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Announcements

A thought ...

Your work is going to fill a large part of your life. The only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking, don't settle. As with all matters of the heart you'll know when you find it. Don't settle for less. *Steve Jobs*

Joke for the fortnight ...

I got a job as a human cannonball. It was a high-calibre position! But I had a short fuse and got fired!

Options App for quick access to career information for parents and students

Are you are looking for a quick and convenient way to access current and timely career information? The Options Career Information fortnightly Bulletin can be accessed through their App. All you need for 24/7 access is to download the App (available from [Apple Store](#) and [Google Play](#)) and ask your school for their Options Career Information access code. Through the App, you will have the following information at your fingertips, anywhere, any time:

- Fortnightly Bulletins with relevant career and tertiary study articles and updates
- Career events calendar including event information, dates and locations
- Access to previously published bulletin articles
- Any career information handouts that your school has chosen

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



Apprenticeship and Traineeship information from the Queensland Government

The Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training have a website that will provide you with much valuable information if you are looking at taking up an Apprenticeship or Traineeship after school. On their [website](#) under the Training heading, you will find information on:

- [Queensland Skills Strategy](#)
- [Training and careers](#)
- [Apprenticeships and traineeships](#)

Apprenticeship support

Click on the links below to find out more about:

- [Requirements during your apprenticeship](#)
- [Who can support me during my apprenticeship?](#)
- [How do I manage changes during my apprenticeship?](#)
- [Maintaining your log book](#)
- [Making sure your training is on track](#)

Pre-Apprenticeship courses

Pre-apprenticeship training is an entry-level certificate made up of theoretical and practical training at one of TAFE Queensland's campuses, as well as hands-on work experience in your chosen industry. Whether you're looking to get a foot in the door or just try something new, pre-apprenticeship training with TAFE Queensland could be what you are looking for straight out of school. Click [here](#) to find out:

- What are the benefits?
- What job can I get?
- What if I don't know what I want to do?
- Available courses and how to apply
- Current school students' information
- School leavers and mature-age students' information

Soft Skills

Think of soft skills as doorways to new career paths. Click [here](#) and find out about the following soft skills including short videos:

- What are soft skills?
- Soft skills for the future
- Hobbies to hone your soft skills
- How to improve your soft skills
- Work readiness workbooks



Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

The ADF hold information sessions that focus on particular areas of the Defence Force, providing valuable information around life, employment, opportunities and commitment when joining the ADF. For details about the following events visit the [Defence Jobs Upcoming Events & Info Sessions](#).

- 15/07/2025 [Mt Isa Indigenous Pathways Information Session](#)
[Toowoomba Aviation Careers Information Session](#)
- 16/07/2025 [Toowoomba ADF Careers Expo](#)
[Maroochydore Aviation Careers Information Session](#)
- 17/07/2025 [Logistics, Hospitality & Support Careers Information Session](#)
- 21/07/2025 [Beauresort Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 22/07/2025 [Gladstone Trade Careers Information Session](#)
[Townsville Aviation Careers Information Session](#)
- 23/07/2025 [Cairns Aviation Careers Information Session](#)
[Yeppoon Trade Careers Information Session](#)
[Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 24/07/2025 [Rockhampton Trade Careers Information Session](#)
[Gold Coast School Leavers, Parents and Teachers Information Session](#)
- 28/07/2025 [Maroochydore School Leavers, Parents and Teachers Information Session](#)
[Brisbane Aviation Careers Information Session](#)
- 29/07/2025 [Brisbane Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- 31/07/2025 [Brisbane Trade Careers Information Session](#)

Career Exploration



Can you be anything you want to be?

You can be anything you want to be! If you can dream it, you can be it! You can do anything! Ever heard career messaging like this? It sometimes seems all around us (what I call shiny, happy careers talk) and it can sound so hopeful, inspirational and motivating. Except, well, it's not always true.

Even with all the time and money in the world there are going to be some jobs that are just so far outside your skills-set and aptitude that achieving them is functionally impossible. Click [here](#) to continue reading Polly Wiggins' full article. It is very sound information and will give you something to think about to!

Explore Career Pathways

The Australian Government's Your Career has an excellent tool that will assist you in finding a pathway to a job that you are interested in. You start Explore Career Pathways by adding the occupation you're interested in and then you'll be shown how you can move between occupations and any qualifications you might need to get there. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Finding work that fits you best

From an early age we learn to develop the knowledge and skills needed to secure a job. In many cases, we pay vast amounts of money gaining a qualification so that we can enter the workforce. However, it can be challenging to find work that suits you. You need to consider your needs, values and things that are important to you in how you live and work. Click [here](#) to read a myfuture article that will help you identify work that you will enjoy and engage in. You will read about:

- Knowing your values
- Why work?
- Job satisfaction

How parents support their teens' career exploration

Helping young people navigate their high school career research to prepare for post-secondary or work life is personal to every family. However, how older generations view careers and life will be vastly different from the world of work that Generation Z and future generations will face because of the rapid evolution of tech and AI. So, what can parents do to help increase their child's success in the changing world of work? Click [here](#) to read an article by Conny Lee where she talks about:

- Exploration
- Research and look for trends
- Have open conversations
- Cultivate resilience and flexibility

Not sure where to start finding out about jobs and qualifications?

The Good Universities Guide has an excellent section that provides information on 30 different career pathways including:

- Description of the study area
- Pathways
 - VET study options
 - Undergraduate study (Bachelor's degree)
 - courses, majors and specialisations
 - Where to study courses
 - career opportunities
 - Postgraduate study options

Click [here](#) (scroll down) for more information.

There's more than one path to university

The [Australian Tertiary Admission Rank](#) (ATAR) is just one way Universities select students for their courses. Most Universities offer alternative entry pathways for people who:

- didn't get the ATAR needed for standard admission.
- didn't get an ATAR at all.

Perhaps your education was disrupted, your family circumstances and responsibilities reduced the amount of time you could dedicate to study, you chose subjects that meant you were ineligible for an ATAR or your ATAR was not competitive enough. Whatever the case, there are other ways you can apply for university.

Click [here](#) to read Your Career options if you find yourself in this position including:

- About the ATAR?
- How to get into university without an ATAR
 - Enrol in a non-degree or bridging course first
 - Enrol in an undergraduate certificate course
 - Try vocational education and training (VET)
- More pathways to university
- Support for school leavers and young people

Tips on navigating job search content

Finding useful job search information can be confusing and you'll probably find many individuals and businesses giving advice or making recommendations on the right job or career for you. So how do you know

if something is trustworthy, reliable or going to be useful for you? Job Jumpstart has put together some tips to help you work through the online content you find. Click [here](#) to find out more about:\

- How do I know what is useful content and what is not?
 - What is unbiased and factual information
- Things to think about when reading job search information or career advice online
 - Who is providing the information?
 - Why are they providing this information?
 - Will this information help me reach my employment or career goals?

