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2020 Australian Government Digital Apprenticeship Program

The Australian Government Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Apprenticeship Program targets students who are currently completing their Year 12 studies. As an apprentice, you will complete an ICT qualification as well as work within an Australian Government agency in ICT related areas such as:

- user research
- cyber security
- interactive media
- software engineering
- infrastructure support
- big data
- data analytics
- applications development
- networking
- programming
- web development
- systems testing
- systems analysis and design
- help desk

Applications for the 2020 Program are now open and close 1 July 2019. Visit their [website](#) for more information about:

- Who it is for
- What you'll get to work on
- Locations
- Who you'll be working for
- Benefits
- Support and coaching
- How to apply
- Three stages to success

Upcoming Events:

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[Digital Apprenticeship Program closes](#)

Vocational Education and Training tips for students

Prospective vocational education and training students should view themselves as consumers of training services ... in other words ... customers. Like any other significant purchase, you should do your research. The Queensland Government has a website that offers tips for training consumers which include:

- Checking that the course you want to do meets your needs
- Ensure that the course is nationally recognised and leads to a formal qualification (recognised by the Australian Qualifications framework)
- Check your eligibility for government subsidised training
- Shop around for a training provider that best suits your needs
- Confirm your preferred training provider is a registered training provider
- Be cautious about paying large sums of money up-front
- Read the contract before signing

Visit their [website](#) to see more information about each of these tips.



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force information sessions

Attend an Australian Defence Force information session and find out:

- if the Defence Force is a good fit for you
- if they have a job that you are interested in doing
- how to enlist

Below are upcoming information sessions. For details about these events and information on the Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#).

Upcoming Events:

24/06/2019	Gladstone Trade Careers Information Session
24/06/2019	Brisbane Health Careers Information Session
25/06/2019	Gold Coast Health Careers Information Session - Robina
25/06/2019	Emerald Trade Careers Information Session
26/06/2019	Gold Coast Chaplaincy Networking Morning Tea
26/06/2019	Caloundra Defence Careers Information Session
26/06/2019	Cairns Indigenous Pathways Information session
26/06/2019	Rockhampton Trade Careers Information Session
27/06/2019	Defence Careers Information Session - North Lakes
09/07/2019	Townsville Army Reserve Information Session
11/07/2019	Maroochydore Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session



Career exploration during the holidays

An important strategy in career exploration is experiencing the job you are interested in. This can be undertaken in many ways:

- Work observation - spending a day or more with someone already in the job at their workplace
- Career interview – developing a list of questions and interviewing someone already in a job you are investigating
- Work experience – spending some time (a week if possible) in the job
- Investigating courses by visiting institutions and talking to providers about their courses
- Getting a part-time job or volunteering in your job of interest
- Doing a course or workshop that relates to the type of work you want to do.

The school holidays are a perfect time to do some of these activities. If you need help organising an activity, speak to your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer or work experience coordinator.

Year 10 -Are you struggling with what you want to do and subjects for senior studies?

If you are struggling with thinking about what you want to do when you first leave school or don't have answers for all those questions that your parents and teachers are asking you about subjects, jobs, life after school. You might want to look at the Talking Careers program. It is a series of videos and short activities that will help you find out about yourself, life, your values, strengths, interests and you can do a career interest test to get your research started. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Competitions

ARIA Australian music teachers award nominations open

Enter a music teacher now and help celebrate the exceptional influence they have on you and your school community. Now's your chance to recognise your teacher by entering them in the ARIA Music Teacher of the Year Award sponsored by Telstra. Nominees will be selected and partnered with a renowned Australian musician who will visit your school or music tuition program. [Click here](#) for more details and how to nominate your music teacher.

RoboCup Junior Queensland Championship

RoboCup Junior is open to students studying at a primary or secondary level. Participants, usually in a team of two or more, create robots to meet the challenges in Dance, Rescue and Soccer. The 2019 events will run throughout Queensland and culminate at the RoboCup Junior Queensland (RCJQ) State Finals to be held on 10 and 11 August at the University of Queensland. Regional event dates and details of each of the challenges are on the RCJQ [website](#).



Employment

A Job you may not have known about

Structural Steel Construction Workers assemble rigging gear to move and position equipment and structural components, erect scaffolding, position and secure steel reinforcing in concrete forms, and erect and dismantle structural steel frames.

A Certificate II or III, or at least 1 year of relevant experience, is usually needed to work in this job. Around two in five workers have a Certificate III/IV. Even with a qualification, sometimes experience or on-the-job training is necessary. Registration or licensing may be required. [Click here](#) to more information.

Welfare Support Workers

provide support, information and advice to clients on emotional, financial, recreational, health, housing and other social welfare matters, and evaluate and coordinate the services of welfare and community service agencies.

An Associate Degree, Advanced Diploma or Diploma, or at least 3 years of relevant experience is usually needed. Two in five workers have a Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification. Even with a qualification, sometimes experience or on-the-job training is needed. [Click here](#) for more information.

Compare student experiences and graduate employment

Thinking about higher education institutions and study areas? The QILT (Quality indicators for learning and teaching), [website](#) helps you compare official study experience and employment outcomes data from Australian higher education institutions. Create your own shortlist to compare different study areas and institutions. See what students think about the university and study areas that you're interested in.

How do you become an Enterprise and Changemaking Manager?

The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) has a series where you can find out how the FYA team got to where they are in their career. Rita Khayat a FYA team member is an enterprise and changemaking manager at FYA. Read her story on the [FYA website](#).

Jobs on the Sunshine Coast website

The purpose of this website is to help jobseekers on the Sunshine Coast match up with employers wanting workers. You login/Register on the [website](#) to set up a free, secure account. You will then be able to create your Job Seeker Profile, 'star' jobs you are interested in and receive job alerts for recommended jobs that fit your preferences.

Looking at a diplomatic or international development career?

The Conversation published a speech by Gareth Evans, Chancellor of the Australian National University on this topic. Evans, who has had extensive experience in these jobs, noted that to get a diplomatic or international development job you need skills, experience and luck. The following is a summary of the required skills he mentioned in the speech.

