5 July 2018 at the ACU Brisbane campus.

**2018 Open Day** - This year ACU Brisbane campus will hold its [open day](#) on 28 July 2018. Open days are an excellent opportunity to explore courses, tour the campus and to meet current students and lecturers.

**Personal Tours** - If you would like to individually visit the ACU campus and speak to ACU staff about courses, [personalised tours](#) are available Monday to Friday from 10 am - 2 pm. Tours last approximately 30 minutes to an hour.

**Expos and Career Markets** – ACU will have representatives at these events held around Queensland. Included are the [Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo](#) and the [Tertiary Studies Expo \(TSXPO\) in Brisbane](#).

**Year 12 Entry programs** – Use the [ACU website](#) to learn about the many entry programs available at ACU for Year 12 students. Information includes:

- Pathway Programs
- Adjustment Factors
- ACU Special Admission Program
- Community Achiever Program
- School Recommendation Scheme
- Elite Athlete and Performer Program
- Passion for Business- Early Entry Program
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Special Entry Scheme
- Passion for Law – Early Entry Program

**Upcoming Events:**

05/07/2018 [ACU – University Experience Day](#)  
Brisbane, QLD

28/07/2018 [ACU Open Day](#)  
Brisbane, QLD

### **Queensland University of Technology (QUT) notes**

**Fashion Illustration** – If you are passionate about fashion, you might be interested in the [Fashion Illustration for Beginners](#) courses hosted by QUT’s Creative Industries. This course will provide you with the foundations for creating a portfolio of fashion illustration using industry-standard design software. It is held on weekends in April and June 2018.

**Register for Open Day** – QUT’s Open Day will be held on 29 July 2018 at the Gardens Point campus. Open Day is your best chance to chat with staff and students from all faculties and study areas. You can attend course information seminars and check out the campus facilities. Register for this event on the [Open Day webpage](#) to receive information and updates and to have a chance to win a MacBook.

**Resources for Students webpage** –This [webpage](#) has resources that can help you learn more about studying at QUT from current QUT students through the Student Sharehouse Blog and QUT’s social media platforms. You can try the [Match My Skills quiz](#) to help you identify QUT courses that interest you. The page also has a video on the differences between school and uni.

**Stay Connected with QUT** – Students can receive up-to-date information from QUT about courses, events, scholarships and other activities through [Stay Connected](#).

**Upcoming Events:**

07/04/2018 to 14/04/2018 [Fashion Illustration for Beginners](#)  
Kelvin Grove, QLD

02/06/2018 to 09/06/2018 [Fashion Illustration for Beginners](#)  
Kelvin Grove, QLD

29/07/2018 [QUT Open Day](#)  
Brisbane, QLD

### **University of Southern Queensland (USQ) First in Family website**

Are you the first in your family to consider university as an option for the future? USQ’s [First in Family website](#) has valuable information that will help answer some of the questions you might have about

university. Also, you can register on the site to receive more information. Information you can explore includes:

- What is being first?
- Benefits of going to Uni
- Support Network
- What to expect
- Hear from students
- Register for more information

### **University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) Head Start Program**

[Headstart is a transition program](#) for Year 11 and 12 students to study USC courses while still completing high school. Get a taste of university life and prepare for future study while working towards a USC degree, expanding your knowledge, and interacting with university staff and students. Headstart courses will be available at USC Caboolture from 2018. [View available courses.](#)

**2018 Open Days** - This year USC will hold its open days in June, July and August. Open days are an excellent opportunity to explore courses, tour the campus and to meet current students and lecturers.

**2019 Undergraduate Guide is now available** - the [Undergraduate Guide](#) provides students with everything they need to know about studying at USC; including study options, entry requirements, how to apply, pathways, support services and plenty more. View online or request a copy to be sent to your school.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

20/03/2018	<a href="#">USC Parent Information and HeadStart</a> <i>Caboolture, QLD</i>
22/03/2018	<a href="#">USC Parent Information and HeadStart</a> <i>Sunshine Coast, QLD</i>
22/03/2018	<a href="#">USC Parent Information and HeadStart</a> <i>Fraser Coast, QLD</i>
05/06/2018	<a href="#">Experience USC (USC Fraser Coast)</a> <i>Fraser Coast, QLD</i>
05/06/2018 to 07/06/2018	<a href="#">Experience USC (USC Sunshine Coast)</a> <i>Sunshine Coast, QLD</i>
23/06/2018	<a href="#">USC Fraser Coast Open Day</a> <i>Fraser Coast, QLD</i>
22/07/2018	<a href="#">USC Sunshine Coast Open Day</a> <i>Sunshine Coast, QLD</i>
05/08/2018	<a href="#">USC Caboolture Open Day</a> <i>Caboolture, QLD</i>

