

Brisbane School of Distance Education

# CAREER INFORMATION BULLETIN

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#### Career advice, career counselling and support after school closes

As the class of 2024 celebrates graduation and ATAR results become known, you should review your preferences and pathways. There can be confusion around scores and the new opportunities, they present. Options Career Information offers one-on-one, in person or online sessions for parents and students to ensure you have all the facts when it comes to ATAR, QTAC and your career options and pathways after high school. You can email info@optionscareers.com.au for more information and to book a session.

# Something to think about

"Whatever you decide to do, make sure it makes you happy." - Paulo Coelho

# Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and restful New Year

This is the last bulletin for 2024 and the end of another mad year! The Options Career Information team would like to take this opportunity to thank all our readers, students, parents and teachers for your ongoing support. We wish the graduating Year 12 students all the best for their futures and encourage them to go courageously, confidently and enthusiastically into their new world, embracing opportunities as they arise. With resilience, creative problem solving and flexibility, your future is bright.

Options Career Information would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, successful and restful New Year. May 2025 bring many blessings and much happiness for all and safe travels if you are holidaying over the break.

Warm regards and best wishes,

Shauna and The Options Career Information team.

# Your ideas and feedback very short survey

We are in the process of giving Options a new and more user friendly look and would really appreciate knowing what you think. Your opinions and feedback matter! Please spend 2 - 3 minutes completing the relevant survey below.

At school or leaving school survey

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Parent and Guardian Survey		
Many thanks for your support as we look forward to a bigger and better 2025!		
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# **MEGT Microsoft Traineeship Program - IT Traiineeship**

The Group Training Organisation, MEGT, is now taking expressions of interest for the Microsoft Traineeship Program through various Host Employers in Brisbane. Click <u>here</u> to find out more including:

- Kickstart your career in IT
- How it works
- What you'll get
- · Getting trained and qualified
- First graduates complete IT training

# Pre-apprenticeship courses through TAFE Queensland

Pre-apprenticeship training is an entry-level Certificate. It is made up of traditional classroom learning on a TAFE campus as well as hands-on work experience. Doing a pre-apprenticeship course has many advantages including:

- Helping you gain skills and a basic understanding of the job and industry
- Improving your chances of gaining an apprenticeship as an employer is more likely to take on someone who has some knowledge of the industry and the basic skills required
- Saving time on your apprenticeship, as part of the first stage of apprenticeship training is completed within the pre-apprenticeship course.

If you are interested in starting a full-time pre-apprenticeship course in January 2025 you can click <a href="here">here</a> for a list of pre-apprenticeship courses on offer at SkillsTech along with application information. You may have completed some pre-apprenticeship courses at school so see your VET Coordinator or Guidance Counsellor/Officer for information about this option.

# **QBuild Apprenticeship opportunities**

The Queensland Government is looking for trade apprentices to join the QBuild team. Trades available include carpentry, refrigeration mechanic, electrical, painting and plumbing across Queensland. A QBuild apprenticeship offers a flexible, safe, inclusive and diverse work environment with a chance to earn while you learn. Click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> for more information.

# Resources to help you get an apprenticeship or traineeship

Australian Apprenticeships have valuable information that will help you start and positively continue gaining an apprenticeship. Click <u>here</u> to find out information about:

- Find and apply for an apprenticeship
- Start your apprenticeship
- Train as an apprentice
- Looking after yourself
- Support and resources



# **Defence Information Sessions in November and December**

Below are the ADF information sessions for November and December with further information found on their Facebook site or by visiting their events webpage. The events are:

12/11/2024 Greenbank A Night in the Army Reserve

Gladstone A Night in the Army Reserve

10/12/2024 <u>Brisbane Army Reserve Information Session</u>



# **Vocational Education and Training (VET)**

Are you wanting to gain practical work-related skills or a qualification towards a specific occupation? Explore a range of VET programs as they offer flexible, targeted training options and can also lead to university. Click the links below to find out more possibilities and options:

- Learn more about VET
- Log in to search courses (you need to register which is free to do)

# Where to find information about jobs

- myfuture <u>website</u> Sign up for free if this is your first time on the website. Go to the Occupations section and search for your job of interest.
- <u>Jobs and Skills Australia</u> provides occupational information including job prospects and information about your local labour market.
- <u>The Australian Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</u> provides information on Skills and Training, Employment and Workplace Relations.
- The Australian Government Jobs and Skills Australia The 2023 Skills Priority List
- Australian Jobs 2023 provides an overview of trends in the Australian labour market.