- Good results in a challenging university degree, or combination of degrees (the discipline doesn't really matter). Employers are looking for a strong underlying intellectual capacity and the ability to apply this to new situations.
- It's important to be able to demonstrate an interest and knowledge of international relations. The way you acquire the knowledge is to read (e.g. The Economist, The Conversation).
- At least one foreign language, or a demonstrated aptitude to learn quickly, is a prerequisite for any significant international relations job these days.
- Few skills matter more for a would-be diplomat than the ability to write well and, above all, accurately. Good oral communication and advocacy skills are also extremely helpful in foreign policy related jobs.
- Good social skills.
- The capacity to get things done. To have a good sense of process and the ability to get people working together to deliver outcomes.

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

Unlocking Your Employability

In today's world of work, employers are looking for much more than a qualification. You need to show a potential employer what you can offer beyond your qualifications. The University of Queensland has developed a course to help you do this. It will help you understand what employability is and why it is important.

The course, *Unlocking Your Employability* is free, although there is a fee if you want to receive a certificate. It consists of seven one-hour modules that you can complete at your own pace. Visit the [edX website](#) to read more about the course.

What's the difference between a Registered Nurse and an Enrolled Nurse?

Registered nurses (RN) assess, plan, provide and evaluate preventative, curative and rehabilitative care for patients and supervise other nursing staff. They work in a wide variety of settings such as hospitals, aged care and other health care facilities and private medical practices. They need:

- good communication skills,
- the ability to assume responsibility and leadership roles
- tolerance, patience and tact in dealing with people from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures
- to take the initiative in emergencies
- an ability to work both independently and as part of a team
- the ability to cope with the physical demands and psychological aspects of the job.

To become a RN, you need to complete a three-year Bachelor of Nursing at a university or other accredited institute of higher education. RNs are required to be registered with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#). You can obtain more information about this occupation from the [myfuture website](#) (you will need to Log in or Sign up to enter this free site) and the [Good Universities Guide website](#) (this site has a list of nursing specialisations).

Enrolled Nurses (EN) under the direction and supervision of Registered Nurses, assist with the provision of acute, preventative, curative, rehabilitative and the day-to-day personal nursing care of patients. They work in hospitals, aged-care facilities, the community and other healthcare settings. ENs need to:

- have good communication, problem-solving and team skills
- follow instructions precisely
- be tolerant, patient and tactful with many different types of people.

To become an EN in Australia, the minimum level of study is the Diploma of Nursing (18 months – 2 years), delivered through TAFE or an accredited private Registered Training Organisation. After graduation, ENs apply for registration with the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia](#) to practice as an Enrolled nurse. You can obtain more information about this occupation from the [myfuture website](#) (you will need to log in or Sign up to enter this free site) and the [Good Universities Guide website](#).

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



QUT Asylum Seeker tuition fee scholarships

This scholarship enables Year 12 students who are seeking asylum in Australia to access higher education. It offers

- Full tuition fee scholarships for the duration of your course
- Guaranteed QUT Equity Scholarship –a minimum of \$3,500 for one year
- Equity computer on commencement at QUT

Eligibility: Bridging

- Visa 'E' (subclass 050)
- Temporary Protection Visa (subclass 785)
- Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (subclass 790)

[Click here](#) for other eligibility details.

QUT Undergraduate scholarships

Some scholarships are not awarded each year because there are not enough applicants applying. Don't miss out on a scholarship because you didn't do your research! Now is the time to start to plan, write and submit your scholarship applications. QUT have several categories of scholarships available including (remember you can apply for more than one scholarship):

- Low income and social disadvantage – scholarships for students who have been disadvantaged
- Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship program – scholarships for outstanding academic, creative and sporting achievers.
- START QUT – Studying university while you are still in high school through the START QUT program.
- Academic performance – Find scholarships for high achievers
- Women – Scholarships for women across a range of study areas
- International students – Scholarships for students who aren't Australian permanent residents or citizens
- Indigenous scholarships – Scholarships for Indigenous Australian students
- All scholarships – here you can search all QUT scholarships to find support for your university study

Visit the [QUT website](#) for more information and scholarships within each of these categories.

Scholarships for agricultural courses

Marcus Oldham College is a private tertiary institution in Geelong, Victoria. It offers FEE-HELP for approved degree courses and diploma courses in agriculture, agribusiness and equine studies. The College is offering scholarships for students commencing their studies in 2020. Visit the [College website](#) for more information about the College and its scholarships.

Support for disadvantaged students wishing to study Law at the University of Queensland (UQ)

If you have experienced difficult circumstances during your schooling and wish to study the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) at UQ, you are invited to apply for:

- TC Beirne School of Law Leadership, Excellence and Diversity (LEAD) Scholarship and/or
- UQ Special Admissions Scheme (SAS) for undergraduate law programs.

The LEAD Scholarship provides \$8000 per year for up to five years to help with living and study expenses; a dedicated academic mentor; a support network through non-residential membership of a UQ college and priority access to internships and career planning assistance. Applications for the LEAD Scholarship will open online on the [TC Beirne School of Law website](#) shortly so keep checking the site for 2020 details.

SAS is an alternative entry pathway for students who have experienced difficulty during their schooling. To be eligible you must be a recent or current Year 12, obtain the required OP/Rank and identify with one or more of the targeted equity groups. [Click here](#) for more information about SAS and the application process.



Gap Year Program News

Gap year program news

- **Camp America** applications for 2020 will open on the [website](#) in July 2019.
- **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange** will hold an information evening from 7 – 9 pm on Tuesday 30 July 2019 at Motel on Gregory, 89-95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. See the [website](#) for more information about this program.
- **Student Exchange Australia New Zealand** – This exchange organisation will hold the following information sessions from 7.00 pm on Wednesday 17 July and Thursday 15 August 2019 at Brisbane Square Library, 266 George Street, Brisbane. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.
- **AFS Australia** – AFS offers an overseas exchange program **America** applications for 2020 will open on the [website](#) in July 2019. Visit the [AFS website](#) for more information and to register.
- **WEP** is an organisation that will assist you to arrange an overseas student exchange placement. They have over 18 programs to choose from and is open to students from Year 9 – Year 12. Check their [website](#) for more information.

