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Construction snapshot

The Construction industry employs over 1,167,200 people as at November 2017. It is predicted to grow by 120,700 new jobs over the five years to May 2023.

Some facts:

- Top 3 hiring occupations are:
 - Carpenters and joiners
 - Electricians
 - Plumbers
- Mean age is 39
- 15% work part time
- 32% live in regional Australia
- 68% hold post-school qualifications

Visit the [Australian Jobs 2018](#) for more information.

Mechanical Services Plumbing

Mechanical Services plumbing work involves mechanically heating, cooling and ventilating residential and commercial buildings. It also includes plumbing work for medical gas equipment. As a mechanical services plumber you have a wide range of responsibilities, which range from water production, maintaining the heating systems and sewage to fixing the vending machine! One of the most important jobs is the production of water which is used for drinking, heating and firefighting. [Click here](#) to hear from a mechanical services plumber. To find out what training you need, visit the [TAFE Queensland website](#).

Myths around Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Many of the perceptions people have of VET are not based on fact. The Skilling Australia Foundation found that the following myths are commonly held by people.

Myth: VET graduates earn considerably lower wages than university graduates.

Fact: The median full-time income for a VET graduate is \$55,000. The median graduate salary for students completing a Bachelor's degree is \$60,000.

Myth: VET graduates struggle to find work

Fact: The proportion of bachelor degree graduates in full-time employment is currently at 71.8%. Comparatively, 77.7% of VET graduates are employed after training and 81.2% of graduates who participated in VET as a part of an apprenticeship or traineeship are employed after training. The graduate employment rate of VET students who train as part of a trade apprenticeship is as high as 92%.

Myth: VET is a thing of the past

Fact: According to the Commonwealth Government Department of Employment, the VET sector currently provides training courses for 9 out of 10 occupations predicted to have the greatest growth of new jobs over the next five years.

You can read the research findings in [Australian Jobs 2018](#)

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force information sessions

The Australian Defence Force conducts many career information sessions throughout Australia. If you are interested in the Australian Defence Force it is a good idea to attend one of the information sessions and consider a work experience placement. This will enable you to have a better idea about the life and jobs available to you in the Defence Force. For details about these events and for information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#).

Upcoming Events:

31/05/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Roma</i>
31/05/2018	Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session <i>Charleville</i>
31/05/2018	Women in Defence Information session <i>Brisbane</i>
04/06/2018	Women in Defence Information session <i>Gold Coast</i>
04/06/2018	Health Careers Information session <i>Cairns</i>
05/06/2018	Health Careers Information session <i>Townsville</i>
05/06/2018	Aviation Careers Information Session <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
07/06/2018	Aviation Careers Information Session <i>Gold Coast</i>
10/06/2018	Trade Careers Information Session <i>Dalby</i>
11/06/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Brisbane</i>
11/06/2018	Trade Careers Information Session <i>Emerald</i>
12/06/2018	Trade Careers Information Session <i>Gladstone</i>
12/06/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Gold Coast</i>
12/06/2018	Engineering Careers Information Session <i>Cairns</i>

13/06/2018	Trade Careers Information Session <i>Rockhampton</i>
14/06/2018	Engineering Careers Information Session <i>Townsville</i>
18/06/2018	Trade Careers Information Session <i>Chinchilla</i>
20/06/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Toowoomba</i>
20/06/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Capalaba</i>
25/06/2018	Engineering Careers Information Session <i>Gold Coast</i>
25/06/2018	Engineering Careers Information Session <i>Brisbane</i>
27/06/2018	Women in Defence Information session <i>Gold Coast</i>
27/06/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Rockhampton</i>
27/06/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Maroochydore</i>

Defence 2018 Gap Year closing soon

A gap year with the Airforce, Army or Navy is a great way to trial a career in the Defence Forces – and you get paid to do it! Most positions have already been filled. Visit the [website](#) for information about:

- Defence Force roles that still have vacancies
- Frequently asked questions
- Is the ADF Gap Year for me?
- How much you will earn?
- Benefits of a ADF Gap year

How do I apply for the Defence Force?

Visit the [Defence Recruitment website](#) to find out if you are eligible to join and to access the six steps in the recruitment process. Each step has a video that explains what happens during the step. The six steps are:

1. Apply online, visit a recruitment centre or call 13 19 01
2. YOU (Your Opportunities Unlimited) Session
3. Attend Assessment Session
4. Attend Officer Selection
5. Take a Fitness Test
6. Attend Enlistment and Appointment day.

Scroll to the bottom of the page to find out more information about the recruitment process for each individual Service.

Want to become an officer in the Australian Defence Force (ADF)?

There are many different pathways to becoming an officer in the ADF. Explore the following options:

- [Australian Defence Force Academy](#)
- [Royal Military College, Duntroon](#)
- [Graduate entry](#)
- [Defence University Sponsorship](#)
- [Reserve](#)



2018 Good Careers Guide now available

The Good Careers Guide (GCG) is a helpful resource for students starting their career exploration. It provides information on over 400 jobs and related entry pathways. It also includes tips on career exploration, financial assistance and job seeking skills. In the 2018 edition you will be able to locate:

- [University courses across Australia](#)
- [University Ratings and Rankings in Australia](#)
- [The Good Careers exploration guide](#)
- [Scholarships in Australia information](#)
- [Study information](#)
- [Australian Universities open day dates](#)

For more information and relevant career and pathway articles visit [The Good Universities Guide website](#)

A different way of looking at the 'What Do I Want To Do Question'

[Growing Leaders](#), Tim Elmore, believes asking young people and future leaders questions in the right order is essential for positive outcomes. With healthy priorities and accepting that all of our “doing” will take care of itself if we settle the issue of “being” first, he suggests that the following questions should be considered first before ‘what I want to be’.

1. **Who:** Who do you want to be? What kind of person are you becoming?
2. **Why:** Why do you even exist? What will be your purpose?
3. **What:** What do you plan to do in light of this? What will be your work?
4. **When:** When will you be ready to start? Are you ready to take a first step?
5. **Where:** Where is the best place to fulfill these goals?

Wise people know to prioritize “who” before “what” and “why” before “what.”

Living in such a cosmetic, materialistic culture today, people frequently approach life questions in the wrong order—from the outside in, rather than the inside out. Our 21st century society pushes us to produce, to get results, to make money, to appear successful ... but knowing yourself well and liking yourself is more important.

Following your passion may not be the best choice

Some writers see problems with focusing on your passions when undertaking career decision-making. An article on the [80,000 Hours website](#), while agreeing that it is great to be passionate about your work, identifies four ways to “follow your passion” can be misleading advice. The four problems with following your passion identified in the article are:

Problem 1. It makes it seem that passion is all you need.

Problem 2. Many people don’t feel like they have a career-relevant passion.

Problem 3. It makes it sound like you can work out the right career for you in a flash of insight.

Problem 4. It can make people needlessly limit their options.

An accompanying article suggests that the following six ingredients are needed for a dream job:

- Work that’s engaging
- Work that helps others
- Work you’re good at
- Work with supportive colleagues
- Lack of major negatives
- Work that fits with the rest of your life.

Read the articles. What do you think?

QUT Match My Skills

Get some inspiration on what to study with QUT’s [Match My Skills](#) quiz. All you need to do is answer the questions and a personalized list of course options will be generated for you. It could be just the trick to get your career interest investigation started.

