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Apprenticeship Support Australia

[Apprenticeship Support Australia](#) was formed in 2014 to deliver the Australian Governments “Australian Apprenticeship Support Network” under a contract from the Department of Education and Training. Their services are focused on lifting apprenticeship commencement and completion rates through the provision of support at every stage of the employment cycle. Job-seekers, school students and apprentices can all receive ongoing support including career advice, job matching, and ongoing mentoring. Visit the [Apprenticeship Support Australia website](#) to access more information on Apprenticeships by clicking on ‘Apprentices’. Here you will find information about apprenticeship wages, qualifications, registered training organisations, school-based apprenticeships, how to get an apprenticeship and how you can access mentoring support. On the site, you can also schedule a free career consultation with a career adviser.

The website contains specific information for parents regarding:

- [My Child is Considering an Apprenticeship](#)
- [Qualifications](#)
- [Supporting My Child](#)
- [What will my Child Be Paid?](#)

You can also access [Apprenticeship Support Australia information specific to Queensland](#).

Apprenticeships through Group Training Organisations

Registering with a Group Training Organisation (GTO) is one strategy to try when looking for an apprenticeship. GTOs employ apprentices and trainees and place them with a host employer until the apprenticeship or traineeship has been completed. For more information about GTOs, visit the [Group Training Australia website](#). The website has a section with short videos of apprentices and trainees talking about their training. Their website includes information on:

- [Find an Apprenticeship](#)
- [Find a Group Training Organisation](#) (search the National Directory of Group Training Organisations)
- [Pathways to Success](#) (Info for students, parents and career advisers)
- [Find an Apprentice](#)

Aviation Australia

Aviation Australia provides world class aviation training that has created partnerships with over 150 industry organisations including airlines, aerospace companies, governments defence force and regulatory authorities. It is now offering the School to Work pathway 2019 VETiS two year - [MEA20515 Certificate II in Aircraft Line Maintenance](#) for Year 11 students . For more detail visit their [website](#) or see your Career or VET Coordinator.

VET for secondary school students: Acquiring an array of technical and non-technical skills

The role of vocational education and training (VET) in preparing students for employment, further training and the changing world of work has long been a topic of interest among employers, educationalists and policymakers. More recent attention has also been on VET's role in assisting in the development of non-technical skills (for example, employability skills), with employer groups vocal about the need for potential employees possessing these skills. [Click here](#) to access this NCVET research report.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Upcoming 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:

23/04/2019	Townsville Engineering Information Session Townsville, QLD
29/04/2019	Maroochydore Careers for Indigenous Australians Information Session Maroochydore, QLD
29/04/2019	Bundaberg Defence Careers Information Session Bundaberg, QLD
30/04/2019	Proserpine Trade Careers Information Session Proserpine, QLD
30/04/2019	Cairns Indigenous Pathways Information Session Cairns, QLD
30/04/2019	Toowoomba Army Reserve Information Session Toowoomba, QLD
30/04/2019	Brisbane Navy Careers Information Session Brisbane CBD, QLD
30/04/2019	Hervey Bay Defence Careers Information Session Hervey Bay, QLD
30/04/2019	Gold Coast Southport: A Night in the Army Reserve Ashmore, QLD
06/05/2019	Ballina Pilot & Aviation Defence Careers Information Session Ballina, NSW
08/05/2019	Women in Defence Gold Coast



Career planning tools

[CAREERinsite](#) is a Canadian website that has several free career planning tools. A way to use this site and tie it into Australian occupational information is:

- Scroll down to 'Get started' and sign up
- Do the '[Know yourself](#)' quiz. The quiz can help you identify the job activities you like. The report at the end of the quiz summarises your current preferences and links these to a list of jobs. Select jobs from the list you would like to explore further
- The '[Explore options](#)' section encourages you to:
 - read about the jobs you have selected. For Australian content, go to Occupations on the [myfuture website](#) (sign up if this your first visit to the site) or Explore Careers on the [Skillsroad website](#)
 - talk to people already in these jobs
 - try the jobs (e.g. do work experience or follow someone already in the job for a couple of days).

Through these activities, you can narrow down your list of jobs, retaining those you most like.

- The '[Get ready](#)' section helps you compare the remaining jobs on your list
- The '[Take action](#)' section helps you develop an action plan for your next step which could be to apply for a course or to find a job.

How to make better career decisions

[myfuture](#) has a resource called '[The Adventures of You' executive function guide](#). Executive functions are the mental skills needed to make decisions, including career and course decisions. These include planning, reasoning, prioritising, problem solving, task flexibility, execution and monitoring actions. [The Adventures of You site](#) includes three animated videos that will help you understand these skills.

Job Jump Start – Ways to explore careers and prepare for work!

The Australian Government, Department of Jobs and Small Business manage a website called [Job Jump Start](#), to provide tips and ideas about jobs and careers in the one spot. You can start your search from a range of platforms including:

- I'm at school
- I'm on a Gap Year

- I'm at Uni or in Training
- I've just graduated from Uni or a training course
- I'm looking for a job
- I'm already working

The website contains a range of [useful articles](#) under the categories of:

- Looking for a job – Resume, Cover Letter and Interview Tips
- Building a career – Choosing the right field of work or study
- At work – Connecting with employers

One of the articles highlights [how to make a great first impression on employers](#). According to the article the Department of Employment regularly surveys Australian employers. They ask them what young job seekers can do to make a good impression at interview.

Employers said that they are impressed by job seekers who:

- are punctual
- dress appropriately
- offer a firm handshake
- smile and are friendly
- make eye contact
- have good posture (it makes you appear more confident)
- are well presented

As well as this, consider the following ways to show an employer you really want to work with them:

1. **Be your best self.** Employers will use a range of information to form an impression of you. They will look at your social media profile, observe your conversations with other people and your personal presentation. They will be looking for an indication of your personality, abilities and your values, such as respect for others and yourself, reliability and trustworthiness.
2. **Show them you understand their business.** Doing some homework on employers so you understand their business challenges and priorities will help you explain what you can offer them.
3. **Ask interesting questions.** If you have a genuine interest in a specific brand, business or industry then demonstrate this to the employer by asking questions about the company's business strategy, products and services or upcoming projects. Ask employers questions they want to answer. They'll remember you for it.

For more information on what employers look for in young workers, see the fact sheet '[Looking for a Job Employer Advice for Young People](#)' on the Labour Market Information Portal.

Skillsroad – a career exploration website

The [Skillsroad](#) website has many activities that can help you get started on your career exploration. They include:

- [Career quiz](#) – learn more about yourself, your strengths and talents and the jobs you might be attracted to
- [Job fit Test](#) – are you job ready? Find out by doing this test

- [Explore careers](#) – comprehensive information on over 350 jobs
- [Industry videos](#) – listen to the stories of people already on the job
- [Training and study options](#) – information about apprenticeships and traineeships, university, Vocational Education and Training and SkillsRoad Online Courses.