Holiday Programs & Short Courses

BOP Industries and Robotics Playground

Ideate to Create School Holiday Camp will have students come together over three action-packed days to develop a range of skills around STEAM and entrepreneurship. Participants will engage in a series of mini challenges and master classes focused on creating their own products and branding their ideas. For more information visit the [events page](#).

Holiday Workshops

The Australian Institute of Creative Design offers short courses during school holidays and throughout the year at their Gold Coast and Brisbane campuses. These courses are being offered, some during the school holidays:

- Ink Workshop \$99 - Art & Design
- Alcohol Inks Workshop \$99 - Art & Design
- Flow Acrylic Workshop \$99 - Art & Design
- Street Style Image & Fashion Flat Lays \$199 - Styling
- Design and Sew a Skirt in a Day \$199 - Fashion Design
- Design Your Own Print \$199 - Art & Design
- Special Effects Makeup \$199 - Make-Up
- Discover Interior Design \$199 - Interior Design
- Art Fun! \$200 - Art & Design
- Acrylic Layers Large Canvas Course \$350 – Art & Design
- Beautiful Women Mixed Media Portraits \$250 - Art & Design
- Canvas! \$350 - Art & Design
- Airbrushing Makeup (1 day) \$250 – Make-Up
- Hair for you \$199 – Hair Styling
- Make-up for you \$199 – Make-Up

Enrolment is open to anyone of any age. To find out more information about what courses are offered and when, [visit their website](#).

Queensland School of Film and Television Holiday Workshops

QSFT holds a number of school holiday workshops for students interested in all things film. The following workshops will be run in the July school holidays:

5 July 2019	9.30am – 3.30pm	Junior Filmmaker Bootcamp for Years 7 and 8 students
6 July 2019	9.00am – 1.00pm	Write It! Introduction to script writing workshop
10 – 11 July 2019	9.00am – 4.00pm	Filmmaker Bootcamp! for Years 9 - 12

[Click here](#) to register for these workshops. For more information about the workshop, phone (07) 3392 7788 or email info@qsft.qld.edu.au.

QUT: Winter Holiday Program @ The Cube

QUT's, The Cube, will host an exciting line up of art and science family fun over the winter school holidays from 6 - 12 July 2019. The QUT Winter Holiday Program invites curious minds to explore everything from robotics, to future cities, to bionic arms. Visit www.thecube.qut.edu.au for program details.

Robogals Brisbane Workshop

Robogals Brisbane (formerly Robogals UQ) is a not-for-profit organisation which aims to empower girls and young women to pursue engineering and other STEM fields. Robogals run a range of workshops for students in Years 7 to 12. These workshops are in the school holidays and include:

- [Advanced robotics Workshop: Artificial Intelligence](#)
- [Girls in Robotics day - Advanced](#)
- [Introduction to Robotics Workshop](#)

For more information visit the Robogals [website](#).



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander university entry schemes

These schemes provide alternative entry pathways for applicants from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. Specific information about these schemes can be obtained from the following links.

- [Australian Catholic University's Special Entry Scheme](#)
- [CQUniversity's Tertiary Entry Program](#)
- [Griffith University's Gumurrie Student Support Unit Direct Entry Program](#)
- [James Cook University's Pathways for Prospective Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology's Oodgeroo Unit Centralised Assessment Selection Program](#)
- [Southern Cross University's Alternative Entry Scheme](#)
- [The University of Queensland's Alternative Entry Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People](#)
- [University of New England Internal Selection Program](#)
- [University of Southern Queensland's Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program](#)
- [University of the Sunshine Coast's Indigenous Direct Entry and Access Scheme](#)

Note that when applying for courses through QTAC, you need to identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander on the application. You may have to provide the university with a Confirmation of Aboriginality. To obtain this might take time, so organise it early.

Defence Indigenous University Support Program

The purpose of this program is to provide support to Indigenous Australians who are studying an undergraduate degree, or an enabling program that leads to an undergraduate degree, in a field that contributes to Defence capability. Find out more about the program on the [Department of Defence website](#).

Facts and Figures

Did you know? The following facts and figures were sourced from recent NCVET research and data:

- There were 67 600 Indigenous students enrolled in the government-funded VET system in 2018. [Government-funded students and courses 2018](#)
- Indigenous graduates report high levels of satisfaction with VET and personal benefits from undertaking training, regardless of whether they are employed after training or not: [Indigenous VET participation, completion and outcomes: change over the past decade](#)

- Indigenous people continue to participate in VET at higher rates than the non-Indigenous population across all age groups and sexes, and have done so for the past decade: [*Indigenous VET participation, completion and employment outcomes: infographic*](#)
- Supportive families and communities can contribute to higher retention and completion rates for Indigenous VET students, and trainers and providers can play an active role in encouraging this family and community support: [*VET retention in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities: good practice guide*](#)

[Visit their Portal](#) for more information specific to Indigenous VET participation.



Applying for courses through UAC in NSW

You apply to the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) for most courses at NSW tertiary institutions. You apply online on the [UAC website](#). Note that the information for entry in 2020 is not yet on this website. Some important points about the 2019/20 UAC application are:

- Applications open on 1 August 2019
- Applicants can list five course preferences on the application
- UAC has indicated that if QLD students have results available in time they may [receive an offer](#) before Christmas. Consequently, it is important that you are aware of the UAC offer round dates.
- There will be no major offer round. All preferences will be considered in all offer rounds.
- Early bird applications close on 30 September 2019
- Applications close for Semester 1 2020 on 7 February 2020
- Applications are [now open](#) for 2020

Some newsagents in Queensland are already selling the *UAC Guide 2019-20*.

Crimson Education upcoming sports scholarship and US/UK information events

Interested in studying in US/UK? Crimson Education will be holding a Brisbane information everything - All You Need To Know About Studying Abroad on Sunday, 23 June. [Click here](#) for more information and use the promo code FREE, to attend the event for free.