#### Some cautions:

- Fast growth within an occupation does not guarantee more job opportunities because the number of people seeking work may outnumber the job openings.
- Even occupations with declining job prospects can offer job opportunities as people move across jobs.
- It is always difficult to accurately predict long term job prospects.

Consequently, when you are making career decisions, a job's prospect is just one piece of information you need to consider. Other information includes your interests, skills, values, aspirations, work preferences, education and training requirements.



# 2025 QUT Business and Law high school competitions

You can learn what it's like to solve real business problems or argue cases in front of Judges by participating in one of QUT's high school competitions. Register to receive more information on <u>BlueShift</u>, the <u>QUT Accounting Challenge</u>, and the <u>High school moot competition</u> in 2025.



#### **Inclusion Australia**

Inclusion Australia is a national voice for Australians with intellectual disability. They bring together groups across Australia who are connected to people with intellectual disability and who are committed to the shared vision of inclusion in all aspects of Australian life. Visit their <u>website</u> to find out information about pandemic resources, news and events updates and their current videos.

# UQ transition support for students with disabilities

UQ is committed to building an accessible and welcoming environment for all students and visitors. They provide a number of services that focus on creating an inclusive environment where all students have the same opportunity to succeed. Click <a href="here">here</a> to visit their website and find information on:

- How to make an appointment with a student adviser
- Documents for your appointment
- Accessibility on campus
- UQ Union Abilities Collective
- Library support



#### **ABS Labour Force Data - September 2024**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics have released the Labour Force Data for September 2024:

- Unemployment rate remained at 4.1%
- Employment increased to 14,514,300
- Underemployment rate remained at 6.4%
- Participation rate increased to 67.2%
- Employment to population ratio remained at 64.4%
- Monthly hours worked increased to 1,965 million

# Do you have your elevator pitch ready for an employer?

The online world has fast become the "elevator" of today, where we have just a few lines of text on a computer screen to make a striking impact on potential employers. With more pressure on people's time than ever before, recruiters and employers can benefit from knowing your unique experiences, ambitions, and strengths in 25 words or less. SEEK.com has put together some ideas to make your Personal Summary the lasting first impression it should be. Written for current job seekers, they suggest that everyone should develop their 'elevator speech'. Click <a href="here">here</a> to check out their tips and examples to help you stand out from others.

#### **Emerging Roles**

Emerging roles refer to those that have appeared in the Australian job market data for the first time in recent years or are growing quickly from a small base. They have identified these roles using job titles, skill requirements and other job attributes from online job advertisements and have validated them against Census of Population and Housing 2021 data to create comprehensive profiles. Job Skills Australia has identified 37 emerging roles and four main themes:

- Health, Care and Medical e.g. health tech, medical tech
- Data and Technologies e.g. cybersecurity
- Net Zero e.g. sustainability, clean energy
- Science and Engineering e.g. biological and chemical science, engineering

Click <u>here</u> to find out more including emerging roles, Artificial Intelligence and Frequently Asked Questions.

# Employment scams are on the rise

An increasing number of scammers are targeting Australians by impersonating genuine organisations and recruiters. Australians are being warned to be wary, with losses since January this year reaching \$20 million. Some key issues include:

- There's been a more than 740 per cent increase in employment scams this year.
- Australians' losses since January 2023 total \$20 million.
- Students looking for part-time work and people seeking to flexibly earn some additional income are the main targets

Click <u>here</u> for more information from the SBS News article including how to spot scams.

