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Announcements

A reminder - You will need a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

All students wanting to continue on with their studies and/or learning after school, (Apprenticeship, Traineeship, VET Certificate, Diploma or Undergraduate degree) and also wanting to access Commonwealth financial assistance ([Help or VET Loans](#)) will need to get a Unique Student Identifier (USI). This is easily done online however, you will need to have a form of ID when you apply. Click [here](#) to find out what a USI is, how to apply and what ID is acceptable (your school ID is not accepted). Get your USI soon and don't leave it till the last minute when you are applying for your course.

Joke of the fortnight

I tried to be a chef – figured it would add a little spice to my life but I just didn't have the thyme.

Thought for the fortnight

Success is peace of mind, which is a direct result of knowing that you did your best to become the best you are capable of - John Wooden

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Additional Support for Apprentices and Employers from 1 July 2025

From 1 July 2025, the Australian Government is providing extra support for apprentices and their employers to help with cost-of-living pressures and to strengthen Australia's skilled workforce including the Key Apprenticeship Program (KAP). It is designed to encourage the growth of the workforce and expansion of the pipeline of workers training towards critical occupations supporting priority sectors. From 1 July 2025, KAP will be available to commencing or recommencing Australian Apprentices. Eligible Australian Apprentices may be eligible to receive up to \$10,000 for a full-time apprenticeship and up to \$5,000 for a part-time apprenticeship over the life of the Australian Apprenticeship journey. Click [here](#) for more information about:

- KAP schedule and rates
- Extension of support payments
- Higher living away from home allowance (LAFHA)
- Increased disability Australian apprentice wage support (DAAWS)

It's time to start looking for that apprenticeship!

The Queensland Government's [website](#) has valuable information if you are looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship after school. There are two broad types of employers for apprenticeships – an individual employer or a Group Training Organisation (GTO). GTO's pay your wages and organise your formal training but place you with host employers for your actual on-the-job training. Below are strategies you can use to find employers:

- Search the Internet for relevant websites
- Contact GTOs near you – find a list of Queensland GTOs [here](#)
- Scan school and community notice boards
- Approach previous employers - e.g. from work experience or part-time work (take a copy of your resume with you)
- Visit your school VET coordinator and Guidance Counsellor/Officer
- Talk to Australian Apprenticeships – search for the one located near you [here](#) or ring the info line at 13 38 73
- How to find and prepare for an apprenticeship, click [here](#)

Most importantly, check out your social network (parents, extended family, neighbours and friends' parents). Usually there is someone who knows someone who might be looking for an apprentice. Don't be afraid to approach employers who have not advertised a vacancy. It is said that up to a third of jobs are obtained through contacts rather than advertisements. Approaching employers who have not advertised a vacancy is called 'cold calling'. Find out more about cold calling [here](#).

Skilling Australia

Gaining and/or having the skills that companies require are changing all the time. This makes the need to re-skill or upskill more vital than ever. [This short video](#) provides an industry perspective on the changing world of work. The following links will be of assistance.

- [I want to be an apprentice](#)
- [Skilling Australia for Tomorrow](#)
- [Fair Work Ombudsman](#)

Training sites for apprenticeships and traineeships

As part of your apprenticeship or traineeship you will be required to complete some off the job training. The links below provide great information:

- [Apprenticeships & Traineeships](#)
- [Group Training Australia](#)
- [My Skills](#)
- [Queensland Skills Gateway](#)
- [Training](#)

VET courses in Queensland?

One source of this information is the [Queensland Skills Gateway website](#). Use the training course search function on the site, enter the field of work (e.g. carpentry), the level of the course (e.g. All) and the industry (e.g. Construction). While the website's focus is vocational education and training (VET), it does include an occupational search function that has information on a broader range of careers and other helpful sites.



Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

The Australian Defence Force holds career information sessions across Queensland highlighting a number of different ADF career pathways. For details about the following events and for information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#). Click on the links below to find out more and register to attend:

- [ADF Careers Information session video](#)
- [RMC Information Session video](#)
- [Army Reserve information session video](#)
- [Army General Entry Information Session video](#)
- [Navy Officer Information Session video](#)
- [Navy Technical Trades Information Session video](#)

26/08/2025	Warwick A Night in the Army Reserves
	Greenbank A Night in the Army Reserves
28/08/2025	Gold Coast Trade Careers Information Session
	Bundaberg Indigenous Pathways Information Session
01/09/2025	Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
02/09/2025	Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session
	Townsville Defence Careers Information Session
03/09/2025	Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session
04/09/2025	Brisbane Officer & Management Careers Information Session
	Maroochydore Trade Careers Information Session
09/09/2025	Brisbane Army Special Forces Information Session
	Loganlea A Night in the Army Reserves
	Gatton A Night in the Army Reserves
	Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session

Career Exploration



Architect - A Career Spotlight

Architects use creativity and a practical understanding of structures and materials to develop concepts, plans, specifications and detailed drawings for buildings and other structures. They negotiate with builders and planning authorities, administer building contracts and inspect work that has been carried out. A good architect tends to have an aptitude for design, creativity, have a logical approach to problem-solving good communication skills, and strong writing and drawing skills. If this applies to you, a [career in architecture](#) could be worth considering. Click [here](#) to read more including:

- Varied and interesting work
- Great tangible rewards
- It offers a great creative outlet
- Enticing perks
- You'll help improve the lives of others

Career quiz to give you some ideas

Career quizzes are not designed to give you a definite answer about what you should do but they can give you some fresh ideas to research. Explore Careers free quiz will help you discover the Australian industries and careers that you can research. The quiz results will tell you about companies that you could work for. [Click here](#) to start the quiz.

Career road test

It's hard to sort through your ideas and options for study and jobs in your future. JobJumpstart suggests that when buying a car, most people will shop around, look at different models and do a few test drives before making a decision. You can take the same approach when it comes to making decisions about your career. The Australian Government has developed a workbook that will help you to investigate your chosen industry or occupation and then to think about how your research impacts on your career plans. [Click here](#) to access the booklet and start planning.

Certificate IV in Entrepreneurship and New Business through UQ Skills

If you are in Year 11 or 12 in 2026 you can undertake the Certificate IV in Entrepreneurship and New Business. You will gain the practical, hands-on skills to think like an entrepreneur. Discover how to think

creatively and identify business opportunities, conduct market research, find a good product-market fit, and develop strategic business plans. Click [here](#) for more information and talk to your VET coordinator at school.

Dental practitioners profile - what do they do?

Dental Practitioners diagnose and treat dental disease, restore normal oral function using a broad range of treatments, such as surgery and other specialist techniques, and advise on oral health. Tasks include:

- Diagnosing dental diseases using a range of methods such as radiographs, salivary tests and medical histories
- Providing preventative oral health care such as periodontal treatments, fluoride applications and oral health promotion
- Providing restorative oral care such as implants, complex crown and bridge restorations, and orthodontics, and repairing damaged and decayed teeth
- Providing oral surgical treatments such as biopsy of tissue and prescription of medication
- Performing routine orthodontic treatment
- Restoring oral function with removable and fixed oral prostheses
- Assisting in diagnosing general diseases having oral manifestations such as diabetes
- Educating patients to take care of their mouth and teeth
- Leading a dental team which may comprise Dental Hygienists, Dental Therapists, Dental Assistants and other Dental Specialists

Click [here](#) for more information.

