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Announcements

18 Years old - it's time to register to vote

If you are 18 years old, you are now eligible to vote in Federal and State elections. With a Federal election scheduled in May 2025, it's time to register to vote. Voting is a right and a privilege. There are many countries in the world where elections just don't happen and citizens don't have a say in what happens. YOUR VOTE DOES COUNT! Click [here](#) and find the Australian Electoral Commission's guide to enrolling and voting.

Joke of the fortnight

I quit my job at the helium factory. I refuse to be spoken to in that tone!

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Aviation Australia Pre-Apprenticeship Courses

Aviation Australia's aero skills pre-vocational courses provide the essential training required to begin a career in aircraft maintenance engineering. Their instructors are highly experienced professionals from Commercial and Defense aviation and aerospace industries. Aviation Australia offers:

- [Certificate IV in Aeroskills \(Avionics\) MEA40618](#)
- [Certificate IV in Aeroskills \(Mechanical\) MEA40718](#)
- [Certificate IV in Aeroskills \(Structures\) MEA41322](#)

The pre-vocational training components are aligned to [CASR Part 66 training](#). This allows you to complete training towards a vocational outcome and achieve a CASA Certificate of Recognition for [Part 66 examinations](#) which can be used towards a future Licensed Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (LAME) outcome. Click [here](#) for more information.

Quick facts about apprenticeships and traineeships

- Apprenticeships and traineeships combine work with structured training.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships can be full-time, part-time or school-based - where some training is undertaken while the apprentice or trainee is in high school.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships can be completed part time but not on a casual basis.
- Existing employees may undertake an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships require employers to enter into training contracts and a commencement [contract](#) with the apprentice or trainee, which is a legally binding agreement to work and train together for a length of time.
- Employers work with a training organisation and the apprentice or trainee to negotiate a [training plan and training record](#).
- Training options must be negotiated and outlined in the training plan. Aspects of training that are open to negotiation (subject to training package requirements) include selection, content and sequencing of competency units, timing, location and mode of delivery and trainer or facilitator.

Visit the [Department of Employment, Small Business and Training website](#) for more information.

Research Industries

There are around 50 industries where you can do an apprenticeship or traineeship. The myfuture Industry pages will help you learn more about the industries you are interested in, including:

- the size of the industry
- whether apprenticeships and traineeships are common
- some tips on how to get a job in that area.

Start your research [here](#) as it is wise to make a well researched career decision because we all know what assuming does!

Thinking about becoming an apprentice in 2026?

The Australian Government provides both financial and non-financial support to Australian Apprentices and their employers throughout their apprenticeship journey. This includes assessing eligibility for support and financial assistance for Australian Apprentices and their employers under the Australian Apprenticeships Training Support Payment (AATSP). The AATSP provides up to \$5,000 for eligible Australian Apprentices in an occupation and linked qualification listed on the Priority List and paid over 4 instalments:

- \$1,750 at 6 and 12 months and \$750 at 18 and 24 months (full-time)
- \$875 at 6 and 12 months and \$375 at 18 and 24 months (part time)

Click [here](#) for more information.

Want to know more about apprenticeship and traineeship jobs?

There are hundreds of occupations that you can do an Australian Apprenticeship in. The Australian Apprenticeship Pathways job and training descriptions can help you explore potential apprenticeship and traineeship pathways. Find out what is involved in the role, the training and employment and wage data for the industry [here](#) by clicking through the links provided.



Defence University Sponsorship

Defence University Sponsorship (DUS) is for people who, after starting uni, decide that they want to join the Australian Defence Force. If you're already studying for a relevant degree, DUS will pay you to complete your degree and pay your remaining fees. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- What is DUS
- DUS Benefits
- Stories from DUS
- How DUS works
- DUS degrees
- [Careers](#) DUS can lead you to
- How to apply

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 event information link for more details including location, times and to book your ticket/s. Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the ADF [Facebook](#) site. **Note that some of these events are during the Easter holidays.**

25/03/2025 [Maroochydore Gap Year Information Session](#)

[Warwick A Night in the Army Reserve](#)

26/03/2025 [Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)

[Gold Coast Air Force Careers Information Session](#)

[Townsville Gap Year Information Session](#)

27/03/2025 [Cairns Gap Year Information Session](#)

31/03/2025 [Brisbane Gap Year Information Session](#)

01/04/2025 [Charters Towers Trade Careers Information Session](#)

[Gatton A Night in the Army Reserve](#)

02/04/2025 [Bowen Trade Careers Information Session](#)

- 03/04/2025** [Mackay Trade Careers Information Session](#)
[Gold Coast Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- 07/04/2025** [Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Townsville Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 08/04/2025** [Caloundra Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 09/04/2025** [Cairns Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 15/04/2025** [Cairns Army Reserve Information Session](#)
[Maroochydore Women in Defence Information Session](#)
[Gold Coast Navy Careers Information Session](#)
- 16/04/2025** [Brisbane Navy Careers Information Session](#)
- 17/04/2025** [Townsville Navy Careers Information Session](#)
- 22/04/2025** [Maroochydore Army Reserve Information Session](#)
[Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 24/04/2025** [Cairns Navy Careers Information Session](#)

Career Exploration



A career quiz - it can't hurt!

Click [here](#) to do Year 13's career quiz - it can't hurt and you might just find out something new that will make your career decision making easier!

Career road test

JobJumpstart has developed a career road test. The workbook will help you to investigate your chosen industry or occupation and to think about how your research impacts on your career plans. Click [here](#) (scroll down) to download the workbook and work your way through the activities.

Occupation video library

myfuture has put together short videos and information on many jobs that will assist you in understanding more about what a particular job is all about. Click [here](#) to find out more about each job:

- Overview
- Main tasks
- Job titles
- Education, training and skills
- Employment prospects
- Working conditions
- Job opportunities
- Helpful industry websites
- Videos

STEM Jobs with no degree

Indeed have put together an article that looks at STEM careers that do not require a uni degree. They say that the expansive field of science, technology, engineering and maths offers a wide job market and a variety of careers. Many of those careers can start with on-the-job training, an associate degree or with a special certification. Even if you do not want to pursue a bachelor's degree, there are many STEM career options for you. Click [here](#) to read about:

- What are STEM jobs?
- What are STEM skills (and it's not all about Maths and Science only!)?