Tips to increase your child's interest in careers

Young people can be unclear about their direction in life. It's often not until their early twenties that they gain a good sense of who they are. Our system, however, asks much younger people to make decisions based on knowing who they are and what they want to achieve in life. They have to select subjects, elective choices and vocational study opportunities. There is a wealth of information about possible choices. People can feel overwhelmed, unable to decide or lose interest in the whole 'careers thing'. Finding out who you are and what you want to do is a process that depends on many factors. Click [here](#) to read about 11 strategies that may assist you and your child including:

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

VET could be a great fit for you

Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications include certificates, diplomas and advanced diplomas, offered across a large number of industries and study areas. They offer many advantages from pathway options to skill development. If you fit into one of the categories below, a [VET course](#) could be your next step:

- You're looking for practical, hands-on training
- You're looking to qualify for a specific job or trade
- You're looking to 'try out' a study area before you commit to extensive study
- You're looking for a pathway to university study
- You're looking to add to your current skill set



Australian Women's Film Festival

The Australian Women's Film Festival is a short film festival created by women, for women. AWFF wants to support, encourage and celebrate female storytellers by giving them a platform to showcase their talent both in front and behind the camera. Men are not excluded from being involved in AWFF, they just need to be willing to work with women! Extended applications close 8 August. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details.

Griffith Law School Legal Essay Competition

Are you a Year 12 student with a strong case to make about a current legal issue? Are you interested in the role of law and law reform to effect positive social change? If so, you are encouraged to submit an essay in Griffith Law School's competition. With cash prizes up for grabs, this is the perfect opportunity for you to showcase your passion for law and social change in a fun, competitive environment. Submissions close at 5pm Monday 18 August. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details.



National Awards for Disability Leadership nominations now open

National Awards for Disability Leadership nominations are now open and close on 17 October. They recognise outstanding achievements by individuals, or disabled people's organisations, that have significantly contributed to advancing the status of disabled people. Disability leaders will be acknowledged across seven categories reflecting the diversity of this community and the intersectional* nature of their lives in:

1. The Arts – advancing the status of disabled people through artistic expression.
2. Change Making – achieving greater equality for disabled people by changing policy, programs or legislation.
3. Rights Activism – advancing the status of disabled people by using human rights mechanisms including the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*.
4. Innovation – achieving outcomes to the status of disabled people by working outside the box, developing new systems, technology and/or tools.
5. Social Impact – achieving visibility of disabled people by using mainstream or social media or other digital interfaces.
6. Inclusion – illustrating the intersectional diversity of disabled people by designing processes, systems or programs.
7. The Lesley Hall Award for Lifetime Achievement – awarded to an individual who has shown commitment to the disability rights movement and worked overtime to achieve significant outcomes for disabled people.

Click [here](#) for the nomination form.

(*intersectional means being disabled alongside one or more of the following: gender, LGBTIQ, Indigenous, culturally or linguistically diverse, or young).

Support for people with disabilities

There are a large number of services available to support students with disabilities including apprentices and trainees, to participate in vocational education and training (VET). This includes services that may assist transition into VET and then into employment. Click [here](#) to find information from the Queensland Government's, Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training including:

- Skilling Queenslanders for Work
- Certificate 3 Guarantee
- Training provider services
- Skills Disability Support

- Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support (DAAWS) Program
- Job Access
- Transition to Work (TtW)
- Ticket to Work
- National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) Program
- National Equipment Database (NED)
- National Disability Insurance Scheme in Queensland
- Resources for students with disability

Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



Australian Jobs 2025

The Australian Government's Your Career website has now published Australian Jobs 2025. Australian Jobs is designed to step you through all aspects of the labour market and help you understand what employers are looking for. Australian Jobs 2025 includes:

- Advice on finding and applying for work, and how to win a job once you have applied
- Information on education and training options
- An overview of Australia's diverse labour markets
- A new section highlighting the Jobs and Skills Councils, with overviews of the skills employers need and the interesting work offered by a range of careers
- Comprehensive analysis outlining employment opportunities across industries, occupations and locations.

It is important to remember that the labour market can change quickly. It isn't easy to forecast future labour market conditions and it isn't recommended to base employment and training decisions on predicted shortages. It is far better to train in an area in which you have an interest and aptitude than to choose a career solely based on expectations about future conditions. Click [here](#) to download the publication.

Explore occupation and industry trends in one handy tool

Jobs and Skills Australia's Occupation and Industry Profiles bring together up-to-date data across hundreds of occupations and major industries. It's a powerful resource to help job seekers, students and employers make smarter decisions about careers, training and recruitment.

In its recent data update, discover insights like:

- Aged and Disabled Carers is now Australia's second-largest occupation, employing over 367,200 people and growing fast, with a 10.7% increase in the past year.
- The Education and Training industry has added more than 330,000 workers over ten years, making it one of the top contributors to national job growth.
- Australia's youngest occupation - Fast Food Cooks, with a median age of just 17 and an 84% part-time employment rate.

Explore employment trends, wages, demographics, skill levels and national comparisons across hundreds of jobs and major industries. It's easy to use and regularly updated. Click [here](#) to find out more including Occupation and Industry Profiles.

Industries and jobs

On the Your Career [website](#) you will find industry profiles and related jobs. Explore the 19 listed industries and their related occupations to see if you can find some matches that interest you.

Life as an awarded television director

Life as an Awarded Television Director is a profession that attracts a lot of attention, wonder and awe. Click [here](#) (scroll down) to hear from Shannon Flynn about her career in film and television.

Link and Launch

Link and Launch is based at local schools. They assist young people who have completed Year 12 but have not yet transitioned to further study, training or work. They can assist you to navigate a range of post-school study, training and work options in line with your goals, aspirations, skills and strengths and support you to make independent choices that will help you to make a successful transition. Some options young people may consider through the program include:

- Free apprenticeships for under 25s
- Fee-Free TAFE
- Skilling Queenslanders for Work programs
- Alternative entry to university
- Employment
- Federal incentives and participation programs like Transition to Work.

Click [here](#) to find out more including eligibility, locations and further information.

My Metaverse Mission: Possible

This is an online metaverse STEM event inspiring girls 10 - 14 years old through Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The online event will be held between 9 to 17 August. Girls will decode missions and enter the metaverse to discover careers, uncover job secrets, pop info balloons and meet real-life role models powering the future. Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

Online profiles are important

When you are applying for a job, employers will check your online profile to:

- confirm that what you've said about yourself in your application fits what you show online
- understand your interests, abilities and attitude to life
- find out if you have an existing network of professional contacts.

Using social media in a positive and constructive way can actually help you get a job. Your passion for a good cause, your love of music or your entertaining blog, all say something about you and what you have to offer. In JobJumpstart's article [Impress employers with your online profile](#), they explain how to protect your online profile and provide some tools that can help.

Specific occupation information - sport and science

Great career decisions are made when you do your research! The following links provide valuable information:

Sport and Recreation

- [Careers in Sport](#)
- [Careers in Sport and Recreation](#)

Science

- [Careers that started in Science](#)
- [Careers with STEM](#)
- [Science Careers List](#)

What do employers want?

No matter what the job, employers want people who have certain qualities. When you're applying for a job, showing that you have the following six qualities will help you stand out from the other job applicants. Youth Central outlines ways to show an employer that you have these qualities by using examples from your everyday life. Click [here](#) to read more about what employers want and how you can demonstrate that you:

- Have Experience
- Have Teamwork skills
- Are reliable
- Have initiative
- Have maturity
- Are willing to learn

Work in Rail Website

The [Work in Rail website](#) promotes rail careers and provides practical information on pathways for people looking for a job in the industry. It includes a range of tools to help school leavers, tertiary students and people in other industries to find their career in rail. Check it out!

