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## **Apprenticeship Support Australia**

[Apprenticeship Support Australia](#) was formed in 2014 to deliver the Australian Governments “Australian Apprenticeship Support Network” under a contract from the Department of Education and Training. Their services are focused on lifting apprenticeship commencement and completion rates through the provision of support at every stage of the employment cycle. Job-seekers, school students and apprentices can all receive ongoing support including career advice, job matching, and ongoing mentoring and support. Visit the [Apprenticeship Support Australia website](#) to access more information on Apprenticeships by clicking on ‘Apprentices’. Here you will find information about apprenticeship wages, qualifications, registered training organisations, school-based apprenticeships, how to get an apprenticeship and how you can access mentoring support. On the site, you can also schedule a free career consultation with a career adviser.

The website contains specific information for parents regarding:

- [My Child is Considering an Apprenticeship](#)
- [Qualifications](#)
- [Supporting My Child](#)
- [What will my Child Be Paid?](#)

You can also access [Apprenticeship Support Australia information specific to Queensland](#).

## **Apprenticeships through Group Training Organisations**

Registering with a Group Training Organisation (GTO) is one strategy to try when looking for an apprenticeship. GTOs employ apprentices and trainees and place them with a host employer until the apprenticeship or traineeship has been completed. For more information about GTOs, visit the [Group Training Australia website](#). The website has a section with short videos of apprentices and trainees talking about their training. Their website includes information on:

- [Find an Apprenticeship](#)
- [Find a Group Training Organisation](#) (search the National Directory of Group Training Organisations)
- [Pathways to Success](#) (Info for students, parents and career advisers)
- [Find an Apprentice](#)

# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## Upcoming 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:**

18/04/2018	<a href="#">Brisbane Defence Information Session</a> <i>Logan, QLD</i>
18/04/2018	<a href="#">Gold Coast Army Reserve Information Session</a> <i>Robina, QLD</i>
19/04/2018	<a href="#">Cairns Pilot and Aviation Careers Information Session</a> <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
19/04/2018	<a href="#">Townsville Engineering Careers Information Session</a> <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
23/04/2018	<a href="#">Brisbane Submariner Careers Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
23/04/2018	<a href="#">Maroochydore Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session</a> <i>Maroochydore, QLD</i>
23/04/2018	<a href="#">Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
23/04/2018	<a href="#">Brisbane Army Reserve Employer Breakfast</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
24/04/2018	<a href="#">Townsville Pilot and Aviation Careers Information Session</a> <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
30/04/2018	<a href="#">Brisbane Women in Defence Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
30/04/2018	<a href="#">Gold Coast Aviation Careers Information Session</a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>



## **Career planning tools**

[CAREERinsite](#) is a Canadian website that has several free career planning tools. A way to use this site and tie it into Australian occupational information is:

- Scroll down to 'Get started' and sign up
- Do the '[Know yourself](#)' quiz. The quiz can help you identify the job activities you like. The report at the end of the quiz summarises your current preferences and links these to a list of jobs. Select jobs from the list you would like to explore further
- The '[Explore options](#)' section encourages you to:
  - read about the jobs you have selected. For Australian content, go to Occupations on the [myfuture website](#) (sign up if this your first visit to the site) or Explore Careers on the [Skillsroad website](#)
  - talk to people already in these jobs
  - try the jobs (e.g. do work experience or follow someone already in the job for a couple of days).

Through these activities, you can narrow down your list of jobs, retaining those you most like.

- The '[Get ready](#)' section helps you compare the remaining jobs on your list
- The '[Take action](#)' section helps you develop an action plan for your next step which could be to apply for a course or to find a job

## **Considering a career in Insurance?**

Earn while you learn. No special qualifications are required to get a start in the industry. As your skills improve the qualifications follow. Graduate programs are available for those interested in a specialist field.

Job roles in Insurance can include:

- Broking
- Customer service
- Claims
- Loss Adjusting
- Administration
- Underwriting
- I.T.
- Sales & Marketing
- Finance

- Human Resources
- Legal

Visit the [Council of Queensland Insurance Brokers website](#) to find out about some of the specialist fields in this industry.

### How to make better career decisions

[myfuture](#) has a resource called '[The Adventures of You' executive function guide](#). Executive functions are the mental skills needed to make decisions, including career and course decisions. These include planning, reasoning, prioritising, problem solving, task flexibility, execution and monitoring actions. [The Adventures of You site](#) includes three animated videos that will help you understand these skills.

### Skillsroad – a career exploration website

The [Skillsroad](#) website has many activities that can help you get started on your career exploration. They include:

- [Career quiz](#) – learn more about yourself, your strengths and talents and the jobs you might be attracted to
- [Job fit Test](#) – are you job ready? Find out by doing this test
- [Explore careers](#) – comprehensive information on over 350 jobs
- [Industry videos](#) – listen to the stories of people already on the job
- Training and study options – information about apprenticeships and traineeships, university, Vocational Education and Training and SkillsRoad Online Courses.

The site also provides information on job seeking skills such as finding a job, preparing for interviews, resume builder and a jobs board. A [Work Readiness](#) course can be accessed for a fee from the site.

### Want to work with animals? Six ways to get a job on the wild side

Most animal jobs are competitive. To gain entry to these occupations, you need to have a plan. An [article](#) in the Australian edition of 'The Guardian' offers six strategies to help you gain a job in this field. The following is a summary of the strategies.

1. **Volunteer** – Begin by volunteering at a local kennel, animal charity (e.g. RSPCA, Animal Rescue Qld.) or zoo/animal attraction (e.g. Australia Zoo, Sea World, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary). This will give you an understanding of the day-to-day tasks of the work. Volunteering is also a good way of showing that you are committed and willing to go the extra mile.
2. **Make the most of your volunteering** – Document it. Make opportunities to learn new skills that could help you in the future. Talk to people working in the field to find out how they got their jobs and about the options out there.
3. **Get qualified** - Find out the qualifications, work experience and other things that employers, education and training providers require.



4. **Don't limit yourself** - Keep an open mind. You may find something on route to your original goal that you had never thought of and love.
5. **Don't forget your people skills** - Any employment within the animal-based industry will require clear communication skills and the ability to work in a team.
6. **Persevere** - You need perseverance if you really want to work in a specific job. It may take longer than you want, but the job satisfaction and rewards are worth it.

## **What is ICT?**

How do you communicate with your friends – SMS, Twitter, Google Plus, Tumblr, Instagram, Snapchat, Pandora, Facebook, Instagram? When you use any of these channels of communication, you are using Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

As tomorrow's ICT professional you are likely to be working with technologies that do not exist yet. You will have your choice of industry – banking and finance, health, insurance, defence, manufacturing, telecommunications, agriculture, environment, hospitality – you name it. Here are a few examples of the careers in the many ICT pathways available.

- The Dreamer – Designer, Developer, Programmer, Systems Analyst
- The Team Player - Account Manager, Support Technician, Computer Engineer
- The Inventor – Network Administrator, ICT Architect, ICT Consultant, Programmer
- The Constructor – Database Coordinator, Network Administrator, Security Analyst
- The Big Thinker – Business Systems Planner, ICT Trainer, Project Manager

You can find this information and much more on the [I Choose Technology website](#). The site provides information about the ICT industry in Australia, ICT jobs and salaries, courses, and the profiles of people with ICT jobs.

# 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.

### Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) Short Film Competition

Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) is a short film competition for aspiring filmmakers from Years 11 and 12 across Australia. There are six categories in the competition – Animation, Comedy, Documentary, Drama, Experimental Film and Music Video. Entries open on 1 May 2018 and close on 30 September 2018. Visit the [BUFTA website](#) for competition details and to view the 2017 BUFTA Gala Awards Ceremony.