The site also provides information on job seeking skills such as finding a job, preparing for interviews, resume builder and a jobs board. A [Work Readiness](#) course can be accessed for a fee from the site.

What is ICT?

How do you communicate with your friends – SMS, Twitter, Google Plus, Tumblr, Instagram, Snapchat, Pandora, Facebook, Instagram? When you use any of these channels of communication, you are using Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

As tomorrow’s ICT professional you are likely to be working with technologies that do not exist yet. You will have your choice of industry – banking and finance, health, insurance, defence, manufacturing, telecommunications, agriculture, environment, hospitality – you name it. Here are a few examples of the careers in the many ICT pathways available.

- The Dreamer – Designer, Developer, Programmer, Systems Analyst
- The Team Player - Account Manager, Support Technician, Computer Engineer
- The Inventor – Network Administrator, ICT Architect, ICT Consultant, Programmer
- The Constructor – Database Coordinator, Network Administrator, Security Analyst
- The Big Thinker – Business Systems Planner, ICT Trainer, Project Manager

You can find this information and much more on the [I Choose Technology website](#). The site provides information about the ICT industry in Australia, ICT jobs and salaries, courses, and the profiles of people with ICT jobs.

Why ‘worthless’ humanities degrees may set you up for life

When deciding on a pathway after school many students immediately think of a university degree as being the best option. If you are thinking seriously about a University pathway after school [Amanda Ruggeri](#) has written an interesting article outlining the value of a humanities degree that provides a broad range of learning experiences and skill development sort after by employers. This challenges the common mindset that a degree should directly link to a job, however this does not support current employment/hiring trends where employers are looking for recruits with high level social skills and creative problem solving.

Competitions

Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) Short Film Competition

Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) is a short film competition for aspiring filmmakers from Years 11 and 12 across Australia. There are six categories in the competition – Animation, Comedy, Documentary, Drama, Experimental Film and Music Video. Entries open on 1 May 2019 and close on 30 September 2019. Visit the [BUFTA website](#) for competition details and to view the 2017 BUFTA Gala Awards Ceremony.

Upcoming Events:

30/09/2019

[Bond University Film and Television Awards \(BUFTA\) Short Film Competition closes](#)

Creative Industries RealWorld Studio Competition

This competition is designed for Queensland high school students to create, communicate and design an entry that will change your world. This competition allows teams of high school students to work together on designing and producing a creative entry.

School teams will be supported by QUT Student Ambassadors with creative workshops to pitch your best ideas.

Entries may be a combination of any creative work such as a music video, dance performance, fashion collection, poetry reading, design model or a short film.

Prizes of up to \$3,000 are on offer, including QUT Creative Industries Enrolment Bursaries.

It is free to register. Download the form online and email ciexternalrelations@qut.edu.au

Screen It 2019

Fancy yourself as a filmmaker, animator or video game creator? This is the competition for you. Screen It is Australia's national moving image competition for school-aged students. This year the theme of the competition is 'Listen'. Entries for 2019 open on 24 June and close on 25 September. For details, resources and a look at last year's winners, visit the [website](#). Talk to a teacher or your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor about entering this competition.

Upcoming Events:

25/09/2019

[Screen It 2019 competition entries close](#)

The Spaghetti Bridge Competition

The [Spaghetti Bridge Competition](#) tests the engineering skills of students and provides them with experience in the planning, creativity, problem solving and team work required for a career in engineering. Teams are challenged to build the strongest bridge weighing no more than 300 g (including a load plate), constructed with only store-bought spaghetti and glue and to span a gap of 35 cm. In 2019, bridges must actually work like a bridge – that is, there must be an obvious bridge “deck” that a toy car could theoretically drive across. This year there will be four test locations:

- North Brisbane/Sunshine Coast – St Eugene College, Burpengary
- South Brisbane/Gold Coast – Chisholm Catholic College, Cornubia
- Brisbane – TAFE Qld South Bank
- North Queensland - James Cook University, Townsville

In 2019, the total prize money of \$2500 (thanks to the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads) will be awarded.–Find out more on the [Spaghetti Bridge Competition website](#). Talk to your Science and/or Maths teachers about entering this competition. There will be free Professional Development workshops for teachers to support this event. Dates will be advised as soon as they are finalised. Keep an eye on the [website](#) for more information regarding dates and to register your interest in participating in the competition.

Young Australian Art Awards

Students from primary and secondary schools are invited to participate in this competition. There are five art categories: Indigenous, Drawing, Painting, Computer Art and Photography. To enter your artwork, you will need to obtain a digital image of your piece of work and submit this image online through the [website](#). Entries close on 20 September 2019.

Upcoming Events:

20/09/2019	Young Australian Art Awards close
25/09/2019	Screen It 2019 competition closes
30/09/2019	BUFTA Short Film Competition close

Employment

A career path you may not know about:

Office Managers organise and control the functions and resources of offices such as administrative systems and office personnel.

Main tasks performed:

- contributing to the planning and review of office services, and setting priorities and office service standards
- allocating human resources, space and equipment
- assigning work to and monitoring work performance of staff
- managing records and accounts of the office
- liaising with Professionals to coordinate office business and to facilitate resolution of problems
- ensuring office equipment and supplies are maintained

Check out [myfuture](#) for more information about this job and others

Considering a career in Insurance?

Earn while you learn. No special qualifications are required to get a start in the industry. As your skills improve the qualifications follow. Graduate programs are available for those interested in a specialist field.

Job roles in Insurance can include:

- Broking
- Customer service
- Claims
- Loss Adjusting
- Administration
- Underwriting
- I.T.
- Sales & Marketing
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Legal

Visit the [Council of Queensland Insurance Brokers website](#) to find out about some of the specialist fields in this industry.

The informational interview: what it is and why you should do it

Seek recently published an article titled [Informational interviews 101](#) and observed that you can often get a chance to ask questions about a particular job, field or company when we sit down for a job interview. But there's a way you can gain insight into a career and even potentially tap into the job market, minus the pressure of going for a particular role. It's called an informational interview. They outline why and how you might want to do one, covering the following topics:

- What's an informational interview?
- Why have an informational interview?
- How to organise an informational interview
- Once you have secured an informational interview
- When you are at the interview

The most stressful and least stressful jobs of 2019

The [CareerCast team](#) ranked jobs according to 11 core factors – amount of travel, growth potential, physical demands, environmental conditions, hazards encountered, meeting the public, competitiveness, death, life of another at risk, deadlines and working in the public-eye. The following are the top most stressful and least stressful jobs they came up with.