# **Occupational and Industry Profiles**

You can explore the latest trends and insights into Australia's job market by occupation and industry. Click here to find out more about:

- Industries Information is available on each of the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) industries
- Occupations Information is available on over 1200 occupations. Data available includes employment size, key demographics, median earnings, tasks and educational attainment

# Skill Up, Change Up with Fee-Free TAFE

Leaving school, looking for work? TAFE Queensland have a range of Fee-Free TAFE courses to get you started. Through Fee-Free TAFE, the Australian Government in partnership with states and territories are providing 480,000 Fee-Free TAFE places between 2023 and 2026 with an additional 20,000 places in the construction sector places in 2025. There are up to 5,000 pre-apprenticeship places to be delivered in partnership with states and territories from January 2025. Click here for more information including:

- What is Fee-Free TAFE
- What you can study
- When you can study
- Enrolment information
- First Nations peoples

# Skills for getting a job – full-time/part-time/casual

The following are resources you can access to help you gain the skills you need for your job search:

- Applying for a Job the Youth Central <u>website</u> has information and examples for developing a resume and writing cover letters as well as other tips to help you get a job and more.
- *I'm looking for a job* the Job Jumpstart <u>website</u> has information on most job search strategy. It can help you build your resume.

- Ready to explore visit the Seek <u>website</u> to check out for tips on job search. Seek also has a job search function.
- Job Search click here to find jobs that are currently available
- Career Advice the Careerone their <u>website</u> has useful tips on job hunting, interview preparation, resumes and job interviews.
- Apprenticeship or traineeship the Queensland Apprenticeship Info their <u>website</u> has ideas on how to gain an apprenticeship or traineeship.
- Apprenticeship Central their website has a job search function specifically for apprenticeships.

# The Parents and Guardian' Guide to education, training and work opportunities for young people

<u>The Parents and Guardians' Guide to education, training and work opportunities</u> for young people summarises the resources and information available to help you explore all the education, training and work options available to your young person. Parents and Guardian's Guide has also been translated into <u>additional languages</u>. The <u>School Leavers Information Kit</u> contains more details and is designed for your young person to help them navigate their post school options.

# What jobs can you do with a Bachelor of Science?

The University of Queensland has put together some information about career pathways leading from a Degree in Science. Whether you want to develop a new beverage rich in vitamins or transform complex data into actionable insights for some of the world's biggest tech innovators, a Science Degree will give you the knowledge and skills to achieve your career dreams. Even if you're unsure which area of science you're most interested in, the following snapshots will help you find a little direction. Click <a href="here">here</a> and discover what opportunities are open to you:

- Food chemist
- Bioinformatician
- Data scientist
- Marine biologist

# Who can help you find a job? - Great question!

Looking for a job can be frustrating, especially when you don't have much experience in the workforce. But you don't have to do it alone. Whether you're looking for paid work, an apprenticeship or traineeship or work experience, there is a range of support available to you. Click <a href="here">here</a> to read more about the following options:

- Find your next job
- Australian Apprenticeships Support Network providers
- Career counsellor or Guidance Officers
- Family and friends
- Recruiting agencies



# **Education Scholarships and Grants**

Applications are now open for the Department of Education's 2024 scholarships and grant's programs. These scholarships and grants reinforce the Department's dedication to providing the best teachers for all state schools while promoting teaching as a career path. The scholarships and grants on offer include:

- The <u>Aspiring teacher grants</u> valued at \$2,500 for general applicants and \$5,000 for rural or remote applicants which support high-achieving secondary graduates from 2024 commencing their studies to become a teacher in 2027. Applications close 13 December 2024.
- The <u>Pearl Duncan teaching scholarships</u> supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to gain an initial preservice teacher education qualification. It is valued at \$20,000. Online applications close 13 December 2024.

Click here for further information.

# Manage your money well

It is more important than ever that you have the skills to manage money and plan for the future. In 2020 more people were paying attention to their personal finances, including young people. Learning early in life how to manage your money, save and plan for the future and make informed decisions, enables you to be in control of your financial lives. Click <a href="here">here</a> to read about how you can manage your money well including:

- Young people and money journey map
- Text version of young people and money journey map

# The Hotel School Brisbane Scholarship Program

Studying at The Hotel School Australia provides opportunities for you to enter the industry to work and study simultaneously. They also offer a range of scholarships to financially support domestic or international students to reach their full potential and achieve their professional goals. Applications are now open. Click here to find out more about the application process.