- STEM jobs that don't require a four-year degree

Start investigating your career options now

It is never too early to start looking around to see what career options and pathways are available to you. It's important to know:

- Career exploration can give you a sense of control about your future! Remember, you are only exploring jobs for your first step in life, not for the rest of your life. The future world of work will continue to present exciting opportunities over time, which will lead to future jobs and careers.
- Remember, there is not one 'ideal' job for you. There may be several jobs that will build on your skills, knowledge and experience and will give you the things you want from a job e.g. enjoyment, challenge, good income, working in a team, prestige, management opportunities, work/life balance, variety, skill development, self-employment, respect, travel or a combination of all of these.

Where to start:

- Make a list of the jobs you have already considered. The list can include your dream job i.e. a job you would love to have but are unsure what you need to do to get it
- Talk with five people who know you well (include a parent/guardian and a teacher). Ask them what jobs they think you would like and why. Some of their suggestions will be worth investigating further, so add them to your job list but remember it's only their opinion
- Think about your favourite subjects at school. Use the [Career Bullseyes](#) to find jobs related to these subjects. Select the jobs you find interesting and add them to your job list.
- Do a careers questionnaire. There are many career questionnaires that can help you learn more about yourself and the jobs you might like:
 - [myfuture](#) (sign up when entering for the first time - it's free for Queenslanders)
 - [Career Quest](#)

Remember it is an ongoing process and this is the beginning of your journey. Your list can change as you move through school and gain more work experience and personal insights.

What is a VET course

Vocational education and training—or VET—is learning that directly relates to getting a job. The VET system delivers education and training services to students, jobseekers or persons who are already employed. VET also plays a significant role in senior school studies. School-based training allows you to study a recognised qualification while at school which can count towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and/or Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- VET qualifications
 - Vocational graduate diploma
 - Vocational graduate certificate
 - Advanced diploma
 - Diploma
 - Certificate IV (4)
 - Certificate III (3)
 - Certificate II (2)

- Certificate I (1).

Learn more about the [AQF and qualification levels](#).

- Training packages and accredited courses
- Training providers

myfuture and how it works

myfuture resources are great if you are wanting to research your pathway options, They have some short videos that will help you navigate/use their resources. Click [here](#) to view these videos demonstrating the sign-up and login processes and to help guide you through the key sections of myfuture including:

- Signing up to myfuture
- Logging in to myfuture
- My career profile
- Finding - Occupations
- Searching - Courses and career articles
- Exploring - Career bullseyes



Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards

The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards Competition is now open. Poets are encouraged to take inspiration from wherever they may find it, however, if you are looking for some direction you can use the 2025 optional theme - 'All the beautiful things'. The competition is open and closes 30 June 2025. For more information including age categories, how to register and prizes, visit the [website](#). and click on 'For more information on the competition and how to enter [here](#)'.

Score It: Griffith Uni's high school film scoring competition

Score It is an exciting, collaborative opportunity for budding composers across Queensland. In this Open Conservatorium initiative, you will compose and submit a score to an existing short animation, created by Griffith Film School students and gain valuable experience writing, orchestrating and arranging for films. Click [here](#) to view the 2024 films and read the submission information before the competition opens on 31 March 2025 and closes on 20 June 2025.

Wool4School Student Design Competition

Wool4School is an annual, secondary school student, design competition encouraging budding fashion designers to show what they're made of. To enter, register through the registration form (registration tab located in the top right-hand corner). Once registered, they will send you an email with a confirmation link. Activate the link to confirm your registration. Entries close on 17 July 2025 and click [here](#) to find out more competition details.

Disabilities



Support for people with disability

The Queensland Government's Department of Employment, Small Business and Training has useful information to support students with disability to positively engage in their career research, pathway direction and successful entry. There are a large number of services available to support students with disability, including apprentices and trainees, to participate in vocational education and training (VET). This includes services that may assist transition into VET and then into employment. Click [here](#) for a list of some of these services:

- Skilling Queenslanders for Work
- Certificate 3 Guarantee
- Skills Disability Support
- Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support (DAAWS) Program.
- Job access
- Transition to Work (TTW)
- Ticket to Work
- National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) Program
- National Equipment Database (NED)
- National Disability Insurance Scheme in Queensland
- Resources for students with disabilities

The Complaints Resolution and Referral Service (CRRS)

The Complaints Resolution and Referral Service is a free service for people with disability who are users of Australian Government funded: Disability Employment Services (DES); Australian Disability Enterprises (ADE); and/or Disability Advocacy services. Click [here](#) and find out more about:

- Making a complaint to the CRRS
- Who can complain to the CRRS?
- What type of complaints can be made to the CRRS?
- What will the CRRS do?
- Useful Downloads

Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



5 workplace trends to look out for in 2025

In a rapidly evolving industry like accounting, change brings not just challenge but opportunity. Here are the top 5 workplace trends accountants and finance professionals should know about for 2025. Click [here](#) to read about:

1. More four-day work weeks
2. Prompt mastery is essential
3. Increased ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) transparency
4. Focus on emotional intelligence
5. Return-to-office mandates

ABS Labour Force Data - January 2025

The Australian Bureau of Statistics have released the [Labour Force Data for January 2025](#):

- Unemployment rate remained at 4.0%
- Employment increased to 14,616,400
- Underemployment rate remained at 6.0%
- Participation rate remained at 67.2%
- Employment to population ratio increased to 64.5%
- Monthly hours worked increased to 1,976 million

Australian Government Digital Traineeship Program

The Australian Public Service Commission offers a Digital Traineeship Program. The program helps Australians build a digital career in government. You will learn new digital skills and knowledge to support your allocated department to provide better services for Australians. Click [here](#) to register for updates and for more information including:

- Locations
- Salary
- Eligibility
- Skills you need
- Benefits
- What to expect in the program
- Areas/roles you can work in
- Diversity and inclusion
- Application Process

Building a positive digital footprint

Your digital footprint is any information you leave about yourself online, from comments on social media, pictures and posts to app use, emails and the websites you visit. It's important to be aware of the online trail you leave. Your digital footprint DOES matter. To build a positive digital footprint, consider what you publish online. At some stage, someone will search for you online. It could be your future boss, teacher, lecturer or parent. Click [here](#) to read about myfuture's tips to help you manage your footprint including:

- Set your privacy settings
- Consider your future
- Posting positively online
- Think before you post

International Labour Market Update

According to the latest [International Labour Market Update](#), the global labour market showed resilience in 2024, with employment and the total workforce growing, according to the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The global unemployment rate remained steady at 5%.