SAT resources on the USA College Board website

The [College Board website](#) is important for students wishing to apply for tertiary courses in the United States of America (USA) as this is where you register to sit for the SAT, a test required for entry to many USA universities and colleges. The following information is available on the website: (the [Twitter](#) page is also useful)

- [SAT International Test Dates and Deadlines](#) - Scroll down to 2019-20 'International Dates and Deadlines'. Note that the next Queensland test will be held on 5 October 2019. You can register from this site or from the College Board website home page. To register, you need to first sign into a free College Board account.
- [Find Test Centres](#) – Select the '5 October 2019' date and 'Australia' to find centres in Queensland.
- [SAT Test Day checklist](#)

Study at the Swiss Hotel Management School in Switzerland

Ever thought of studying hospitality management in Switzerland? If so, check out the Swiss Hotel Management School options [here](#).

UMelb: My Melbourne newsletter

This newsletter provides useful information for students considering studying at the University of Melbourne. Visit the [Future Students website](#) (click on 'Connect with us') to subscribe to the newsletter.

UMELB: Queensland information session for prospective students

Melbourne University would like to invite Queensland students to their [Information Day for interstate students](#) at their Parkville campus on Friday 12 July 2019 8:30am – 6:00pm.

The day will focus on aspects of the university that are of greater concern to interstate students such as:

- the application process
- scholarships
- student services
- accommodation options
- financial assistance

You will have an opportunity to ask current University of Melbourne students who have come from interstate about their experience and how they managed the transition. The program will also include a campus tour followed by a free lunch at one of the residential colleges and a college tour. [Click here](#) to register.



Miscellaneous

Are You Plagiarising?

Plagiarism is a serious offence at school, University, VET sector and in the work place. There are serious penalties if you are found plagiarising. You may not realise that you are plagiarising or understand plagiarising, so to assist you to greater understand plagiarism view the smart copying [information sheets](#) for schools from the [National Copyright Unit](#).

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Shillington College Info Session

Shillington College offers accredited courses in Graphic Design. It will hold an [Info Session](#) starting at 6 pm sharp on Friday 12 July at its Brisbane campus on Level 7, 157 Ann Street Brisbane. You will meet teachers, chat to graduates and view student work. You will also be walked through a classroom brief and hear graduate success stories. Visit the [Shillington website](#) for more information about the College.

Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo

This expo will be held from 10 am – 2 pm and 3.30 – 6.30 pm on Tuesday 23 July 2019 at Venue 114 (Formerly Lake Kawana Community Centre), 114 Sportsmans Parade, Bokarina. At this event, you can gather information and ask questions about training, tertiary studies, apprenticeships, scholarships and career options. You can participate in ‘hands on’ and interactive activities. Visit the [website](#) to find out about exhibitors, seminars, and the competition. You can download a worksheet (click on ‘[Downloads](#)’) to help you organise your visit to the expo.

TAFE Queensland

TAFE Queensland will be holding a Higher Education Open Day on 11 August 2019 from 10.00am – 2.00pm at their South Bank Campus. You will learn about the study options TAFE Queensland offers that will further your education. Visit the event [website](#) for more information about the open day and visit [Tafe QLD](#) for information about their Degree courses and university pathways.

Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) Brisbane – 1st weekend in Term three

This is an important event for students in South-East Queensland. It is an opportunity to talk to representatives from Queensland and interstate universities, TAFE Queensland, private colleges, the Defence Force, the Queensland Police Service, Gap Year programs and other education and training organisations about their courses and career pathways. The expo will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July 2019 at the Royal International Convention Centre, RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane. The [website](#) provides information about the exhibitors, the seminar program and competitions.

You will be able to go into the draw to win a \$500 JB Hi-Fi gift voucher by putting your entry coupon in the barrel at the University of Melbourne stand during the expo.

Torrens University Australia Open Day

Torrens University Design & Technology Open Day hosted by Billy Blue College of Design and Media Design School have graduates who are strongly recognised by the creative industries. Get inspired to start your creative journey by attending their upcoming [Open Day](#) being held on Saturday 17 August at Billy Blue's campus at 90 Bowen Terrace, Fortitude Valley.

USC Fraser Coast Open Day

The University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) will hold an Open Day at the following locations running from 10am – 1pm:

USC Fraser Coast Sunday 23 June 2019

USC Sunshine Coast Sunday 21 July 2019

USC Caboolture Sunday 4 August 2019

They will provide you with an opportunity to check out the campuses and to find out about the study options available. Visit the [website](#) for details.

Private Provider Updates

Day in the Life Creative Workshops

Ever wondered what it would be like to have a job in the creative industries? Find out at this workshop offered by the Billy Blue College of Design to be held from 9.30 am – 1.30 pm on Saturday 13 July 2019 at the College campus, 90 Bowen Terrace, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane. Register to attend on the [website](#).

Or attend the Billy Blue College of Design open day on Saturday 17th August 2019 from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. See the [events page](#) for more details.

Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) Script Writing Workshop

[QSFT](#) holds a variety of workshops both on weekends and during the school holidays. Click here to view the QSFT [workshop time table](#) and see details in the School Holiday Activities sections of this bulletin for more information about school holidays opportunities. Contact QSFT on 3392 7788 or email info@qsft.qld.edu.au to register and find out more about their courses.

SAE Qantm Study for a Day

Are you interested in studying Animation, Audio, Graphic Design, Film, or Games? If so, study with SAE Qantm for a day to experience student life at its Brisbane Campus. This is a great way to experiment with the creative media fields. It will be held from 9 am – 4 pm on Saturday 15 June 2019. For more information and to register, visit the [SAE Qantm website](#).



Additional admissions requirements for Education Degrees

There are additional entry requirements when competing for a place in an Education degree. Year 12 students need to complete the QTAC online assessment tool as well as two written statements outlining your suitability for teaching. The holidays are a good time to get these tasks done without the pressure of school work. Visit the [QTAC website](#) for more information.

