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Announcements

Joke for the fortnight

I studied a long time to become a doctor, but I didn't have any patients.

Thought for the fortnight

Knowledge decides what to say

Skill decides how to say it

Attitude decides how much to say

Wisdom decides whether to say it or not ... Unknown source

Apprenticeships & Traineeships



2025 School Leavers' Guide to Jobs and Training - Career Options and Information

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training have put together the [2025 School Leavers' Guide to jobs and training - Career options and information](#). It provides information and resources to school leavers, senior students and parents. Vocational education and training (VET) can provide you with strong pathways to your desired career/job, give you skills employers value and may also be an excellent pathway into higher education including university. The Guide contains resources to assist you in considering how VET can help you to reach your career goals. In the Guide you will find information on:

- 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
- Preparing for work

Australian Apprenticeships offer a world of opportunities

There are more than 500 occupations across Australia that offer [apprenticeships](#). Most sectors of business and industry offer apprenticeships at various certificate levels from traditional trade to emerging occupations. With an Australian Apprenticeship, you can earn a wage while completing a nationally recognised qualification. It's a great way to get a head start in your chosen occupation. Australian Apprenticeships are based on competency. You can finish your apprenticeship early if you reach the required skill level. You can also qualify for more advanced training after completing an apprenticeship. Click [here](#) to read more about finding an apprenticeship that suits you and how to Improve your chances of gaining one.

Electrical Group Training (EGT)

Electro-training is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO Number: 31673) delivering nationally recognised Solar, Refrigeration and Electrical training. As a Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) registered training supplier, they provide training supported by CSQ funding offering regular classes in Townsville and Brisbane and on demand courses in Cairns. Check out Electro-training [here](#). They may be a good fit for you.

Group Training Organisations

Registering with a Group Training Organisation (GTO) is one strategy to try when looking for an apprenticeship. GTOs employ apprentices and trainees and place them with a host employer until the apprenticeship or traineeship has been completed. Click [here](#) for more information about GTOs and visit the National Employment Network [website](#) to find a GTO near you.

Wanting to become an apprentice or trainee?

TAFE offer apprentices and trainees, off the job learning at many of their campuses. You can learn through hands on activities using the same equipment and tools used in industry. They combine working for an employer and studying at TAFE Queensland and you graduate with a nationally recognised qualification. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- The difference between apprenticeships and traineeships
- Trades training areas (21 in all)
- Becoming an apprentice or trainee - a four step process
- Finding an employer
- Payment and funding options
- Women in trades

What is a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship?

School-based apprentices and trainees, usually in Years 10, 11 and 12, are trained in their chosen apprenticeship or traineeship, in the workplace and through a training organization, while continuing to study towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at school. To commence a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT), a student must have the support of the employer, the school, a supervising registered training organisation and their parent/guardian. The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training have put together a fact sheet which tells you about:

- Advantages of school-based apprenticeships and traineeships
 - More flexibility and variety
 - Head start in a career
 - Nationally recognised qualifications
 - An opportunity to learn and earn
 - Contribution to the community
 - Employer satisfaction
- How SATs work
 - School/finishing school
 - Work
 - Training

Click [here](#) to find out more about SATs and whether they are an option for you and also speak with your school career counsellor or VET coordinator.

Why become a tradie

Australia's construction industry is booming and qualified carpenters are in high demand. But without formal qualifications, you might be missing out on better pay, more jobs and higher job security. A formal qualification doesn't just validate your skills, it opens doors to bigger and better projects. A nationally recognised carpentry qualification is what employers are looking for. It's a must if you want to work on major construction sites or start your own carpentry business. Click [here](#) to read what Qualify Me! a Registered Training Organisation says about why become a tradie:

1. Job Security
2. No Uni Education Needed
3. Work Flexibility
4. Say no to the office cubicle
5. Wages
6. Travel
7. Satisfaction



Australian Defence Force upcoming events

The Australian Defence Force holds in person and virtual information sessions across Queensland. They can be general in nature or more specific to an ADF career path. Visit their event [page](#) for more details. If you are interested in joining the ADF follow their [Facebook page](#) to receive updates about the upcoming events.

- 29/07/2025 [Brisbane Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- 31/07/2025 [Brisbane Trade Careers Information Session](#)
- 04/08/2025 [Charters Towers Indigenous Pathways Information Session](#)
[Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 05/08/2025 [Whitsundays Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Townsville Trade Careers Information Session](#)
[Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Toowoomba A Night in the Army Reserves](#)
[Southport A Night in the Army Reserves](#)
- 06/08/2025 [Mackay Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 11/08/2025 [Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Townsville Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 12/08/2025 [Cairns Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Brisbane Health Careers Information Session](#)
[Maroochydore Army Reserve Information Session](#)
[Wondai A Night in the Army Reserves](#)

Career Exploration



20 most in-demand occupations across Australia and 10 are STEM jobs

If you're in the process of choosing a career direction, it makes sense to check the latest high-demand professions. [SEEK just released its top 20 most in-demand occupations](#) across Australia. Guess what? Ten of them are STEM-focused opportunities. Click [here](#) to find out which jobs are in demand ... Hint: Construction is booming!