Labour Market Update

The [Labour Market Update](#) for the December 2024 quarter, shows almost two-thirds of employment growth in the past 12 months came from occupations with Vocational Education and Training pathways. Employment growth was also sound, overall.

Occupational shortages easing

Occupation shortages across Australia are showing signs of easing, with the latest Occupation Shortage Report revealing a slight improvement in job vacancy fill rates. The national job vacancy fill rate rose by 0.8 percentage points in December quarter 2024 to 68.9%, supported by an increase in the number of qualified and suitable applicants per vacancy. This aligns with broader signs of a softening labour market. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Use the STAR interview method when writing your resume

Do you get nervous and ramble during interviews? Or do you worry about what details to include and what to leave out when explaining your experience? Understanding and applying the STAR interview method can be the deciding factor between landing an offer or continuing your [job search](#). The **STAR** acronym stands for Situation, Task, Action, Result. I always recommend adding a T at the end for Takeaways to connect the dots between your past experience and the job you're hoping to land. Click [here](#) to read about Harvard Business Review's article.

What Students Are Saying About A.I. and the Future of Work

The New York Times asked USA teenagers if they were worried about A.I. taking human jobs? They shared their hopes and fears about an increasingly technologically-driven future. Although this is an USA snapshot, it will give you some idea about what other young people are thinking about AI and jobs in the future. Click [here](#) to read their responses:

- Many students said they were worried about A.I. taking human jobs. For some, that's affecting their post-high school plans.
- Others pointed out that humans are already being replaced.
- But another group suggested that perhaps our fears are overblown.
- And some urged us to embrace A.I. in the workplace for the help it can provide.
- A.I. could even create new job opportunities, they said.
- Many students discussed A.I.'s role in creative fields. Some argued that the technology will never be able to replace human-made art ...
- ... But others worried it eventually could.
- Several hoped A.I. would take manual labor jobs rather than creative or people-facing ones ...
- For now, at least one student pointed out, A.I. and the future of work is still under our control. What will we do with it?

What to expect from the 2025 Australian job market

The Australian job market is undergoing a significant transformation in 2025. Economic shifts, technological advancements and new societal trends are reshaping the employment landscape, creating both challenges and opportunities for job seekers and employers. Click [here](#) for a closer look at what to expect in 2025 and how to prepare for the changes ahead including:

- Economic Trends and Employment Rates
- Technology-Driven Job Growth
- Green Jobs on the Rise
- Healthcare and Aged Care Expansion
- Hybrid Work and Workplace Flexibility
- The Rise of Soft Skills
- The Gig Economy and Freelancing
- Reskilling and Lifelong Learning
- Preparing for the Future

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Commonwealth teaching scholarships

Commonwealth Teaching Scholarships support new undergraduate and postgraduate teaching students to meet the costs of their study in exchange for teaching in Government schools or Government-run early learning settings for a period of time after graduating from their degree. Information is available on the Department of Education's [website](#).

Real Futures Grant

The Real Futures Grant provides the winner with a \$5,000 grant and is awarded to a student studying for a certificate, diploma, degree, apprenticeship or traineeship in one of the following fields:

- Business – including any business-related courses from any institution.
- Finance – including actuarial, statistics, accounting and general finance courses.
- Medicine – including medical and health sciences, surgery and medical research.
- Healthcare – including health and fitness-related specialties, sport sciences, health services assistance and international health.
- Specialist healthcare – including nursing, optometry, dentistry and pharmacy.

Entries for the 2025 grant are open until 31 October 2025.

Only citizens or permanent residents of Australia can apply and you must be 18 years of age or older to enter. Click [here](#) for more information and how to apply.

First Nations Peoples



CSIRO – Opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

The CSIRO is committed to encouraging more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to work with them in both the science and support areas. Visit their [website](#) to access information regarding [Indigenous careers](#).

CSIRO are running a 'virtual' work experience program. This program is available for all students, particularly those in regional and remote areas and of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage. For more information visit the CSIRO work experience program [website](#) for 2025.

Career Trackers Indigenous Internship Program

The [CareerTrackers](#) High School Program supports Indigenous students' high school completion, university enrolment and participation in successive internship opportunities in Career Tracker's University Program. The High School Program is for Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students and provides participants with training, coaching and exposure to pathways into higher education and professional employment. The final stage of the Program is an internship that provides Year 12 students interested in a degree of STEM, Business or Law with 4-weeks of paid employment, leadership development and access to a network of Indigenous role-models prior to arriving on campus for Day 1 of University. Click [here](#) to learn more about the benefits of joining and to register to join Career-Trackers.

UQ 2025 InspireU camps

UQ's InspireU camps give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Years 7-12 the opportunity to visit UQ's St Lucia campus, participate in fun and engaging workshops and find out what uni life is about. There are 4 camps during the school holidays:

30/06/2025 Inspire U Health Sciences Camp

2/07/2025: InspireU Kickstart

6/07/2025: InspireU Year 12 Camp

14/09/2025: InspireU STEM Camp

Click [here](#) for more information and registration details.

A banner for 'Gap Year Program News'. The left side has a dark teal background with a white curved line and the text 'Gap Year Program News' in white. The right side shows a smiling woman in a red dress standing in front of the Big Ben clock tower in London.