Learning pathways made simple

A bit confused about the different available pathways after school? SkillsRoad.com.au have put together a simple summary to get you started in your pathway research. Click [here](#) to find out about the:

- University learning pathway
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships pathways
- Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathways

Leaving school and not sure what's next

Life after school can be full of exciting opportunities. The School Leavers Information Kit (SLIK) can help you make the next move. You might discover new passions, develop valuable skills or learn more about what you want out of life. Change can be challenging but there are countless pathways for you to explore. Click [here](#) to find out what's out there as you make your next move. Your Career have put together the School Leavers Information Kit to help you make your next move. You can also check out the school leavers support page for useful information and resources to assist you in making your next move!

Making your dream career a reality

JobJumpstart has put together an [article](#) with hints and tips for finding that dream job. If you are interested in a specific career or want to find out whether a job is right for you, then following these five steps could increase your chances of making your dream job a reality:

1. Step 1. Do your research
2. Step 2. Watch day-in-the-life videos for an idea of what it's really like to work in a particular job
3. Step 3. Match your skills and aptitudes to those required for the job
4. Step 4. Link with employers
5. Step 5. Connect with training

School to Work Pathways: infographics and activities

Myfuture has developed 26 infographics that will help you to visualise various pathways you can take from school to work and help you to question and explore your options and research the possibilities. They also show the educational qualifications/levels; however, these should be checked with the different institutions. Click [here](#) to access the pathway infographics.

Types of apprenticeships

These are the different types of apprenticeships you can complete based on your circumstances and needs. When referring to 'Australian Apprenticeships', this includes apprenticeships and traineeships. Both combine learning at a training organisation and learning on the job. The only difference is the level of financial support you might be eligible for. This varies based on:

- What state or territory you live in; and
- What qualification you're completing.

Click [here](#) for more information and also [contact an Apprentice Connect Australia Provider](#).

Wanting to know more about language?

Learning a second or third language opens your eyes to a whole new world. If you are interested in languages but don't have the desire to learn another one, a foreign language is not the only path you can take. Many courses are available in English, linguistics, applied linguistics, interpreting and translating which all look at human language in very different ways.

For more information about careers and education in this field, visit the Australian Federation of [Modern Language Teachers Associations](#), [Australian Linguistic Society](#) and [National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters](#) websites. If you are interested in general study of language and culture, you might want to check out university offerings in communications and humanities and social sciences.



BUFTA - Flickerfest Australian Youth and School Competition 2026

FLICKERFEST, Australia's premier international short film festival, will be held at Sydney's famous Bondi Beach in January 2026. FlickerUp 2026 competition is an Australian Youth & Schools Competition which screens at Flickerfest. It is open to films from students enrolled in secondary schools in Australia and individuals 18 years & under. Films must be under 35mins, completed in the last 2 years. FlickerUp submissions are due in on Monday 15 September 2025. Click [here](#) (scroll down and navigate using the coloured bar on the right hand side of the screen) to find out more about:

- Announcements
- Important dates
- Categories
- How to enter
- Terms and Conditions
- Resources and FAQs

Disabilities



Employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities

Become has written an article for students with disabilities who are researching employment opportunities and whether or not to disclose a disability when applying for work. Today's job market is vast and accommodates people with a wide range of skills, interests, talents, goals and abilities. A disability, whether physical or mental, should not limit anyone's career aspirations or job prospects. Finding success and satisfaction at work is ultimately about identifying your interests and where your strongest attributes and skills lie. Although this is an American organisation the information can be relevant in the Australian context although the legal expectations may be different. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- What to look for in a job
- Employment and disclosing a disability
- Expert advice on if and when to disclose
- Challenges and rights for workers with disabilities
- Challenges that may still exist
- Expert advice on asking employers for accommodations
- Find the program you want in minutes

School Leaver Employment Support (SLES)

School leaver Employment Support helps participants who have difficulties in the areas of learning, social interaction and self-management to move from school to work and are available in the final years of school and directly after leaving school. Providers who deliver school leaver employment supports help young people prepare, look for and gain employment. They provide meaningful, individualised capacity building activities so young people can achieve their employment goals. As part of managing a participant's employment barriers, providers can:

- support a participant's unique pathway to employment
- help foster partnerships and goodwill in the local community
- use their professional networks to engage and connect with employers.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



Financial and Insurance Services

Around 3.9% of workers have their main job in the Financial and Insurance Services industry. Businesses in this industry are mainly involved in activities like:

- Banking and other financial services
- Life, health and other insurance cover
- Superannuation funds
- Other auxiliary finance and insurance services

A large share of the workforce work in cities. Median earnings are \$1,900 per week, higher than all industries median earnings of \$1,700. Click [here](#) for more information.

Interested in being a police officer?

Visit the Queensland Police Recruiting website to begin your exploration. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

QPC events - Find career events and seminars online or near you

Life as an officer - What to expect from training to policing

Roles at QPS - Explore a career that's dynamic, challenging and rewarding

Also:

- A career that benefits you
- Life on the front line
- Applying with a tertiary degree
- Applying as a high school graduate
- How to join the police force

Labour Force Data June 2025

The Australian Bureau of Statistics have published their June 2025 labour force data. Click [here](#) to read more.

In seasonally adjusted terms, in June 2025:

- unemployment rate increased to 4.3%.

- participation rate increased to 67.1%.
- employment increased to 14,619,300.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.2%.
- underemployment rate increased to 6.0%.
- monthly hours worked decreased to 1,974 million.
- full-time employment decreased by 38,200 to 10,063,200 people.
- part-time employment increased by 40,200 to 4,556,100 people.

National employment overview

The Australian labour market was strong over the year to November 2024, with the number of people employed increasing by 334,500 (or 2.4%), to stand at a record high of 14,535,500. Full-time employment accounted for more than two thirds (68.2%) of the increase over the period. Reflecting the underlying strength and resilience of the Australian labour market, the unemployment rate stood at just 3.9% in November 2024, while the participation rate, at 67.0%, remained close to its equal record high of 67.1%. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Employment by state and territory
- Youth labour market

The Most In-Demand Jobs on LinkedIn for July

If you are curious about broader labor market trends, click [here](#) to read LinkedIn's full rankings and reflections on the most in-demand jobs including:

- What are the most in-demand jobs right now?
- Jobs with the fastest-growing demand: a remarkably broad range of roles
- Jobs with the fastest growing demand
- Most in-demand jobs overall
- Most In-Demand Jobs (Q2 2025)

The days of a job for life are over

The idea of a 'job for life' doesn't really fit with the future of work. With so much change on the horizon, flexibility and a proactive approach are key. So, what can young people do to find job security in an ever-changing world? This short [video](#) talks about the world of work now and in the future and how young people can best be prepared.

Ways to develop your 'soft skills'

Soft skills are just as important as qualifications but you can't do a 'soft skills' course as such. There are several ways of developing your soft skills and [SkillsRoad](#) have put together some ideas to get you started including:

- What exactly are soft skills?

- Why do soft skills matter?
- Where can I use soft skills?
- Other articles that will help:
 - Hobbies to hone your soft skills
 - Soft skilling for the future
 - How to improve your soft skills

Your first day on the job

The first day of work at your new job can be a bit nerve racking. Click [here](#) to read about some tips to make sure you can hit the ground running including:

1. Get prepared the night before
2. Bring a pen and notepad to take notes.
3. Listen and ask questions

Also, find out about some of the questions you should ask on your first day and resources that can help you to understand what's important on your first day on the job.