Australian Occupations

'Occupation' is the name we give to the type of work a person does. For example, a doctor, mechanic, project manager, physiotherapist or cabinet maker. You'll probably work in a number of different occupations over the course of your working life. The good news? Many of the skills and abilities developed working in one occupation are directly transferable and applicable to others. Click [here](#) to find JobJumpstart's information about:

- So what's the difference between an occupation and an industry?
- Tools can help you
- Occupations can be in many different industries

Career snapshot: Psychology

Psychologists assess and work with clients to support them to gain and maintain optimal mental, social and occupational health. They use a variety of treatments to ensure people can function effectively in society. Below are five reasons why you may wish to consider a career in the field of [psychology](#):

1. You can help people
2. Flexible working conditions
3. Strong employment projections
4. It's challenging
5. It can take you anywhere

Click [here](#) to read more from The Good Universities Guide article.

Do you like Maths?

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority is highlighting some of the career pathways that past Year 12 students have taken. Click [here](#) to watch Mathematician, Rachel Hauenschild's video as she tells her stories, provides some advice and talks about life as a Mathematician.

Does a course with a high ATAR guarantee better job prospects?

The Good Universities Guide has found that students tend to choose courses with the highest ATAR entry requirement they can. They believe that the higher the ATAR, the better the course and the better the employment outcome. If you're a high-achieving student, you may be considering a course that has a high ATAR minimum threshold score. It's important to note that the ATAR minimum threshold for courses is an indication of the popularity of a course, it doesn't necessarily reflect how good your options will be once you graduate. When looking at graduate outcomes, such as employment rate or a high starting salary, the courses with high ATAR requirements don't necessarily deliver the best outcomes — well, not straight away. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Explore careers by industry

Seek has a section on their [website](#) that looks at careers by 'industry'. If you scroll down the page, you will find the heading *Browse careers by industry*. Click on the industries that interest you and you will find a list of jobs that you might want to find out more about.

Job search basics workbook

[The Job Search Basics workbook](#), put together by Job JumpStart will help you to understand your work preferences and skills and what you have to offer employers. It provides practical information to help you research employers that you may want to work for and to tailor job applications and to prepare for interviews. Some of the topics included are:

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

Job videos

The [myfuture website](#) has video information on over 500 jobs. You will need to 'Sign up' (free of charge) and click on 'Occupations' and search for the jobs you are currently exploring. Most job descriptions include a video lasting approximately three minutes. After you have viewed a video see if you can answer the following questions.

- Name at least three of the main duties and tasks required in this occupation.

- Would you like to do this job? Why or why not?
- List some things you learnt about this occupation.

Volunteering as a gateway into the animal welfare industry

With the modern workforce as competitive as ever, skill-based work experience has become an important feature of prospective employees' resumé's. While students and graduates often seek out internships to learn new skills and refine existing knowledge, the power of volunteering on your CV should not be discounted. Click [here](#) and read more about a pathway into a career in animal welfare including:

- Why should I volunteer?
- Interested in a career in animal welfare?
- Where can I volunteer?

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

Don't know what degree to study after high school? Unsure how to choose a career as a teenager? UQ have put some information together which may assist you to understand your options after school more clearly. Although it has a 'UQ flavour', it will give you great ideas no matter where you end up after school. Click [here](#) to read about:

- How to choose a uni degree based on career options
- Search careers by study area

One area that young people find challenging with regards to career pathways is Arts, humanities and social science careers. Click [here](#) and scroll down to the section where you will find information on:

- What can you do with a social science degree in Australia?
- Where can a Bachelor of Arts take you?
- What jobs can you get with a Bachelor of Criminology?
- What can you do with a humanities degree?
- Is archaeology a good career?



Gold Coast Schools Science Competition

The 37th annual Gold Coast Schools Science Competition aimed to raise the profile of STEM in our community and encouraged students to demonstrate their STEM abilities by entering a project into one of five categories.

- Scientific Investigations
- Engineering & Technology Projects
- Classified Collections
- Communicating Science
- Environmental Action Project

Click [here](#) for more information and entry details. Registrations closes on 25 August.

Heywire Competition

Heywire is a lived experience storytelling competition from the ABC, calling for stories from young people aged between 16-22 in regional, rural and remote Australia. Entries must be a true story about an aspect of your life. Stories can be in any format: text, video or audio — whatever form suits you best! Click [here](#) for more information and entry details. The competition closes 1 September 2025.

Disabilities



Disability Services Queensland Government

Disability Services ensures they can provide the oversight and advocacy that Queenslanders with disability deserve. It is made up of a team of people who will deliver on the sector's strongest demand - *nothing about us without us*. Through Disability Services, they can ensure NDIS clients are treated with respect and dignity, have control of the services they receive and have continuing opportunities for social and economic participation. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Getting some help - Education, training and employment

The Queensland Government has great information to assist young people with disabilities to transition to education, training and employment. Click [here](#) to read about:

- Finding the right job; Choosing work that suits you; Employment support; Experiences with work
- Mental illness and work
- Your rights at work
- Returning to the workforce
- Apprenticeships and traineeships
- For employers and colleagues
- Study
- Further education
- Support to help you study

Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



ABS Labour Force Data - June 2025

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

- unemployment rate increased to 4.2%.
- participation rate remained at 67.0%.
- employment increased to 14,637,800.
- employment to population ratio remained at 64.2%.
- underemployment rate remained at 5.9%.
- monthly hours worked increased to 1,976 million.

Do you have what employers are looking for?

[JobJumpstart reports](#) that the Australian Government surveyed more than 3000 Australian employers to find out what advice they would give to young people looking for a job. Employers said they look for:

- a positive attitude
- motivation and enthusiasm
- someone who is prepared to learn and take direction.

They also said that applicants need to:

- be punctual and dependable
- be respectful to colleagues and customers
- show a commitment to staying in the job for an acceptable period of time.

