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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Announcement for Options members

Cannon Hill Anglican College extends an invitation to their *Talks Series* launch featuring Dr Baden U'Ren from Bond University on Wednesday 3 April at 7pm. Baden's address *Success in a volatile world: what we can learn from entrepreneurs*, looks at the ways in which the world we know is rapidly changing into an environment we find hard to recognise—volatile, unpredictable, complicated, ambiguous—the so-called VUCA World of Tomorrow. [Click here](#) to RSVP for this free event.



Can I start an apprenticeship or traineeship at school?

Starting an apprenticeship or traineeship while still at school is a real option. It's important that you have a strong sense of what you want to do when you leave school. You might like to undertake some work experience in the area before you make the commitment. It's important that you talk to your parents and people at your school, like your VET Coordinator, Guidance/Career Counsellor, Teachers or support staff to gain a good understanding of your options. If you are interested in an apprenticeship or traineeship while you are still at school, you would start a school-based apprenticeship and traineeship (SATs).

The major advantage of a SAT is getting a head start on the training you will require for the job you want when you leave school, while still being eligible to complete your secondary education. Normally, when you have a SAT, you spend one or two days with your employer and the rest of the week at school. You will also be required to do a formal course through TAFE or another registered training organisation in addition to your on-the-job-training.

It is possible to complete a traineeship while you are still at school. Apprenticeships, however, normally take longer. School-based apprenticeships are usually converted to full-time apprenticeships when you leave school. Find out more about SATs on the following website:

- [Queensland Government Apprenticeships Info website](#)

Organise an interview with your school's VET Coordinator and/or Guidance Counsellor/Officer to talk about SATs.

Having a driving licence may give you an edge when applying for an apprenticeship

In some trade areas employers are more likely to take on an apprentice who has a driver's licence. This is especially true in the construction industry where there are multiple and changing worksites. Having to depend on parents and/or public transport to get to the worksite may not be practical or even possible.

If you are interested in applying for an apprenticeship, especially in the construction industry, consider applying for your learner licence when you become eligible (16 years of age). Once you turn 17, have 100 hours or more of supervised driving experience and pass the practical driving test, you will be issued a provisional licence. This licence allows you to drive unsupervised. Visit the [Department of Transport and Main Roads website](#) to find out more about obtaining a driver's licence.

I'm doing a Certificate III in Fitness. Why do I need a Blue Card?

Students studying a VET (Vocational Education and Training) course in which they are required to do a work placement in sport, fitness and active recreation involving young people (under 18 years of age) are required, by law, to have a Blue Card. The Blue Card system in Queensland is used to monitor those who work with young people. Its aim is to reduce the risks of harm to young people by creating a safe and non-threatening environment. The Registered Training Organisation (RTO) conducting the VET course (a school or outside organisation) is responsible for applying for Blue Cards on behalf of the students doing the course. You can read more about Blue Cards on the [Blue Card Services website](#).

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

ADF Gap Year is open!

You can now apply for the 2020 Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year, to experience life in the Navy, Army or Air Force. It's an opportunity to experience military life, without committing to a longer period. An ADF Gap Year is a way to have an adventurous year, gain valuable skills and work experience and get paid for it. In 2020 there are 25 roles to choose from including:

- [ADF Gap Year Administration Assistant – Air Force](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Administration Assistant – Army](#)
- [ADR Gap Year Air Defence Operator – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Airbase Protection and Security – Air Force](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Army Officer – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Artillery Operator – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Aviation Support Technician – Air Force](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Cabin Crew – Air Force](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Combat Engineer – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Driver – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Infantry Soldier – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Navy Sailor - Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Warehouse Assistant – Army](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Warehouse Store person – Air Force](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Electronics Engineer - Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Electronics Engineer Submariner - Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Helicopter Pilot - Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Marine Engineer - Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Marine Engineer Submariner – Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Maritime Aviation Warfare Officer - Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Maritime Logistics Officer – Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Maritime Warfare Officer - Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Maritime Warfare Officer Submariner - Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Training and Development Coordinator - Navy](#)
- [ADF Gap Year Airfield Defence Guard – Air Force](#)

Requirements:

- Australian citizen
- Aged between 18 and 24 years on admission
- Year 12 completion (required passes vary by job)

[Watch Gap Year Videos here](#). Applications are available for a short time. This is a very popular program, so if you have a serious interest in it, apply now. See the [Defence Jobs website](#) for more information and to apply.

Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming [Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions](#) by visiting the Defence Jobs website. View the specific events information link for more details including: location, times and to book your tickets. Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the ADF [Facebook](#) site.

Upcoming Events:

12/03/2019	Caloundra Trade Careers Information Session
13/03/2019	Gold Coast Gap Year Information Session Robina, QLD
13/03/2019	Toowoomba ADF Gap Year Information Session Toowoomba, QLD
13/03/2019	Townsville Gap Year Information Session Townsville, QLD
14/03/2019	Brisbane Women in Defence Opportunities Session Brisbane CBD, QLD
16/03/2019	Gold Coast Women in Trades Information Session Robina, QLD
18/03/2019	Australian Defence Force Information Sessions <i>Gold Coast/Jimboomba Defence Careers Information Session Emmaus College, Jimboomba, QLD</i>
18/03/2019	Toowoomba Army Officer Information Session Toowoomba, QLD
18/03/2019	Maroochydore Communications, IT & Intelligence Roles Information Session Maroochydore, QLD
18/03/2019	Cairns School to Service Information Session Cairns, QLD
19/03/2019	Rockhampton Gap Year Information Session Rockhampton, QLD
19/03/2019	Mount Isa Trades Information Session Mount Isa, QLD
19/03/2019	Bundaberg Defence Careers Information Session Bundaberg, QLD
20/03/2019	Gold Coast Commando Information Session Robina, QLD
20/03/2019	Cloncurry Trades Information Session Cloncurry, QLD
20/03/2019	Hervey Bay Defence Careers Information Session Hervey Bay, QLD
21/03/2019	Brisbane Gap Year Information Session Brisbane CBD, QLD

Defence Work Experience Program

Work experience is one way to find out if a military life is for you. Visit the [Defence Work Experience website](#) (click on 'Placements' and 'Qld') for a list of work experience opportunities to view a list of currently published opportunities for the year. You will need to speak to your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or Work Experience Coordinator about applying. This is a popular program, so start your application early.

Upcoming Events:

25/03/2019 to 28/03/2019	Army Field and Familiarisation Program Enoggera, QLD
01/04/2019 to 30/11/2019	Air Traffic Control Familiarisation: RAAF Amberley, QLD - Flexible Dates

01/04/2019 to 30/11/2019	<u>Mechanical Equipment and Operation Maintenance Workshop: RAAF Amberley, - Flexible Dates</u>
29/04/2019 to 01/05/2019	<u>Airforce Familiarisation Program Amberley, QLD</u>
29/04/2019 to 02/05/2019	<u>Army Field and Familiarisation Program Enoggera, QLD</u>
20/05/2019	<u>ADF Malaria and Infectious Disease Institute (ADFMIDI) - Research Facility Enoggera, QLD</u>
27/05/2019 to 30/05/2019	<u>Army Field and Familiarisation Program Enoggera, QLD</u>
27/05/2019 to 31/05/2019	<u>Army Medical Corps Overview Townsville, QLD</u>



Business and Commerce degree - What's the difference?