Competitions

Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing

Technology has transformed many aspects of society in a short period of time. Some technologies predicted to be used in the 2020s are yet to appear, like flying cars and personal robots. The 2018 theme is *Technology and Tomorrow* and to enter the competition, describe the impacts of a particular technology on society. You can look at a technology of the past (even ancient past), describe a technology in use today, a new technology that is being developed, or outline your predictions for the technology of the future. You need to write an 800 word essay that could consist of:

- A news story on technology that is being developed now and its predicted impacts.
- Your own ideas for new technologies that will need to be developed in the future.
- An essay on what the impact of a particular technology is on different parts of society.

You have until 28 August 2018 to submit your essay. Details about the competition and RAQs can be accessed [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

01/05/2018 to 28/08/2018 [Entries close for Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing](#)

STUFFit Student Film Festival competition

Stuffit Student Film Festival competition is a high school student film competition. There are nine categories and the competition culminates in a festival which will be held on Saturday 13 October 2018 at Birch, Carroll and Coyle, Maroochydore. Visit the [Stuffit website](#) for details.

Upcoming Events:

01/05/2018 to 13/07/2018 [Entries close for STUFFit Student Film Festival entries](#)

UQ/QAMT Year 7-8 Maths Quiz

The UQ and the QLD Association of Mathematics Teachers have opened registrations for the Year 7-8 Maths Quiz with Round 1 being completed between July and August with teams of three students from Years 7-8. The shortlisted teams will participate in the Regional Finals, followed by the State Finals in October. [Contact QAMT](#) directly for information on when registrations close for your local Round 1.

Employment

Employment Information

What do air traffic controllers do?

Air traffic controllers are personnel responsible for the safe, orderly, and expeditious flow of [air traffic](#) in the global [air traffic control](#) system. Usually stationed in air traffic control centers and [control towers](#) on the ground, they monitor the position, speed, and altitude of aircraft in their assigned [airspace](#), visually and by [radar](#), and give directions to the [pilots](#) by radio. The position of air traffic controller is one that requires highly specialized knowledge, skills, and abilities. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Looking for a job?

Today's job market is:

- A more mobile workforce
- Some people combine two or more part-time or casual jobs
- More contractors market their services on a short-term basis
- A strong emphasis on high-tech skills

Employers want:

- High energy and a good attitude
- Good communication and numeracy skills
- Adaptability and a desire to learn
- Strong computer skills
- Personal passion or strong motivation
- Presentation skills

Job Search:

- Check agencies, job vacancy websites, newspapers, trade journals and professional magazines and TAFE and university notice boards
- Research potential employers
- Access your personal network ... tell everyone that you are looking for a job
- Market yourself by contacting companies that interest you, even if they're not advertising jobs

Just some thoughts ... good luck!

Skills you may not know about

It is hard to find information about jobs and skills. [Skills1NETv](#) is a site where you will find hundreds of videos about getting a trade or skills. Some short clip videos that you can access now are:

- [Pin Curling](#)
- [Cookery](#)
- [Retail](#)
- [Specialised Makeup](#)
- [Farm Management](#)
- [Vet Nursing](#)
- [Electronics](#)

Why you can be grateful for all the bad jobs you have had to do

As you get your first job ... and your second ... and your third and so on, you will have some good, some bad and some dismal experiences. The most important thing is that you learn for each experience and move forward confident that you are wiser than before. None of us wants to be unemployed but staying in a job that is not right is not always a wise decision. Sometimes though, you can learn a lot about yourself when things get tough. Read the article [Why I'm Grateful for All The Bad Jobs I Have Had](#) on the [FYA website](#). Read about what the author found out about themselves at the work place including:

- Patience can be powerful
- I became a better problem solver
- I learned more about my own values
- I discovered what not to do
- They were stepping stones on my way to the good stuff

Places to search for jobs

There are many places to look for a job. It is important to include many sources as part of your job search plan. The following are some of the sources you could use.

Job board websites – These feature jobs advertised by employers and employment agencies. They usually allow you to search for jobs by keyword, occupation, location or employment type (e.g. full-time, part-time, casual). On some of the sites you can create a profile and upload your resume so employers can contact you if they have a job that suits you. Some examples of job board websites are: [Job Active](#), [Seek](#), [Adzuna](#), [Apprenticeship Central](#), [Indeed](#), and [Spot Jobs.com](#).

Company and organisation websites - Companies, organisations and government departments often advertise vacancies on their websites. Look for the 'Careers' or 'About us' section on the homepage.

LinkedIn - This has emerged as an important platform for finding job vacancies. Companies, organisations and government departments all advertise jobs on LinkedIn. If you create a career profile, [LinkedIn](#) will use information from your profile to show you jobs you may be interested in.

Networking – Have you heard the saying 'It's not what you know, it's who you know'? That's what networking is all about. There are formal networking events (e.g. Career and Employment expos) but you can also use your local and personal networks formed through school, community involvement, sport or

hobbies. Let people in your network know you are looking for a job. They may know an employer who is looking for a worker. Visit the [Youth Central website](#) for more tips on networking.

Group Training Organisations - These employ apprentices and trainees and place them with 'host employers'. Visit the [Group Training Australia](#) website for more information about these organisations.

Newspapers - Daily, weekly, local, state and national newspapers usually have job advertisements on some days. The jobs are usually grouped by profession and industry, but it pays to look through all sections as the job you want may be in a different section from the one you expect. The Saturday Courier Mail has a Jobs and Careers section.

Noticeboards - Noticeboards can be a source for local jobs, often based on a casual or part-time work arrangement. Keep an eye out for job vacancy notices in places like shop windows, shop counters, community noticeboards (often found at supermarkets, libraries and shopping centres), outside factory gates.

This information has been adapted from an article on the [myfuture website](#). Read the full article for more job search ideas.

Should I get a part-time job while I'm still at school?

The [Grow Careers website](#) lists the advantages and disadvantages of having a part-time job while you are still at school. Basically, the advantages are earning money, experiencing the world of work, gaining work skills and learning about your work-related interests. The disadvantages are mostly about having less time for study and other activities. The site has tips for managing a part-time job and for getting a part-time job. It also has a list of employers who provide part-time work to students. This is a useful site for anyone who eventually wants to get a job, part-time or full-time.

The jobs of the future – and two skills you need to get them

A recent article from the World Economic Forum (WEF) made the following points about jobs of the future.

- Five million jobs will be lost before 2020 as artificial intelligence, robotics, nanotechnology and other socio-economic factors replace the need for human workers. The good news is that those same technological advances will also create 2.1 million new jobs.
- Most new jobs will be in more specialised areas such as computing, mathematics, architecture and engineering.
- David Deming, a Harvard University researcher, argues that soft skills (social skills including empathy, cooperation, negotiation and sharing) will be crucial in the modern workplace where people move between different roles and projects.
- Deming has mapped the changing needs of employers and identified key skills that will be required to thrive in the job market of the future. He says that, along with soft skills, mathematical ability will be very beneficial.

Read the full article on the [WEF website](#).

What does 'Work Ready' mean to employers?