Employers also mentioned that some young people have unrealistic expectations of work, including:

- being unprepared for the demands of the workplace
- the level of pay they would receive
- wanting to start at the top instead of working their way up.

Give yourself a rating so you can keep up the good work and/or work on the areas where you can improve and be job ready!

Employment Projections

Jobs and Skills Australia's (JSA) employment projections are useful for understanding the impact of the current economic and labour market outlook on Australia's future workforce needs. The projections give you insights into trends and growth areas in the labour market. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Key findings
 - Projected employment growth by industry (5 and 10 years), Persons, Australia
 - Projected employment growth by major occupation (5 and 10 years), Persons, Australia
 - Projected employment growth by occupation skill level (5 and 10 years), Persons, Australia

Hobbies to hone in your soft skills

Soft skills are all those things which can't be quantified with numbers or university degrees such as, empathy, time management, talking to people, even having a positive attitude! If you're at school or don't have much experience in the role you want, being able to describe your soft skills in your cover letter with examples of how you gained them, can be the difference between your resume going to an interview or the bin! Click [here](#) to read about SkillsRoad.com.au's list of 5 new hobbies you could take up and enjoy that have the added bonus of looking good on a resume including:

- Take aim at a team sport
- Join a board games meet up
- Let your creativity shine
- Lead the way in a school club
- Follow all your favourite brands

Industry areas and related jobs

Interested in a particular industry but not sure what jobs there are? SkillsRoad.com.au have a list of industry areas with related jobs, their weekly pay, prospects, predicted growth and more. Click [here](#) to access the information.

Marketing yourself through social media, like LinkedIn

What does your online presence look like? LinkedIn is a social networking website like Facebook, but it's all about work. It is referred to as "the social networking site for professionals" and can assist you to:

- Build your network
- Check out the jobs on LinkedIn
- Find your potential employer

[LinkedIn](#) now has around 774 million users across 200 countries. Click [here](#) to read an article that can be used as a beginner's guide to LinkedIn and will tell you how to make the most of its huge user base for business networking. It's a great career tool and it can help you connect with other professionals, colleagues and even potential employers. You may be thinking that it's too soon to be doing this but you actually start

building your career profile at school. It is easier to build as you go instead of later being overwhelmed about where to begin.

Rural Fire Service Queensland volunteer

One of the major misconceptions about joining the Rural Fire Service Queensland is that you have to become a firefighter. However, there are many volunteer roles available that make an equally vital contribution to your community's safety. These include:

- Community Education
- Administration
- Incident Management
- Communication

Through the link you will also find information on:

- Have you got what it takes?
- Prerequisites
- The selection process
- Additional Information
- Training

Click [here](#) for more information.

What do Audiologists do?

Audiologists diagnose and provide rehabilitative support for people with hearing problems. They:

- Administer and interpret a wide range of audiometric (hearing) tests to determine hearing efficiency and identify hearing problems
- Interpret audiometric test results alongside other medical, social and behavioural information
- Evaluate total response patterns and acoustic tests to distinguish between organic and non-organic hearing loss
- Plan, direct and participate in counselling, speech reading and other rehabilitation programmes
- Prescribe appropriate hearing aids and instructing patients in use

Click [here](#) for more information.

Why a part time job can pay off big time

You or your parents may be concerned that getting a 5 - 8 hour casual job/week may negatively impact on school results. Working a casual job provides you with many insights, skills and opportunities that can complement your learning process, both academically and personally. Although this is a Canadian article, Amy Bell has written a short piece outlining her experiences as a mother of teenage children who have casual jobs while at school. Click [here](#) to find out what she discovered.

Your Career journey

Career information can be overwhelming, so Australian Jobs 2025 provides you with information about how to:

- find occupations based on your skills and interests
- use the [Career Explorer](#) to start your career journey or to explore options later on in life
- search study and training options in the VET sector that meet your career goals
- access information and links to support services
- read real life case studies and training highlights from the Australian VET Alumni
- find resources and information guides to support careers conversations

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Applying for UQ scholarships

Scholarships give you peace of mind to enjoy successful university life. UQ have hundreds of scholarships for students finishing high school or taking a gap year. You might be surprised by just how many you're eligible for. With some scholarships valued up to \$60,000, it's worth taking the time to research what you can apply for. Click [here](#) to browse UQ scholarships and find out about:

- Scholarships explained
- Taking a gap year
- Deferring scholarships
- Application tips
- Meet a scholarship recipient

Australian Government - Payments you can get

Find out about payments you can get when taking the leap to further training or study at university or TAFE. Click [here](#) for more information about:

- Main student payments
- Extra payments
- Payments for moving to study
- Payments to help with living costs
- Payments for study if you have disability
- Loans you can apply for
- Other loans and payments that are available

QUT Corporate Partners in Excellence (CPIE) Scholarship

QUT's Corporate Partners in Excellence (CPIE) Scholarship is an industry-linked program if you aspire to be a future business graduate. With a \$42,000 scholarship paid over three years to fund your tertiary education expenses, this dual-internship approach ensures CPIE scholars gain valuable industry insights and a competitive edge for their future careers. Click [here](#) for more information. Applications close on 12 October.