Institutions differ in what they call a business-related degrees. Queensland University of Technology includes all business specialisations/majors in its Bachelor of Business. Griffith University and The University of Queensland offer both a business degree and a commerce degree with different specialisations/majors in each degree. When researching business/commerce degrees, identify the specialisations or majors offered as this may influence the types of jobs you can apply for immediately after you graduate. Chartered Accountants of Australia and New Zealand (CA) believe 'business' focuses on how individual organisations operate, while 'commerce' focuses more on the wider commercial and economic environment.

Careers with STEM online magazines

The [Careers with STEM website](#) has recently released its 2019 Careers with Science and Careers with Data Science magazines. The magazines are packed full of short articles, information about courses, case studies and activities. You can download them or read them on line.

The High Five of career development

The High Five are wise concepts to follow when making career decisions.

1. **Change is constant** - The world of work is always changing. You also change as you develop personally and experience life. Don't be afraid of change; accept it and use it as an opportunity.
2. **Know yourself and follow your heart** - A most important skills in career management is self-awareness – knowing your interests, abilities, values, aspirations and the things/people that influence you. Start your job ideas list with jobs you would most like (dream jobs) even if they are currently unrealistic. This can get you started and lead to other jobs you hadn't thought of.
3. **Focus on the journey** - It is good to have goals, both short and long term. However, we should not be so focused on these that we miss opportunities that may emerge along the way.
4. **Learning is ongoing** - Learning doesn't stop just because you finish your course and get a job. Just as change is constant so is the need to keep up to speed with new technologies, new methods of practice and emerging trends in your career field.
5. **Access your allies** - These are the people who can help and support you during your career journey, your school guidance officer/counsellor, teachers, your family and friends, sport coaches and others within your social network. You can learn much from other people's experiences.

Competitions

2019 Young ICT Explorers competition

Young ICT Explorers is a competition in which school students submit an information and communication technologies (ICT) related project. Students can submit projects individually or in teams of up to four Students. Register for this competition is through their school by 16 June 2019. Students have until 28 June 2019 to submit their project report. Projects could include a mobile phone application, computer game, website, digital art, robot, short film or animation. The best teams will be invited to the judging event later in the year. Visit the [Young ICT Explorers website](#) for details. Ask one of your teachers to register your school if you want to participate in this competition.

A competition for young composers

The Score IT Competition is part of the Queensland Music Festival. [ScoreIT!](#) Is a state-wide film-scoring competition open to all secondary students in Queensland. The competition requires young composers to create an original composition for a short film produced by the [Griffith Film School](#). Register on the [Score IT website](#). The competition closes on 24 May 2019.

ATOM Photo Comp

The [ATOM Photo Comp](#) is an initiative of Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM). It provides Australian and New Zealand student and adult photographers with an opportunity to submit a set of three photographs adhering to the theme. The theme for 2019 is Texture and you can find out more information about the theme [here](#). The competition has five age-group categories: Lower Primary (years prep-3), Upper Primary (years 4-6), Lower Secondary (years 7-9), Upper Secondary (years 10-12) and Open. The prize includes a Ted's Camera gift voucher valued at \$500 for the primary categories, \$1000 for the secondary categories and \$2000 for the Open category. Entries are open now and close on 10 May 2019. For more information or to enter visit the [ATOM Photo Comp website](#).

Upcoming Events:

12/03/2019	CYA Conference Hatchlings Writing Competition Online
12/03/2019 to 08/04/2019	Sunshine Coast Art Prize Sunshine Coast, QLD
12/03/2019 to 10/05/2019	ATOM Photo Competition Online
12/03/2019 to 10/05/2019	ATOM Photo Competition Online
12/03/2019 to 24/05/2019	ScoreIT! Competition Online
12/03/2019 to 31/05/2019	Future Leaders Writing Prize Online

12/03/2019 to 31/05/2019	<u>USQ - Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize Online</u>
12/03/2019 to 16/06/2019	<u>Young ICT Explorers Competition Registration Online</u>
12/03/2019 to 28/06/2019	<u>2019 Hermitage Plant Science Competition Online</u>
12/03/2019 to 16/09/2019	<u>Heywire Writing Competition Regional Australia, online</u>
28/06/2019	<u>2019 Young ICT Explorers Competition – Project Report Submission Deadline Online</u>

Disabilities

Employment assistance through Ostara Australia

[Ostara Australia](#) is a national not-for-profit organisation that works closely with the Australian Government, member organisations, communities and employers to place people disadvantaged through age, health, disability or cultural background into sustainable employment.

Their website offers a range of services for [job seekers](#) including:

- Assistance with Job Search & Interviews
- Ongoing Support for a smooth transition into your new job
- A National Network of Employers
- Specialist Mental Health Services
- Personalised Support & Mentoring
- Work Ready Training
- Skill Development
- Goal Setting
- Resume Building
- Career Counselling
- Links with Countless Wellbeing Services

Visit the [website](#) to learn more about this organisation and the services it offers.

Employment

A survival guide for the coming AI revolution

This article from a recent Conversation newsletter suggests three survival steps below. Access this entertaining article [here](#).

- Recognising AI – Accept that AI is already here.
- Identify where AI thrives - Have a look around and note the tasks that require huge amounts of data processing. AI is particularly good at any task that requires an enormous amount of repetitive processing. Avoid these jobs.
- Devise an action plan – There are two options here: resist or make friends with AI. The author suggests the latter plan will be more productive.

Non-Cognitive Skills - What are they?

Non-cognitive skills are also important for getting future jobs - According to a recent [article from the World Economic Forum](#), cognitive skills (e.g. your results in academic subjects) have been used in the past to measure the calibre of a job candidate. However, a report by the Hamilton Project, an economic think-tank, suggests that non-cognitive skills are becoming increasingly important. Non-cognitive skills are often called 'soft skills'. They are the skills we need to effectively interact and communicate with others and to take leadership and collaborative roles in team activities. They also include critical thinking, problem solving, and attributes such as initiative, attention to detail and self-motivation. The Hamilton Project argue that these skills are crucial for success in today's labour market for the following reasons:

- Today's jobs demand more non-cognitive skills than they did in the past.
- The labour market increasingly rewards those with non-cognitive skills.
- Those with effective non-cognitive skills are more likely to be in full time employment.
- Those with fewer non-cognitive skills are being left behind.

Read the [article](#) to learn about the research data on which these reasons are based.

Robots are Becoming our Colleagues - FYA

Robots are becoming our colleagues and we should realise how great this is. We have been told repeatedly that automation is going to take over our jobs. However, this article suggests that we are entering a world of wonderful opportunity and not one of digital doom and gloom. In the future, robots will perform more and more jobs, which will make our enterprising (and ultimately human) skills, more sought after than ever. Computers will likely continue to become extensions of our ideas and processes, not a force to be competed with. Read the full article on the [Foundation for Young Australians \(FYA\) website](#).

Thinking of a job in Hospitality?

If you're young and work in hospitality, you need to read this! This article looks at the things you need to know so you don't get ripped off. Topics include pay, breaks, sick leave, and trials. Access the article from the [FYA website](#).

What are the most in-demand job skills for the future?

In 2018, the Herald Sun published the article 'The most valuable skill in 2020 and beyond'. It raises the idea that the 'ability to learn' will be your most valuable asset in the new work world. It goes further to state, "flexibility, agility, adaptability, creative problem solving; these are all important skills for the future,"... but you can't 'learn agility'. The article identifies advice for staying relevant in the future including:

1. Focus on the stuff that humans are good at
2. Study something you enjoy
3. Learn how to learn
4. Take the emotion out of it
5. Embrace automation
6. Learn how to be resilient

An interesting article in how to prepare for the workforce of the future. You can read the [full article](#) on the Sun Herald's website.

