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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and restful New Year

This is the last bulletin for 2018 ... the year is almost over! We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our readers, students, parents and teachers for your ongoing support of our career products. We wish the graduating Year 12 students all the best for their futures and encourage them to go courageously, confidently and positively into their new world, embracing opportunities as they arise.

2019 will see changes to our product lines including a new URL address and ongoing support of the school's career program. Options Career Information would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, successful and restful New Year. May 2019 bring many blessings and much happiness for all and safe travels if you are holidaying over the break.

Warm regards,

The Options Career Information team.



Pre-apprenticeship courses at TAFE Queensland SkillsTech

Doing a pre-apprenticeship course has many advantages. They include:

- Helping you gain skills and a basic understanding of the job and industry
- Improving your chances of gaining an apprenticeship, as an employer is more likely to take on someone who has some knowledge of the industry and the skills required
- Saving time on your apprenticeship, as part of the first stage of apprenticeship training is completed within the pre-apprenticeship course.

In addition, at the end of your pre-apprenticeship course, SkillsTech's 'Find an Employer service' will help connect you with an employer. For a list of pre-apprenticeship courses on offer at SkillsTech, visit the [website](#) and click on 'Pre-apprenticeship courses'.

If you are interested in starting a full-time pre-apprenticeship course in January 2019, ring SkillsTech on 1800 654 447 as soon as possible to express an interest in a course or, if enrolments are open, to enroll.

Some pre-apprenticeship courses can be undertaken while you are at school. Visit your VET Coordinator or Guidance Counsellor/Officer for information about this option.

Resources to help you get an apprenticeship/traineeship

Want an apprenticeship or traineeship? Don't know where to start? The following websites will help you:

- [Job Hunting Tips](#) on the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website has advice and links to help you get an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- [Steps to get started](#) on the Queensland Apprenticeship Info website has a four-step approach to gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- [Apprenticeship Central](#) has a job search function specifically for apprenticeships and traineeships. It also has a resume builder.



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Defence Information Sessions in November and December

Below are the information sessions for November and December with further information found on the [Facebook](#) site.

Upcoming Events:

21/11/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Toowoomba</i>
21/11/2018	Influencers Networking Lunch <i>Gold Coast</i>
26/11/2018	Women in Defence Information Session <i>Toowoomba</i>
26/11/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Brisbane</i>
27/11/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Caloundra</i>
28/11/2018	School to Service Information Session <i>Townsville</i>
05/12/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Brisbane</i>
05/12/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Cairns</i>
05/12/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Townsville</i>
11/12/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Gold Coast</i>
12/12/2018	School to Service Information Session <i>Cairns</i>



How do I find a job with good employment prospects?

Rapid changes in the world of work and emerging new technologies mean that we need to try and stay ahead of the game by looking for occupations that have better job prospects than others. How do we do this? We should be taking the following factors into account when looking for a job with good employment prospects:

- **Number of people** - The more people employed in an occupation, the more likely there will be jobs in every location.
- **Employment growth** – Historical information tells us how many new jobs have been created in an occupation. Projected growth information can indicate how many additional jobs there are likely to be in the future.
- **Skills shortages** – These indicate good opportunities in an occupation for people with the skills and experience needed. Shortages vary by location and change over time.
- **Job turnover** - This is the annual percentage of employees who move out of the occupation into other occupations, retirement or unemployment plus employees who change jobs within the same occupation. Turnover creates opportunities in all occupations when employees need to be replaced.

Where can I find this information about the jobs I'm interested in?

- [myfuture](#) website - Sign up for free if this is your first time on the website. Go to the Occupations section and search for your job of interest. Click on the 'Prospects' tab.
- [Job Outlook](#) provides occupational information including job prospects.
- The [Australian Jobs](#) publication provides information about the labour market for industries and occupations as well as states, territories and regions of Australia. It also provides occupational and industry information that will help you understand where the jobs will be in the future.
- The [Labour Market Information Portal](#) provides you with up-to-date information about your local labour market. It provides information at the national, state and regional level.
- [Department of Employment - National, state and territory skill shortage information](#) provides skill shortage lists for the state, territory and national levels.

Some cautions:

- Fast growth within an occupation does not guarantee more job opportunities because the number of people seeking work may outnumber the job openings.
- Even occupations with declining job prospects can offer job opportunities as people move across jobs.
- It is difficult to accurately predict long term job prospects. Unexpected events can have an enormous impact on the labour market (e.g. very few people predicted the global financial crisis).

Consequently, when you are making career decisions, job prospects are just one piece of information you need to consider. Other information includes your interests, skills, values, aspirations, work preferences, education and training requirements.

Employment

Graduate Stats and Salaries

Knowing the destination of graduates in the university courses you are considering can be helpful for your decision making. Graduate Careers Australia (GCA) surveys university graduates throughout Australia. Participants are asked about themselves, including whether they are in full-time or part-time employment, in further full-time study, or are unavailable for either. The survey findings on 40 fields of education, from Accounting to Visual and Performing Arts, can be accessed from the [GCA website](#). Salary levels are included.