Tailored support for students with unique needs

There are a number of options available to students with unique needs for extra support during their study. Higher education providers are required by legislation to have a [Support for Students Policy](#) which outlines

the resources available to help their students succeed in their studies. In addition to this, there are a number of options available to students with unique needs for extra support during your study. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- Rural, Regional and Remote
- Culturally and linguistically diverse students
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Students with disability or health condition
- Sexuality and gender diverse (LGBTIQA+) students
- Students who are parents or carers
- Students from low-income backgrounds

Tertiary Access payment

The Tertiary Access payment (TAP) helps students with the cost of moving from regional or remote areas for tertiary study. It is a one off payment of up to \$5,000 that helps eligible students with the cost of moving to study. This is for study after you've finished Year 12 or equivalent. To get the payment you need to meet some rules. Two main eligibility rules include:

- moving from a regional or remote area for tertiary study
- starting tertiary study in the year after finishing year 12 or equivalent.

Regional areas are places that aren't in or near a major city. Check if your [family home](#) is in a regional or remote area using the Student Regional Area Search. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership – Scholarship Opportunities

The Andrew. N. Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership has a number of scholarship opportunities for students commencing study at UQ in 2026. including the [Liveris Academy Undergraduate Scholarships](#) Applications close on 25 August 2025. Click [here](#) for more information.

Thinking Griffith? Think Scholarships

Scholarships provide financial support while you study. You'll also get more out of your university experience through exclusive networking events, meeting mentors and developing job-ready skills. Remember, if you don't apply, you definitely won't get one! Click [here](#) to read about Griffith's:

- Available scholarships and application details
- Scholarship application process
- One application for all scholarships
- Collecting your information
- Submitting your application
- Closing dates



QUT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander admissions pathway

The Centralised Assessment and Selection Program (CASP) is a culturally responsive admissions pathway for First Nations Peoples to enter most undergraduate courses. You can be considered for the program as part of your QTAC application which opens 5 August. Check their [website](#) to find out more.

Queensland Police First Nations Recruit Preparation Pathway (FNRPP)

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) offers positions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in its First Nations Recruit Preparation Pathway (FNRPP). For successful participants, the FNRPP provides direct entry into the recruit training program. Participants for the FNRPP are selected by QPS Recruiting during the recruiting process in consultation with the applicant. Potential applicants also may be referred to the program via our First Nations Recruitment Team. Individuals who wish to be considered for entry to the FNRPP can do so by completing the standard requirements.

To be eligible for appointment to the QPS as an IRPP participant, you must successfully satisfy the requirements of all three stages of the IRPP selection process:

Stage 1 - minimum application requirements

Stage 2 - applicant assessments

Stage 3 - selection

Click [here](#) to find out more including, how to apply, police career preparation, recruiting assessment, physical skills training and FAQ's.

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

Gap Year Program News

Lions Australia Youth Exchange Program

Youth Camps and Exchange (YCE) has programs all around the world and is designed for young people between the ages of 15 and 22 to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world. By providing an avenue for global fellowship, the YCE program aims to help youth initiate, grow and maintain international relationships promoting cultural education and international peace. Click [here](#) for more information and to see if it is a opportunity for you.

Interstate and International



Selected Interstate tertiary institution open days

If you are thinking of applying for university studies interstate, you will need to begin your research as soon as possible. Relevant information would include:

- Location of the institution (does it have more than one campus?)
- Courses offered, entry prerequisites, previous ATAR minimum thresholds
- Cost of accommodation and when to apply
- Travel costs and support for interstate students
- Scholarships and other financial support programs and schemes
- Application process and key dates (do you use a tertiary admissions centre or apply directly?)
- Overseas exchange programs
- Employment programs (e.g. traineeships, work experience, international study options).

If you can't make it to the interstate open day/s, see if they are offering a virtual or live open day instead. Click [here](#) for a list of National Open Days.

TAFE - International Students in 2026

If you are an international student in Year 12 and looking to study at TAFE Queensland in 2026, visit their [website](#) and download their International Course Guide. You will find information on:

- Why TAFE Queensland
- Locations
- Facilities / Experienced teachers
- Vocational placement
- Degree pathways
- Price list and payment structure
- Student support
- Your application
- Student support
- English / Academic requirements
- International courses

Thinking about studying overseas?

Crimson Education can provide comprehensive support for:

- US university admissions
- UK university admissions
- EU university admissions
- Postgraduate admissions (US and UK)

Click [here](#) to learn more about how they can assist you including their eBooks, videos and a mini-SAT test and [here](#) for free, personalised admissions advice.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Australian Film TV and Radio School (AFTRS) open day

Australia's national screen and audio school is hosting their annual, access-all-areas [Open Day](#) on Saturday 9 August. You can check out their state-of-the-art campus and get hands-on with industry-standard equipment in their studios. You will be able to see the range of professional cameras, lighting gear and more that's available to Short Course students. Their Short Courses team will be on hand, to answer questions about the School, their range of online and in person courses, the Short Courses community and the screen and audio industry in general. Plus, there will be an exclusive discount for our next round of [Intro courses](#) for those who visit the Short Courses space at Open Day. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Open Days in August

- 2 August [ACU open day](#)
- 3 August [The University of Queensland](#)
- 4 August [Townsville Careers Expo](#)
- 7 August [CQ University \(Bundaberg\) – Open Day](#)
[Mater Education Open Day Springfield](#)
[Mackay Career Expo](#)
[Cairns Youth and Careers Expo](#)
- 9 August [University of Southern Queensland](#) Ipswich and Springfield
[Australian Film TV and Radio School \(AFTRS\) open day](#)
- 10 August [Griffith University Open Day](#) -Brisbane South (Nathan) & Gold Coast
[Southern Cross University Open Day](#) Coffs Harbour and Gold Coast
- 14 August [CQUniversity \(Townsville\)](#)
- 16 August [SAE University College Open Day](#)
[CHC Open Day](#)
[University of Southern Queensland](#) Toowoomba