Gap Year Program News

The GAP Network – Placements in UK Boarding Schools

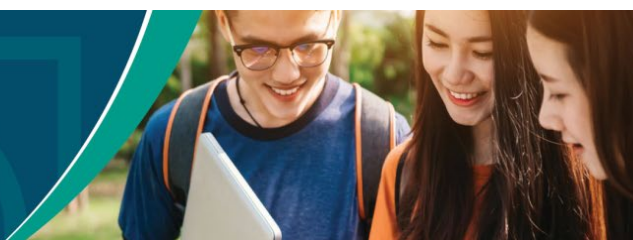
The Gap Network provides support to the growing demand for Gap Year placements in UK Boarding Schools. This program would see you being paid to live and work at some of the best boarding schools across the UK. The Gap Network provides you with an affordable way of travelling to the UK and exploring all that Europe has to offer. All you have to bring is a great attitude and willingness to work hard. The Gap Network is now open and accepting applications for gap placements commencing in January 2026. These places are very popular with High School Students, so apply early. If you are between 18 and 25 years old, check out their website. You can contact The Gap Network (via email info@thegapnetwork.org) before completing an application to discuss your individual circumstances. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Thinking of a Gap year – Make it Meaningful with a Purpose

Taking a year off after Year 12 will not necessarily help if you are unsure of your career path. Without a plan, a year out of formal education can see you spend your time 'having a good time' only. Alternatively, a formal gap year is known to offer many significant benefits.

In a formal gap year, you could take on structured activities such as paid-work, volunteering and other forms of self-development related to possible future career options. This type of gap year enables you to try out a range of activities that can assist you in your career decision making. According to research, students who have a purposeful gap year are less likely to drop out of further study pathways. There are many organisations offering gap year opportunities so research well and plan carefully - include your parents/guardians in your research.

Holiday Programs & Short Courses



Beginner Language Bootcamp

UQ's Institute of Modern Languages offers a 5-day holiday program for Year 7-8 students to learn new languages beyond the options available to them at school. The program is suitable for students who have not had the chance to experience language learning or who are wanting to learn an alternative language to what is available to them at school. Click [here](#) for more information and registration details.

NIDA Holiday programs

NIDA offers several holiday courses for young people interested in acting as a career or a hobby. Click [here](#) to check out their holiday programs making sure that you click on the Location tab and then South Brisbane to see Queensland courses.

Shakespeare's Macbeth: UQ Centre for Western Civilisation 2025 Winter School

Power. Madness. Witchcraft. Revenge. *Macbeth* explores the depths of human impulses and blurs the boundaries of reality and fantasy, fate and free will, masculinity and femininity. UQ invite you to join the Western Civilisation Winter School's two-and-a-half-day residence program between 7 and 9 July. You'll explore *Macbeth*'s myriad ethical and aesthetic concerns through both discussion and acting. You'll think about Shakespeare's influences and what brought him to write this play and also consider how *Macbeth* has influenced popular culture and performance. Working with UQ experts, you'll come to understand more fully the relation between stage and page. [Expressions of Interest](#) are due in by 4 May and click [here](#) for more information.

What to do during the holidays?

Wondering what to do in the holidays? [Resting and recharging](#) should be high on the priority list after another busy term of a schoolwork. But there's plenty of time to find productive things to do during the break too. Taking the time to explore new skills, hobbies or activities will [help you narrow down what they want to do](#) when when you leave school: Year 12 and the gateway to adulthood. Click [here](#) for some ideas including:

- Taking a short course
- Learn a new skill - cooking sewing, musical instrument, language, computer program etc
- New job or work experience

- Join a local club/project
- Volunteer at a local event

Interstate and International



A different way to study at Melbourne Uni

The curriculum structure at Melbourne Uni is different from other Australian universities. At Melbourne, you start [a three-year undergraduate degree](#) and then enter the workforce or apply for a graduate program which is needed to enter many professions. Find out more about Melbourne's graduate programs [here](#). A [Guaranteed Entry scheme](#) is available for very high achieving Year 12 applicants which guarantees entry to graduate programs after the completion of an undergraduate degree at Melbourne.

Crimson Education - Study Overseas

Want to study overseas? Crimson Education is a US/UK university admissions support consultancy, with their students likely to gain acceptance to the Ivy League, Oxford or Cambridge universities. They provide students with individualised support for every aspect of their application(s) — from university selection strategy, test prep and personal statement/essay support, to extracurricular mentoring and interview practice. Learn more about their resources, blog and services [here](#).

Going overseas to study

Studying overseas can be exciting and rewarding, with new cultures, languages and travel opportunities to explore. Be prepared. The Australian Government Smart Traveller [website](#) provides information for Australian students studying overseas. Check [here](#) for more information on:

- researching your destination and institution
- living and studying conditions in your destination
- organising the correct travel insurance
- knowing what visa you need and other documents that you'll need
- getting to your destination
- health checks before you go and while you're there
- managing your finances while you're there



Understanding money - parents/guardians and young people talking

Managing money is one of those essential life lessons that will help set people up for adulthood. But it can be difficult to know when and where to start a conversation between parents/guardians and young people. It's about how much financial wisdom should be imparted without offloading an overwhelming amount of information and advice. UQ have a few simple ways to introduce the 'money conversation' – how to earn it, save it and be generally savvy about it. Click [here](#) and read about:

- Everyday costs - what are they
- Earning money
- Saving money if you don't have a job
- Developing a savings mindset
- Superannuation
- Understand credit

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



2025 Maranoa Careers and Jobs Expo

Discover career pathways available to you in the Maranoa at this hands-on and interactive event proudly hosted by TAFE Queensland Roma. The Expo will be held on 15 May from 9am - 2pm. Click [here](#) for more information.

