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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Parent Webinar - Understanding The New ATAR System and QCE Webinar**

We will be running another webinar on Monday 27 August from 7.00 - 8.00pm. You can listen in or, if you can't make it on the day, when you register you will receive a recording of the webinar to watch at your leisure.

With the tertiary admissions landscape changing from 2020 students, parents and school communities are looking for a clear and concise explanation of the changes to the new tertiary entry process, ATAR and the impact this will have on gaining a Queensland Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12. During this webinar Judy and Shauna will explain the new ATAR system including the following points:

- Changes to the Queensland Certificate of Education
- What is an ATAR
- Calculating the ATAR – Who, How, When
- How an ATAR can be used
- How VETiS qualification can be used in the new ATAR system and for entry into tertiary institutions
- Adjustment factors – what are they and how are they applied

[Click here](#) to register for the webinar.



### **Interested in caring for animals?**

The [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website](#) has several resources you will find useful in finding apprenticeships relevant to caring for animals. These include:

- [Animal Care and Management Job Pathways](#) – provides an easy-to-read chart of potential career pathways available in this area, and the required qualifications
- [The Animal Care and Management Practice Aptitude Quiz](#) – this quiz will give you an idea of the learning standards required of people doing an Australian Apprenticeships entry level qualification in the Animal Care and Management industry

### **Want an apprenticeship in 2018? Begin your search now**

Year 12s, don't wait until you finish school in November to start looking for an apprenticeship. Start now as many employers begin to recruit for 2018 from this time of the year. The first thing you need to do is decide on the type of apprenticeship you want. The Queensland Training Information Service [website](#) has a list of apprenticeships currently available in Queensland.

Click on the apprenticeships you are interested in for more information about the job. You can also talk to people already in the job and/or do work experience to help you with your decision. The following websites have useful steps to gaining an apprenticeship:

- [Apprenticeships Info](#) (click on 'Become an apprentice')
- [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways](#).

# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year

Applications for the 2019 ADF Gap Year are still open for several roles. These positions are demand-driven and may fill up soon. You can register to receive Gap Year updates and lodge your application for positions of your choice on the ADF Gap Year [website](#).

## Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

The following Australian Defence Force information sessions will be held in August and September. You will be able to find out about opportunities in the ADF. For details about these events and for information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#) and click on the link.

### **Upcoming Events:**

15/08/2018	<a href="#">Women in Defence Information session</a> <i>Brisbane</i>
15/08/2018	<a href="#">Australian Defence Force Academy</a> <i>Townsville</i>
15/08/2018	<a href="#">Australian Defence Force Academy</a> <i>Cairns</i>
15/08/2018	<a href="#">Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Maryborough</i>
16/08/2018	<a href="#">Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Gympie</i>
20/08/2018	<a href="#">Army Officer Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane</i>
21/08/2018	<a href="#">Engineering Careers Information Session</a> <i>Cairns</i>
22/08/2018	<a href="#">School to Service Information Session</a> <i>Cairns</i>
22/08/2018	<a href="#">Army Reserve Information Session</a> <i>Brisbane</i>
22/08/2018	<a href="#">Defence Careers Information Session</a> <i>Maroochydore</i>
23/08/2018	<a href="#">Engineering Careers Information Session</a> <i>Townsville</i>



25/08/2018	<a href="#"><u>Women in Defence Information session</u></a> <i>Sunshine Coast</i>
27/08/2018	<a href="#"><u>Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session</u></a> <i>Gold Coast</i>
28/08/2018	<a href="#"><u>Trade Careers Information Session</u></a> <i>Ipswich</i>
29/08/2018	<a href="#"><u>Defence Careers Information Session</u></a> <i>Chermside</i>
29/08/2018	<a href="#"><u>Army Officer Information Session</u></a> <i>Townsville</i>
29/08/2018	<a href="#"><u>Army Officer Information Session</u></a> <i>Cairns</i>
01/09/2018	<a href="#"><u>7yh Combat Brigade Open Day</u></a> <i>Chermside</i>
04/09/2018	<a href="#"><u>A Night in the Army Reserve Information Dession</u></a> <i>Southport</i>



### **Job Outlook - a place to start looking**

The Australian Government's [Job Outlook website](#) is a great place to start when deciding about the sorts of study or training you would like to pursue. If you don't know how to start using the site, do the Career Quiz to develop your job profile. This will narrow down your options by suggesting jobs that match your job profile.

Then you can use Career Profile section to read about the employment outlook, pay level, main tasks, physical requirements and more of a wide variety of careers.

The Future Outlook section of the website has information about the industries that are expected to grow in the future and the skills they'll require. 'Resources for you' at the bottom of the home page has links to other useful websites.

### **Start planning your career now - don't leave it till you finish Uni**

According to an [article](#) in the Australian edition of *The Guardian*, getting work experience while you are studying is a great way to discover the sort of work you want to do in the future, as well as providing you with skills and experience that look good on a resume.

While this article is directed at university students, it is equally meaningful for senior high school students. Have you checked out your career ideas through work experience? Your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor can give you tips on finding work experience during the holidays.

### **The High Five of career development revisited**

The High Five are five concepts that are very important for managing our careers in today's rapidly changing world of work. You can access videos that explain the High Five concepts by using the following links.

- [Change is constant](#)
- [Learning is ongoing](#)
- [Focus on the journey](#)
- [Know yourself and follow your heart](#)
- [Access your allies](#)

# Competitions

## **2018 Ipswich Enviroplan Photo Competition**

Budding photographers are invited to explore and capture the natural beauty of Ipswich by participating in the 2018 Enviroplan Photo Competition and Exhibition. The closing time and date for submissions is 4:30pm on 24 August 2018. Visit the [website](#) for more information about the competition.

### **Upcoming Events:**

24/08/2018

[2018 Ipswich Enviroplan Photo Competition closing date](#)

## **32nd Gold Coast Schools Science Competition at Griffith University**

Griffith University's science competition is the largest of its type in Queensland, with over 500 entries received in 2017. All state, independent and catholic primary and secondary schools students in South East Queensland and Northern New South Wales are encouraged to get involved.

Divisions are open from Prep to Year 12 for scientific projects that fall within one of five categories:

- Scientific Investigations
- Engineering and Technology Projects
- Classified Collections
- Communicating Science
- Environment Action Project.

The judging and awards ceremony takes place at the Queensland Academies Health and Sciences campus at 102 Edmund Rice Drive, Southport between 27 – 30 August 2018.

Students must first register their project on the [website](#), which also provides access to the 2018 Science Competition Booklet for more information.