Skills for getting a job – full-time/part-time/casual

The following are resources you can access to help you gain the skills you need for your job search:

- [Finding a job](#) on the WA Career Centre website has a 10-step job search plan, a resume builder, example resumes, interview advice and other helpful job search tools.
- [Applying for Jobs](#) on the Youth Central website has information and examples for developing a resume and writing cover letters as well as other tips to help you get a job.
- The [Enter the workforce](#) section of the 2018 Good Careers Guide e-book (you register to access the e-book) provides information on understanding work and steps for looking for work.
- [I'm looking for a job](#) on the Job Jumpstart website has information on most job search strategy. It can help you build your resume.
- [Advice and Tips](#) on the Seek website is good to check out for tips on job search. Seek also has a job search function.
- [Career Advice](#) on the Careerone website has useful tips on resumes and job interviews. Careerone also has a job search function.
- The [Job Hunting](#) section on the Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website has a step-by-step approach to gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- [Steps to get started](#) on the Queensland Apprenticeship Info website has a four-step approach to gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- [Apprenticeship Central](#) has a job search function specifically for apprenticeships. It also has a resume builder.

What are employers looking for?

The findings of a Department of Employment survey of employers' recruitment experiences suggests that, for school leavers, they are looking for:

- **Experience** – through work experience, voluntary work or transitional jobs (jobs you get before the job you really want). Experience is essential for some jobs.
- **Employability skills** – team work, communication and initiative. You need to be able to demonstrate these to employers (i.e. tell them when you used these skills and how successful they were)
- **Personality attributes** – enthusiasm, reliability, presentation and a good work ethic. You are unlikely to get the job if you don't display these traits.
- **Education and training** – complete Year 12 and gain a post-school qualification. Depending on the job you are seeking, Pre-apprenticeship Certificates, Certificates III and IV, Diplomas and Degrees open the door to more job opportunities.

The above information was adapted from 'Posters for Job Seekers' on the [Department of Employment website](#)

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



ANU: National University Scholarship

The Australian National University (ANU), located in Canberra, annually offers the National University Scholarship based on academic excellence in secondary school studies. Selection is based on an ATAR of 99.90 and above (or equivalent OP). The scholarship is valued at \$12,500 per annum paid for up to 5 years. You don't apply for this scholarship. All eligible applications made with ANU as a first, second or third preference when applying through UAC will be automatically considered. Visit the [ANU Scholarship](#) page for more information.

Education Scholarships

Applications are now open for the Department of Education's 2019 scholarship and grant programs. These scholarships and grants reinforce the department's dedication to providing the best teachers for all state schools while promoting teaching as a career path. The scholarships and grants on offer include:

- the [Aspiring teacher grants](#) which support high-achieving secondary graduates from 2018 commencing their studies to become a teacher in 2019,
- the [Pearl Duncan teaching scholarships](#) support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to gain an initial preservice teacher education qualification, and also,
- for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is the [Lambert McBride Perpetual Bursary](#) which will provide a one-off grant to assist with tertiary expenses for study in any discipline,

Online applications close Friday 30 November 2018. Further information is available from the [Teach Queensland](#) website.

How to save money when you're a student who basically earns burger rings

Although saving money as a student may seem impossible, once you try some of the following tips, it won't seem so hard. Try one of the tips below for a month and see how much money you save.

- **Set goals** – A goal might be as simple as buying text books, or as exciting as organising that once in a lifetime trip to Europe. Whatever your goal, use it to develop a weekly savings target. Start with saving \$10 - \$20 a week and see how it adds up.
- **Student discounts** – Whether you are going to the movies, booking flights, getting a haircut or even servicing your car, there is bound to be a student discount available if you just take the time to look. Make sure you check out [Student Edge](#) (click on 'Deals'). This is a great site which is constantly updating the range of discounts available to students.

- **Uni/college necessities** - Be smart: there is no shame in buying second-hand items. Check out your institution's book store for a second-hand section. Look on noticeboards around the campus for text book ads. Remember to sell your text books as soon as you have finished with them.
- **Leave the credit card behind** – Consider cash-only outings with friends. This way you can easily avoid spontaneously shouting the entire bar a round of drinks.
- **Quit online shopping** - Not only will you save money, you'll also cut down on the pile of dud purchases sitting at the bottom of your wardrobe that you (let's be honest) have no intention of returning.
- **Student services** - While services differ between institutions, most are likely to offer free help and advice about money management, legal advice, health services, moving out of home support, scholarships and travel.

The above information is adapted from a [Foundation for Young Australians article](#).

Queensland Government: Aspiring Teacher Grants 2019

The Queensland Government is again offering grants of \$2,500 for up to 25 high-achieving secondary students commencing their initial tertiary studies in 2019 with a teacher education program in Queensland. A further 25 grants of \$5,000 will also be available for year 12 graduates coming from a rural or remote location who receive an OP of 1 – 6. Applications have now opened and close on 30 November 2018. For eligibility criteria and to apply, visit the [Queensland Government website](#).

