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Announcements

Fortnight Joke

I was a dentist for a while, but it was like pulling teeth.

Thought for the fortnight

Always remember that everything happens for a reason. It might not make sense now but at the right time it will.

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Apprenticeship Central

Apprenticeships and traineeships let you earn a nationally recognised qualification while getting real work experience with an employer. You'll learn practical, industry skills, get paid and make valuable contacts for the future. Some are part-time and can be started while you are still at school, usually involving one paid workday each week. Full-time apprentices and trainees also complete training alongside their on-the-job learning. [Check out Apprenticeship Central](#) for more info and apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities.

Apprenticeships with the Department of Transport and Main Roads

[Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads](#) (TMR) and [RoadTek](#) offers apprenticeships and traineeships that let you combine paid work with structured training while completing a nationally recognised qualification. Opportunities are available for school students, school leavers and mature-age applicants, with both full-time and part-time pathways available. [Click here to explore apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities](#) through TMR.

Australian Apprenticeships Priority List

Thinking about an Apprenticeship? The Australian Apprenticeships Priority List lists the Apprenticeships that are in demand in 2026 ... and there are lots of them. Click [here](#) to download the Apprenticeship Priority list.

Busy Sisters mentoring supporting women in the trades

The BUSY Sisters program supports women starting apprenticeships and trades in industries that are traditionally male dominated. Funded by the Australian Government, the program offers mentoring, resources and a supportive network of other women beginning their trade careers. Support is available for the first 6 months to help build confidence and settle into the workplace. [Click here](#) (scroll down) to find out more, including:

- About BUSY Sisters
- What is a non-traditional trade?

Group Training Organisations - Why register?

Registering with a Group Training Organisation (GTO) can be a great way to find an apprenticeship or traineeship. GTOs employ apprentices and trainees, then place them with host employers while you complete your training. They can also provide extra support and help you gain experience in different workplaces. [Here you will learn more about GTOs](#) and visit the [National Apprentice Employment Network website](#) to find a GTO near you.

Living away from home allowance (LAFHA)

The Living Away from Home Allowance (LAFHA) is an allowance for eligible Australian Apprentices who have to move away from their parents' or guardians' home to take up or retain an Australian Apprenticeship. This allowance is available to eligible full-time and part-time apprentices during the first three years of their apprenticeship. LAFHA is paid in arrears at the following rates:

- First 12-month period from the date of commencement: \$120.00 per week
- Second 12-month period: \$90.00 per week
- Third 12-month period: \$45.00 per week

[More info here.](#)

Thoroughbred Breeders Australia Fast Track traineeship program

A small number of applicants will be selected for this 12-month program, which combines full-time paid work with formal training. Successful applicants will work at a respected stud farm while completing a nationally recognised Certificate III in Horse Breeding. Throughout the program, trainees gain hands-on experience and attend two intensive training blocks to build the knowledge needed to support their on-farm learning. [More info and application details here.](#)



Australian Defence Force (ADF) Jobs

If you are thinking about joining the Australian Defence Force but are not sure which jobs might suit you, [visit the home page](#) and select 'Choose from over 300 roles' to start exploring. Each role includes information about:

- Benefits
- Salary
- Entry Method
- Find out what it's like
- Need more info?

Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Education Award

If you are in Year 11 and interested in the Australian Defence Force Academy, you may want to [apply for the ADFA Education Award](#). The award recognises students for their leadership, academic and sporting achievements during Year 11. Successful applicants receive a laptop, certificate and a plaque for their school. To apply, you must be studying subjects that meet entry requirements for both UNSW Sydney and your chosen Defence service, and submit your application before 31 December of your Year 11 year. For more information or to apply, visit the [ADFA website](#) or contact Defence Force Recruiting on 13 19 01.

Up There? – Find your ideal role in the Air Force

Want to explore a future with the Royal Australian Air Force? [Visit the Up There website](#) to learn about career pathways, training and the wide range of jobs available in the Air Force. Check it out, including:

- Defending Australia and its interests
- Peak strategic capability
- A force for protection, rescue and disaster relief
- Work with world leading technology
- Up there? You'll go further
- What we do
 - Aircraft
 - Air Force history
 - Do your part - part time
- Mission control
 - Navy
 - Army

Upcoming Australian Defence Force information sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming [Queensland and National ADF events](#) and information sessions by visiting the ADF Defence Jobs or the ADF [Facebook](#) site. Upcoming events are:

- 19/05/2026 [Redcliffe Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 20/05/2026 [Cairns Army Reserve Information Session](#)
[Rockhampton Defence Careers Information Session \(PACC\)](#)
[Emerald Trade Careers Information Session \(PACC\)](#)
- 21/05/2026 [Gold Coast Trade Careers Information Session](#)
- 25/05/2026 [Townsville Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- 26/05/2026 [Maroochydore Army Careers Information Session](#)
[Toowoomba Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- 28/05/2026 [Defence University Sponsorship Information Session](#)
- 02/06/2026 [Cairns Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session](#)

Career Exploration



11 tips to increase your child's interest in careers

Many young people are unsure about their future direction, and that's completely normal. Often, it's not until their early twenties that they develop a clearer sense of who they are and what they want to do. With so much career information available, it's easy to feel overwhelmed or lose interest in the whole "careers" process. Exploring career ideas is a journey that takes time and is influenced by many different factors. [Click here to read about 11 strategies](#) that may help you and your child, including more information about:

1. Stay calm and open-minded
2. Be a positive influence
3. Encourage your child to talk to other adults about their careers
4. Watch movies and television together
5. Talk about the people you know or those you meet in your day-to-day activities
6. Do things together
7. Ask your child what they would choose if they could be or do anything in the whole world
8. Make it easy for your child to participate in work experience programs
9. Encourage your child to participate in activities at school or in the community
10. If your child is ready, encourage them to seek a part-time job
11. Start to build your career profile

A new website for career advice

If you're looking for career ideas, the new [Your Career](#) website may give you some ideas and help. The website includes:

- career quizzes to explore possible future careers
- education or training options to help you upskill or reskill
- *Career Bullseye* posters to help young people choose their school subjects based on what jobs they can lead to
- an A to Z of occupations, including detailed job descriptions, average pay and job opportunities

Career exploration at home

To continue your career exploration at home, myfuture has a list of resources for parents and students. They provide links to websites, activity sheets, videos and more. Check them out [here](#).