# Disabilities

## **QUT Vision Australia scholarships**

Each year, Vision Australia awards Further Education Bursaries to a select number of students who are blind or have low vision. The bursaries provide adaptive technology to help students fully participate and succeed in their chosen studies. Assistive technology can eliminate barriers to education and enhance access to information. It enables students to read course material, conduct research and improve their student life. For more information and details on how to apply, please visit [www.visionaustralia.org/bursary](http://www.visionaustralia.org/bursary)

# Employment

## **The Future of Technology**

By 2030, 50% of all jobs will require IT-related skills to some degree. USQ's Future of Information Technology Report looks at how digital technologies will continue to drive economic growth, and what specific skills will define successfully acquired IT-related skills which include:

- Knowledge for Solving Computing Problems
- Problem Analysis
- Communications
- Design / Development of Solutions
- Modern Tool Usage
- Individual and Team Work
- Computing Professionalism and Society
- Ethics
- Life-long Learning

The full report is available by providing your email address on USQ's [Information Technology website](#).

## **The future world of work and the skills you'll need to succeed**

The results of The New Work Order research project, commissioned by the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA), shows how current changes in the world of work will have significant implications for the future of work. The following is a summary of some of the findings from the six reports published so far.

### **The New Work Order (August 2015)**

- Automation is predicted to radically affect 70% of entry level jobs for young people
- Jobs are becoming increasingly global - showing 11% of service jobs could be provided from overseas
- The way we work is becoming increasingly flexible, with the average 15-year-old predicted, throughout their lifetime, to have 17 jobs over five different careers
- We have an aging population. By 2054 there will be only 2.7 workers for every retiree. This will impact on productivity and decrease the revenue to fund our quality of life and standard of living.

### **How Young People are Faring (November 2015)**

- Australia's education standards appear to be declining compared with other countries
- It is now taking young people, on average, 4.7 years to transition from full-time education to full-time work.
- 30% of young people are unemployed or underemployed

- Over one third of 15-year olds are not proficient in the skills they need for the future of work such as digital literacy, financial literacy, problem solving, science and maths.

### **The New Basics (April 2016)**

- There is an increasing demand for transferable enterprise skills (e.g. digital literacy, problem solving skills, presentation skills, critical thinking and creativity)
- These enterprise skills are demanded across all occupations and industries.
- Employers are prepared to pay more for these skills.

### **The New Work Mindset (November 2016)**

- Jobs are more closely related than previously thought
- The research revealed seven large job clusters in the Australian economy. These are:
  - The Artisans - builders and maintainers
  - The Generators - sellers and servers
  - The Coordinators - balance the books and do repetitive tasks
  - The Informers - teach and provide information
  - The Designers - use expertise to construct or engineer things
  - The Carers - improve the wellbeing of other)
  - The Technologists - understand and manipulate digital technology.
- When you train for or work one job, you acquire skills and capabilities that will help you access 13 other jobs. This is because employers often demand very similar skills across multiple jobs
- Consequently, we need a new mindset towards our future work where the focus is on skills and capabilities, not just jobs.

### **The New Work Smarts (July 2017)**

- Automation will have an impact on every job. Technology will reduce the need for us to complete routine manual jobs and increase the time we spend on communicating with people, solving more strategic problems and thinking creatively. It is predicted that by 2030, we will need to be:
  - smart learners - spending up to 30% more of our time learning on the job
  - smart thinkers – spending more time at work on solving problems, on critical thinking and judgement, and on using Science and Maths skills
  - smart doers – working with less management, less coordination and less teaching. Things like more flexible working arrangements will mean we may need to become our own bosses and be great self-starters.
- This forecast suggests that to have ‘work smarts’ in the future, we will need to not only acquire foundation (e.g. literacy, language and numeracy) and technical (usually specific to a particular task) skills, but be able to use them in increasingly enterprising and creative ways, as well as requiring a thirst for ongoing learning.

### **The New Work Reality (June 2018)**

- Today while nearly 60% of young Australians hold a post-school qualification, 50% of them are unable to secure more than 35 hours of weekly work.
- For young Australians, it now takes on average 2.6 years to transition from education to full-time work
- This has led to a lack of confidence in young Australians about their working futures and can result in anxiety and stress

- There are four factors that have been found to accelerate a young Australian's progress in securing full-time work after education:
- Selecting an education that builds enterprise skills;
- Undertaken relevant paid or unpaid work experience;
- Targeting a sector of industry that is growing; and
- An optimistic mindset.

You can view and download the full versions on the [FYA website](#). Other FYA articles related to The New Work Order series are:

- [Quiz: Can we guess your ideal job cluster based on your life choices?](#) – a fun quiz to identify your job cluster based on how you respond to the questions
- [What the blazes should I study so I can get a job in the future?](#)
- [Here are the skills you will need to succeed and earn big buckaroos](#)
- [We crunched the numbers to find out what work will look like in 2030](#) – this article shows how work is already changing.

### **Want a Summer and/or Christmas casual job?**

A [news.com.au article](#) shows that the July-August period is the time to get your applications in order for end-of-year casual roles. [SEEK data](#) shows that July traditionally is the first month of a four-month spike in the number of job advertisements placed in the hospitality, tourism and retail sectors, as employers look to shore up their Christmas and Summer casual workforces. September is the month when most job ads are placed in these industries. Now is the time to have your resume ready to submit, a cover letter prepared, and even start looking for job ads.

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## **Applying for university scholarships**

Even if you think you may not get one, go ahead and apply for a scholarship. What do you have to lose? Scholarships tend to fall into one of the following categories:

- Academic
- Equity
- Indigenous
- Sports
- Field of study (e.g. engineering, IT)
- International
- External (e.g. sponsored by an organisation outside of the university)

Every university website has a scholarship web page with details about the scholarships available, the value of the scholarship, the selection criteria and the application process. The initial application for many university scholarships is online, followed by a submission of supporting documents.

## **Tips for applying for university scholarships**

The following are tips to help you maximise your chance of gaining a scholarship:

- Apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for
- Read the information on the university's scholarship web page
- Follow the directions exactly and answer all parts of each question
- Include all documents requested
- Ensure that written applications are readable and provide examples to back up attributes and achievements
- Start preparing your application early
- Keep a list of personal achievements, extra-curricular activities you are involved in, both at school and in the wider community and any awards you have received
- Collect ideas for your application over time – start with dot points
- Do drafts of your application – get feedback (see your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor)
- Ask referees for supporting statements early, not at the last minute. They are usually very busy people
- When required, include examples of personal attributes and achievements such as:
  - Awards gained
  - Leadership (including coaching)
  - Volunteering and other community participation



- Teamwork (sport, work, etc.)
- Initiative
- How you may give back to the university.
- Include your career aspirations and how the university course can help you achieve them
- Submit your application by the due date.