English subject prerequisite for 2021

The most common prerequisite for entry into Queensland universities is English (Units 3 & 4, C). This means a student must study a General English subject and achieve a grade of C or higher in Units 3 & 4 (Year 12 studies). Almost all institutions requiring an English prerequisite will accept any of the four general English subjects which are:

- English
- English as an Additional Language
- Literature
- English & Literature Extension.

For prerequisite information and specific institutions prerequisite information go to the [QTAC website](#) (scroll down the page).

General science subject prerequisite for Bachelor of Education

University education courses now list the science prerequisite as *General science subject*. General science subjects that will meet this prerequisite for all Queensland institutions are: Agricultural Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Environmental Science, Marine Science, Physics and Psychology.

Term three - an important time for Year 12 students

Term three is a very important and busy time of the year for Year 12 students. If you haven't already decided what you are going to do in 2020, this is the time to access information about the options available. The following is a selection of events and activities that will be held in term three to assist you with your decision-making.

QTAC Guide – If you haven't received this book yet, you will receive it shortly. It is produced by QTAC and contains information about the application process and the courses you can apply for. Don't lose this book. You may need it after you leave school on 15 November to change course preferences on your QTAC application when Year 12 results are released and during QTAC offer rounds.

Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) – It will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 July 2019 at Royal ICC, RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane. See the [website](#) for information about participating institutions, seminar presentation details and competitions.

Regional career expos – Expos on the Sunshine Coast and in Townsville will occur in July and August. They provide a great opportunity to explore employment opportunities and further education and training options. See dates on the [QTAC website](#).

Institution open days - Most of the university open days occur in Term three. Open days provide an opportunity to learn more about the institutions and courses in which you are interested. Make the most of open days by developing a list of questions to ask at the event. See open day dates on the [QTAC website](#).

QTAC applications open - QTAC applications for Semester One 2020 courses open on 1 August 2019. Early closing dates for some courses and some scholarship applications close on 28 September 2019. Information about the application and offer processes will be in the *QTAC Guide* and on the [QTAC website](#).

Scholarships - Most university scholarship applications open in Term three and close in October, November or December. An exception is Bond University, which has its scholarship opening on 1 June 2019 each scholarship can have a different closing date. It is best to check the closing date on the [Bond website](#) under each scholarship entry. Every university has a section on its website about scholarships. Find out the application process and due date early to avoid missing out on a scholarship. If in doubt about your chances, apply anyway.

Tertiary Prerequisites 2021 available on the QTAC website

QTAC are producing an e-Book of the 2021 Tertiary Prerequisites for students. This will be available on the QTAC site on 15 Jul 2019. Until then you can locate the 2021 tertiary prerequisites for each university and college on the QTAC website. [Click here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page. Each university and college has listed the prerequisites required for entry to tertiary courses in the year the students commence their tertiary studies.



Exam stress and top tips to de-stress

The following tips are adapted from the [University of Queensland's Health Hub](#).

With exam time upon us, we can no longer avoid the worry of looming deadlines and challenging expectations (our own and other's). Everybody deals with stress differently so it is important to recognise your own signs and take control before they control you. The following behaviours can be signs of stress.

- Irregular sleep patterns
- Short temper and irritability
- That gut feeling (butterflies)
- Finding it difficult to relax or unwind
- Overreacting to situations
- Comfort food snacking or loss of appetite

If you are experiencing one, many, or all of these signs, you need to do something about it to help you handle the demands you face. The following tips could help.

Set the tone for your day - Take a few moments at the start of your day to set some good intentions and to collect your thoughts. It may sound like a no-brainer but it will give you a moment to pause before jumping into your busy day.

Create a schedule – Make a schedule or timetable for your day. For example, 8 – 8:30 am could be for wake-up routine (shower, breakfast, etc.); 8:30 - 9:30 am could be for study; 9:30 - 9:45 am could be for a short walk or break. Creating a schedule and allocating periods to study will help increase the chances of using your time effectively.

Divide your day up – Divvy your day into manageable study blocks (try 40 - 50 minute blocks to begin with and slowly build) and stick to them. Set yourself goals on what you want to complete in that time, then have a break well away from your desk.

Take a break (maybe even eat a Kit Kat!) – Sitting down to study 24/7 in the lead up to exams will wreck you long before D-day. It may be chilly outside but there are huge benefits to getting a breath of fresh air to break up your study time. It will do wonders for your motivation and creativity.

Turn your phone off in study period – Mobile phones are an unhelpful distraction, so during your allocated study time, turn it off so you can focus on your work. The distraction of the phone can cause further stress.

Eat for your brain – Eat nutritious, little and often to avoid food comas. Go for quality food like vegetables, fruit, nuts and wholemeal bread to stimulate your brain and set yourself up for success.

Use your nerves, don't let them use you – It may not feel like it at the time, however positive nerves can be a good thing. They help you to work and think faster while being more effective with your time and overall performance.

Shake it off – Sometimes when you feel like your head is about to explode all you need to do is let off some steam. Do whatever will make you feel at ease, whether that's a workout at the gym, making a nutritious meal, listening to some music, sitting in the sun. Whatever it takes, give yourself the time to shake the negativity and get back on task.

Warn your loved ones – Let your family and friends know what is going on as we often take our stress out on those that are the closest to us. This is the time when you need to be surrounded by support, not thinking about trivial disagreements.

Prioritise your study – It may sometimes feel that everyone wants a piece of your time (school, work, coach, friends, family) but where you can, try to explain your situation so you can put your study first and make plans for your other commitments after exams are over.

There's no such thing as procrastination

According to Dr Eric Thomas, there is no such thing as procrastination. He says that if you are putting off doing something (e.g. preparing for an exam, doing an assignment), it is because it isn't a priority for you. Therefore, you must find out how to make it meaningful enough for it to become a priority. Eric is known as ET 'the Hip Hop Preacher'. He is an author, motivational speaker, educator and pastor. Listen to ET's short [Youtube video](#) on why there is no such thing as procrastination.



Why TAFE?