Your top quantum careers questions, answered

Considering a future-focused career in quantum science and technology (or wondering what that even means?). Careers with STEM have the answers to all your quantum career FAQs. CSIRO has [updated its projections](#) for Australia's quantum technology industry. The upshot? Loads of future career potential. According to the figures, by [2045 Australia's quantum technology sector will have reached \\$6 billion and generated 19,400 jobs](#). But what will those jobs look like and who will they be for? Click [here](#) to find out the answers including:

- What is quantum science and technology?
- How can I get a job in quantum science and technology?
- What skills do I need to work in quantum?
- What kinds of roles are there?
- How much money could I make in a quantum career?
- What can we *do* with quantum science and technology?
- Where could I get a job in quantum science and technology?
- Where can I learn more?

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Applying for university scholarships - why not!

Even if you think you may not get one, go ahead and apply for a scholarship. What do you have to lose? Scholarships tend to fall into one of the following categories:

- Academic
- Equity
- Indigenous
- Sports
- Field of study (e.g. engineering, IT)
- International
- External (e.g. sponsored by an organisation outside of the university)

Every university has a scholarship web page with details about the scholarships available, the scholarship value, selection criteria and the application process. The initial application for many university scholarships is online, followed by a submission of supporting documents. You never know your luck!

Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) Scholarships and Bursaries

[AVCAT](#) is a national independent charity that helps the children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women with the costs of full-time tertiary education. Applications for 2026 scholarships and bursaries are now open and will close on 31 October 2025. Applicants need only complete one application form to be considered for all scholarships and bursaries available through AVCAT. It is advisable to start preparing your documents ASAP as this may take some time. Click [here](#) for more information on:

- Scholarships
- To be eligible
- How is my application assessed?
 - Financial need
 - Academic potential
 - Deservedness
- FAQ's

Finding out about financial support after school?

The Australian Government Services Australia provides tools to help you explore payments and get the latest information about changes for students. You can:

- explore payments based on your situation using [Payment and Service Finder](#)
- estimate and compare payments and services using their [online estimators](#)
- subscribe to [News for Higher Education](#) to get important information and updates about student payments

OS-HELP and overseas study assistance

OS-HELP is a loan from the Australian Government for students enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place (CSP) who want to study part of their course overseas. Click [here](#) to find out more information on:

- Eligibility for an OS-HELP loan
- How much OS-HELP can I receive?
- How do I apply for an OS-HELP loan?
- Indexation of OS-HELP loans
- Repayment of OS-HELP loans

QUT Corporate Partners in Excellence (CPIE) Scholarship - commencing students

This scholarship focuses on those wanting a career in networking, internship and business experience. It provides opportunities with the Corporate Partners in Excellence (CPIE) Scholarship. You'll receive:

- a scholarship valued at \$42,000 paid in semester instalments over three years, to spend on university fees, textbooks and living expenses
- two 15-week full time internships with our top tier [corporate partners](#).

Other benefits include:

- automatic membership of the QUT College of Excellence
- automatic invitation to the College of Excellence start-of-year camp
- the opportunity to represent QUT Business School in international case competitions
- the opportunity to represent QUT through the Student Ambassador Program.

Applications close on 12 October 2025 so click [here](#) for more information and application details.

QUT Indigenous Australian Scholarship

This Faculty of Science Indigenous Australian [scholarship](#) provides financial support to the value of \$7,500 over 3 years for students studying an eligible bachelor degree in the Faculty of Science. It fosters further opportunities by supporting and engaging students in other structured programs such as the Indigenous Australian Research Training Scheme (IARTS).

QUT Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship

QUT is one of five Australian universities that offer the [Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship](#). Valued up to \$20,000 for tuition plus the cost of attending the Westpac Disruptive Leaders Program. It also allows entry

into the [QUT College of Excellence](#), the Westpac 100 Scholars Network and access to enrichment programs that develop leadership potential and kickstart a career.

UQ scholarships

UQ have wide range of scholarships that can unlock your potential and help you to succeed. Click [here](#) to find out more about the scholarships on offer at UQ.

URGENT - Liveris Academy Scholarships closing today!

UQ encourage high-achieving Year 12 students to apply for the range of Liveris Academy scholarships which include membership to the Liveris Academy and funding of up to \$10,000 per year. The Liveris Academy, seek out scholars as diverse as today's challenges are complex empowering students from a range of cultural, socio-economic and educational backgrounds. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply. Scholarship applications close on 26 August.

UniSQ Scholarships offered by organisations and Australian Government departments

UniSQ have put together a list of scholarships offered by other organisations and Australian Government departments that you may be eligible and interested in applying for. [Click here](#) to find a list of these scholarships, if you have any questions or to find out the closing date for applications, you should contact the organisation offering the scholarship directly.

University of Southern Queensland scholarships

Click [here](#) to find out what scholarships are available at UniSQ as well as those coming soon. You can apply for more than one, so be sure to read through all that are on offer and apply for all that you're eligible for. Some of the scholarships on offer are:

- [Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship](#) - Awarded to high achieving academic achievers (ATAR 97+), who have completed Year 12 in 2025 and are commencing their studies at UniSQ in a bachelor's degree program from the beginning of 2026
- [Vice-Chancellor's Excellence Scholarship](#) - Awarded to high academic achievers (ATAR 88+), who have completed Year 12 in 2024 and are commencing their studies at UniSQ in a bachelor's degree program in Semester 1, 2025.
- [Regional Leaders Scholarship](#) - support a student commencing their studies in a bachelor's degree program who shows promising regional leadership. Applications close 19 January 2026.

Find other [UniSQ scholarships](#) including Frequently Asked Questions

First Nations Peoples



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

There are many programs and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school leavers setting out on their journey after school. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Support and services
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders at the heart of Australia's higher education system
- Pathways
- Explore different journeys for school leavers
- Additional supporting resources
- Resources

Griffith's First Peoples Admission pathways

Griffith Uni offers admission pathways for applicants who identify as Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. Applicants are assessed on formal qualifications, life experiences and other transferable skills. You can identify when you apply via QTAC or UAC so you can be considered for their dedicated pathway options. GUMURRII Student support Unit can provide ongoing assistance from orientation through to graduation. Click [here](#) for more information.

UQ's Indigenous Economic Scholarships

Each year, the School of Economics offers scholarships to students. You can combine these with the UQ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Scholarship to boost your income support. Click [here](#) to find out more, including Economics at any level scholarships and Undergraduate tuition fee waiver.

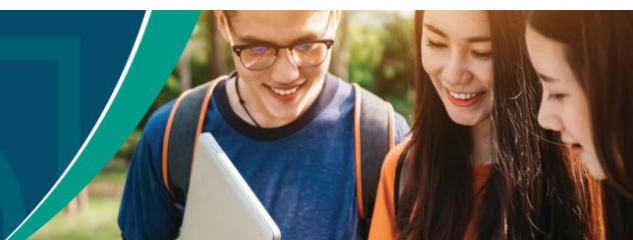
University of Southern Queensland Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP)

IHEPP is a pathway to university study for Indigenous students that provides you with support as you move through your study program. If you do not have the right school qualifications, USQ's Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program (IHEPP) is the perfect way to start studying at university. This pathway program has been developed to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people the academic skills needed for university study. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- Overview

- Further studies
- Career outcomes
- Entry requirements
- Degree structure
- Fees
- How to apply

Holiday Programs & Short Courses



UQ Beginner Language Bootcamp

Year 7–8 students are invited to join UQ's Institute of Modern Languages (IML) Beginner Bootcamp these September school holidays. It's a 5-day immersive school holiday language program in September of 2025. This program is suitable if you have not had the chance to experience language learning or if you are wanting to learn an alternative language to what is available at your school. You will learn from experienced UQ IML tutors in an online setting. Click [here](#) to find out more and you need to register before 12 September.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Open Days and Career Expos in August

28/08/2025 [CQ University \(Cairns\) – On Campus](#) 4pm – 6pm

06/09/2025 [Mater education](#) Townsville Open Day 9 – 11am

Private Provider Updates

Applications now open for Mater Education's nursing and healthcare qualifications

Mater Education offers the following qualifications.