### Screen It 2018

Fancy yourself as a filmmaker, animator or video game creator? This is the competition for you. Screen It is Australia's national moving image competition for school-aged students. This year the theme of the competition is 'Curious'. Entries for 2018 close on 25 September. For details, resources and a look at last year's winners, visit the [website](#). Talk to a teacher or your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor about entering this competition.

### The Spaghetti Bridge Competition

The [Spaghetti Bridge Competition](#) tests the engineering skills of students and provides them with experience in the planning, creativity, problem solving and team work required for a career in engineering. Teams are challenged to build the strongest bridge weighing no more than 300 g (including a load plate), constructed with only store-bought spaghetti and glue and to span a gap of 35 cm. In 2018, bridges must actually work like a bridge – that is, there must be an obvious bridge “deck” that a toy car could theoretically drive across. This year there will be three test locations:

- Northern Brisbane/Sunshine Coast – Friday August 10, 2018 – St Eugene College, Burpengary
- Central/Southern Brisbane/Gold Coast – Monday August 13, 2018 – TAFE Qld South Bank.
- Townsville – Sunday August 19, 2018 – James Cook University

In 2018, the total prize money of \$2500 (thanks to the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads) will be awarded to an increased number of categories. Find out more on the [Spaghetti Bridge Competition website](#). Talk to your Science and/or Maths teachers about entering this competition. There will be two free Professional Development workshops for teachers to support this event. Dates will be advised as soon as they are finalised. It is anticipated both of these workshops will be in May. Keep an eye on the [website](#) for more information regarding dates and to register your interest in participating in the completion.

## Young Australian Art Awards

Students from primary and secondary schools are invited to participate in this competition. There are five art categories: Indigenous, Drawing, Painting, Computer Art and Photography. To enter your artwork, you will need to obtain a digital image of your piece of work and submit this image online through the [website](#). Entries close on 5 October 2018.

### **Upcoming Events:**

01/05/2018 to 30/09/2018	<a href="#">BUFTA Short Film Competition</a> <i>Online</i>
02/07/2018 to 25/09/2018	<a href="#">Screen It 2018</a> <i>Online</i>
10/08/2018	<a href="#">Spaghetti Bridge Completion – Northern Brisbane/Sunshine Coast</a> <i>Northern Brisbane/Sunshine Coast, QLD</i>
13/08/2018	<a href="#">Spaghetti Bridge Competition – Central/Southern Brisbane/Gold Coast</a> <i>Central/Southern Brisbane/Gold Coast, QLD</i>
19/08/2018	<a href="#">Spaghetti Bridge Competition – Townsville</a> <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
05/10/2018	<a href="#">Young Australian Art Awards</a> <i>Online</i>

# Employment

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

Office Managers organise and control the functions and resources of offices such as administrative systems and office personnel.

### **Main tasks performed**

- contributing to the planning and review of office services, and setting priorities and office service standards
- allocating human resources, space and equipment
- assigning work to and monitoring work performance of staff
- managing records and accounts of the office
- liaising with Professionals to coordinate office business and to facilitate resolution of problems
- ensuring office equipment and supplies are maintained

Source: [myfuture](#)

## **Job Jump Start – find new ways to explore careers and prepare for work!**

The Australian Government, Department of Jobs and Small Business manage a website called [Job Jump Start](#), to provide tips and ideas about jobs and careers in the one spot. You can start your search from a range of platforms including:

- I'm at school
- I'm on a Gap Year
- I'm at Uni or in Training
- I've just graduated from Uni or a training course
- I'm looking for a job
- I'm already working

The website contains a range of [useful articles](#) under the categories of:

- Looking for a job – Resume, Cover Letter and Interview Tips
- Building a career – Choosing the right field of work or study
- Being at work – Connecting with employers

One of the articles highlights [how to make a great first impression on employers](#). According to the article the Department of Employment regularly surveys Australian employers. They ask them what young job seekers can do to make a good impression at interview.

Employers said that they are impressed by job seekers who:

- are punctual
- dress appropriately
- offer a firm handshake
- smile and are friendly
- make eye contact
- have good posture (it makes you appear more confident)
- are well presented

As well as this, consider the following ways to show an employer you really want to work with them:

1. **Be your best self.** Employers will use a range of information to form an impression of you. They will look at your social media profile, observe your conversations with other people and your personal presentation. They will be looking for an indication of your personality, abilities and your values, such as respect for others and yourself, reliability and trustworthiness.
2. **Show them you understand their business.** Doing some homework on employers so you understand their business challenges and priorities will help you explain what you can offer them.
3. **Ask interesting questions.** If you have a genuine interest in a specific brand, business or industry then demonstrate this to the employer by asking questions about the company's business strategy, products and services or upcoming projects. Ask employers questions they want to answer. They'll remember you for it.

For more information on what employers look for in young workers, see the fact sheet ['Looking for a Job Employer Advice for Young People'](#) on the Labour Market Information Portal.

## **The most stressful and least stressful jobs of 2018**

The [CareerCast team](#) ranked jobs according to 11 core factors – amount of travel, growth potential, physical demands, environmental conditions, hazards encountered, meeting the public, competitiveness, death, life of another at risk, deadlines and working in the public-eye. The following are the top most stressful and least stressful jobs they came up with.

### **Most stressful jobs**

1. Enlisted Military Personnel
2. Firefighter
3. Airline Pilot
4. Police Officer
5. Event Coordinator
6. Newspaper Reporter
7. Broadcaster
8. Public Relations Executive
9. Senior Corporate Executive
10. Taxi Driver

### **Least stressful jobs**

1. Diagnostic Medical Sonographer

2. Hair Stylist
3. Audiologist
4. University Professor
5. Medical Records Technician
6. Compliance Officer
7. Jeweller
8. Pharmacy Technician
9. Operations Research Analyst
10. Medical Laboratory Technician

How you cope with stress is probably something you need to think about when exploring jobs. Read more about the CareerCast research on their [website](#).

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## **Bursaries for Female Students**

The [National Council of Women of Queensland](#) has launched its [2018 bursary program](#) for female students. A few of the bursaries are for secondary students. These include:

- **Counsellor Vicki Howard Bursary** for a female student, aged between 16 - 24 years, living in the Brisbane City Council area, enrolled in high school or tertiary studies, and identifying with the LGBTIQ community.
- **Elsie Byth Bursary** for Year 12 students planning to study teaching at the completion of Year 12.
- **Ipswich City Council** for a female resident of Ipswich City Council area enrolled in full-time Year 11/12 studies (possibly including a school-based vocational program), at a school within the Ipswich City Council area.
- **NCWQ Refugee Background Bursary** for a female high school student from a refugee background, having lived in Australia for at least 1 year.

Visit the [website](#) for more information and to download the application form. Applications close on 4 June 2018.

### **Upcoming Events:**

16/04/2018 to 04/06/2018      [National Council of Women Bursary Program Open](#)  
*Online*

## **John Eales Rugby Excellence Scholarship at Bond University**

As the official Education Partner of the Qantas Wallabies, Bond University has joined forces with the former Wallabies Captain, John Eales AM, to present this prestigious sporting scholarship which provides an opportunity for an outstanding young rugby union star to be mentored both on and off the field. Application will open on 1 June 2018. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

### **Upcoming Events:**

01/06/2018      [John Eales Ruby Excellence Scholarship](#)  
*Online*



## Gap Year Program News

### **Australians Abroad**

[Australians Abroad](#) is a specialist organisation dedicated to arranging educational based exchange programs overseas. Australians Abroad partners with government agencies and program providers in key destinations throughout the world to provide programs and support services to Australian youth wishing to participate in exchange programs. Program options include language courses and volunteer programs in countries in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe, North America and South America. For more information, visit the [website](#).