Career quiz

The [University of Southern Queensland Career Explorer](#) can help you discover study areas where your talents and interests may flourish. In just five minutes, you can answer a few short questions to explore career options that match your interests, strengths and preferences. It's a great way to start investigating possible career pathways from a university perspective. Click on "I am new to USQ" to begin.

Chart your career path from training to employment

The Training Occupation Pathways (TOP) dataset is a new resource developed by Jobs and Skills Australia (JSA). TOP connects VET qualifications to occupations using data analysis and advice from Jobs and Skills Councils and other industry stakeholders. It highlights how the skills and knowledge gained through training can apply to different jobs and career pathways. The dataset shows possible direct and indirect pathways into occupations, but it does not predict or guarantee actual student employment outcomes. [Find TOP here!](#)

Job Search basics workbook

The [Job search basics workbook](#) is an interactive digital resource providing a range of activities and information to help you with your job search. The workbook aims to:

- help you to understand your work preferences and skills and what you have to offer employers
- provide practical information to help you research employers you want to work for and
- help you to tailor job applications and prepare for interviews.

The workbook has four chapters, each offering interactive exercises and activities to help you build your job search skills:

- Know what you want and can offer
- Understanding employers
- Your job application
- Interviews

Check it out!

What Your Webinar Hub Has

CareersEvent.com has put together a seminar hub providing you with information on careers in:

- Information and Technology
- Creative Arts
- Science
- Defence,
- Tourism and Travel
- Universities
- Health

- Skills-based
- Teaching
- Student Accommodation
- Application Process
- Private Colleges.

There are videos and articles that tell you more about each of the topics. Click [here](#) to find out more. Be informed to be confident!

Work experience is a good idea

The best way to find out what a job is really like is to try it for yourself. A lot of people forget this when making career decisions.

You can explore jobs by:

- doing work observation/shadowing for a day or two
- completing work experience
- volunteering
- getting part-time or casual work
- joining groups like Air Force Cadets or St John Ambulance Cadets
- taking part in career programs and projects such as Engineering Link.

Trying a job can help you:

- learn what the job is really like
- build hands-on skills and experience
- understand what workplaces are like outside school
- gain referees for your resume
- make contacts that may help you find work in the future.

Your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or VET Coordinator can help organise work experience. You can also read the tips on the [myfuture website](#).

Your work preferences do matter

Knowing yourself can make job searching much easier. Understanding your work preferences helps you find jobs, workplaces and industries that suit you best. Think about:

- whether you enjoy working indoors or outdoors
- if you prefer working alone or with others
- whether you like creative or analytical tasks
- if you enjoy practical, hands-on work or more research and theory-based activities.

Understanding what suits you can help you focus on jobs that match your strengths and interests. Check out the following on the [myfuture website](#):

- Knowing your values
- Why work
- Job satisfaction



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

Bond University Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) is a short film competition for aspiring filmmakers from Years 11 and 12. There are 8 categories in the competition – Animation, Art Film, Comedy, Documentary, Drama, Experimental, Music Video and Sport. Entries are now open and close on 7 September 2026. Visit the [BUFTA website](#) for competition and application details and to view the 2025 BUFTA entries. Scroll down and find their 'top tips for entering BUFTA'. Also check out the right-hand side navigation bar.

ReelOzInd – Short film competition

Submissions are now open for the 2026 ReelOzInd - Australia and Indonesia Short Film Competition. Awards will be given for best film, animation, documentary, fiction and best young film maker (13 – 18 years) short films of no longer than 10 minutes that relate to the competition theme, '*Diversity/Keberagaman*'. Details are on the ReelOzInd [website](#) and entries close on 1 August 2026.

Disabilities



Griffith University disability support services

The Student Disability and Accessibility Unit at Griffith University supports students with disabilities, injuries and health conditions studying through Griffith University, Griffith College and Open Universities Australia. Their goal is to improve student participation, access, success and support within learning environments. They support students with a wide range of conditions, including:

- neurodiverse conditions such as autism, ADHD, dyslexia and auditory processing disorders
- hearing impairments
- temporary injuries such as broken or sprained limbs, or recovery from surgery or injury
- medical conditions including epilepsy, arthritis, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, neurological conditions and chronic pain
- mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression and bipolar disorder
- mobility issues including back injuries, spinal cord injuries and musculoskeletal conditions
- vision impairments.

Whether your condition is permanent, temporary, episodic or well-managed, it can still be valuable to explore the support available while studying. It is recommended that students contact the unit before applying to discuss their individual needs and available support options. [More info available here.](#)

NDIS Guide to providing employment supportsg

[The NDIS website](#), (current as of 3 May 2026) has valuable information on the following:

- Understanding where participants are on their employment journey
- What help participants might need
- Typical pattern of supports
- Pricing for supports in employment
- Claiming payments for employment supports
- Reporting on employment outcomes

Ticket to Work

[Ticket to Work](#) is an initiative of National Disability Services (NDS) that works to improve employment opportunities for young people with disability. Research shows participation in work and career experience during high school are key indicators of post-school success. Ticket to Work's website provides great information to assist you to plan an appropriate and achievable pathway from school to work including:

- About us
- Inclusive pathways to employment
- Ticket to work
- Publications
- Resources for Employers
- Resources for Parents
- Stories

Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



ABS Labour Force Data - March 2026

The following are the March 2026 Australian Labour Market trends:

- unemployment rate remained at 4.3%.
- participation rate decreased to 66.8%.
- employment increased to 14,767,700.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.0%.
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 2,016 million.
- full-time employment increased by 52,500 to 10,174,400 people.
- part-time employment decreased by 34,600 to 4,593,300 people.