[Christian Heritage College](#)

17 August [UniSQ Toowoomba Open Day](#)

[The University of Queensland Gatton Campus](#)

[Southern Cross University Open Day](#) - Northern Rivers

[CQ University \(Rockhampton\) Open Day](#)

21 August [Cairns Career Expo](#)

[Mater Education Open Day](#) - Brisbane

[CQ University \(Gladstone\) Open Day](#)

24 August [Southern Cross University Open Day](#) - Gold Coast

28 August [CQ University \(Cairns\) – On Campus](#)

TAFE Gold Coast campus online open day

TAFE Queensland Gold Coast is hosting their online Open Day on 20 August. You can:

- Watch on-demand videos featuring our experienced educators
- Explore our virtual campus tours of key learning spaces
- Discover inspiring student stories
- Access digital course guides
- Learn about enrolment, course fees and available subsidies
- Chat live with us during business hours
- Book an in-person campus tour

Register now and they will update you on when the open day goes live from Wednesday 20 August. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

UniSQ Open Days

Register to attend UniSQ's open day/s at Springfield or Ipswich - 9 August, Toowoomba - 17 August to:

- Be in the draw for one of two \$500 VISA gift cards
- Check download the program so you can get the most out of the day
- Receive a QTAC application voucher if you apply on the day to attend UniSQ
- Have your questions answered

Click [here](#) for more information and to register (click on the campus you are visiting).

Private Provider Updates



ATRF (Aust Film, TV and Radio School) Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production

This course is full-time over three years and is designed for students with a passion and commitment to creating stories that are powerful and distinctively Australian. The course is split into eight interrelated pillars of screen storytelling – Story, Image, Sound, Screen Studies, Character and Performance, Rhythm and Juxtaposition, Screen Business, and Production – each one designed to explore and model current industry practice. Click [here](#) for more information.

Marcus Oldham College specialising in agriculture

Marcus Oldham is an agricultural and equine business management college that delivers courses in agriculture and agribusiness. Click [here](#) if you are wanting information on:

- Agriculture
- Agribusiness
- Equine Business Management
- Scholarships
- Leadership

Mater Education: Certificate III and Diploma courses

[Mater Education](#) has two intakes per year and each course includes a two-week vocational placement. Certificate III Guarantee is available, employment outcomes are good and it is a good way to try the health industry before committing to a longer course. The following are some of the courses that are available:

- [Diploma of Nursing](#): Gain the skills and knowledge you need to become an enrolled nurse (EN)
- [Certificate III in Pathology Collection](#) – This course trains students with the technical expertise to work as a member of a pathology laboratory team (phlebotomy).

SAE University College Open Day

SAE University Open Day will be held on 16 August from 11am to 3pm. You will be able to see inside their studios, meet professionals and see where your passion can take you. Experience interactive workshops, meet their industry expert mentors and connect with the people behind the scenes including grads who've turned their ideas into careers. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities



National Student Volunteer Week

National Student Volunteer Week celebrates young people who make a difference through volunteering. It will be held from 4– 10 August 2024 with this year's theme being Powered by Purpose:

Volunteering Queensland invites all students to participate in National Student Volunteer Week. In 2025, participants will have access to resources to assist with planning and executing volunteering activities as well as promoting volunteer events and campaigns. Click [here](#) for more information and details.

Write a book in a day competition and fund raiser

Write a book for kids in hospital and and raise funds for kids cancer research. Transform kids in hospital's day by transporting them to another time, place or even dimension through your imaginative words and pictures! Your team of up to ten members, will be given their own online sponsorship page to share with friends and family. Prizes will be awarded to the top fundraisers. There are awards for Best Book and Best Illustrations. Registrations are now open and close on 29 September 2025. Click [here](#) to register and to find out more about:

- Register
- Team Coordinator Login
- Student Login
- Sponsor a Writer
- FAQs
- Terms and Conditions
- Resources



How are applicants selected for courses through QTAC?

Many courses you apply for through QTAC for study in 2026 are competitive. Consequently, many institutions use specific selection criteria when selecting successful applicants. Once institution admission rules are met (i.e. English Language Proficiency – automatic for most domestic students; age requirements – generally 18 years or completion of Year 12) selection is based on:

- meeting minimum entry requirements for the course (this may include subject prerequisites (usually General subjects), a portfolio; an interview or audition; a specific test, an essay or questionnaire; the successful completion of a course etc), and
- merit (ATAR or a QTAC Selection Rank).

Through the QTAC process, eligible applicants (i.e. those who meet the entry requirements) are considered in order of merit (i.e. ATAR or QTAC Selection Rank). The ATAR or Rank of the last person to get into the course before all places are filled becomes the lowest ATAR/Selection Rank to receive an offer (called minimum selection threshold), for that course, in that offer round. In the 2026 QTAC Guide, website and university websites, it is referred to as the LSR (Lowest Selection Rank) *offered Semester 1, 2025 (you should refer to adjusted LSR)*. The courses' minimum thresholds can move up or down each year due to annual demand and the previous year's minimum thresholds are used as a guide only.

Opening of QTAC Admission 2026

Year 12 students can start their 2026 [QTAC Application](#) from 5 August by registering for their ATAR in the ATAR Portal and QTAC Applications through the QTAC Application Portal. **You MUST register** using your personal email address, **not** a school one!