Youth Jobs PaTH Internships (trial)

Youth Jobs PaTH help young people aged 15-24 develop the right skills ready for employers to hire them. Youth Jobs PaTH provides Employability Skills Training to equip young people for work and help them understand the expectations of employers. The training is delivered by Registered Training Organisations and helps ensure young people have vital skills such as presentation, communication and teamwork.

PaTH internships helps job seekers gain work experience by taking on a placement with a local business for between 4 - 12 weeks. During this time, the job seeker has an opportunity to show an employer what they can do and how they fit into the business. Internships are unpaid however, interns will receive an extra \$200 a fortnight on top of their income support payment. There is the potential to be given a full-time job at the end of the traineeship. Visit the [Jobactive PaTH site](#) for more information.

To be eligible to participate in a Youth Jobs PaTH internship, job seekers must:

- be aged 17 – 24
- be on [income support](#)
- have [mutual obligation requirements](#)
- be registered with [Jobactive](#), [Transition to Work](#) or [Disability Employment Services](#) for at least six months.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Bond Scholarships applications open shortly

Bond University's Scholarship Program encompasses a range of awards available to both Australian and international students at an undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Bond offers a number of full-fee and part-fee scholarships to the best and brightest applicants each semester and are designed to reward and encourage students who have excelled in the areas of academia, leadership, community and sporting. If you believe you have what it takes, submit an application. [Click here](#) to download the Bond 2020 Scholarship Brochure where you will find more information and application opening and closing dates.

Budgeting as a Student – tips on how to manage your money with new expenses!

The University of Queensland has published a '[Budgeting as a Student](#)' webpage to provide some penny pinching tips for university students. Some of the suggestions include:

- Going to [Market Day](#) during O-Fest to collect free pens
- Checking if your textbooks are available [second hand](#)
- Keeping your books in good condition and [selling them](#) at the end of the semester

The website goes further to provide tips on:

- Staying fed
- Getting around
- Social life and wellness

There are multiple links to other resources and organisations throughout the website. Be sure to check it out if you are considering university next year!

Business, Economics and Law Scholarships for women of Samoan heritage

Current Year 12 students of Samoan heritage can apply for the [JM Donnelly Scholarship](#) once they have enrolled in a Business, Economics or Law course at the University of Queensland next year.

The scholarship is valued at \$1500. Applications for 2019 have now closed but keep an eye on the [JM Scholarship website](#) for more information for Scholarships in 2019.

Tafe Queensland: Fashion Design and Merchandising Scholarship

[Tafe Queensland](#) in partnership with Professor Jimmy Choo offers a [scholarship](#) to study Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising. The scholarship is worth \$5000. To be eligible to apply for the scholarship you must be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident and be an enrolled or prospective student. For more information about the [scholarship](#) and the [diploma of applied fashion design and merchandising](#) visit the [Tafe Queensland website](#)



Gap Year Program News

Gap Year Program events

There are a number of Gap Year Program updates including:

- [Southern Cross Cultural Exchange](#) will hold [information sessions](#) and [webinars](#) throughout 2019. Visit their [website](#) to register your interest in attending.
- Applications for the [Australian Defence Gap Year](#) are now open. This is a very popular program. Don't miss out. Apply early
- Get in contact with [Cultural Care Au Pair](#) to find out about information meetings that provide more detailed information about their program. When you attend a meeting you will meet Cultural Care representatives who will answer any questions about being an au pair in the USA. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

01/03/2019

[ADF Gap Year Applications Open Online](#)

06/08/2019

[Southern Cross Cultural Exchange: Information Sessions Brisbane, QLD](#)

Holiday Programs & Short Courses

Free School Holiday Activities

There are a number of free activities around Brisbane you can use to fill up your calendar these school holidays. Check out the following links for events in your area:

- [Brisbane Kids Free holiday event round up](#)
- [Brisbane City Council Library Events](#)
- [Logan City Council Library Events](#)
- [Library Events in the Moreton Bay Region](#)
- [Townsville Library Events](#)
- [Cairns Library Events](#)

Future Career Exploration these Easter Holidays:

- **School Holiday Fun at The Workshop Rail Museum, Ipswich** - There is so much to do here – you can drive a train on the simulator, check out the miniature railway, explore the history of trains, get hands on with the interactive exhibits, get creative at the Creation Station and let off steam at the indoor playground Nippers Railway. For more information visit [The Workshops Rail Museum](#) webpage.
- **Keeper for a Day, Fig Tree Pocket** - You can spend a day with an experienced wildlife education officer at Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary through their [Keeper for a Day](#) program. You will discover all areas, including behind the scenes of the Sanctuary. You will get to clean enclosures, feed the animals, train birds of prey and get a photo with a koala and so much more. Cost is \$680.00 per person. Bookings essential.
- **Kids Dig It, Caboolture** - From Monday 8th April to Friday 12th you don't have to travel to Egypt for authentic Egyptian family fun....just go to Caboolture's award winning [Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology](#). All day activities include Egyptian games and jewellery, dress-up like an Egyptian Pharaoh or Queen, make a Sistrum or Canopic Jar (or find out what these are during an Egyptian Mumification!). And of course they have the well-loved archaeological digs and archery! Find out what ancient Egypt and Australia have in common and most of all have lots of FUN! Doors open at 10.00am so you can get in early to plan your day. Visit their [facebook page](#) for more information and to book your tickets.

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) 2019

NYSF is a 12-day residential program that runs during the summer school holidays each January in Brisbane and Canberra. The program is for students entering Year 12 who are passionate about science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). It aims to show participants the wide variety of study and career options in

STEM fields. Students apply to attend this program through their local Rotary Club. Expressions of interest are now open and will close on 31 May 2019. Visit the [NYSF website](#) for detailed information about the application.

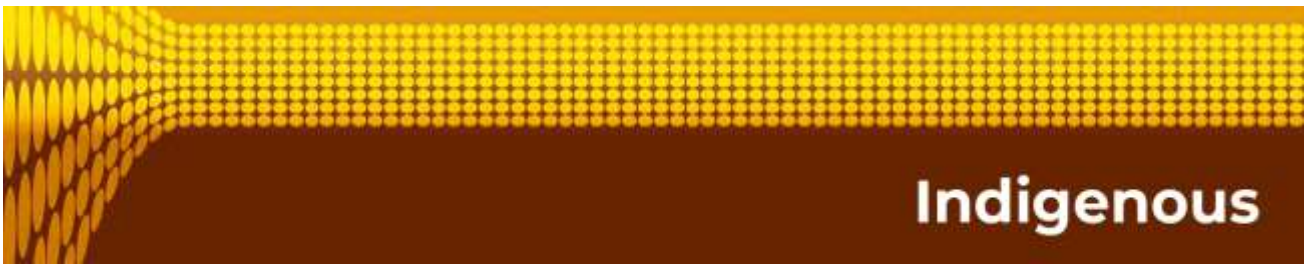
Queensland Government – Coast Club School Holiday Activities

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing hosts a range of events during the School Holidays including half day (3 hours) and full day (6 hour) activity sessions at our Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast Recreation Centres for children (8 years and over). Visit the [Coast Club webpage](#) for more information.