- [HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing](#) Brisbane and Townsville campuses
- [HLT43015 Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance](#)
- [HLT37215 Certificate III Pathology Collection](#) (applications to open later in the year)

Through practical and theoretical learning, simulation and placement, these hands-on qualifications give participants the skills, knowledge and confidence to be job ready. Click [here](#) to find more information about courses offered through Mater Education.

Billy Blue College of Design Higher Education

Billy Blue is a [THINK Education](#) College that has partnered with [Torrens University Australia](#). Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Courses
- Scholarships
- Campuses

HTMi Australia – Hotel and Tourism Management Institute Switzerland Hospitality

HTMi offers students the opportunity to study a variety of HTMi [diplomas and degrees](#) that are recognised internationally. Established in 2018 with campuses in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, HTMi Australia is setup in partnership with Mulpha (Australia), hotel investment group and Accor Hotels. If you are interested in a career in Hotel Management and/or the tourist industry they may have courses that interest you.

JMI Jazz Music Institute

JMI offers information sessions for anyone interested in enrolling in their courses. In this information session you can:

- have a meet and greet with a JMI staff member
- ask questions relating to course and audition requirements
- have a walk around our campus and see the facilities on offer

They can accommodate information sessions on the weekend and after hours for those that have school or work commitments. Click [here](#) for more information about:

- Courses
- Booking an information session
- How to apply
- Education videos

SAE University College

SAE provides a wide range of qualifications in Animation, Audio, Music, Creative Industries, Design, Film and Games. Click [here](#) to download a flyer that will provide more information for each these study areas. Click on the links below for further information:

- [Courses](#)
- [Parent's Guide](#)
- [Early Entry program](#)
- [Scholarships](#)

UQ College Tertiary Preparation Program bridging course

UQ College is a company owned by the University of Queensland (UQ) and located at the St Lucia campus. It provides alternate pathways to university study. It offers English courses, a Foundation Program, Tertiary Preparation Program and Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation. The Tertiary Preparation Program is a free, 32-week program which is offered in January, May and September. It is an approved UQ Bridging Program and provides recognised prerequisite subjects. Students who successfully complete this program can apply through QTAC with an entry rank based on their results in the program. Apply directly to UQ College. They also offer 4 week intensive bridging programs that will meet UQ prerequisites. Click [here](#) for more information.

QTAC & Tertiary Entry



Check your personal emails and Junk regularly!

The main form of communication between you and QTAC is via email. The main form of communication between you and QTAC is via email. It is essential that you use your **personal email** when applying to QTAC (your school email will become inactive once you leave school). You need to regularly check your Inbox, Spam and Junk mail for any communications, notifications and/or offers from now until you receive a QTAC offer. IF you miss an email and do not respond within the timeframe, you may miss out on any offer for 2026. DO NOT IGNORE OR MISS A QTAC EMAIL OR TEXT.

Direct Entry and Self-Managed applications

There are a number of private providers and tertiary institutions who prefer to manage their applications through the direct entry or the self-managed process. Direct entry applications are offered by:

- [Southern Cross University](#) and [University of New England](#) - some distance education courses
- [University of Tasmania](#)
- Private universities, colleges and institutes
- [TAFE Queensland](#) - Certificate and Diploma courses

Self-Managed applications are offered by:

- [Mater Education](#)
- [Australian College of Applied Psychology](#)
- [Australian College of Physical Education](#) (ACPE)
- [Endeavour College of Natural Health](#)
- [Healthcare Skills Australia](#)
- [JMC Academy](#)
- [Russo Business School](#)
- [Study Group](#)

Early Bird payment of your QTAC application

When paying your QTAC application you can get the Early Bird discount rate of \$70 if you pay by 30 September. If you are paying with a Debit card, it's recommended that you pay by 25 September as QTAC require your payment in their bank account by close of business on 30 September. If you can only pay with cash or are having trouble managing the payment, see your Guidance Counsellor or School Counsellor as they may be able to arrange a QTAC voucher for you. **Get organised NOW! Payment after 30 September is \$150!**

Eligibility requirements and Merit determination

Eligibility requirements vary across university and TAFE institutions but may include:

- Age requirements
- Subject prerequisites, portfolio, audition or interviews
- Essays or personal statements
- Questionnaires or exams (medicine & dentistry may require UCAT)

It's important to check early closing dates in your QTAC course guide so you don't miss out on any opportunities. Entry into degrees is also determined on Merit. Here's how it works:

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Applicants are allocated ranks based on their assessable qualifications. Assessable qualifications may include:

- Year 12 ATAR or IB
- Overseas Year 12 qualifications
- Previous tertiary study – Bachelor/Masters (min 2 subjects required)
- Completed AQF qualifications (Cert 3 & 4)
- Diploma, Advanced Diplomas
- Bridging and preparatory courses

It is important to note that not all universities accept all forms of assessable qualifications and you should check their websites for their individual merit/assessable qualifications policies.

How will I know I have a QTAC offer?

You only receive one offer from QTAC. Your offer will be for your highest eligible preference (i.e. the highest course on your preference list where you have met the minimum entry requirements and your ATAR/IB/Tertiary Rank is above the lowest ATAR/IB/Tertiary Rank to receive an offer). If you get an offer, QTAC will send you an email or SMS notifying you to log in to your QTAC application account to view, print and respond to your offer.

Year 12 students could receive an offer anytime from 15 November 2025 (not including early offers through some university programs). **It is essential that you check your emails and mobile phone (for an SMS) from 15 November until you firmly accept an offer.** If you receive an offer, you **MUST** check the respond by date and respond to your offer on time. If you don't respond by the due date, you will lose the offer and you will no longer be considered for any other course/s. If this happens, contact QTAC immediately. Remember to use your private email address **NOT** your school email address on your QTAC application.

Subject adjustments when applying to QTAC

Subject adjustments are extra tertiary entry ranks which universities give for specific subjects you have successfully studied during Year 12. QTAC automatically apply these adjustment factors when calculation your order of merit for your chosen course preference/s. Although each university and institution have their own subject adjustment policies, the general rule is that QTAC will only consider them when you apply for tertiary entry in Semester 1 in the year straight after school. Google each university you are interested in including in your QTAC applications to see if you are eligible for any subject adjustments.

What is an ATAR and how to apply/get your ATAR

QTAC will calculate your ATAR based on your Year 12 results provided by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. ATAR results are used nationally for tertiary admissions. It is the standard measure of your overall academic achievement in relation to other students where these students have studied different subject combinations. ATARs are expressed as a number on a 2000-point scale from 99.95 to 0.00 in steps of 0.05. So, the highest ATAR is 99.95, then 99.90, then 99.85, and so on, down to 0.00. ATARs below 30 are reported as '30.00 or less'.