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Commonwealth Prac Payment (CPP)

The Commonwealth Prac Payment (CPP) will provide eligible domestic students access to \$331.65 per week (benchmarked to the single Austudy rate) while they are undertaking a mandatory placement in a Bachelor's or Master's in teaching, nursing, midwifery or social work degree or a Diploma of Nursing. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Eligibility criteria
- Reporting requirements
- Resources
- Commonwealth Prac Payment Student Flyer

Financial help if you're 24 or younger and a student or Australian Apprentice

Youth Allowance is a financial payment from the Australian Government to support students and Australian apprentices while they gain their qualifications. To get this, you must be one of the following:

- 18 to 24 and studying full time
- 16 to 17, studying full time and either independent or needing to live away from home to study
- 16 to 17, studying full time and have completed Year 12 or equivalent
- 16 to 24 and doing a full time Australian Apprenticeship.

Click [here](#) to read the full conditions and more information including:

- What you need to do
- How much you can get
- How to prepare to and make a claim
- Who can claim
- When you'll get your first payment
- How to report and manage your payment
- Youth allowance for job seekers

Rent Assistance

Tertiary students who are receiving Youth Allowance, Austudy and/or Abstudy and are paying rent or board while studying may also be able to receive rent assistance. You do not need to make a separate claim as you will automatically be assessed on whether you are eligible to receive Rent Assistance payments. The amount you receive depends on the type and amount of rent you pay and your living arrangements (whether you share accommodation with others, for example). See the Department of Human Services [website](#) for details.

Wanting to apply for a scholarship?

Applying for scholarships isn't that hard but it does take planning. With research to do, forms to fill out and deadlines to meet, there's no doubt that applying for a [scholarship](#) can be tricky. If you're in the midst of scholarship applications or need some pointers to help you get started, working your way through the Good Universities Guide's five-step checklist of scholarship tips will put your mind ease. Click here to read their 5 simple steps to apply for a scholarship including:

1. Have you researched your options?
2. Do you understand the application process?
3. Have you noted down deadlines?
4. Have you triple-checked your application?
5. Do you have a back-up plan?

First Nations Peoples



JCU Indigenous Education and Research Centre's Summer School

Are You Currently in Year 12 and Planning to Study in 2026? JCU's intensive preparatory program is an opportunity for you to build basic knowledge and skills to commence university studies next year. You will get to participate in experiments and develop critical reading and writing skills. Applications open on 18 July and close on 26 September. Click [here](#) for more details including:

- What to expect
- Travel and accommodation
- What you can study
 - Academic literacy
 - Mathematics
 - Chemistry



Gap Year Program News

World Education Program Student Exchange options

The World Education Program Student Exchange (WEP) provides student exchange opportunities across 6 continents and 18 countries. With over 25 years experience, WEP is a trusted student exchange organisation. WEP is proud to have an excellent reputation with the government authorities and a strong commitment to high quality programming. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Information sessions
- Brochures
- Start your application
- WEP policies
- Contact information

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UMelb: My Melbourne newsletter

Stay informed about key dates, University life, relevant course updates, events, information sessions, and more. Whether you're in your final year of study, just thinking about Uni for the first time or a parent, we'll send you the right information at the right time. Click [here](#) to find out more and to subscribe for regular updates.

The next generation of parents and students

The educational landscape is shifting dramatically, driven by the entrance of a new generation of students and the next generation of parents. With every generation comes a different set of expectations and characteristics, all of which they bring to their parenting and for students, their learning. Parents today still want to be involved in their child's schooling. McCrindle Research conducted a national survey of 1,500 parents, students and staff across government, Catholic and Independent schools. Click [here](#) to read about the key traits and characteristics of the next generations of students and parents including:

- Introducing a New Era
- Who Are Gen Y and Gen Z?
- Generational Expectations and Education
- Effective Engagement
- The Importance of Authentic Engagement

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



2025 TSXPO

The Brisbane Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo (TSXPO) is Australia's largest and longest-running careers Expo connecting students, graduates and job seekers with top universities, training institutions and employers. Whether you're exploring tertiary studies, looking for employment opportunities or seeking career advice, this careers event will provide valuable information to help with your research. It will be held at the RICC Brisbane Showgrounds on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July from 10am to 4pm. Entry is free. Click [here](#) to register your interest and find out more about what the Expo offers including:

- Visitor information
- Exhibitor Directory
- Seminars on offer
- Downloads
- Competitions

Australian Film TV and Radio School Open Day

Join the Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) for its annual, access-all-areas Open Day on Saturday 9 August from 9:30am - 4:30pm. During the event find out about:

Information Presentations in the Main Theatre:

- Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production
- Graduate Diploma in Radio & Podcasting
- Your Career in Screen and Audio: Insider Advice Panel

Drop-In Sessions:

- Master of Arts Screen
- Master of Arts Screen: Business

Plus: Access-all-areas campus tours, exciting hands-on activities, Ask Us Anything sessions, Short Courses, application and scholarship advice, Student Centre and more.

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

CQUniversity Open Day experiences

From July to August, CQUniversity is hosting Open Day events across their Queensland campuses, plus online webinars for flexible access. These events are a great opportunity for you to explore both TAFE and University pathways, meet CQU's expert staff and get your questions answered about courses, applications, scholarships and more. Click [here](#) to discover your options and experience what life at CQU is really like.

How to start a conversation at Open Day

The following will give you some ideas when you are speaking with university staff and students. When you have some key questions, it's not difficult talking with someone you don't know.

What to do on the day

In and amongst the freebies, food and entertainment, there are a few key things you should do on the day.

- Take a tour of the campus and facilities
- Collect brochures, course guides and other useful information for further reading
- Talk to students and staff and ask plenty of questions
- Attend information sessions for courses or faculties of interest

Key questions to ask staff and students about courses

- What are the entry requirements? Are there any prerequisite subjects or additional requirements (such as a portfolio or interview)?
- How much time can you expect to spend in classes each week? How many hours will need to be dedicated to study outside of class?
- What are the most common forms of assessment (for example: exams, group projects or essays)?
- Where are graduates of the course working now? What are some typical career paths?
- Are there opportunities for practical learning, work experience or internships?
- Are there any pathway options to help you gain entry to the course?
- Does the course offer a pathway to further study?
- Are double degrees available?
- Does the university have any industry connections in the field?
- How much choice is there in subject selection? Are there opportunities to study elective subjects?

Key questions to ask staff and students about the university

- What facilities are available on campus?
- What support services are offered to students?
- Are there accommodation options on campus or nearby?
- Does the university offer any scholarships?
- Does the university have any exchange agreements with institutions overseas?
- Does the university provide assistance with finding work after graduation?

Key questions to ask staff and students about student life

- What clubs and societies are on offer?
- Are there opportunities to socialise on campus?

- Is there a student union? What services and activities does the union coordinate?

Other things to consider

- **Getting there:** Is the campus easy to get to? Can you catch public transport? If you plan to drive, what are the parking options around the campus?
- **Accommodation:** For those planning on moving out of home to study, consider having a look around the local area for potential neighbourhoods to live in or take a tour of on-campus accommodation.
- **Facilities:** What facilities are available on and around campus? Look at food options, gyms, banks, medical centres, libraries and any other facilities you consider important. It's also worth investigating the practical facilities available for your course, such as laboratories and studios.