### **Gap Year program updates - Southern Cross Cultural Exchange**

**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** will hold a number of [Information Sessions](#) in Queensland during May.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

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|------------|---|
| 08/05/2018 | <a href="#">Southern Cross Culture Exchange Information Session</a><br><i>Mooloolaba, QLD</i> |
| 17/05/2018 | <a href="#">Southern Cross Culture Exchange Information Session</a><br><i>Cairns, QLD</i>     |
| 29/05/2018 | <a href="#">Southern Cross Culture Exchange Information Session</a><br><i>Brisbane, QLD</i>   |

### **Gap Year program updates - World Education Program Student Exchange**

**World Education Program Student Exchange (WEP)** will hold a number of Information Session across Queensland during May.

Register your attendance on the [website](#).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

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|------------|--|
| 02/05/2018 | <a href="#">World Education Program Student Exchange Information Session</a><br><i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |
| 26/05/2018 | <a href="#">World Education Program Student Exchange Information Session</a><br><i>Cairns, QLD</i>   |

### **Rustic Pathways**



Rustic Pathways has a range of programs of interest to students looking for something different at the end of Year 12. The programs offered include rustic tours, gap programs and school leaver experiences (e.g. alternative schoolies experiences). Visit the [website](#) for more information.

### **Taking a Gap Year: The Pros and Cons**

An [article published on the Good Universities Guide website](#) highlights all people are different. Some like to jump straight into tertiary study after finishing high school, whereas others might want to start working immediately. Perhaps they want to travel or maybe they have no idea what they are going to do. Taking a gap year can be a fantastic option but there is no denying that it comes with a unique set of pros and cons. We've had a look at the best and worst aspects of spending a year away from the books. Their article discusses the Pros and Cons of taking a Gap Year which include:

#### Pros:

- Gain experience
- Revitalise
- Make new friends

#### Cons:

- Getting side-tracked
- Financial Strain
- Wasted time

Visit their webpage to read the full article and access links to more information that you may wish to consider if a Gap Year is what you are considering.



## **InspireU Residential Camps**

[InspireU UQ](#) is a tertiary aspiration-building program for Indigenous youth, administered by the Outreach and Engagement team. 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.

Review the list of upcoming programs and eligibility:

**InspireU Health Sciences** – (applications close 18 May 2018). To be eligible to participate in InspireU Health Sciences, students must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
2. Be enrolled in schooling in Year 11 or Year 12 in 2018;
3. Be enrolled in Overall Position (OP) subjects and eligible for an OP score; and
4. Have school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

**InspireU Business** – (applications close 18 May 2018). To be eligible to participate in InspireU Business, students must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
2. Be enrolled in schooling in Year 11 or Year 12 in 2018;
3. Be enrolled in Overall Position (OP) subjects and eligible for an OP score; and
4. Have school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

**InspireU Education** – (applications close 18 May 2018) To be eligible to participate in InspireU Education, students must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
2. Be enrolled in schooling in Year 10, 11 or Year 12 in 2018;
3. Be enrolled in Overall Position (OP) subjects and eligible for an OP score; and
4. Have school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

**InspireU Law** – (applications close 24 August 2018). To be eligible to participate in InspireU Law, students must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
2. Be enrolled in schooling in Year 11 or Year 12 in 2018;
3. Be enrolled in Overall Position (OP) subjects and eligible for an OP score; and
4. Have school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

Visit the [InspireU website](#) for details and to apply when applications open.

**Upcoming Events:**

01/07/2018 to 06/07/2018	<a href="#">InspireU Health Science</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="#">InspireU Law</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

## **InspireU Youth Leadership Camps**

### **Toowoomba camp**

The Outreach and Engagement team facilitates a regional youth leadership camp at Lake Perseverance Active Recreation Centre in Crows Nest. This camp is the result of a strong partnership between the Outreach and Engagement team and the Darling Downs South West Region – Toowoomba Office of the Department of Education and Training. This five-day camp provides an opportunity for up to 60 young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in Year 9 through to Year 12 to explore concepts of identity, leadership, the power of education as well as cultural awareness.

Students learn about the many varied pathways and opportunities available to them throughout their schooling journey as well as their post-school options. Over the five days, students take part in a range of activities including archery, canoeing, traditional language sessions facilitated by the Central Queensland Language Group, and workshops delivered by University of Queensland staff in areas such as biology and aerospace engineering.

To be eligible to participate in the InspireU Youth Leadership Camp, students must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin;
2. Be enrolled in schooling in Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2018.
3. Be considering an Overall Position (OP) eligible pathway.
4. Have school attendance rate of 90% or greater.
5. Have positive engagement and behaviour at school;

For more information including Eligibility, Application Form and contact details for more information check out the [InspireU Toowoomba Camp webpage](#).

### **Bundaberg camp**

The Outreach and Engagement team facilitates a regional youth leadership camp at Chaverim Shalom College Outdoor and Environment Centre in Bundaberg. This camp is the result of a strong partnership with the local community as well as the UQ's presence in the area through a Rural Health Clinic.

This five-day camp provides an opportunity for up to 60 young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in Year 9 through to Year 12 to explore concepts of identity, leadership, the power of education as well as cultural awareness.

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5. Have positive engagement and behaviour at school;

For more information including Eligibility, Application Form and contact details for more information check out the [InspireU Bundaberg Camp webpage](#).

### **JCU Winter School for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students**

The JCU Winter School for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students offers students in Year 10, 11 and 12 the chance to experience university life during the school holidays from 2-6 July 2018 inclusive. Over five days, students will live on campus and take part in academic lectures and team-building activities in an interactive program that provides opportunities to meet University staff and students and form bonds with other students in the program. On-campus accommodation allows for a complete university experience. Accommodation is in the residential colleges on campus and catering is provided for all participants while students are on campus. JCU will cover the cost of return travel, including flights, bus or train, for students outside of the Townsville region. Enquiries from students, parents and teachers are welcome. Bookings and registration are essential. Visit their [webpage](#) for more information.

### **University of Melbourne camp for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students**

Murrup Barak hosts an annual camp which allows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander high school students in years 11 and 12 to experience University life. The Murrup Barak camp provide students with hands on interactive experiences highlighting the support available, the University of Melbourne experience as well as opportunities to engage with various faculties and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The Open Day Camp will be held from 16 – 19 August 2018. For details and to apply, visit the [website](#).



## Crimson Education

[Crimson Education](#) provides [admissions support](#) for students wishing to apply for universities in the USA, UK, New Zealand and Australia. [Sports scholarship support](#) is also available. Visit the [Crimson website](#) for information about their programs. They provide support for:

- Ivy League Admissions
- Med School Consulting
- MBA/Postgrad Admissions
- Athletic Scholarship Support
- Extracurricular Advising
- Leadership Mentoring
- Career Mentoring
- Summer Programs

## Study Medicine in Samoa

[Oceania University of Medicine](#) (OUM), located in Apia Samoa blends distance learning and hands-on clinical rotations to help aspiring physicians overcome distance, personal, and professional barriers to achieve their dream. OUM's MD program is based on a full-scale, rigorous medical school curriculum, which is typically completed in four-and-a-half to five years. To learn if OUM's approach is right for you or to speak to an Admissions Counsellors, call 1300 665 343 or email [enquiries@oum.edu.ws](mailto:enquiries@oum.edu.ws) or check out the links below:

- **What they are about:** Oceania University of Medicine students have the best of all worlds. The challenging preclinical program is presented online followed by traditional clinical rotations arranged at affiliated teaching hospitals. Graduates are currently practicing or training in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Samoa, and United States. For more information visit the [Our Approach to Learning webpage](#).
- **Admissions:** If you always dreamed of becoming a physician but "life" got in the way, Oceania University of Medicine is right for you. The flexibility of online medical school allows non-traditional students to balance school with work and family obligations. The median age for OUM students is 40.5 with a range from 22 to 62 years of age. For more information visit the [Admissions webpage](#).
- **How it Works:** The rigorous curriculum is based largely on American and Australian medical education models. The program is typically completed in four-and-a-half to five years. Accreditation provides a requisite credential that medical school graduates need for licensure and post-graduate training. For more information visit the [Our Curriculum webpage](#).