Most stressful jobs

1. Enlisted Military Personnel
2. Firefighter
3. Airline Pilot
4. Police Officer
5. Broadcaster
6. Event Coordinator
7. Newspaper Reporter
8. Public Relations Executive
9. Senior Corporate Executive
10. Taxi Driver

Least stressful jobs

1. Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
2. Compliance Officer
3. Hair Stylist
4. Audiologist
5. University Professor
6. Medical Records Technician
7. Jeweller
8. Operations Research Analyst
9. Pharmacy Technician
10. Massage Therapist

How you cope with stress is probably something you need to think about when exploring jobs. Read more about the CareerCast research on their [website](#).

Top 20 most and least applied for jobs in your State

Seek.com has a tool to use to find out the most and least applied for jobs in your state. Whether you're actively looking for a new job or you're just keeping your eye on the market, it's always good to know what your competition looks like. [Click here](#) to access the tool and to find out more.

Want to work with animals? Six ways to get a job on the wild side

Most animal jobs are competitive. To gain entry to these occupations, you need to have a plan. An [article](#) in the Australian edition of 'The Guardian' offers six strategies to help you gain a job in this field. The following is a summary of the strategies.

1. **Volunteer** – Begin by volunteering at a local kennel, animal charity (e.g. RSPCA, Animal Rescue Qld.) or zoo/animal attraction (e.g. Australia Zoo, Sea World, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary). This will give you an understanding of the day-to-day tasks of the work. Volunteering is also a good way of showing that you are committed and willing to go the extra mile.
2. **Make the most of your volunteering** – Document it. Make opportunities to learn new skills that could help you in the future. Talk to people working in the field to find out how they got their jobs and about the options out there.
3. **Get qualified** - Find out the qualifications, work experience and other things that employers, education and training providers require.
4. **Don't limit yourself** - Keep an open mind. You may find something on route to your original goal that you had never thought of and love.
5. **Don't forget your people skills** - Any employment within the animal-based industry will require clear communication skills and the ability to work in a team.
6. **Persevere** - You need perseverance if you really want to work in a specific job. It may take longer than you want, but the job satisfaction and rewards are worth it.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Bursaries for Female Students

The [National Council of Women of Queensland](#) has launched its [2019 bursary program](#) for female students. A few of the bursaries are for secondary students. These include:

- **Counsellor Vicki Howard Bursary** for a female student, aged between 16 - 24 years, living in the Brisbane City Council area, enrolled in high school or tertiary studies, and identifying with the LGBTIQ community.
- **Elsie Byth Bursary** for Year 12 students planning to study teaching at the completion of Year 12.
- **NCWQ Young Woman from a Refugee Background Bursary** for a female high school student from a refugee background, having lived in Australia for at least 1 year.

Visit the [website](#) for more information and to download the application form. Applications close on 20 May 2019.

Upcoming Events:

20/05/2019

[National Council of Women Bursary Program Open Closes](#)

John Eales Rugby Excellence Scholarship at Bond University

As the official Education Partner of the Qantas Wallabies, Bond University has joined forces with the former Wallabies Captain, John Eales AM, to present this prestigious sporting scholarship which provides an opportunity for an outstanding young rugby union star to be mentored both on and off the field. Applications will open on 23 April 2019 and close on 6 September 2019. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

06/09/2019

[John Eales Ruby Excellence Scholarship Online Closes](#)



Gap Year Program News

Australians Abroad

Australians Abroad is a specialist organisation dedicated to arranging educational based exchange programs overseas. Australians Abroad partners with government agencies and program providers in key destinations throughout the world to provide programs and support services to Australian youth wishing to participate in exchange programs. Program options include language courses and volunteer programs in Africa, Asia/Pacific, Europe, North America and South America. For more information, visit the website.

Rustic Pathways

Rustic Pathways has a range of programs of interest to students looking for something different at the end of Year 12. The programs offered include rustic tours, gap programs and school leaver experiences (e.g. alternative schoolies experiences). Visit the website for more information.

Taking a Gap Year: The Pros and Cons

An article published on the Good Universities Guide website highlights all people are different. Some like to jump straight into tertiary study after finishing high school, whereas others might want to start working immediately. Perhaps they want to travel or maybe they have no idea what they are going to do. Taking a gap year can be a fantastic option but there is no denying that it comes with a unique set of pros and cons. We've had a look at the best and worst aspects of spending a year away from the books. Their article discusses the Pros and Cons of taking a Gap Year which include:

Pros: Gain experience, Revitalise, Make new friends

Cons: Getting side-tracked, Financial Strain, Wasted time

Visit their webpage to read the full article and access links to more information that you may wish to consider if a Gap Year is what you are considering.



Indigenous Scholarships Portal

This portal is located on the [Aspiration Initiative website](#) with over 800 scholarships available to Australian Indigenous students for undergraduate study at Australian universities. You can search for scholarships by area of study, institution or geographical location. Note that not all of the information may still need to be updated.

InspireU Residential Camps

[InspireU UQ](#) is a tertiary aspiration-building program for Indigenous youth, administered by the Outreach and Engagement team. The program involves a series of residential camps themed around the professional disciplines of engineering, science, law, business and health sciences. Program participants attend on-campus residential camps, take part in interactive workshops and lectures, workplace/industry visits and receive guidance from UQ and industry experts about study and career opportunities. InspireU is delivered in collaboration with community and industry partners, and UQ faculties and schools.

Review the list of upcoming programs and eligibility:

InspireU Health Sciences – (applications close 18 May 2018). To be eligible to participate in InspireU Health Sciences, students must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
2. Be enrolled in schooling in Year 11 or Year 12 in 2018;
3. Be enrolled in Overall Position (OP) subjects and eligible for an OP score; and
4. Have school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

InspireU Business – (applications close 18 May 2018). To be eligible to participate in InspireU Business, students must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
2. Be enrolled in schooling in Year 11 or Year 12 in 2018;
3. Be enrolled in Overall Position (OP) subjects and eligible for an OP score; and
4. Have school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

InspireU Education – (applications close 18 May 2018) To be eligible to participate in InspireU Education, students must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
2. Be enrolled in schooling in Year 10, 11 or Year 12 in 2018;
3. Be enrolled in Overall Position (OP) subjects and eligible for an OP score; and

4. Have school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

InspireU Law – (applications close 24 August 2018). To be eligible to participate in InspireU Law, students must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
2. Be enrolled in schooling in Year 11 or Year 12 in 2018;
3. Be enrolled in Overall Position (OP) subjects and eligible for an OP score; and
4. Have school attendance rate of 90% or greater.

InspireU Youth Leadership Camps

Toowoomba camp

The Outreach and Engagement team facilitates a regional youth leadership camp at Lake Perseverance Active Recreation Centre in Crows Nest. This camp is the result of a strong partnership between the Outreach and Engagement team and the Darling Downs South West Region – Toowoomba Office of the Department of Education and Training. This five-day camp provides an opportunity for up to 60 young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in Year 9 through to Year 12 to explore concepts of identity, leadership, the power of education as well as cultural awareness.