July and some August Open Days

16/07/2025	Toowoomba ADF Careers Expo Toowoomba Careers Expo
18/07/2025	JCU Townsville Open Day for schools
19/07/2025	JCU Open Day Townsville TSXPO
20/07/2025	TSXPO UniSC Open Day Moreton Bay Campus
22/07/2025	Ignite Career Expo Sunshine Coast Career Expo
25/07/2025	James Cook University - Cairns
26/07/2025	Bond Open Day
27/07/2025	QUT Open Day
31/07/2025	CQ University (Mackay) Open Day
02/08/2025	ACU Open Day
03/08/2025	UniSC Sunshine Coast Campus Open Day UQ Open Day St Lucia Campus
04/08/2025	Townsville Careers Expo
07/08/2025	Mackay Careers Expo CQUni Open Day (Bundaberg) Mater Education Open Day - Springfield

[Cairns Youth and Career Expo](#)

09/08/2025 [UniSQ Springfield Open Day](#)

[UniSQ Ipswich Open Day](#)

10/08/2025 [Griffith University Open Day](#)

[Southern Cross University Open Day](#)

14/08/2025 [CQUni Open Day Townsville](#)

QUT Open Day

[QUT Open Day](#) is on Sunday 27 July at Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses. This is the best opportunity to chat to staff and students from all study areas about courses, careers and uni life. Explore their campuses, labs, studios and facilities and see what makes QUT the University for the real world. Register and go in the draw to win a MacBook.

The day is designed to be inclusive and accessible for everyone. With events across both Kelvin Grove and Gardens Point campuses, there is a free shuttle buses, accessible parking, mobility support and you can find accessible routes and restrooms. Click [here](#) for more information regarding accessibility.

Interested in earth, environmental and biological sciences. you can check out QUT's chemistry and physic labs. Tours will be running throughout the day.

UQ Open Day

UQ will be hosting their St Lucia and Gatton Open Days in August. By attending, you can find out about your interests and study options, and meet your future teachers. Get answers to all your questions about applying to UQ, so you can help prepare for university life. Click [here](#) to register and to find out about:

03/08/2025 St Lucia Campus Open Day - 9am - 3pm 280-284 Sir Fred Schonell Drive, St Lucia

17/08/2025 Gatton Campus Open Day - 9am - 2pm 5391 Warrego Highway, Gatton

Private Provider Updates

NIDA 2026 applications open

Applications are now open for the National Institute of Dramatic Art's (NIDA) Vocational Diplomas and Undergraduate Degrees for entry in 2026. The NIDA application process usually takes place over two rounds:

Round 1: Choose a course

Submit your application for a course

Round 2: Prepare for your audition/interview

Undertake audition/interview

Receive an offer

Click [here](#) to read more about the courses that are available, the application process, the audition process including tips and advice and the interview process.

NIDA Term 3 classes in Brisbane

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) will be offering weekend workshops in Brisbane during Term 3. Click [here](#) to find out the workshops to see dates and locations in Brisbane.

Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) Workshops

[QSFT](#) invites students to the 'It' series of workshops covering many aspects of film production. For more information about the QSFT workshops, check out their [2025 Schedule](#).

SAE University College Early Entry Program

SAE's Early Entry Program lets you lock in your future studies and enjoy what's left of high school knowing you've got next year sorted, all before your final exams. No ATAR? No problem! All SAE courses offer an ATAR-free point of entry. Apply for Early Entry today to secure your conditional offer for February 2026. Click [here](#) to find out more and application details.

SAE University College course entry requirements

SAE consider your creative potential and commitment to the Creative Industries, not just your academic history for entry into courses. This is why you don't need a minimum ATAR to study at SAE University College. Find out more about entry requirements for Associate and Bachelor Degrees and Diploma courses. Click [here](#) to for information about:

- Recognition of prior learning and credit transfer
- Experience-Based entry
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

The Hotel School's Insights into a 5-Star Career

Are you thinking of a career in tourism, in particular hotel management? 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. Click [here](#) to read about:

- Over 10,000 industry experience opportunities
- Campus locations
- Experience hands-on work opportunities
- Alumni
- Top world rankings

Are you studying the International Baccalaureate (IB) Studies

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) is a two year assessed senior secondary program that is offered throughout the world. QTAC Institutions can accept the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma as equivalent to an Australian Year 12 qualification. To facilitate comparisons for selection purposes, QTAC converts the IB Diploma score to a QTAC Selection Rank, similar to an ATAR.

IB Diploma results range between 24 and 45 and are mapped to an IB Admissions Score (IBAS) to allow IB Diploma students to be considered for tertiary places alongside their QCE counterparts. This ATAR-like rank is known as the National ATAR because it is a national conversion which combines student data gathered from across all states in Australia. This means that IB students can apply in any Australian state or territory with confidence about how their results compare to their peers who have completed state-based programs and received an ATAR. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- The Combined Rank
- Releasing your results to QTAC
- Dates
- IB Consent Form
- How to get the link to the IBAS Consent Form
- Still have questions about IB?

Changes to QTAC application fees

QTAC has changed their fees for 2025/6 applications. They have now introduced a cheaper Early Bird fee schedule. The \$70 Early Bird fee schedule closes on 30 September 2025. Applications from 1 October 2025 is \$150. You have 3 free changes to your course preferences included in your application fee. If you make 4 or more course preference changes, each change will cost you \$70. Check page 19 in your 2026 Year 12 Guide or the electronic version online. The QTAC website will be update in the near future.

QTAC Updates

Key dates for 2025:

Tuesday 5 August 2025 - Opening of Admissions. You will be able to register for the ATAR Portal (apply to have QTAC calculate your ATAR). You will need to use a personal email address, your Learner Unique Identifier (LUI), Date of Birth (DOB) and full name (as on QCAA/School record). You will also be able to begin

your 2026 QTAC Application.

Thursday 18 December 2025 - QTAC will notify you of your ATAR at 9am via the ATAR Portal.

Rumours, Myths and legends from QTAC

Rumour: The Queensland ATAR can include other inputs like IB subjects, Music and Dance qualifications, Certificate I and II qualifications...

Reality: The ATAR only includes General subjects, Applied Subjects, Completed VET qualifications at Certificate III level and higher. The ATAR must include at least 4 General subjects.

Rumour: Some Mathematics subjects scale better for ATARs.

Reality: The difficulty of a subject has nothing to do with how well it will scale! How a subject scales is dependent on the achievement of students in all their subjects (including their Mathematics subject).

Rumour: It is possible to game the system to get the highest ATAR

Reality: The ATAR is entirely data driven. ATAR is a rank, so if a student's results place them in the top percentile, then they will get the top ATAR.

Myths and Legends: Can certain subjects like Physics increase a student's ATAR?

Reality: NO - A student can only maximise their ATAR by performing well in all their subjects.

Myth and Legends: What pattern of subjects will guarantee an ATAR of 99.95?

Reality: The ATAR is entirely data driven, so if a student's results place them in the top percentile, then they will get the top ATAR regardless of the subjects they do.

Myths and Legends: I will only get an ATAR if I apply to QTAC for tertiary entry.

Reality: No, QTAC will calculate an ATAR for all students who have qualified and registered for an ATAR, even if they are not applying for tertiary entry.

Myths and Legends: I will not qualify for an ATAR so higher education is closed off to me.

Reality: Some tertiary courses are accessible without a formal tertiary ranking like ATAR. There are other pathways to tertiary study, including via VET. Check with the institutions/Unis you are interested in to see what they pathway options are.

Term 3 - an important time for Year 12 students

Term 3 is very important and busy for Year 12 students. If you haven't already decided what you are going to do in 2026, this is the time to find out information about your options. The following is a selection of events and activities that will assist you with your decision-making.