### **Aviation Australia (AA) Information Sessions**

[Aviation Australia](#) is a world class, registered training organisation, established by the Queensland State Government in 2001 to support the development and growth of aviation and aerospace industries in both the Australian and international markets. They pride themselves in training excellence, offering courses in cabin crew, engineering and pilot training to aspiring individuals, looking to pursue a career in the aviation industry. Aviation Australia is a partner to over 60 airlines and aerospace companies, governments, defence forces and regulatory authorities, with over 1000 graduates working worldwide. AA are holding the following information sessions in May:

- [Aeroskills Information Session](#)
- [Flight Attendant Career Sessions](#)

**Upcoming Events:**

09/05/2018	<a href="#">Aeroskills Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
09/05/2018	<a href="#">Flight Attendant Career Sessions</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

### **Gold Coast Careers and Employment Festival**

The [2018 Festival](#) will be held on Wednesday 2 May and Thursday 3 May 2018 at the Gold Coast Event Centre Bundall. Over 50 exhibitors across the education and training sector as well as employers seeking to align their businesses and brand with the Gold Coasts leading education and employment event. The Gold Coast Careers Festival brings together educators, high schools students, parents, career advisors, prospective students, job seekers, and anyone who wants to explore their study options, career pathways and employment opportunities in an interactive and dynamic environment. Check out the [Festival Program webpage](#) for more information.

**Upcoming Events:**

02/05/2018 to 03/05/2018	<a href="#">Gold Coast Careers and Employment Festival</a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
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### **SAE QANTM - Creative Media Institute Info Night**

The SAE Brisbane campus is in West End. It offers diploma and degree courses in Animation, Audio, Design, Film and Games. If you're considering studying creative media, now is the time to speak to our experienced team, and pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry. Talk to current students and learn

about the life of a creative media student while they study and move into their future after graduation. The Institute will hold an Info Night from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday 19 April 2018. Visit the [website](#) for more information about the courses offered and to register to attend the Info Night.

**Upcoming Events:**

19/04/2018 [SAE QANTM Information Session](#)  
Brisbane, QLD

**Think Education Colleges Open Day**

The following Think Education colleges will hold an open days on Saturday 21 April 2018 at their Brisbane campuses. You need to register to attend these events.

- **APM College of Business and Communication** offers degrees and diplomas in business, management, marketing, public relations and event management. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register your attendance.
- **William Blue College of Hospitality Management** offers courses in Business, Hospitality Management, Commercial Cookery, Tourism and Event Management. Visit the [website](#) to register your attendance.
- **Australian College of Natural Therapies** offers courses in Nutrition, Naturopathy, Massage, Health Science, Sports Development, and Western Herbal Medicine. See the [website](#) for more information and to register your attendance.
- **CATC Design School** offers accredited diploma level courses in Graphic Design, Interior Design and Decoration, and Photo Imaging. Visit the [website](#) for more information.
- **Billy Blue College of Design** offers degree courses in Branded Fashion Design, Communication Design, Digital Media and Interior Design. Register to attend on the [website](#).

**Upcoming Events:**

21/04/2018 [APM College of Business and Communication Open Day](#)  
Brisbane, QLD

21/04/2018 [William Blue College of Hospitality Management](#)  
Sydney, NSW

21/04/2018 [Australian College of Natural Therapies](#)  
Brisbane, QLD

21/04/2018 [Billy Blue College of Design Open Day](#)  
Brisbane, QLD

**University of New England (UNE) Open Day**

UNE Open Day gives you the chance to explore UNE and find out everything you need to know about studying at university. Every year, the hold information sessions, individual course advice, tours of the academic campus and colleges, live demonstrations, free food and activities. Open Day runs from 7:30am - 2:30pm, starting at the residential colleges at 7:30am, where you can tour the residences and meet current students to chat about college life. There's plenty of time to explore, talk to course advisors, and get a taste of university life. When you arrive, don't forget to register to receive your free Open Day Kit, morning tea, and lunch voucher. Visit the [Open Day website](#) for more information and to download an Open Day program.

**Upcoming Events:**

11/05/2018

[UNE Open Day](#)  
*Armidale, NSW*



# Private Provider Updates

## **NIDA Term Two Classes**

The National Institute of Dramatic Art is offering a range of classes during Term Two for students of all ages. Please use the links below to access more information or to enrol. Classes include:

- Drama for [Grades 7-10 \(Chapel Hill\)](#) or [Grades 7-10 \(Kelvin Grove\)](#)
- Drama for [Grades 9-10 \(Brisbane\)](#)
- Drama for [Grades 7-8 \(Brisbane\)](#)
- Acting on Screen [Grades 7-10 \(Brisbane\)](#) or [Grades 11-12 \(Brisbane\)](#)
- Next Stage for [Grades 7-10 \(Brisbane\)](#)

### **Upcoming Events:**

05/05/2018 to 23/06/2018	<a href="#">Drama for Grades 7-10 (Chapel Hill)</a> <i>Chapel Hill, QLD</i>
05/05/2018 to 23/06/2018	<a href="#">Drama for Grades 7-10 (Kelvin Grove)</a> <i>Kelvin Grove, QLD</i>
06/05/2018 to 24/06/2018	<a href="#">Drama for Grades 9-10 (Brisbane)</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/05/2018 to 24/06/2018	<a href="#">Drama for Grades 7-8 (Brisbane)</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/05/2018 to 24/06/2018	<a href="#">Acting on Screen Grades 7-10 (Brisbane)</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/05/2018 to 24/06/2018	<a href="#">Acting for Grades 11-12 (Brisbane)</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
29/07/2018 to 09/12/2018	<a href="#">Next Stage for Grades 7-10 (Brisbane)</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

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

[QSFT](#) offers a number of film, television and media production courses and workshops. Located in Annerley, they offer accredited Diploma and Certificate courses in screen and media. Since 1992, QSFT has been providing quality training to students who are passionate about filmmaking and teaching students industry professional standards. QSFT offers a positive learning experience with a sense of community between the school and students as well as the industry. QSFT recognises the individual talents and encourage openness and creativity. Don't forget to like [QSFT Facebook](#) page for more industry and QSFT program updates. Visit their [2018 Workshop Schedule](#) to view all upcoming events. Workshops available in April and May 2018 are listed below:

**Upcoming Events:**

28/04/2018	<a href="#">DIRECT IT! Introduction to Directing Workshop</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
12/05/2018	<a href="#">SHOOT IT! Introduction to Photography</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
12/05/2018	<a href="#">MAKE IT! Introduction to Prop Preparation for Film</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
26/05/2018	<a href="#">FILM IT! Introduction to Video Production</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
26/05/2018	<a href="#">SFX IT! Introduction to Special Effect Make Up</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

**The Big Day In – IT Conference**

If you are interested in future jobs and opportunities in the computer/IT field, consider attending the ‘The Big Day In’ conference. This conference is designed by students for students in high school (Years 9 – 12) and university students interested in a career in technology. In 2017, BiG Day In was privileged to have 170 speakers, 158 exhibitors and 72 organisations involved in delivering 11 events nationally and we helped over 7,800 students explore careers in technology. In 2018, the BiG Day In roadshow will be run in at least 15+ locations nationally. The event in Brisbane is currently sold out however you can register to receive an email if more tickets become available or see if another location is an option for you. Tickets are (\$10 per student), visit the [website for more information](#).