ANU Open Day preparation

The Australian National University (ANU) Open Day 2025 on Saturday 29 March has lots on offer to help you experience the best of studying and living at university. It's an opportunity to meet your future lecturers, talk to current students, take part in fun activities and get to explore their campus. Click [here](#) to plan your Open Day itinerary. Also, the options below are activities where you will learn more about the field of study at ANU:

- [Interested in Engineering, Computing & Cybernetics?](#) Meet the ANU Rocketry Club and discover where engineering meets the stars. [LEARN MORE](#)
- [Interested in Business & Commerce?](#) Discover how to navigate your career in business & economics.
- [Interested in Arts, Society & Culture?](#) A Forensic Anthropology Murder Mystery Workshop.
- [Interested in Natural, Physical & Environmental Sciences?](#) Discover how to make ice cream with liquid nitrogen!
- [Interested in Health & Medical studies?](#) Join student ambassadors on a tour of the health, medicine & psychology areas of the campus.
- [Interested in Law & Legal studies?](#) Step into the shoes of a lawyer and witness the drama of a live courtroom at the ANU Law School Mock Trial.
- [Interested in Security, Policy & Governance & Asia Pacific?](#) Take the opportunity to meet some of the program convenors and top academics!

GU's Creative Arts Open Day

Griffith Uni is holding their Creative Arts Open day on 18 May from 10am - 2pm. You will be able to connect with faculty, explore cutting-edge facilities and meet current students. You'll discover how studying at Griffith can unlock your potential and find a rewarding career path that nurtures your skills and creative vision. Whether you're an aspiring creative or simply curious, come and be inspired at Griffith University Creative Arts Open Day at Brisbane City campus (South Bank). Click [here](#) for more information.

Open days and expos in April/May

09/04/2025 [Australian Catholic University Open Day](#) (during the holidays)

02/05/2025 [University of New England Open Day](#)

18/05/2025 [Griffith University Creative Arts Open Day](#)

31/05/2025 [Endeavour College of Natural Health Open Day](#)

University Open Days in Queensland in 2025

You should start to plan attending open day events at the university (or universities) you wish to apply to for next year. An Open day gives you an opportunity to talk to lecturers and current students about the courses you are interested in. You can also check out the campus, the support services offered and social and cultural activities available. Open days usually occur between July and early September each year. This Bulletin will inform you of open days as dates become available. You can also check out Open Days on the QTAC [website](#).

Private Provider Updates

NIDA Acting for Grades 11-12 courses

Each term NIDA's focus is on a specific area of performance practice to ensure students have a varied experience and learn a range of essential creative skills. Students can join at the start of any term during the year. NIDA Open Acting on Screen courses are designed across a four term structure within the following learning framework:

Term one – Improvisation and Performance Craft

Term two – Voice and Movement

Term three – Devising and Contemporary Practice

Term four – Script Work and Technique

Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

The Hotel School Hayman Island Campus

The Hotel School delivers Southern Cross University courses specialising in the Tourism, Hotel Management, Hospitality and Events industries. With courses designed by industry for industry, programs prepare students to be future leaders in this global and dynamic industry. Click [here](#) for more information.

Upcoming short courses at Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS)

Upcoming AFTRS courses are:

- [Presentation Skills](#) | online
- [Screenwriting for Film Bootcamp](#) | online
- [Brief to Script to Great Video](#) | online
- [The Director's Journey Bootcamp](#) | online

Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities



BUHMUN: Inspiring the leaders of tomorrow

The primary objective of the Bond University High School Model United Nations (BUHMUN) is to inspire and shape the future leaders of tomorrow. This two-day conference challenges secondary students to embrace the role of a modern diplomat and represent a country's position in simulated international debates addressing the world's most pressing issues. The one-day conferences will be held on 13 and 14 May at Bond Uni. Interested? Click [here](#) for more information. Registrations close on 25 April.

Sport For Good free online short courses through Torrens University

Torrens University is offering free online short courses which are designed to explore the power of sport as a platform for change. It aims to provide you with the knowledge and tools that you can use in sport. These short courses have been developed in collaboration with Australian soccer legend and human rights activist Craig Foster to give you an understanding of how to facilitate and support the sporting industry's role in promoting global good. The Sport for Good short [courses](#) cover information such as:

- The power of sport
- Make a positive impact through sport
- Discover sport for good
- Learn from sports' champions of change

The [courses](#) on offer are:

- Sport and Society
- Sport and Human Rights
- Sport Leadership in a New World
- Sport as a Voice for Change



QCAA subjects' assessment and results

Knowing how you will be assessed in your subjects is an important factor in your academic success. The QCAA provides information on [assessment and results](#). For most students, the bulk of their assessment in General and Applied subjects will be [internal assessment](#). Students undertaking General subjects will also sit [external assessment](#) (usually in Year 12). Some schools implement QCAA syllabuses in a different pattern, so your senior assessment schedule may be a little different. It's a good idea to check with your school. More information about assessment is available in each subject syllabus on the QCAA [website](#).

myQCE update

myQCE has great information on the following:

- Newbie's guide to the QCE
- Assessment basics
- Fresh year, fresh vibes
- Meet the myQCE Student Reference Group
- Nominate for the YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament
- Future you
- Your questions answered
- Follow myQCE

Click [here](#) to find out more about the above topics.

Study Skills and Wellbeing



How to have a life outside of school

Your schedule probably looks something like this: wake up, get dressed, go to school, muck around on your phone, go home, watch Netflix, panic about assignments, actually do assignments (if they're due the next day), have dinner, sleep. Are you thinking that this routine is problematic because your only real focus is school?

Even if you're sitting there thinking you're not *that* boring or your daily life includes a bigger variety of activities, it's still common for us to set aside no time for yourself outside of school. The bubble of school life means that just attending takes up a huge chunk of your day, not to mention all the assignments, study and homework that you're expected to be doing at home. [Year 13](#) offers some suggestions on how to break out of that bubble and have a life outside of school including:

- Decide what's important
- Manage your day
- Start being accountable to other people
- Reach out to your friends
- Find things you like to do on your own

Take care of yourself

Your brain and body are closely connected and looking after your body has great benefits for your mind. Activities like sport, dance, walking or yoga can increase your performance by increasing oxygen to your brain. It's also great at reducing tension from stress and school pressure.