Spotcap Fintech Scholarship

Spotcap offers this scholarship to anyone who may be interested in a career in the financial technology industry and planning to study fields such as finance, business, management, law, design, computer engineering, innovation or entrepreneurship at any Australian university. There is usually one scholarship available valued at \$10,000 (which goes towards the cost of the applicant's bachelor degree). Applications will open shortly so visit the [Scholarship website](#) for 2019 details.

UQ: St Leo's College Scholarships and Bursaries

St. Leo's College is one of the residential colleges at UQ. It runs a scholarship program that rewards future residents whose achievements deserve special commendation and recognition through excellence in the areas of academics, culture, sports or leadership. Find out more on the [St Leo's College website](#).

You to uni: Scholarships

The [You to uni](#) website has been developed primarily for adult learners in Queensland. However, much of the information on the site is of interest to Year 12 students. The [Scholarships](#) section is particularly useful as it has links to Queensland public universities and to TAFE Queensland scholarship websites. The scholarship links are organised under the following categories:

- Academic Scholarships

- Equity Scholarships
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships
- Refugee and/or CALD Scholarships
- Other Scholarships/ Financial Support.



Gap Year Program News

Selected Gap Program Updates

Camp America will hold an online Info Session from 6.30 – 7.30 pm on 21 November 2018. Visit the [Event website](#) for more information and to register for the online session.

Lattitude Global Volunteering is currently advertising 2019 Gap Year placements to Argentina, Canada, Fiji, Ghana, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Spain, UK and Vietnam. Find out more [here](#).

Letz Live has recently opened its applications for July 2019 and January 2020 gap year and working holiday placements. Gap year placements are open for New Zealand, Thailand and the UK. Visit the [website](#) for details.

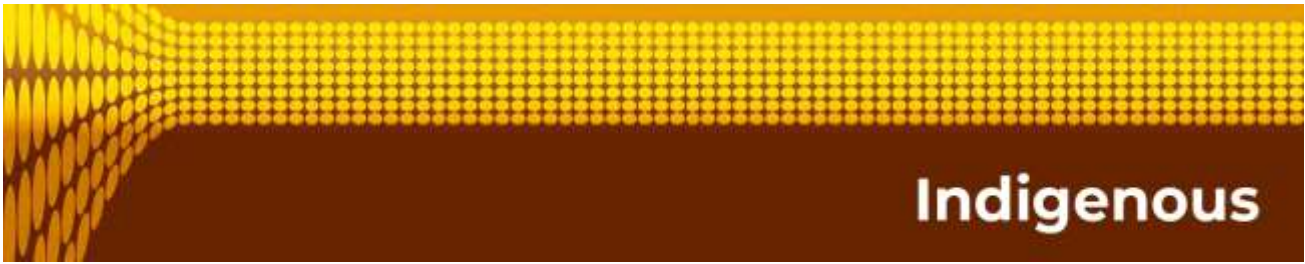
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE) scholarships are open for placements in 2019. These scholarships provide an opportunity to live and study overseas through a student exchange at a significantly reduced cost. Find out more on the [SCCE website](#).



Holiday Programs & Short Courses

SAE Qantm Creative Media Institute Summer Program

The SAE Brisbane campus, located in West End, is opening its doors these holidays for the [SAE Summer Series](#) for students aged 15 years and above (Year 10 and over). This is a 3-day program designed to expand your creative skills through working on projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Design, Film or Games. The program will run from 23 – 25 January 2019 from 10 am – 4 pm each day. Register before 11:30pm on 9 December 2018 for the early bird special of \$120.



GU: Indigenous scholarships at Griffith University

[Arrow Energy Go Further Indigenous Scholarships](#) - The value of the Scholarship is \$10,000 (pro-rata for part-time study). Applications close on 24 February 2019.

More Indigenous scholarships

The following scholarships are available for Indigenous students planning to commence their undergraduate university studies in 2019. You can find more Indigenous scholarships on the [Aspiration Initiative](#) website.

- [John Koowarta Reconciliation Law Scholarship](#) at most universities in Australia. Applications close on 30 November 2018.
- [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Achievement Scholarship](#) at Western Sydney University. Application is through UAC and closes 1 January 2019.



The Drone Industry

Did you know there is a Drone Industry? According to the [UAVAIR website](#) the number of companies employing professional drone pilots is doubling each year. This growth is in sectors such as drone photography and videography, real estate, industrial inspections, 3D mapping, surveying, emergency services, scientific research, agriculture and environmental monitoring. Visit the website for more information about this developing industry.

There are organisations (including UAVAIR) that train drone pilots through a Certificate III in Aviation (Remote Pilot - Visual Line of Sight). Visit the [myskills website](#) for information about this course, training providers, career pathways and student outcomes.