### **UMelb: New Scholarships**

Additional scholarships will be available to students applying to The University of Melbourne:

- Hansen Scholarship Program –
  - Commences in 2020 with the aim of providing 20 x students from around Australia with the financial, academic and social support to study. They will receive free accommodation in a purpose-built hall with paid living expenses for their undergraduate degree. Applications open in early 2019. More information is available [here](#).
- Melbourne National Merit Scholarship –
  - All undergraduate applicants who completed school outside of Victoria with an an ATAR of 99.00 – 99.85 will be eligible to automatically receive a one-off allowance of \$8,000 in the first semester of enrolment. More information is available [here](#).
- Melbourne Humanitarian Access Scholarship –
  - Commences in 2019 for 4 x students who have applied for asylum in Australia. Recipients will receive \$5,000 per year living allowance and a full fee remission for the standard duration of their degree. Find more information [here](#).

### **UQ Sport scholarships**

Applications for UQ sporting scholarships are now open. Visit their [website](#) for more information

### **USQ: Early Round Scholarships closing soon**

University of Southern Queensland offers 50 x Early Round scholarships to Year 12 students before they complete high school and receive their OP results. The application window for the Early Round Scholarships closes on 31 August 2018. Read more about the Early Round Scholarships [here](#).



## **Gap Year Program News**

### **Lattitude Global Volunteering**

Lattitude Global Volunteering has vacancies in some of its 2019 programs. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

### **World Education Program Student Exchange (WEP)**

WEP will hold an information session from 7 – 8.30 pm on Wednesday 5 September 2018 in Brisbane at Fulton Trotter Lounge, Spring Hill. Visit the [WEP website](#) to register.

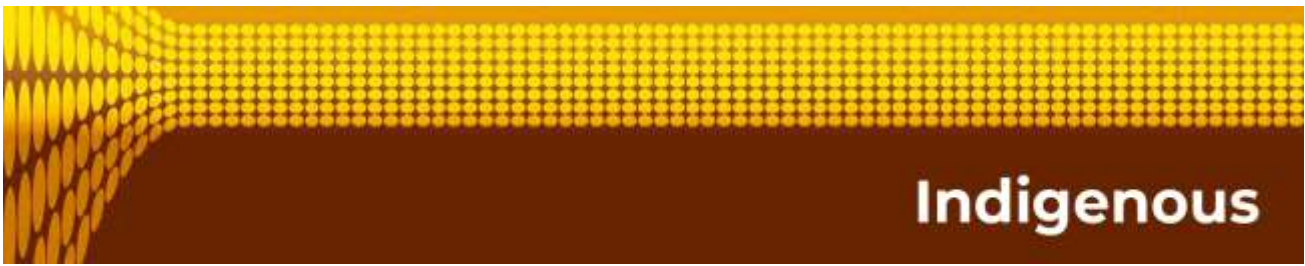
# Holiday Programs & Short Courses

## **NIDA: Courses in Brisbane during the September holidays**

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) will offer several holiday courses for students in Years 11 and 21 in September and October this year:

- [NDA Audition Preparation](#) – focuses specifically on NIDA’s BFA Acting auditions during 24 – 28 September 2018 at Queensland Academies Creative Industries (QACI), Brisbane.
- [Screen Acting Boot Camp](#) – aims to instill you with the essentials of screen acting and screen confidence during 29 – 30 September 2018 at Queensland Academies Creative Industries (QACI), Brisbane.
- [NDA Film School Production](#) – gain experience in scene direction and screen action during 2 – 5 October 2018 at St Laurence’s College, Brisbane.
- [Auditions masterclass](#) – get audition-ready with NIDA experts during 6 – 7 October 2018 at St Laurence’s College, Brisbane.

Visit the [NIDA website](#) for more details for more courses that go longer than the holiday period.



### **Indigenous employment with ANZ**

ANZ offers several employment opportunities to Indigenous students. These include part-time school-based traineeships, full-time traineeships and graduate programs for students who complete a university degree. Visit the [ANZ website](#) for details.

### **USC: Indigenous Direct Entry Scheme (IDEAS)**

IDEAS is a USC initiative aimed at increasing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in programs across all areas of study. This is a direct entry scheme for people who:

- may not have received an OP
- who received an OP that does not meet the minimum selection threshold for their chosen course, or
- who might not have completed Year 12.

Find out more about IDEAS [here](#).



### **Interested in studying overseas?**

Applying to an overseas university can be exciting, but it can also be confusing as each country has a different application system. Find a good overview on the [Times Higher Education website](#), *Applying to university overseas: what to consider*. This can provide you with a useful summary of some of these systems. The article has links to other articles that may interest you.

### **SAT and ACT for USA**

Universities in the USA may require you to sit for a test as part of the application and/or scholarship process. The SAT and the ACT are the most commonly required tests. The SAT and ACT generally test the same types of content. If you are given a choice of which test to sit for, it would be useful to know something about both tests. The Khan Academy website has a free [SAT preparation module](#) and the ACT Organisation can provide you with [Sample test questions](#).



### **Positive attitudes for working in customer service or retail**

Working in this industry is a great way for young people to learn important work skills and earn some cash. The retail industry is one of the few industries that is prepared to take on young people with little or no experience of the world of work. This doesn't mean that retail employers will hire just anyone. The skills that will make you stand out include your communication skills, your ability to get on with other people, your digital and financial literacy and your work ethic. The following tips are adapted from an article on the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) [website](#).

**Be reliable and stay flexible** – Be willing to take up extra shifts and work an extra hour when things are busy. Don't turn your nose up at the tedious tasks either. Show initiative, don't just wait to be told to do something that obviously needs doing. This may not be your dream job, but it will help you gain transferable skills such as customer service, effective communication and team skills.

**The merry season is the time to apply** – During Christmas and other major holidays, stores need more staff and are prepared to take on newcomers. However, don't wait until the school holidays before you apply. Go on websites to check out when they will be hiring for the festive season or put your name on a waiting list.

**Your personality is your best seller** - It's best to apply in-store and in-person, as this will give your potential boss a taste of who you are. Keep in mind that managers are looking for people who know something about their business. Have a look at their website. Brush up on your brand knowledge and make it clear that you're eager to learn more.

**You're going to be on your feet all day** – You will be surprised at how tiring standing up all day can be. You probably won't be sitting down during a shift and you probably won't stop moving. So, make sure you dress smartly but comfortably, and wear comfortable shoes. It is also important that you're aware of your entitlements as a retail employee. Check out the young workers and students section of the Fair Work Ombudsman [website](#).

**Stop, drop, sell** – Your biggest learning curve might be shifting your focus between achieving a daily or hourly target (a dollar amount each employee is asked to make by encouraging sales, which is common in a lot of retail jobs) and completing the essential tasks in the background (like cleaning and sorting stock). But customer service and selling should be your main focus.

**Be a team player and a people person** - It's important to remain calm, focussed and friendly, even if you have a grumpy customer or a never-ending to-do list. Support your team members and be the kind of colleague that you'd like to work with. Avoid getting emotional or taking criticism personally — ultimately everyone wants to have a positive experience so part of your job is helping to make that happen.