Students learn about the many varied pathways and opportunities available to them throughout their schooling journey as well as their post-school options. Over the five days, students take part in a range of activities including archery, canoeing, traditional language sessions facilitated by the Central Queensland Language Group, and workshops delivered by University of Queensland staff in areas such as biology and aerospace engineering.

To be eligible to participate in the InspireU Youth Leadership Camp, students must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin;
2. Be enrolled in schooling in Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2018.
3. Be considering an Overall Position (OP) eligible pathway.
4. Have school attendance rate of 90% or greater.
5. Have positive engagement and behaviour at school;

For more information including Eligibility, Application Form and contact details for more information check out the [InspireU Toowoomba Camp webpage](#).

Bundaberg camp

The Outreach and Engagement team facilitates a regional youth leadership camp at Chaverim Shalom College Outdoor and Environment Centre in Bundaberg. This camp is the result of a strong partnership with the local community as well as the UQ's presence in the area through a Rural Health Clinic.

This five-day camp provides an opportunity for up to 60 young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in Year 9 through to Year 12 to explore concepts of identity, leadership, the power of education as well as cultural awareness.

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To be eligible to participate in the InspireU Youth Leadership Camp, students must:

1. Be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin;
2. Be enrolled in schooling in Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2018.
3. Be considering an Overall Position (OP) eligible pathway.
4. Have school attendance rate of 90% or greater.
5. Have positive engagement and behaviour at school;

For more information including Eligibility, Application Form and contact details for more information check out the [InspireU Bundaberg Camp webpage](#).

Visit the [InspireU website](#) for details and to apply when applications open.

Interested in a career in health?

Visit the [Health Heroes website](#). The site has videos of Indigenous health workers as well as a three-part documentary, 'I Heart My People'. This presentation follows six Indigenous health and emergency workers. The stories of these workers provide an insight into their characters, lives and motivation. They also communicate a genuine appreciation of the unique culture, challenges and social context of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health.

QUT Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students

Students who are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent may be eligible for entry through QUT's [Centralised Assessment Selection Program](#), which takes into account commitment to study, work and community experiences. Financial and study support is also available. Visit their [website](#) for more information.



Preparation workshops for SAT – USA university entry test

Integrity Tutoring specialises in preparation workshops for students interested in sitting for the tests required for entry to university courses in the United States. Find out more on the [Integrity website](#).

Study & Play USA opportunities

Are you competitive in rowing, rugby, golf, tennis, cross country, soccer, volleyball, basketball, water polo, track and field, swimming, baseball, softball and want to study in USA? Study & Play USA can provide information on:

- Academic assessment
- Program overview
- Personalised advice & planning
- Timeline to prioritise activities
- Understanding of fee structures
- Likely scholarship opportunities

[Click here](#) to book a meeting or for more information.

US/UK University events for Brisbane Students and Parents

Crimson Education will be holding the following Brisbane information sessions.

The events feature Khushi Shelat, who has just been accepted into the Wharton Business School at The University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) for Class of 2023. She will talk about the process of applying for her dream University, the pitfalls to look out for and the things to really focus on and prioritise!

The event, Brisbane to the Ivy Leagues & Beyond, will be held in two different locations:

8 May at Hamilton. [Click here](#) to find out more information and register to attend

9 May at Brisbane CBD. [Click here](#) to find out more information and register to attend

Use the promo code OPTIONS, so that you can attend for free.



Miscellaneous

National Career Week

[National Career Week](#) is between 13-19 May 2019. National Careers Week aims to celebrate careers, career development, career development practitioners and services and promote the economic, social and personal benefits of career development.

The objectives of National Careers Week are to:

- Provide a focus on careers and career development to support all Australians.
- Develop community awareness of the concept, benefit and value of career development.
- Raise aspirations, challenge stereotypes, and broaden horizons.
- Highlight the need for ongoing reskilling and upskilling to support careers throughout life.
- Identify the changing nature of work and its impact on Australians.

Showcase industries and the career opportunities available in them.

National Law Week

The 2019 National Law Week will be held from 13 - 19 May. Law Week is an annual national event which creates further understanding of the role that law and justice play in today's society. Visit the [Queensland Law Week website](#) for activities to be held throughout Queensland.

Upcoming Events:

13/05/2019 to 19/05/2019 [National Law Week](#)

The Queensland Legal Walk

The Queensland Legal Walk unites communities to walk together and raise vital funds to ensure all Queenslanders have access to the legal system. The walk will again be held in 2019 as part of the Law week's activities. Its objective is to raise funds for LawRight, a not-for-profit, community-based organisation providing pro bono (free) legal services to individuals and community groups. The walk will commence simultaneously in Brisbane, Toowoomba, Mackay, Townsville, Cairns, Gold Coast and the Sunshine Coast on 14 May 2019 commencing at 7.00am. [Click here](#) to find out more and register.



Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo

The [Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo](#) being held on 24 and 25 May 2019, is a leading career, training and education event. You will be able to connect with organisations for guidance, clarity and opportunities in relation to career opportunities. It is free admission and a great opportunity to discover the many careers, courses and pathway options open to you.

Upcoming Events:

24/05/2019 to 25/05/2019 [Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo](#)

CQUni Open Day

CQUni Open Days - If you are interested in finding out more about CQUni, or have specific questions about your course of interest, student support services, or anything else to do with studying at CQUni, come along to an Open Day event and get the answers you need to start your studies. Find out locations, times and more on the Open Days [website](#).

Gladstone Careers Expo

The 2019 [Gladstone Careers Expo](#) event brings together a variety of education and training organisations, government and industry bodies and locally based employers, together with local schools and students. Students from Years 9 to 12 in the Gladstone region are invited to attend to learn more about potential career and education pathway opportunities. Students will have the opportunity to speak with trained staff in various fields to get a real understanding about further study options, industries and occupations.

Prizes are on offer for those students who attend the event and complete the feedback form to go into the draw. Only those students who attend on the day can go into the draw.

Upcoming Events:

08/05/2019 [Gladstone Careers Expo](#)

JMC Open Day

Want to know more about what you can study and achieve at JMC? During the JMC Open Day on 4 May 2019, you can:

- take a tour of our facilities
- get your hands on some of our serious gear
- chat with current students and heads of department about studying abroad
- industry internships and scholarships
- listen to our student bands
- stop by the studios to see and hear live film and audio productions in action!