The Retail Industry

The Retail sector is one of Australia's largest employers with almost 1.5 million people employed in the industry with a high degree of casual, part-time and seasonal employment. This is the largest employing industry of workers aged 15-24 years. Soft skills are very important in this industry. You must be able to communicate well with customers, work in a team, and may need good numeracy skills to be able to handle money. Jobs in this industry include:

- Checkout Team Worker
- Customer Service Assistant
- Pharmacy Assistant
- Sales Representative
- Food Sales Assistant
- Retail Supervisor and Manager
- Visual Merchandiser.

Visit the [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website](#) for more information about this industry and the pathways available. Do a search on the [TAFE Qld website](#) for courses in the retail industry. Some employers also offer traineeships - visit the [Training Qld website](#) for information on retail traineeships (click on 'R').



Miscellaneous

Interested in leadership and community service?

If so, why not investigate the [Lions Youth of the Year](#). This is a project of Lions Clubs International of Australia. It is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and taking an active role in the community. Students between the ages of 15 – 19 are welcome to apply.

Queensland Government Youth page

The Queensland Government has developed this [webpage](#) for young people. It provides links to a range of information and services, covering topics such as:

- Education and training
- Life skills and turning 18
- Work and career
- Driving and transport
- Health and looking after yourself
- Sport, recreation and leisure
- Being safe and knowing your rights.

The site includes a link to the Schoolies Facebook site.



AICD: Australian Institute of Creative Design Open Day

AICD will be holding Open Days at both its Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses over the following days:

- Gold Coast campus: 4:30pm – 8:30pm on Wednesday 28 November 2018
- Brisbane campus: 4:30pm – 8:30pm on Thursday 29 November 2018

The Institute offers Diploma and Certificate courses in Arts and Design, Beauty Therapy, Fashion Design and Styling, Interior Design, Make-up and Photography. For more information and to register for one of the open days, visit the [AICD website](#).

Endeavour College of Natural Health Open Day

Endeavour will hold its next Open Day from 10 am – 12.30 pm on Saturday 19 January 2019 at its [Brisbane](#) and [Gold Coast](#) campuses. The College offers degree courses in Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, Acupuncture and Complementary Medicine. For more information and to register, visit the [Endeavour website](#).

JMC Academy: Undergraduate Information Evening

This session will be held from 5pm on Thursday 6 December 2018 at the JMC Brisbane campus. It is for students who are looking for course options in the creative arts. JMC offers tertiary courses in Animation, Film and TV, Music, Songwriting, Game Design, Entertainment Management, Audio Engineering and Digital Design. For more information on the undergraduate information evening, visit the [JMC website](#).

SAE Qantm Creative Media Institute Info Night

This event will be held at the SAE Brisbane campus, located in West End, from 6 – 8 pm on Thursday 29 November 2018. SAE has Diploma and Degree courses in Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Game, Web and Mobile. FEE-HELP is available for eligible students. For more information and to register, visit the [SAE website](#).

TSXPO 2019 Date Claimer

The 2019 TSXPO will be held on 20 and 21 July 2019 at the Royal International Convention Centre from 10am – 4pm on both days. It is a great opportunity to discover the many tertiary pathways and providers that can help you plan a great career journey ... mark it in your 2019 diary!

Private Provider Updates

ACNT: Australasian College of Natural Therapies Health Open Day for 2019

The Australasian College of Natural Therapies invites students interested in exploring alternative health fields such as aromatherapy, nutrition and herbal medicine to the Health Open Day event to be held from 9.30 am – 1.00 pm on Saturday 19 January 2019 at its Brisbane campus. On the day you can participate in interactive workshops, get advice on career prospects and speak to course advisors. For details and to register, visit the [website](#).

NIDA: Applications are open for Young Actors Studio 2019 in Brisbane

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) offers the Young Actors Studio for young people aged between 15 – 18. The studio runs for 12 months over four terms. Classes are usually held on Sundays. Entry to the course is by audition only. Brisbane auditions will be held at:

- 10am on Sunday 16 December 2018; and
- 2pm on Sunday 13 January 2018

For further details on this studio opportunity, visit the [NIDA website](#).

NIDA is also running several short programs over the coming holiday period:

- [Acting Boot Camp, Grades 11-12](#) Saturday 12 January - Sunday 13 January 2019 at St Laurence's College, Brisbane.
- [Screen Acting Boot Camp, Grades 11-12](#) Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 January 2019 at St Laurence's College, Brisbane.

Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges: Special TASTE program for school leavers

Emerald Agricultural College and Longreach Pastoral College will hold a five-day TASTE (The Agricultural Skills and Technology Experience) program for school leavers who are considering their options in the rural industry. The program will be held from 3 – 7 December 2018. Visit the [website](#) for more information where you can download a flyer with all the information for the remaining 2018 program.