### **Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)**

[Rural Access Scheme](#) – UQ supports applicants from Australian rural and regional areas by boosting their entry score for a number of undergraduate programs. Rural areas of Australia often have restricted or limited access to educational opportunities, resources and health services compared with those available in

cities or larger towns. To help address these challenges, and if eligible, two bonus rank points/adjustment factors will be added onto your entry rank for the programs below. \*Please note that bonus rank points/adjustment factors are not added onto OP scores. Each OP score is converted to an entry rank – and bonus rank points/adjustment factors are added to these. Students are then assessed based on their new rank. For more information visit UQ's [Special Entry Schemes](#) website.

- Doctor of Medicine (Provisional Entry)
- Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology (Honours)
- Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Health, Sport and Physical Education (Honours)
- Bachelor of Midwifery
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)
- Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)
- Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours)

**The Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad (OzCLO)** – This contest is for high school students from Years 9 – 12. Participants are challenged to develop their own strategies for solving problems in fascinating real languages. Visit the [website](#) to learn more about the competition. Round one of the competition will be held on 6 March 2018. Round two will be held on 21 March 2018. Teams must register by 2 March 2018. Interested students should talk to a teacher or their school Guidance Officer/Counsellor about entering the Olympiad.

**Research Immersion Programs** – The flagship service offered by SPARQ-ed is open to Year 10 - 12 students and teachers throughout Queensland. NOTE: Students must be at least 15 years old to participate in the Immersion Program. These programs are week-long enrichment activities offered to senior students and teachers in which participants undertake a scientific project devised in collaboration with one of the world renowned research groups within TRI's partner institutes. Find out more [here](#). Interested students should talk to their Science teacher about applying.

[UQ's 2019 Undergraduate Guide](#) is now available online. The guide contains a range of useful information for future students including:

- Page 11: Explanatory guide into the Federally mandated changes to admissions transparency
- Page 58: Information on UQ's range of dual programs in 2018
- Page 61: Information on Young Scholars and Enhanced Studies Program (for Year 11 students)
- Page 66: Alternative entry schemes
- Page 69: Scholarships
- Page 90: Student support services
- Page 94-97: A detailed write up of almost 200 UQ Majors and Minors, found across our 100+ undergraduate programs
- Page 100: Quick reference program guide for prerequisites and entry scores

**Situational Judgement Test for Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) from 2018 – Program Update.**



In 2018, The University of Queensland will be introducing an additional entry requirement for prospective students applying for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours). This change will impact current Year 12 students applying for study in 2019. This new entry requirement, a Situational Judgement Test (SJT), is an on-line, video-scenario based test with 12 sections and open-ended questions. The University recognises that attributes such as resilience, critical thinking and communication skills that are essential for veterinarians are not reflected in academic performance alone. The SJT will be used to assist in the selection of a student cohort best equipped for the rigours of the profession.

The test will be held between July and September 2018 with multiple tests dates. Students need to have access to a computer with reliable internet connection, a web-cam and hold photo identification and can be completed at home or at a library/community centre or another suitable location. The cost to complete the test is approximately \$80 and students should allow 90 minutes to complete the test. Further details about how and when to complete the SJT will be available soon on the [Bachelor of Veterinary Science Honours webpage](#). Some [Frequently Asked Questions](#) have also been prepared regarding the test platform (CASPer®) however if you do have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact the School Liaison team on 07 3346 9649 or email [school.liaison@uq.edu.au](mailto:school.liaison@uq.edu.au).

**New in 2018: Bachelor of Computer Science** - UQ's new three-year Bachelor of Computer Science offers exciting opportunities for students to specialise in emerging technologies such as cyber security, data science and artificial intelligence. Students will develop an innovative skillset to take their place at the forefront of the digital technology revolution by combining the study of algorithms and data structures, with practical challenges of implementing them in hardware and software systems. Coursework explores programming, databases, operating systems, networks and algorithms. Students will exit this program with strong analytical, logical, and development skills necessary to advance computing, its applications and beyond. Computer Science is available as a dual program with: Arts, Science, Engineering (Honours) and Mathematics. Majors in this program include:

- Cyber Security
- Data Science
- Machine Learning
- Programming Languages
- Scientific Computing

Discover more by visiting the [Future Students](#) website.