Employers today are looking for workers who have more than a qualification. They want employees to have specific attributes before they consider them suitable (or ready) for a job. The work readiness attributes

employers want are listed in a small brochure produced by the Business Council of Australia. The brochure contains a table that lists the minimum expectations for an individual's work readiness when they apply for a job or soon after starting a job. These are:

- **Values** – Accountability, Continuous improvement, Honesty, Knowledge, Respect, Tolerance, Work ethic
- **Behaviours** – Adaptable, Authentic, Business-minded, Collaborative, Customer focused, Flexible, Globally aware, Self-aware, Resilient
- **Skills** – Business literacy, Critical analysis, Data analysis, Digital technology, Literacy, Numeracy, Problem solving, Technical skills.

You can read about each of these attributes in the 'Being work ready: A guide to what employers want' brochure on the [Business Council of Australia website](#).

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



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JMC Academy 2019 Scholarships

JMC is offering up to eight undergraduate scholarships for 2019 worth one year's tuition in the following Bachelor Degrees:

- Digital Design
- Contemporary Music and Performance
- Songwriting
- Audio Engineering and Sound Production
- Entertainment Business Management
- Animation
- Game Development
- Film and Television Production.

Selection details are available on the [scholarship website](#).

Le Cordon Bleu Australia 2019 Scholarships

Le Cordon Bleu is a culinary arts school with Australian campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. The school offers the following degree courses:

- B Business (Hotel Management)
- B Business (Restaurant Management)
- B Business (Tourism Management)
- B Business (Convention & Event Management)
- B Business (Food Entrepreneurship).

Scholarships of up to \$30,000 each will be available to students commencing their studies in a degree program with Le Cordon Bleu. Details about the scholarships can be accessed from the [website](#).

University of New South Wales (UNSW) Co-op Scholarship Program

The [UNSW Co-op Program](#) is more than a scholarship. It is a scholarship that incorporates industry experience, leadership and professional development, networking and mentoring. It is available for high achieving students studying in the fields of business, technology, engineering and science, and building and

construction. The scholarship is worth \$18,200 per year for up to four or five years (depending on the course being studied). Applications are now open - visit their [website](#) for more information.

University of Queensland (UQ) Law LEAD Scholarship for disadvantaged students

Students from disadvantaged backgrounds or who have experienced disrupted schooling can apply for the [UQ TC Beirne School of Law Leadership, Excellence and Diversity \(LEAD\) Scholarship](#). The scholarship is valued at \$7,000 per year for up to five years. In addition, recipients will be eligible for a support network through non-residential membership of a UQ College, a dedicated academic mentor, and priority access to internships and career planning assistance. They can also apply for the [UQ Special Admissions Scheme \(SAS\) for undergraduate law programs](#).



Gap Year Program News

Looking for Gap Year Opportunities?

Selected gap year program news

- **Camp America** Applications for 2019 will be opening on 11 July 2018. Visit their [website](#) for more information about their programs and dates of their information sessions.
- **Lattitude Global Volunteering** application deadline for 2018 overseas placement experiences is 15 June 2018 (late applications will be taken but you are not guaranteed a place of your choice). Visit the [website](#) for details.
- **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** will hold an [information evening](#) from 7pm on 19 June 2018 at Ruth Fairfax House, 89-95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. See the [website](#) for more information about this program.
- **World Education Program Student Exchange** will hold an information evening from 7 – 8.30 pm on Wednesday 13 June 2018 at Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, Brisbane. Register to attend on the [website](#).
- **Letz Live UK Pub Job Program** - You need to be 18 years of age to participate in this program. Read about the [UK Pub Job Program here](#) and find more information on the Letz Live [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

13/06/2018	WEP student exchange information session <i>Brisbane</i>
15/06/2018	Lattitude Global Volunteering mid year applications close
19/06/2018	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange information session <i>Brisbane</i>
11/07/2018	Camp America 2019 applications open

Holiday Programs & Short Courses

What's on during the winter school holidays?

National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) holiday courses in Brisbane

NIDA will hold a variety of different short courses for students in [Years 3 – 6](#), [Years 7 – 10](#) and [Years 11 and 12](#) during the June/July school holidays at the Queensland Academy for Creative Industries at Kelvin Grove. Book online through the links above.

National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA)

NICA runs [holiday courses](#) for students from between 5 – 17 years. The following courses will be run during the June/July holidays:

- 3 hour single day workshop (5-12 Years)
- Week Long 3 Hour Workshops (5-12 years)
- DAY AT THE CIRCUS (5-12 YEARS)
- WEEK AT THE CIRCUS (5-12 years)
- Serious Circus for Teens (12-17 years)
- Serious Circus for Teens (12-17 years)



Robertson Scholars Leadership Program Scholarships

Each year up to two Australian students are selected to complete a four-year undergraduate degree at Duke University or the University of North Carolina in the United States. The scholarship provides for full tuition fees, accommodation expenses and other costs associated with undertaking a degree abroad. Australian selections are organised through the University of New South Wales (UNSW). Applications for the 2019 scholarship are now open and will close on 1 December 2018. Visit the UNSW [Scholarship website](#) for details.

Study in the USA handouts and resources

[Internationally Educated](#) offers customised college search and application services for Australian students wanting to study in the USA. The following links are to handouts and resources on their website.

- [The US application process - a holistic approach](#)
- [The SAT and ACT Standardised Tests - Updated](#)
- [Resources](#)

Want to study in Hong Kong?

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) offers undergraduate degrees in the fields of science, engineering, business and management, information technology, humanities and social science. Courses are conducted in English. For information about international undergraduate admission to this institution, see the [HKUST website](#).



What's Happening in the Labour Market

The Future of Marketing and Communication Report from USQ

Every organisation on the planet is hiring, or looking to hire, someone to build their brand, sell their goods and services and engage their stakeholders. Content makers, story tellers, reputation protectors and those of you who can make sense of 'big data' will thrive, with soft-skill intensive occupations predicted to account for two-thirds of all jobs by 2030 (Deloitte, 2017).

Does this sound a bit like you ... communicator, team player, curious, resilient, initiative, adaptable and agile, relationship builder, analytical, trend spotter ... does this sound a bit like you? Want to find out about:

- Future trends in marketing and communications
- Qualities of a communicator
- Career/jobs in marketing and communication
- How much marketing and communications will earn you
- Prospects for future employment
- Employability skills most suited to marketing and communication

Find out more on the [USQ website](#).

What is cyber security

Cybersecurity is the protection of internet-connected systems, including hardware, software and data, from cyberattacks. In a computing context, security comprises cybersecurity and physical security -- both are used by enterprises to protect against unauthorized access to data centres and other computerized systems. Information security, which is designed to maintain the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data, is a subset of cybersecurity.

General tasks could include but is not restricted to:

- designing and maintaining database architecture, data structures, tables, dictionaries and naming conventions to ensure the accuracy and completeness of all data master files
- performing the operational establishment and preventive maintenance of backups, recovery procedures, and enforcing security and integrity controls
- implementing and administering database documentation, guidelines, policies and procedures
- testing database systems and upgrades, such as debugging, tracking, reproduction, logging and resolving all identified problems, according to approved quality testing scripts, procedures and processes

- accepting responsibility for the processes, procedures and operational management associated with system security and disaster recovery planning
- liaising with security vendors, suppliers, service providers and external resources
- analysing, recommending, installing and maintaining software security applications
- and monitoring contractual obligations, performance delivery and service level agreements

Visit the [Myfuture website](#) for more information on other work place tasks, pathways and prospects.