### **National Volunteer Week (NVW): 21-27 May 2018**

National Volunteer Week is the annual celebration of to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. Volunteering Australia is excited to announce their new National Volunteer Week theme: Give a little. Change a lot. This years' theme represents the millions of volunteers who make a profound impact in their communities and on society, through giving a little time. Keep track of NVW events on the Volunteering Australia [website](#) or Volunteering Queensland [website](#). According to Volunteering Queensland, volunteering is all about making a difference in your community; it also benefits you personally as it offers the chance to:

- act on your values, passions and interests
- make new friendships and create professional networks
- gain work experience and learn new skills
- enjoy new social and cultural experiences
- develop personally and build confidence
- enjoy better physical & mental health as studies show volunteering makes us healthier & happier
- challenge yourself in a supportive environment
- help your community
- have fun!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

21/05/2018 to 27/05/2018      [National Volunteer Week](#)  
*Various*

### **Young Leaders July Program**

The 2018 Young Leaders July Program offers a selection of exciting programs over two weeks for Australian and international secondary school students. Essential information includes:

- **Who:** Australian and international high school students aged between 14–17.
- **What:** Tuition includes the academic program, mentoring, accommodation, meals, field trips, extracurricular activities, return airport transfers and other activities arranged by the College (excludes flights, visas and travel insurance)
- **Where:** Trinity College, The University of Melbourne
- **Applications close: 1 June 2018.** [Click here to apply.](#)
- **Cost:** \$1950 per student per week.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

01/06/2018      [Young Leaders July Program](#)  
*Melbourne, VIC*

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### **Additional entry requirement for teaching courses**

From 2018, applicants for initial teacher education (ITE) courses must meet [academic and non-academic entry requirements](#). Academic entry requirements include subject prerequisites and OP/rank cut-offs. You can find academic entry requirements for each course in [Course Search](#).

You can meet academic entry requirements through:

- senior secondary (Year 12) results
- successful prior study at university or VET level
- successful completion of relevant professional qualifications
- approved admissions tests.

[Contact the relevant institution](#) for more information on what qualifications are accepted for entry to initial teacher education courses. Information on the selection guidelines including the process for assessment of non-academic capabilities is available from the [QTAC website](#).

### **Start university while still at school**

The following universities in Queensland offer programs that enable high achieving students in Years 11 and/or 12 to have a university experience through studying a university subject. The subjects may be free and may provide credit towards a university degree at the end of Year 12 and/or guarantee entry to a degree at the end of Year 12. Successful completion of a university subject will contribute credit towards your Queensland Certificate of Education and may give you bonus points towards your university application when you apply through QTAC. Entry to these programs must have the support of your school and your parents.

- **Bond University** has a Student for a Semester program for academically capable students in Years 11 and 12 who live on the Gold Coast, Brisbane and Northern New South Wales. Applications for the May 2018 Semester are now open and close on Friday 27 April 2018. Visit the [website](#) for details of the program.
- **CQUniversity** has a Start Uni Now (SUN) program for students in Years 11 and 12. Applications for term two, 2018 (9 July 2018 to 5 October 2018) will close on 22 June 2018. See the [SUN website](#) for more information.
- **Christian Heritage College** has LAUNCH which offers the opportunity to excel academically and experience life as a CHC student. You can study up to three units during Years 11 and 12 (a maximum of one unit per semester). CHC offers early admission to your higher education studies and subjects may count towards your QCE. When you successfully complete a CHC unit in the LAUNCH program, you automatically meet the academic entry requirement into the related

undergraduate course when you complete Year 12 (other entry requirements may apply that you must meet to gain entry). If you are accepted into the course you will also receive credit towards your degree. LAUNCH students do not pay tuition fees, but you are required to meet any personal study costs such as text books, etc. Visit the [LAUNCH website](#) for more information.

- The **Griffith University** Early Start to Tertiary Study (GUESTS) program is offered to students in Year 11 and 12. Applications for Trimester Two (9 June to 28 September) close on 30 May 2018. See the [GUEST website](#) for more information.
- The **Queensland University of Technology's** (QUT) Start QUT Program is offered to students in Year 12. Applications for Semester two 2018 (the semester commences in July) close on 14 May 2018. See the [Start QUT website](#) for more information.
- The **University of Queensland** offers an Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) for Year 12 students. Applications close in the year before commencing the program. See the [website](#) for more information.
- The **University of Southern Queensland** (USQ) has a Head Start Program for students in Years 10 - 12. This program is offered on-campus at USQ's Toowoomba, Springfield and Ipswich Campuses, or via distance education. Applications for Semester Two (16 July – 29 October 2018) close on 4 June 2018. See the [Head Start website](#) for more information.
- The **University of the Sunshine Coast** has a Headstart Program for students in Years 11 and 12. Applications for Semester Two (23 July – 5 November 2018) close on 30 April 2018. See the [Headstart website](#) for more information.

Universities often hold information sessions to inform students and their parents about these programs. Find out about these sessions on the websites listed above.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

27/04/2018	<a href="#">Bond Univeristy – Student for a Semester Applications Close</a> <i>Online</i>
30/04/2018	<a href="#">USC Headstart Program Applications Close</a> <i>Online</i>
14/05/2018	<a href="#">QUT START Program – Applications Close</a> <i>Online</i>
30/05/2018	<a href="#">GU GUEST Program</a> <i>Online</i>
04/06/2018	<a href="#">USQ – HEADSTART Program Applications Close</a> <i>Online</i>
22/06/2018	<a href="#">CQUni SUN Program – Applications Close</a> <i>Online</i>
23/07/2018	<a href="#">CHC - LAUNCH Program Applications Open</a> <i>Online</i>
01/08/2018	<a href="#">UQ – ESP Applications Open</a> <i>Online</i>

#### **Time is passing Year 12s**

Did you know there are only four months left until the QTAC online application is activated (2 August 2018). You need to begin serious planning for 2019 if you have not already started. If you haven't a clue where to start or aren't aware of your options, make an appointment with your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor ASAP. Starting this term, you will have many opportunities to explore your options. For example:

- 11-12 May 2018 - [Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo](#) at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Also, [careers expos](#) will be held in regional centres throughout Queensland.
- From May to September most of the institutions have [open days](#) at which you can obtain information about courses and check out the campuses.
- You will receive the *QTAC Guide* in May/June. This booklet contains information about courses you can apply for through QTAC and application processes.
- 21 – 22 July 2018 - [Tertiary Studies Expo](#) (TSXPO) at the RNA showgrounds. Interstate universities will be represented at this expo.
- From 2 August 2017, you can access a range of up-to-date information about the 2018/19 QTAC application and offer processes and the courses offered from the [QTAC website](#).

Take advantage of all these opportunities to plan your immediate future. 28 September 2018 is the final date to apply for some courses so check your QTAC book carefully for critical dates when you receive it.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

11/05/2018 to 12/05/2018	<a href="#">Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
21/07/2018 to 22/07/2018	<a href="#">TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo)</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

## **UMAT Updates**

### **UMAT practice exam**

The My Health Career website has an [article on UMAT](#) presented by MedEntry. The article includes a link to a UMAT practice exam which includes the exam questions, answers and fully worked solutions.

### **UMAT reminders**

Students applying for medicine and other health science courses may be required to sit for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) as part of the application process. You register to sit for the test on the [UMAT website](#). On time registrations close at 5 pm on 1 June 2018. Late registrations are accepted up to 5 pm on 15 June 2018 (a late fee of \$65 applies). The test date is 25 July 2018. Results will be available in mid September 2018. It is essential that you read the entire [UMAT 2018 Information Booklet](#) and complete the [UMAT Registration Tutorial](#) before you register for UMAT 2018. Both resources are available on the UMAT website.



### **Regaining your life balance – the Wheel of Life**

When study demands take over your life, it's all too easy to find yourself off balance, not paying enough attention to other important areas of your life. This is where the Wheel of Life activity on the [MindTools website](#) can be useful. It helps you take a 'helicopter view' of your life, so you can bring things back into balance and manage your life more effectively. The MindTools website has other topics (e.g. Time Management and Decision Making) you might find useful.