To get your ATAR you need to register with QTAC through the ATAR Portal and they will then notify you of your ATAR on 18 December 2025. This registration is **COMPLETELY SEPARATE** to your QTAC course application for study in 2026. If you are ATAR eligible you need to apply/register for **BOTH**.

To register to receive your ATAR, go to the [QTAC website](#), and click on [ATAR Portal](#). Registering for your ATAR is FREE. You will need to have the following information ready:

- Full name (as recorded on your MyQCAA - no nick names or shortened names)
- Date of birth
- LUI number (Learning Unique Identifier number that your school will give you)
- Personal email address (DO NOT use your school address as it will not be active once you leave school)
- You will be sent a confirmation code so look in your Inbox and Junk mail for the QTAC email

During the short registration process, you will be asked to respond to three statements by checking a tick box as to whether:

- You acknowledge that you have read, understood and agree to be bound by the policies, terms and conditions
- I do not consent to my ATAR or ATAR eligibility as determined by QTAC being shared with the school I attended in Year 12

If you check this box, **QTAC WILL NOT** notify your school of your ATAR results which can make it difficult for your school to provide you with follow up career pathway support if needed - but it is totally your decision.

and

- I do not wish to be sent an email notifying me that my ATAR result has been released. If you check this box you will need to log into your ATAR account with QTAC to find your ATAR result.

QTAC have developed a [helpful video](#) showing you the process and there is an ATAR FAQs section towards the bottom of the page. REMEMBER, you STILL need to do a separate QTAC application if you are wanting to apply for course entry in 2026 and this will cost you \$70 if you apply before 30 September.

What is the difference between the QCE and ATAR?

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) are different and have different purposes. The difference is:

- QCE: Certifies learning showing the individual has achieved a specific standard of education at senior schooling level. The QCE may be referred to by employers and the general community
- ATAR: Shows a student's position (or ranking) compared to all other students in the state. The only intended purpose for the ATAR is to assist with selecting applicants for tertiary study. It is not an indicator of a student's potential for career success or earnings

If you have questions about the QCE, including assessment and subject results, you need to contact [QCAA](#). Questions about ATAR should be directed to [QTAC](#).



External assessment guide

The 2025 external assessment guide for students is now available on the myQCE [website](#). It has information about:

- External assessment
- How do they contribute to results?
- What do they test?
- How are they developed and marked?
- Key dates and details
- Resources to help you prepare
- Tips to help you study and stay motivated
- What to do if you are unwell
- How can I stay updated about changes to external assessment?
- Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments

How do I get my Year 12 results?

The [myQCE site](#) has information on a number of topics including planning [Your QCE Pathway](#) which encourages you to take an active role in your career planning. If you are in Year 10 you can read about:

- About the QCE
- Planning your pathway
- Student Portal and your Learning Account
- Career stories
- myQCE update
- Balancing your study

Study Skills and Wellbeing



Don't Quit - some words of encouragement

Don't quit when the tide is lowest, for it's just about to turn;

Don't quit over doubts and questions, for there's something you may learn;

Don't quit when the night is darkest, for it's just a while till dawn;

Don't quit when you've run the farthest, for the race is almost won;

Don't quit when the hill is steepest, for your goal is almost nigh (within your grasp);

Don't quit, for you're not a failure until you fail to try.

Author unknown

Feeling the stress?

Senior studies can be stressful, especially around exam time and assignment due dates. Having stress management strategies to call on when needed is essential, not just for this year but also for your future success and happiness in studies and living. Check out the following apps.

[Smiling Mind App](#) – Smiling Mind provides a modern meditation for young people that guides the user through a series of exercises. It is free for use online or as a smartphone app.

[Headspace App](#) - Headspace is a free app that's like a personal trainer for your mind. It provides guided meditations to help you sleep, relax, study and focus.

How to study effectively

While there is no 'one-size-fits-all' approach when it comes to studying effectively, there are methods you can use to improve your recall and long-term memory. Remember: everyone has different learning techniques. What works for other students may not work for you. Just keep trying until you discover the best way to study. Victoria Uni has put together 10 study tips to try out. Click [here](#) to read more about:

1. Get organised
2. Don't skip class!
3. Take notes
4. Talk to your teacher and ask questions

5. Space out your studying
6. Create a study plan and stick to it!
7. Don't just re-read but study
8. Set up a quiet study space
9. Test yourself
10. Find a study buddy or join a study group

Study smarter, not harder

Let's be honest: study, even studying a subject you're in love with, isn't fun. That's doubly true when you're halfway through a subject and realise you don't actually understand it, or when you're overwhelmed by the due dates for several assignments that've all crept up at once. It may seem tempting to [procrastinate](#) or to burn the midnight oil, but there are far better solutions. Click [here](#) to read more about Deakin Uni's 7 tips (helpful for all students) to help you study smarter, not harder including:

1. Fake it 'til you make it
2. Treat it green, keep it keen
3. Bigger is not always better
4. Rinse, repeat
5. Find your happy place
6. Embrace the dryness
7. Get with the century

Courses at TAFE Queensland

You can [study at TAFE](#) through several different ways including:

- School-based
- Classroom based: Certificates, diplomas, associate degrees or degrees
- Online
- Apprenticeship
- Traineeship

Areas of study include:

- Business and IT
- Education and Community
- Health and Science
- Service industries
- Creative industries
- Environmental and Animal services
- Infrastructure and Transport
- Trades

Find out what you will study in a particular TAFE Qualification

Knowing what you will actually be studying is very important for success and wellbeing during a course. The following steps will guide you to the core and elective units you will study in each course.

- Go to the [TAFE Queensland website](#), scroll down and enter into the *Search Courses* box for the certificate, diploma or degree you are interested in
- Choose the location you want to study in
- Click on the course you are looking for and scroll down to *What you will study*
- Make sure you read the Elective units that are offered at the TAFE you want to attend
- Click on the unit links to find out more about each unit

Government Funded Courses

Government funded courses are available across Queensland. With plenty of free online courses and State Government funding schemes and loans, you can take your first step towards a new career. Fee-free training options are across many study areas. Find a range of Government-funded courses. For more information, click [here](#).

Support services for TAFE students

Everyone's journey is different and we all need some extra support from time to time. TAFE Queensland provides student support services that are available for all students, helping to make their experience more successful, manageable and enjoyable. Click [here](#) to check out the support that you can get when studying at TAFE Queensland.

TAFE Queensland information for Indigenous people

TAFE Queensland has courses and services specifically designed to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. TAFE Queensland is well suited to help you reach your education goals with dedicated Indigenous student support, specialised 'away from base' residential block training and a partnership in the Remote Area Teacher Education Program (RATEP). Click [here](#) to find out more including:

- Information for Aboriginal and Torres strait Islander people
- About TAFE Queensland
- Indigenous Program types
- Away from Base courses: study away from home
- Accommodation assistance
- Indigenous student support officers (ISSOs)
- Study areas
- RATEP - community-based education
- Applying made easy and resources

TAFE Scholarships

TAFE Queensland Scholarship applications are now open. Their scholarships, as well as those created in partnership with employers, industry, governments and other organisations, are available to current and future students. Scholarships awarded in this round are for study in Semester 1, 2025 and applications close 30 September 2024. The scholarships are all different so it's important to review the eligibility criteria, opening and closing dates as well as the terms and conditions. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Access and equity scholarships
- Merit scholarships
- Athlete - Merit scholarships
- Eligibility criteria
- How to apply and FAQ's

myPROFILER

Not sure what course is right for you? [myPROFILER](#) from TAFE Queensland could help find some great options.