Australia's top employers in 2026

LinkedIn's latest ranking of Australia's top companies shows that young people and workers are looking for more than just a big salary or famous brand name. In 2026, career growth, learning new skills and opportunities to move into different roles are becoming more important when choosing where to work. Recent LinkedIn data shows that more than 70% of HR leaders in Australia are focusing on skills-based hiring, and many jobs are expected to change significantly as new skills become more important in the future. [Find the top employers here](#) along with info on:

- Skills Are the New Competitive Advantage
- The Globalisation of Talent
- Internal Mobility Is Becoming Essential
- Australia's Top 20 Companies

Career Start funding for school students

Career Start supports Queensland job seekers to start their career or move into more skilled roles or full-time employment. You can participate in either a general training pathway or an employment-based apprenticeship or traineeship pathway. You'll receive reduced-cost entry-level training aligned to the skill outcomes required by industry. Career Start provides eligible Queenslanders with:

- access to certificate III qualifications in priority and emerging industries
- access to apprenticeship and traineeship training in priority and emerging industries
- access to lower-level qualifications identified by industry as the entry point for jobs
- expanded access to foundation skills such as language, literacy, numeracy, digital literacy and employability skills

- increased access to training in regional and remote areas
- supported training pathways for women and priority cohorts to take up skilled careers.

[Find out more and see if you will be eligible here.](#)

Careers in production horticulture: beyond growing plants

Production horticulture is an important and growing industry in Australia. It plays a major role in supplying food and supporting the economy. As the industry continues to expand, there is strong demand for skilled workers and a wide range of career opportunities — many of which go beyond traditional farming jobs.

[More info about the following here:](#)

- Horticulture: more than just growing
- Key roles in Production Horticulture
- Why these roles are growing
- Skills you can develop now
- Exploring your future in horticulture
- The takeaway?

Employers' insights for job seekers

Jobs and Skills Australia surveys around 1,000 employers each month to learn about hiring trends and future staffing needs. This information helps young people understand the job market and what employers are looking for when hiring staff. Learn more about the recruitment methods used and find resources to assist in navigating the job market in particular:

- I would like to understand jobs of the future
- I would like to understand what employers are looking for
- I am interested in labour force statistics

[Find out more here.](#)

How AI Is Enhancing Creativity, Not Replacing It

Whenever a new technology enters the creative industries, the same concern tends to surface: How is this going to impact artists and their creativity? Artificial intelligence is the latest focus of that fear. But if we look at how creativity has evolved over time, a different (and more optimistic) pattern emerges – historically, new tools don't erase creative practice; they actually enhance it. Find out how AI is helping, not hindering, and why there's no need to panic - [READ MORE](#), [WATCH HERE](#)!

Queensland Police

If you are interested in exploring the career opportunities within the Queensland Police Service, you can visit their [website](#) for recruitment information. On the site you can find links to [entry pathways](#) including:

- [Recruit Pathway](#)
- [Application and entry pathways](#)
- [Multi-Cultural Recruit Program](#)
- [First Nations Entry Pathway](#)

There is also information on:

- [What we offer](#)
- [Recruiting events](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)

Resume 101

A “resume” is a word you’ll hear often during the job search process. A resume, sometimes called a CV or curriculum vitae, is a document that outlines your work experience, education, skills and achievements. You’ll need a resume for most job applications, as it helps employers decide whether you may be suitable for a role and whether they would like to invite you to an interview. [Click for some helpful tips](#) from SEEK including:

- What should my resume include?
- How long should my resume be?
- What should it look like?
- What to leave out

Starting a business?

Wanting to start up your own business? Business Queensland has information that will help you start up well. [Find what you need here](#) to know to help you get going including:

- Starting or buying a business
- Business launchpad
- Business finance essentials
- Australian Business Licence and Information Service (ABLIS)
- Business premises and locations
- Digital business and IT
- Finding and hiring staff
- Grants and business support services

VET Myths and Facts

Australia’s vocational education and training (VET) sector delivers strong outcomes for students, industry and the wider economy. However, public perceptions of VET pathways are often very different from the reality of the opportunities and success the sector provides. People often talk about university pathways and VET can sometimes be overlooked as an important post-school option. As a result, many students may not fully explore the valuable career pathways, practical skills and employment opportunities that vocational education can offer. [Find out answers to myths and more facts here:](#)

- **Myth #1** VET graduates earn low wages
- **Fact:** VET graduates earn wages comparable to, if not exceeding, that of university graduates
- **Myth #2** VET graduates struggle to find work
- **Fact:** VET graduates have a higher employment rate than undergraduates. More than 78% of VET graduates are employed after training
- **Myth #3** VET is a thing of the past
- **Fact:** VET courses have adapted more readily to changing workforce needs

What is a portfolio career?

A portfolio career is when you earn money from a mix of jobs, projects and/or businesses instead of working for just one company. It's a flexible way to use your skills and interests and is becoming more popular around the world. [Read Ben Legg's blog](#) and find out more.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Donald Napier Scholarships for quality surveyors

Each year, the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) offers partial scholarships to students starting an AIQS-accredited university degree in Australia. Thanks to the generosity of the late Donald Napier, these scholarships help support future quantity surveying professionals as they begin their university journey. [More info and details here.](#)

How student loans work

Higher education students may be able to get a Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) loan from the Australian Government to help cover study costs now and pay it back later. Get organised and [explore your options early](#) including:

- What a study loan is ...
- The different types of study loans available ...
- Who can apply?
- How to apply ...
- Who checks your eligibility?

Youth Allowance - Are you eligible?