Take the plunge - Careers in water

The [H2Oz website](#) provides descriptions of jobs in the water industry in the following fields: Science and Environment; Engineering; Operations, Maintenance and Trades; Communication and Education; Policy and Planning; Corporate Services.

The Australian Border Force (ABF)

The ABF is the operational arm of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. It manages the flow of people and goods across Australia's border. ABF officers are located at all international airports and seaports around Australia. ABF also has a Marine Unit which responds to reported or suspected border incidents and illegal activity in Australian waters. To join the ABF, you must be:

- An Australian citizen
- 18 years or over
- Able to meet minimum security requirements
- Able to meet medical, fitness, aptitude and psychometric requirements
- Willing to relocate to other ABF sites throughout Australia
- Able to complete Use of Force training and be willing to carry and use personal defence equipment, including a firearm, if required.

Find out more about employment with the ABF on the [ABF website](#).



Miscellaneous

Virtual Field Trip Apps and Websites

Field trips are informal learning experiences that get you out into the world, exploring the world and your interests. Trips to museums, parks, historical sites, and more show you that learning (and life) happens outside the classroom, too. During field trips, you will discover new things and learn in authentic environments, placing classroom content into new contexts. While not a replacement for a great field trip, these field trip tools can offer you inspiring and intriguing experiences so visit the [website](#) and see what you can discover.



Open Days, Expos and Career Markets - worth visiting

Tertiary Studies Expo - Brisbane

The 2018 Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO), Australia's largest tertiary studies expo, offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career! Featuring many local, interstate and overseas education providers, students' services and job support agencies. The Brisbane Expo will be held on 21 and 22 July 2018 and by [downloading an entry form](#) you can have a chance to win a \$500 JB Hi-Fi gift Card. So don't miss this great opportunity to map out your future, all in the one location! For more information about exhibitors, seminars and frequently asked questions visit their [website](#).

2018 Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo

The 2018 annual Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo is the region's most comprehensive careers, employment and training expo that offers visitors the latest information on tertiary studies, further training, hands on demonstrations and employment opportunities.

The event offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career to meet with a diverse range of organisations that are both locally-based and from around Australia. Find out more on their [website](#).

Regional Career Expos and Markets

Visiting a career expo or Career market is a great way to see what opportunities are open to you. They usually host many of the tertiary institutions, private VET providers and local employers. As they say, "you don't know what you don't know" so plan your visit, ask questions and record the answers. This is a great way to start your career investigation or to check the information you already have.

Natural Health Open Day

Endeavour College of Natural Health will hold its Open Day from 10 am – 1.00 pm on Saturday 16 June 2018 at its campuses in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast. This will be an opportunity to check out the campuses and find out about the degree programs in natural health offered at Endeavour, as well as the educational pathways and study options available. The day will provide you with an opportunity to talk to lecturers and current students. Please register your attendance on the [Endeavour Open Day website](#).

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

NYFA offers accredited Advanced Diploma and Diploma courses in Film Making, Acting for Film and Screenwriting. It will hold its next open day from 10.30 am – 1.30pm on Saturday 16 June 2018 at the Gold Coast campus. Note that students under 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. RSVP on the [NYFA website](#).

Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) Open Day

[QSFT](#) offer a Diploma and Certificate III in Screen and Media. The School will hold its next open day commencing at 10 am on Saturday 16 June 2018 at the QSFT campus at Annerley. This is the perfect opportunity for you to gain knowledge about the creative industry and career path opportunities. You will hear from industry professionals, along with personal stories from current and alumni students. [Register](#) to attend this free event.

Shillington College Info Session

Shillington College offers accredited courses in Graphic Design. It will hold an [Info Session](#) starting at 6 pm sharp on Friday 22 June 2018 at its Brisbane campus on Level 7, 157 Ann Street. This session will feature a special panel of Shillington graduates, sharing their experiences and outcomes. You will have an opportunity to chat to the graduates and view current student work. Visit the [Shillington website](#) for more information about the College.

Upcoming Events:

16/06/2018	Endeavor College Natural Health Open Day <i>Brisbane and Gold Coast</i>
16/06/2018	New York Film Academy (NYFA), Open Day <i>Gold Coast</i>
16/06/2018	Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) Open Day <i>Brisbane</i>
22/06/2018	Shillington College Info Session <i>Brisbane</i>
18/07/2018	Western Downs Careers Market <i>Charleville</i>
19/07/2018	Kingaroy Careers Market <i>Chinchilla</i>
21/07/2018	2018 Tertiary Studies Expo <i>Brisbane</i>
21/07/2018	TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo) <i>Brisbane Show Grounds Bowen Hills</i>
24/07/2018	Stanthorpe Careers Market <i>Stanthorpe</i>
24/07/2018	Warwick Careers Market <i>Warwick</i>
24/07/2018	Ignite Youth Careers Expo <i>Logan</i>
24/07/2018	Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo <i>Tanawah</i>
24/07/2018	Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo <i>Tanawha</i>
27/07/2018	Redlands Courses and Career Expo <i>Cleveland</i>

Private Provider Updates

Private Providers Update

Pre-audition Workshop National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA)

If you ever wanted to join the circus then NICA is the place to make it happen. NICA's core program is a three-year B Circus Arts. It also offers Certificates III and IV in Circus Arts. One of the entry requirements for NICA courses is an audition. The institute is offering a [pre-audition workshop](#) for students interested in auditioning for NICA in 2019, or those who wish to advance their circus skills. The workshop application due date is 24/8/2018 - contact NICA for more information.

Preparation courses for Aviation careers

The College of Aeronautical Science, located at St Johns College on the University of Queensland campus, offers the following courses for students interested in a career in Aviation.

- Aeronautical Physics Bridging Course
- Aeronautical Mathematics Bridging Course
- Aptitude Selection Test Preparation for the Defence Force and commercial airlines

The Aeronautical Mathematics Curriculum is approved to meet the educational requirements for pilots/cadets applying for major commercial airlines and the Defence Force. The course can also be used as a Mathematics assumed knowledge for entry into Griffith University's B Aviation. Find out more on the [College website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

TASTE is almost here – a reminder

The Agricultural Skills and Technology Experience (TASTE) is a four-day program for high school students aged 15 and over to help them explore the many career options available in the rural industry. The program will be run in the June/July and September/October school holidays at the Longreach Pastoral College and the Emerald Agricultural College. The June/July 2018 program dates are:

- 2 – 6 July 2018 - [Longreach Pastoral College](#)
- 2 – 6 July 2018 - [Emerald Agricultural College](#)

Download a flyer from the [Taste website](#).

Upcoming Events:

24/08/2018

[NICA course applications close](#)



Updates from QTAC

Improving the transparency of higher education admissions

In keeping with the Australian Government's policy, the following common admission-related terms and definitions have been committed to by Australian higher education providers, tertiary admission centres and other related bodies, to ensure consistency in the presentation of admission requirements across courses and institutions. This is in addition to the new terminology related to the new Queensland Senior Education changes (ATAR).

Following is a glossary of common admission-related terms and their meaning. Only a snapshot of the new terminology has been included in this bulletin and it is recommended that you [read the document in full](#).