Check your QTAC Guide course information online

Course information can change during the year so information from the current QTAC 2026 Course Guide, university faculty guides, brochures and other printed information may no longer be correct when it comes time for you to submit your QTAC application. You should check on QTAC and institution websites for the most up-to-date information such as eligibility, lowest ATAR/Rank threshold, prerequisites required, length of the course, subjects you will study and any professional accreditation/recognition of the courses you are interested in.

Course Seeker may be of assistance

The Tertiary Admissions Centres and the Australian Government have developed a joint Course Seeker website providing national higher education admissions information. You can compare undergraduate courses from Australian universities and higher education institutions including entry requirements, ATARs, prerequisites and enrolment information. Click [here](#) and find out:

- Discover courses by location
- How to get started
 - *Discover* thousands of undergraduate courses from institutions across Australia
 - *Compare and Share* courses from different institutions and share with others to help with your investigations
 - Apply and find out about the application process directly from the website which links to the correct admission centre for your course
- Upcoming events

Early Closing dates - Don't miss them!!!!

Most universities have a list of their courses that have early closing dates and/or portfolio/audition requirements. You can find a list of these bachelor degrees in the back of your QTAC book or on the QTAC [website](#).

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Moving out for uni: pros and cons

The university offer has come, enrolment is completed, now there's just one thing left to decide – Do I have to move? This question is often met with mixed feelings. Making a decision about moving out of home is not quite as straightforward when you're attending university locally. The list of pros and cons can appear fairly balanced. Click [here](#) to find out about the pros and cons including:

- Finances
- Independence
- Study environment
- Relationships
- When is the right time to move out of home?

Unadjusted V Adjusted ATARS

If you are in Year 12, the QTAC guide is a valuable resource when planning your course preferences for 2026. You should cross check the QTAC guide information on both the QTAC and University websites. Regarding the Guide's LSR (*Lowest Selection Rank/ATAR offered semester 1 2025* for each course, please note that both the Adjusted and Unadjusted minimum LSR are available. When planning your preferences for 2026 entry, you should use the ADJUSTED minimum LSR as your guide.

Australian Catholic University

ACU Guarantee

ACU Guarantee offers for 2025 are now open offering eligible Year 12 students a place at ACU based on their Year 11 results. Offers may be made as early as September. Successful applicants must still complete their Year 12 exams. You may also enhance your entry score by including a short personal statement that gives ACU an insight into your personal circumstances and motivation for university study. Competitive courses may not provide any offers until the final rounds in late September and October. Applications close 15 September. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- How to apply
- Application FAQ's
- Offer FAQ's
- Apply now

Adjustment Factor schemes at the Australian Catholic University

Through the following schemes, eligible applicants are given adjustment factors when they apply for ACU courses through QTAC. There is normally a maximum of 12 adjustment factors applied across all ACU schemes.

- **ACU Subject Program** – This program recognises the link between performance in a Year 12 subject and the chances of success in higher education. These adjustment factors are allocated automatically when applying through QTAC. No separate application is required. You can receive up to 5 adjustments under this program.
- **Elite Athlete and Performer Program** – This program aims to support students who have demonstrated an elite level of sporting or performance achievement. Applicants apply directly to ACU for this scheme.
- **School Relationship Program** – under the Schools Relationship applicants may receive up to five adjustment factors automatically through QTAC depending on their geographic location or school relationship with ACU. No separate application is required. You can receive up to 5 points.
- **Campus Program** - This program aims to build relationships with students who live in areas that are important to one of their campuses.
- **State Access and Equity schemes** - This scheme is aimed at people who have been unable to reach their full academic potential, or who might have had access to their dream course restricted due to their life experiences.
- **Educational Access Scheme** – This is a QTAC scheme, which allocates adjustment factors based on educational disadvantage from financial hardship, home environment and responsibilities, personal illness and disability, school environment and English language difficulties. Applicants apply for this scheme separately as part of their QTAC application.
- **Regional Schools Program** - You're eligible for this program if you're based in Australia, are currently completing Year 12 or the IB and attend a school identified as a regional school by the [ASGC postcode classification system](#).

Further information about these schemes and how adjustment factors work can be found [here](#).

I didn't get the ATAR/rank!

Didn't get the school mark you wanted? Don't panic, there are many ways to get into ACU. They've gathered a list of pathways and entry programs [here](#). See if any might work for you.

Want to do teaching but don't have the prerequisites or ATAR

The Diploma in Educational Studies (Tertiary Preparation) is designed for domestic and international students who want to undertake a pre-service teacher degree in Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary education but do not meet the admission rank for a Bachelor's program and/or do not meet the required English/Maths subject prerequisites. By completing this pathway course, you may then be eligible to enter the relevant Bachelor degree with credit. Click [here](#) for more information.

Griffith University

Bridging Maths course to meet Education prerequisite

If you're wanting to study a teaching degree at university but don't have the maths prerequisite, successful completion of Griffith's Bridging Maths meets subject prerequisite requirements for entry into Griffith

education degrees and you could commence your studies in the next available trimester subject to meeting other admissions criteria and selection rank. Click [here](#) to find more information about:

- Course topics
- Delivery Mode
- Course Dates
- Eligibility
- How to apply
 - Check entry requirements
 - Apply
 - Register

Dental Health Science applications for Rural Priority Access

Griffith Uni has set aside a number of Rural Priority Access Scheme places in selected Griffith health degrees that students from rural backgrounds can apply for. It's aim is to help develop the next generation of doctors, dentists and other healthcare professionals who are familiar with the issues facing rural communities, Click [here](#) for more information, how to apply and frequently asked questions. Applications for the [Bachelor of Dental Health Science](#) close on 30 September 2025 for Trimester 1, 2026 admission.

Fixed Closing dates for QLD Conservatorium, Musical Theatre, College of Art and Design

The following Degree programs have fixed closing dates - don't miss out!

Queensland Conservatorium:

- [Bachelor of Acting](#)
- [Bachelor of Music](#)
- [Diploma of Music/Bachelor of Music](#)

You MUST apply to QTAC for these programs, pay your audition fee and submit your phase one video recorded audition and performance CV or Folio and Artistic Statement to Griffith University by 29 August 2025 to be guaranteed an audition in the first audition round. You may be considered in subsequent audition and offer rounds should places still be available. Late applicants should refer to the Auditions website for information.

Queensland Academy of Excellence in Musical Theatre

- [Bachelor of Musical Theatre](#)

You must apply to QTAC, pay the audition fee and submit your phase one video recorded audition and performance CV or Folio and Artistic Statement to Griffith University by 29 August 2025 to be guaranteed an audition in the first audition round. You may be considered in subsequent audition and offer rounds should places still be available. Late applicants should refer to the Auditions website for more information.

Queensland College of Art and Design (Click [here](#) and then on individual Bachelors for application details)

- [Bachelor of Design](#)
- [Bachelor of Design/Bachelor of Business](#)

- [Bachelor of Visual Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of Visual Arts/Bachelor of Business](#)

To be considered for portfolio admission, you must apply to QTAC, pay the portfolio fee and submit your portfolio to Griffith University by 5 September 2025. Applicants will still be able to apply after this date and be considered for ATAR/Rank admission.