Queensland School of Film and Television Short Course and Holiday Program Updates

[QSFT](#) offers a number of film, television and media production courses and workshops these school holidays. Visit their [2019 Workshop Schedule](#) to view those happening these School Holidays. Courses include:

- Record It
- Edit It
- Acting Bootcamp
- Write It
- Filmmaker Bootcamp
- Direct It
- Shoot It



Australian Indigenous Education Foundation

The [Australian Indigenous Education Foundation](#) provides scholarships that enable Indigenous students in financial need to attend leading Australian schools and universities. The program is founded on the belief that students will have the greatest chance of succeeding at school if the decision to enrol is one made by the family and the student in conjunction with the school. Visit their website where you can use the search menu to find out more about AIEF Partner Schools, Colleges and scholarship options.

Indigenous Accountants Australia website

[Indigenous Accountants Australia](#) is a combined network of the major accounting bodies in Australia - CPA Australia and the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. They raise awareness of the benefits of accounting within Indigenous communities and connect Indigenous students to careers in the business world. Together they work with some of the major employers in the business world to promote accounting as a profession and offer support to all Indigenous students undertaking business, finance and accounting studies.

Their website contains information for students regarding:

- [Why choose accounting?](#)
- [Meet an accountant](#)
- [Getting started](#)

Visit the resource section of their website to view a range of interesting [videos](#) including:

- [Supporting our future business leaders](#)
- [Accounting in the big smoke](#)
- [Accounting in the bush](#)
- [A message from Warren Mundine](#)

There are also a number of [Scholarships](#) available on their website including:

- [CPA Australia Scholarship](#) - CPA Australia sponsors up to five Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander scholarships. The scholarships aim to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to meet the educational requirements for CPA status. The scholarship entitles recipients to exemption from all CPA Program professional level segment fees and their first year of CPA Australia membership fees, at Associate level.
- [Chartered Accountants ANZ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships](#). Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand has proudly launched two new scholarships to help

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander accounting graduates complete the CA program and become a Chartered Accountant. Recipients of the scholarship will be future leaders in business and accounting, contributing to both the Indigenous community of Australia and the accounting profession.

- [Chartered Accountants ANZ Benevolent Foundation](#) - The Chartered Accountants Benevolent Foundation was established in response to the challenging circumstances facing members of the accounting profession, their families and the wider community. The Chartered Accountants Benevolent Foundation operates two funds to assist marginalised and disadvantaged Australians: the Necessitous Circumstances Fund and the Scholarship Fund.
- [The Fay Nash Walker Wayland Scholarship](#) - A scholarship to help those wishing to study accounting or economics at The Sydney University or to those who currently are.

To find out more, visit the [website](#).

Indigenous Scholarships Portal

The [Indigenous Scholarship Portal](#) helps students find over 300 scholarships for undergraduate study at Australian universities as well as more than 100 postgraduate scholarships for study in Australia and overseas. The [Indigenous Scholarships Portal](#) provides a list of scholarships available for Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander students currently studying at universities, TAFEs or registered training organisations (RTO's). The Indigenous Scholarships Portal is delivered by the [Aurora Education Foundation](#).



USA sports scholarships and university placements

Many universities and colleges in the USA offer sports scholarships to students from other countries. To be considered for these scholarships you have to be able to demonstrate your sporting and academic potential. The process involved in researching available scholarships and applying for them is quite complex. There are several organisations that offer a service to help you through the process. It is important to find out as much as you can about the organisations and, if possible, talk to previous clients. The following are examples:

- **Study and Play in the USA** – This organisation has had over a decade of experience helping young Australians gain sports scholarships in the USA. During this time, it has established regular contact with head coaches in a wide range of sports across the US. Visit the [website](#) for more information.
- **Aus Recruit** – This organisation is a scholarship placement agency that represents talented student-athletes interested in obtaining sport scholarships to US universities. It has been operating since 2002. Read about the services provided by Aus Recruit on its [website](#).
- **Internationally Educated** – This organisation assists students and their families through the selection and application process for US universities. More information on the [website](#).
- **Student Placement Australia New Zealand** – This organisation offers several programs including an athletic and academic scholarships program through Go Campus. Find out more on the [website](#).

Job Info

Dental health: Career pathways you may not know about

Dental Hygienists, Technicians and Therapists provide supportive dental services in preventative and restorative dental procedures, and construct and repair dental appliances.

Related occupations include:

- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Prosthetist
- Dental Technician
- Dental Therapist
- Clinical Dental Technician
- Dental Laboratory Assistant

Main tasks performed:

- providing educational programs to motivate children, parents and the community in matters relating to oral health
- providing fluoride therapy by applying remineralising solutions and desensitising agents
- removing deposits from teeth
- applying non-invasive fissure sealants to teeth
- taking impressions of the mouth
- taking dental radiographs

Source: [myfuture](#)

What do meteorologists do?

Meteorologists forecast the weather and study the atmosphere to improve our understanding of climate. Specialisations include: Climatologist, Hydrometeorologist, Meteorological Consultant and Research Meteorologist. Those interested in this area should be flexible and resourceful and have ability in science, especially physics and mathematics. A degree in science or applied science with a major in mathematics, physics, meteorology or atmospheric studies is usually required. The following Queensland universities offer a B Science or B Applied Science with majors in mathematics and/or physics:

- CQUniversity
- Griffith University
- James Cook University
- Queensland University of Technology

- University of Queensland
- University of Southern Queensland
- University of the Sunshine Coast

For further information about these occupations, visit the [Bureau of Meteorology website](#). Read a profile of a Severe Weather Meteorologist [here](#) and visit this [LinkedIn page](#) to find out more about jobs, companies, people and articles related to the role of Meteorologist. Do an occupational search on the [myfuture website](#) (Sign up to this free site if this is your first visit). Go to 'Occupations' and do a search for meteorologist.



Why is labour market information important?

To make good career decisions for the future, you need to have some idea of the employment prospects for the jobs you are interested in. The following resources can be helpful in this process:

- **Labour Market Information Portal (LMIP)** – Content on the [LMIP](#) is divided into three sections:
- Explore the data – here you can find regional labour market data, including five-year growth figures by industry
- Gain insights – here are reports based on the data, including the 2016 Industry Employment Projections Report
- Downloads – this section allows you to download a range of data as an Excel file.
- **The Department of Jobs and Small Business website** – The [Skill Shortages](#) webpage on this site identifies the areas of skill shortage nationally and by state/territory. It also provides skill shortage information by occupation.
- **Job Outlook** - The [Job Outlook website](#) provides information (skills, knowledge, abilities, interests, and activities relevant to each occupation) on over 300 occupations. Included in the information for each occupation is a section on job prospects which includes the number of workers in the occupation and the expected employment growth for the next five years.
- **Graduate Careers Australia** – This [website](#) provides a range of graduate-related publications and research on topics such as salary trends and graduate employment opportunities.
- **Phone Apps** - There are also several phone apps that can provide some labour market information. For example, [Career Quiz Australia](#) and [Job Seeker](#) can be downloaded for free from the iTunes app store and Google Play. [CareerMe](#) can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store and the Android Marketplace.



Miscellaneous

Brisbane Youth Week

Celebrate being young by getting involved in [Brisbane Youth Week](#) from 3-14 April 2019. Brisbane Youth Week is the largest annual event for people aged 12 to 25, with activities celebrating our young artists, musicians, environmentalists and social enterprisers. It provides opportunities for young people to enjoy Brisbane's lifestyle and leisure opportunities, share ideas and celebrate their contribution to the community.