The UQ Residential Scholarship Scheme offers financial support to help cover accommodation costs at UQ. If you have experienced financial hardship, you are encouraged to apply for any of the scholarships in this scheme. Click here to find out more and to apply.
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**UO Residential Scholarships** 



# **Aurora Indigenous scholarships portal**

The Portal lists resources and opportunities such as scholarships, internships and cadetships for Indigenous Australians. You may also find other opportunities open to all Australians where Indigenous students are encouraged to apply. By answering some short questions you can find some opportunities for you to subscribe and to keep updated on opportunities as they arise. Click <a href="https://example.com/heres/level-10/4">https://example.com/heres/level-10/4</a>

# **First Nations Digital Careers Program**

Applications are now open for 25 paid digital traineeships available with Microsoft or one of their partner employers in Brisbane. The program is a partnership between Queensland Government and Microsoft developed to provide First Nations people an opportunity to kick start a career in the fastest growing job market in the world. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information and phone Rebecca Jordan 0478 323 216.



# **NIDA** holiday short courses

NIDA is running the following short programs over the coming holiday period. Click <a href="here">here</a> and use QLD to filter options):

- Screen Acting Boot Camp
- Acting for Stage and Screen
- Musical Theatre Boot Camp
- Acting Boot Camp
- Drama School



# Study in the UK

The British Council has information to help you organise your options for studying in the UK. The UK offers a world-renowned education system while broadening your understanding of yourself and the world. If you want to go to the UK to study, the Council can help you find a course that best suits your career plans. Click here to find the answers to the following questions:

- 1. Want to study in the UK?
- 2. Learn online with a UK University
- 3. Scholarships and funding
- 4. Living and studying in the UK

# Wanting to study in USA?

With thousands of colleges and universities in the US and UK, it might be tempting to apply to as many as possible. The more applications, the better chances of getting in, right? While there is some truth to this statement, it's not necessarily the best method. So, how many schools should you apply to? While there is no exact formula or a perfect number of schools to submit your applications to, most students apply to 4-8 universities. Click <a href="here">here</a> to find out how to narrow down your options to create the perfect college list? You will also find more information on:

- How many Colleges can you apply to?
- Why does the number of Colleges you apply to matter?
- How many Colleges should you apply to?
- Factors to consider before applying to Colleges
- How to choose your UCAS courses (UK Universities)
- Tips for applying to the right colleges
- Final Thoughts
- Key Resources & Further Reading



# 2024 School Leavers' Guide to Jobs and Training

The 2024 School Leavers' Guide to Jobs and Training is now available <a href="here">here</a>. In this guide you can find information about:

- Tools and resources to explore career options
- Vocational training and further study
- Subsidised training and incentives
- Industry specific career exploration
- Assistance with finding a job
- Gain on the job experience
- Mental and physical wellbeing support for young people
- Support for young people with cancer
- Youth Employment Program
- Preparing for work
- My future, My choice videos
- Link and Launch
- Support for young people living out of home
- Glossary



# **CAECE (College for Australian Early Childhood Educators) school leaver options**

<u>CAECE</u> is a registered training organisation delivering practical training to the early childhood education and care industry. Qualifications are delivered through workplace training. Their courses provide you with the qualifications needed to succeed in the early childhood industry. They currently offer:

- CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- CHC50121 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
- CHC22015 Certificate II in Community Services
- Traineeships & Apprenticeships

# Diploma of Education from Griffith College to Education at Griffith Uni

The Diploma of Educational Studies is a pathway to teaching for those who may not meet the prerequisites for entry into an Education Degree. In just one year, you can complete subjects that meet the Maths, English and Science requirements for entry into the Education degree, while completing subjects that will provide credit towards your first year of the Bachelor of Education at Griffith University. The Diploma of Educational Studies will start in March 2025 at the Mt Gravatt and Southport Campuses. You can apply via QTAC or by contacting the College. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information.

# **Hotel School Australia**

The Hotel School delivers Southern Cross University courses and is the only hotel school in Australia formed through a unique partnership between a public university and a global hotel investment group. A career in the hotel industry might see you working in:

- General management and administration
- Sales and marketing
- Human resource management
- Rooms division and front office
- Event management
- Food and beverage management
- Accounts and finance

# They offer the following courses:

- Associate degree of international hotel and tourism management Brisbane, Melbourne, Sydney
- Bachelor of business in hotel management Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne

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SAE Creative Media Institute individual campus tours
You can check SAE out for yourself by booking a campus tour. When you're on a campus tour, you have the opportunity to speak to a SAE Course Advisor who can discuss with you your individual needs and answer your questions. Find out more <a href="here">here</a> .
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Diploma of hotel management - Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne



# Have you got questions about your QTAC application or ATAR

At this time of the year you are probably moving to finalise your options for after school. It is most important that you have all the correct information before finalising your QTAC application. If you have any questions you can talk to QTAC for the answers. Click <a href="here">here</a> for contact details or find them on the back cover of the 2025 Year 12 Guide. Be informed and stay positive.