Some important points:

- A QTAC application costs \$70 before 30 September 2025 and \$150 on or after 1 October 2025.
- You need to pay for your application before it is accepted.
- The only payment methods are MasterCard or VISA, BECS direct debit and EFTPOS (debit card).
- If paying with a Debit card, you will need to pay by 25 September so that the money can arrive in the QTAC bank account before 30 September.
- If you are having difficulty paying for your QTAC application or you can only pay with cash, you should see your guidance officer/counsellor to make other arrangements.
- Be sure to print your payment receipt so you have evidence of payment and to be sure you have successfully lodged your application.

Click [here](#) for more information. Registering to get your ATAR is free.

QTAC Applications

From 5 August 2025, you can apply through QTAC to one or more of 17 Queensland and Northern New South Wales tertiary Institutions. QTAC assesses student applications, calculates the applicant's ATAR/Tertiary Rank and provides an offer to a tertiary place indicated on your QTAC application. On the QTAC [website](#) some of the information you can find includes:

- ATAR Registration
- QTAC Application
- Key Dates
- Course Search
- Career Finder

QTAC Passport

The QTAC Passport is a convenient way to find the key information you need for your journey from school to tertiary education. You will receive helpful information and reminders of key dates for QTAC applications and ATAR release. Click [here](#) for more information including:

- QTAC applications
- Preferencing
- Offers
- ATAR
- Admissions Criteria
- Assistance Schemes
- Online Year 12 Guide

QTAC Key Dates

QTAC Dates for 2025/2026

- 5 August 2025 - Admissions applications for 2026 opens
- 5 August 2025 - ATAR Portal registration for 2025 Year 12 students opens - You must apply to have your ATAR calculated
- 30 September 2025 - Early Bird application fee discount finishes (\$70)
- 1 October 2025 - Full fee application fee applies (\$150)
- 8 December 2025 -
 - Due date to apply and submit documents for inclusion in the 23 December offer round
 - Due date to apply and submit documents for inclusion in the 15 January 2026 offer round
- 18 December 2025 - Release of the 2025 ATAR results
- 18 December 2025 - Release of IBAS
- 19 December 2025 - Due date to change course preferences for 23 December offer round
- 23 December 2025 - December Offer round
- 6 January 2026 - Due date to change preferences for 15 January offer round
- 15 January 2026 - First January offer round

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

Remind Me

QTAC Remind Me is run by QTAC that enables students preparing to study and their parents, guardians and teachers, to opt-in to receive timely reminders regarding ATAR release, application reminders, upcoming key dates and important admissions information. Subscribers of Remind Me benefit from receiving reminders via both SMS and email, beginning in mid-July and finishing in February, with a break in between for Year 12 students during the block-out period for exams. Click [here](#) to sign up and go in the draw to win prizes such as Google Nests, Beats Headphones and more.

The difference between QCE and ATAR

QTAC states that the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) are different and have different purposes:

- QCE certifies learning, ie shows a student's academic achievement and at what standard they achieved in each subject during their senior schooling. The QCE may be considered by employers and the general community.
- ATAR indicates a student's position (or ranking) compared to all other students in the state. The only intended purpose for the ATAR is to assist with selecting applicants for tertiary study.

For more information about QCE contact [Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority](#) (QCAA) and for ATAR information contact [QTAC](#).



My QCE Student Portal registration

If you are in Year 12 the [myQCE Student Portal](#) is where you will find all your learning information, subjects studied, results, VET certificates etc. You can check your personal details, access your learning account, get your final Year 12 results and more. You will need to [register](#) before you leave school and it's best to do it sooner than be rushed at the end of the year. You will need your full name as recorded in your school enrolment (no nick names or shortened names) and your LUI number which you can get from your school.

Year 10 - Planning your senior pathway

If you are in Year 10, your school will be asking you to put together your Senior Education and Training Plan (SETP) soon. Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) suggests that a SETP will help you to:

- think about your education, training and career goals after Year 12
- structure your learning in Years 11 and 12 around your abilities, interests and ambitions
- decide which learning options you should choose to achieve your learning, further education and training and career goals
- map your pathway to a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

The QCAA has valuable information that will assist you in developing your SETP. [Click here to find:](#)

- Planning your pathway
- A quick guide to planning your pathway
- Example of QCE pathways
- Where will your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) take you?
 - Explore career and/or further study options
 - Explore QCE eligible courses
 - Check what you need for tertiary entrance
- FAQs

Study Skills and Wellbeing



A positive study mindset is essential

When you know that you have to sit down and do some study, what thoughts go through your head?

- I hate this and don't want to do it **OR** If I'm going to pass, I will need to get it done
- I have better things I'd rather be doing **OR** I'd rather be doing something else but if I get started, I'll get it finished
- I have no idea what I'm supposed to be doing **OR** I'll start with a plan for the session, so I don't waste time
- I'll never get this done **OR** If I get it started at least, it's a step in the right direction
- Everyone else finds this easy **OR** If I focus on what I'm reading, I'll have a better chance of understanding it
- I have too much to do and not enough time **OR** It's a hectic time of the term so just focus on one thing at a time

These are just some of the thoughts that might go through our mind when it comes to study but you get the idea I'm sure. Success and happiness in anything you do is all about how we think/talk to ourselves :)

Brisbane City Council library resources for students

Brisbane City Council libraries have online resources especially for students. Click [here](#) to access these online resources where you can:

- check out Council's Library website (designed for students to discuss, study, access information, books and more)
- search the library catalogue (eLibCat)
- read their recommended reading list
- view other libraries' collections.