QTAC Guide – You will receive your QTAC Guide usually, early in Term 3 or you can access/download it on the QTAC [website](#). It contains information about the application process and the courses you can apply for in 2026. *Don't lose this book as you may need it after you leave school to change course preferences on your QTAC application when Year 12 results are released and during QTAC offer rounds.* You need to regularly check the QTAC website to ensure the information is up to date as information can change throughout the year.

Institution open days - Most of the University open days occur in Term 3. Open days provide an opportunity to learn more about the institutions and courses you are interested in. Attend the Open Days and be prepared with questions for the representatives. See Open day dates on the QTAC [website](#) and in the *Open Day and Career Expos* section of the fortnightly Options' Bulletins.

QTAC applications open - QTAC applications for Semester 1 2026 courses open on 5 August 2025. Closing dates for some courses and some scholarship applications can vary so read your QTAC book carefully. You can find information about the application process and offer process in the guide and on the [QTAC website](#).

ATAR application portal - You need to apply to QTAC to get your ATAR calculated by them. The ATAR portal opens on 1 August. You will need your LUI number (Learning Unique Identifier)

Scholarships - Most university scholarship applications open in Term 3 and close in October, November or December. An exception is Bond University, which has its scholarship applications open now and each scholarship can have a different closing date. It is best to check the closing date on the Bond [website](#) under each scholarship entry. Every university has a scholarship section on its website. Find out the application process and due date early, to avoid missing out on a scholarship. If in doubt about your chances, apply anyway.

What senior subjects should you study to gain an excellent ATAR

Year 10 students and their parents often ask this question. The answer is, the subjects that you enjoy, have had past success in and meet any future tertiary course prerequisites. You want to get to the end of Year 12, receive your results and be able to say to yourself that they are the best results you could get while maintaining life balance and wellbeing. Your ATAR is just a tool used by QTAC for competitive entry into tertiary institution courses. It is NOT an indication of your 'intelligence' and future success and happiness in life.



Get organised and study well!

Organising yourself and your study space will make it easier to finish your tasks on time and not feel overwhelmed. Starting the semester well will put you in a great place and to do the best you can. Click [here](#) and read some of the practical and effective study tips that QCAA suggest including:

- Effective academic practices
- Study tips for success
 - Practical tips
 - Effective study tips
- Health and wellbeing tips with Dr Judith Locke offering practical advice and strategies for students and parents navigating academic environments.

Study Skills and Wellbeing



Are you a procrastinator?

Procrastination involves putting off a task or goal and doing something that's less important instead. It's important to know that procrastination is a normal part of human behaviour. Although it's a common challenge many students face during their studies, everyone procrastinates at some point or another. Procrastination is not "laziness" or a personal flaw! If you're finding that procrastination is repeatedly getting in the way of your progress in study or work, or leads to feelings of stress and overwhelm, there are effective ways to better manage it. Click [here](#) to find out more including:

- Why do I procrastinate?
 - Perfectionism
 - Avoiding anxiety
 - Fear of failure
 - Poor time management
 - Distractibility
- How do I stop procrastinating?
 - Let go of shame
 - Address perfectionism
 - Create realistic goals and break down tasks into small steps
 - Stop thinking, start doing
 - Do what works for you
 - Reward yourself
 - Schedule time for rest and pleasure

Life skills are important!

Life skills are talked about a lot but not often explained. 'Life skills' is a term used to describe a set of basic skills acquired through learning and/or direct life experience that enable you to effectively handle issues and problems commonly encountered in daily life. The following are some ways that could help you recognise and develop your own set of life skills (source unknown):

1. **Building a Good Attitude:** Stay positive, hungry, humble and do whatever it takes.
2. **Taking Initiative:** If you're willing to go first, others will see you as a leader.
3. **Capturing Vision:** See the big picture and pursue something bigger than you.
4. **Communicating Effectively:** Understand that if listeners don't get it, you haven't communicated well.
5. **Teamwork:** To go faster, travel alone. To go further, learn to travel together.
6. **Creativity:** Learn the art of combining two existing ideas to generate a new one.
7. **Grit:** Resilience and work ethic can replace what you lack in talent or personality.
8. **Emotional Intelligence:** To connect with others, understand yourself and them.

9. **Resourcefulness:** Searching and finding new answers keeps you relevant.
10. **Critical Thinking:** Seeing all sides of an issue enables you to act intelligently.
11. **Problem-solving:** The best way to influence is to serve people and solve problems.
12. **Getting Over Yourself:** The clearest sign of maturity is focusing on others.

Mistakes that can lead to poor study habits

The following are some study tips that may assist you to study more effectively and avoid the 'big cram' just before exams ... and wouldn't that be a sweet spot! Although the article is written for Uni students, the tips are great for all students. Read through the tips below that can help you be organised and positive:

1. **The Marathon** - You find a comfortable spot to study and refuse to move ever again. You don't even think about taking a break as that would be a waste of time. Don't you know this assignment is due in 16 hours? Taking a short break is good for your body and excellent for your brain!
2. **The Full-Page Highlight** - You try to study by reading the textbook but somehow end up highlighting everything and remembering nothing. Highlight only the key words, NOT the 'key sentences'!
3. **The Multitasker** - You try to do work for all of your classes at the same time by constantly switching back and forth between assignments. This one is particularly common during finals. Plan a study schedule so that you move from subject to subject in an organised and timely way.
4. **The Media Frenzy** - You study while texting your friends, checking 10 different social media tabs, listening to loud music (or worse, watching Netflix) and looking at your phone every 5 seconds as it buzzes away on your desk. DON'T DO THIS! You end up not learning anything and even end up sending the wrong message to the wrong person!!!!
5. **The Solo Mission** - You only ever study in solitude and refuse to ask anyone else for help. Always remember: Team work makes the dream work - discussion helps the brain recall information.
6. **The Full-Out Panic** - You suddenly realise how much work you have to do and completely freak out, ripping up pages and curling into a ball under your desk. This gets you to a place that you don't want to be in ... trust me. Instead, stop, breath and take a 5 minute break. Come back and organise your thoughts and tasks then work through them methodically.

Why am I so tired you may ask!

Year 13 has an interesting article on some of the reasons you may be stressed, running out of energy and not getting things done on time or at all! Although we are all individuals, the article outlines some of the common reasons why young people can always feel tired and struggle to meet their family, school and work commitments. Click [here](#) to read what they say but if you are struggling it is best to speak with your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or family doctor:

- You're skipping meals
- You're not giving yourself long enough breaks
- You're not getting enough sleep
- You're getting too much sleep
- You're leaving the hardest work to the latest time at night

Subsidised training and incentives - Changes to funded programs

From 1 July 2025, the Queensland Government's funded programs – Certificate 3 Guarantee, User Choice and Higher Level Skills – have been replaced by Career Start and Career Boost. This website will be updated with new information as soon as possible. Government funding aims to minimise skills shortages, focus on training for jobs and industries that are in demand, and increase the number of Queenslanders with formal post-school qualifications. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Fee-Free TAFE
 - Free Nursing
 - Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s
 - Free construction Apprenticeships for over 25s
- Certificate 3 Guarantee
- User Choice
- Higher Level Skills
- Group training organisations pre-apprenticeship program
- Skilling Queenslanders for work
- Trade Skills Assessment and Gap Training
- VET in Schools

TAFE Qualifications that will get you places

TAFE offer nationally recognised qualifications from entry-level certificates through to bachelor degrees. They also offer comprehensive trade training from beginner to advanced levels. Click [here](#) for a range of qualifications on offer through TAFE Queensland and scroll down to see the full range which includes:

- Certificates
- Diplomas
- Degrees and higher-level courses
- Trade Qualifications
- Short courses and micro-credentials
- Pathways to university

TAFE Queensland offers

TAFE Queensland offers a range of Vocational Education and Training courses that lead to employment opportunities. Finding the information is easy!