# How does QTAC work out if you'll get an offer?

QTAC uses eligibility and merit to decide if you can get into a course. Eligibility is determined by prerequisites and each institution's admissions rules. Merit is based on your ATAR or selection rank. More details about this process can be found on the QTAC Admission Criteria <a href="webpage">webpage</a>. You can go into your QTAC Application Services <a href="account">account</a> to check your eligibility for the courses you have applied for. It is always wise to check your application thoroughly to be sure you haven't missed an import aspect.



# Have you registered your Student Portal learning account?

The QCAA Student Portal has all your learning information in one place. You can check your personal details, access your learning account, get your final Year 12 subject results and more. Click <a href="here">here</a> to access your account or to register for the Student Portal. To register you will need your LUI number.



# **Queensland Government Youth page**

The Queensland Government has developed this <u>webpage</u> for young people. It provides links to a range of information and services covering topics such as:

- Looking after your mental health
- Support services for young people
- Life skills and your independence
- Education to employment
- Get involved with government
- Keeping healthy and staying active
- Relationships, staying safe and your sexuality
- Housing and accommodation
- Legal support and your rights
- Self-esteem
- Exam stress
- Moving out of home
- Road safety
- Support for LGBTIQ+
- Support for young parents
- Respectful relationships
- Cyber bullying

Be informed, stay safe and well ... you make this a reality, not others



# QILT (Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching) graduate survey

QILT is a coherent suite of surveys (click on Surveys located on the top navigation bar) that cover higher education from commencement to employment. The surveys provide robust, timely and transparent information about Australian higher education institutions from the perspective of students and recent graduates.

The surveys include:

- The Student Experience Survey, measuring learning experiences and satisfaction of current students
- The Graduate Outcomes Survey, examining labour market outcomes of newly qualified higher education graduates
- The Graduate Outcomes Survey Longitudinal, providing information on medium-term graduate labour market outcomes
- The Employer Satisfaction Survey, assessing the generic skills, technical skills and work readiness of graduates.

# Successful transition to university

Tips for first year uni students:

- Familiarise yourself with the campus before the semester starts.
- Attend Orientation week events. This is where you find out about the student support services, social clubs and other activities available at your university. Check out the Career and Employment Services. These are the people who can help you get a job.
- Identify any study skills you need to polish up on and book into a workshop.
- Register with your university's disability services if applicable.
- See the university's financial or counselling services if you are worried about money or you have other concerns.
- Make friends by finding students in the same course and attend student-run social activities.
- Visit the library (virtual and physical) and attend workshops on how to use the library effectively.
- Attend all tutorials.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help.

You can also read the Adjusting to Study and How to cope with transition to tertiary study articles from the Good Universities Guide.

# Use ComparED to compare institutions and their courses

Thinking about higher education study? Wish you could ask someone about their experience? With <a href="ComparED">ComparED</a>, you can explore and compare the quality of higher education institutions and study areas you are interested in, based on the experiences of others. You can also access the latest <a href="Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching">Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching</a> (QILT) reports. Be empowered to choose what's right for you!

# **Australian Catholic University**

# **Academy of Global Impact and Leadership through Ethics**

Academy of Global Impact and Leadership through Ethics (AGILE) is an opportunity for high-achieving students who receive an ATAR 90+ and who enrol at ACU to be offered:

- Immediate membership to AGILE, which will provide them with exclusive networking opportunities
- Masterclass seminars with ACU's nationally recognised teaching staff and global leaders
- Access to talks from Australia's most inspiring leaders.

AGILE students will graduate not only with a degree, but with the experience, knowledge and aptitude to make a positive contribution. Click <u>here</u> to find out more.

#### **Accommodation**

If you need to live away from home to attend ACU's Brisbane campus, be aware that while there isn't on-campus accommodation you have several other options supported by ACU. Click <a href="here">here</a> to find out your accommodation options when studying at ACU.