Griffith Student Academy of Excellence

The Student Academy of Excellence provides experiences and opportunities that help high-achieving undergraduate students reach their full potential. Admission is limited and based on academic and personal achievement. Future and current undergraduate students are encouraged to apply. Click [here](#) for more information about applying for 2026.

Guaranteed Admissions scheme

Griffith offer 4 Guaranteed Admission options including:

- Year 12 Early Offer Scheme
- Head Start
- VET
- ATAR/Rank

Click [here](#) to check out more about each scheme and the eligible degrees for admission in 2026.

Undergraduate diplomas may get you to where you want to be

Griffith Uni's undergraduate diplomas give you a supported start to your university studies, helping you to transition to your chosen bachelor degree.

- You'll develop foundational knowledge and skills, setting you up for success in your future bachelor studies.
- You'll be able to draw on a wide variety of student support programs to assist you throughout your studies.
- You'll undertake your first year of study in the diploma alongside your peers in the bachelor degree and finish your studies in the same amount of time, at no extra cost.
- Once you've successfully completed the diploma, you'll be offered guaranteed entry into the second year of the corresponding bachelor degree.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Upgrading pathways to competitive degrees

Bridging, preparatory and pathway programs are available to help you upgrade to your preferred Griffith undergraduate program or to satisfy subject prerequisites. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee

Eligible Year 12 students can receive an early offer to study based on their ATAR or IB Diploma studies, VET qualification or by completing a Griffith Head Start (GUESTS) program. You can apply by selecting an eligible degree on your QTAC application. The following are the key dates for Griffith Uni's Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee scheme:

- September to November: Offers will be made to eligible applicants
- Round offers:
 - 5 September
 - 17 October
 - 21 November
- 20 October: Final date to apply to be eligible for an early offer
- 31 October: Final date to submit supporting documentation for the ATAR/IB stream to make the 15 November offer round
- 17 November: Last date to change your preference to preferred degree for the 15 November offer round

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

James Cook University

JCU is hosting several webinars over in August and September including:

Upcoming webinars in August and September:

28/08/2025 Pathways Webinar: 7 - 8pm: Online

09/09/2025 Exploring the World of Veterinary Science Webinar

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

Queensland University of Technology

Campus tours

QUT is hosting guided campus tours of their campuses and community spaces at Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove between Saturday 20 and Tuesday 23 September. The tours will be led by a current QUT student. Click [here](#) to learn more and register now as places are limited.

Careers in Construction

QUT's Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) (Construction Management and Quantity Surveying) provides you with the opportunity to learn from industry experts and also to complete 30 days of work experience with large development companies. Click [here](#) to check course requirements and eligibility.

New Bachelor of Information Technology majors

QUT is launching seven new majors in the [Bachelor of Information Technology](#) to meet rising demand in AI, cybersecurity, automation and enterprise systems. Their recent panel event, Demystifying AI and Cyber Careers, gives you insight into the future of tech careers. You will be able to study these majors from Semester 1, 2026. [Watch the panel recording for more information.](#)

QUT Advice Night

QUT is hosting a webinar on 16 September, for current Year 12 students and parents where they can learn about entry requirements, Year 12 Early Offer Scheme (for Queensland QCE students only), adjustment schemes, upgrading pathways and scholarships. Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

QUT Bachelor of Creative Arts (Acting)

Do you love performance and storytelling? Check our QUT's [Bachelor of Creative Arts \(Acting\)](#). If you are intending to apply, you must submit an audition to QUT as well as an application via QTAC. Key application dates are:

- Tuesday 5 August 2025—QTAC applications opened
- Tuesday 5 August 2025—audition submissions opened
- Tuesday 7 October 2025 at 5pm (Brisbane time)—applications and audition submissions close.

Late submissions will not be accepted. Click [here](#) to check eligibility requirements and application details.

QUT Specialist Mathematics Summer School

Applications are now open for QUT's four-day, non-residential summer school at Gardens Point campus for students in Year 11 Specialist Mathematics (or equivalent). You will explore how mathematics can model the world around us.

- 19–22 January 2026—program dates
- 31 October 2025—applications close
- 22 November 2025—places offered
- \$140—fees

Bursaries are available for regional/remote students to cover travel, accommodation, meals and program fee. [Click here](#) to find out more and to apply.

START QUT webinar reminder

Interested in the START QUT program in 2026? A reminder that QUT are hosting an information webinar on 2 September from 5:30 - 7pm. Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

Study in summer (STEM Intensive)

QUT are offering a two-week START QUT (STEM Intensive) program held on campus in January. This program is designed for current Year 11 students entering Year 12 in 2026. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

VET guarantee

If you finish Year 12 with a completed Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Diploma or Certificate IV you are guaranteed an offer to many QUT courses. With an AQF Certificate III students are guaranteed an offer to many of their diploma or combined diploma/degree programs. Find out more about VET Guarantee [here](#).

Year 12 Early Offer Scheme key dates and information

You can apply to QTAC by 22 October and include an eligible QUT course in your top 3 preferences to receive an early offer to study at QUT on your last day of Year 12. There are more than 80 single and double degrees included. [Check courses, key dates, and eligibility.](#)

If you are eligible for a Year 12 Early Offer Scheme place, you'll receive an offer for your QTAC first preference the day you complete Year 12. The scheme includes more than 80 single and double degrees from a wide range of study areas including business, creative arts, engineering, health and science. Click [here](#) for more information including eligibility, included courses and around key dates:

- 1 September to 24 October: QUT information emails sent weekly to eligible applicants
- 22 October: Final date to complete your QTAC application to be considered for an early offer invitation
- 5 November: Final date to upload supporting documentation to QTAC for guaranteed consideration for 21 November offer round
- 14 November: Final round approved applicants notified by QTAC email

- 18 November: Final date for approved applicants to reorder preferences to ensure an eligible QUT course is listed as your QTAC first preference
- 18 November: Final date to upload supporting documentation to QTAC for guaranteed consideration for 28 November round offer
- 21 November: QTAC early offers released to first round approved applicants with an eligible QUT course as their first preference
- 28 November: QTAC early offers released to second round approved applicants with an eligible QUT course as their first preference

Southern Cross University

Southern Cross campuses

Southern Cross University has four campuses located in southern Queensland and Northern New South Wales. Click on the links below to read more about what's available at:

- [Coffs Harbour](#)
- [Gold Coast](#)
- [Lismore](#)
- [Online](#)

The University of Queensland

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander MD provisional entry

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander provisional entry admission pathway to the MD Provisional entry supports your entry into the Doctor of Medicine at UQ. Entry requirements include:

- have completed Queensland Year 12 (or equivalent)
- are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- attend a semi-structure interview with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit
- attend a [multiple mini-interview \(MMI\)](#) in the year you apply.

Click [here](#) for more information and QTAC applications must be in by 30 September.

Explore UQ: holiday campus tours

UQ are holding free school holiday campus tours during the September school holidays. You will get to:

- Explore the St Lucia campus in a guided walking tour.
- Gain valuable advice and hear about the UQ student experience first-hand from current students.
- Have your questions answered by their Future Students Contact Centre team.

Click [here](#) for dates and to register to attend.

International Baccalaureate guide

UQs 2026 International Baccalaureate guide is now available, featuring tailored admission information and helpful tips for IB students. Click [here](#) to access the guide including:

- Credit and/or exemption for IB students
- IB benefits at UQ
 - Courses
 - Prerequisite subject equivalents
 - Languages
 - Your studies at UQ
 - Your path to UQ

It can start with Arts (its reading and writing NOT painting and drawing!)