1. Visit the TAFE Queensland [website](#)

2. Check out *Explore our study areas* and choose which ones to further investigate
3. Choose the *subset* of courses that match your career plans and click Learn More
4. Click on the qualifications you are wanting information about and you will find information on:
 1. What you will study
 2. Ways to study
 3. How can I pay for the course?
 4. Entry requirements
 5. Resources required
 6. How to apply

Do your research as TAFE Queensland has many great opportunities.

VET qualifications for tertiary selection

Successfully completed VET qualifications, at a certificate III level or higher, may be used for tertiary selection in two ways:

- an input into an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR), and/or
- a stand-alone qualification for tertiary admission at some universities (may apply to non-ATAR eligible applicants)

Education institutions may allocate a selection rank depending on the level of VET qualification completed. Click [here](#) to see a guide (scroll down) to the approximate selection rank allocated to each level of qualification. Contact your preferred university or institution to confirm their current guidelines regarding VET admissions. Additional admissions policies may also apply for recent Year 12 graduates with completed VET qualifications, such as meeting prerequisites. For more information visit the QTAC [website](#).



Additional entry requirements for Nursing and/or Midwifery

To enrol in Nursing and/or Midwifery at any university you must meet the following educational requirements:

- **English is your primary language** AND you have attended and satisfactorily completed at least six years of primary and secondary education taught and assessed solely in English.

At least two years of this education must have been between grades 7 and 12.

- You are already **registered with AHPRA** as an Enrolled Nurse (EN), Registered Nurse (RN), or Midwife.
- If you do not meet the above criteria you will need to sit an approved **English language proficiency test**.

If you do not meet these educational requirements, you are required to provide evidence of an acceptable English Language test. Click [here](#) for more information (Scroll down).

It's not just all about the courses!

Choosing the most suitable tertiary institution/university to attend is just as important as choosing the right degree for you. Check out the Queensland tertiary institutions below and work out which one fits you best:

[Australian Catholic University](#)

[Bond University](#)

[Christian Heritage College](#)

[Central Queensland University](#)

[Federation University](#)

[Griffith University](#)

[Griffith College](#)

[James Cook University](#)

[Queensland University of Technology](#)

[SAE Qantm](#)

[TAFE Queensland](#)

[The University of Queensland](#)

[Torrens University Australia](#)

[University of Southern Queensland](#)

[University of the Sunshine Coast](#)

Pathways into Queensland universities

There are many different pathways that will see you gain entry into an undergraduate course/degree at Queensland universities. It's important to do your pathway research as you need to choose an appropriate and achievable pathway at the end of Year 12. Check out the pathways offered at the following universities to see which may suit you and your Year 12 results best.

- Australian Catholic University - [Find your pathway](#)
- Bond – [Pathways into Bond](#)
- Christian Heritage - [Pathways and Credit Transfer](#)
- CQUniversity - [Entry pathways](#)
- Federation University - [Pathways](#)
- Griffith University - [Admission Pathways](#)
- James Cook University - [Pathways and Preparation](#)
- Queensland University of Technology - [Admission Pathways Guide](#)
- Southern Cross University - [Pathways Programs](#)
- Torrens University - [University entry pathways](#)
- The University of Queensland - [Consider your pathway options](#)
- University of New England - [Entry Pathways](#)
- University of Southern Queensland - [Pathways to Uni](#)
- University of Sunshine Coast - [Uni pathways and bridging programs](#)

QTAC 2026 Year 12 Guide updates

The printed QTAC 2026 Guide, is missing some University of the Sunshine Coast courses. These have now been included in the digital QTAC Guide. For the most up-to-date information on course listings, QTAC recommends you check out the QTAC Digital Guide, or visit qtac.edu.au/course-search. Missing UniSC courses are:

- Bachelor of Nursing Science - Caboolture, Fraser Coast, Gimpie, Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast
- Bachelor of Nutrition - Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast
- Bachelor of Nutrition/Master of Dietetics (Sports Nutrition) - Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) - Sunshine Coast
- Bachelor of Paramedicine - Sunshine Coast
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) - Sunshine Coast
- Bachelor of Prosthetics and Orthotics - Sunshine Coast

- Bachelor of Recreation and Outdoor Environmental Studies - Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast
- Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science - Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast
- Bachelor of Sports Studies - Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast
- Diploma of Allied Health Assistance - Caboolture, Fraser Coast, Sunshine Coast

Student Learning Entitlement (SLE)

The SLE will give you 7 years of full-time subsidised study in [Commonwealth supported places](#) (CSP). Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- What is Student Learning Entitlement (SLE)?
- When does my SLE amount reduce?
- What course units count towards your SLE?
- Do my past CSP units count towards my SLE?
- Where can I view my SLE amount?
- Can my SLE amount be re-credited?
- What is additional SLE?
- Lifelong SLE

Australian Catholic University

ACU Guarantee: Missed the recent webinar?

If you missed the 8 July ACU Guarantee: early offers and student pathways webinar you can watch the recording by clicking [here](#) (scroll down). Be informed so you don't miss any great opportunities.

Foundation Studies: Pathway for no or low ATAR

ACU offers the Foundation Studies pathway for entry if you have no ATAR or an ATAR that is too low to see you competitive for entry into one of their courses. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Pathway to 1st year of degree for students who don't have an ATAR or whose ATAR isn't high enough for direct entry to their chosen degree.
- CSPs (Commonwealth Supported Place) plus no additional fees (includes all program resources)
- Available fully online live and part-time (for domestic students).
- Highly supportive educational environment provides the best opportunity to progress into chosen degrees.
- NEW Accelerated (1 semester) or Full Program (2 semesters) options available.
- NEW removal of ATAR 'cap'. Any student can apply.

Pathway finder tool

ACU has developed a tool that you can access and identify study pathways that best meet your situation. You will be able to search by study area or situation to view the available pathway options at ACU. Click [here](#) for more information and to access the Pathway Finder Tool.

Updates to the Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation)

ACU have made some updates to their Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation) including:

- Direct applications open 16 June 2025
- Revised entry criteria: transcript, CV with references, sample essay + interview
- Up to four interview/offer rounds from September 2025 to early 2026
- Interview cut-offs based on scholarship availability
- Direct ACU application required for scholarship consideration (up to \$160,000)
- UAC applicants must also complete a direct ACU component for scholarship eligibility
- Upcoming student webinar: Tuesday 19 August

Click [here](#) for more information.

Bond University

Bond University Indigenous Scholarship

Bond Uni's Indigenous Scholarships aim to support Indigenous Australians by offering a tertiary education experience and pathways to future career opportunities. Applications are now open and close at 11:59pm on 28 August, 2025. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- Am I eligible for this scholarship?
- How do I apply for this scholarship?
- Do I need to prepare anything for my application?
- Can I apply for more than one scholarship?
- When do applications open and close for this scholarship?