Queensland Youth Week

[Queensland Youth Week 2019](#) will be held from Friday 3 to 14 April 2019. If you are 12 to 25, Queensland Youth Week is your opportunity to make your voice heard and make a difference. Visit the Queensland Youth Week website for more information regarding where you can register for the [Queensland Youth Engagement Hub \(eHUB\)](#), [register an event](#) or view the [calendar of events](#). Remember to join the conversation – on the [Queensland Youth Facebook Page](#).



Chartered Accountant Information Session

The CPA Australia offers a number of information sessions in Brisbane during the year. These sessions allow you to learn more about the CPA Program including, course structure, application process and practical experience requirements. [Information sessions for 2019](#) are yet to be announced so keep an eye on their website for future dates. However, you can view a [recorded webinar](#) anytime to listen to their 'Become a CPA Information Session'.

Endeavour College of Natural Health

The [Endeavour College of Natural Health](#) hosts regular events, Open Days and webinars to help you take that first step towards a career in natural health. Check their [events website](#) regularly for updates of upcoming Endeavour-hosted events and supported events. Endeavour College offers bachelor degree courses in natural medicine. Areas covered include Acupuncture, Myotherapy, Naturopathy, Nutritional and Dietetic medicine and Complementary Medicine.

Upcoming Events:

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| 13/03/2019 | Studying Complementary Medicine at Endeavour - Webinar Online |
| 25/03/2019 | Studying Online at Endeavour College of Natural Health - Webinar Online |

World Science Festival (WSF) - Taking science out of the lab and on to the streets

Most of the Festival events will be held between 20 – 24 March 2019 in Brisbane and some regional locations. Visit the [WSF website](#) for a look at the exciting presentations and activities available (some of which are already booked out). An event not to miss is [Street Science](#) to be held from 10 am – 5 pm on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March at the Cultural Forecourt, South Bank.

Upcoming Events:

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| 20/03/2019 to 24/03/2019 | World Science Festival |
| 23/03/2019 to 24/03/2019 | Street Science Brisbane, QLD |

Private Provider Updates

Charlton Brown

Charlton Brown is a private registered training organisation and employment agency that trains and places graduates in employment locally, nationally and internationally. It is in Brisbane's Fortitude Valley and offers courses in Early Childhood, Aged Care, School Aged Children, Disability Support, Youth Work, Business and Leadership and Welfare and Community Services. If you are interested in finding out more about these courses, visit the [website](#).

Jschool

Jschool is a private college that offers an accredited one-year Diploma of Journalism. The course prepares students for an entry-level position in journalism. For more information, visit the [Jschool website](#).

Medical Administration Training (MAT)

[MAT](#) offers accredited training for employment in the health industry through face-to-face and online courses such as:

- Medical Reception & Terminology Course
- Medical Terminology
- Health Administration
- Certificate III Business Administration
- Diploma of Practice Management
- Infection Control in a Health Setting
- Managing difficult and challenging behaviours
- Develop Keyboarding Speed & Accuracy

MAT is an approved supplier for [Certificate III Guarantee](#) funding. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges Short Courses

The [Queensland Agricultural Training Colleges](#) (QATC) training hubs and Colleges offer a range of [short courses](#) tailored to the needs of a regional area. Working with industry, they develop courses that are current and relevant to participants and delivered by qualified instructors with the skills and experience to provide valuable training. Short courses typically involve from three to forty hours of training (although

duration can range up to five days) which can be tailored to meet specific individual and enterprise needs. Some example courses include:

- Access AG
- Advanced Agricultural Skills
- Advanced Rural Business Skills
- Advanced Veterinary Nursing (Emergency and Critical Care, General Practice and Surgical)
- Animal Studies (General Animal Care, Veterinary Nursing)
- Basic Machinery Maintenance
- Farm Business Management

For a full list of all their courses, please visit their [Course Finder](#) webpage.

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Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities

Join a LEO Club

[Leo clubs](#) are sponsored by Lions Clubs International. They encourage young men and women, 12 – 30 years of age, to serve others in their community and around the world. By joining a Leo Club you will gain:

- Leadership Experience
- Teamwork and Social Skills
- Self Esteem
- Problem Solving and Decision Making Skills
- Career Possibilities
- Fun

Typical Leo projects include Environment, Citizenship, Drug Awareness, Public Service, Youth Welfare, Youth Exchange, Health, School Support, Save Sight and Spotlight on Children. Find out more on the [Leo Clubs website](#).



Comparing OPs and ATARs

All states in Australia, except Queensland, call their Year 12 tertiary entry score an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is a number between 0 and 99.95 (highest) with increments of 0.05. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) currently provides all Tertiary Entrance data (OP/FPs and ATAR) to QTAC. From 2020 QTAC will calculate the ATAR not QCAA. If you are applying for interstate courses, the relevant tertiary admissions centre can obtain your ATAR directly from QTAC. Tables converting OPs to QTAC selection ranks and QTAC selection ranks to ATARs can be accessed from [the QTAC website](#). Note that these [tables are based on 2018 Year 12 results](#) so can be used as a guide only. You can learn more about ATARs and how to obtain an ATAR statement from the [Student Connect website](#).

I'm not eligible for an OP. Can I still apply for courses through QTAC?

Yes, when you apply to QTAC, you will be given an OP ineligible rank based on your best 20 semester units of Authority subjects, Authority-registered subjects and Vocational Education and Training (VET) recorded in your Learning Account. Sitting for the QCS Test could improve your OP ineligible rank and could be an advantage. Use the OP Ineligible Estimator on the [QTAC website](#) (scroll down to the OP Ineligible Estimator) or talk to your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor to get an idea of how QTAC will calculate your OP ineligible rank.

You may receive additional Adjustment Factors if you complete other qualifications that can be included in your Learning Account (e.g. Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma or acceptable music/speech and drama qualifications). If you receive more than one rank, the rules of the institutions you apply for will determine which of these ranks becomes your first order rank (the rank used for your competitiveness). Note that you must still meet the subject prerequisites and any other entry requirements of the courses you apply for.

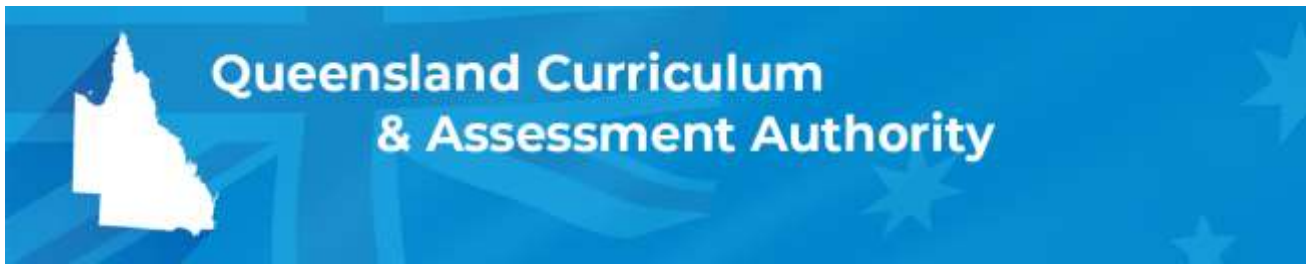
Interstate Tertiary Applications

In addition to applying through QTAC for Queensland tertiary courses, you can apply for courses in other states. All states except Tasmania use a tertiary admission's centre. All applications are online. You should familiarise yourself with the application processes key dates for applications.