Discover the endless opportunities made possible with a Bachelor of Arts. With over 45 majors to choose from, you can explore diverse disciplines and shape your own unique path. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- Bachelor of Arts areas of study
- Why study the Arts
- What jobs can you get with an Arts degree?

Rural Access Scheme

If you've lived in a rural or remote area of Australia, our Rural Access Scheme may help boost your selection rank for entry into many of our programs. Rural and remote areas often have less access to educational opportunities, resources and health services than cities and larger towns. To help address these challenges, you can receive 2 adjustments to help boost your selection rank for entry into undergraduate programs. Click [here](#) for more details.

Senior Mathematics Study Days

Build your confidence, gain additional tips and skills and get that extra edge for your assessments and exams with The University of Queensland's Maths Methods Study Day on 1 October 2025. The sessions are designed for Year 11 (morning session) and Year 12 (afternoon session) students and delivered face to face and online. You will explore concepts in Mathematical Methods through exercises, lectures and workshops which include exam-style questions. Click here for more information and to register. Registrations close on 10 September.

The new UQ College domestic pathways flyer

There's more than one pathway to UQ. The latest UQ College domestic pathways flyer outlines the different options available. You can download a digital file [here](#) and find information on:

- Find your pathway to UQ
- Tertiary Preparation Program
- Bridging Courses

UQ Sport and their Elite Athlete program

The University of Queensland (UQ) supports more than 300 student-athletes, including Olympians, Paralympians, Commonwealth Games and Professional athletes. Eligible athletes can apply for 'elite athlete status' which gives them access to academic considerations through [Reasonable Adjustments – Students Procedures](#). Once approved for elite athlete status, student-athletes can access the UQ Sport Elite Athlete Program (EAP). Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

University of Southern Queensland

Adjustment factor pathways

Adjustment factors may increase your Selection Rank, through the allocation of additional points in certain circumstances, such as where you live and subjects you passed. Discover if any adjustment factors may apply to you to gain a place in your preferred degree at UniSQ. UniSQ limits applicable adjustment factors to a maximum of 10 Tertiary Entrance Ranks. You do not have to apply for these adjustment factors as they will be automatically applied by QTAC at the time you are assessed but it is good to know if you are eligible for any when planning your QTAC preferencing. Click [here](#) to find the adjustments you may be eligible for are:

- First in family
- Location adjustments
- Schools adjustments
- Supporting you and your journey to UniSQ
 - Subject adjustments
 - Early offer
 - Educational Access Scheme
 - Elite athlete adjustment

Double Degrees

A double degree allows you to broaden your education and develop an interdisciplinary field of knowledge in less time than if you were to complete two separate degrees. UniSQ's double degrees give you flexibility in choosing majors to shape your studies to your career options. Completing a double degree means you receive two testamurs (official certificates) – one for each of the degrees you complete when you graduate. Click [here](#) to read about the double degrees on offer including:

- Bachelor of Accounting and Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor Business
- Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Information Technology

- Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Science

Head Start Program may interest you

UniSQ Head Start is our academic extension program is for high achieving Year 10, 11 or 12 students. You will get a taste of what Uni is really like by studying one university subject a trimester while working towards your QCE. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- Your first Head Start course is free
- Credits towards a related UniSQ degree
- Entry into UniSQ degree
- A taste of uni
- QCE points
- Choose how you study
- Entry Guidelines
- Apply for UniSQ Head Start
- Head Start key dates

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
26/08/2025	ADF; Greenbank A Night in the Army Reserves
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26/08/2025	ADF: Warwick A Night in the Army Reserves
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26/08/2025	CQUni's Psychology Open Day Webinar
28/08/2025	ADF: Bundaberg Indigenous Pathways Information Session
28/08/2025	ADF: Gold Coast Trade Careers Information Session
28/08/2025	Bond Uni Indigenous Scholarship application closes
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28/08/2025	CQUni Cairns Campus
28/08/2025	CQUni Cairns on campus open day
28/08/2025	JCU Pathways webinar
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29/08/2025	Auditions for Queensland Conservatorium applications close
29/08/2025	Bachelors in Music, Musical Theatre and Acting offered at the Queensland Conservatorium Audition applications close
29/08/2025	Bond Student for a semester Sept applications close
29/08/2025	GU B of Acting QTAC applications close
29/08/2025	GU B of Music QTAC applications close
29/08/2025	GU B of Musical Theatre QTAC applications close
29/08/2025	GU Diploma of Music/Bachelor of Music QTAC applications close
29/08/2025	GU fixed closing dates for Ds of Acting, Music, Musical Theatre, D of Music/B of Music

01/09/2025	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
01/09/2025	CQUni's Paramedic Science Open Day Webinar
01/09/2025	Heywire Competition closes
01/09/2025	UniSQ Trimester 3 Head Start Applications close
02/09/2025	ACAP Uni College Parent Calm and Conquer session
02/09/2025	ADF: Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session
02/09/2025	ADF: Townsville Defence Careers Information Session
02/09/2025	Nursing Open Day Webinar
02/09/2025	START QUT webinar
03/09/2025	ADF: Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session
03/09/2025	CQUni's Engineering Open Day Webinar
03/09/2025	CQUni's Aviation Open Day Webinar
03/09/2025	UniSC Moreton Bay Headstart info session
03/09/2025	UQ Ready online webinar
03/09/2025	UQ Ready virtual event
04/09/2025	ADF: Brisbane Officer & Management Careers Information Session
04/09/2025	ADF: Maroochydore Trade Careers Information Session
04/09/2025	UniCQ's Navigating Your Next Move with CQU
04/09/2025	UniSC Fraser Coast Headstart info session
04/09/2025	UniSC Sunshine Coast Headstart info session
05/09/2025	GU Fixed closing date for Design, Design/Business, Visual Arts, Visual Arts/Business
06/09/2025	Mater Education Open Daay Townsville
08/09/2025	UQ Late B of Music audition applications due
09/09/2025	JCU Exploring the World of Veterinary Science
10/09/2025	UniSC online Headstart info session
10/09/2025	UQ Maths Methods study day applications close
12/09/2025	The Premier's Coding Challenge submissions close
12/09/2025	UQ Beginner Language Bootcamp applications close
15/09/2025	ACAP student Calm and CONquer first webinar
15/09/2025	ACU Guarantee Early Offer program closes

15/09/2025	Bond Film and Television Awards (BUFTA) Short Film Competition closes
15/09/2025	BUFTA - Flickerfest Aust Youth Film entries close
16/09/2025	QUT Advice Night webinar
17/09/2025	QTAC Student Information Night
19/09/2025	myQCE student competition
20/09/2025 to 23/09/2025	QUT Campus tours
20/09/2025	SAE Create for a Day event
21/09/2025	UQ Young ChangeMakers program applications close
26/09/2025	JCU Indigenous Summer School applications close
30/09/2025	ACAP second student Calm and Conquer webinar
30/09/2025	JCU application closing date for Dental Surgery, Medicine and Veterinary Science
30/09/2025	JCU Dental Surgery, Medicine and Vet Science applicants for 2026 entry close
30/09/2025	JCU Rural Access Scheme applications close
30/09/2025	QTAC Early Bird fees close
30/09/2025	University of New South Wales Co-op Program closes