Find out more by visiting their [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

04/05/2019

[JMC Open Day](#)

Private Provider Updates

CHC (Christian Heritage College) Open Night

Find out about courses offer, speak one-on-one with friendly staff who can answer your questions about studying at one of Australia's leading higher education providers:

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

On 16 may, staff from all five study areas - Business, Liberal Arts, Education, Ministries and Social Sciences - will be on hand to speak with you. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Free Introduction to Real Estate seminars

The Real Estate Institute of Queensland (REIQ) presents these sessions for people considering a career in real estate. Visit the [REIQ website](#) for more information. The seminars provide information on:

- How the real estate profession in Queensland is structured
- Ethics and conduct
- Career options
- Basic rules and regulations governing the real estate profession
- Licensing and registration requirements
- Educational options

Numbers are limited so [click here](#) to register.

Upcoming Events:

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[Introduction to Real Estate Seminar Cannon Hill](#)

08/05/2019

[Introduction to Real Estate Seminar Gold Coast, QLD](#)

International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)

Hotel management – it's more than a job, it's a lifestyle and a passion. The "people emphasis" of the industry makes it one of the most interesting and challenging careers available. The ICHM Career Weeks are all about getting to know ICHM and the hotel industry. The main event will be held in Adelaide and ICHM will

also be attending Career Expos in Queensland and are happy to arrange school visits. For more information visit their [website](#).

JMC Academy Workshops

Workshops and Short Courses are a great way to check out the JMC Academy campus. Some of the workshops and short course topics are:

- Game Development
- Film and TV Production
- Studio Recording
- Ableton Live
- Entertainment Business
- Song writing
- Discover Visual Communication
- Animation

[Click here](#) to request more information or phone them to find out future dates.

Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) Video Production Workshop

[QSFT](#) offers a range of weekend workshops focusing around media production. They will be running workshops in May and June on:

- 11 May: Shoot It! – Introduction to Photography
- 25 May: Film It! – Introduction to Video Production
- 8 June: Record It – Introduction to Sound
- 22 June: Edit It – Introduction to Editing

For more information and to submit an expression of interest (scroll down to the end of the calendar), visit their [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

11/05/2019	QSFT: SHOOT IT! Introduction to Photography Brisbane, QLD
25/05/2019	QSFT: FILM IT! Introduction to Video Production Brisbane, QLD
08/06/2019	QSFT: Record It – Introduction to Sound Brisbane
22/06/2019	QSFT: Edit It – Introduction to Editing Brisbane

Study for a Day at SAE Qantm

Are you interested in studying Animation, Audio, Graphic Design, Film, or Games? SAE will be hosting Study for a Day at their [Byron Bay campus](#) on Saturday 15 June and at their [Brisbane campus](#) on Saturday 15 June. These events will give you an opportunity to experiment with these creative media fields before making decisions about your future study plans. They will introduce you to the technical skills required in the field

and give you an insight into the careers available. Visit the [SAE Website](#) for more information and to register.

The Queensland School of Beauty Therapy

[The Queensland School of Beauty Therapy](#) offer several courses to school students. Students will attend one day per week and are competency based. For more information visit their [website](#). Courses include:

- SIB20110 Certificate II in Retail Make-Up and Skin Care
- SIB20210 Certificate II in Nail Technology
- SHB30115 Certificate III in Beauty Services
- SHB40115 Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy
- SHB50115 Diploma of Beauty Therapy

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Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary programs for students

The Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on the Gold Coast runs a number of programs for young people interested in working with or around animals. Teen Volunteering is one program that will see you have some animal contact however the focus is on interacting with park guests. See the [website](#) for details. Although applications are currently closed keep checking the website for future information. You can also phone them and ask about any other opportunities they may offer.



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

You can apply for [EAS](#) when you apply through QTAC. EAS can help if you have experienced circumstances that negatively affected your studies. EAS categories include:

- Financial hardship
- Home environment and responsibilities
- English language difficulties
- Personal illness and disability
- Educational disruption

If eligible for EAS, you may receive adjustment factors which may improve your chance of receiving an offer.

How I learned high school grades don't determine your whole life

This article on the Foundation for Young Australians website looks at the myths around high school results and their impact on your future. Read the article on the [website](#).

Online resources for Year 12 parents

Transitioning from high school to university can be a challenging journey for students and their parents. Several universities provide resources for parents to support them and their children through the transition. Some examples are:

- Australian Catholic University – [How parents can help](#)
- James Cook University - [Parents and partners](#)
- Griffith University – [Family and Friends](#)
- Queensland University of Technology - [Are you the parent of a school student?](#)
- The University of Queensland – [UQ Guide for Parents](#)
- University of the Sunshine Coast - [USC Parent Lounge](#).
- TAFE Queensland – [Information for Parents and Guardians](#)

QTAC - My Path

QTAC has a free online tool to assist Year 10 students in identifying their study options and relevant subject selection. The [My Path](#) tool works to identify a student's capabilities through a series of questions relating to their strengths and interests. From there, students can:

- determine their ATAR eligibility based on subject selection
- identify the prerequisites for their intended tertiary program
- create a section of their SET plan.

Tertiary prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended study

Wanting to know any tertiary prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended studies? [QTAC](#) has published tertiary prerequisite information by institution. These documents include details on prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended study for courses starting 2021.

[Understanding Prerequisites \(PDF 65.3KB\)](#)

[Australian Catholic University prerequisite information \(PDF 197.3KB\)](#)

[Australian Maritime College prerequisite information \(PDF 122KB\)](#)

[Bond University prerequisite information \(PDF 92.6KB\)](#)

[Christian Heritage College prerequisite information \(PDF 143.4KB\)](#)

[Central Queensland University prerequisite information \(PDF 493KB\)](#)

[Griffith College prerequisite information \(PDF 119.4KB\)](#)

[Griffith University prerequisite information \(PDF 210.5KB\)](#)

[James Cook University prerequisite information \(PDF 150.5KB\)](#)

[Queensland University of Technology prerequisite and assumed knowledge information \(PDF 139.7KB\)](#)

[SAE Creative Media Institute prerequisite information \(PDF 96.5KB\)](#)

[Southern Cross University prerequisite information \(PDF 129.6KB\)](#)

[University of New England prerequisite information \(PDF 119.7KB\)](#)

[TAFE Queensland prerequisite information \(PDF 145.1KB\)](#)

[The University of Queensland prerequisite information \(PDF 287.7KB\)](#)

[University of Southern Queensland prerequisite information \(PDF 132.1KB\)](#)

[University of the Sunshine Coast prerequisite information \(PDF 460.3KB\)](#)

Year 12 post school information management - Know where it is

Year 12 students are strongly advised to start a folder of information they will need later in the year and early next year. Keep this folder in your room at home and add to it during the year. Items that could be placed in this folder include:

- LUI and password for your Learning Account so you can access your Year 12 results early. You will also be required to know your LUI to complete your QTAC application.
- Tax File Number (TFN), which you will need to apply for a HELP loan next year. You also need a TFN if you want to be paid for a full-time or part-time job.
- The *QTAC Guide*, which you will receive in May/June.
- Course, job and tertiary entry information you gather at career markets/expos, institution open days, TSXPO, etc.
- The list of courses you are considering (if you haven't a clue, make an appointment to see your Guidance Counsellor/Officer ASAP!!).
- Handouts on tertiary entry you are given at Year 12 assemblies, expos and lunchtime talks.
- Information about available scholarships and tips for submitting a great application.
- Additional qualifications you might wish to submit as part of your QTAC application and/or portfolio
- Any other information related to your plans for 2020.