UQ College: Tertiary Preparation Program for January 2019

This program is an option for students who would like to upgrade (i.e. gain a better tertiary entry score) to improve their chances of gaining entry to University of Queensland courses in the future. The program has no tuition fees and is delivered over 28 weeks in two trimester periods. It is offered at UQ College located on UQ's St Lucia campus. To apply, students must be 18 years of age or have completed Year 12. Applications for January 2019 close on Friday 21 December 2018. See the [UQ College](#) website for more information and to apply.



10 things I wish I'd known before starting university

This article is from the [Careers with STEM website](#). The following are a selection of the 10 things the author listed. You should read the article to find out more.

- University subjects may or may not prepare you for the job you want.
- Work experience is everything (and may be very difficult to obtain).
- Computational thinking is more important than your course curriculum may suggest.
- The job market is ever-changing.
- Don't stress about getting perfect grades.

Connect with QTAC

If you have any questions about your QTAC application, visit page 2 of the *2019 Year 12 Guide* for all the ways you can get in touch with QTAC.

Five podcasts every university student should be listening to

This is from the [Good Universities Guide website](#). The podcasts listed are:

[TED Radio Hour](#) – This is a 60-minute program that focuses on a theme and incorporates soundbites and snippets from various TED Talks on the same subject.

[Stuff You Should Know](#) – In this podcast, you can learn about almost anything. The subjects range from Satanism, public broadcasting, disco, exorcism and even restaurant health inspections.

[Dr Karl Kruszelnicki's Science Hour](#) - Australia's foremost commentator on all things scientific, Dr Karl comes up with the answers to some of your most obscure questions.

[The Barefoot Investor](#) – Presenter, Scott Pape, has been voted Australia's most trusted finance expert. He produces 30-minute segments dedicated to helping millions of people save money and become fiscally independent.

[Trace](#) - If you know anything about podcasts, you've probably heard about Serial, the investigative journalism series that follows the murder of a high school student in Baltimore in 1999. Trace puts an Australian spin on the same genre. It is an ABC-produced look at the unsolved murder of Melbourne woman Maria James 37 years ago.

General tips for a successful transition to university

- Familiarise yourself with the campus before the semester starts.
- Attend Orientation week events. This is where you find out about the student support services, social clubs and other activities available at your university. Check out the Career and Employment Services. These are the people who can help you get a job.
- Identify any study skills you need to polish up on and book into a workshop.
- Register with your university's disability services if applicable.
- See the university's financial or counselling services if you are worried about money or you have other concerns.
- Find students in the same course and attend student-run social activities.
- Visit the library (virtual and physical) and attend workshops on how to use the library effectively.
- Attend all tutorials.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.

Other tips for first year university students can be found in UQ's [The ultimate first year bucket list](#), QUT's [What to expect at university](#) and the ABC's [Top tips for first year uni students](#). For a bit of comic relief, visit the [Collective Noun Facebook](#) page.

How does QTAC work out if you'll get an offer?

QTAC uses eligibility and merit to decide if you can get into a course. Eligibility is determined by prerequisites and the institution's admissions rules. Merit is based on your OP or selection rank. More details about this process can be accessed on the [Entry requirements webpage](#). You can go into your [QTAC Application Services account](#) to check the status of the courses you have applied for.

How will I know if I have an offer?

QTAC will send you an email (or an SMS). In most cases, you will have four days to respond. It is essential to monitor your emails to avoid missing an offer. If you don't respond by the due date, your offer will lapse and your application will become inactive. If this happens, contact QTAC immediately, as they may be able to reinstate your offer.

Offers for Year 12 students

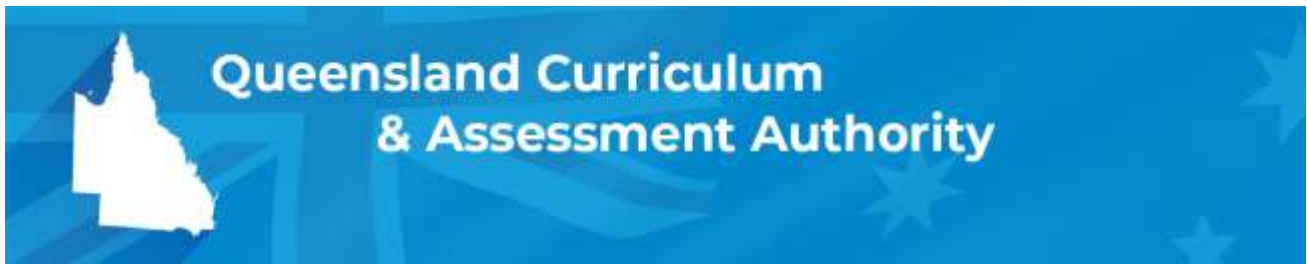
Students applying for courses not requiring Year 12 results will start to receive their offers from Friday 16 November 2018 (your last day at school). Offers will be made between the release of Year 12 results on 15 December 2018 and the 16 January 2019 offer round. Don't panic if you don't receive an early offer, as course offers will be made on all offer-round dates (as published in the *2019 Year 12 Guide Guide*). Check the [Course Offer Dates page](#) to find out when your institution will make offers.