Some stress can be useful in keeping us motivated and without it we would find it hard to stay awake! However, during Year 12 and especially during exam time, you may find your stress levels rising high into the 'critical zone', causing a dramatic decline in performance. Proven strategies for beating stress include:

- Relaxation: smartphone apps like [Smiling Mind](#) can help
- Time management: try making a list of activities and prioritise
- Connecting with others: talk about your worries, laugh, be positive!
- Remember to be kind to yourself: take some time out to do the things you enjoy or help you maintain your wellbeing

Taking care of yourself - mental fitness

In practice, mental fitness involves consistently and intentionally developing the mental skills you can draw upon to respond to setbacks, sustain healthy relationships, navigate change and uncertainty and make

effective decisions. Take action and check in on yourself today. Reach out to someone in your 'village' you trust, tell them what's going on for you right now. Having the courage to be vulnerable is all part of building mental fitness. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Tips and strategies for online researching

Online research takes skill. In high school, you need to transition from searching for information to researching a topic. When you have to do research, a simple Google search is no longer enough. This is when [Google Scholar](#) and [library databases](#) can help. We know this transition is challenging and we're here to help. Click [here](#) to watch the video How Library Stuff Works: Search vs Research and more about the following tips and strategies. Remember, you have to find a process that suits your study style but make sure you find one!

- Developing search terms
- Think of your question
- Eliminate some words
- Specify and professionalise
- Explore multiple resources
- Evaluating sources

ACU's 'Find Your Pathway'

ACU admission pathways are designed to help you meet the entry requirements of your chosen course. [Check out](#) their Pathway Finder (click on Domestic) to discover if your chosen course has a relevant pathway to assist you in gaining entry if you:

- Are in Year 12 and want an early offer
- Didn't get the ATAR/Rank required
- Are in Year 11 and want to experience university life
- Are an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student
- Are an elite athlete or performer

Darling Downs and South West Queensland TAFE campuses

The Darling Downs and South West TAFE Queensland region incorporates the cities of Toowoomba and Roma and smaller regional towns including Warwick, Dalby, Charleville and Chinchilla. Studying with TAFE Queensland, you gain nationally recognised qualifications. Click [here](#) (click through to find Darling Downs) to find out more about studying in the Darling Downs and South West region.

Greenslopes Partnership | Nursing Information Session

TAFE Queensland Gold Coast enables you to study the [Diploma of Nursing \(HLT54121\)](#) at Greenslopes Private Hospital as part of the [TAFE Queensland Greenslopes Partnership](#). If you would like to learn more about this integrated and innovative nursing course they are hosting an online information session on Tuesday 29 April at either 10am or 6pm. Click [here](#) to find out more and to complete the registration form.

VET Student Loan calculator

A VET Student Loan (VSL) helps students to cover tuition fees for vocational education and training (VET) courses. It is important to remember that the initial debt amount (including the loan fee, if applicable) plus indexation must be paid back once you start earning over a certain amount. Compulsory repayment threshold information is available on the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) [website](#). Click [here](#) to find out more and to see if you are eligible.

Vocational Degree - New Qualification Level for VET

The [Vocational Degree](#) is a new qualification in the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) and has been endorsed by Skills and Education Ministers. As the Vocational Degree is now a feature of the AQF, TAFE Centres of Excellence and Jobs and Skills Councils (JSCs) can consider the Vocational Degree as part of their qualification design toolkit.



What can you do if you've started uni and you don't like it?

The transition from high school to university [can be a big adjustment](#), especially for Year 12 students who are used to structured learning and clear guidance. Suddenly, you're managing a new timetable, deadlines, and navigating new places and possibly new subjects on your own.

While university social clubs and campus activities can help you settle in, your first year at university [can be a lonely time](#). You are away from familiar school friends and in classes full of people you don't know. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Seeking out support
- Can you change your degree or subjects?
- Key dates to know

Australian Catholic University

Study Overseas as part of your ACU degree

Gain credit towards your degree while experiencing extraordinary things in extraordinary places. When you study overseas as part of your ACU degree, you might find yourself teaching young children in Nepal, working with the homeless in Rome or touring literary landmarks in New York. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Full semester exchanges
- Study in Rome
- Study the Core Curriculum overseas
- Study tours or short programs

Bond University

Business School Year 12 Extension Program

Get a head start on your studies with the Bond Business School Year 12 Extension Program, which comprises fast-paced and fun two-day workshops designed to prepare you for university life. The Extension Program offers an opportunity that supports the existing Year 12 Business curriculum. Faced with real-world situations, you will hone your skills, problem solve and work collaboratively with others. The Extension Program is free of charge. Top performing students from the days will be awarded a part-fee scholarships

exclusive to the Year 12 Extension Program. A Business stream program will be held on 6 May to 7 May. Click [here](#) to register and places are filling quickly.

Medicine at Bond

Bond is one of only a few universities in Australia offering [medicine](#) as a program commencing at the undergraduate level. It is made up of two sequential qualifications - the [Bachelor of Medical Studies](#) and the Doctor of Medicine. Students are required to complete both degrees for registration as a medical practitioner. Both degrees are awarded at the completion of Year five. Applications for the Bachelor of Medical Studies are through QTAC. They usually open mid-January and close early February each year for commencement in May of that year. Check on the QTAC website for 2026 updates and the weblinks above.

Central Queensland University

Regional Medical Pathway information sessions

The [Bachelor of Medical Science \(Pathway to Medicine\)](#) offers 20 places at both the CQUniversity Rockhampton and Bundaberg campuses. This innovative course ensures successful applicants a provisional direct entry pathway into The University of Queensland's Regional Doctor of Medicine program. They are holding informative evenings to provide comprehensive details of the course. They'll cover everything from the application process to regional adjustment points and the benefits of studying and practicing medicine in a regional setting. Click [here](#) to register as sessions will be held:

- Bundaberg - 31 March 4:30 - 6:30, CQUni Bundaberg Campus
- Rockhampton - 2 April 4:30 - 6:30, CQUni Rockhampton Campus
- Online - 3 April 4:30 - 6:00pm

Griffith University

Bachelor of Medical Science application update

Griffith University's entry requirements to Bachelor of Medical Science:

- academic achievement for Year 12 applicants in the year before entry (ATAR)

OR academic achievement for applicants who have completed their senior secondary studies up to one year prior to application and who have not previously attempted tertiary study at Diploma level or higher

- all prerequisite subjects (or their equivalent) must be met.
- achievement in the University Clinical Aptitude Test ANZ (UCAT ANZ) is optional but recommended. Your Overall Score from UCAT ANZ, if available, will be used for second order ranking within an ATAR band

- Applicants without a UCAT ANZ result will still be considered for selection but will be ranked at the bottom of their ATAR band.