## **The new Careers with STEM: Engineering 2018 magazine**

You can read the *2018 Careers with STEM: Engineering 2018* on the Careers with STEM [online reader](#). Read other magazines by Careers with STEM on their [website](#). This magazine is packed with new ideas, careers and study options in engineering and beyond.

## **Urban and Regional Planning**

Urban and regional planners develop policies and plans for the use of land and resources. They advise on the economic, environmental, social and cultural needs of particular locations or regions as they relate to the built environment and the community. They also work on large-scale projects such as new suburbs, towns, industrial areas, commercial and retail developments, urban renewal projects and transportation links.

According to [Job Outlook](#), this is a relatively small occupational group with employment prospects showing moderate growth in the future. To become an urban and regional planner you usually need to study urban, regional or environmental planning at university. You may also consider other degrees that emphasise related fields such as architecture, economics, environmental management or science, geography and sociology. Courses available in Queensland include:

- Griffith University – [B Urban and Environmental Planning](#)
- James Cook University – [B Planning](#)
- Qld University of Technology - [B Urban Development \(Honours\) \(Urban and Regional Planning\)](#)
- University of Queensland - [B Regional and Town Planning](#)
- University of Southern Qld – [B Spatial Science \(Honours\) – Urban and Regional Planning](#)
- University of the Sunshine Coast - [B Urban Design and Town Planning \(Honours\)](#)

Visit the Open Universities Australia [Student Blog](#) for a case study on Michael, an Urban Planning Project Officer.



### **Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) information session**

ACAP provides accredited diploma and degree courses in counselling, psychology, case management, coaching, social science, social work and youth work. ACAP's Brisbane campus (located at East Tower, Ground Floor, 410 Ann Street, Brisbane) will hold an information session at 12:30 pm on Wednesday 22 August 2018. Visit the [website](#) to register your attendance.

### **JMC Academy Open Day**

JMC produces skilled workers for the entertainment industry. It offers Diploma and Bachelor Degree courses in Animation, Audio Engineering and Sound Production, Contemporary Music and Performance, Digital Design, Entertainment Business Management, Film and Television Production, Game Development and Songwriting. JMC will hold an Open Day on Saturday 18 August 2018 at its campus in South Brisbane. For details and to register your attendance, visit the JMC [website](#).

### **New York Film Academy (NYFA) Australia Gold Coast open house**

NYFA invites students interested in filmmaking or acting to its Open Day 10:30 am – 1:30 pm on Saturday 11 August 2018. Students under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Go to the [website](#) to RSVP.

### **Selected Interstate tertiary institution open days**

If you are thinking of applying for university studies interstate, you will need to begin your research as soon as possible. The relevant information will include:

- Location of the institution (does it have more than one campus?)
- Courses offered, entry prerequisites, previous ATAR cut-offs (go to the [QTAC website](#) to compare ATARs and OPs)
- Cost of accommodation and when to apply
- Travel costs
- Support for interstate students
- Scholarships and other financial support programs and schemes
- Application process (do you use a tertiary admissions centre or apply directly?)
- Application due dates



- Overseas exchange programs
- Employment programs (e.g. traineeships, work experience).

You can obtain much of this information from institution websites. If possible, attending an open day would be useful also. The following are a selection of 2018 interstate open days:

- [The University of Melbourne](#) - 19 August 2018. Enter the [Snapchat Competition](#) where you could win a pair of Snapchat Spectacles.
- [Australian Defence Force Academy](#) – 25 August 2018
- [Australian National University](#) - 25 August 2018
- [The University of Sydney](#)- Saturday 25 August 2018.
- [University of New South Wales](#)- 1 September 2018

## **Selected Queensland tertiary institution open days**

### **August**

15 – **Central Queensland University Online** for those who cannot attend a bricks and mortar campus, get your answers from an open day hosted completely online. Join anytime between 3 – 6 pm on Wednesday 15 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

19 – **University of Queensland**, Gatton Campus, from 9 am – 3 pm on Sunday 19 August 2018. Get started by downloading the app and 2019 UQ Undergraduate Guide on the [UQ Open Day website](#).

19 – **James Cook University Townsville** open day hosted at the Townsville campus from 11 am – 3 pm on Sunday 19 August 2018. Register your attendance on the [JCU open day website](#) and to download the program.

19 – **University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba** open day at the Toowoomba campus from 10 am – 2 pm on Sunday 19 August 2018. Add the event to your calendar and register your attendance at the [USQ open day website](#) to go in the draw to win a \$1000 gift card.

19 – **Central Queensland University Rockhampton** open day hosted at the Rockhampton campus just off the Bruce Highway in Norman Gardens, Rockhampton from 9 am – 1 pm on Sunday 19 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

26 – **James Cook University Cairns** open day hosted at the Cairns campus from 11 am – 3 pm on Sunday 26 August 2018. Register your attendance on the [JCU open day website](#) and to download the program.

26 – **Central Queensland University Townsville** open day hosted at the Townsville campus at 6 Finsbury Place, Townsville City. Drop in anytime between 9 am – 1 pm on Sunday 26 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

30 – **Central Queensland University Gladstone** open day hosted at the Gladstone campus at 613 Bryan Jordan Drive, Callemondah. Drop in anytime between 4 pm – 8 pm on Thursday 30 August 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

## September

1 – **Central Queensland University Emerald** open day hosted at the Emerald campus just off the Capricorn Highway, Emerald. Drop in anytime between 9 am – 1 pm on Friday 1 September 2018. See more information and register on the [CQU event page](#).

1 – **University of Southern Queensland Ipswich** open day at the Ipswich campus from 10 pm – 1 pm on Saturday 1 September 2018. Add the event to your calendar and register your attendance at the [USQ open day website](#) to go in the draw to win a \$1000 gift card.

7 – **University of Southern Queensland Springfield** open day at the Springfield campus from 3 pm – 7 pm on Friday 7 September 2018. Add the event to your calendar and register your attendance at the [USQ open day website](#) to go in the draw to win a \$1000 gift card.

# Private Provider Updates

## **QSFT: Qld School of Film and Television workshops in August and September**

QSFT will hold the following half-day workshops at their Annerley campus in August and September:

- Saturday 18 August 2018 – FILM IT: Introduction to Video Production
- Saturday 18 August 2018 – SFX IT: Introduction to Special Effect Make Up
- Saturday 1 September 2018 – RECORD IT – Introduction to Sound Workshop

View the full list of workshops [here](#), and register your interest on the [workshop form](#). For more information, ring 3392 7788 or email [info@qsft.qld.edu.au](mailto:info@qsft.qld.edu.au).



## Ordering your preferences

You can apply for up to six courses on the QTAC application. The order in which you place the courses is very important. QTAC advises the following plan (like a 'recipe').