Snippets for beginning university students

The following are summaries of recent articles on tertiary entry.

Five ways to tell if uni is perfect for you – This article, from the [Year 13 website](#), lists the following five criteria for selecting your perfect university. This information is based on steps in the University of Canberra's [Ultimate guide to selecting the right university](#).

- Course selection – Does the uni have the perfect course for you? Does the teaching environment meet your learning style (e.g. purely academic or more hands on)? Will you get an opportunity to study overseas as part of the course?
- Uni vibes – Because uni is different to high school, you need to make sure the uni you pick will give you every chance to ace the course (upgrade pathways, bridging courses, assignment support, etc.).
- Support – What support services are provided (e.g. career support, mental health and counselling options)?
- The fun stuff - Sus out things like clubs and societies, sports teams, uni games, the uni bar, open days, orientation weeks, career seminars and all the other events the uni might offer.
- Location – Can you realistically get to the uni? Are you prepared to leave home? If you don't like to travel much, check out unis that are close by.



Key dates for Year 12 students

Your secondary schooling days are almost finished. All that is left is to receive your results. The following are key dates for receiving these results:

- Your individual QCS Test grade (from A – E) was released on 14 November 2018 in your learning account on the [Student Connect website](#).
- Your Year 12 results will be available on Saturday 15 December 2018 in your learning account on the [Student Connect website](#).
- On 14 December 2018 your [Senior Education Profile](#) (SEP) will be sent to you in the mail. Depending on your eligibility, your SEP will contain one or more of the following documents:
 - Queensland Certificate of Education
 - Tertiary Entrance Statement (containing your OP and FPs)
 - Senior Statement (listing your Year 11 and 12 subjects and results and your QCS Test grade)
 - Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement.

You will need your LUI and password to access your learning account. Make sure you have these before you leave school on Friday 16 November 2018.

Student Connect hotline

Students with questions about their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), Senior Statement, Tertiary Entrance Statement or other results in their learning account can contact the QCAA Student Connect hotline on 1800 804 991 or email studentconnect@qcaa.qld.edu.au. For answers to questions about tertiary selection ranks or bonus ranks, contact QTAC on 1300 467 822.

Fee Free TAFE Queensland Qualifications for Year 12 Graduates

The following TAFE Queensland qualifications will be free for Year 12 graduating students:

BEAUTY AND HAIRDRESSING CAMPUS DELIVERY

- SHB30516 Certificate III in Barbering (Apprenticeship) Loganlea, Caboolture
- SHB30416 Certificate III in Hairdressing (Apprenticeship) Alexandra Hills, Loganlea, South Bank, Caboolture

CHILD CARE AND EDUCATION

- CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care South Bank, Bracken Ridge, Loganlea
- CHC30213 Certificate III in Education Support Mt Gravatt, Bracken Ridge, Caboolture
- CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care South Bank, Loganlea, Bracken Ridge

CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

- ICP31215 Certificate III in Printing (Apprenticeship) South Bank
- ICP31415 Certificate III in Print Communications (Apprenticeship) South Bank

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- CHC32015 Certificate III in Community Services Loganlea

ENGINEERING

- MSA30208 Certificate III in Manufacturing Technology Acacia Ridge

HORTICULTURE

- AHC30716 Certificate III in Horticulture Mt Gravatt and Grovely
- AHC31316 Certificate III in Sports Turf Management (Apprenticeship) Grovely

HOSPITALITY AND COOKERY

- FDF30510 Certificate III in Retail Baking (Apprenticeship) (Cake and Pastry) South Bank
- FDF30710 Certificate III in Retail Baking (Apprenticeship) (Combined) South Bank
- FDF30610 Certificate III in Retail Baking (Apprenticeship) (Bread) South Bank
- SIT30816 Certificate III in Commercial Cookery (Apprenticeship) South Bank
- SIT30616 Certificate III in Hospitality South Bank, Loganlea, Bracken Ridge

LABORATORY SCIENCE

- MSL30116 Certificate III in Laboratory Skills South Bank

NURSING AND HEALTH CAMPUS DELIVERY

- CHC33015 Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability) South Bank, Loganlea
- CHC33015 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community) South Bank, Alexandra Hills, (Loganlea, Caboolture)

For more information contact tafeqld.edu.au/enroll now or phone 1300 308 233

TAFE: Certificate III in Health Services Assistance Qualification

This entry-level qualification will be offered through TAFE Queensland Gold Coast in 2019. It may be of interest to 2018 Grade 12 students. Students interested in this course can submit an expression of interest to Schools.GoldCoast@tafe.qld.edu.au.