Government payments and allowances can sometimes be confusing, so it's a good idea to book an appointment with your local Centrelink office to talk through your options. One payment you may be eligible for is Youth Allowance. This payment helps support young people while they study, train or look for work. You may be eligible if you are:

- 16–21 and looking for full-time work
- 18–24 and studying full-time
- 16–24 and completing a full-time Australian Apprenticeship
- 16–17 and independent or needing to live away from home to study
- 16–17, studying full-time and have completed Year 12 (or equivalent)

For more information, including payment rates, [visit the Department of Human Services website.](#)

First Nations Peoples



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce

The Australian Government's Health Department is working to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in healthcare. This helps create more culturally safe and supportive health services for communities across Australia. If you're interested in a career in health, [click here to explore more information about:](#)

- *About the workforce* - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff provide culturally safe services for their communities
- *Our support* - How we work to increase the numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people working in health
- *Jobs and scholarships* - Find out about health scholarships and job opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- *Initiatives and programs* - See the scholarships related to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce.

Johnathan Thurston Academy

The Johnathan Thurston Academy delivers programs that support young people with education, employment and wellbeing. Led by one of Australia's greatest sporting role models, Johnathan Thurston, the academy aims to help young people build skills, confidence and future opportunities. [Check out the Johnathan Thurston Academy](#) website to learn more.

UQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students' support and services

Explore the pathways, scholarships and support available to you as an Indigenous student at UQ [here including:](#)

- InspireU residential camp
- Tertiary Experience Day
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Scheme
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit (ATSISU)
- Scholarships



Gap Year Program News

EA Ski + Snowboard Training Experience

Looking for a different kind of Gap experience? EA Ski + Snowboard Training provides a Gap experience in Canada, Japan, New Zealand, USA or Switzerland. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- [Snowboard Training Course](#) - Improve your riding ability, become a qualified snowboard instructor, travel the world and enjoy an epic gap year snowboarding.
- [Ski Training Course](#) - Short on time? Improve your technical ability, gain ski instructor qualifications and ride every day.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register your interest.

Holiday Programs & Short Courses



Mid year school holiday opportunities

You can develop your work skills in many different ways. If you are stuck for something to do during the school holidays, check out school holiday activities that may give you the opportunity to meet new people, develop your confidence, skills and interests. Always remember that you need to thoroughly check out the activity provider to ensure it will be a safe, enjoyable and engaging experience. Click [here](#) for some school holiday options. Click [here](#) for further holidays in the Cairns area.



Helpful websites for researching overseas study options

Thinking about studying overseas? Start researching early! The organisations below can help you explore your options and learn more about studying in another country. It's also a good idea to include your parents or guardians in your research.

[Study and play USA](#) - Provides the knowledge, experience and expertise student-athletes need to travel to the USA to live, play, learn, compete, study, grow in a purpose fit university.

[Education USA](#) – This site offers a five-step approach to researching study in the USA.

[International Student](#) – Provides access to resources for study in USA, Canada and UK.

[QS Top Universities](#) – Provides information on the highest ranked universities in the world.

[Study Link](#) – This site has a search tool that gives you access to thousands of courses from institutions around the world.

[Study Portals](#) – Allows you to search globally for institutions and courses.

[Times Higher Education World University Rankings](#) – A website set up by the company behind the world's most influential university ranking on every continent across the world.

[OS-HELP and overseas study](#) - OS-HELP is a loan available to eligible Australian students enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place who want to undertake some of their study overseas.

[Smartraveller](#) – This Australian Government website provides information for Australian travellers.

[Study in Canada](#) – You can use this site to explore institutions and courses in Canada.

[Study in New Zealand](#) – A course search and information about qualifications and scholarships available.

[British Council: Study UK](#) – Everything you need to know about studying in the United Kingdom.

[Ministry of Education, Singapore](#) – Provides general information about studying in Singapore.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Open Days and Career Expos in June

The following Open Days and Career Expos will provide valuable information for your career planning:

- 28 - 30 May [Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre](#)
- 4 June [Cairns Career and Employment Expo](#)
- 7 June [JCU Mackay Open Day](#)
- 18 June [Fraser Coast Industry and Careers Expo](#)



Private Provider Updates

A Real Estate career could be an option

The Real Estate Institute of Queensland (REIQ) delivers courses for people considering and/or wanting a career in real estate. Visit the REIQ [website](#) for more information about:

- Registration
- Training and licenses
- REIQ Essential Series
- Ask a question

JMC's September holiday workshops

Looking for something creative to do this July? JMC is bringing back our School Holiday Experiences across all campuses—packed with hands-on workshops and real industry vibes. [Explore a wide range of creative fields, including:](#)

- Acting
- Musical Theatre
- Music
- Audio Engineering and Sound Production
- Entertainment and Business Management
- Animation
- Game Design
- Design

These sessions are always in high demand and tend to sell out fast—so don't miss your chance.

UQ College pathway programs to UQ undergraduate courses

UQ College offers different pathway programs into undergraduate and postgraduate study. Click the links below to explore study options and find a pathway that could suit your future plans.

- [UQ College Foundation Program guide](#)
- [Tertiary Preparation Program guide](#)



Application requirements

Make sure you check important application details like minimum age requirements, English subject prerequisites, English language requirements and any course-specific entry scores, prerequisites, auditions, portfolios or fees. Reviewing these early can help make your QTAC application smoother and bring you one step closer to your study goals. Check them out on the individual University websites.

What are minimum selection thresholds? Why you need to check!

The minimum selection threshold is the lowest adjusted ATAR/rank that received an offer for a course in the January 2026 offer round. These scores can change each year depending on how many people apply and their results. [Click here to find](#) the Semester 1 2026 minimum selection thresholds for all Queensland university and TAFE courses. It is a good idea to check them out as they will assist you in researching and ordering your application's preferences.



Check out your myQCE

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority has great tools and information to help you stay organised during school. Year 12 students should register for the Student Portal, where you can access your learning information, check personal details, view your learning account and receive your final Year 12 results. [More info and rego details here.](#)

Literacy and Numeracy requirements for Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) in 2026

To receive a QCE, you must complete enough learning at the required standard, follow the correct study pattern and meet literacy and numeracy requirements. These requirements help make sure you leave school with important skills for work, training and further study.