TAFE Queensland has pathways that can help you begin your career or embark on further study. TAFE offer nationally-recognised qualifications and gives you access to multiple pathways to assist you to plan and manage your career journey. Visit the [TAFE Queensland website](#) to find out about:

- Courses
- Locations
- Apprenticeships and traineeships
- University pathways
- TAFE at School
- Do Year 11 and 12 Differently



ACU: A reminder – Register for Open Day

Come to the Brisbane Open Day and find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU. Tour the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry opportunities, and talk to experts about your study options and career goals. [ACU Open Day](#) will be held from 9 am – 2 pm on Saturday 27 July 2019.

ACU: School holiday university experience

Places are filling fast for this event for students in Years 10 – 12 which will be held in the school holidays from 9.30 am – 1.45 pm on Thursday 4 July 2019. If you're considering tertiary study for next year or in the future, University Experience provides the perfect chance to explore your study options by living a day in the life of an ACU student. Visit the [ACU University Experience website](#) for more information and to register.

ACU: VET qualifications and ACU entry

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

ACU: Work Integrated Learning (WIL)

WIL allows students studying at ACU to connect learning with the workplace through placements, professional experiences, clinical education and internships. Find out more on the [WIL website](#).

AdSpace High School Advertising Challenge

QUT's AdSpace High School Advertising Challenge is a day of fun and experiential learning for Years 10 - 12 students, their teachers and QUT student mentors. Each year high schools from south east Queensland send teams to QUT to experience the excitement of spending a day at QUT's Gardens Point Campus and participate in a real world advertising adventure.

During the challenge, teams are briefed by a real client and then work with QUT advertising student mentors to develop a campaign and pitch their ideas. The judging panel of advertising industry specialists provide feedback to the teams and decide the winning pitch.

The competition is on Friday 19 July 2019, 9am-4pm at Gardens Point Campus. For entries before 1 July 2019, entry fee is \$100.00 . You will be provided with morning tea and lunch. [Click here](#) for more information.

Bond: Choosing the right degree or program for you

Deciding on a degree or program is a personal choice - it's about choosing the right program for you; your interests, your future. Whether you're venturing into a new area of study or looking to build upon your experience and knowledge in a particular field, Bond offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and programs, diplomas and non-award programs. You can find out about what undergraduate, diploma and pathways programs Bond offers on the [Bond University website](#).

Bond: Explore your future in a day at Bond University

Bond University will open its campus throughout the year to provide Year 11 and 12 students with the opportunity to experience what life is like at Bond both inside and outside of the classroom. From dissecting a sheep's heart in medical laboratories, to learning how to trade on the stock exchange, to watching a live courtroom demonstration, to building models in the new architecture building, students will experience an interactive and intimate view into the programs offered at the University. The following experience days will be held in August:

- [Ideas Camp](#)
- [Health Simulation Experience](#)
- [Film and Television Experience Day](#)
- [Psychology Experience Day](#)
- [International Relations Experience Day](#)
- [Environments, Planning and Urban Design Experience Day](#)

Bond: University Student for a Semester program

Year 11 and 12 students participating in this program can experience life as a university student as well as get a head start on their university studies before they finish high school. A pass in a Student for a Semester subject may provide credit towards a Bond undergraduate degree. In addition, students who successfully complete two subjects will be eligible for direct admission into most Bond degree programs at the end of their Year 12 studies. Some course restrictions do apply. Applications for the September 2019 semester will open on Friday 12 July 2019. Information for the September semester will be on the [Bond website](#) shortly.

CQU: Certificate, diploma and undergraduate courses available

CQUniversity offers a wide range of certificate, diploma and undergraduate courses across the following study areas:

- [Business, Accounting and Law](#)
- [Creative, Performing and Visual Arts](#)
- [Education and Humanities](#)
- [Engineering and Built Environment](#)
- [Engineering Trades](#)
- [English, Work and Study Preparation](#)
- [Health](#)
- [Information Technology and Digital Media](#)
- [Psychology, Social Work and Community Services](#)
- [Science and Environment](#)
- [Service Industries](#)
- [Transport and Safety Sciences](#)

CQUniversity has Queensland [campuses](#) from Cairns to Brisbane and as far west as Charters Towers.

GU: Adjustment Factor Pathway Options

Adjustment factor pathways can boost your Selection Rank and improve your chances of getting into your preferred degree by recognising your academic achievements or personal circumstances. Griffith University's adjustment factor pathways include:

- Gold Coast and Logan Priority Access Pathway
- Education Access Scheme (EAS)
- Griffith OP 1–6 Guarantee
- Year 12 subject adjustment pathway

[Click here](#) to find out more information on these adjustment factor opportunities.

GU: Griffith University's Integrity 20

Griffith is offering a limited number of sponsored places for students in Years 11 and 12 to attend Integrity 20'19. Integrity 20 gathers top minds from Australia and around the world to examine and discuss some of our greatest global challenges. This event will be held from 8.30 am – 4 pm on 24 to 26 October 2019 at the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University, South Bank. The [Integrity 20 website](#) lists some of the topics to be discussed. Register your interest on the [integrity20 website](#) and see your Guidance Officer/Counsellor about attending this event as registration is through your school.

Upcoming Events:

24/10/2019 to 26/10/2019 [Griffith University Integrity 20 Queensland Conservatorium](#)

GU: Subject adjustment factors

Griffith also awards subject adjustments for Senior subjects and university courses successfully completed in high school that require a high level of skill and knowledge.

As a current Year 12 student, you can be awarded an adjustment of 2 ranks per subject, including GUESTS courses, up to a maximum of 6 ranks. This includes Year 12 applicants currently undertaking their External Senior studies.

The senior subjects included in this program are:

- Accounting
- Aerospace Studies
- Ancient History
- Biology
- Business Communication and Technologies
- Business Management
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Engineering Technology
- Film, Television and New Media
- Geography
- Health Education
- Information Processing and Technology
- Information Technology Systems
- Languages other than English (LOTE)
- Legal Studies
- Marine Science
- Maths C
- Modern History
- Physics

[Click here](#) to find out more information on these adjustment factor opportunities.