TAFE: Don't miss out on Cre8 Festival

The [Cre8 Festival 2018](#) is a free showcase of the best student works from the year across all areas of the creative arts. This includes fashion, floristry, photography, digital design and much, much more. It will be held from 6 – 8.30 pm on Thursday 29 November 2018 at the TAFE Queensland Southbank Campus, 66 Ernest Street, South Brisbane.

Upcoming Events:

29/11/2018

[TAFE: Don't miss out on Cre8 Festival](#)
South Bank Campus



ACU: Accommodation

If you need to live away from home to attend ACU's Brisbane campus, be aware that while there isn't on-campus accommodation currently, you do have several other options. These include:

- Purpose-built student accommodation
- Local residential colleges
- Homestay
- Rent accommodation (shared and private)

To read more into accommodation at ACU, click [here](#).

ACU: Have a question about ACU?

Click on 'Ask ACU' at the bottom of the [home page](#) to search for answers to your questions about courses, applications, offers, etc.

ACU: What's happening at the Australian Catholic University?

ACU: Know Your Options Information Session - This event provides an opportunity for students to explore their study options at ACU after they receive their Year 12 results. It will be held from 2– 4 pm on Saturday 15 December 2018 at the Brisbane campus, 1100 Nudgee Road, Banyo. You can register to attend on the [ACU website](#).

Upcoming Events:

15/11/2018

[What's happening at the Australian Catholic University?](#)

ACU Brisbane

Australian Government: Bonded Medical Places (BMP) Scheme

This scheme is intended to provide more qualified medical practitioners for locations experiencing doctor shortages. In Australian medical schools, 28.5 % of all first-year Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) are expected to be bonded through the BMP Scheme each year. The Scheme provides a CSP in an Australian medical school. Recipients of a BMP are required to work in a district of workforce shortage for a period equal to 12 months. This time can be worked in blocks of no less than 12 weeks. It can be completed between commencing an internship and five years after fellowship (specialisation) is achieved.

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The application and selection process for the scheme is the responsibility of the universities and usually takes place after an application to study medicine has been lodged. In the case of the University of Queensland, Year 12 students can apply for a Bonded Medical Place when they apply for the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Provisional Entry for School-Leavers (Bonded Medical Places) through QTAC. An information booklet about the BMP Scheme can be downloaded from the [Department of Health website](#).

Bond: Campus tours at Bond University

If you want to discover more about what it's like to study at Bond, you can book a tour for yourself, your family and friends. The tour will be tailored to meet your individual interests. It will take approximately 45 minutes to one hour. Your guide (a current Bond student) will show you around the facilities, the practical teaching spaces and your faculty of interest. You can also ask to check out the Student Accommodation, the new Sports Centre and the libraries. Find out more [here](#).

Brisbane Universities Languages Alliance: What foreign languages can I study at university?

Students studying at Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology and the University of Queensland can study a broad range of languages as part of, or in addition to their normal coursework. If the language you want to study is not available at your university, you can study it at another university through the Brisbane Universities Languages Alliance (BULA).

Available languages include Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish. All languages are available from beginner to advanced, to native level. If you want to study a language not offered by your university, it's easy! You cross-enrol through the BULA website. No matter where you undertake your language study, you will gain credit toward your degree program at your home university. Visit the [BULA website](#) for more information.

CQU: Information sessions following the release of Year 12 results

CQU will hold [Change of Preference Information Sessions](#) on-campus from 9 am – 1 pm on Monday 17 December 2018. The on-campus sessions will be held at various campuses of CQU. More details will be released closer to the date.

CQU: New students

Students new to CQU can find the following information on the [New Students webpage](#):

- Help with enrolling
- Access to the Student Portal
- Links to student support services
- Link to the [CQUniLife](#) blog to catch up on the latest news, announcements, promotions, etc. at CQU.

CQU: Online chat session

Find out about CQU courses and campuses during this online session (via Facebook messenger) to be held from 9am – 1pm on Monday 17 December 2018. Read about this event and add it to your calendar via the event [web page](#).

GU: Griffith Scholarships

– It is not too late to apply for scholarships. The due date for 2019 students to apply for the Deans Sir Samuel and Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships is 16 December 2018. The Unistart Equity Scholarships close a week earlier on 9 December 2018. Visit the Griffith Uni [Scholarships](#) webpage for more scholarship information.

Upcoming Events:

09/12/2018

[Griffith Scholarships closing date](#)

GU: O-Week at Griffith

It is important for new students to attend Orientation Week between 18 – 22 February 2019. This week is made up of information sessions, skills workshops, social events and tours. It is an opportunity to meet staff and students and explore the campus. Students commencing in trimester 1 2019 can use the O-Week Planner on the [Orientation webpage](#). Keep checking back through December for finalised events.

GU: Student support at Griffith

The [Student Services](#) webpage lists the personal, academic and financial support service available to Griffith students – such as GP clinics, counselling, interest-free student loans, textbook exchange and JP services to name a few. You will hear more about these services during Orientation Week.