NOTE: If you are unsuccessful in gaining entry into the Bachelor of Medical Science in Trimester 1, 2026, you can sit/resit the UCAT ANZ test in 2026 but you are **NOT able to undertake any post school study during 2026 or you will not be eligible to apply in 2027 for entry into Medical Science at Griffith University**. Find out more about the course, admissions and program [here](#).

Countdown to Uni

On Tuesday 29 April from 7 - 8pm Griffith Uni will be hosting a webinar where they will talk about everything you need to know to prepare for university life at Griffith. They'll cover key topics such as:

- How do I apply and make the most of my application?
- What alternative pathways are there into university?
- Can I get a scholarship?
- What's university life really like?

Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

Film School Experience Week

Explore the opportunities of this unique program in Griffith's "Experience Week". This program gives you experience of the theoretical and practical requirements of Griffith Film School degrees and gives you a taste of student life at Griffith Film School. You will choose from:

- Film & Screen Media Production
- Animation
- Game Design & Production (change wording from just Games)

The experience weeks will be held during the winter school holidays from 10am - 4pm daily on the Southbank Campus:

- Week 1: 30th June - 4th July 2025; OR
- Week 2: 7th July - 11th July 2025

Click [here](#) for more information and to register and registrations close on 5 June.

Queensland University of Technology

A Quick Guide to QUT

You and your parents/Guardians are invited to attend a Year 9 and 10 online information session. They'll cover career planning tips, differences between school and uni, course information and admission pathways. Plus, hear from current QUT students about their uni experience. [Register now.](#)

Creative Arts & Psychology Double Degree

Are you interested in both psychology and the creative arts? QUT offers the opportunity to study both with their Bachelor of Creative Arts/Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology) double degree. Check out extensive course offerings within the creative arts [here](#).

Five top tips for aspiring science students

Are you curious about careers in science and contemplating a [Bachelor of Science](#) at uni? In partnership with Careers with STEM, QUT brings you insights from three scientists at different stages of their careers. Here are [five essential tips](#) to guide you on your path to a successful science career, drawing directly from the experts.

High industry demand for sustainable engineers

There is a strong demand for engineers with skills in sustainable infrastructure in Australia and globally as governments and industry make carbon reduction commitments. QUT's 5-year [Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)/Master of Sustainable Infrastructure](#) will equip you with the skills to lead and contribute to complex sustainable infrastructure projects. You will benefit from working with real-time modelling software to predict future infrastructure needs and consult on real-world challenges with industry partners.

High school Esports events—registrations open

Run from the QUT Gardens Point campus, the QUT High School Esports provides hands-on opportunities giving you the chance to explore your future at university and interact with other students from across Queensland through friendly competition. The events enable you to learn about emerging sport technologies including:

- Esports
- Virtual and Augmented Reality
- Sport Simulation
- Broadcast and livestreaming

You have access to game discipline, related coaching and mentoring from QUT students working in the esports program. All of QUT Sport's programs are underpinned by a strong focus on eSafety and governance frameworks, providing a safe and informed environment for competition. Click [here](#) to find out more and a list of competition events to register for.

QUT Advice Night Rescheduled due to Cyclone Albert

Due to Cyclone Albert, QUT Advice Night has been rescheduled. Year 11 and 12 students and parents are invited to join QUT online on Tuesday 25 March to find out about course and career planning, how to apply, resources to support students through their studies and life as a uni student. [Register now](#).

START QUT Webinar reminder

Are you in Year 11 and interested in studying a university subject in Semester 2? You could receive a selection rank adjustment and earn potential credit towards a future degree at QUT. Find out all about the program at the START QUT Webinar being held on 1 April from 5:30 - 7:00pm. Click [here](#) to register.

Studying social work at uni

Studying social work can open up a wide variety of pathways outside of being a social worker. Ana kept her eyes open to different opportunities and managed to obtain a scholarship, meet the Minister of Education in Sydney and attended an event in Canberra to advocate for paid placements for social work students. [Read more](#).

Southern Cross University

Southern Cross University Early Offer information evening

Whether you're a future student, parent or caregiver, join SCU's information session where they'll cover everything you need to know about their Early Offer scheme. They will talk about how to apply, why the Early Offer is a total game-changer plus important dates and scholarship opportunities. Whether you're an ATAR or non-ATAR student, their Early Offer program guarantees your place at Southern Cross University before you even finish Year 12! The information evening will be held on 13 May, Lismore campus from 5 - 7pm. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Southern Cross University's campus tours

Find out more about studying at Southern Cross University by registering for an upcoming campus tours. You will hear from study experts and current students about popular pathways into university, their unique 6-week terms, courses and student support. They will also have information about applying, accepting your offer and enrolling to study. Click [here](#) to register to attend a campus tour on 3 April from 2 - 4pm at either their Gold Coast, National Marine Science Centre in Coffs Harbour or Lismore campuses.

The University of Queensland

2026 Undergraduate Guide

UQ's 2026 Guide is now available [here](#). In the Guide you will find information on:

- Life at UQ
- Learning at UQ
- Applying to UQ
- Study at UQ
- Other information

It's never too early to start your research!

Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)

If you are considering applying for entry to the Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) program for Semester 1/2026 you should read the information on the [UQ website](#) and be aware that:

- Subject prerequisites of Queensland Year 12 (or equivalent) General English subject (Units 3 & 4, C); Chemistry (Units 3 & 4, C) and recommended Biology
- Sit the UCAT ANZ Aptitude test. The aggregate score from all 4 sections of the [University Clinical Aptitude Test \(UCAT\)](#) will be the first selection. Applicants with the same aggregate score are ranked by their UCAT ANZ section 4 score. If this score is also the same, the UCAT ANZ section 1 score is used
- Applicants without adjustments to their ATAR/tertiary rank will be considered before applicants with adjustments.
- The aggregate score from all four sections of the UCAT ANZ/UK will be applied as the primary differentiator to rank applications with ATAR 99.00 (or equivalent) or higher.

Queensland Biology Winter Schools

Applications are now open for The University of Queensland's [Biology Winter Schools](#) for Year 11 students on 30 June to 1 July. The Winter School will provide a deep dive into contemporary topics in biology. Applications close on 1 May 2025.

UQ Ready information sessions

You can join UQ in person or online for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university. Click [here](#) to find out more information and to register for the following events:

02/04/2025: Northern Rivers, NSW - Ballina

30/04/2025: Cairns

06/05/2025: Bundaberg

Torrens University Australia

Courses and Qualifications you might find interesting

[Torrens Uni](#) offer a wide variety of courses and qualifications. You can find a full list of their [courses here](#) including courses in business, design, education, health, English language, hospitality and technology.

University of Southern Queensland

How to apply

There are several ways to apply to study at UniSQ in 2026:

- Check the admission requirements - Each degree has unique entry requirements and pre-requisites. It's important to be aware of the specific requirements for your chosen degree. Learn more on page 60 of their course guide or click [here](#).
- Apply online - Apply via the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) at or [directly](#) to UniSQ.
- Accept your offer - When you receive an email with your offer, follow the steps to accept. If you don't get an offer, don't stress. If you apply through QTAC you may just need to update your preferences. UniSQ can also help you find alternative ways into your chosen degree.

Undergraduate Guide 2026

Click [here](#) to access UniSQ's 2026 Undergraduate Course Guide. You will find valuable information in the guide some of which includes:

- Why UniSQ
- Your UniSQ experience
- Locations
- Scholarships
- Head Start
- The right qualification for you
- How to apply
- Pathways to UniSQ
- Study areas
- Degrees at a glance
- Important information

University of the Sunshine Coast

Guides now available

UniSC has now published their 2026 guides for:

- [2026 Study Guide](#)
- [Headstart Guide](#)
- [Early Offer Guarantee Guidelines for schools](#)

Check them out so your information is up to date!

Pathway programs - pathway diplomas

A full-time, one-year program means you can get a taste for university and have something to show for it, without the commitment of a full degree program. A UniSC pathway diploma is a stand-alone qualification that gives you direct entry and up to one year's credit into selected bachelor's degrees. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- Choose a pathway diploma
- Entry requirements
- Apply through QTAC
- What happens next?

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
25/03/2025	ADF: Maroochydore Gap Year Information Session
25/03/2025	ADF: Warwick A Night in the Army Reserve
25/03/2025	GU Pathways to Medicine Information session
25/03/2025	Police Recruitment Seminar, Toowoomba
25/03/2025	QUT Advice Night for Years 11 & 12
26/03/2025	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
26/03/2025	ADF: Gold Coast Air Force Careers Information Session
26/03/2025	ADF: Townsville Gap Year Information Session
26/03/2025	Police Recruiting Seminar, Mackay
26/03/2025	UniSC Headstart online information webinar
27/03/2025	ADF: Cairns Gap Year Information Session
27/03/2025	GU Pathways to Medicine information session Brisbane South Campus (Nathan)
28/03/2025 to 29/03/2025	Police recruitment session Ipswich Business and Careers Expo
29/03/2025	ANU Open Day
29/03/2025	ANU Open Day
31/03/2025	ADF: Brisbane Gap Year Information Session
31/03/2025	CQUni Bundaberg Regional Medical Pathway info session
01/04/2025	ADF: Charters Towers Trade Careers Information Session
01/04/2025	ADF: Gatton A Night in the Army Reserve
01/04/2025	GU Pathways to Medicine introduction webinar
01/04/2025	START QUT webinar
01/04/2025	Very Short Film Festival competition closes
02/04/2025	ADF: Bowen Trade Careers Information Session
02/04/2025	CQUni Rockhampton Regional Medical pathway info session

02/04/2025	UQ Ready Northern Rivers Info session
03/04/2025	ADF: Gold Coast Army Reserve Information Session
03/04/2025	ADF: Mackay Trade Careers Information Session
03/04/2025	CQUni online Regional Medical Pathways info session
03/04/2025	SCU Campus tours
04/04/2025	Photo Competition QTC closes
06/04/2025 to 12/04/2025	Queensland Youth Week
07/04/2025	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
07/04/2025	ADF: Townsville Defence Careers Information Session
08/04/2025	ADF: Caloundra Defence Careers Information Session
09/04/2025	ADF: Cairns Defence Careers Information Session
09/04/2025	ANU Open Day - Discover their Brisbane Campus
09/04/2025	Discover ACU – Brisbane Campus
10/04/2025	Tuckwell Scholarship for ANU applications close
13/04/2025	Aspiring (Unpublished) competition closes
13/04/2025	Hatchlings writing competition entries close
14/04/2025	Tuckwell Scholarship applications close
15/04/2025	ADF: Cairns Army Reserve Information Session
15/04/2025	ADF: Gold Coast Navy Careers Information Session
15/04/2025	ADF: Maroochydore Women in Defence Information Session
16/04/2025	ADF: Brisbane Navy Careers Information Session
17/04/2025	ADF: Townsville Navy Careers Information Session
24/04/2025	Qld Assoc of Mathematics Teachers Problem Solving Competition entries close
25/04/2025	BOND BUHMUN: Inspiring the leaders of tomorrow registrations close
28/04/2025	FEAST applications close
29/04/2025	GU Countdown to Uni webinar
29/04/2025	TAFE Greenslopes Partnership Nursing Information Session
29/04/2025	TAFE Greenslopes Partnership Nursing Information Session webinar
30/04/2025	UQ Ready Info session