- **Preferences 1 and 2:** Desired courses - the courses you most want to study even if you are not sure you will get an offer.
- **Preferences 3 and 4:** Back-up courses – less competitive courses or courses at other institutions that you are prepared to study if you don't get your higher preferences. They could be used to upgrade to your higher preference courses in the future.
- **Preferences 5 and 6:** Admission Pathway courses - courses that are not competitive and will help you upgrade to your higher preference courses in the future. These are safety net courses.

When processing your application, the QTAC computer starts with your preference 1 course. If you are eligible for this course (i.e. you meet all the entry requirements and are at or above the entry threshold), you will be offered this course and your other preferences will not be looked at. If you are not eligible for your preference 1 course, the QTAC computer will go down to your next course preference and will continue down your list of courses until it finds a course you are eligible for or it exhausts your list of preferences and you then won't receive an offer. **If you follow the plan (the recipe), you will receive an offer. It may not be for your preference 1 but it will be a foot-in-the-door to upgrading, hopefully in one year, to the course you want.** See p. 13 of the *2019 Year 12 Guide* for more information about preferencing.

You can change preferences after you submit your application. The first three change of preference sessions are free. Subsequent change sessions cost \$43. When you make all of the changes you want, then press 'Save', that is then considered one change session. So, make as many changes as you want and when you are happy with the courses and their order, press 'Save'. Don't change your preferences impulsively. Think carefully about them. See your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor if you need assistance.

## QTAC's online application is live

QTAC's online application for tertiary courses commencing in Semester One 2019 was activated on 2 August 2018. This doesn't mean you must apply immediately! You need to do some preparation before you are ready to apply.

- Know your LUI. You will need this as part of your application so QTAC can access your results when they are released by the QCAA in December
- Check your learning account to see if all your qualifications are there, especially if you have completed courses outside of school that are recognised by the QCAA

- The application will ask if you want to authorise someone to represent you if, for some reason, you are unavailable to respond to a course offer. Most students nominate one of their parents. You will need your parent's full name, date of birth (including year of birth) and contact details.
- Are you going to apply for QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS)? If so, which category or categories are you going to apply under? Speak to your Guidance Officer or School Counsellor for assistance.
- How are you going to pay the \$43 application fee? By credit card (yours or your parent's), BPay or QTAC voucher?
- Select and order your course preferences. This means you need to research courses and make some decisions about what you want to apply for.

While 14 December 2018 is the last date to apply for and submit supporting documentation for the 16 January offer round, it is recommended that you check the closing dates for QTAC course applications (Page 20 and 21 in the QTAC book) to be sure that you don't miss out on the course you want.

To be considered for the 20 December round offer, your application and supporting documentation must be submitted to QTAC by 7 December. For more information on offer rounds go to Page 20 and 21 in your QTAC book or visit the [QTAC website](#).

### **Selection guidelines for initial teacher education courses – entry requirements**

Applicants for initial teacher education (ITE) courses have changed for 2019. You must meet academic and non-academic entry requirements. Academic entry requirements include subject prerequisites and OP/Selection rank thresholds. You can find academic entry requirements for each course in Course search on the [QTAC website](#) home page.

To meet the non-academic entry requirements, you must demonstrate possession of key competencies outlined by the Australian Institute of School Leadership. You must complete an online questionnaire to demonstrate your motivation for and understanding of the course and profession. You will also provide a written statement addressing your interest in teaching and children/young people and your involvement in personal learning and leadership activities. For more information visit the [QTAC website](#).

### **What does the Minimum selection thresholds mean?**

Entry to many courses is competitive – the number of places available in the course may be smaller than the pool of people applying for entry to the course.

Places for eligible applicants to a course are allocated in order of the applicant's entry score (OP/Rank) until the places are filled. When the last place in the course is filled, the OP score or rank of the last applicant offered a place becomes the 'minimum selection threshold' (previously referred to as 'the cut off') – the minimum **adjusted** score needed to be considered for admissions to a program.

The minimum selection threshold required for admission is based on the previous year's Semester 1 intake period. It is important to understand that it varies from year to year.

**Key Dates for Year 12 Students**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>22 January</b>	Start of school year.
<b>21 May</b>	QCS Test: Closing date for special provision applications — before the test.
<b>10 August</b>	Release of provisional statements to schools: Check your personal and enrolment details. Tell your school if any information is missing or incorrect.
<b>4 September</b>	QCS Test: Paper 1 — Writing Task (am); Paper 2 — Multiple Choice I (pm).
<b>5 September</b>	QCS Test: Paper 3 — Short Response (am); Paper 4 — Multiple Choice II (pm).
<b>11 October</b>	QCS Test: Last day to apply for special provision — after the test.
<b>26 October</b>	Release of provisional statements to schools: Check your personal and enrolment details. Tell your school if any information is missing or incorrect.
<b>14 November</b>	QCS Test: Results available in student learning accounts.
<b>16 November</b>	Final school day for Year 12 students: You must be enrolled at school up to this day to receive a Senior Statement and OP (if you are OP-eligible).
<b>21 November</b>	Schools publish subject achievement indicators (SAIs): Check you've been placed in the correct position compared with your classmates — if you see an error, talk to your school immediately.

<b>14 December</b>	QCAA mails Senior Education Profiles to Year 12 students.
<b>15 December</b>	QCAA publishes final Year 12 results and OPs in student learning accounts on the Student Connect website.

### **What qualifications will I get at the end of Year 12?**

On 14 December 2018, the QCAA will mail a Senior Education Profile (SEP) to the home address of this year's Year 12s. The SEP could contain the following documents, depending on the subjects and courses studied during Years 11 and 12:

**Senior Statement** – Every student who completes Year 12 gets this statement. It shows all studies and results from your learning account that will contribute to your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). That is:

- Subjects studied during Years 11 and 12
- Number of semesters each subject was studied
- Results (achievement levels – Very Limited Achievement to Very High Achievement)
- Result on the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test.

**Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)** - The QCE is Queensland's senior school qualification, which is awarded to eligible students, usually (but not always) at the end of Year 12. It indicates that you have successfully completed secondary studies in Queensland. Visit the [QCAA website](#) for information about how you become eligible for a QCE.

**Tertiary Entrance Statement** – This document shows an eligible student's Overall Position (OP) and Field Positions (FPs). Read about the eligibility requirements [here](#). The Tertiary Entrance Statement is used for tertiary entry not employment. It is recognised by interstate and international universities.

**Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA)** - The QCIA recognises the achievements of students who are on individualised learning programs. For details, visit the [QCAA website](#).

### **You only have a few more weeks to log into your learning account to win!**

The QCAA is offering Year 12 students the chance to win an Apple MacBook Pro. All you need to do is log into your learning account on the [Student Connect website](#) before 31 August 2018. You will need your LUI and password. When you are on the website, click on 'My learning account' to download the *Student learner accounts user guide* for instructions on how to log in and activate your account. If you don't know your LUI, ask your school for it. While you are in your learner account, check that your personal and enrolment details are accurate. If you know how to access your learning account, you can get your Year 12 results a couple of days earlier than waiting for them to arrive in the mail in mid- December.



## **Forgetting and retention**

Ebbinghaus was a German psychologist in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century who studied memory. He discovered the forgetting curve which looks at the decline of memory retention. It showed that forgetting occurs most rapidly shortly after you stop learning a subject. The greatest loss is within a few hours. The speed you forget gradually slows down as time goes on. Visit [The Ebbinghaus Forgetting Curve – And How To Overcome It](#) for more information about the forgetting curve. Two strategies for memory retention are:

- **Better memory representation (e.g. mnemonic techniques)** – Coming up with a song is a commonly used mnemonic technique. An example is how children remember their ABCs. Other types include names, expressions, models, odes, note organisation, images, connections, and spellings. An example of using a name as a mnemonic is Roy G Biv (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet) to remember the colours of the rainbow.
- **Repetition based on active recall (especially spaced repetition)** – When learning new information, spacing out revision sessions over time makes items easier to remember. It is more effective to do your revision over many weeks, rather than the night before the exam. Plan your review of material to start the first day after it is acquired, a second time about a week after that, and finally a few weeks later. This is what you do in the revision part of homework. Active recall means that you test yourself following each revision session.

## **Year 11 and 12 Study Skills**

No one is born knowing how to study. It takes time and experience to know how to study well. Deakin University has developed a set of study skills that will see you studying smarter not harder and have been developed specifically for high school students. Visit their [website](#) for more information and activities and find information to assist you with:

- Getting started
- Time management
- Essay writing
- Exams
- Listening and taking notes
- Concentration
- Reading
- Editing and proofreading
- Working in groups





### **TAFE at School On-Campus Programs for 2019**

Applications are open for TAFE Queensland Brisbane and SkillsTech's TAFE at School Programs for 2019. Through these programs, Year 11 and 12 students can choose to study from over 50 certificate level courses while still at high school. Completion of a course counts towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). It can also be a pathway to a job or to further study after Year 12. Most of the courses available require you to attend TAFE one day a week. The available courses are listed on the [TAFE at School website](#), and press 'View courses'.

To apply for a course, you will need a [Unique Student Identifier \(USI\)](#). You can apply for the TAFE at School program on the [Schools Program Application site](#). You need to enter the application code for the TAFE you wish to attend –

- [TAFE Brisbane is Code: TQB1801](#); and
- [TAFE SkillsTech is Code: TQST1801](#).

Once you have applied, an email will be sent to your school for approval. It is recommended that you apply this term as course fill quickly. If you need help selecting a course or applying for a course, contact your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or VET Coordinator.

### **TAFE: International Hospitality Service Program at the Queensland Hotel and Hospitality**

TAFE Queensland Brisbane's Queensland Hotel and Hospitality School offers the International Hospitality Service Program. This program is delivered at TAFE Queensland's South Bank and Gold Coast campuses and partner premises. It is designed to develop frontline food and beverage service skills for work in luxury five and six-star hotels, restaurants and convention centres. Find out more on the [website](#).



### **ACU - Bachelor of High Performance Sport**

ACU offers a 3-year undergraduate program for high performance sport. This degree provides extensive knowledge and skills relevant to human performance from the physiological, psychological, biomechanical, nutritional and skill-based perspectives. This degree can be completed in as little as 2.5 years. Read more about the program [here](#).

### **GC: Griffith College (associated entity of Griffith University)**

Griffith College offers a range of university-level programs to prepare students for a smooth transition into further degree studies at Griffith University. Griffith College is located at Griffith University's Mt Gravatt and Gold Coast campuses. Visit the [website](#) for details about the courses offered and the pathways to degree courses at Griffith. You apply for Griffith College courses through QTAC.

### **GU: Assessing VET qualifications after the shift to ATAR**

For tertiary admissions in 2021 and beyond, the ATAR will replace the current OP system in Queensland. For admission in 2021 and beyond, Griffith will continue to accept stand-alone VET qualifications completed at high school, private providers and TAFE Institutes. Read more about Griffith's position [here](#).

### **GU: Criminology Careers Evening**

For those interested in criminology, this event gives you the chance to hear talks from recent graduates of the Bachelor Criminology and Criminal Justice about their current jobs. Information will be given about diverse career pathways in State and Federal policing, anti-corruption bodies, the corporate world and more. This event will be held at:

- The Gold Coast campus from 6pm on Wednesday 29 August 2018 at Griffith University Gold Coast, Arts and Education Building G30, Rm 1.09, Parklands Drive Southport; and
- The Mt Gravatt campus from 6pm on Thursday 30 August 2018 at Griffith University Mt Gravatt, Andy Nimmo Auditorium (M23), 176 Messines Ridge Road. Visit the [website](#) for details and to register.

## **GU: Griffith Sports College**

The college supports students in the Elite Athlete Program to manage their training and competition while they complete their tertiary studies. One of the benefits of the program is the allocation of bonus OP/rank points that can assist athletes to gain entry to Griffith courses. Read more of the benefits [here](#).

## **GU: National Science Week Queensland launch**

Stars, slime and soaring imaginations – this year Griffith University celebrates [National Science Week](#) with an array of workshops, demonstrations and talks that will excite and ignite your passion for science. Events will be run on the Griffith University Gold Coast campus this week. [Click here](#) for more information.

## **GU: Pop-up Science Centre**

As part of National Science Week, Griffith University and Education Queensland have teamed up to present the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Pop-Up Science Centre. This showcase is open to the public to experience hands-on STEM activities, demonstrations, science shows and special guests. It will run between 11 am – 3 pm on Sunday 19 August 2018 at NightQuarter, Helensvale. Visit the [event page](#) for more details and to add it to your calendar.

## **GU: Want to study engineering but don't have the prerequisites?**

Griffith offers students a unique pathway into engineering by sitting the Aptitude for Engineering Assessment (AEA) examination. Successful students will receive guaranteed admission into the B Engineering (Honours) at either the Nathan or Gold Coast campuses or B Engineering Technology in Electronic and Computer Engineering at Nathan campus. Registrations for 2018 sitting of AEA (enrolment in 2019) opened on Monday 2 July 2018 and close at 5 pm (AEST) on Friday 21 September 2018. Find out more about AEA and the registration process on the Griffith [website](#).

## **MedView: Your Path to Medical School**

Thinking of pursuing a career in medicine? Crimson Education will be hosting a free seminar on Saturday 18 August 2018 at QUT Gardens Point campus to discuss the available pathways. The event will be presented by top medical students who will provide first-hand insight into the challenges applicants may face. The capacity is 200, and you will need to register individually for the event [here](#).