Council's libraries can also help you with your homework by providing:

- free internet time and training
- personal assistance using reference materials and locating online assignment information
- photocopiers
- study rooms, word processing facilities and printers at selected libraries
- homework clubs to help you learn how to get the best information from library resources and research assignments more effectively.

TAFE Queensland Updates



Fee-Free TAFE

Fee-Free TAFE is a joint initiative of the Australian, State and Territory Governments, providing tuition-free courses to students wanting to train, retrain or upskill. Fee-free places are targeted to priority groups including First Nations Australians, women aged 25-54, young people aged 17-24, unpaid carers, people with a disability, people aged 25-54 years who are out of work, receiving income support, or who want to change careers. If eligible, you can study for an accredited diploma, certificate or short course without having to pay tuition fees. Fee-Free TAFE aims to provide all Australians with access to the education, training and support needed to obtain well-paid, secure jobs. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- What you can study
- When you can study
- Who is eligible for Fee-Free TAFE
- Queensland specific information

TAFE at School 2026 applications are now open

TAFE at School during 2026 applications are now open. You can choose from a variety of Certificate I to Certificate III courses from a range of study areas ranging from hospitality to horticulture, early childhood education to engineering and everything in between. If you are interested speak with your VET coordinator. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply (you have to apply yourself directly through TAFE, not through school).

What does TAFE Queensland offer students?

TAFE Queensland is the State's largest further education and training provider. They deliver practical, industry-relevant qualifications from [certificates](#) and [diplomas](#) through to [degrees](#). Their study areas are:

- [Business and IT](#)
- [Education and community](#)
- [Health and science](#)
- [Service industries](#)
- [Creative industries](#)
- [Environment and animal services](#)
- [Infrastructure and transport](#)
- [Trades](#)

They also offer [scholarships](#). Direct applications are now open and shortly you can [apply](#) for many courses through QTAC. Visit their [website](#) for more information.



Tax File Number and Unique Student Identifier reminder

Year 12 students who are planning to undertake tertiary study at either a university, TAFE Queensland or a private provider must have a:

- [Tax File Number \(TFN\)](#)
- [Unique Student Identifier \(USI\)](#).

To be eligible for HECS-HELP or FEE-HELP (Commonwealth assistance), when enrolling at uni, you must provide a TFN and a USI on your Commonwealth Assistance Form. You should apply early to avoid any stress at the end of the year. Visit the Government [StudyAssist](#) website for more information.

Australian Catholic University

Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation) Update

ACU have updated their entry requirements for their Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation). In 2025:

- Applications have now opened
- Revised entry requirements:
 - Transcript
 - CV with references, sample essay and interview
- Up to 4 interview/offer rounds from September 2025
- Interview cut-offs based on scholarship availability
- You need to apply to ACU directly for to be considered for a scholarship

ACU are hosting an information [webinar](#) in 19 August. Click [here](#) to find out more about the course.

Biology revision Webinar

ACU are hosting a Biology Revision Webinar to assist you with your revision for your final exams. It will be held on 18 August from 7 - 8.45pm and will cover Biology units 3 and 4: Study biodiversity and the interconnectedness of life and Heredity and continuity of life. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

New Degree in 2026

ACU is offering a new Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability. It addresses the sustainability challenges of the future and make a positive impact on the world and in local communities. Some of the specialisations are:

- Human and natural environments
- Economics
- Sociology
- Climate change
- Sustainability
- Geopolitics
- Environmental humanities
- Social issues
- Research methods
- Work Interrelated learning opportunities (local, national and international)

Click [here](#) for more information.

Pathways into ACU

ACU offers several pathways into the university including:

- ACU Guarantee – Early offer program
- Adjustment Factors
- I am Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- I am an elite athlete or performer
- I didn't get my ATAR/rank score
- I am an international student

Click [here](#) to read about these pathways as there may be an option for you in 2026.

Bond University

Bond University College

Bond University College provides pathways to undergraduate study, including English language programs. Their programs have been designed in accordance with the University's entry criteria, with a concentrated emphasis on intellectual development, academic processes and clear thinking. As full members of the University community, Bond University College students enjoy access to Bond's libraries, IT resources and research facilities, as well as student support services and recreational facilities. Click [here](#) to read more about the College and Diploma courses that they offer (scroll down the page).

University Student for a Semester program

Bond's Student for a Semester program is your ticket to getting a taste of real university life before you leave school. Once a week, you'll attend the subject of your choosing and gain valuable insight into your study area of interest, all while mixing with current Bondies and experiencing the Bond difference. If you like what you learn, you might even earn some credit towards your future degree! Applications for September 2025 semester are now open and close on 29 August. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

Central Queensland University

Open Day Online chat sessions

CQUni is hosting an Online Open Day on 24 July when you can join their various chat sessions. Chat with their staff about your course of interest, pathways to university, student support services or anything else you'd like to know about studying with CQUniversity. Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

Webinars to help you find out about courses

CQUni is hosting some webinar sessions that you can register to attend. The sessions and dates are:

- [Diagnostic Imaging](#) - 25 August
- [Psychology](#) - 26 August
- [Paramedic Science](#) - 1 September
- [Nursing](#) - 2 September
- [Aviation](#) - 3 September
- [Engineering](#) - 3 September
- [Navigating your next move](#) - 4 September

Griffith University

2025 Academic Bootcamps

Griffith's Academic Bootcamps are four-day courses run in the September school holidays, designed to help Year 12 students prepare for their final external exams. They aim to improve confidence and understanding in senior Science and Maths subject areas and prepare them for future tertiary study. Camps will be held in person at the Gold Coast campus and online. Subjects included in the bootcamps are:

- General Maths
- Maths Methods
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Biology
- Psychology

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

Auditions for Queensland Conservatorium

To be considered for a place in a Bachelor Degree at the Queensland Conservatorium, you will need to apply for an audition. International students must apply via the [international application process](#). There are three steps in the application process:

Audition submissions for study in Trimester 1 2026 open 5 August - 29 August 2025.