- **New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory** - [Universities Admissions Centre](#) (UAC)
- **South Australia and the Northern Territory** - [South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (SATAC)
- **Tasmania** - Apply directly to the [University of Tasmania](#)
- **Victoria** - [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) (VTAC)
- **Western Australia** - [Tertiary Institutions Service Centre](#) (TISC)

What are minimum selection thresholds (previously referred to as cutoffs)?

The minimum selection threshold is the minimum adjusted score (OP/rank) that was considered for an offer of a place to all applicants in the January 16, 2019 offer round. The minimum selection threshold was previously referred to as a 'cut-off'. Minimum selection thresholds vary from year to year, and from offer round to offer round, depending on the number and quality of applicants a course receives.



2019 QCS Test Special Provision

Special provision is available to students who are affected by a medical condition, an impairment or exceptional circumstances that may act as a barrier to their access to the test or to their demonstration of achievement in the test. Applications are submitted to the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) by your school. Applications close on 21 May 2019. If you feel that you meet the above criteria, contact your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor. More information is available on the [QCAA website](#).

Upcoming Events:

25/03/2019 to 21/05/2019 [2019 QCS Test Special Provision Applications Open Online](#)



Study Skills

Are you an expert procrastinator?

Do you regularly and voluntarily delay or postpone something until a later date? You are probably aware that procrastination can be counterproductive as it can cause stress and guilt and make life more difficult in the long term. So, why not do something about this unhelpful habit. Seek Learning offers the following procrastination tips.

- **Set goals and schedules** - Your first step is to understand exactly how much study you need to do each week and make yourself accountable by setting specific, achievable goals and making a schedule. You're far less likely to procrastinate if you tell yourself that you've allocated study for a specific part of the day than if you just promise to study *sometime* today.
- **Eat the frog** - The author Mark Twain knew about productivity, and famously advised people to "eat a live frog" first thing in the morning - figuratively, of course. The live frog is the biggest and most important task of the day, and it's often the most unpleasant. Your 'live frog' is the task most likely to lead to procrastination if you don't tackle it straight away. By eating the frog first, you can get on with your day knowing the toughest job has already been achieved.
- **Dangle a carrot** - Is there something else you'd rather be doing? Think of that more enjoyable activity as a carrot you can dangle in front of yourself. Promising yourself a reward after you've completed your study session can be a wonderful motivator to get it done.
- **Eliminate temptation** - What temptations usually lure you into procrastination mode? Figure out what they are and then eliminate them so you can focus on your study goals. For example, if you find it hard to sit down and study when you know household chores need to be done, take your books or laptop to the local library, where laundry and dishes can be put out of sight and mind. If you find yourself checking emails or browsing Facebook, download a productivity app that blocks certain websites on your computer for a set period of time.
- **Forget perfection** - Many of us procrastinate because we fear failure, we're intimidated by a task, or because we put ourselves under pressure to do something perfectly. Instead of aiming for perfection or feeling overwhelmed, focus on just getting started. Simply read the first page of your text book, or begin jotting down notes for your essay. Getting something done is far better than doing nothing at all and you'll often find that once you get the ball rolling, your motivation to continue will increase.

Visit [Seek Learning](#) for more study tips. While you're at the computer watch a video on [How to stop procrastinating](#).



Interested in a career in fashion?

In 2018, TAFE Queensland published an article about Tyler Iwinski who started his journey into the glamorous world of fashion through the TAFE at School program. He has just completed his fashion degree at TAFE and went onto do an internship with Brisbane-based The New Garde. You can read the full article "[Say Yes to Success](#)" online.

TAFE at School

TAFE at School Course: If you are a Year 10, 11 or 12 student you're eligible to participate in the TAFE at School program. You can choose from a number of exciting and varied certificate II and certificate III courses. A TAFE at School course can be achieved in conjunction with your senior studies and can count towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Completing a TAFE at School course is also a great way to open up new [pathways to university](#).

Upcoming Events:

13/03/2019	Business Information Session Cairns, QLD
20/03/2019	Business Information Session Cairns, QLD
27/03/2019	Business Information Session Cairns, QLD
03/04/2019	Business Information Session Cairns, QLD
10/04/2019	Nursing Webinar Online
15/04/2019	Nursing Webinar Online

TAFE Queensland: Fashion Design and Merchandising Scholarship

[TAFE Queensland](#) in partnership with Professor Jimmy Choo offers a [scholarship](#) to study Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising. The scholarship is worth \$5000. To be eligible to apply for the scholarship you must be an Australian Citizen or permanent resident and be an enrolled or prospective student. For more information about the [scholarship](#) and the [diploma of applied fashion design and merchandising](#) visit the [TAFE Queensland website](#).



ACU: Community Achiever's Program

The [Community Achiever's Program \(CAP\)](#) at ACU considers the contribution you have made to your community through your school, local community organisations, cultural and/or religious groups, not just your OP or rank, for entry to ACU courses. An additional benefit of this program is that successful applicants receive an early offer of a course place.

The dates for entry in 2020 are:

- Applications open on Wednesday 1 May 2019
- Applications close on Tuesday 30 July 2019
- Early offers to study in 2020 will be released by the end of September 2019.

Also, Community Achievers will benefit from opportunities to enhance their leadership and volunteering skills while at ACU. Visit the [Community Achievers' website](#) to view videos on how to prepare, submit and monitor your CAP application.

Upcoming Events:

30/07/2019

[ACU: Community Achiever's Program application closes](#)

ANU: Flexible programs

ANU, located in Canberra, offers a range of flexible (e.g. B Laws/B Actuarial Studies) and vertical (e.g. B Arts/Master of International Relations) double degree programs. Find out about the options available on the [website](#). Queensland students may be interested in the scholarships offered at ANU.

These include:

- The [Tuckwell Scholarship](#)
- The [National University scholarship](#)

Students interested in applying for ANU courses are required to apply through [UAC](#) by the end of September each year.

Bond: Bond Business School Year 12 Extension Program

If you are interested in a career in business and studying at Bond, this is the program for you. It is a two-day workshop (Day 1 – Thursday 2 May or Friday 3 May 2019; Day 2 - Thursday 9 May or Friday 10 May

2019) that will help you transition to university business studies by building on your current school studies. Eligible students who successfully complete this program will gain early direct entry to Bond University. There is the opportunity for a Year 12 Extension Program Scholarship valued at 50% off tuition fees or a \$5000 bursary. Find out more on the [Bond website](#). Talk to your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or business teacher if you would like to attend this program.

Bond: Experience Days at Bond University

These events provide you with a chance to gain a deeper understanding of courses you are interested in. You also have an opportunity to check out the campus and experience a day as a university student. Throughout 2019, you can attend an experience day for: Digital Media, Criminology, Communication, Film and Television, Architecture, Business, Hotel and Tourism Management, Actuarial Science and Commerce, Psychology, Counselling and Behaviour Management, International Relation and Sport Management. For more information and to register to attend, visit the [Experience Day website](#).