Hands on STEM with Real Engineers for Year 11 and 12 Students

Year 11 and 12 students are invited to discover what the 'E' in STEM is about. In partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads, Engineers Australia (Qld Division) and three Queensland universities – QUT, JCU and CQUniversity, The Engineering Link Group (TELG) will present the following Engineering Link Projects.

- Central Queensland @ CQUniversity, Rockhampton – 1 July 2019
- South Queensland @ QUT, Brisbane – 4 July 2019
- Far North Queensland @ JCU, Cairns – 22 July 2019
- North Queensland @ JCU, Townsville – 25 July 2019

For more information and to register, visit the [TELG website](#).

JCU: Applications Forms plus QTAC application required when applying for some JCU courses

If you are a [domestic student](#) or [international student](#), selection for the courses listed below is based on a combination of a written application and academic results. Medicine applicants may also be invited to attend an interview. In addition to applying through QTAC, applicants must submit an application form to the JCU Division of Tropical Health and Medicine by post or in person to the enrolment officer at the [Student Centre](#), Townsville Campus.

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Bachelor of Health Science (Physician Assistant) (Domestic Only)
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy
- Bachelor of Veterinary Science

Visit their [website](#) for more information on course requirements and prerequisites.

JCU: Degree pathway courses

If you complete Year 12 but don't meet the academic requirements for the JCU degree course you are interested in, there are a number of [pathway options](#) available to you. These include:

- **Diploma of Higher Education** – This is a one-year course designed to help people gain entry to targeted JCU degrees. You apply for these diplomas through QTAC.
- **Tertiary Access Course (TAC)** - TAC is a tuition free pathway course for mature-age students or school leavers who do not have an OP Score or recognised experience (must be at least 18 years old). It can provide students with formal prerequisites, academic skills, experience with a variety of university subjects, computing and IT skills. You apply directly to JCU for [this course](#).

QUT: Bachelor of Business - International

Increase your global employment opportunities and develop your intercultural skills with a business degree that incorporates overseas study. This [Bachelor of Business - International](#) includes one year of compulsory overseas studies. You choose one of 10 majors:

- Accountancy
- Advertising
- Economics
- Finance
- Financial planning
- Human resource management
- International business
- Management
- Marketing
- Public relations

QUT: Bachelor of Design International

QUT has introduced a new degree in Design – [Bachelor of Design \(International\)](#). It is a four year program which includes one year at a partner international institution. Depending on your choice of major, you will be eligible to apply for membership with the respective peak industry bodies. As part of this course you must choose a major from the following:

- [Architecture – International](#)
- [Fashion – International](#)
- [Industrial Design – International](#)
- [Interaction Design – International](#)
- [Interior Architecture – International](#)
- [Landscape Architecture – International](#)
- [Visual Communication - International](#)

QUT: Can I get into QUT with a VET qualification in 2021?

From 2021 the only VET qualifications that will be accepted for entry to QUT are AQF Certificate IV, Diploma, or Advanced Diplomas or Associate Degrees.

QUT will assign a selection rank if you have completed a Certificate IV or higher and you meet one of the following criteria:

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

If you didn't achieve an ATAR or complete an IB Diploma, you must wait two years after completing Year 12 for us to consider your school attained VET qualification for entry, unless you've undertaken other study or paid employment after finishing Year 12.

[Read more about VET in schools](#)

QUT: Changes to the Bachelor of Fine Arts

QUT has made changes to the Majors in their [Bachelor of Fine Arts](#). From 2019 there will be ten first majors which are:

- [Acting](#)
- [Amination](#)
- [Creative Writing](#)
- [Dance](#)
- [Dance Performance](#)
- [Drama](#)

- [Film, Screen and New Media Production](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Technical Production](#)
- [Visual Arts](#)

QUT: Education courses - 2020

QUT have redesigned their Education courses and from 2020 will be offering:

Bachelor of Education - Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary

Double degrees - BEd(Secondary)/Bachelor of Business, BEd(Secondary)/Bachelor of Fine Arts and BEd(Secondary)/Bachelor of Information Technology

There is a common first semester designed to, build a sense of identity and belonging to the teaching profession, promote understanding of the development of the child from birth to Year 12 and education prerequisite subject entry requirements and suitability statement are required. [Click here](#) for more information.

QUT: Elite Athletes and Sport

If you are an elite athlete (regional, national or international), sportsperson, manager or coach you may be eligible for adjustment factors and support with managing your student life and funding for competitions and travel expenses. On QUT's [webpage](#) you will find information about:

- Eligibility
- What you will receive
- When adjustment factors won't be considered
- When you should apply
- What happens once you have submitted your application

Even if you're not an elite athlete, you can get involved in [sport at QUT](#) by joining a premier or recreational sporting team or making the most of the swimming pools, gyms and sporting stadiums and fields on campus.

QUT: Join QUT libraries or access free online resources

There are many free QUT library resources available to help you with your studies. You can access the same tools used by QUT students to help with organising your assignments, improving your academic writing and research, referencing, preparing for exams and more. Also, if you are a Year 11 or 12 student at a Queensland school, you can join the QUT library and borrow resources to help you at school. Visit the [QUT Library Schools' Program website](#) for details.

QUT: Where a Science degree can take you

Studying science can lead to a rewarding career in research and industry. Some areas of employment are:

- Food security - Biological Science, Environmental Science
- Coral bleaching - Earth Science
- The power of light - Physics, Chemistry

Visit the [QUT website](#) for more information and majors that you can study.

UNE: Residential Colleges

UNE's Residential Colleges provide more than shelter, food and friendship. Finding the balance between study and your social life can be difficult in the first months of your university experience. College provides support to ensure that your time at Uni is as productive as it is enjoyable. Student support includes:

- Academic support: Academic mentors (or tutors) are senior students who commit additional time to guiding academic progress of the College residents. These senior students have consistently shown a high level of achievement during their own studies and will be able to help you with understanding assessment requirements, tutorial questions and general content help throughout your time at Uni.
- Personal support: The combined challenges of finding your feet in a new location, making new friends and keeping pace with assignments, can be difficult to juggle. UNE Colleges provide the support you need to make this transition easier, to manage your priorities, and help you have fun at the same time.