Study Habits for success: tips for students

Thinking about and managing your study is the key to stress free, well managed, balanced and successful life while completing your school and life commitments.

Some suggestions put together by The Conversation, that you should find helpful are:

- Focus! And don't multi-task – we should to direct our attention to just one or two tasks at a time.
- Sleep well, learn well – Get a good night's sleep to feel fresh and attentive the next day.
- Test yourself – We learn much better when we test our own knowledge
- Space out (your learning) – Space your learning over days, weeks and months.
- Use memory aids – Linking information to another experience in any way helps us recall information

To see more ideas and a detailed explanation of each point, go to their [website](#).

The top 4 ways to stop stressing and actually start studying

This [article](#) from the Foundation for Young Australians website starts with the following question:

Question 1. So, it's exam period, what do you do?

- Freak out
- Pull your notes together from the year and cram
- Forget to sleep
- All of the above.

If you answered this question, then you probably need the following tips from the article.

More sleep, less screen time and more studying - The average Australian teenager spends 9 hours a day surrounded by media and Facebook, Instagram and Twitter top the list. Often this gets in the way of our studies, regardless of it being the night before a test or exam! The best way to achieve good results during our exam period is balancing out our studying and relaxing with sleep, to refresh our minds and bodies for the strenuous day ahead.

Take a break - Late night attempts to try and finish your essay that is due tomorrow, or in this case, last second revision for exams, is hardly healthy. But we've all been there. Instead of leaving it to the last minute and becoming scattered the following day, maybe make a timetable for your study and take regular breaks every few hours to keep you focused and still engaged on the task at hand.

Don't cram! - It's understandable that going out with friends is way more fun than studying. Maybe a sleepover or an invite to a trendy hangout space after school will come up when you're supposed to be working. Now, whilst it doesn't hurt to take a break, the excuses "I'll do it later" or "I'll just read over my notes the night before the exam" do not work! To be able to obtain information, the brain needs continuous exposure to a fact or figure. This pretty much rules out pre-exam cramming leading to good results. Instead, during the lead up to exams spread out your studying by making a timetable to ensure everything is covered. A+ all around!

Personalise your study - Everyone learns differently. Whether it be visually or hands on, there is a method for everybody. Find a way that suits you! Perhaps you could put your notes into cue card form and get a family member to test you, or make a flowchart or a diagram of all of the concepts you need to remember and picture it in your mind when you are testing the theory. There is no limitation when it comes to how you learn.

Okay, you have the strategies, get to it!



Four reasons to study a certificate

If you need job-ready skills and basic knowledge, a certificate course at TAFE Queensland is perfect. We can help you get ready to seek employment in your chosen industry. A certificate course gives you job-ready skills for entry-level positions. You also develop a range of '[soft skills](#)' like problem solving. A certificate course will give you the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge for the workplace, greater employment opportunities, pathways to further study options such as Diplomas and University degrees and are often funding support. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Open Day – Be a Doer for a Day

TAFE Queensland invites you to Open Day – ‘Be a doer for a day’ at Acacia Ridge on 27 July and Bracken Ridge campus on 25 July. Open days present a great opportunity for students to map out their pathway into a trade and learn about exciting new opportunities in industry. Students and staff are invited to tour our state-of-the-art trade training facilities, try a trade and speak to our trade expert teachers. Group Training Organisations, Australian Apprenticeship Centres and other organisations will be exhibiting and providing valuable information. Contact the campus to register your attendance or to find out more information visit their [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

25/07/2019

[TAFE Queensland Open Day – Be a Doer for a Day Bracken Ridge campus](#)

27/07/2019

[TAFE Queensland Open Day – Be a Doer for a Day Acacia Ridge](#)



ACU: Australian Catholic University (ACU) Personalised Campus tours

Personalised campus tours give you a unique opportunity to visit the ACU campus and check out their facilities for yourself. If you would like to visit the ACU campus or speak to ACU staff about course offerings and future study options, a 30 minute personalised tour is available Monday to Friday, from 9am until 4pm. For more information and registration details visit their [website](#).

ACU: Do you help others? It could help you – Community Achiever Program (CAP)

If you volunteer regularly for your school, community, or a social justice, sporting or cultural cause, then the Community Achiever Program (CAP) may help you gain early conditional entry into your desired degree. Applications for Year 12 students open Wednesday 1 May 2019 and close on 30 July 2019 for study in 2020. For younger students, we encourage you to start getting involved in volunteer activities now in preparation for your future application. Find out if you're eligible for CAP and [how to apply](#).

Upcoming Events:

30/07/2019

[ANU Community Achiever Program \(CAP\) 2020 applications close](#)

ACU: Passion for Business

Ready for a career in business? ACU's Passion for Business (P4B) early entry program may be for you. If you are accepted, you will receive an early conditional offer before receiving your OP. You'll also gain a competitive advantage through benefits exclusively offered to Passion for Business students.

Applications for 2020 open on Friday 1 March 2019. [Find out more](#).

Bond: Bond with Bond seminars

Your decision to study at a university that is right for you is important. To help you gather all the information you will need, Bond University hosts [Bond with Bond events](#), where you can find out more about studying at Bond and what makes them unique. During these seminars you can learn more about their:

- Undergraduate single and combined study programs
- Industry links and 'Beyond Bond' core subject
- Three-semester-per-year timetable
- State-of-the-art facilities

- Campus life
- Scholarships
- Fees and costs (including FEE-HELP)

For general enquiries or further information on these seminars, please contact the events team via email: cenralevents@bond.edu.au or visit the [Bond with Bond website](#) .

Bond: Experience Day's at Bond

- **Architecture Experience Day** - Architects design for the present, with an understanding of the past, for a future which is unknown! Discover the art and science behind architectural studies for a fearless career in design. Meet our academic teaching staff, get hands-on, take a tour of our state-of-the-art workshops and award-winning Abedian School of Architecture at our Architecture Experience Day! This event is complimentary for Year 10, 11 and 12 students and one parent. Visit their [website](#) to register.
- **Film and television Experience Day** - Do you have a passion for storytelling and filmmaking or considering a fast-paced career in television? If you see yourself behind the camera, screenwriting, editing, assisting in sound and production design or delving into cinematography, then our hands-on Film & TV Experience Day will be perfect for you. Visit their [website](#) to register.