### **Studywell – QUT's study skills site**

[Studywell](#) has been developed for QUT students to help them with all aspects of study. While its intended audience is university students, you might find the following topics useful for your senior studies:

- Studying effectively – how to make the most of your time, manage stress, form a study group or join a peer program
- Exams – Prepare for your exam, find your exam timetable and access deferrals, special considerations or special arrangements
- Assignments – written assignments, researching, writing, referencing, working in groups, presenting and submitting
- Researching and note taking – find the right information, evaluate your sources and take notes effectively



## TAFE Queensland Roundup

### TAFE QLD Brisbane

- **Doing Years 11 and 12 differently** – The Alexandra Hills campus offers a Year 11 and 12 program. Students can take an OP or a Vocational pathway as well as meeting the eligibility criteria for the Queensland Certificate of Education. Visit the [Senior College website](#) for information about the subjects available. You can download the 'Do Year 11 & 12 Differently' course guide from the website or fill in the 'Make an Enquiry' form to gain more information.

### TAFE Qld Gold Coast

- **Gold Coast Careers Festival** will be held this year on Wednesday 2 May and Thursday 3 May 2018. Visit TAFE Queensland at the Gold Coast Event Centre, Bundall. For more information check out the [Gold Coast Careers Festival webpage](#).
- **Trade Training Centre** - TAFE Queensland will open its doors for you to explore all of their course options from all industry areas. [Experience our Trade Training Centre](#) and try a host of interactive activities.

### TAFE Qld South West

- **Study Abroad** - Would you like to combine completing your TAFE studies with a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel overseas? Great news! In 2018, TAFE Queensland is offering Study Abroad opportunities to current TAFE Queensland students in eligible programs. Studying Abroad will provide you with the chance to:
  - Travel to locations across the globe
  - Network with industry professionals
  - Gain international work experience

Register now to learn about how you can participate in the TAFE Queensland's study abroad program. For additional information regarding Study Abroad including upcoming tours and scholarship options visit their [webpage](#).

- **Schools Open Day Ipswich and Toowoomba** - TAFE Queensland Ipswich and Toowoomba campus' will welcome local school students on Tuesday May 1 in Ipswich and Tuesday May 15 in Toowoomba to showcase their great facilities and staff, and give a taste of what it will be like to study at TAFE with hands-on activities in various industry areas. This is not a public event.

#### Upcoming Events:

18/04/2018

[Study Abroad Information Session](#)  
*Ipswich, QLD*

18/04/2018	<a href="#"><u>Study Abroad Information Session</u></a> <i>Springfield, QLD</i>
01/05/2018	<a href="#"><u>Schools Open Day Ipswich</u></a> <i>Ipswich, QLD</i>
02/05/2018 to 03/05/2018	<a href="#"><u>Gold Coast Careers Festival</u></a> <i>Gold Coast, QLD</i>
15/05/2018	<a href="#"><u>Schools Open Day Toowoomba</u></a> <i>Toowoomba, QLD</i>
10/08/2018	<a href="#"><u>Ashmore Trade Training Centre Open Day</u></a> <i>Ashmore, QLD</i>



### **Applying for medicine/dental/physiotherapy/veterinary courses at James Cook University (JCU)**

The following courses offered by JCU require a QTAC application as well as a direct application to JCU.

- B Medicine/B Surgery (Townsville campus)
- B Dental Surgery (Cairns campus)
- B Veterinary Science (Townsville campus)
- B Physiotherapy (Townsville campus)

These JCU courses have a rural, remote, tropical and Indigenous communities focus. Consequently, an important requirement of the JCU direct application is to demonstrate interest, experience, understanding and/or exposure to rural and/or remote locations and conditions. Applicants living in metropolitan areas will find this challenging. You will need to think creatively about how you can obtain the experience/knowledge this year.

Some ideas are:

- work-experience during the holidays with a rural practitioner
- attend [FEAST](#) and/or [TASTE](#) (for vet science)
- interview practitioners who have worked in rural/remote areas
- research the challenges for practitioners in rural/remote areas
- learn about Northern Australia
- find out as much as you can about the content of the JCU courses from brochures, the JCU website, career expos, [TSXPO](#) and other career/course events
- organise a guided tour of the relevant JCU campus (see the [website](#))
- if possible, attend a JCU open day (19 August 2018 for the [Townsville campus](#) and 26 August 2018 for the [Cairns campus](#)).

You can view last year's (2017 applications for entry in 2018) JCU direct application [here](#). The applications website is usually updated in July for the following year. The date for submitting the JCU direct application form is normally the same as the QTAC due date. This date will be confirmed in the *QTAC Guide* and on [QTAC's website under the JCU link](#) in May/June. You can access the prerequisites for the courses from the [JCU website](#).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

19/08/2018	<a href="#">JCU – Townsville Campus Open Day</a> <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
26/08/2018	<a href="#">JCU – Cairns Campus Open Day</a> <i>Cairns, QLD</i>

## **Bond University Updates**

### **Bond with Bond seminars**

Your decision to study at the right university is one of the most important decisions you will make in your lifetime. To help you gather all the information you will need, Bond University hosts [Bond with Bond events](#), where you can find out more about studying at Bond and what makes them unique. During these seminars you can learn more about their:

- Undergraduate single and combined study programs
- Industry links and 'Beyond Bond' core subject
- Three-semester-per-year timetable
- State-of-the-art facilities
- Campus life
- Scholarships
- Fees and costs (including FEE-HELP)

For general enquiries or further information on these seminars, please contact the events team via email: [cenralevents@bond.edu.au](mailto:cenralevents@bond.edu.au) or visit the [Bond with Bond website](#) .

### **Experience Day's at Bond**

- **Communication and Digital Media Experience Day** - do you love getting creative with words, graphics or ideas but not sure which career path is right for you? Whether it's journalism, social media, creative arts, advertising, public relations, gaming or multimedia design Bond's Experience Day will allow you to explore your options! This event is complimentary for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and one parent. Visit their [website](#) to register.
- **Architecture Experience Day** - Architects design for the present, with an understanding of the past, for a future which is unknown! Discover the art and science behind architectural studies for a fearless career in design. Meet our academic teaching staff, get hands-on, take a tour of our state-of-the-art workshops and award-winning Abedian School of Architecture at our Architecture Experience Day! This event is complimentary for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and one parent. Visit their [website](#) to register.
- **Criminology Experience Day** - what is it that makes a good person turn to crime? Find out what goes on inside a criminal mind and gain an insight into human society and criminal justice by taking part in our Criminology Experience Day! This event is complimentary for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and one parent. Visit their [website](#) to register.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

18/04/2018	<a href="#">Communication and Digital Media Experience Day at Bond</a> <i>Robina, QLD</i>
19/04/2018	<a href="#">Architecture Experience Day</a> <i>Robina, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	<a href="#">Criminology Experience Day</a> <i>Robina, QLD</i>

## **Events at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)**

**Years 11 and 12 Student Experience Days** – These events will provide students in Years 11 and 12 with an opportunity to participate in an academic taster session related to their career and study interests as well as general topic sessions about university life. The experience days will be held from 9.00 am – 2.30 pm on:

- Wednesday 2 May 2018 at the Ipswich campus
- Thursday 16 May 2018 at the Springfield campus
- Wednesday 30 May at the Toowoomba campus

Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register your attendance.