ATAR: The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a ranking from 30 (lowest) to 99.95 (highest) agreed by COAG as a nationally equivalent measure of a person's relative academic ranking within their complete age cohort in the year they graduated from senior secondary school (including those who did not complete Year 12 or completed but were not eligible for an ATAR). The ATAR is derived from the scaled scores achieved for senior secondary school subjects. The specific calculation used is different in each state and territory but the result is designed to be nationally equivalent.

ATAR-related thresholds: (where relevant – not all institutions use ATAR to determine eligibility. Different institutions may use only some of the following types of eligibility thresholds)

- Lowest ATAR to which an offer was made: the lowest "raw" or unadjusted ATAR of an applicant to which an offer of a place was made in the relevant year or year-to-date.
- Lowest Selection Rank to which an offer was made: The lowest Selection Rank of an applicant to which an offer of a place was made in the relevant year or year-to-date (including the consideration of any adjustments the applicant may have been eligible for).
- Minimum ATAR [or Selection Rank] required for consideration to enter in next intake: For use where a threshold minimum ATAR or Selection Rank must be achieved to be considered for admission to a course or institution.
- Guaranteed Entry ATAR [or Selection Rank]: Where achievement of a specified ATAR or Selection Rank (as appropriate) will guarantee acceptance into a course or institution, subject to any non-ATAR criteria being met, such as prerequisite study or English language proficiency.

Adjustment factors Referred to previously as "bonus points", these are additional points that may be used in combination with an applicant's ATAR to derive a person's course Selection Rank. Adjustments do not change applicants' ATARs but change their Selection Rank for a particular course or courses. Common types of adjustment factors are:

- *Elite Athlete and Performer adjustments*: Adjustments available based on the applicant’s sporting or artistic prowess.
- *Equity adjustment*: Adjustment available based on characteristics associated with disadvantage.
- *Location adjustment*: Adjustment available based on the applicant’s proximity to the institution offering the course.
- *Subject adjustment*: Adjustment available based on the particular relevance of a secondary subject to the academic requirements of the higher education course.
- *Maximum adjustment*: The maximum total adjustments possible to an applicant’s Selection Rank from the combination of all adjustments they are eligible for.

Advanced standing: A form of credit for any previous learning (Australian Qualifications Framework definition) – see also the definitions for “credit transfer” and “recognition of prior learning”.

Bridging course: A course designed to cover subject knowledge, which assists students to gain knowledge in specialist areas that are a core component of the course. If a course requires a prerequisite in an area that students have not studied or worked with before, a bridging course will help students to bridge the gap in that knowledge and gain admission.

Credit transfer: A process that provides students with agreed and consistent credit outcomes for components of a qualification based on identified equivalence in content and learning outcomes between matched qualifications (Australian Qualifications Framework definition).

Direct application to provider: Application made directly to a higher education provider rather than through a tertiary admission centre.

Early offer: Where an offer of enrolment is made to a recent secondary school student prior to release of ATARs or equivalent (e.g. OP in Queensland, IB). Such offers are generally conditional on other requirements being met, such as successful completion of a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education or achievement of a specified minimum ATAR.

Enabling Course: A course designed to provide students with skills needed for success in further study, to assist in the transition to tertiary education – for example study techniques or English language skills. Successful completion helps prepare a person to be admitted to a course that leads to a higher education award.

International Baccalaureate (IB): formerly known as the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IBO). Australian tertiary admission centres convert IB scores to a notional ATAR or QTAC Selection Rank, enabling IB students to be ranked for tertiary entrance alongside their peers.

Offer round/s: Refers to the series of dates on which offers of higher education places are issued to participants throughout the year, whether through a tertiary admission centre or directly by a higher education provider.

Overall Position: The Overall Position (OP) refers to a Queensland student’s position in a state-wide tertiary entrance rank order based on their overall achievement in senior secondary subjects.

School recommendation: A recommendation from a school or other secondary education provider on the abilities of a student. Previously referred to by some as a principal’s recommendation.

Selection Rank: The ranking that tertiary admission centres and most universities actually use to assess admission to a course. A person’s course Selection Rank can include their ATAR, any adjustments they are eligible for, such as equity or subject adjustments, other contributions calculated based on work experience

or previous non-secondary study, portfolio assessments, results of the Special Tertiary Admissions Test, other supplementary tests, etc.

TAC application: Application made through a tertiary admission centre, namely QTAC, UAC, VTAC, SATAC, TISC and University of Tasmania, in relation to applications to study in that state.

Some extra terms you may read:

Prospective student: Previously referred to as future student

Experienced based entry scheme: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative entry scheme

University school holiday tours

Explore your university options during the school holidays by taking a tour of the campus you are interested in.

- [Australian Catholic University](#)
- [Bond University](#)
- [CQUniversity](#) – contact each campus directly, see the menu at the bottom of the home page for contact information
- [James Cook University](#)
- [University of the Sunshine Coast](#)
- [The University of Queensland](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology](#)
- [Griffith University](#)
- [Southern Cross University](#)
- [University of New England](#)

Year 12 questions on medical courses and Bond scholarships

Q - I know someone who did very well on UMAT but only got OP 2 and still gained entry into the provisional entry medicine course at the University of Queensland (UQ). How is that possible when one of the prerequisites is OP 1?

A. - The student may have received bonus points from UQ under the QTAC Educational Access Scheme or [UQ's Bonus Rank Scheme](#) which brought his/her score up to OP 1. Note that the [Griffith University Bonus Rank Scheme](#) does not apply to Griffith's provisional entry medicine course.

Q. - Do the scholarships offered by Bond University apply to all courses at Bond?

A. - Except for scholarships for specific courses and applicant groups, Bond University scholarships apply to all Bond courses except the Medical Program. Visit the [Bond Scholarship website](#) for more information about the scholarships offered. The application due date for Bond 2018 scholarships is 31 July 2018.

Q. - How do I apply for interstate medical courses?

A. - The process is different for each state and can be different for each university. The following interstate universities offer direct entry (i.e. from Year 12 directly to medicine without doing any other course) into their medical courses (some have a dual degree program e.g. Bond). Information about how to apply can be found on the websites. It is important to check the application due dates early in the year (now would be a good time!).

- [Bond University](#) (QLD)
- [Curtain University](#) (WA)
- [James Cook University](#) (QLD)
- [Monash University](#) (VIC)
- [University of Adelaide](#) (SA)
- [University of Newcastle/University of New England](#) (NSW)
- [University of New South Wales](#) (NSW)
- [University of Tasmania](#) (TAS)
- [Western Sydney University](#) (NSW)



Ideas to assist you with managing panic and reducing anxiety

Idea 1: When you are starting to panic remember this is an exaggerated physical reaction to stress. The feelings are unpleasant, but you can cope with them ... breath!

Idea 2: Concentrate on your breathing – Breathe three deep breaths in and out slowly closing your eyes (when possible) as you do it ... repeat until your heart rate is settled.

Idea 3: Watch your thinking. Say in your head the following: “It’s OK”, “I can cope”, “breath”, “I can manage this” ...

Idea 4: Use distracting – count backwards from 100 or describe a painting to yourself or remember a happy time

Idea 5: Tell yourself that this is just one point in time and it will pass ...

It is important to think in positive words to yourself. Everyone gets stressed and can panic but learning how to manage it will make the panic become less frequent. Always remember to back yourself. If you are finding managing your stress and/or panic difficult speak with your school guidance officer, school counsellor or make an appointment to see your family doctor. They will all have great ideas to assist you to move forward positively and confidently.