Entry via a VET qualification

You may be considered for admission based on your successful completion of a recognised Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Level 4 Certificate IV or higher qualification. If you have successfully completed a diploma or advanced diploma (AQF Levels 5 and 6), you may also be considered for advanced standing. If you have also attained an ATAR, then Bond will take into account the higher ranked of the two qualifications (ATAR or VET) for your admission. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Central Queensland University

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Apprenticeships and traineeships combine the benefits of structured training and paid employment. Undertaking on a full-time, part-time or school-based apprenticeship or traineeship will enable you to learn a trade or skill and receive a nationally accredited qualification. Traineeships can be one to two years in a range of vocational areas, while apprenticeships usually last three to four years to become a qualified tradesperson. Click [here](#) for more information. Apprenticeships and Traineeships on offer are:

- Animal studies
- Automotive Engineering and Technology
- Beauty Therapy
- Business
- Construction
- Education
- Electrotechnology
- Engineering
- Fitness
- Hairdressing
- Health care
- Horticulture
- Hospitality
- Laboratory
- Tourism

Student Accommodation

Student on-campus residences are available at CQUni Mackay and Rockhampton. Off-campus accommodation options are also available. If you need to move to attend university, organising suitable accommodation is key to a smooth transition from school/home to university/independent living. Click [here](#) for more information.

Griffith University

Adjustment factors for Year 12 subject adjustment scheme including IB subjects

Subject adjustments boost your selection rank and improve your chances of securing a place at Uni. You are eligible to receive adjustments for subjects and university courses that you successfully complete in high school that require a high level of skill and knowledge. Adjustment factors will be automatically applied to your ATAR/Tertiary Rank when you apply for eligible Griffith University preferences through QTAC for study in 2026. Click [here](#) for a list of QCAA and IB subjects that will earn you 2 adjustment factor ranks each when you pass them with a minimum grade of C in Units 3 and 4.

New programs and program changes for 2026

The following courses have been approved for delivery from the beginning of 2026:

- [Bachelor of Animation](#)
- [Bachelor of Game Design and Production](#)
- [Bachelor of Health Science](#) - new majors: Data Management and Analytics, Health Communication, Pharmaceutical Science
- [Bachelor of Pharmacy \(Honours\)](#)

Check them out.

Queensland College of Art and Design Portfolio Admission Requirements

Entry into either Bachelor of Visual Arts, Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Visual Arts/Bachelor of Business or the Bachelor of Design/Bachelor of Business can be either through ATAR, portfolio or a combination of both (which is recommended by Griffith). A portfolio is a collection of work that showcases your skills, commitment and creative potential. If you wish to be considered via the portfolio pathway you must submit your portfolio by the closing date. Applicants who are not successful with their portfolio/interview will automatically be considered based on ATAR/Rank. Click [here](#) for more portfolio information and to view their on-demand webinar. Please note that [Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art \(CAIA\)](#) admission is via portfolio only.

Thinking of applying to Griffith - get some valuable information

Year 12 students can apply for Griffith undergraduate degrees online through [QTAC](#) or [UAC](#). You can also search for more information on their [Degree finder](#). If you are an international student, visit [international applications](#). Click [here](#) to find information about:

- Admissions Pathways
- Undergraduate diplomas
- Things to consider:
 - Year 12 Early Offer Guarantee
 - ATAR Guarantee
 - Prerequisite and assumed knowledge
 - Bridging and enabling programs
 - Adjustment factors - location and equity - Year 12 subject adjustments
 - International Baccalaureate Diploma
 - Rural Priority Access Scheme
 - All about your ATAR
 - VET Pathways
 - Study Uni while at school
 - High achievers
 - Elite athletes
 - Scholarships
- Key dates
- Pathway options

James Cook University

Early Offer Program

If you're currently in Year 12 and hoping to start uni next year, you can apply to JCU through their Early Offer Program. There are over thirty undergraduate courses to choose from spanning the Arts, Business, Law, Engineering, Science, IT, Pharmacy and Sport and Exercise Science. Applications open 5 August and close on 10 October. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

Engage with the university

JCU has created an area on their [website](#) (click on Year 12 Student Success Package and Year 12 Student links) where you can find out information and engagement programs that they offer for students. It includes information on:

- Year 12 to university guaranteed
- Early Offer
- Guaranteed admission
- Adjustment factors
- Scholarships
- Webinars
- JCU Now
- Admissions and entry information

Upcoming webinars

JCU will be hosting the following webinars. Click [here](#) to find out more about and to register for:

23/07/2025 Indigenous People, Crime and Punishment with Lorelei Billing - Online

29/07/2025 The power of conflict coaching with Dr Judith Rafferty - Online

30/07/2025 Webinar: Study, work and live in Queensland - Discover Townsville and Cairns - Online

Queensland University of Technology

Adjustment schemes

You may be eligible for up to 10 rank adjustments through 6 adjustment schemes including:

- Educational Access Scheme
- Regional and Remote Student Access Scheme

- Priority School Adjustment
- Elite Sport Entry Scheme
- Year 12 Subject Scheme
- First Generation Adjustment Scheme

Click [here](#) to find out more about these schemes to see if you are eligible.

Assumed knowledge and prerequisites

You don't need to have studied specific subjects at school to apply for the majority of QUT's undergraduate courses. They assume you have a minimum level of knowledge in certain subject areas before you start your course which they call 'assumed knowledge'. You can still apply if you don't have the assumed knowledge for your course, but we strongly encourage you to undertake bridging courses to get the knowledge you'll need.

Some courses have prerequisite subjects instead of or in addition to, assumed knowledge. That means you must have studied and met the required grade in the required subjects to gain entry to these courses. If you don't have the prerequisite subjects or are unsure whether your subjects meet the prerequisites check the list of equivalent subjects on this page. Click [here](#) to find out more including how you can gain subject assumed knowledge or as a prerequisite.

Elite Sport Entry Scheme at QUT

QUT has updated their Elite Sport Entry Scheme. You may receive an adjustment of up to 6.00 selection ranks depending on your level of sporting competition if you're an elite athlete, coach or official. You apply for the Elite Sport Entry Scheme through QTAC as part of your course application. You may also be eligible for the [QUT Elite Sport Scholarship](#). Click [here](#) for more information.

Interested in Acting webinar

Are you interested in studying acting? Join the QUT acting webinar at 5pm on 23 July and learn about the Bachelor of Creative Arts (Acting) application process, program highlights and tips for success. The webinar is ideal if you are applying in 2026. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Max Planck Queensland Centre Open Day

Ever wondered how we can grow bones in the lab? Or what's really happening inside your body, between your cells? Come along to the Max Planck Queensland Centre Open Day on Saturday 16 August from 10am to 3pm and find out! Everyone curious about science is welcome. You can check out the research centre, meet scientists and discover what it's like to work in a lab. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

New in 2026

QUT is introducing the following new or redesigned programs in 2026. Although accreditation is still being finalised, you can find out more information at the [QUT Open Day](#) being held on 27 July. More specific information will come when courses and majors are fully accredited. These courses are:

- New Bachelor of Justice with majors in:
 - Criminology and violence prevention
 - Investigations and intelligence
 - Policing, politics and social reform
- New majors in Bachelor of Communication
 - Promotional communication
 - Screen studies
- New dance and education pathways at QUT
 - Selecting dance as a second teaching area in the Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Creative Arts, or
 - Completing a dance minor in the Bachelor of Creative Arts, followed by the Master of Teaching (Secondary)

Study Interior Design at QUT

Students learn from real-world practitioners exploring new and emergent fields including design in real and virtual environments and design for health and social inclusion. As part of your studies, you will build a portfolio by completing 100 hours of work placement in a real interior design practice. QUT graduate, Bek Germein, received the 2024 QLD Design Institute of Australia Graduate of the Year Award (Place category). Click [here](#) to find out more.