# Have a question about ACU?

Check out 'Have a Question' at the bottom of the <u>home page</u> for answers to your questions about courses, applications, offers, etc.

# **Bond University**

#### **Campus tours**

Explore the Bond campus from wherever you are by clicking here and watching a tour of their facilities.

# **Central Queensland University**

# Thinking of going to CQU?

Students new to CQU can find the following information and more on their Prepare For University website. Click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to find out more about:

- Explore courses
- Ready to get started?
- Course Fees
- Helpful Links

# **Griffith University**

#### **Guaranteed Admission Scheme categories**

Griffith Uni offer a range of guaranteed admission options. Whether you're undertaking ATAR study, a VET qualification, part of their GUESTS program or just looking to lock in your study options sooner, there's a guaranteed admission option available for you. Click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to find out more about:

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

#### Student support

Griffith have a number of helpful tools and services to ensure you get the most out of your time at Griffith. You can access many of their support services remotely, either online or via phone. Below is a list of their support services:

- Learning support
  - o Study skills
  - o Assessment
  - o IT support
  - o Career support
  - o Work-integrated learning
  - o Peer-Assisted study sessions
  - o Student mentoring
- Health and Wellbeing support
  - o Health, counselling and wellbeing
  - o Crisis support
  - o Violence, assault or harassment support
- Personal support
  - o Financial support

o Equity and diversity o Disability and accessibility support

# **Queensland University of Technology**

# **Campus tours**

Campus tours are an opportunity for you and your family to discover the real QUT. Led by current QUT students, the tours will showcase QUT's campuses and community spaces across both Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove. Tours will be held during 29 November and 4 December. You can find more information and register <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Embracing diversity with two new scholarships in 2025

If you're completing Year 12 (or a gap year) in 2024, starting university for the first time in 2025 and identifying as female, non-binary or Indigenous Australian, we have two exciting new <u>Faculty of Science</u> scholarships for you to explore.

#### Find out what it's like to study health at QUT

QUT's <u>Health Insights</u> articles give you the chance to learn how current or recent students have enjoyed studying undergraduate and postgraduate health courses at QUT. Read Tabitha's story about <u>what it's like to study paramedic sciences</u> or Samantha's story about <u>what it's like to study paramedic science</u>. Explore QUT's Health Insights <u>here</u>.

# Major in Landscape Architecture at QUT

Landscape architects create positive change when designing spaces for our community. They address real-world challenges like rapid urbanisation and extreme climate conditions. You will learn from leading landscape architects and allied professionals and benefit from project site visits, field trips and study tours. QUT Landscape Architecture graduates are in high demand, with most students receiving job offers before completing their degree. Learn more about the <u>Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) (Landscape Architecture)</u>

#### **New: Climate Science Studies**

Make a difference for our planet's future. Be empowered to tackle the urgent and real impacts of climate change. QUT's <u>Bachelor of Science</u> (<u>Climate Science</u>) opens doors to innovative and impactful careers at the forefront of climate action.

# You're Not Alone: What Does STEM Support at QUT Look Like?

Are you starting university soon? Throughout your degree, there might be times when you'll need help with your studies. The QUT Student Success team offers support for all students, including drop-in sessions and workshops. Read about STEM Support at QUT <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

# The University of Queensland

#### Summer high school language program

The UQ Institute of Modern Languages (IML) offers IML high school language enrichment programs for students who are studying Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese or Spanish in Years 9, 10 11 or 12 in 2025. The goal of these programs is to increase students' proficiency and fluency by using the language for communicative purposes. The focus will be on enjoyment in an assessment-free environment while improving your listening, reading, speaking and writing skills in an immersive environment. The next program will be held 13 -17 January 2025 with early bird fee available until 9 December 2024. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information and enrolment details.

#### **UQ Science Ambassador Program**

2025 nominations are now open for the UQ Science Ambassador Program. The aim of the program is to raise the profile of science within your school. Year 11 science students can be nominated by a teacher as a UQ Science Ambassador. Science Ambassadors receive a blazer badge, certificate, prizes and awards plus regular updates and invitations to science events. If you are interested speak to your Science teacher. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information and to nominate. Nominations close at the end of March 2025.