Study skill tips from USQ

The Social Hub on the University of Southern Queensland’s website has lots of study skill tips. While the tips are written for university students, you will find them helpful for your high school studies. The following are links to a selection of the study skill tips on the site.

- [Does your motivation need a kick start?](#)
- [Five ways to boost your self-confidence](#)
- [Why you shouldn’t study in bed](#)
- [Studying under the pump](#)



TAFE Queensland Updates

TAFE Queensland Merge

At the beginning of May TAFE Queensland merged all TAFE websites into 1 and launched their new Website www.tafeqld.edu.au. From TAFE Queensland's home page, you can find information about:

- Courses
- Studying at TAFE
- How to apply to TAFE
- Courses by location
- Online courses
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- TAFE at School
- Degrees and pathways
- International students

Mid Year Fashion Show

TAFE Queensland's [fashion courses](#) are recognised worldwide as being cutting-edge. They have partnerships with design houses around the world and graduates have gone on to create or work for a host of successful labels including Billabong, Marc Jacobs, Easton Pearson, and Black Milk Clothing.

You are invited to be amazed at what the current fashion students have been working on, showcasing their talents at the mid-year fashion show.

Nursing information sessions

Interested in studying nursing? The Townsville and Cairns TAFE Queensland campuses are holding [information sessions](#) where you can find out more about the Diploma of Nursing (HLT54115), facilities, payment options, and you will be able to speak directly to our teachers.

Ashmore Trade Training Centre Open Day

TAFE Queensland will be opening its doors to the public where you can explore courses across a variety of industry areas. Experience our [Ashmore Trade Training Centre](#), participate in a host of interactive activities, and talk to our teachers.

Upcoming Events:

19/06/2018

[Mid Year Fashion Show](#)
Mt Gravatt campus

21/06/2018

[Nursing Information Session](#)

Townsville Campus

10/08/2018

[Ashmore Trade Training Centre Open Day](#)

Ashmore campus



Bond University Snippets

Experience Days – The following events will be held in June 2018. You need to register to attend.

- **Film and Television Experience day:** If you see yourself behind the camera, screenwriting, editing, assisting in sound and production design, cinematography, then this experience day is for you.
- **Psychology Experience Day:** Find out more about the fascinating study of the human mind at the Psychology Experience Day.
- **International Relations Experience Day:** Ever dreamed about what it's like to be an Ambassador to the United Nations (UN)? Come to this experience day and find out more about international relations.

Upcoming Events:

26/06/2018	Film and Television Experience Day <i>Bond Uni</i>
28/06/2018	Psychology Experience Day <i>Bond Uni</i>
04/07/2018	International Relations Experience Day <i>Bond Uni</i>

Griffith Uni Future-proof your career - The Griffith STEM Roadshow – Mackay and Rockhampton

Future-proof your career - The Griffith STEM Roadshow – Mackay and Rockhampton

Learn how you can future-proof your career with study in STEM. Hear from Griffith lecturers, researchers and students about Griffith programs and how you can prepare yourself for the careers of the future. [Find out more](#)

Griffith University Campuses

Griffith University has five campuses and they all offer a range of undergraduate degrees. Depending on the degree you are interested in may determine which campus you will attend. Find out more about the various campuses and degrees by clicking on the links below.

[Gold Coast](#) is located at the Gold Coast and has a range of state-of-the-art facilities and offers teaching and research in almost all disciplines or study areas.

[Logan](#) is a community campus with a strong focus on community health, education and business. It specialises in flexible learning options for students.

[Mt Gravatt](#) is adjacent to Nathan campus and offers criminology and criminal justice, education and applied theatre and psychology.

[Nathan](#) is on the south side of Brisbane. It offers degrees in business and government, engineering and information technology, environment, humanities and languages, law and science and aviation.

[South Bank](#) is located in Brisbane's South Bank Parklands and includes the Queensland College of Art, the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith Film School and Griffith Graduate Centre.

Discover the Nathan and Gold Coast campuses by attending a campus fun and informative day with family and friends. You'll have the opportunity to tour our campus with a student ambassador, hear from program staff about your preferred degree and chat with our recruitment team about entry requirements and pathways to Griffith. [Find out more](#)

Griffith University events

Careers in Commerce - Nathan campus

Years 10, 11 and 12 students are invited to attend the annual Griffith Business School Careers in Commerce Experience Day. Students will gain insight into the exciting career choices available to them as commerce graduates, and they will hear from speakers who have used their commerce qualifications to forge successful careers in the diverse areas of accounting, business law, economics, finance and financial planning. [Find out more](#)

Upcoming Events:

30/05/2018	Future-proof your career – The Griffith STEM Roadshow <i>Rockhampton</i>
05/06/2018	Griffith Business Year 12 Workshop 2 <i>Nathan Campus</i>
06/06/2018	Griffith Business Year 12 Workshop 2 <i>Logan Campus</i>
07/06/2018	Careers in Commerce <i>Nathan Campus</i>
08/06/2018	Griffith Business Year 12 Workshop 2 <i>Gold Coast</i>
19/06/2018	Discover Griffith <i>Nathan Campus</i>
21/06/2018	Discover Griffith <i>Gold Coast</i>

How You will Study at Uni

Depending on your degree, you'll attend a combination of lectures, tutorials, workshops or laboratory classes. Each course is assessed differently. Some have assignments only, while others contain assignments

and exams. Griffith University notes that lecturers and tutors are always there to help you, they won't be looking over your shoulder as much as high school teachers. You'll study more independently through your own reading, research, online work and writing. Some courses may also require you to undertake group activities and assessments. Attendance and participation are up to you and you'll be responsible for your results. You can find out more about studying at Griffith on their [website](#).

News from CQUniversity (CQUni)

SUN Term two 2018 applications now open – Start Uni Now (SUN) students gain an insight into university life and, after successful completion, may be eligible for direct entry to a wide range of CQUni courses (excludes quota managed courses). Applications for Term two (9 July – 5 October 2018) close on Friday 22 June 2018. Find out how to apply and access more information about SUN [here](#).

TAFE Careers Expos – Find out about the range of [TAFE study options](#) available through CQUni at expos to be held in [Gladstone](#), [Mackay](#) and [Rockhampton](#) from 2 – 5.30 pm on Tuesday 26 June 2018. Register to attend on the relevant website.

University Experience in Cairns – This [event](#) is a free, one day on-campus event for Year 12s to explore their post-school options and experience a day in the life of a university student. It will be held from 9 am – 2 pm on Wednesday 27 June 2018 at CQUni Cairns.

Accommodation at CQUni – Student on-campus residences are available at CQUni Mackay and Rockhampton. Off-campus accommodation options are available from the [Accommodation website](#).

Pathway to Occupational Therapy and Dietetics

The [B Health Science](#) at Bond Uni is a 2-year accelerated degree designed for students who wish to explore a variety of disciplines in the health sciences. It can also provide a pathway to postgraduate specialised study, such as the Master of Occupational Therapy and the Master of Nutrition and Dietetic Practice.

Programs at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

Head Start – This program provides high achieving students in Years 10 – 12 with an opportunity to start university studies while still at school. Applications for Semester two (16 July – 9 November 2018) are due on 4 June 2018. Visit the [Head Start website](#) for more information.