- The most common way to meet the literacy requirement is by studying QCAA English subjects such as English, Literature or Essential English.
- The most common way to meet the numeracy requirement is by studying QCAA Maths subjects such as General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods, Specialist Mathematics or Essential Mathematics.

It's important to understand these requirements when choosing your senior subjects. [Click here to explore other literacy and numeracy options](#), including International Baccalaureate pathways.

Study Skills and Wellbeing



How to get a high ATAR

Want to do your best in high school but struggling to stay organised? The University of Queensland has shared some useful study and time management tips for students. [Find their article here](#), including the following tips:

- Managing your time
- Putting in the effort
- Looking after yourself
- Striking a study/life balance
- Asking for help
- Maintaining your motivation
- Taking good notes
- Believing in yourself

Study Skills Checklist

Everyone learns differently, so it's important to find study methods that work best for you. [Education Corner recommends starting with their study skills checklist](#). Read each statement and tick Y if it sounds like you or N if it doesn't. The checklist can help you understand your study habits, spot areas to improve and maybe even give you a few "light bulb" moments. If you need extra support, tips or strategies, chat with your Guidance Officer or School Counsellor.

Take care of yourself

Looking after yourself can help you perform better at school. Activities like sport, dance, walking or yoga can boost focus, reduce stress and improve wellbeing. A little stress can help keep you motivated but too much stress — especially during Yr 12 and exams — can affect your performance. Ways to manage stress:

- Relaxation apps like [Smiling Mind](#)
- Planning your time and prioritising tasks
- Talking with friends, family or people you trust
- Taking breaks and making time for things you enjoy

[Click here for more wellbeing tips](#). If you're feeling very stressed, anxious or overwhelmed, talk to your Guidance Officer, School Counsellor, family or doctor.

Fee-Free TAFE

Build job-ready skills in high-demand areas like aged care, community services, cyber security, early childhood education and healthcare with Fee-Free TAFE. With a range of certificates, diplomas and skill sets available, now's a great time to explore your options. Places are limited and courses may change as new funded training opportunities become available. [Find out more here including:](#)

- Courses
- Eligibility criteria
- FAQs
- Free Nursing
- Free Apprenticeship for U25's
- Other subsidies

International students

As an international student, there are two easy ways to enroll with TAFE Queensland.:

1. You can apply directly through their online [portal](#).
2. Depending on your nationality, you may be able to apply through an authorised [Education Agents](#) who can assist you with your TAFE Queensland application and guide you through the enrolment process.

If you are under the age of 18 you will only be accepted where you demonstrate that you will be accompanied by a parent, legal custodian or a suitable relative who is aged 21 or over or you arrange accommodation with a Homestay family. For more information visit [Department of Home Affairs](#) website. Click [here](#) for more information. They will update information throughout the year so it is best to keep checking in with TAFE.

TAFE at School

Get a head start on your future with TAFE at School. You can complete a nationally recognised qualification while still at school, helping you become job ready and build pathways into future study or careers. TAFE courses usually replace one senior subject and fit around the school timetable.

2027 enrolments open in July 2026 and places can fill quickly, so talk to your VET Coordinator, Guidance Officer or School Counsellor to get started. [More information and application details here.](#)

Thinking about TAFE?

TAFE Queensland is offering around 400 courses across the State during 2026. Courses range from Certificate III, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Undergraduate Certificates, Associate Degrees and Bachelor Degrees. TAFE offers a huge range of tertiary course opportunities and you can check them out [here](#). Study areas include:

- Business
- Education and community
- Health and science
- Service industries
- Creative industries
- Environment and animal services
- Infrastructure and transport
- Trades

Wide Bay Burnett campus snapshot

The Wide Bay Burnett region includes Bundaberg, Gympie, Kingaroy, Nurunderi (Cherbourg), and Hervey Bay. Campuses across the region offer courses in areas like health, childcare, hospitality, IT, beauty, trades, construction, business and more.

- Bundaberg – community services, nursing, hospitality, IT, trades and more
- Gympie – childcare, education, beauty, trades and more
- Hervey Bay – hospitality, IT, nursing and community services
- Kingaroy – aged care, construction, engineering, cookery and more
- Nurunderi (Cherbourg) – First Nations programs, nursing, business, construction and more

[More info about campuses and courses offered here.](#)

Good Universities Guide's Parent Hub

Supporting your child with education and career decisions can feel exciting but also a little overwhelming. With so many courses, study options and career pathways available, parents play an important role in helping young people explore futures that match their strengths, interests and goals. Whether your child is finishing school or planning further study, you can find expert advice, tools and information to help you make informed decisions together. [Find more information here.](#)

Not sure what the terms mean?

Confused by university jargon? You're not alone! This ACU glossary explains common terms you might come across when researching, applying for, enrolling in or studying at University. It's a great guide for future and current students to help make uni language easier to understand. [Click here to find out more](#) such as:

- Undergraduate - When you start uni, you are an undergraduate student working towards your bachelor or associate degree.
- Unit or course - A subject within a program or course. Each subject or unit has a specified number of credit points that count towards a degree.
- Selection rank - This is a ranking used to assess your admission to a course. Your course selection rank can include your ATAR, any adjustment factors you might be eligible for and any other contributions such as, VET qualifications or STAT results.

Start your serious pathway research here

The Good Universities Guide lets you [explore all Uni, TAFE and training courses in Australia here](#). You will be able to shortlist and compare pathways and courses at:

- Undergraduate level at Uni
- Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- Careers
- Institutions

UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) scoring and applying to sit the test

[The UCAT ANZ](#) helps some universities make selection into medicine, dentistry and clinical science courses fairer. Your score is based on the number of correct answers you give across different test sections, with scores scaled from 300–900. The test also includes Situational Judgement, which looks at how you respond

to real-world situations and make decisions. [Learn more about the UCAT ANZ process and scoring](#). Want to sit UCAT? [Final bookings close on 5 June](#).