**Careers Day at the Ipswich campus** – Year 9 and 10 students are invited to an on-campus experience that will explore the study options available. Schools can now submit an expression of interest to attend this event to be held on Friday 28 June in Ipswich and 26 July in Toowoomba. Visit the [website](#) for details.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

02/05/2018	<a href="#">USQ Experience Day – Ipswich</a> <i>Ipswich, QLD</i>
16/05/2018	<a href="#">USQ Experience Day – Springfield</a> <i>Springfield, QLD</i>
30/05/2018	<a href="#">USQ Experience Day – Toowoomba</a> <i>Toowoomba, QLD</i>
25/06/2018	<a href="#">USQ – Careers Day Ipswich Campus</a> <i>Ipswich, QLD</i>
26/07/2018	<a href="#">USQ Careers Day Toowoomba Campus</a> <i>Toowoomba, QLD</i>

### **James Cook University (JCU) Updates**

**Science and Engineering Challenge (Townsville)** - Year 10 students from across Townsville Region will battle it out for a place at the State Super Challenge by building bridges, wiring cities, constructing earthquake proof towers and building a bionic hand! Students are encouraged to explore scientific principles for themselves rather than being guided to a pre-determined answer. The Science and Engineering Challenge hopes to encourage students in year 10 to consider a future career in science and engineering by choosing to study the enabling sciences and mathematics in years 11 and 12. The Science and Engineering Challenge is presented by The University of Newcastle in cooperation with James Cook University. For more information visit their [webpage](#).

**Year 8 University Experience** – Schools that are located outside of the Cairns and Townsville region are welcome for the first time to participate in a residential program starting on 25 June. Students will have the opportunity to spend a night in the universities accommodation facilities on campus in Cairns and Townsville, meet with current students and become familiar with student life at JCU. The following day students will then begin the University experience program. There will be a small fee for the residential program, which will include the cost of accommodation, dinner and breakfast. For more information visit their [webpage to register](#). Local Schools also have the opportunity to explore and participate in two areas of study, assisting them to made decision about applying to university. There is no cost associated with the University Experience program, lunch is provided.

**Year 12 University Experience** - Schools that are located outside of the Townsville region are welcome to participate in a residential program starting on 17 July. Students will have the opportunity to spend a night

in our accommodation facilities on campus in Townsville, meet with current students and become familiar with student life at JCU. The following day students will then begin the University experience program. There will be a small fee for the residential program, which will include the cost of accommodation, dinner and breakfast. The University Experience program is designed to demystify university, break down barriers and address student concerns regarding attending university. Students will have the opportunity to explore and participate in two areas of study, assisting them to made decision about applying to university. There is no cost associated with the University Experience program, lunch is provided. [Registration](#) is essential.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

19/04/2018	<a href="#">Science and Engineering Challenge</a> <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
25/06/2018 to 26/06/2018	<a href="#">Year 8 University Experience – Residential Program</a> <i>Cairns and Townsville, QLD</i>
17/07/2018 to 20/07/2018	<a href="#">Year 12 University Experience</a> <i>Townsville, QLD</i>

### **News from CQUniversity (CQUni)**

**University Experience – Gladstone and Bundaberg:** University Experience is a free, one day on-campus event allowing Year 12 students to explore their post-high school options, including both higher education degrees and TAFE. It provides high school students an opportunity to experience a day in the life of a uni student, including:

- Explore study options of interest through on-campus event
- Pre-select areas of interest and participate in hands-on activities delivered by CQUni teaching staff and current students
- Get a taste for student life - tour the campus and talk to students about their experience with us

For information regarding the Gladstone University Experience, visit their [webpage to register](#) or for information regarding the Bundaberg University Experience, visit their [webpage to register](#).

**STEPS information session** - Need a little help to meet the entry requirements of your chosen university course? Or perhaps you just want some additional support to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to successfully enter and undertake further study. Find out how CQUniversity can be the support to your study and take the first step toward a brighter future with their [Skills For Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies \(STEPS\) course](#). STEPS is a FREE, Centrelink approved enabling course that is designed to help you acquire the necessary skills, knowledge and confidence to gain entry into university. [Register to attend](#) one of the STEPS Information sessions at your local CQUniversity campus or online.

**Online Chat Session** - Get to know CQUniversity a little better at one of our upcoming Online Chat Sessions. Whether it's in relation to your [course of interest](#), student support services, or anything else to do with studying with us, our staff will be on hand to provide you with the answers. [Register now](#) to attend the Online Chat Session on Tuesday 24 April 2018 from 3 to 6 pm.

**Schools Business Challenge – Round 1:** the CQUniversity School Business Challenge (SBC) is an annual competition for Year 12 high school students with a total prize pool worth more than \$50,000 including \$7,500 in cash prizes available to winning schools and \$46,000 in scholarships to be shared among winning students. The SBC is a competition in which participating secondary schools enter a team of four Year 12

students. Participating teams are challenged to correctly answer a number of multiple choice questions on diverse business-related subjects. In 2018, the SBC will be held across CQUni locations in Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Townsville, Rockhampton and Melbourne. The SBC will be conducted over two rounds. Round 1 will see schools compete within their own region at their local CQUni campus - Bundaberg, Cairns, Gladstone, Emerald, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville and Melbourne - on Tuesday, 1 May from 5 – 7 pm. For more details on the SBC please email Gordon Stewart at [g.stewart@cqu.edu.au](mailto:g.stewart@cqu.edu.au) or visit their [webpage](#) for more information.

**Capricorn Careers Expo** - if you are a school student, school leaver, looking to upskill or searching for a career change, visit the CQUni booth at the Capricorn Careers Expo on the 15th of May 2018. The event will provide an opportunity to speak with CQUni academics and teachers, while exploring your career and pathway opportunities. Entry to the event is free. To find out more about this event, visit the [Capricorn Careers Expo webpage](#).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

18/04/2018	<a href="#">University Experience Gladstone</a> <i>Gladstone, QLD</i>
20/04/2018	<a href="#">STEPS Information Session</a> <i>Various</i>
24/04/2018	<a href="#">Online Chat Session</a> <i>Online</i>
01/05/2018	<a href="#">Schools Business Challenge – Round 1</a> <i>Various</i>
04/05/2018	<a href="#">University Experience Bundaberg</a> <i>Bundaberg, QLD</i>
15/05/2018	<a href="#">Capricorn Careers Expo</a> <i>Rockhampton, QLD</i>

### **Registrations are open for the June/July Engineering Link Projects**

The Engineering Link Group, together with host universities, invite students in Years 10 – 12 who are interested in learning about engineering to participate in one of the Engineering Link Projects (ELPs) to be run in Queensland this year. Visit the [website](#) to download the bulk registration form to register. The dates and venues for the June/July 2018 ELPs are listed below. To register on the website, scroll down to the table and click 'Register' for the relevant event.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

02/07/2018 to 03/07/2019	<a href="#">Engineering Link Project – CQ University</a> <i>Rockhampton, QLD</i>
12/07/2018 to 13/07/2018	<a href="#">Engineering Link Project – QUT</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
16/07/2018 to 17/07/2018	<a href="#">Engineering Link Project – Cairns</a> <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
19/07/2018 to 20/07/2018	<a href="#">Engineering Link Project – JCU Townsville</a> <i>Townsville, QLD</i>

## Snippets from the University of Queensland (UQ)

**Concurrent Diplomas at UQ** - UQ students can study diplomas in Music Performance and Languages at the same time they are undertaking their undergraduate degree. See the [website](#) for details.

**Experience Science workshops** – Experience Science is a free event that provides students in years 10 - 12 the opportunity to discover what studying science is like at UQ and how science is applied in industry and everyday life. The event is facilitated by experts from UQ and industry through a series of hands-on, interactive science workshops. All workshops are held at the UQ St Lucia campus. Students will be provided with snacks and drinks for morning tea, but must bring their own lunch. Thousands of students from Queensland and northern New South Wales have attended and enjoyed Experience Science over the past eleven years. Students can [register](#) as a school group or as individuals.

**Undergraduate Guide for 2019** – This publication can be downloaded from the [UQ website](#). It contains information about the courses that will be offered in 2019, a table of all courses with prerequisites and previous OP/rank cut-offs, and everything else you need to know about life at UQ.

**UQ Link Program** – This is a special admissions [scheme](#) to assist prospective students who have experienced educational disadvantage due to financial hardship to gain entry to UQ. All eligible students receive five bonus rank points, and \$3,000 for the first year. To apply for this program, you complete the Financial Hardship section of [QTAC's Educational Access Scheme](#) (EAS) when you apply for courses through QTAC.