### **Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST) - register now!**

Registrations for Queensland's longest-running Science camp are now open! Students in Years 10-12 are invited to apply for the FEAST residential camp, being held at the UQ Gatton campus from Sunday 1 July - Thursday 5 July 2018. Students will experience hands-on workshops, exciting seminars and have the opportunity to immerse themselves in Agricultural, Scientific and Technological career options. For student registration or future information, please visit the FEAST [website](#).

**Experience Science - register now!** Experience Science is a free event, providing students in Years 10-12 the opportunity to discover what studying Science is like at UQ. With programs occurring across Thursday 12 July - Tuesday 17 July, this event is facilitated by experts from UQ and industry, and provides hands-on, interactive Science workshops. Discover more by visiting the [Experience Science website](#).

**UQL Cyberschool - free Library services for secondary schools** - UQL Cyberschool is a free service for secondary schools. Students and teachers can take advantage of the following benefits:

### For Students:

- [Free borrowing of books](#) - Year 11-12 students who live in Brisbane can join the UQ Library and borrow books
- Links to [free online resources](#) are available from our website for most senior secondary subjects

### For Teachers/Teacher Librarians:

- [Book a tour or class](#) at St Lucia campus for Year 11-12 students
- [Information service for eBook and Database subscriptions and trials](#)

### Upcoming Events:

06/03/2018	<a href="#">OzCLO – Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad – Round 1</a> <i>Online</i>
21/03/2018	<a href="#">OzCLO – Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad – Round 2</a> <i>Online</i>
09/04/2018 to 13/04/2018	<a href="#">UQ Research Immersion Programs – Year 11 and 12 Only</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
09/04/2018 to 13/04/2018	<a href="#">UQ Research Immersion Programs - Investigation of Retrotransposon Activity by Flow Cytometry</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
01/07/2018 to 05/07/2018	<a href="#">UQ 2018 FEAST Program</a> <i>Gatton, QLD</i>
02/07/2018 to 06/07/2018	<a href="#">UQ Research Immersion Programs- Years 10, 11, 12 - Residential regional and remote student Immersion (min age 15 years) - accommodation UQ College</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
09/07/2018 to 13/07/2018	<a href="#">UQ Research Immersion Programs- UQ special event - Years 10, 11, and 12 - Residential regional student Immersion (min age 15 years) - accommodation UQ College</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
17/09/2018 to 21/09/2018	<a href="#">UQ Research Immersion Programs- (Last week of term 3) - Years 10, 11, and 12</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
24/09/2018 to 28/09/2018	<a href="#">UQ Research Immersion Programs- (Last week of term 3) - Years 10, 11, and 12</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
02/10/2018 to 05/10/2018	<a href="#">UQ Research Immersion Programs- Years 10, 11, and 12</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
03/12/2018 to 07/12/2018	<a href="#">UQ Research Immersion Programs- Years 10 and 11 only</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
10/12/2018 to 14/12/2018	<a href="#">UQ Research Immersion Programs- Years 10 and 11 only</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

### **Year 12 subject Bonus Schemes - Bonus Points to be replaced by Adjustment Factors**

Traditionally, [Year 12 subject bonus schemes](#) allowed students to gain bonus rank points for successfully completing specific Year 12 subjects and through other university specific schemes. The bonus rank points made students more competitive when applying for entry to university and/or TAFE Queensland.

According to the [QTAC Assistance Schemes website](#):

- To get Year 12 subject bonuses, you must be a current Year 12 student
- Institutions decide which subjects they give bonuses for, and how many
- You should check each institution to determine whether Year 12 subject bonus ranks are added to selection ranks for other qualifications such as certificates III or IV or music qualifications etc

In June 2018, Bonus Points will be replaced by Adjustment Factors across all Australian universities. As mentioned above, Adjustment Factors will continue to help you gain entry into university courses. If you are eligible for Adjustment Factors your position on the merit scale for entry into a course will be 'adjusted' to give you a new, more competitive score.

Universities award Adjustment Factors for a variety of reasons and programs so you will have to enquire with every university you are interested in attending, to fully understand their eligibility requirements. The process for applying for 'Adjustment Factors' may vary so it's important that you start your research now.