Careers Day at the Toowoomba and Ipswich campuses – Year 9 and 10 students are invited to an on-campus experience that will explore the study options available. Schools can contact the individual campuses to express interest in attending either of these events. Visit the [website](#) for details.

USQ's B Aviation – This is a three-year full-time (or part-time equivalent) course offered at the Springfield campus. The course has two majors – Aviation Management and Flight Operations. During the first year, all students complete core subjects on-campus. In the Aviation management major, students can complete their second and third years on-campus or online. During the second year of the program, the Flight Operations major, students undertake flight training to obtain their Commercial Pilot License and Instrument

Rating. They can complete their third year on-campus or online. See the [USQ website](#) for further information about this course.

Upcoming Events:

04/06/2018	USQ Semester 2 Head Start applications close
28/06/2018	Year 9 – 10 Careers Day <i>Ipswich Campus</i>
26/07/2018	Year 9 – 10 Careers Day <i>Toowoomba campus</i>

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) information

QUT 2019 Course Booklets

The course booklets are now available for prospective students looking at studying at QUT in 2019. The booklets provide valuable information about undergraduate degrees offered in the specific school, outline work integrated learning, opportunities for international study experiences, scholarships and much more. You can download the booklets from the QUT [website](#) by clicking on the links below or pick them up at TSXPO or QUT Open Day.

- [Business](#)
- [Creative Industries](#)
- [Education](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Law](#)
- [Science and Engineering](#)

QUT publications

Other QUT publications that will assist you in undertaking valuable career direction and pathway research include:

- [Real Choices](#) which is a guide to undergraduate study at QUT.
- [A quick guide to QUT](#) for year 10 and younger students.
- [Admission pathways](#) which is a guide to improving your selection rank or if you are returning to study.
- [International baccalaureate students](#) is a guide to enrichment programs, scholarships and entry to QUT for IB students
- [Open Day 2018 program](#) will assist you to plan your Open Day experience at QUT so that you get the most out of your visit and don't find yourself at home saying "if only I had asked ..."
- [QUT Scholarships](#) guide provides all the information you need to know about the types of scholarships available to future QUT students and how to construct a competitive application.
- [START QUT](#) is a program that introduces you to QUT through their START QUT enrichment program for high school students in Years 12 ... study a QUT subject alongside your Year 12 studies.
- [Studying languages](#) is a guide to including the study of a language in your QUT course.

Take part in the QUT advertising challenge: The [QUT AdSpace High School Challenge](#) is coming up on Friday 20 July at Gardens Point campus, so get your team ready and register to take part. You'll work with QUT advertising students to develop a campaign and pitch your ideas to a real client. Bookings are now open - visit their [website to register](#)

QUT Engineering Link Project: Are you in Year 11 or 12 and wanting an exciting, useful and meaningful career, using your love of STEM? Want to meet like-minded people who share your passions? You need to be at QUT in July for the [Engineering Link Project](#). [Registrations](#) are now open and close on 8 July 2018.

Help choosing courses and careers: The [Kickstart Your Career: Getting Ahead at University](#) free online course was developed by QUT career counsellors to help you identify your strengths and motivations, as well as potential courses and careers. The course is open now.

Assumed Knowledge – Most courses at QUT have [assumed knowledge](#) rather than subject prerequisites (B Education courses have prerequisite subjects). Students who do not meet the assumed knowledge requirements can gain entry to a course (if they also have a competitive OP or rank) but may find the course very difficult. Students in this situation are strongly encouraged to undertake [bridging courses](#) in the relevant subjects before they commence their studies at QUT.

QUT's Year 12 subject scheme – Under [this scheme](#) QUT will make an adjustment to your selection rank (or OP equivalent) for successfully completing specific subjects. The specific subjects are Maths C, Languages other than English (LOTE), Physics, Aerospace Studies or Engineering Technology (for entry to B Engineering Honours) and university units through START QUT. You do not have to apply for these adjustment factors as they are automatically applied through your QTAC application.

QUT's OP Guarantee – Under [this scheme](#), if you get an OP 1 – 5 (or a rank of 93 or better), you are guaranteed a place in courses where this scheme applies. To find out if your preferred course is included in the OP Guarantee, check the entry requirements in the course information section on the [QUT website](#). Guaranteed entry is also offered to domestic students who complete an International Baccalaureate Diploma with a score of 33 or better. Adjustment factors you receive through the Entry Bonus Scheme count towards the OP/IB Guarantee. The OP Guarantee is only offered during the major QTAC offer round. You don't need to apply separately for the OP Guarantee, just complete your QTAC application on time.

Languages at QUT - You can incorporate language studies into many of the degrees at QUT as a minor (four subjects), second major (six subjects) or individual electives. Find out more about [language courses at QUT](#).

Open Day updates – On the day, you will be able to talk to QUT graduates about their studies at QUT and what they are doing now in their careers. Download a full program and register to win a MacBook on the [Open Day website](#).

Student Share House – QUT students use [this blog](#) to share tales about life and study, including overseas exchanges, study stress, being a newbie and what's happening

The University of Queensland (UQ) updates

UQ Changes to the Vocational Education and Training (VET) selection rank schemes in 2020

With the introduction of the new senior assessment and tertiary entry systems (SATE), there are changes to how Vocational Education and Training (VET) is treated as part of the senior curriculum.

Under the new system, a completed VET award (eg. AQF Certificate III, Certificate IV or Diploma) may be used in the [calculation of a student's ATAR](#) where this is one of the student's best eligible study results.

From 2020 onwards however, UQ will no longer allow school-leaver applicants to receive a standalone selection rank based on a VET award alone (Certificate III, IV Diploma etc). This change will only impact students applying for tertiary entry in the year immediately following Year 12. Non-school-leaver applicants will still be able to use their VET qualifications to apply for entry to UQ in subsequent years.

This change will not impact students completing their OP in 2018 (current Year 12 students) or 2019 (current Year 11 students).

Also, UQ will not be considering 'alternative' qualifications from current school leavers for tertiary entry in the year following Year 12, except for an IB Diploma. Any questions should be directed to UQ admissions at admissions@uq.edu.au or call (07) 3365 2203.

UQ Year 10 Subject Selection Guide

[Year 10 Subject Selection Guide](#) is a resource produced by UQ to assist Year 10 students to commence subject selection. The guide outlines five steps that can be followed by students. These steps are:

- Explore your future study options
- What does it mean?
- Discover your UQ program options
- Make a plan for your future
- Explore your future at UQ

It can be used in conjunction with the [UQ Year 10 Student Guide](#) that will assist students gain a greater understanding about life at UQ.

Changes at UQ

National Curriculum isn't the only change to UQ Admissions this year, with changes to [Medicine admissions](#), the introduction of [national admission terminology](#), and [how UQ recognises diploma and certificate qualifications for school leavers](#). Should you have any questions about any of these changes contact UQ on 07 3346 9649 or visit their [website](#).

Apply now for the UQ Young Scholars Program

UQ's [Young Scholars Program](#) (YSP) provides high achieving secondary school students with an opportunity to discover, learn and engage with UQ's academic community and like-minded students. Designed to nurture and develop future leaders, the Program also presents students with a unique opportunity for academic extension and enrichment. Applications close Friday 10 August 2018.