Upcoming Events:

03/03/2019 to 31/03/2019	Bond University – Observe a Class
15/03/2019 to 26/04/2019	Bond: Student for a Semester
02/04/2019	02/04/2019 Bond: Experience Day – Digital Media
03/04/2019	Bond: Experience Day – Criminology
05/04/2019	Bond: Experience Day – Communication
02/05/2019	Bond: Business School Year 12 Extension Program Day 1 (option 1)
03/05/2019	03/05/2019 Bond: Business School Year 12 Extension Program Day 1 (option 2)
07/05/2019	Bond: Experience Day – Film and Television

Bond: Ideas Camp

Have you got an idea that will set the world on fire? Are you unsure of what career path you want to take, but know that you want to blaze your own trail? Bond University are holding a one day business bootcamp for the up and coming entrepreneurs. Throughout the day you will hear from some of Australia's most successful young entrepreneurs. For more information visit the [Bond university website](#).

Bond: Student for a Semester

Bond University's Student for a Semester program gives high achieving Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to gain an authentic university experience before they finish high school. Student for a Semester students enrol in a Bond University subject, attend lectures and tutorials on campus, complete assignments and sit their subject exams. They mix with other uni students, meet academics and get involved in university life.

Applications for the May 2019 semester are open from Friday, 15 March and close Friday, 26 April. Download a copy of the [January 2019 Student for a Semester Timetable](#) to review a list of the subjects that were available in the January semester as an example. Subjects change from semester to semester and the May timetable will be available online once applications open on 15 March.

CQU: Campus Update

CQUniversity has 16 campuses including newly merged regional Queensland campuses in Gladstone, Emerald, Mackay and Rockhampton along with existing campuses in Adelaide, Bundaberg, Brisbane, Cairns, Gladstone, Mackay, Melbourne, Perth, Rockhampton, Noosa, Sydney and Townsville. You can view all current CQU locations [here](#).

CQU: Up coming events.

- [Big Fish Cairns](#) - Big Fish will bring together 60 budding entrepreneurs from our region, aged 13 – 25, for three days of intensive and fun learning through doing. You'll be guided through a creative entrepreneurship process to solve social problems. You WILL start a new social enterprise in three days!
- [STEPS Information Session](#) - Need a little help to meet the entry requirements of your chosen university course? Or perhaps you just want some additional support to gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to successfully enter and undertake further study. Find out how CQUniversity can be the support to your study and take the first step toward a brighter future with our Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) course.
- [Bundaberg University Experience](#) – This is a free one-day on-campus event providing Year 12 students an opportunity to explore their post-school options. It will be held on 3 May 2019.

You can view more CQU events [here](#).

Upcoming Events:

12/04/2019 to 14/04/2019	CQU – Big Fish Cairns
03/05/2019	CQU – STEPS Information Session
03/05/2019	CQU Bundaberg Campus Experience Day
10/05/2019	10/05/2019 CQU – STEPS Information Session

GU: 2019 Griffith STEM Roadshow

Discover more about the exciting career opportunities available to students who study STEM disciplines and how Griffith University can help make those careers a reality. Join them for an interactive evening, hearing from Griffith University STEM researchers to gain an understanding of the exciting programs offered at the Brisbane, Gold Coast and Logan campuses. Find out how best to place yourself in tomorrow's job market and find out more about the diversity and uniqueness of Griffith's STEM programs.

Upcoming Events:

09/05/2019	Griffith STEM Roadshow
14/05/2019	Griffith STEM Roadshow Toowoomba
28/05/2019	Griffith STEM Roadshow Mackay
29/05/2019	Griffith STEM Roadshow Rockhampton
06/06/2019	Griffith STEM Roadshow Northern Rivers

GU: Careers in Commerce

This is a mini-conference for Year 11 and 12 students. It will introduce students to a range of careers available for commerce and business graduates in accounting, economics, business law, finance and financial planning. The next event will be held in May 2019. Keep an eye on the [Griffith University website](#) for registration details. Talk to your business teacher or Guidance Officer/Counsellor if you would like to attend this day as registrations are made through your school. For more information, visit the [website](#).

GU: International students studying Year 12 in Australia

International students have three options when applying to study at Griffith:

- Apply directly using the online application form found on the website
- Apply through a registered Griffith international agent
- Apply through QTAC or UAC

International students applying directly or through an agent can submit their application to Griffith International at any time during Year 12. For those applying through QTAC or UAC, Griffith International will make a conditional offer for the student's highest course preference in November. [Click here](#) for more information.

Entry requirements for international students:

- Academic entry requirements: offers will be conditional on last year's OP minimum selection thresholds
- English entry requirements: 4SA in Authority English or English for ESL Learners; or an approved English language test.

GU: STEM Futures day

In the next decade 75 per cent of all jobs will need skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM. This doesn't mean everyone will become a scientist, technologist, engineers or mathematician. STEM is important to everyone and all professions — whether you study to be a neuroscientist, or an electrician. Having STEM skills makes it easier to meet the daily challenges we often face in our jobs: in trades, on the land and in businesses small and big.

Year 12 students can register to attend the Griffith STEM Futures Day being held on 28 and 29 May 2019 at the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses. Registrations open soon and [click here](#) for more information.

Medical Schools in Australia

Queensland students interested in gaining entry to a medical course can apply to medical schools throughout Australia. The [Australian Medical Council website](#) has a list of Australian medical schools with links to each school. There are three major entry points for medical courses in Queensland.

These are:

- Direct entry from Year 12 (Bond University and James Cook have this type of entry)
- Graduate entry after completing an undergraduate degree (Griffith University and the University of Queensland have this type of entry)
- Provisional entry for high achieving Year 12 students (Griffith University and the University of Queensland have this type of entry)

Some of the other states/territories also offer these three pathways. Visit the following websites for more information about medical studies pathways in Australia.

- [Australian Medical Association – Becoming a doctor](#)
- [Medical Board of Australia – Medical Specialisations](#)

Monash University: Global Immersion Guarantee

Arts – Global Immersion Guarantee - The Monash Arts Global Immersion Guarantee (GIG) is a ground-breaking initiative – a guaranteed two-week overseas study experience for all first year Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Global Studies students, with the cost of airfares, accommodation and local travel covered as part of the program. Students will study the impact of the global movement of people and goods on environmental sustainability. The program is open to all students who have successfully completed one semester of their Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Global Studies single or double degree and are in good academic standing. For more information visit the [Global Immersion Guarantee](#) webpage.

Monash University: Residential Services

Engaging with new residents – To assist new residents in their transition to living on campus, Monash Residential Services (MRS) runs a two week Orientation Program from mid-February, with a huge array of activities and events to ensure those arriving for the first time make lots of new friends, both within their hall, as well as with other residents on campus. The MRS Orientation Program also includes some mandatory training for all residents to assist them with living independently and making the right choices, ensuring they have the knowledge and skills to be part of a safe and respectful community. Students can visit the [accommodation webpage](#) to get a feel for the living on campus at Monash.

QUT: BlueShift Case Competition

[BlueShift](#) is a business case competition hosted by the QUT Business School for year 11 and 12 high school students. It provides entrants the opportunity to work on a real business problem, for a real business and present in front of industry experts.

Students compete against teams from across the globe. Prizes include scholarships, cash and a prize packs from sponsors. Teams of 3-4 students can register until midday Monday 29 April with finalists announced in early May. [Find more](#) information on the business case, how to enter and what to expect.

QUT: New Education precinct and Sphere unveiled

QUT has opened their state-of-the-art [Education Precinct](#) on the Kelvin Grove campus. The Precinct provides contemporary flexible and technology-equipped teaching spaces, and its centrepiece is the Sphere -- a five-metre diameter LED globe suspended over two floors which is complemented by a 4.8 metre-wide interactive digital wall screen. The Sphere and digital touchscreen will be learning and teaching tools. Check it out in the Easter holidays.