The University of Queensland

Adjustment factors

UQ offers a maximum of 5 adjustments across several admission schemes to help boost your ATAR/Tertiary Rank and assist you in getting into your preferred degree. You may be eligible for adjustments if you:

- attend a specific school
- live in a rural or remote area
- are experiencing financial disadvantage
- are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- are studying certain subjects in high school (such as a language or Specialist Mathematics).
- complete a university course/subject while still at school

Click [here](#) to find out if you are eligible.

Engineering, Design and Computing Careers Evening

UQ are hosting an Engineering, Design and Computing Careers evening where you can find out about the careers available in engineering, design and computing. The event will be held on 24 July from 5 - 7pm. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

How does uni accommodation work?

If you are planning on moving out of home to attend Uni in Brisbane next year, you should start exploring your student accommodation options. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- What is University accommodation?
- How to apply for University accommodation?
- How to pay for University accommodation?
- When do you move into University accommodation?
- What to buy for University accommodation?

Parent Information Evening

Join UQ on 30 July from 6 - 7pm, for an informative webinar that will give you information that will help your child transition from high school to university. The webinar will cover:

- The application process.
- What financial support is available.
- Accommodation options.
- Support services.
- Tips for successfully transitioning to university.

A panel of students and parents will share their experiences and answer any questions. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

UQ College Face to Face bridging courses

UQ College is offering a four-week intensive course to meet prerequisite requirements for undergraduate programs at The University of Queensland. You can choose from Mathematical Methods, Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Applications close on 10 November with classes starting on 24 November. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

UQ Ready

Join UQ in person or online for an informative night that will provide you with information for a smooth transition from high school to university. Click [here](#) for upcoming events and registration details:

15/07/2025 Toowoomba: 5:30 to 7:00pm, Toowoomba Golf Club

23/07/2025 Sunshine Coast: 5:30 to 7:00pm, Forest Glen

06/08/2025 Mackay: 5:30 to 7:00pm. Whitsunday Anglican School

Young ChangeMakers Program applications now open

If you're a Year 11 student join UQ for a 4-day program where you'll connect with other Young ChangeMakers, think critically about local and global issues and develop leadership and communication skills. The program includes:

- a 4-day (3-night) stay at UQ's St Lucia campus
- a look into university life including interactive faculty workshops, keynotes and cultural, sporting and social activities.
- a Young ChangeMakers reunion at UQ Open Day (2026).

Click [here](#) for more information and application details with applications closing on 21 September.

University of the Sunshine Coast

High Performance Student Athlete program

If you are an elite athlete, UniSC can assist you to manage your study and sporting commitments. Do your research to see if you are eligible for their program. High Performance Student Athletes (HPSA's) receive the following personalised support and exclusive benefits:

- Special entry to degree programs
- Academic support
- Sport support
- Scholarships and financial assistance
- How to apply
- Eligibility

Click [here](#) to find out if you are eligible and ways you can apply.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
15/07/2025	ADF: Mt Isa Indigenous Pathways Information Session
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15/07/2025	ADF: Toowoomba Aviation Careers Information Session
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15/07/2025	UQ Ready Toowoomba
15/07/2025	UQ Ready Toowoomba information session
16/07/2025	ADF:
16/07/2025	ADF: Maroochydore Aviation Careers Information Session
16/07/2025	ADF: Toowoomba ADF Careers Expo
16/07/2025	Camp America Au Pair in America webinar
17/07/2025	ADF: Logistics, Hospitality & Support Careers Information Session
17/07/2025	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Info session
18/07/2025	JCU Townsville schools Open day
19/07/2025	JCU Open day Townsville
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19/07/2025 to 20/07/2025	TSXPO Tertiary Studies Expo
20/07/2025	UniSC Moreton Bay (Petrie) Campus Open Day
21/07/2025	ADF: Beaudesert Defence Careers Information Session
21/07/2025	Sem 1 2026 TAFE At School applications close
22/07/2025	ADF: Gladstone Trade Careers Information Session
22/07/2025	ADF: Townsville Aviation Careers Information Session
22/07/2025	Griffith Film School Portfolio Application Webinar
22/07/2025	Ignite Youth Careers Expo
22/07/2025	JCU Careers in Health webinar

22/07/2025	Sunshine Coast Careers Expo
23/07/2025	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
23/07/2025	ADF: Cairns Aviation Careers Information Session
23/07/2025	ADF: Yeppoon Trade Careers Information Session
23/07/2025	JCU Indigenous People, Crime and Punishment with Lorelei Billing webinar
23/07/2025	QUT B of Creative Arts (Acting) webinar
23/07/2025	UQ Ready Sunshine Coast information session
24/07/2025	ADF: Gold Coast School Leavers, Parents and Teachers Information Session
24/07/2025	ADF: Rockhampton Trade Careers Information Session
24/07/2025	Engineering, Design and Computing Careers Evening
24/07/2025	South Burnett Careers Market
24/07/2025	UQ Engineering, Design and Computing Careers Evening
25/07/2025	JCU Open Day Cairns
26/07/2025	Bond Uni Open Day
27/07/2025	QUT Open Day
28/07/2025	ADF: Brisbane Aviation Careers Information Session
28/07/2025	ADF: Maroochydore School Leavers, Parents and Teachers Information Session
29/07/2025	JCU Power of conflict coaching webinar
30/07/2025	JCU Study work and live in Queensland - Discover Townsville and Cairns webinar
30/07/2025	Parent Information Evening webinar
31/07/2025	CQUni Mackay Open Day
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01/08/2025 to 03/08/2025	QUT High School Moot Competition
01/08/2025 to 03/08/2025	QUT High School Moot Competition preliminary rounds.
02/08/2025	ACU Open Day
03/08/2025	UniSC Sunshine Coast Campus Open Day
03/08/2025	UQ Open Day St Lucia Campus
03/08/2025	UQ Open Day St Lucia Campus
04/08/2025	Townsville Careers Expo
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05/08/2025	JCU Early Offer program opens
05/08/2025	QTAC Year 12 applications open
06/08/2025	UQ Ready Mackay information session
07/08/2025	Cairns Youth and Careers Expo
07/08/2025	Mackay Careers Expo
07/08/2025	Mater Education Open Day Springfield
08/08/2025	Australian Women's Film Festival closes
08/08/2025	Bright Awards
09/08/2025	AFTRS Open Day
09/08/2025	UniSQ Ipswich campus Open Day
09/08/2025	UniSQ Springfield campus Open Day
10/08/2025	Griffith Uni GOLd Coast and Brisbane South (Nathan) campus Open Days
14/08/2025	Australian Performing Arts Conservatory Open evening
14/08/2025	CQUni Townsville Open Day
16/08/2025	JMC Academy Open Day
16/08/2025	QUT Max Planck Queensland Centre Open Day
16/08/2025	SAE University College Open Day
17/08/2025	UQ Open Day Gatton Campus
18/08/2025	Griffith Law School Legal Essay Competition closes
28/08/2025	Bond Uni Indigenous Scholarship application closes
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29/08/2025	Bachelors in Music, Musical Theatre and Acting offered at the Queensland Conservatorium Audition applications close