CQUni: Capricorn Careers Expo

If you are a school student, school leaver, looking to upskill or searching for a career change, visit the CQUni booth at the Capricorn Careers Expo on the 9 May 2019. The event will provide an opportunity to speak with CQUni academics and teachers, while exploring your career and pathway opportunities. Entry to the event is free. To find out more about this event, visit the [Capricorn Careers Expo webpage](#).

CQUni: University Experience – Bundaberg:

University Experience is a free, one day on-campus event allowing Year 12 students to explore their post-high school options, including both higher education degrees and TAFE. It provides high school students an opportunity to experience a day in the life of a uni student, including:

- Explore study options of interest through on-campus event
- Pre-select areas of interest and participate in hands-on activities delivered by CQUni teaching staff and current students
- Get a taste for student life - tour the campus and talk to students about their experience with us

For information regarding the Bundaberg University Experience, visit their [webpage to register](#).

GU: Go Health, Go Griffith Experience Days

These one-day events are designed for students to experience aspects of a health degree through practical and theoretical sessions delivered by health professionals and scientists. Talk to your science teacher or

school guidance counsellor/officer if you are interested in attending a program as registrations are through your school. Visit the [website](#) for further information.

GU: Science on the Go!

This is the premiere STEM outreach facilitator of Griffith University. Science on the GO! aims to bring dynamic and engaging science shows, events, programs and teaching resources by providing primary and secondary school staff and students access to Griffith's innovative STEM facilities, resources and expertise. [Find out more](#) about our award-winning STEM outreach programs, science shows, on-campus experiences, upcoming events, STEM Ambassador Program and Pathways to University.

GU: VET pathways for high school students

Griffith recognises the skills and knowledge gained through Vocational Education and Training (VET) as a highly effective pathway to university. While Griffith encourages you to achieve an OP or ATAR, they still recognise stand-alone VET qualifications completed at high school. If you complete a Certificate III, IV or Diploma and meet the English prerequisite you may be eligible for a place in a range of Griffith degrees.

[Click here](#) to find out more and to view the list of eligible degrees

GU: 2020 Undergraduate Degrees Guide

In addition to information about the courses to be offered in 2020, the Guide provides a glimpse of the study opportunities available at Griffith. Included are briefs on Kick start your career, scholarships, campus life, Griffith Sports College and how to apply. Download the Guide from the [website](#).

GU: Griffith Apply website

This [site](#) provides information on the following topics found under the undergraduate tab:

- Double Degrees
- Honours
- High Achievers
- Elite Athletes

Visit the ['High School Students' webpage](#) as this section has useful information including how to apply, admission schemes, programs for high achievers and scholarships.

GU: Queensland Conservatorium auditions

Most of the courses offered by the Conservatorium require an audition as one of the entry prerequisites. Audition applications usually open in June. The [Auditions website](#) will be updated for 2020 applications

shortly. Note that if you don't apply for an audition by the due date, you will not be considered for any courses requiring an audition at the Conservatorium.

JCU: Science and Engineering Challenge (Townsville)

Year 10 students from across Townsville Region will battle it out for a place at the State Super Challenge by building bridges, wiring cities, constructing earthquake proof towers and building a bionic hand! Students are encouraged to explore scientific principles for themselves rather than being guided to a pre-determined answer. The Science and Engineering Challenge hopes to encourage students in Year 10 to consider a future career in science and engineering by choosing to study the enabling sciences and mathematics in Years 11 and 12. The Science and Engineering Challenge is presented by The University of Newcastle in cooperation with James Cook University. For more information and to register for the events visit their [webpage](#).

JCU: Year 12 University Experience

Schools that are located outside of the Townsville region are welcome to participate in a residential program starting on 16 July 2019. Students will have the opportunity to spend a night in our accommodation facilities on campus in Townsville, meet with current students and become familiar with student life at JCU. The following day students will begin the University experience program. There will be a small fee for the residential program, which will include the cost of accommodation, dinner and breakfast. The University Experience program is designed to demystify university, break down barriers and address student concerns regarding attending university. Students will have the opportunity to explore and participate in two areas of study, assisting them to make decision about applying to university. There is no cost associated with the University Experience program, lunch is provided. [Registration](#) is essential.

JCU: Applying for medicine/dental/physiotherapy/veterinary science/Health Science courses at James Cook University

The following courses offered by JCU require a QTAC application as well as a direct application to JCU.

- B Medicine/B Surgery
- B Dental Surgery
- B Veterinary Science
- B Physiotherapy
- B Health Science (Physician Assistant)

These JCU courses have a rural, remote, tropical and Indigenous communities focus. Consequently, an important requirement of the JCU direct application is to demonstrate interest, experience, understanding and/or exposure to rural and/or remote locations and conditions. Applicants living in metropolitan areas will find this challenging. You will need to think creatively about how you can obtain the experience/knowledge this year.

Some ideas are:

- work-experience during the holidays with a rural practitioner

- attend [FEAST](#) and/or [TASTE](#) (for vet science)
- interview practitioners who have worked in rural/remote areas
- research the challenges for practitioners in rural/remote areas
- learn about Northern Australia
- find out as much as you can about the content of the JCU courses from brochures, the JCU website, career expos, [TSXPO](#) and other career/course events
- organise a guided tour of the relevant JCU campus (see the [website](#))
- if possible, attend a JCU open day (11 August 2019 for the [Townsville campus](#) and 25 August 2019 for the [Cairns campus](#)).

You can view last year's (2018 applications for entry in 2019) JCU direct application [here](#). The applications website is usually updated in July for the following year. The date for submitting the JCU direct application form is normally the same as the QTAC due date. This date will be confirmed in the *QTAC Guide* and on [QTAC's website under the JCU link](#) in May/June. You can access the prerequisites for the courses from the [JCU website](#).

Upcoming Events:

11/08/2019	JCU Townsville Campus Open Day
25/08/2019	JCU Cairns Campus Open Day

QUT: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

QUT's Oodgeroo Unit offers the [Centralised Assessment Selection Program \(CASP\)](#). If you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and want to study an undergraduate course you may be eligible for admission through the Centralised Assessment Selection Program (CASP). QUT takes into account prior learning and other personal achievements to give you a better chance of getting into the course you want, as well as a bursary to help you with study or living costs. Visit their [webpage](#) for more information.

QUT: Lacking assumed knowledge for a QUT course?

[QUT bridging courses](#) in Maths, Chemistry and Physics are offered to students and the general community to help participants undertake tertiary-level studies in these areas. Successfully completing the Maths B bridging program will give you the assumed knowledge in Maths B for QUT courses and meet the maths prerequisite for QUT's Bachelor of Education. This program may also meet assumed knowledge or prerequisites for other institutions. Semester 2, 2019 courses are delivered on campus between 25 June and 3 October 2019. Registrations close 18 June 2019. Visit [the QUT Bridging Programs webpage](#) for an overview, details and to register.

QUT: Need help developing a fashion portfolio?