Australian Catholic University

Entry pathways

CQUniversity offers entry pathways and enabling courses to help you build the skills and confidence to get into university or TAFE study. If you're finishing Year 12, these programs can help you move into your preferred course or explore other study options. [Click here to learn more about:](#)

- STEPS
- Start Uni Now (SUN)
- Start TAFE Now (STN)
- Entry Pathways

Is a pathway certificate or diploma for me?

By studying a pathway certificate or diploma, you can take advantage of lower entry requirements to begin studying what you love. ACU will then use any completed grades to help secure your spot in a more advanced course. They offer programs in a wide range of study areas, applying is easy and they'll help you if you get stuck. [More info here](#) especially if you are an international student or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to find out about:

- Choosing your pathway course
- How to move to an advanced degree
- Getting extra credit
- Choosing a course provider is appropriate
- Applying

Talk with Industry Series

ACU is hosting webinars where you can hear from alumni (graduated students) about their professional experiences after completing their studies at ACU. You will be able to take part in a Q&A session with ACU graduates to find out what your future could hold with one of our degrees. Upcoming events are:

20/05/2026 [Talk with Arts Students and Graduates](#): Turning Passion into Purpose - 6:00 - 6:45pm

21/05/2026 [Talk with Biomedicine and Nutrition Experts](#): From Science to Real-World Impact - 6:00 - 6:45pm

[More info and rego details here.](#)

What you can study at ACU

ACU offers a wide range of courses across many faculties or study fields including.

- Allied health
- Business
- Creative arts
- Global studies and International development
- Humanities and social sciences
- Information Technology
- Law and criminology
- Nursing, midwifery and paramedicine
- Nutrition and biomedical science
- Philosophy
- Professional education
- Public Health and administration
- Sport and exercise science
- Teaching
- Theology
- Youth work and community development

Find out more [here](#).

Bond University

Bond scholarships

31% of undergraduate students in 2026 received a Bond scholarship. Each scholarship looks for different skills, talents and achievements, so the application process can vary. However, there are a few key steps that all applicants will need to follow. Reach out to Bond for support through every step of your scholarship application which include:

- Step 1: Submit your application for your chosen program.
- Step 2: Use the [Scholarship Finder tool](#) to find the scholarships most suited to you.
- Step 3: Before starting your scholarship application, read through our [scholarship application tips](#)
- Step 4: Complete the scholarship application form relevant to the scholarship(s) you are applying for.
- Step 5: The Bond team will be in touch once the outcome of your scholarship application has been decided

[More info and scholarship EAQ's here.](#)

Entry for Australian Year 12 students

If you are completing Year 12 in Australia this year, apply with your Year 11 and Year 12 Semester 1 results. Offers for current Year 12 students will be made as soon as possible. [Here's how you could get an offer](#) to study at Bond University before you even sit your final exams.

New degree in 2027

Bond are offering the new undergraduate degree [Bachelor of Enterprise Artificial Intelligence](#), for students who want to combine tech skills with real world business impact 'WHY' - AI is no longer optional. This degree is built for the next generation of digital leaders, founders and problem-solvers

Central Queensland University

Destination Doctor experience sessions

Year 10 students interested in medicine can explore a future in rural health through the Destination Doctor program. Students will take part in hands-on clinical workshops like blood typing, suturing, patient simulations and checking vital signs, while learning from medical professionals and current students. The program also explains the Regional Medical Pathway, application process and different study pathways into medicine. Applications close 3 pm, Friday 22 May 2026. [More info and locations here](#) as well as rego details:

- 5 June Emerald 9:15 - 1:15; CQUniversity Emerald Campus
- 9 June Bundaberg G1 9am - 1pm; G2 12 noon - 4pm; CQUniversity Bundaberg Campus
- 11 June Harvey Bay G1 9am - 1pm; G2 12 noon - 4pm; University of Queensland, Hervey Bay Rural Clinical School
- 17 June Rockhampton G1 9am - 1pm; G2 12 noon - 4pm; CQUniversity Rockhampton North Campus
- 18 June Gladstone 9am - 1 pm; CQUniversity Gladstone Campus

Engineering Information Sessions

CQUniversity is hosting an Engineering Information Evening on Tuesday 26 May 2026 from 5:30 - 7:30pm at the Bundaberg, Cairns, Gladstone, Mackay and Rockhampton campuses. Bring your family or friends and explore the different engineering study options, future careers and pathways into university. You'll also learn about paid work experience opportunities, support programs like STEPS, hear from industry speakers and tour the engineering labs. [More info and registration here](#).

Senior Students, Parents and Supporters Webinar

High school students in Years 10, 11 and 12, along with parents and supporters, are invited to join this webinar on 2 June from 4 - 5pm. You find out about university and TAFE pathways after school offered through Central Queensland Uni. The session will explain different study options, pathways during and after

Year 12 and share helpful resources to support career planning and future decision-making. [More info and rego here.](#)

Study TAFE at CQUniversity

Looking to build new skills or get job ready? As Central Queensland's official TAFE provider, CQUniversity offers trusted training through online and on-campus certificates, diplomas, skill sets and short courses. With campuses across Queensland and courses available year round, there are plenty of study options to explore. [Click here to see the TAFE study areas](#) and qualifications available through CQU including:

- Allied Health
- Business and Accounting
- Community Services
- Education, Teaching and Childcare
- Engineering, Built Environment and Aviation
- English and Study Pathways
- Information Systems and Technology
- Law, Criminology and Justice
- Nursing, Paramedicine and Health
- Safety Sciences
- Science, Environment and Agriculture
- Service Industries
- Trades
- Visual Arts

What can you study at CQUni?