## **QTAC: Upcoming Closing dates – Don't miss out!**

QTAC fixed Closing Dates for some courses are as early as 24 August 2018. Make sure you check your QTAC book pages 20 and 21 or the [QTAC website](#) to see if a course you are interested in has a fixed closing date.

Fixed closing date means you MUST have your QTAC application submitted by that date. See your Career Advisor or Guidance Officer if you have any questions.

**Upcoming Events:**

24/08/2018

[QTAC: Upcoming Closing dates – Don't miss out!](#)

**QUT: Selection rank allocated to an AQF recognised completed Diploma qualification for entry in 2019**

In 2019, if you are planning to use your completed Diploma qualification to obtain a QTAC selection rank you should note that QUT **only**, will be allocating a selection rank of 87 to a successfully completed AQF recognised Diploma qualification.

**QUT: Applying for Creative Industries courses with additional entry requirements**

If you are planning to study a QUT creative industries course that has additional entry requirements, ensure you investigate the requirements now so you are ready to apply by the closing date of 14 September 2018. First you need to apply through QTAC. Then, for courses with auditions/interviews, you must register with QUT using the QUT Online Registration Form. If you are applying for a course with a portfolio you must also submit your portfolio as part of the QUT registration process. Full details are available on the Entry requirements tab of the [QUT online course information](#).

**Upcoming Events:**

14/09/2018

[QUT Creative Industries courses with additional entry requirements QTAC closing date](#)

**QUT: Assessing VET qualifications after the shift to ATAR**

From 2020 onwards, Queensland universities will shift to the ATAR ranking system. If you apply to start at QUT from 2021, you will generally be assessed off an ATAR or IB. QUT will only accept VET qualifications (for entry purposes) that are AQF Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diplomas. QUT will then assign a selection rank to based on the Certificate IV or higher and if you meet of the following criteria:

- you also obtained an ATAR (or completed International Baccalaureate Diploma)
- you undertook the VET qualification after you completed Year 12
- you did not obtain an ATAR and completed Year 12 more than two years ago
- you did not obtain an ATAR but you have undertaken further VET or higher education study since leaving school.

Read more about QUT's new VET assessment method on [their website](#).

## **QUT: Creative careers experience days**

On Sunday 19 August to find out about QUT's [careers in communication](#), or on Sunday 26 August QUT's [careers in design](#). You will see how to develop your creative passion and choose a career pathway that's right for you.

### **Upcoming Events:**

19/08/2018	<a href="#">QUT Careers in Communication</a>
26/08/2018	<a href="#">QUT Careers in design presentation</a>

## **QUT: Keen to get an international experience?**

QUT has [exchange](#) agreements with more than 200 partner institutions in 43 countries. You can earn full credit towards your QUT degree, explore the world and develop international friendships and contacts. You can also undertake shorter programs such as study tours, or overseas projects. If you want to go further, consider the [Bachelor of Business – International](#) or [Bachelor of Design – International](#). These degrees combine the full three-year business or design degree with a year of overseas study.

## **QUT: Publications and online course information**

QUT has a range of publications to help students with their decisions about courses and university. [Real Choices](#) provides an overview of what QUT can offer you. The individual faculty guides include detailed course information as well as opportunities within the faculty such as scholarships, hands-on learning experiences, facilities that you will use as a student, and overseas exchange and study tours. You can access all of the publications on the [QUT website](#). If you want to find out more about the individual units (subjects) you will study in a course, course structures, entry requirements and costs, use the [online course information search function](#).

## **QUT: Scholarships for education double degrees with music, dance and visual arts**

Study a double degree in education and creative industries – [Bachelor of Education \(Secondary\)/Bachelor of Fine Arts \(Music/Dance/Visual Arts\)](#) and you will automatically be considered for the [Vice-Chancellor's Creative Industries Scholarship](#) worth \$10,000 as part of your audition or portfolio application process.

## **QUT: Valuable scholarship + internships in QUT Business**

Get a flying start to your business career with networking, two 15-week internships with QUT's corporate partners and a \$36,000 scholarship. The [Corporate Partners in Excellence Scholarship](#) program will ensure you graduate with significant business experience to back up your academic credentials.

### **QUT: Work alongside researchers**

If you are interested in getting involved in real research projects early at university, QUT's [Vacation Research Experience Scheme](#) gives you that opportunity. High-performing students can work alongside researchers and contribute to research projects.

### **SCU: Assessing VET qualifications after the shift to ATAR**

From 2020 onwards, QLD universities will shift to the ATAR ranking system. To apply to start at SCU from 2021, you will generally be assessed off an ATAR or IB. SCU is still deciding how they will assess VET qualifications for admission from 2021. Any news on this will be posted on their [website](#), as well as on the QTAC website.

### **SportAus: Elite Athlete Friendly University program (EAFU)**

The AIS established the EAFU program to support elite athletes who are also completing university studies. There are 41 endorsed universities across Australia that form part of the EAFU network. These universities provide a nominated staff contact person, flexible entry criteria and flexible study options. Most of Queensland's universities are EAFU-endorsed:

- Australian Catholic University
- Bond University
- Central Queensland University
- Griffith University
- James Cook University
- Queensland University of Technology
- The University of Queensland
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of Sunshine Coast

Read more about universities in the EAFU program on the [AIS website](#).

### **UMelb: University of Melbourne International House: 2018 Filmmaking Summer School**

This intensive summer film school program is open to aspiring filmmakers of all ages and backgrounds. It is designed to cover the essential skills, basic knowledge and industry insight needed to make films. It will be held 4 – 13 January 2019 at International House, The University of Melbourne. For more information visit the summer school's [website](#). Courses offered include:

- From Script to Screen
- Documentary Filmmaking
- Acting and Directing
- Screenwriting
- Cinematography intensive
- Low budget/No budget filmmaking

## **UMelb: Graduate Degree Packages**

The University of Melbourne works differently from most other Australian Universities in conferring their professional degrees (such as Engineering, Dentistry, Law, Physiotherapy). The 'Melbourne Model' more closely resembles the structure of institutions overseas. In essence, students taking this new course will start with a broad undergraduate degree before specialising with their professional degree at the postgraduate level (ie. Graduating with a Masters). This is a higher level of qualification than the standard double degree.

The University is offering high achieving students the opportunity to secure their position in both their bachelors and graduate level from a 2019 start, provided they get the required ATAR. Read more about it on their [website](#).