'Fashion Illustration for Beginners' is a short course that will commence on 1 June, 2019 on two consecutive Saturdays at QUT's Creative Industries Precinct in Kelvin Grove. Applications for the course close on 24 May 2019. Visit the [website](#) for details.

QUT: Parent Information Seminars

QUT are inviting current senior high school students and their parents or guardians to find out about studying at QUT at the [Parent Information Seminar](#) on 8 May at Gardens Point campus. They will provide information about:

- making course and career decisions
- gaining entry to university
- life as a university student
- transition to university and support for students
- study costs and financial support
- resources for parents and students

An optional twilight campus tour with a QUT student will be available before the seminar. You'll need to register for this event. [Registration will be available](#) on our event website in April.

Upcoming Events:

08/05/2019

[QUT Parent Information Seminars](#)

QUT: QUT Career Workshops

If you are considering university after school, explore your options with a series of free workshops.

Learn how to future-proof yourself in our rapidly changing world, with workshops run by QUT Career Educators.

The workshops are tailored to school age young people and their parents/carers with topics including:

- support with decision-making and preparation for transitions
- where university can lead you
- skills required in the future world of work
- academic, financial and wellbeing support at university.

Come along to a workshop if you are:

- seeking to future-proof your career
- looking to make your next career move
- thinking about switching courses
- still at school and considering going to university
- the parent or carer of someone thinking about university.

[Head online](#) to book your place in these free workshops.

QUT: What QUT courses fit my interests?

Take the [Match My Skills quiz](#) to find out.

Registrations are open for the June/July Engineering Link Projects

The Engineering Link Group, together with host universities, invite students in Years 10 – 12 who are interested in learning about engineering to participate in one of the Engineering Link Projects (ELPs) to be run in Queensland this year. Visit the [website](#) to download the bulk registration form to register. The dates and venues for the June/July 2019 ELPs are listed below. To register on the website, scroll down to the table and click 'Register' for the relevant event.

Upcoming Events:

01/07/2019 to 02/07/2019	Engineering Link Project – CQ University Rockhampton
04/07/2019 to 05/07/2019	Engineering Link Project – QUT Brisbane
22/07/2019 to 23/07/2019	Engineering Link Project – Cairns
25/07/2019 to 26/07/2019	Engineering Link Project – JCU Townsville

The Good Universities Guide

This guide provides information on Australian university courses, university ratings, careers and other tertiary study topics. It comes in three formats – a [website](#), an [e-book](#) and a hardcopy book which can be purchased from the [Good Education Bookshop](#). Information about scholarships is available on the website site. The [Education Blogs](#) page on the website contains articles on a range of topics including tertiary study, student life and student stories. Posts include:

- [Pathways: Your Guide to Vocational Education and Training \(VET\)](#)
- [Part-time study: the pros and cons](#)
- [How to survive your first year of uni](#)
- [How to add an international spin to your degree](#)

UQ Link Scholarship

This is a special admissions [Scholarship](#) to assist prospective students who have experienced educational disadvantage due to financial hardship to gain entry to UQ. All eligible students receive five adjustment factors and \$3,000/ year for three years. To apply for this program, you complete the Financial Hardship section of [QTAC's Educational Access Scheme](#) (EAS) when you apply for courses through QTAC.

UQ OP Guarantee

Under this [scheme](#), if you achieve an OP 1 – 5, you are guaranteed entry into your highest eligible course preference in the January 2020 offer round for most of UQ's undergraduate courses, regardless of the minimum selection threshold.

UQ Subject Incentive Scheme

This [scheme](#) provides up to five adjustment factors towards your entry, and are allocated on the following basis:

- **Two adjustments** for passing an approved language other than English.
- **Two adjustments** for passing Queensland Senior Mathematics C (or [equivalent](#) as determined by UQ).
- **One adjustment** for successfully completing a university-level enrichment course concurrently with your senior program (e.g. the [Enhanced Studies Program](#)).

UQ: Concurrent Diplomas at UQ

UQ students can study diplomas in Music Performance and Languages at the same time they are undertaking their undergraduate degree. See the [website](#) for details.

UQ: Earth and Environment Day

This is a day for Year 10 - 12 students to experience the applications and relevance of studying geography, planning, earth sciences and environmental management and the careers they can lead to. You can register to attend as part of a school group or as an individual. For more information and to register, visit the [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

19/07/2019

[UQ Earth Environment Day St Lucia](#)

UQ: Experience Science workshops

Experience Science is a free event that provides students in Years 10 - 12 the opportunity to discover what studying science is like at UQ and how science is applied in industry and everyday life. The event is facilitated by experts from UQ and industry through a series of hands-on, interactive science workshops. All workshops are held at the UQ St Lucia campus. Students will be provided with snacks and drinks for morning tea but must bring their own lunch. Thousands of students from Queensland and northern New South Wales have attended and enjoyed Experience Science over the past eleven years. Students can [register](#) as a school group or as individuals.

UQ: Undergraduate Guide for 2020

This publication can be downloaded from the [UQ website](#). It contains information about the courses that will be offered in 2020, a table of all courses with prerequisites and previous minimum selection threshold, key dates, admissions information and everything else you need to know about life at UQ.

USC Open Days

At the USC Open Days you'll find all the information and tools you need for a great first year. It's the perfect way to check out the campus, get your questions answered, and learn more about the programs you're interested in. To make the most out of your Open Day, USC recommend:

- Bring a Support Person
- Start the day with a panel session
- Sit in on a real lecture
- Choose your information sessions
- Talk to the Info Hub
- Take a tour

Keep an eye on the [2019 USC Open Day](#) webpage for up to date information regarding this year's Open Days.

USC Schools Program

The USC schools program is led by the USC's dedicated Student Recruitment team and aims to connect high schools and students with USC. The program covers all years in high schools and focuses on general information and aspiration building in the early years to a more detailed and informative approach in the later years. School presentations or workshop, on campus experience and a range of great sessions are available. Visit their [webpage](#) for more information on how USC can.

USQ - McGregor Winter Arts Retreat 2019

Add a little colour to your winter – bunker down in the studio with us! The McGregor Winter Arts Retreat spans five creativity-filled days and is held on campus at USQ Toowoomba. This year you'll find a range of traditional and modern artistic mediums taught by both regular and new faces to McGregor. Create, collaborate and connect with artists of all levels, backgrounds and experiences. It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or professional there is a class on offer for you! Visit their [webpage](#) for booking information for each class and be quick to register as some of the workshops have already booked out.

USQ: Careers Day at the Ipswich campus

USQ Careers Day provides Years 9 and 10 high school students with an on-campus experience that aims to explore study options and inspire interest in a range of different career pathways. Schools can now submit an expression of interest to attend this event to be held on Thursday 27 June in Ipswich. Visit the [website](#) for details.