**UQ OP Guarantee** – Under this [scheme](#), if you achieve an OP 1 – 5, you are guaranteed entry into your highest eligible course preference in the January 2019 major offer round for most of UQ's undergraduate courses, regardless of the course cut-offs.

**UQ Bonus Rank Scheme** – This [scheme](#) provides up to five bonus rank points towards your entry, and points are allocated on the following basis:

- **Two points** for passing an approved language other than English.
- **Two points** for passing Queensland Senior Mathematics C (or [equivalent](#) as determined by UQ).
- **One point** for successfully completing a university-level enrichment course concurrently with your senior program (e.g. the [Enhanced Studies Program](#)).

Visit the [UQ Bonus Rank Scheme](#) webpage for more information.

### **Upcoming Events:**

13/07/2018	<a href="#">Experience Science</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
17/07/2018	<a href="#">Experience Science</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
18/07/2018	<a href="#">Experience Science</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
19/07/2018	<a href="#">Experience Science</a> <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

## The Good Universities Guide



This guide provides information on Australian university courses, university ratings, careers and other tertiary study topics. It comes in three formats – a [website](#), an [e-book](#) and a hardcopy book which can be purchased from the [Good Education Bookshop](#). Information about scholarships is available on the website site. The [Education Blogs](#) page on the website contains articles on a range of topics including tertiary study, student life and student stories. Posts include:

- [Pathways: Your Guide to Vocational Education and Training \(VET\)](#)
- [Part-time study: the pros and cons](#)
- [How to survive your first year of uni](#)
- [How to add an international spin to your degree](#)

## **University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) Updates**

**USC Open Days** – At the USC Open Days you'll find all the information and tools you need for a great first year. It's the perfect way to check out the campus, get your questions answered, and learn more about the programs you're interested in. To make the most out of your Open Day, USC recommend:

- Bring a Support Person
- Start the day with a panel session
- Sit in on a real lecture
- Choose your information sessions
- Talk to the Info Hub
- Take a tour

Keep an eye on the [2018 USC Open Day](#) webpage for up to date information regarding this year's Open Days.

**USC Schools Program** - the USC schools program is led by the USC's dedicated Student Recruitment team and aims to connect high schools and students with USC. Our program covers all years in high schools and focuses on general information and aspiration building in the early years to a more detailed and informative approach in the later years. Our team will work with you to understand your needs and develop an experience to suit your students. From a presentation or workshop at your school to an on campus experience, there are a range of great sessions on offer for schools and their students to inspire, inform and excite. Visit their webpage for more information on how USC can assist [at your school, on their campus](#) or via their [student ambassadors](#).

### **Upcoming Events:**

23/06/2018	<a href="#">USC Open Day – Fraser Coast</a> <i>Fraser Coast, QLD</i>
22/07/2018	<a href="#">USC Open Day – Sunshine Coast</a> <i>Sunshine Coast, QLD</i>
05/08/2018	<a href="#">USC Open Day – Caboolture</a> <i>Caboolture, QLD</i>

## **Updates from Griffith University**

**Griffith Apply website** – this [site](#) provides information on the following topics in short video format:

- What you need to study at Griffith
- Applying to study at Griffith
- Admission pathways to study
- The cost of tertiary study

After viewing the videos, visit the [‘High School Students’ webpage](#). This section of the website has useful information including how to apply, admission schemes, programs for high achievers and scholarships.

**2019 Undergraduate Degrees Guide** – In addition to information about the courses to be offered in 2019, the Guide provides a glimpse of the study opportunities available at Griffith. Included are briefs on Kick start your career, scholarships, campus life, Griffith Sports College and how to apply. Download the Guide from the [website](#) (scroll down to ‘Undergraduate Brochure’).

**Queensland Conservatorium auditions** – Most of the courses offered by the Conservatorium require an audition as one of the entry prerequisites. Audition applications usually open in June. The [Auditions website](#) will be updated for 2019 applications shortly. Note that if you don’t apply for an audition by the due date, you will not be considered for any courses requiring an audition at the Conservatorium.

**Go Health, Go Griffith Experience Days** – In 2008, Griffith University entered into a partnership agreement with Queensland Health (Gold Coast Health Service District) and Education Queensland to develop initiatives within designated high schools to promote health related studies and pathways to Griffith Health undergraduate programs to senior students. These one-day events are designed for students to experience aspects of a health degree through practical and theoretical sessions delivered by health professionals and scientists. Talk to your science teacher or school guidance counsellor/officer if you are interested in attending a program as registrations are through your school. Visit the [website](#) for further information.

**Science on the Go!** – is the premiere STEM outreach facilitator of Griffith University. Science on the GO! aims to bring dynamic and engaging science shows, events, programs and teaching resources by providing primary and secondary school staff and students access to Griffith’s innovative STEM facilities, resources and expertise. [Find out more](#) about our award-winning STEM outreach programs, science shows, on-campus experiences, upcoming events, STEM Ambassador Program and Pathways to University.

## **Updates from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)**

**Lacking assumed knowledge for a QUT course?** - [QUT bridging courses](#) in Maths B, Chemistry and Physics are offered to students and the general community to help participants undertake tertiary-level studies in these areas. Successfully completing the Maths B bridging program will give you the assumed knowledge in Maths B for QUT courses and meet the maths prerequisite for QUT's Bachelor of Education. This program may also meet assumed knowledge or prerequisites for other institutions. Semester 2, 2018 courses are delivered on campus between 17 July and 25 October 2018. Registrations close 3 July 2018. Visit [the QUT Bridging Programs webpage](#) for an overview, details and to register.

**Parent Information Seminars** – QUT are inviting current senior high school students and their parents or guardians to find out about studying at QUT at the [Parent Information Seminar](#) on 15 May at Gardens Point campus. They will provide information about:

- making course and career decisions
- gaining entry to university
- life as a university student

- transition to university and support for students
- study costs and financial support
- resources for parents and students

An optional twilight campus tour with a QUT student will be available before the seminar. You'll need to register for this event. [Registration will be available](#) on our event website in April.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students** - QUT's Oodgeroo Unit offers the [Centralised Assessment Selection Program \(CASP\)](#). If you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, and want to study an undergraduate course you may be eligible for admission through the Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP). QUT takes into account prior learning and other personal achievements to give you a better chance of getting into the course you want, as well as a bursary to help you with study or living costs. Visit their [webpage](#) for more information.

**What QUT courses fit my interests?** – Take the [Match My Skills quiz](#) to find out.

**Need help developing a fashion portfolio?** 'Fashion Illustration for Beginners' is a short course that is held in June over two consecutive Saturdays at QUT's Creative Industries Precinct in Kelvin Grove. Applications for the June course close on 19 May 2018. Visit the [website](#) for details.

**Upcoming Events:**

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| 15/05/2018 | <a href="#">QUT – Parent Information Seminar</a><br><i>Brisbane, QLD</i>                         |
| 19/05/2018 | <a href="#">Fashion Illustration for Beginners – Registrations Close</a><br><i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |

**USQ - McGregor Winter Arts Retreat 2018**

Add a little colour to your winter – bunker down in the studio with us! The McGregor Winter Arts Retreat spans five creativity-filled days and is held on campus at USQ Toowoomba. This year you'll find a range of traditional and modern artistic mediums taught by both regular and new faces to McGregor. Create, collaborate and connect with artists of all levels, backgrounds and experiences. It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or professional there is a class on offer for you! Visit their [webpage](#) for booking information for each class and be quick to register as some of the workshops have already booked out.

**Upcoming Events:**

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| 02/07/2018 to 06/07/2018 | <a href="#">McGregor Winter Arts Retreat 2018</a><br><i>Toowoomba, QLD</i> |
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