A day in the life of a Science student at UQ – a series of videos

UQ's Faculty of Science has released a range of videos showcasing the daily life of a UQ Science student. [These videos](#) explore the studies, opportunities and experiences of real-life students in Advanced Science, Marine Biology, Equine Science and more!

New minor helps create game-changing Arts graduates

Students now have the chance to complete a new minor designed to enhance their employability as part of the Bachelor of Arts program. The new minor called Professional Pathways: Humanity and Society is made up of four courses that will allow students to develop skills such as intellectual agility, textual and digital literacy, creative and critical thinking, collaborative and communication techniques, all of which will make them more competitive in the future job market. Courses will also include engagement with industry and alumni. Find out more [here](#).

Economics Schools Day at UQ

The annual Queensland Economics Teachers' Association Schools Day will be held at UQ St Lucia on Thursday 19 July 2018. Economics Schools Day gives Year 11-12 students a taste of life as a UQ Economics student. Students will learn from a range of leading lecturers and get an on-campus experience, including a BBQ lunch. If you are interested speak to your Guidance Officer or Career Counsellor.

Experience Science

[Experience Science](#) is an on-campus experience providing students in Years 10-12 the opportunity to discover what studying Science is like at UQ. With programs occurring across Friday 13 July - Thursday 19 July 2018, this free event is facilitated by experts from UQ and industry, and provides hands-on, interactive Science workshops. Registrations close Friday 6 July 2018 or when places are filled. If you are interested speak to your Guidance Officer or Career Counsellor.

UQ Earth and Environment Day

[UQ Earth and Environment Day](#), held on Friday 20 July 2018, is an opportunity for students in Years 10-12 to experience the applications and relevance of geography, planning, earth sciences and environmental

management. There will be careers sessions hosted by UQ graduates, interactive workshops exploring environmental and earth science themes, a tour of the St Lucia campus, and networking with other students. Registrations are now open so talk to your Guidance Officer or Career Counsellor.

Pharmacy Experience Day - save the date

[Pharmacy Experience Day](#), Sunday 19 August 2018, is an annual UQ showcase which invites students to discover where a Bachelor of Pharmacy can take them. Throughout the day you will take part in a range of hands-on laboratory activities, meet and quiz current students, and participate on a guided tour through the world class facilities.

Accommodation guarantee for new students - Students who will be studying as an international, regional or interstate student at the St Lucia or Herston campuses in 2019 will receive guaranteed accommodation through the UQ Colleges and UQ's external partners. Visit the [Accommodation website](#) for more information.

Stay up-to-date with UQ – You can [register](#) for UQ's e-newsletter to receive email updates with information tailored to your areas of interest, tips and tricks on the transition from high school to university and suggestions about transport and accommodation.

Upcoming Events:

13/07/2018 to 19/07/2018	Experience Scienced <i>UQ St Lucia Campus</i>
20/07/2018	UQ Earth and Environment Day <i>UQ St Lucia Campus</i>
19/08/2018	Pharmacy Experience Day

What's New at ACU (Australian Catholic University)?

Applications for the Community Achiever Program (CAP) for 2019 are now open – CAP at ACU (formerly Early Achievers' Program [EAP]) considers the contribution you have made through your regular volunteer work in your community through involvement in a social justice organisations, sporting, performance, cultural or religious groups. The Community Achievers' Program can give you early entry into an ACU undergraduate degree seeing you receiving an offer as early as late August 2018. Visit the [CAP website](#) for more information.

University Experience registrations now open – If you're considering tertiary study for next year or in the future, University Experience provides the perfect chance to explore your study options by living a day in the life of an ACU student. It will be held from 9.30am – 1.45pm on 5 July 2018 in the school holidays. For more information and to register, visit the [University Experience website](#).

Passion for Business (P4B) – P4B is an early entry program for students interested in a future business career. Successful applicants will receive an early offer to their chosen ACU business course; access to the ACU Business Mentoring program and Student Leadership Professional Development program; and textbook

vouchers to the value of \$500 for the top three students in Semester 1. Applications close on 15 September and conditional offers will be given to successful applicants on 29 September. You can apply for admission into the 2019 P4B program if you meet any two of the following admission criteria:

- completion of Year 12 or equivalent; and/or
- completion of a business subject or related subject in year 12 or equivalent; and/or
- completion of a business-related VET qualification or equivalent; and/or
- can demonstrate previous work experience including volunteer work experience.

Benefits of the P4B:

- Early offer into an ACU P4B course.
- Access to our Academic Skills workshops, CareerHub and networking events.
- Study abroad opportunities.
- \$500 textbook voucher awarded to the top three P4B students at the end of Semester 1.
- Participation in the Leading with Impact program.
- Invitation to our ACU P4B welcome event.

Visit the [P4B website](#) for more information.

Education and Arts at ACU – Find out what it's like to study Physiotherapy, Education and Arts at ACU by watching the following videos.

- [Education](#)
- [Arts](#)
- [Physiotherapy](#)

Health sciences update

Reach the elite level with a career in high performance sport

What does the high performance sport industry look like?

It's a global, multi-billion-dollar entity employing sport scientists, coaches, strength and conditioning professionals and high performance managers and analysts. At the heart of this industry is the conditioning of the athlete.

Is the Bachelor of High Performance Sport for me?

If you are seeking a career working with elite athletes in professional sporting organisations or sub-elite junior programs, this course is for you. Emphasis is on (1) athlete preparation, coaching, training and performance, (2) industry-relevant knowledge, skills and accreditation, and (3) work-integrated learning opportunities.

How is it different to other sport and exercise science courses?

It has a specific focus on the high performance sport industry; international internship opportunities; being taught by industry experts; and the fast-tracked option allowing full-time students to complete the course in

2.5 years, to enter the workforce quickly, or progress directly into postgraduate study. [Click here](#) to find out more information.

Course accreditation

The Bachelor of High Performance Sport is seeking course accreditation with the Australian Strength and Conditioning Association (ASCA) and with Exercise and Sport Science Australia (ESSA). Accreditation with these organisations currently exists for ACU's Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science.

ACU's to accept certificate level qualifications under the new ATAR structure

Students who complete Year 12 and also complete a Certificate III qualification at school will be assigned two selection ranks by QTAC: their ATAR and their Certificate III derived rank. Applicants will be considered on their highest selection rank for entry into ACU. Some exceptions may apply to courses with additional entry requirements. It should be noted that Certificate III qualifications are not accepted for ranking in any other circumstance (non-school leavers).

Health sciences update

Practical and rigorous - Human services and social work

The [Bachelor of Human Services](#) (BHS) and the [Bachelor of Social Work](#) (BSW) prepare graduates with skills, theoretical knowledge and an ethical base to work effectively in the growing human services field. Employment opportunities are in diverse settings such as child and family, disability and ageing. Human service and social work graduates work together in many settings, sharing a common social justice and skill base required to engage and work with individuals, families and groups with complex needs.

The 3-year BHS is a general degree for practice, preparing graduates for a broad range of service areas, with a strong practical focus. Your students will undertake two field education placements of 150 hours each.

The 4-year BSW is a rigorous program with professional accreditation by the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW), a requirement for many positions in health and other settings. Graduates are prepared to plan and implement complex interventions in interpersonal, policy and welfare administration practice. Your students will complete longer field education placements comprising a total of 1,000 hours.

Upcoming Events:

31/07/2018

[2019 ACU Community Achiever Program closes](#)