CQUniversity gives you flexible study options, with multiple start dates each year and both online and on-campus learning. You can access study materials anytime from your mobile and choose when and how you study. Their courses are designed with industry in mind, helping you graduate with job-ready skills. [Explore the courses available at CQUni including:](#)

- Allied Health
- Business and Accounting
- Creative Performing and Visual Arts Digital Media, Communication and Arts
- Education and Teaching and Childcare
- Engineering and Built Environment and Aviation
- Information Systems and Technology
- Law, Criminology and Justice
- Nursing, Paramedicine and Health
- Psychology, Social Work and Community Service
- Safety Sciences
- Science, Environment and Agriculture

Griffith University

Bachelors in Music, Musical Theatre and Acting offered at the Queensland Conservatorium application process

If you are considering studying Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Musical Theatre or Bachelor of Acting you should be starting to get organised regarding your 2027 application. There are auditions and interviews required as a prerequisite for these courses and more information will be on their [website](#). The steps to apply include:

1. Apply to QTAC by 4 September 2026
2. Pay your audition fees through GriffithPAY
3. Submit a recorded audition/folio and supporting documents

Click [here](#) for more information about audition requirements, audition video tips and to register for updates.

Griffith Film School Experience Week

Griffith Film School offers Experience Week programs for Year 11 and 12 students interested in filmmaking, animation or game design. Across the week-long program, you'll choose a study area, learn from industry-connected teachers, build practical skills and create work for your portfolio while experiencing what it's like to study at Griffith Film School. 2026 registrations are now open for Week 1 starting 29 June and Week 2 starting 6 July. [More info and application details here](#).

Individual Q&A Session

You can book a 30-minute Q&A session to explore your study options, receive personalised application support and get advice on a range of support services available at Griffith. Video call or telephone appointments are available. Click [here](#) for more information and to book an appointment time.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

Are you are studying the International Baccalaureate Diploma and want to find out more about what Griffith Uni can offer you then click [here](#) and find out about:

- Guaranteed Admission Scheme
- Tertiary Admissions Rank for IB students
- International Baccalaureate Safety Net
- Adjustment Factors
- Credit Transfer

Musical Theatre Audition Workshops

Are you planning to audition for a tertiary Musical Theatre course? Find out what it takes to audition successfully at one of GU's Musical Theatre Audition Workshops. The workshops are open to applicants in Years 11 and above who want to develop auditioning skills in Musical Theatre. Week 1 will be held from 29 June - 3 July and Week 2 from 6 - 10 July at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre South Brisbane. [Find out more here including Promo video and application details.](#)

James Cook University

JCU's scholarships

A scholarship can help you get more out of your student experience, build professional connections and ease financial pressure while you study. Whether you've got strong goals and achievements or just need a bit of extra support, there may be a scholarship for you. With more than 50 scholarships available, [explore your options and check your eligibility.](#)

Queensland University of Technology

QUT Year 9–10 Advice Night

Year 9 or 10 students who are curious about uni life are invited to join QUT online on 2 June to discover QUT courses, explore how to get in and find out what makes uni different from school. Plus, hear real stories from current QUT students about their uni experience. [Learn more and register.](#)

START QUT Semester 2

Are you a high-achieving Year 11 student and interested in studying a university subject in Semester 2? You will have access to QUT's facilities and will enjoy campus life in the same way as current university students. This is a great opportunity to get a head start on your chosen undergraduate course or to try out study areas you're interested in. Applications for START QUT Semester 2 close Sunday 31 May and late applications will not be taken. [Learn more and apply now.](#)

Travel overseas as part of your QUT degree

Studying overseas can give you valuable life experience, help you build confidence and prepare you for a global career. It also shows employers skills like independence, flexibility and initiative. Once you're studying at Queensland University of Technology, you can apply to study overseas for one or two semesters and gain credit towards your degree through their exchange program. Scholarships and financial support may also be available. [More information here.](#)

What is QUT You?

The QUT You program helps you build future-ready skills like creative thinking, self-awareness and digital skills through activities and experiences built into your degree. During Welcome Week, you can also join fun activities, meet other students and connect with the QUT community. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Why study urban and regional planning

Urban and regional planners shape the future of cities and communities. This career suits people who want to make a lasting impact on how cities and regions evolve and how people experience the places they live and work. At QUT, students will gain hands-on experience tackling real-world challenges such as housing, transport, climate change and urban growth through projects with government, industry, and community partners. [Watch our video to learn more.](#)

Year 12 Early Offer Scheme changes

Students can now use results from recognised General or Applied creative arts subjects to receive an early offer for the Bachelor of Creative Arts, provided they are on an ATAR-eligible pathway. [Learn more.](#)

The University of Queensland

ESP - Enhanced Studies Program

Get a taste of university study and campus life through ESP. The program is open to high-achieving Queensland Year 11 students who are ready to take on extra study while still at school. You'll need school and parent approval, plus strong results to apply. Applications for Semester 2, 2026 close on 29 May 2026. Click here for [more information](#) and [application details](#).

UQ Ready events

UQ are hosting information nights that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university. Upcoming evenings are (you need to register):

20 May 2026 [Toowoomba](#) 5.30pm—7.00pm; Toowoomba Golf Club, Diamond Function Room 235-323 Rowbotham Street, Middle Ridge

26 May 2026 [Townsville](#) 5.30pm—7.00pm; Rydges Southbank Townsville, Kingston Room, 23 Palmer St, South Townsville

09 June 2026 [Rockhampton](#) 5.30pm—7.00pm; Rockhampton Leagues Club, Phillips Lounge Cambridge Street, Rockhampton

Vocational Education and Training (VET) study entry pathway

You can be assigned a selection rank for competitive entry to UQ based on your Vocational and Education Training (VET) study if you have at least one of the following:

- AQF Certificate III (completed) - Tertiary Rank 68
- AQF Certificate IV (completed) - Tertiary Rank 74
- AQF Diploma - Tertiary Rank 82
- sub-bachelor level study (based on the level and duration of study, and your grade point average).

If you're a **current Year 12 student** with a VET qualification, you can use this qualification to apply for entry to UQ from Semester 2 of the year after you finish Year 12. You must still achieve a pass in any prerequisite subjects. Click [here](#) for more information. If you've completed competency-based VET study, you can raise your selection rank by combining it with results from the [Special Tertiary Admissions Test \(STAT\)](#), as long as you're over 18 and not a current Year 12 student.

What can I do with a degree in ...?