For more information contact the university or check out their [website](#).

UNE: University of New England's (UNE) Early Entry Program

UNE 2020 Early Entry Program applications are now open. This program enables Year 12 students to be considered for entry to UNE courses before their final Year 12 results are available. Applicants are selected based on information from their school, rather than an OP. Successful applicants receive an offer directly from UNE in early November. Applications for this program close on Friday 27 September 2019. Visit the [Early Entry Program](#) website for details of the application process.

Upcoming Events:

27/09/2019

[University of New England's \(UNE\) Early Entry Program closes](#)

UQ: 2019 Economics Schools Day

This event will be held from 10 am – 2 pm on Thursday 18 July 2019 at the UQ St Lucia campus. The UQ School of Economics and the Qld Economics Teachers' Association (QETA) will host the event for Year 11 and 12 students interested in studying economics. The day will give students a taste of life as a B Economics student. Keep checking the [QETA website](#) for more information and opening date for registrations.

UQ: 2019-20 UQ Young Scholars Program

Applications are now open for the 2019/20 Young Scholars program. This program provides high achieving Year 11 students with an opportunity to discover, learn and engage with UQ's academic community and like-minded students from across Queensland. The program runs from 1 to 5 December 2019. For more information and to apply, visit the [Young Scholars Program website](#). Applications close on Friday 9 August 2019.

Upcoming Events:

09/08/2019

[UQ - 2019-20 UQ Young Scholars Program closes](#)

UQ: Bachelor of Music auditions

An audition is a prerequisite for this course. The due date for submitting a written (by post or email) application for audition is Friday 15 August 2019. Auditions will be held between 13 – 28 September 2019. Visit the [Audition website](#) to download the Audition Information Guide and the Audition Application form.

Upcoming Events:

15/08/2019

[UQ B of Music \(Honours\) Audition Applications Close](#)

UQ: Veterinary Science (Honours) entry requirements for 2020

Effective from 2019 the [Bachelor of Veterinary Science](#) will have the following additional entry requirements and subject prerequisites:

- English
- Chemistry
- Maths B
- One of Physics or Biology
- Situational Judgement Test (SJT) (to test non-academic capabilities)

What is the Situational Judgement Test? This is an online test - also referred to as CASPer - designed to test the non-academic capabilities of applicants to assess their suitability for Veterinary Science. The test is:

- Administered by [Altus Assessments](#)
- Costs approximately \$80AUD
- Takes approximately 90 minutes to complete
- There will be three test dates, on 24 August, 15 October and 17 November 2019 with different test papers for each sitting
- Comprised of twelve scenarios – a combination of video and written scenarios. Applicants will read/watch a scenario then respond to three questions about the scenario.
- There is five minutes allocated for each response period

Recommendations

- Complete the exam in a quiet space where you can avoid being distracted
- Recommended to undertake the exam at home and not in a public space (e.g., library)

- Complete the pre-exam 'Internet Preparedness' steps to ensure your internet connection is strong
- Brush up on your typing skills!
- Read through the FAQs on the CASPer website
- Watch the example scenarios on the CASPer website

What happens with the results?

- These are given directly to the institution (applicants will not receive their results directly)
- UQ will use the results to determine if minimum non-academic requirements have been met
- Admissions will update the individual QTAC applications to reflect whether the requirements are met

Test requirements

- Browser
- Stable broadband internet connection
- Keyboard
- Audio output (speakers or headphones)
- Webcam (mandatory for all applicants – you record yourself completing the test)

To register you will require:

- Government-issued photo ID
- Application ID

For more information visit the [CASPer website](#).

USC: High Performance Student Athlete program

USC's High Performance Student Athlete (HPSA) program has been designed to assist you in achieving excellence in both your sport and your study simultaneously. The HPSA program recognises both elite and emerging athletes. To be eligible you must be:

- Currently enrolled as a USC student in an undergraduate or post graduate program.
- Elite HPSA: Actively competing at the open national or international level in a sport recognised by the Australian Sport Commission.
- Emerging HPSA: Actively competing as a development or youth age group athlete at a national or international level in a sport recognised by the Australian Sports Commission.

USC students who are coaching at elite and emerging levels may also be eligible for this program.

Visit the [USC website](#) for more information about:

- How to apply
- Key dates for applications
- Benefits of being in the program

USC: Language Short Courses

If you would like to learn a foreign language, or need to top-up your school language studies, here is your opportunity. USC is offering short courses in seven different languages - Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish. These courses will be offered in the evenings once a week for eight weeks at the Sippy Downs and Noosa campuses. The Beginners level will commence on 15 July 2019. Visit the [USC website](#) for more information and to register.

USQ: Mathematics Enrichment Program

Are you in Year 9 or 10 and like Maths? Do you find Maths 'easy'? This program is designed to improve your mathematical problem solving skills and share a Maths day with others. Scheduled workshops:

Springfield Campus	25 July 2019	4 – 6pm	Topic: <i>History and Philosophy of Mathematics</i>
Springfield Campus	22 August 2019	4 – 6pm	Topic: <i>Pure Mathematics</i>
Springfield Campus	12 September 2019	4 – 6pm	Topic: <i>Applied Mathematics</i>
Springfield Campus	17 October 2019	4 – 6pm	Topic: <i>Statistics</i>
Springfield Campus	7 November 2019	4 - 6pm	Topic: <i>Mathematics in Engineering</i>

Visit their [website](#) to register to attend a workshop.

USQ: Semester 2 Head Start Applications

USQ – [Head Start](#) is the perfect opportunity for motivated, high-achieving Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to experience university while still at school. Students will gain access to all university resources, and a dedicated Student Relationship Officer (SRO) to support them and ensure success throughout their studies! Semester 2 2019 [Head Start applications](#) are now due so contact the university for more details.