# **Torrens University Australia**

#### Early Entry Program, closing soon

You can apply to Torrens University through their Early Entry Program. A conditional offer is open to all Year 12 students and applying is easy. The program closes soon. Click <u>here</u> to find out more. Be aware that:

- There's no cost to apply
- There's no obligation to take up your offer
- Your offer can be deferred

# **University of Southern Queensland**

#### Got some questions about UniSQ?

Are you considering study at UniSQ and have questions? <u>Book</u> an appointment to talk with a UniSQ representative for:

- International student enquiries
- Current student enquiries
- Domestic future student enquiries
- Career advising practitioner
- Scholarship enquiries

# Qualifications other than degrees that will get you places

A Uni degree isn't the only pathway to get you places! You might want to check out UniSQ's wide range of qualifications that give skills that will assist you in entering the workforce including:

- <u>Diplomas</u>: A one-year qualification to kick-start your study
- Upskill: Online mini courses with skills to implement in your current role
- Pathways: Pathway programs to get you your place at university

#### **Student support**

Regardless of whether you are studying online, on-campus at UniSQ Toowoomba, Springfield, Ipswich or from another location like Stanthorpe or Geraldton, UniSQ provides support so you can better achieve your goals. Click <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to read about their 15 different support services available to you.

#### Study wherever, whenever

With a range of flexible study modes, including online, on campus, accelerated or part-time, you'll benefit from the ability to choose how you study, at a pace that suits you. Click <a href="here">here</a> to find out more about UniSQ's study options and courses. It may be a way to start your study while still being able to work.

# **UniPrep pathways**

UniPrep is a free pathway to most UniSQ undergraduate degrees for high school students. It focuses on developing academic skills to prepare you for transition to university and success in your chosen undergraduate degree. Successful completion of UniPrep provides you with the English subject pre-requisite required for UniSQ degrees and ensures you are eligible to apply for a range of specified UniSQ undergraduate degrees. On successful completion of UniPrep, you will also be eligible for 2 QCE points. Click <a href="here">here</a> for more information including application dates, eligibility and course structure.

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University can be an exciting and sometimes unfamiliar journey and it's important to know where to get the support to make the transition easy and fun. USC has a <u>Student Support service</u> providing support in the following areas:

- Student success
- Health and wellbeing
- Accessibility and inclusion
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students
- Academic and study support
- Careers and employability
- Scholarships and financial support
- IT services
- Library
- Make connections
- International students



Date	Event
12/11/2024	ADF: Gladstone A Night in the Army Reserve
12/11/2024	ADF: Greenbank A Night in the Army Reserve
12/11/2024	QUT Early Offer final date for reordering QTAC preferences
15/11/2024	Griffith Uni's Early Offer third offer round
15/11/2024	QUT Early Offers released via QTAC
17/11/2024	Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) close
18/11/2024	CAS Hawker Scholarship applications open
18/11/2024	UQ College Bridging Program - Mathematical Methods, Biology, Chemistry, Physics Classes commence
19/11/2024	The many ingredients of employability: The Employability Capital Growth Model
20/11/2024	Flickerfest Australian Youth and School Competition 2025 close
20/11/2024	SAE FlickerUp youth short film competition entry closes
25/11/2024	UQ's late audition application closes for Bachelor of Music (Honours)
29/11/2024 to 04/12/2024	QUT Campus tours
30/11/2024	UniSC scholarships for 2025 applications close
30/11/2024	University of the Sunshine Coast scholarships applications close
02/12/2024	Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Uni Scholarship for rural and regional students opens
08/12/2024	Due date to lodge an application and submit documentation
09/12/2024	UQ IML High School language Enrichment Program applications close
09/12/2024	UQ Language enrichment program registrations close
10/12/2024	ADF: Brisbane Army Reserve Information Session
11/12/2024	QCAA release final subject results
13/12/2024	Aspiring Teachers Grant applications close

13/12/2024	Pearl Duncaan teaching scholarship applications close
13/12/2024	QUT Real Decisions webinar
13/12/2024	Release of the 2024 ATAR results bt QTAC
16/12/2024	Griffith Uni's Vice Chancellor's Academic Achievement Scholarship
31/12/2024	St Kilda Film Festival early bird entries close