GU: VET pathways for school leavers

Griffith Uni has a long tradition of recognising the skills and knowledge gained through **Vocational Education and Training (VET)** as a highly effective pathway to university. Griffith will continue to accept stand-alone Vocation Education and Training (VET) qualifications completed at high school, private providers and TAFE Institutes for admission in 2019 and 2020. For more information visit [VET qualifications](#).

QUT: Helping you get into your course

There are many pathway options if you don't get your preferred course. Visit the [QUT website](#) to read about them.

QUT: Information for parents

The [Parents and Guardians](#) webpage has everything a parent needs to know about study and life at QUT. On this page, parents can register to receive parent newsletters to stay connected.

QUT: Real Decisions event

After you receive your Year 12 results, you may have questions about courses, ordering preferences, upgrading, offers and what uni will be like. QUT's [Real Decisions event](#) on Tuesday 18 December 2018 will be able to answer all your questions regarding these matters.

Upcoming Events:

18/12/2018

[QUT Real Decisions Event](#)

UQ Campus tours

Do you have questions about university? Students and their parents are invited to join us at UQ St Lucia Campus for a personal campus tour - see world-class teaching facilities and discover what it's like to be a university student. Between now and Christmas you can book a free guided tour of the University of Queensland's St Lucia Campus on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00am for approximately 1 hour.

Family members are also welcome to come along and enjoy a great day out on campus where you will find cafes, perfect picnic spots, art and antiquities museums and much more. To book your campus tour simply visit <https://future-students.uq.edu.au/campus-tours>.

UQ: 2019 UQ Science Ambassador Program

Expressions of interest are now open for this [Program](#) for 2019. This program allows science teachers to nominate Year 11 students to interact with UQ and assist science teachers to raise the profile of science in their school. If you will be in Year 11 in 2019 and are interested in being a part of this program, talk to your science teacher. One the website above, click the link 'Express your interest' for the 2019 intake.

UQ: Criminology and Criminal Justice at UQ

The [B Criminology and Criminal Justice \(Honours\)](#) prepares you for a career as a criminologist. Watch the [YouTube video](#) to find out what the students say about the course.

UQ: Journalism

The B Journalism at UQ has been designed to meet the expectations of the changing media landscape. Journalism is not a dying occupation. It is but a changing occupation. Visit the [website](#) for more information about this course. Watch the [YouTube video](#) to find out more from the students who study the course.

UQ: Need to talk about your OP before OP Results Advice Night?

The UQ Contact Centre will be open with student advisors before hand to answer any urgent questions you may have following the announcement of your OP result. Call 07 3346 9872, email ask@uq.edu.au or visit the [future students Contact Centre website](#) for information.

UQ: OP Results Advice Night

If you didn't get the OP you wanted, or if you are still undecided about your course options, this event is for you. It will be held from 4 – 7 pm on Monday 17 December 2018 at the UQ Centre on the St Lucia campus. You can view the evening's program on the [UQ website](#). Topics include pathways to various courses and information about your first year at uni. You can even go on a tour of the campus.

Upcoming Events:

17/12/2018

[UQ's OP Results Advice Night](#)

UQ: Responding to your QTAC offer

Visit UQ's [Applying for Undergraduate Study](#) webpage for information about responding to your QTAC offer for a UQ course place. There is also information on this site for students who don't receive an offer to UQ.

UQ: Sunflower Competition

This competition is for Year 7 – 12 students and involves documenting the growth of sunflowers and associated group activities. Registrations are not yet open for the [2019 Sunflower Competition](#) (usually closes early February each year), however you can submit an [expression of interest](#) on the website to be notified when registrations open.

USC: International students

Visit the [International Students site](#) on the USC website for information about courses, costs and how to apply for information specifically tailored to international students.

USC: Semester 1 2019 Orientation

This will be held from 18 –22 February 2019. Find out more about Orientation at USC [here](#). Also, check out [Getting Started at USC Sunshine Coast](#).

USC: Support services at USC

There are several ongoing [support services](#) available to USC students. These include Academic and Study Support, Counselling, Careers and Employment and more.

USQ: Accelerated Entry Pathway Program (AEPP)

The AEPP (formerly known as the Tertiary Preparation Program Intensive Pathway - TPPIP) is an intensive seven-week university preparation program offered over Semester Three (starting on 3 December 2018). Year 12 students who wish to study a degree program at USQ but are worried about their chances of gaining entry, or who wish to gain skills to cope with the transition from high school to university, may be interested in this program. The program is free and offered externally. Visit the [USQ website](#) for more information and to apply.

USQ: Degrees in Information Technology open for semester 3

Applications have been extended until 23 November 2018 to start studying Information Technology in Semester 3 at USQ (19 November 2018 – 15 February 2019). The available degrees include:

- [B Business and Commerce \(Information Technology Management\)](#)
- [B Information Technology](#)
- [B Science \(Computing\)](#)
- [B Science \(Information Technology\)](#)

Click [here](#) to apply before the deadline.