## **UQ Sport scholarships**

Applications for UQ sporting scholarships are now open. Visit their [website](#) for more information

## **UQ: Business School courses**

The following undergraduate courses are offered through the Business School:

- [B Business Management](#) - This course prepares you for today's constantly changing and highly competitive business world. Majors/specialisations available are advertising, business economics, e-business, human resources, international business, marketing, real estate and development and sustainability.
- [B Commerce](#) - This course trains you in the principles of commerce and the business environment; majors/specialisations available are accounting, business information systems and finance.
- [B International Hotel and Tourism Management](#) - This course opens career opportunities in the global tourism, hospitality and the events industry. Majors/specialisations available include event management, hospitality management and tourism management.
- [B Advanced Business \(Honours\)](#) – This is the newest business course from UQ. It is an elite program that blends Commerce and Business management, which is reflected in its broader area of majors: accounting, business analytics, business information systems, entrepreneurship and innovation, finance, human resources, international business and marketing.
- [B Advanced Finance and Economics \(Honours\)](#) – This is your passport to becoming a leader in the fields of finance and economics. This four-year program is offered in conjunction with the School of Economics.

## **UQ: Aerospace Gateway Schools Direct Entry Scheme**

This scheme provides an opportunity for students at participating secondary schools to receive a direct entry offer into the following programs at UQ in Semester 1 2019:

- B Engineering (Honours)
- B Engineering (Honours)/B Information Technology

- B Information Technology.

If you are a current Year 12 student enrolled at one of the participating schools and you meet the criteria and prerequisites, fill in the application form and submit it to your school Principal and return to UQ by 3 September 2018. More information is on the [Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology website](#)

### **UQ: Careers that Started in Science website**

Love science but don't know where it can lead you? Visit this [website](#) to explore the pathways that open for UQ's science graduates. You can browse their stories by study areas: agriculture and environment, architecture and planning, health and behavioural sciences and sciences and mathematics.

### **UQ: Engineering and Computing Careers Evening**

At this event you will hear from recent Engineering and IT graduates, talk to lecturers and current students, find out about job opportunities and learn about UQ's courses. The evening will be held on Thursday 23 August 2018 from 6 – 8 pm in the GHD Auditorium, Advanced Engineering Building, St Lucia campus. For more information and to register, visit the [website](#).

#### **Upcoming Events:**

23/08/2018

[UQ Engineering and Computing Careers Evening 2018](#)

### **UQ: Gatton Open Day**

This event will be held from 9 am – 3 pm on Sunday 19 August 2018. On the day, you can attend information sessions to learn about careers in agriculture, agribusiness, animal studies, veterinary science, plant science, food and the environment. Download the program [here](#).

### **UQ: Support for international students under 18 years of age**

UQ's Student Services offers a supervision program which approves the accommodation, support and general welfare of international students under 18 years of age. This program is compulsory for international students who are not living with a parent, legal custodian or suitable relative and need their accommodation and welfare arrangements approved to meet the Department of Immigration and Border Protection student visa requirements. More information about this program is available on the [Student Services website](#).



## **USC: Assessing VET qualifications after the shift to ATAR**

From 2020 onwards, Queensland universities will shift to the ATAR ranking system. To apply to start at USC from 2021, you will generally be assessed off an ATAR or IB. From 2021, USC will continue to accept VET qualifications at Certificate III level and above for admissions in 2021 and beyond. Phone the university admissions centre if you have any questions.

## **USC: Early Offer Guarantee**

The Early Offer Guarantee enables Year 12 students to be offered an early and guaranteed place at USC in November. These offers are made prior to the release of Year 12 results, rather than having to wait until the mid-January QTAC offer round. Early and guaranteed offers will be made to students based on the recommendations of their school Principal. Applications close 22 October 2018. Read more [here](#).

### **Upcoming Events:**

22/10/2018

[USC Early Offer Guarantee applications close](#)

## **USC: New campus to be built in Moreton Bay**

Building is currently underway for Australia's newest university campus in the heart of Moreton Bay at Petrie. It is scheduled to open in Semester 1, 2020 with nearly 50 programs. Read more about USC Moreton Bay online [here](#).

## **USC: Parent Lounge**

For everything you need to know about university for your child, visit USC's Parent Lounge. It is packed with resources to help you support your child through the transition to university life and learning. Access these resources [here](#).

## **USC: Tertiary Preparation Pathway**

The Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) provides students with the skills to be successful in undergraduate studies at university. These skills include academic writing, time management, research, exam strategies and presentation skills. The TPP can also be used as an alternative entry program. TPP can be studied part-time for one year or full-time over six months. It is free to students eligible for a Commonwealth Supported Place. Upon successful completion of the TPP, graduates will be able to gain direct entry into most USC degree programs. Other universities may accept TPP for entry to their degree programs (contact the relevant university). You apply for TPP through QTAC (see p. 33 of the *2019 Year 12 Guide*). Visit the [USC website](#) for more information about the TPP.

## **USC: Undergraduate scholarships**

Applications for Semester 1, 2019 undergraduate scholarships for USC open from 1 September 2018 and close 30 November 2018. There are a wide number of scholarships falling within the following areas:

- Merit
- Equity
- Honours
- Rural and Remote Placement Bursaries
- Sport
- Government

Read more about available scholarships for Semester 1, 2019 on the [USC scholarships website](#).

### **Upcoming Events:**

01/09/2018 to 30/11/2018      [USC Undergraduate Scholarship applications](#)

## **USQ Early Round Scholarships**

The USQ Year 12 [Early Round Scholarships](#) are now open. You can apply for the [Future Community Leader Scholarship](#), awarded for community leadership or involvement, and the [Vice Chancellor's Scholarship](#), awarded for academic excellence. There are 50 scholarships available and applications close 31 August 2018. Scholarships will be awarded to successful students in October 2018. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

### **Upcoming Events:**

31/08/2018      [USQ Early Round Scholarship applications close](#)

## **USQ Outbreak: Finding Patient Zero**

Places are still available for [Outbreak: Finding Patient Zero](#) workshops, which will run at USQ Toowoomba campus. Workshops are suited for Years 10 - 12 and are being held on 20, 22 & 24 August 2018. Please register your school via email to [faculty.marketing@usq.edu.au](mailto:faculty.marketing@usq.edu.au) or for more information visit our [website](#).

## **USQ: Discover Engineering and Surveying**

Interested in Engineering or Surveying as a possible career? USQ is providing a free event open to the public to hear from industry about the specific day-to-day tasks of engineers in civil, surveying, construction, mechanical electrical, environmental and beyond, in addition to the role of engineering in society more broadly. Read more about the event [here](#). This event will take place at the Springfield campus and Online from 6 pm – 7:30 pm on Wednesday 22 August 2018. RSVP [here](#) by Monday 20 August 2018.

## **USQ: Festival of Astronomy**

In celebration of National Science Week, the public are invited to attend the University of Southern Queensland's Festival of Astronomy, which involves a number of free astronomy activities hosted by world-leading astronomers. These events will run between 16 – 18 August 2018. Details can be found on USQ's Festival of Astronomy [website](#).