Not sure what degree or career path is right for you? The University of Queensland has created a guide linking UQ degrees to different careers. You can also hear from graduates about what they do, what they enjoy about their jobs and what their work is really like. [Click here to explore study and career ideas based on your interests.](#)

- How to choose a uni degree based on career options
- Search careers by study area
 - [Agriculture and animal science](#)
 - [Architecture, design and urban planning](#)
 - [Arts, humanities and social sciences](#)
 - [Business and economics](#)
 - [Communication, media and experience design](#)
 - [Computer science and IT](#)
 - [Education](#)
 - [Engineering](#)
 - [Environment](#)
 - [Health and medicine](#)
 - [Law](#)
 - [Science and mathematics](#)

World Religions Experience Day

Explore how major world religions have had and continue to have profound impacts on societies around the globe. What's involved:

- Experience a day at the St Lucia campus of UQ.
- Hear from world-leading scholars in the study of religion.
- Learn about specific religions and the place of religion in the contemporary world.

- Take part in sessions on topics such as Islam and Society, Science and Religion Conflict, Hinduism: Sacred Texts, and Abraham Joshua Heschel and the Meaning of the Sabbath in 20th-century America.

Sessions are available on 22 and 23 July. [Find the program and rego details here.](#)

Young ChangeMakers Program for Year 11 students

If you're in Year 11 and have big ideas, the [Young Change Makers program](#) could be for you. Over 4 days, you'll meet other students, explore real-world challenges and build your leadership and communication skills. The program includes:

- a 4-day (3-night) stay at UQ's St Lucia campus
- interactive workshops, keynote sessions and social activities
- a chance to experience university life
- a Young Change Makers reunion at UQ Open Day 2026.

The program runs from 29 November to 2 December 2026 and applications close on 20 September 2026.

University of Southern Queensland

Career Ready?

UniSQ has activities that will help you to learn to manage your career, explore what's possible in your field, and connect with people who've been where you're heading. Topics include:

- Planning your career
- Work experience and networking
- Job application and interview resources
- Mentoring
- Graduate employment opportunities

You can book a career conversation in person, phone or Zoom. [Find out more info here including contact details.](#)

Pathway programs and short courses

Not getting the Year 12 results you hoped for or missing subjects needed for your future career? University of Southern Queensland offers Pathways to Uni programs to help you build confidence and prepare for university study. [Click here to explore options including:](#)

- UniPrep
- UniSQ Ready
- Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP)

- Head Start
- What is a Diploma?

University of the Sunshine Coast

Career Directory

Know the career you're looking for, but not sure which degree will take you there? Use the career directory on the UniSC [website](#) to find the right UniSC degree. This site can be helpful in getting a better understanding between jobs and their related degrees generally.

Parent Guide

UniSC's Parents' Guide supports parents when navigating their child's transition to university. The guide offers valuable tips, resources and advice to help parents to understand what to expect and how to support your child every step of the way. Click [here](#) to download the guide.

What degree should I study?

Career planning is an ongoing process that can change as your interests, goals and opportunities change. A big part of it is choosing a course or study area that matches your career ideas and future plans. University of the Sunshine Coast recommends three simple steps:

- learn about yourself
- explore careers and occupations
- find the right UniSC degree.

[Their Deciding on a Career webpage](#) has lots of useful tips to help with your career and course decisions.

Upcoming Events



Date	Event
18/05/2026 to 24/05/2026	National Volunteer Week (NVW)
19/05/2026	ADF: Redcliffe Defence Careers Information Session
20/05/2026	ADF: Cairns Army Reserve Information Session
20/05/2026	ADF: Emerald Trade Careers Information Session (PACC)
20/05/2026	ADF: Rockhampton Defence Careers Information Session (PACC)
20/05/2026 to 21/05/2026	Gold Coast Careers Festival
20/05/2026	QUT STEM + X: Data Science Careers Webinar
20/05/2026	UniSC HeadStart Info seminar - Sunshine Coast
20/05/2026	UniSC HeadStart Info Session Fraser Coast
20/05/2026	UQ Ready Toowoomba session
21/05/2026	ADF: Gold Coast Trade Careers Information Session
21/05/2026	CQU online chat session
21/05/2026	UniSC Headstart Info session - Moreton Bay campus
22/05/2026	Destination Doctor experience session applications close
23/05/2026	Australian Performing Arts Conservatory (APAC)
24/05/2026	Queensland Biology Winter School, Year 11
25/05/2026	ADF: Townsville Army Reserve Information Session
26/05/2026	ADF: Maroochydore Army Careers Information Session
26/05/2026	ADF: Toowoomba Army Reserve Information Session
26/05/2026	UQ Ready info session Townsville
27/05/2026	UniSC Headstart online Info session
28/05/2026	ADF: Defence University Sponsorship Information Session
28/05/2026	Bond Communication Experience Day
28/05/2026 to 30/05/2026	Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo

28/05/2026	UCAT ANZ Late booking closes
29/05/2026	ESP - Enhanced Studies Program applications close
31/05/2026	QUT START Semester 2 applications close
01/06/2026	QUT Mooting competition registrations close
02/06/2026	CQUni Senior Students, Parents and Supporters Webinar
02/06/2026	QUT Yr 9 - 10 Advice Night
02/06/2026	QUT Yr 9 & 10 Advice night
04/06/2026	Bond Architecture Experience Day
04/06/2026	Bond Enterprise AI in Action
05/06/2026	Bond Global Changemakers Experience Day
05/06/2026	Future Leaders workshop rego closes
05/06/2026	UCAT ANZ Final booking deadline
06/06/2026	Bond Health Experience Day
09/06/2026	UQ Ready info session Rockhampton
12/06/2026	Griffith University's Score It: Film scoring competition closes
12/06/2026	Score It: Griffith Uni's high school film scoring competition closes
12/06/2026	UQ UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship information webinar
13/06/2026	Bond Law Court Advocacy Showcase
28/06/2026 to 01/07/2026	UQ FEAST event
29/06/2026 to 30/06/2026	UQ QLD Biology Winter School
30/06/2026	Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards