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2018 TAFE at Schools Guide

If you are a Year 11 or 12 student, you can complete a TAFE Queensland qualification while you are still at school. Choose from a variety of certificate I to certificate III courses from a range of study areas including Animal Studies, Automotive, Beauty and Hairdressing, Building and Construction, Business and Justice Studies, Early Childhood, Electrotechnology, Engineering, Fashion, Horticulture, IT, Logistics, Media and Digital Design, Music and Sound Production, Service and Allied Health, Sports and Recreation, Tourism and Events and Visual Arts. The Guide lists courses students can do while they are still at school with the approval of their school and parents. Benefits of TAFE at School are:

- Fits around your high school studies
- Direct entry to a TAFE Queensland diploma
- University pathways
- Has flexible study options

[Download the Guide](#) from the TAFE website.

Finding an apprenticeship or traineeship – case studies

Not sure about what an apprenticeship 'looks like', what's involved or how to find employers? The Australian Apprenticeships My Gain website has videos in which apprentices and trainees talk about their work and how they went about finding it. See the [My Gain website](#) to access the videos.

My Skills website

[This site](#) is an Australian Government website where you can find information about nationally recognised training courses, registered training organisations and financial assistance. You can find out information on the following industries:

- Agriculture and Food processing
- Arts and Culture
- Business, Education and Training,
- Construction and Mining
- Defence industry
- Design
- Government, Safety and Environment
- Sports and Recreation

- Tourism and Hospitality
- Transport
- Utilities
- Health and Community Services
- Manufacturing and Engineering
- Retail, Hair and Beauty Services
- Science and Technology

Each sector has a 'Skills in Demand' section which lists the skill shortages in every state and territory. Case studies and videos of people who have completed their training and gained entry to their preferred jobs are included.



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Job Finder

If you are interested in joining the ADF but find it difficult to choose an ADF job, use the Job Finder on the [home page](#) to get you started. There is a short questionnaire that gathers information about you and then comes up with ADF job suggestions.

Defence Technical Scholarship

Apply for a Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths (STEM) related job in the ADF and you could be awarded a Microsoft Surface Pro 4. There are over 70 STEM-related jobs in the ADF. Visit the [Defence Technical Scholarship website](#) to find out how you could be in the running for the scholarship.

GAP Year

A Gap Year in the Australian Defence Force is not only a chance to experience what a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force could be like, but also to have a year full of adventure, new friends, new skills, leadership, and travel. An ADF Gap Year is a truly unique opportunity for you to grow and figure out what next step you'll take in life. Time is running out to apply for a place in the 2019 Gap year program. Visit the [GAP year website page](#) for more information and how to apply ... but don't leave it too long or you will miss out.

Upcoming Australian Defence Force information sessions

Find out about upcoming Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions by visiting the [Defence Jobs](#) website. View specific event information including: location, times and to book your tickets by clicking on this link.

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

Your Future is Up – Find your ideal role in the Air Force

Want to take your first step to a rewarding role with the Australian Air Force? Visit the [Your Future is Up website](#) and learn what your career path could be in the Royal Australian Air Force. You will also find information about the various roles in the Air Force. Start checking it out.

Upcoming Events:

31/05/0008	Charleville Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session <i>Charleville RSL</i>
30/04/2018 to 02/07/2018	The Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS)
15/05/2018	Toowoomba Women in Defence Information Session <i>Toowoomba Defence Force Recruiting Centre</i>
15/05/2018	Gold Coast Army Reserve Information Cession <i>Gold Coast Defense Force Recruiting Centre</i>
16/05/2018	Chermside Defence Careers Information session <i>Kedron-Wavell Services Club</i>
16/05/2018	Caloundra Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session
17/05/2018	Stanthorpe Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session <i>Stanthorpe RSL Club</i>
22/05/2018	Townsville Work Life Balance in the ADF Information Session <i>Townsville Defence Force Recruitment Centre</i>
22/05/2018	Brisbane Army Reserve Information Session <i>Brisbane Defence Force Recruiting</i>
22/05/2018	Gold Coast Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session <i>Gold Coast Defence Force Recruiting Centre</i>
22/05/2018	Bundaberg Australian DefenceForce Careers Information Session <i>Bundaberg Civic Centre</i>
23/05/2018	Harvey Bay Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session <i>Oceans Resort and Spa</i>
24/05/2018	24/05/2018 Cairns Trades Careers Information Session <i>Defence Force Recruiting Cairns</i>
24/05/2018	Gympie Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session <i>Gympie RSL</i>
28/05/2018	Chinchilla Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session <i>Chinchilla RSL</i>
29/05/2018	Springfield Women in Defence Careers Information Session
29/05/2018	Southport Army Reserve Information Session <i>Southport Community Centre</i>
30/05/2018	Townsville ADF Combat and Security Toles Information Session <i>Townsville Defence Force Recruiting Centre</i>
30/05/2018	Cairns ADF Combat and Security Careers Information Centre <i>Defence Force Recruiting Centre Cairns</i>
31/05/2018	Roma Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session <i>Roma Explorers Inn</i>



Go – Graduate Jobs Directory

While the intended audience of this directory is university students, it has lots of useful information for students in Years 11 and 12 who are exploring their future options. This information includes:

- Grad Stats – these show the destination of degree graduates (under 25 years of age), based on their field of study, four months after they completed their course
- Career advice and self-assessment activities
- Profiles of graduates who are now employed
- Job search skills – including resumes, interviews, networking
- Industry snapshots – covers different industries, providing information about the jobs within the industry, earnings, future employment opportunities, etc.

You can download the directory from the [GraduateOpportunities.com website](http://GraduateOpportunities.com). Also on this webpage are specific ebooks for many Australian universities.

Is there a test that tells me my ideal job!

That would make career decision making easier, wouldn't it? Unfortunately, it's not that simple. However, there are many tests that can help identify your career interests, work values, skills, aptitudes, personality, etc. at any one point in your life when you do the tests. While there isn't just one ideal job for you, assessment tools can increase your self-awareness and usually, provide you with a list of possible jobs based on how you responded to the test questions. This information can be used to begin your career exploration to find a job that matches up with what you now know about yourself. The following tests/questionnaires are examples of assessment tools that can be used to come up with job ideas. Alternatively, you could visit your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer and ask them about tests or questionnaires they recommend to help you begin your career exploration.

- [myfuture](#) – My career profile (Sign up when first entering this site).
- [Job Outlook](#) – Career quiz.
- [Career Quest](#) – This is on a New Zealand career website.
- [Jung Typology Test](#) – This is a personality test.
- [Career Interest Explorer](#) – The focus is jobs that require VET qualifications.

Job Jumpstart

5-minute Career Explorer quiz

USQ's Career Explorer quiz has been specially designed to help students identify the study areas in which their talents and interests will flourish and thrive. Based on Holland Occupational Themes (RAISEC) Theory, the Career Explorer quiz requires students to answer a few short questions to identify their interests, talents and preferences. From the results of this survey, students will learn about potential career options that could be well suited to their personality. Remember it won't tell you what you 'should become' but it can get you started on your investigations.

Competitions

Get Writing Prize

If you are a high school student in years 7-12 with a passion for writing poetry or short stories this competition is for you! Enter to win some great prizes including membership to Express Media - the peak organisation for young Australian writers, mentoring by USQ staff or students, writer's toolboxes, QBD vouchers and more. Competition closes 5 June 2018 so visit the [website](#) to find out how to enter and get writing!

ReelOzInd – Short film competition

Submissions are now open for the 2018 ReelOzInd - Australia Indonesia Short Film Competition. You are required to submit animation, documentary or fiction short films of no longer than 10 minutes that relate to the competition theme, 'Youth'. Details are on the [ReelOzInd website](#).

The One–Minute Film Competition 2018

This competition provides Australian and New Zealand primary and secondary students with the opportunity to make a 60-second short film or animation. The theme for this year's competition is 'Memory'. The four first-place prizes include \$500 in cash. Entries close midday AEST, Friday 3 August. The winners will be announced at the [Atom Awards Event](#), to be held in Melbourne on Wednesday 14 November 2018. Find out more on the [1-minute film competition website](#).

Upcoming Events:

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| 01/05/2018 to 01/06/2018 | 1 Minute Film Competition |
| 01/05/2018 to 31/07/2018 | Reel OzInd – Short Film competition |

Disabilities

Tertiary Education Experience (TEE)

Tertiary Education Experience (TEE) is an annual event hosted by Disabilities Service within Griffith's Student Diversity and Inclusion Unit. It is aimed at Years 10 – 12 students with disabilities in who are interested in future university study.

The program is designed to assist students with disabilities to:

- start to plan what they might like to study at university in our career workshop
- identify skills they need to develop in preparation for university study
- identify the support networks that are available
- obtain a realistic view of life on campus and what is expected of university students.

Participants will interact with peer mentors, disability support staff and staff from a number of universities to discuss their post-school options. If students are unable to attend the day, information can be posted to them on request.

Phone 07 3382 1216 if you have any questions or wish to enquire if registration is still available.

Upcoming Events:

31/05/2018

[Tertiary Education Experience](#)
Griffith Uni Logan campus

Employment

The 10 skills you need to thrive in the Fourth Industrial Revolution

According to a World Economic Forum [article](#), by 2020 the [Fourth Industrial Revolution](#) will have brought us enormous technological advances (e.g. advanced robotics and autonomous transport, artificial intelligence and machine learning, advanced materials, biotechnology and genomics). These developments will change the way we live, and the way we work. Some jobs will disappear, others will grow and jobs that don't exist today will become commonplace. The only certainty is that we will need the skills to meet these emerging challenges. So, what are these skills? The article lists the following 10 skills, suggested by chief human resources and strategy officers from leading global employers, as the skills needed to succeed in 2020. The skills are listed in order of importance.

1. Complex problem solving
2. Critical thinking
3. Creativity
4. People management
5. Coordinating with others
6. Emotional intelligence
7. Judgment and decision making
8. Service orientation
9. Negotiation
10. Cognitive flexibility

Could you demonstrate that you have these skills (i.e. talk about when you have successfully used them)? If not, how could you develop these skills? Read the following related articles from the [Singularity Hub](#) and [Skills for Your Future](#). For other great articles visit the World Economic Forum's [website](#).

The Hidden Job Market

The hidden jobs market is a term used to describe jobs that aren't posted online or advertised. It is estimated to be from 50 - 80 % of the entire jobs market (depending on what you read!). To access the hidden jobs market, you need to network. Networking is not just about meeting lots of people. Effective networking means being focused by first deciding what sort of work you want. Then you need to identify employers who offer that sort of work. A helpful website that lists large employers in Australia is [Job Adviser](#). Your social network (family, friends, friends' parents, neighbours, etc.) can also help you identify employers.

It is important to put dollars at the bottom of your priority list, particularly when you're starting out. Also, you may not get your ideal job first up. It is more important to find an employer and a job that gives you a pathway you want to take. Approach employers who look promising. There's a fine line between being

persistent and being annoying, so always be very conscious and respectful of people's time. If you say you want to work for an organisation, have a clear set of reasons why; saying, 'because you look like a cool company' isn't a very strong reason. Instead think about their values as a business, the market they operate in, their reputation, how they fit in with your own vision of the work you want to do.

Visit the [Youth Central website](#) for more tips on accessing the hidden jobs market.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Financial Assistance and Scholarships

Bond University scholarships for 2018 are open online

Bond's scholarship program offers many full-fee and part-fee scholarships as well as cash bursaries. Most scholarships can be used for any single or combined program (except for the Medical Program). Visit the [Scholarship webpage](#) for more information, to download the scholarship brochure and to access the application tips. Scholarship applications for Year 12s must be lodged online using the Bond University application form.

Commonwealth Supported Places and HELP Loans:

Budget Announcement

The 2018—19 Federal Budget contains several measures that affect Higher Education students. One of these measures affects the previously proposed combined HELP loan limit, which (subject to the passage of legislation) will introduce a limit on the amount of HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP and VET Student Loans a student may borrow. If the legislation passes, the combined HELP loan limit will be made a renewable limit, meaning that students will be able to re-borrow if they make repayments towards their HELP debts from the 2019—20 income year onwards. For more information on the combined HELP loan limit, [click here](#).

Government loans and subsidised places

The Government administers the Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) which consists of four HELP loans schemes and the VET Student Loans program to assist students with the cost of their fees. The right loan for you will depend on your circumstances, eligibility and where you want to study.

- If you are studying at university or at an approved private higher education provider, you will be offered either a Commonwealth supported place or a fee-paying place.
- If you are studying at an approved VET provider, you will be enrolled as either a state subsidised student or fee-paying student.

A Commonwealth supported place is subsidised by the Government so that students are only required to pay a 'student contribution' amount rather than tuition fees.

- HECS-HELP is a loan scheme to help eligible Commonwealth supported students to pay their student contribution amounts through a loan or upfront discounts. Before 2005, this was known as 'HECS'.

- FEE-HELP is a loan to help eligible fee-paying students to pay their tuition fees.
- SA-HELP is a loan that assists eligible students to pay for all or part of their student services and amenities fee.
- OS-HELP is a loan to help eligible Commonwealth supported students pay their overseas study expenses.

VET Student Loans is a loan program that helps eligible students enrolled in certain higher-level vocational education and training courses at approved course providers to pay their tuition fees. VET Student Loans replaced the VET FEE-HELP loan scheme from 1 January 2017.

- The VET FEE-HELP scheme ceased on 31 December 2016. All existing students will be provided the opportunity to continue accessing VET FEE-HELP and will be contacted by the Department of Education and Training to opt-in to VET FEE-HELP using an online form. For more information about opting-in, students should visit the [website](#).

Are you eligible for HECS-HELP?

To be eligible for HECS- HELP, you must:

- be studying in a [Commonwealth supported place](#);
- be an Australian citizen; or
- be a New Zealand Special Category Visa holder who meets the long-term residency requirements; or
- be a permanent *humanitarian* visa holder;
- be enrolled in each unit at your university by the census date;
- meet the relevant HECS-HELP residency requirements;
- read the *HECS-HELP and Commonwealth supported places information* booklet; and
- submit a valid *Request for Commonwealth support and HECS-HELP* form by the census date (or earlier administrative date) to your university.

If you are in Year 12, make sure you sort your eligibility now ... don't leave it till you are enrolling.



Gap Year Program News

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African Conservation Experience (ACE) for Gap Year students

ACE works with conservation projects in South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mauritius. Project options include working in a wildlife care centre, having a wildlife veterinary experience or becoming a marine conservation volunteer. For more information about this organisation and its projects, see the [ACE website](#) and check out their [facebook](#) page.

Camp America

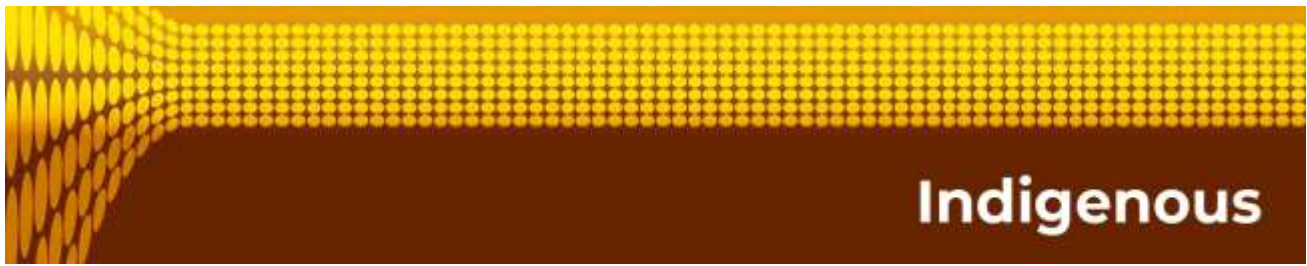
You can visit their website. 2019 applications will open 11 July 2018.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE)

If you are considering applying for a student exchange program, you and your parents are encouraged to attend a SCCE information sessions. The sessions are designed to give students and parents a realistic overview of the process, the countries, the experience and the benefits of combining learning and friendship through student exchange. Visit their [website](#) to find out when and where the information sessions will be held or contact SCCE on 1800 500 501 or scceaust@scce.com.au if you require further information.

World Education Program Student Exchange

WEP will holding information sessions in Brisbane, Cairns, Mackay, Toowoomba and Townsville. Details and registration information are on the [Information Sessions website](#).



Indigenous

ASSETS summer schools for STEM

These summer schools are open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from all over Australia who are in Year 10 and who are interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The 2018-19 summer schools will be held in Adelaide, Newcastle and Townsville. Each summer school has cultural, academic and personal development strands. Visit the [website](#) for program details. Applications open on the 22 May 2018 and close on 12 June 2018.

Upcoming Events:

22/05/2018 to 12/06/2018

[Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science](#)



Overseas Studies

Helpful websites for researching overseas study options

The following websites can help you in your search for institutions and courses overseas. Most of the sites also provide information on what it is like to study in another country and processes for applying for courses and scholarships.

[Study and play USA](#) - Provide the knowledge, experience and expertise student-athletes need to travelling to the USA to live, play, learn, compete, study, grow in a purpose fit university.

[Education USA](#) – This site offers a five-step approach to researching study in the USA.

[International Student](#) – Provides access to resources for study in USA and UK.

[QS Top Universities](#) – Provides information on the highest ranked universities in the world.

[Study Link](#) – This site has a search tool that gives you access to thousands of courses from institutions around the world.

[Study Portals](#) – Allows you to search globally for institutions and courses.

[Times Higher Education World University Rankings](#) – A website set up by the company behind the world's most influential university ranking on every continent across the world.

[OS-HELP on the Study Assist website](#) - OS- HELP is a loan available to eligible Australian students enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place who want to undertake some of their study overseas.

[Smartraveller](#) – This Australian Government website provides information for Australian travellers.

[Study in Canada](#) – You can use this site to explore institutions and courses in Canada.

[Study in New Zealand](#) – A course search and information about qualifications and scholarships available.

[British Council: Study UK](#) – Everything you need to know about studying in the United Kingdom.

[Ministry of Education, Singapore](#) – Provides general information about studying in Singapore.

Job Info

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Women In STEM

If you like the problem solving and creative thinking around Maths, [Careers With STEM](#) has a great section on [Women in STEM](#) which has profiled more than 75 women who are combining their interest in STEM and their passion and interest.

Is your future on track? Explore rail careers

The [Rail Career Pathways website](#) contains information for school leavers interested in a rail career. Explore the A – Z rail jobs listing on the site. Links to employer organisations are included.

The Job I Love website

This [website](#) focuses on 12 different jobs in the service industries, including business, fitness, community pharmacy, retail, hairdressing, beauty, community recreation, outdoor recreation and floristry. The information provided for each industry includes the jobs available, the duties for each job and the training required for each job.

Ultimate Careers – Explore careers of the future

Australia's Science Channel has developed the [Ultimate Careers website](#). From this site, you can access the following resources and activities that explore jobs of the future, with a focus on STEM career opportunities:

- Read the online 2017 Ultimate Careers magazine
- Download the Ultimate Careers App
- Sign up and stay up to date with the Ultimate Careers Challenge.
- Visit Australia's Science Channel to hear inspiring career stories
- Take the survey for a chance to win prizes.

What careers use mathematics?

Did you know that Zoo Keepers, Meteorologists, Builders, Mechanics and Hairdressers use Maths in their work? These jobs are included in the 21 career profiles on the [Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute website](#). You can also check out the [Careers with Maths magazine](#) for more information about exciting careers that use Maths.



Open Days, Expos and Career Markets

New York Film Academy (NYFA)

The New York Film Academy Australia promotes the art of Visual Storytelling (Film and related media including staged performance). The New York Film Academy will be holding an open day at their Gold Coast campus.

How to make the best use of a career expo

The purpose of a career expo is to give you an opportunity to explore your future options in employment, training and/or higher education. While there are many resources available that provide this information, a career expo offers a unique opportunity as it has a broad range of information in the same place at the same time. Also, you can gather brochures to take home as well as get accurate, up-to-date information from representatives who can answer your questions, usually on the spot. However, to get the most out of a career expo, you need to do some preparation. First, go onto the expo website (most expos have a website) to find out about:

- The exhibitors - industries, organisations, universities, colleges, TAFE, employers, etc. who will have a stand at the expo
- Activities - some expos have activities such as 'Try-a-Trade'
- Seminars or workshops
- Competitions – some expos use these as a drawcard for people to attend.

Make a list of the exhibitors, activities and seminars/workshops you want to visit. List the information you are looking for and/or the questions you want answered.

Most expos have a map of exhibitors (i.e. where their stands are located on the expo site). Use this to get around the expo to get the information you want. You could also look at who else is there. After the expo, it is a good idea to review your information and reflect on how this information might influence your future decision making. You could talk this over with your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer.

Upcoming Events:

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| 24/05/2018 | Cairns Careers and Employment Expo
<i>Cairns Showgrounds</i> |
| 16/06/2018 | New Your Film Academy
<i>Gold Coast</i> |

Private Provider Updates

Private Providers

Queensland Police Recruiting seminars

If you are interested in exploring the career opportunities within the Queensland Police Service, you can attend a seminar. Seminars are held throughout the year. Queensland Police also have a stall at most career expos in Queensland. Visit the [website](#) for dates and bookings.

Snippets from Christian Heritage College (CHC)

Study Dance at CHC - CHC now offers Dance units within the School of Education, Humanities and Business. Students can choose to include Dance units as part of their major or minor area of study in Education, or as elective units within any CHC course. Read about the Dance units on the [CHC website](#).

Open Night

Speak one-on-one with CHC's friendly staff, who can answer your questions about studying at CHC. You can find out:

- What can I study?
- What are the pre-requisites?
- How much will it cost – can I defer my fees?
- Will my qualifications be recognised?
- Can I do an internship during my degree?

Staff from all five study areas – Business, Liberal Arts, Education, Ministries and Social Sciences – will be on hand to speak with you about their range of 30 courses. They offer flexible, accredited courses at Diploma, Bachelor and postgraduate level.

Study to be an enrolled nurse at the Mater

Mater Education offers a Diploma of Nursing. The course is delivered on a full-time or part-time basis. VET Student Loans are available for eligible students. Year 12 students apply directly to Mater Education, not through QTAC. The full-time course now has quarterly intakes each year, in January, April, July and October. There is one intake per year for the part-time course commencing in January. See the [Mater Education website](#) for more information. Students who successfully complete the Diploma of Nursing may gain up to one year's credit towards a three-year Bachelor of Nursing. Indigenous and refugee background applicants may be eligible for a scholarship.



Post School Info

Young Social Pioneers

This program has been developed by the Foundation for Young Australians (FYP). FYP is looking for young people with an idea or project that could change the world for the better. Participants will have access to mentors, workshops, resources and the biggest community of young trailblazers in Australia. Travel and accommodation is also included for all finalists. YSP will bring finalists to a board room to share their live pitches. Seven participants representing one of each specialist stream (Sustainability, Youth Mental Health, Arts, Health, Environment, Indigenous and Open) will be rewarded with \$10,000 in funding. Visit the [YSP webpage](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

15/05/2018 to 01/06/2018 [Young Social Pioneers Applications](#)



QTAC and Tertiary Entry

English eligibility for ATAR (For Year 12 students in 2020)

QTAC, who will be calculating individual ATARs, has outlined [eligibility requirements](#) students must meet to be awarded an ATAR. Student must have:

- satisfactorily completed an English subject
- completed five general subjects, or four general subjects plus one applied subject or VET course at AQF certificate III or above
- accumulated their subject results within a five-year period.

Important to note:

- Not all English subjects will meet the English prerequisite requirements for universities and courses. You must check each university's prerequisites.
- While students must satisfactorily complete an English subject to be eligible for an ATAR, the result in English will only be included in the ATAR calculation if it is one of the student's best five subjects.
- All five English subjects will count toward ATAR.

2020 Prerequisites

QTAC are no longer going to publish their Year 10 Tertiary Prerequisite book. Instead, you can find the individual university and private provider prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended study for entry in 2020 on the QTAC site.

Before you choose your senior subjects, it is essential that current Year 10 students identify any prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended study for the courses that they are interested in at the end of Year 12. Not all universities and institutions have the same prerequisites, assumed knowledge or recommended study requirements, so it is essential that you check all universities and institutions. [Click here](#) (and scroll to the bottom of the page) for a list of the universities and institutions and their prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended studies for 2020.

Tertiary entry questions from current Year 12 students

Q. - How do I apply to university for next year?

A. - You apply through [QTAC](#) for most Queensland tertiary courses. Applications to tertiary institutions in other states are through [tertiary admissions centres](#) like QTAC. You apply directly to all other institutions.

Q. - What is QTAC?

A. - The [Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (QTAC) is a public, not-for-profit company that manages the application and offer processes for universities, TAFE Queensland and some private colleges in Queensland (three interstate institutions are also included). QTAC does not make the rules about entry to courses. The institutions make the rules and QTAC administers these rules.

Q. - How many courses can I apply for through QTAC?

A. - You can apply for up to six courses from any of the institutions that use QTAC. You receive only one offer (if you meet the prerequisites and have a competitive OP or Rank) at any given offer round. Find out more on the [Preferences page](#) of the QTAC website.

Q. - How are applicants selected for courses through QTAC?

A. - There are usually more applicants than available places for many of the courses. Selection is based on meeting minimum entry requirements (prerequisite subjects, folio, audition, etc.) and on merit (OP or Rank). Once minimum entry requirements are met, applicants compete on the basis of merit for competitive courses.

Q.-What is the difference between undergraduate and postgraduate courses?

A. - The term 'undergraduate' is normally applied to diploma, advanced diploma, associate degree and bachelor degree courses. 'Postgraduate' usually applies to courses you can study after completing a bachelor degree, e.g. graduate certificate, graduate diploma, masters and doctorate.

Which is the best university?

All Australian universities offer accredited courses that can lead to employment. Consequently, the better question is 'Which is the best university for me?' Consider the following when researching universities.

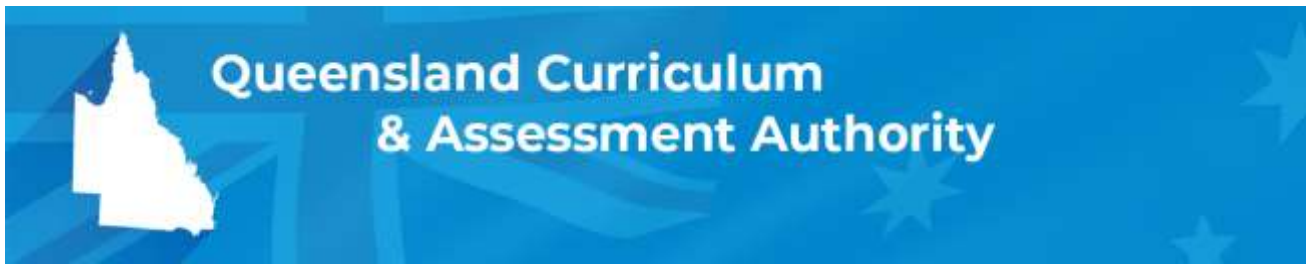
- Is the course offered at this university a pathway to the job I eventually want?
- Where is this university located? Can I realistically travel there? What are the transport options?
- Will the university help me gain work experience in my career area of interest while I do the course?
- How hard is it to get into this course at this university?
- Are the courses at this university full-fee or are they subsidised by the Commonwealth Government and eligible for HECS-HELP?
- If the courses are full-fee, is the institution accredited for FEE-HELP?
- Where do students of this course at this university go after they graduate?
- What support services are available at this university?
- What co-curricular activities (sport, clubs, etc.) are available at this university?
- What is the 'atmosphere' or working and social environment of the university like?
- Is it important to me to go to the same university as my friends?

These websites can help you with your research.

- [QILT](#) (Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching) can help you compare study experience and employment outcomes data from Australian higher education institutions to select the institution with all the qualities you want.
- [Rate Your Uni](#) gives you student ratings for Australian universities.
- [The Good Universities Guide](#) has a course and institution search function and information on careers and scholarships. It also has a rating section for all Australian universities.
- [Study Assist](#) provides information on Australian Government financial assistance for further study.

Other sources of information are:

- Open days and career expos – access information from the [Open days and expos page](#) on the QTAC website. Term three is big for open days.
- University brochures – obtain these at open days, career expos and university websites
- University websites
- Current students at the university (you will have access to these students at open days).



Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Literacy and Numeracy requirements for Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) in 2020

To be issued a QCE, students need to accrue the set amount of learning, at the set standard, in a set pattern, while meeting literacy and numeracy requirements. These requirements are aimed at ensuring students complete their senior schooling with the knowledge and skills they need for success in life beyond school. The QCE is issued to eligible students when they meet all requirements, usually at the end of Year 12.

The literacy and numeracy requirements can be met through a range of options. It is important when planning your senior subjects (and throughout your senior studies) that you know and understand the QCE literacy and numeracy requirements and that you choose correctly.

One way for a senior student in Queensland to meet the literacy standards is to study QCAA General or Applied English subjects for Unit 1, Unit 2, or a Unit 3 and 4 pair. These subjects include English, English & Literature Extension, English as an Additional Language, Literature and/or Essential English.

One way for a senior student in Queensland to meet the numeracy standards is to study QCAA General or Applied Mathematics subjects for Unit 1, Unit 2, or a Unit 3 and 4 pair. These subjects include General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics and/or Essential Mathematics. The set standard for both literacy and numeracy is satisfactory completion in Unit 1 or Unit 2 or a grade of C or better in a Unit 3 and 4 pair

[Click here](#) to find out about the QCE literacy and numeracy requirements for Year 12 students from 2020 onwards.

Student Connect magazine

The [Student Connect magazine](#) gives Year 12 students important and interesting information and advice about their studies, future education, training and career pathways. It also highlights key events in Semester two and profiles the study and career pathways of recent school graduates. The magazine is published twice a year –in May and December.

You can collect a copy of the May 2018 edition at your schools. In this edition, you are encouraged to log in to your Learning Account on the [Student Connect website](#) to check your personal details before final results are released in December. All Year 12 students who log in at least once between 1 May and 31 August 2018 will go into a draw to win an Apple MacBook Air.



Study Skills

Staying motivated

With the pressure of assignments, exams, social events (Who should I take to the formal? or Will he/she ask me to the formal?), and career and course decision making, it is easy to lose sight of the goals you set yourself for your senior studies. The following suggestions may help you regain the momentum you had at the beginning of the year.

One step at a time - Getting motivated again takes a little time. So, just pick a small task, and address that. Break big projects and assignments into smaller ones, and tackle just one, then another. Before you know it, you're starting to feel like you're achieving something, and that will boost your confidence.

Be realistic - Lack of motivation can sometimes happen when you doubt your ability to achieve your goals and projects. Maybe you're demanding too much of yourself. Look at what you've got on your plate: is it realistic? If not, try and reduce the workload by talking to teachers, guidance officers/counsellors and parents. They're human too!

Take a break - Sometimes, all you need to motivate yourself again is to take a break. Go for a walk, catch up with friends, treat yourself to a movie or a meal. It's amazing how walking away from the immediate issues can help you see them with fresh eyes when you get back to them.

Reward yourself - Go on, have a treat! You may think you're not doing so well, so think about what you have already achieved, and reward yourself for that.

Remember the dream - If you're losing motivation, you're probably caught up with the day-to-day detail. Just remind yourself why you're doing this - to live a comfortable, successful, independent life. Now picture what that will be like. Feeling better?

Ask for help - If you're not clear on an assignment, ask your teacher or a fellow student. Just discussing the issues may make it clearer and kick start your energy.

Read a biography - Many of the famous, successful people we admire faced difficulties and failure in their lives. A biography will put your current challenges in context and allow you to see you're not alone.

If you need more inspiration, view [The secret behind staying motivated](#) on the University of Southern Queensland's website.



TAFE Queensland

TAFE Queensland Dental Courses

TAFE Qld offers the following dental courses. For more information about these courses, ring 1300 308 233.

Certificate III in Dental Assisting – Dental Assistants assist the Dentist or Dental Hygienist in several ways including preparing the surgery for patient treatment, sterilizing instruments, chair side assistance, exposing and processing dental X-rays and reception duties when required. Course details are available [here](#).

Diploma of Dental Technology – Dental Technologists work in laboratories. They make crowns, bridges and dentures after receiving an impression of the patient's teeth from a Dentist. The Dental Technology course is delivered at the South Bank campus over two years. Course details are available [here](#).

Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics - Dental Prosthetists work as registered independent practitioners in the assessment, treatment, management and provision of removable dentures and flexible removable mouthguards used for sporting activities. The Dental Prosthetics degree is offered at the South Bank campus. It is a three-year course. Course details are available [here](#).

Degree qualifications through TAFE Queensland

TAFE Queensland deliver world-class degrees in a practical, job-focused training environment. Students get the best of both worlds — the theoretical side of a university degree, with the applied-learning style that see graduates highly sought after by employers. TAFE have partnered with some of Australia's most respected universities to provide students with up-to-date skills for a changing workforce, along with the adaptable thinking needed to make your mark in any industry. [Click here](#) to see the range of Degree courses offered through TAFE Queensland.

TAFE Queensland Roundup

Brisbane

TAFE at School If you're a Year 11 or 12 student you can complete a TAFE Queensland qualification while you're still at school. Choose from a variety of certificate I to certificate III courses from a range of study areas ranging from hospitality to horticulture, early childhood education to engineering, and everything in between. Applications are now open for Semester 2 2018 programs. They fill quickly so visit their [website](#) for more information and how to apply and make an appointment to see your guidance officer or VET coordinator.



Australian Catholic University (ACU)

University Experience Day

This event will be held at the ACU Brisbane campus on Thursday 5 July 2018. On the day you can participate in workshops related to the degrees offered at ACU, meet staff and current students, check out the campus, get tips on preparing for uni and enjoy the entertainment. [Registrations](#) for this ACU event opened on 1 May 2018.

CQUniversity (CQU) news

CQUniversity provide innovative and flexible study options in Brisbane. Some of the newer courses offered at their Brisbane campus are:

- Bachelor of Diagnostic Imaging - a course that would interest students looking for a career in Science and/or Health care. If you like anatomy, biology and helping people you may want to research this degree. Visit their [website](#) for more information.
- Bachelor of Digital Media – a course for students with a flair for design who are keen to create digital media works using soft wear tools and techniques. Find out more on their [website](#).
- Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic) – an evidence based degree, you will develop patient assessment skills and therapeutic approaches to manage common musculoskeletal issues like back, neck and shoulder pain, headaches, movement problems and more. To find out more visit their [website](#).
- Bachelor of Accident Forensics – a course for students who love TV shows like Mythbusters, Air Crash Investigation or Seconds from Disaster. You will learn a range of analysis techniques to identify accident causes and more importantly, how to prevent it repeating. To find out more visit their [website](#).

CQUniversity Online Chat Session

Got questions about TAFE or university? Get the answers at the Online Chat Session. Click here for more information about this event.

CQUniversity Upcoming Career Expos

If you are interested in finding out more about CQUni come along to one of the following career expos where you will have the opportunity to speak with CQUni lecturers and current students.

Upcoming Events:

18/05/2018	University Experience <i>Mackay</i>
22/05/2018	Bundaberg Career Expo <i>Bundaberg Multiplex</i>
26/06/2018	Mackay TAFE and Careers Expo <i>CQUniversity Mackay City, Sydney Street, Mackay</i>
26/06/2018	Rockhampton TAFE Careers Expo <i>CQUniversity Rockhampton City, Canning Street, Rockhampton</i>
27/06/2018	University Experience Cairns <i>CQUniversity Cairns</i>
23/08/2018	CQUniversity Online Chat Session

Griffith Uni "After the Siren" workshops

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Griffith University, together with Runaway Bay Sports and Leadership Excellence Centre, are offering the "After the Siren" workshops in 2018. The free program is designed to offer Years 10 -12 student athletes the unique opportunity to learn about life as an elite athlete, from a range of current industry professionals and to help them prepare for a successful life on and off the sporting field.

Registrations for the day long *After the Siren* workshops are now open and you are invited to register up to 4 elite athletes from your School to attend one of the following events (registrations of more than 4 athletes will also be considered but can't be guaranteed)

- Tuesday 31 July, Runaway Bay Sport and Leadership Excellence Centre
- Thursday 2 August, Griffith University, Nathan campus

Registration closes on **Wednesday 20 June, 2018 at 4pm**. For registration contact Beau McCauley at bmcca191@eq.edu.au

Griffith Uni GUESTS applications for Trimester 2 now open

Applications close 30 May for Griffith University's Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUESTS) on-campus and online applications are currently open to high achieving year 11 and 12 students for Trimester 2, 2018. Students can apply to undertake a first year university course from most Griffith degrees. Students who successfully complete their university course (subject) are eligible for two adjustment ranks towards their OP/ATAR when applying for Griffith and credit transfer once they commence their related degree. Find out more at griffith.edu.au/guests, phone 1800 677 728 or email guests_enquiry@griffith.edu.au

Griffith Uni Queensland Conservatorium Year 12 Experience Days

If you are a Gold Coast student interested in studying music, come along to Griffith Uni's Experience day and find out about what being a student will be like, talk to Bachelor of Music lecturers and students whilst taking part in exciting music-making activities. This experience day will prepare you for the Popular Music major (offered at our South Bank campus from 2019) as part of the Bachelor of Music degree. Registrations open until 25 May. Contact Julie Sutherland for more information (07) 5552 9036

Upcoming Events:

20/07/2018

Queensland Conservatorium Year 12 Experience
Gold Coast campus

Griffith Uni Tertiary Preparation Workshop for entry to the Bachelor of Music

Open Conservatorium Griffith University offers Tertiary Preparation Workshops to help you stand out from the pack at your audition for the Bachelor of Music at the Queensland Conservatorium. Whether you're in your final years of high school or a mature-age student applying for entry to a university music degree, this program can help you better prepare for the theoretical and practical requirements of the audition process. The workshop will run from 2 – 6 July 2018. For more information visit their website (scroll down to *Find the Suitable Program* and use drop down box to click on Tertiary Preparation Program)

GriffithBUSINESS Ambassador Program Registrations open

The GriffithBUSINESS Year 10 and Year 11 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.

Students completing the Ambassador program attend campus to experience life as a university student. A Griffith Lecturer hosts the day conducting a lecture presentation and interactive activity. Students work in groups with students from other schools, concluding the day with a group presentation. [Registrations now open at all campuses.](#)

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Updates

Real world experience for optometry students – QUT optometry students undertake a [range of practical experiences](#) including travelling to remote communities in the NT to participate in outreach clinics, undertaking placements with corporate optometry stores such as OPSM and providing eye examinations in the QUT Optometry Clinic at Kelvin Grove.

Visit “no walls” for an insight into creative careers - Interested in a creative career but not sure what jobs are available? QUT's [no walls site](#) includes profiles of graduates and their career path, as well as staff and student stories and events.

Learning through the QUTopia marketplace - Each year QUT marketing students gain hands-on skills and industry connections by participating in the [QUTopia marketing simulation](#). They develop a marketing plan,

produce a product or service and sell it at market days. They then analyse their performance using tools such as market share calculations, competitor analysis, profitability and customer retention ratios.

Autonomous Robot Rescue

Use your engineering prowess, coding skills and a remotely operated robot arm to rescue injured workers at a building site. In this workshop students will learn about systems engineering and real-world rescue robots. Students assume the role of senior systems engineer, managing the safe rescue of an injured worker on a hazardous building site. Topics covered in this workshop are

- Robotics
- Coding
- Inverse kinematics
- Trigonometry

For more information speak with your guidance officer or career counsellor. You can also visit the [QUT website](#).

University of Queensland (UQ)

UQ Changes to the selection process for the MD Program at UQ

UQ's revised admission process is designed to ensure the highly sought-after places in the MD program are offered to applicants who demonstrate the attributes and abilities most suited to the profession of medicine, and most likely to succeed in the MD program.

There are two major changes to the entry requirements for the MD Program at UQ

- **Impacting current Year 10 students, or younger:** UQ are introducing a Mini Multiple Interview as part of the selection process.
- **Impacting all prospective students:** The introduction of prerequisite courses to ensure students are well prepared for the first two years of the program.

Contact UQ Admissions with any questions at admissions@uq.edu.au or call or phone (07) 3365 2203 or see your Guidance officer/career counsellor at your school.

UQ Auditions for the 2018 B Music (Honours) Program

The UQ School of Music invites applications from everyone who is interested in auditioning for a place in the B Music (Honours) program commencing in Semester 1 2019. The auditions will be held in September 2018 and application information and forms are available on the [School of Music website](#).

Upcoming Events:

03/08/2018

[UQ audition application for Bachelor of Music \(Honours\) closes.](#)

UQ Exercise and Nutrition Sciences as your pathway to Medicine

According to UQ's School of Human Movement and Nutrition, the [B Exercise and Nutrition Sciences](#) is a recommended pathway to UQ's Doctor of Medicine program. Read the rationale for this on the [School's website](#). Read about other pathways to medicine on the [School of Medicine website](#).

UQ Facts and myths

Did you know that a full-time course means being at uni from 9 am – 5 pm five days a week? **NOT!** This and other myths are busted on the [Facts and Myths about UQ webpage](#).

UQ Young Scholars Program for 2018 - 2019

This program provides high achieving Year 11 students with an opportunity to discover, learn and engage with UQ's academic community and like-minded students from across Queensland. For more information, visit the [Young Scholars Program webpage](#). The 5 day residential camp at St Lucia campus will be held from 25 to 29 November 2018.

Upcoming Events:

28/05/2018 to 10/08/2018 [UQ Young Achievers Program](#)
St Lucia Campus

What's up at the University of the Southern Queensland (USQ)

Semester 2 Head Start applications now open

The USQ Head Start program is an opportunity for high achieving Year 11 and 12 students to get a 'head start' on their university studies and experience what it's like to be a university student. For more information on this program and the application process, check out USC's [Head Start page](#). Applications close 4 June 2018.

Year 9 – 10 Careers day

USQ Careers Day 2018 will have an exciting new format, providing Years 9 and 10 high school students with an on campus experience that aims to explore study options and inspire interest in a range of different career pathways. Based on their interests, students will be able to choose to attend a number of fun, interactive sessions covering a range of subject areas facilitated by USQ academics and industry guest speakers currently working in the field. Representatives from TAFE Queensland and the Australian Defence Force will also be facilitating sessions. Students will also receive information to help with senior high school subject selection.

Upcoming Events:

28/06/2018 [Years 9 – 10 Careers Day](#)
Toowoomba

28/08/2018 [Years 9 – 10 Careers Day](#)
Ipswich

What's up at the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)

Voices on the Coast – This is an annual youth literature festival for students in Years 4 – 12 presented by Immanuel Lutheran College and USC. It will be held from 18 to 21 July 2018 at the USC Sippy Downs campus. See the [Voices on the Coast website](#) for details.

Career resources – The USC [Deciding on a Career webpage](#) has lots of tips to help you with your career and course decisions.

USC Career Directory - Know the career they're looking for but not sure which degree will take you there? Use the career directory on the [USC website](#) to find the right USC degree.