QUT: Queensland University of Technology special entry programs

The following are special entry programs offered by QUT. Extra bonus entry points (OPs and ranks)/Adjustment Factors can be allocated through these programs. The maximum number of bonus points/Adjustment Factors a student can receive for QUT courses is 5 OPs or 10 ranks. Details about the following programs can be accessed [here](#).

- **Educational Access Scheme (EAS)** - This [program](#) helps students who may have experienced educational disadvantage during their preparation for tertiary study. Students can receive a bonus of up to three OPs or six ranks and other benefits. Applications are via the QTAC application by completing the Educational Access Scheme section. If you're from a low-income background, you may be eligible for the Q-Step Scheme under the EAS financial hardship category. The Q-Step Scheme offers a guaranteed Equity scholarship to successful applicants in addition to the OP or rank bonus. Visit the EAS webpage on the QTAC website [here](#).
- **Elite Athlete Entry Program** - this [program](#) helps elite athletes (coaches, referees, competitors) gain entry to QUT courses through an entry bonus of up to three OPs or six ranks. The program assists its students to manage the demands of their studies and their sport.
- **Year 12 subject scheme** – this program is for students who have successfully completed certain subjects at school or university level units. The school subjects eligible for adjustments include: Mathematics C, Physics, Languages other than English (LOTE) and Aerospace Studies or Engineering Technology. You can qualify for up to four OPs or eight ranks.

QUT: World Science Festival Street Science! event

See how science and creativity are making a better world at the South Bank Parklands on 23-24 March. Have your portrait drawn by a robot, play a game against a machine, and discover the possibilities of 'growing' your own clothes. [Visit](#) to see what QUT has on offer as part of the World Science Festival.

Torrens University: Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School

[Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School](#) (BMIHMS) at Torrens University has campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Leura (in the Blue Mountains). It offers internationally recognised hospitality and business degree courses in [International Hotel and Resort Management](#) and [International Event Management](#).

BMIHMS conducts a [Career Focus Days Program](#) three times a year. The three-day program provides interested students with a glimpse of what hotel, event or restaurant management is like. The total cost of the focus program is \$325. This includes transportation throughout the program (including pick up and drop off at Sydney Domestic Airport), accommodation, meals and activities during the program. For anyone who enrolls in the degree program after attending a Career Focus Days Program has the fee taken off their tuition or residential fees. For further information call 02 9307 4600 or email enquiry@bluemountains.edu.au

UM: University of Melbourne Interstate Student and Family Day at the University of Melbourne

The University of Melbourne is holding an information day for interstate students and their families on Tuesday 16 April 2019 from 8.30am - 6:00 pm. This event is for interstate students who are thinking of attending the University of Melbourne to study an undergraduate degree. There will be presentations about the university, undergraduate degrees and graduate pathways, scholarships, student services, accommodation options and financial assistance. Visit the [website](#) for details and to register to attend.

Upcoming Events:

26/03/2019	Meet Melbourne Online Online
28/03/2019	Meet Melbourne Online Online
16/04/2019	UM: Interstate Student Information Day Two Melbourne, VIC

UM: University of Melbourne Online Information Sessions

Interested in Studying at the University of Melbourne but won't be able to attend an open day. The University of Melbourne is holding [information sessions online for future students](#). In these sessions you can chat with staff from across the University about your study options, scholarships and entry requirements. You can take a virtual tour, get updated of any new information, join webinars about specific study areas and get tips on being job ready. For more information visit the [University of Melbourne website](#).

UNE: The Joint Medical Programs

The [Joint Medical Program](#) (JMP) is offered jointly by the University of Newcastle and the University of New England. You can study on either a metropolitan (Newcastle) or rural (New England) campus. Clinical venues will give students metropolitan, regional and rural experience so students will be prepared to practice anywhere in Australia. This is a direct entry program that Year 12 students can apply for. There are no subject prerequisites for admission to this course. However, students may benefit from completing Chemistry and English. Applicants need to sit for UCAT and apply through [JMP](#) and [UAC](#). For more information, read the Joint Medical program brochure [here](#).

UQ College at St Lucia campus

UQ College is a company owned by the University of Queensland (UQ) and located at the St Lucia campus. It provides alternate pathways to university study. The programs offered include:

- [Tertiary Preparation Program](#) – This free 28-week program is offered in January, May and September. It is an approved UQ Bridging Program and provides recognised prerequisite subjects. Students who successfully complete this program can apply through QTAC with an entry rank based on their results in the program. Apply directly to UQ College for this program.
- [Associate Degree in Business](#) – This is a 16-month program. Successful completion (minimum GPA of 4) may provide an option to gain entry to UQ’s B Business Management with advanced standing. You apply through QTAC for this program, with intakes in January and September. You can access more information about these programs from the [UQ College website](#).

UQ Employability Advantage Award

This program encourages undergraduate students to further develop their skills beyond the classroom and to produce well-rounded, highly sought-after graduates. You can enrol in the program at any time during your undergraduate (including honours) degree. Find out more on the [website](#).

UQ: Apps

UQ students have access to several useful apps, including:

- [UQ Checklist](#) for new students
- [UQ Timetable Planner](#) to help students plan their semester timetable
- [UQ Carvings](#) take a stroll around the Great Court Carvings at UQ’s St Lucia Campus
- [UQ Contact](#) - Contact Magazine is UQ’s key alumni and community publication
- [UQ Safe Zone](#) is an easy to use, location based application for mobile devices that connects staff and students directly with UQ Security Officers or Emergency Services during any type of emergency
- [UQ Walking Tours](#) allows you to guide yourself on a self-paced tour around UQ’s campus facilities, buildings and services using GPS to give you walking directions
- [UQnav](#) helps students find where things are on UQ campuses
- [UQ Blackboard](#) - access mobile optimised Blackboard learn content

Find out more on the [UQ Mobile Apps website](#).

UQ: FEAST registrations are now open

FEAST is a five-day residential program held at the UQ Gatton Campus for students in Years 10 – 12 who are interested in agriculture, animals, vet science, food and/or the environment. It will be held from 30 June 2019 - 4 July 2019. This is a popular program, so register now on [the FEAST website](#).

Upcoming Events:

04/06/2019

[UQ – Careers that Shape the World](#)

UQ: The UQ Faculty of Business, Economics and Law (BEL) Student Employability Team

Students doing a degree in Business, Economics or Law at UQ have access to a student employability service (BEL SET). The team assists in the placing of students with employers and the provision of employability events. Learn more about BEL SET on the [website](#).

UQ: Updates on Careers that Shape the world event

Careers that shape the world – This event will be held on Tuesday 4 June 2019. It provides Year 11 and 12 students with seminars on a range of study topics that will help them discover the careers that are right for them. This is a popular event. It is important to register early for the sessions you are interested in. Visit the [website](#) to explore the options available.

UQx

UQx – UQx offers free online courses (MOOCs) from UQ. Browse the courses available on the [UQx website](#). Students can choose to receive a verified certificate for a course for a small fee.

USC and GU: Joint Medical Program

Is your dream to become a doctor?The University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) has a joint medical pathway with Griffith University (GU). USC's Bachelor of Medical Science is your first step. This highly competitive program provides provisional direct entry (subject to entry requirements) to Griffith University's Doctor of Medicine program - and to your future medical career. For more information regarding this pathway, visit the [Bachelor of Medical Science](#) webpage on the USC website.