Step 1: Apply via [QTAC](#) and select your preferred degree and/or specialisations:

- 251811 Bachelor of Music
- 251782 Bachelor of Acting
- 251772 Bachelor of Musical Theatre

Step 2: Pay a non-refundable audition fee via GriffithPAY **by the closing date 29 August 2025**, to be guaranteed an audition in the first audition round.

- Bachelor of Music—\$50 each
- Bachelor of Acting—\$90 each
- Bachelor of Musical Theatre—\$90 each

Step 3: **Submit a recorded audition/folio and supporting documents**

Click the link for your degree program/s below to view the requirements.

- 251722 [Bachelor of Music audition requirements](#)
- 251782 [Bachelor of Acting audition requirements](#)
- 251772 [Bachelor of Musical Theatre requirements](#)

Click [here](#) for more details.

Future students with a disability or health condition

If you are a future student with a disability or health condition or a parent/carer, Griffith Uni encourage you to talk to their Student Disability and Accessibility team about what supports you may need while at university. Click [here](#) to find out how you can talk to them about:

- making an application
- preparing documentation
- reasonable adjustments
- transitioning to university
- resources for parents

Upgrading via university studies

If you don't achieve the selection rank needed to secure a place in your preferred degree, you could start studies in an alternative degree to improve your rank. Once you achieve the selection rank required, you can then reapply or transfer to your preferred degree. Successful completion of two or more bachelor-level courses (subjects) in a degree program can provide you with a new selection rank. Selection ranks based on university study depend on how many courses you complete and your overall Grade Point Average achieved (GPA). Click [here](#) to see a table guide:

Year 12 subject adjustment scheme

Subject adjustments can boost your selection rank and improve your chances of securing a place at Griffith. 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 when you apply for eligible Griffith University preferences through QTAC for the year following the completion of your Year 12 studies (Trimester 1, 2 or 3 eligible preferences). Click [here](#) to find a list of QCE and International Baccalaureate Diploma subjects.

James Cook University

Application Forms required as well as a QTAC application

For consideration for the 2026 intake year, you are required to provide additional application information for:

- Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours).

Some key 2026 dates are:

30 September - closing date to apply through QTAC and JCU Application Portals

30 September - closing date to apply through QTAC for the Rural Access Scheme

20 October - closing date for Medicine applicants (supply prediction of Academic Achievement)

8 December - final results to QTAC

Click [here](#) for more information.

Webinars during July and August

JCU is hosting several webinars over July and August including:

29/07/2025 QTAC Information Webinar: 7 - 8pm: Online

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

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

Queensland University of Technology

Early Offer Scheme

QUT's Year 12 Early Offer Scheme can offer you a place in your nominated degree in November. The scheme includes more than 80 single and double degrees from a wide range of study areas including business, creative arts, engineering, health and science. Click [here](#) to read more about:

- Important dates
- Am I eligible?
- Required school results
- What courses are included in the scheme?
- Applying and receiving an offer
- Supporting documentation
- Other things to consider
- Contact us

Note: 22 October is the final date to complete your QTAC application to be considered for an early offer invitation. First round of approved applicants will be notified by QTAC email on 14 November.

Free QCE revision lectures return to QUT

This September, QUT and ATAR Notes is offering free ATAR Exam Revision Lectures. These lectures are led by recent graduates who gained top ATAR scores. During these lectures you will:

- Cover English, Maths Methods, General Maths, Biology, Chemistry or Physics
- Learn from high-achieving graduates who've recently completed Year 12
- Experience QUT and get a taste of university life with campus tours

As places are limited, you will need to register as soon as possible. [Find out more and register here.](#)

Match My Skills quiz

Take QUT's 10 minute [Match My Skills quiz](#) to see what study and career options that could suit your personality, interests and career goals.

New dance and education pathways

QUT is introducing two new pathways that combine your passion for performance with a career in teaching. You can now study dance education by either:

1. Selecting dance as a second teaching area in the Bachelor of [Education \(Secondary\)/Bachelor of Creative Arts](#), or
2. Completing a dance minor in the Bachelor of Creative Arts, followed by the [Master of Teaching \(Secondary\)](#).

These flexible options blend creative practice with educational expertise, preparing you to bring movement, expression, and inspiration into classrooms and communities. Check out each of the degrees above.

QUT Maths Summer School applications

Mathematics students currently in Year 11 studying Specialist Mathematics (or Mathematics at an equivalent level) can apply for QUT's summer school at their Garden Point campus during the 2026 summer holidays. With support from the QUT School of Mathematical Sciences, you will engage in interactive lectures, real-life applications and computer workshops to develop computational Mathematics skills and to gain an insight into a range of modelling techniques and application areas. Find out more and apply [here](#).

QUT's new Bachelor of Information Technology

QUT has launched seven new future-focussed undergraduate majors to cover every in-demand area of the IT industry which are:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Cyber Security
- Business Analysis and IT Management
- Computer Science
- Enterprise Computing
- Process Analytics and Automation
- Software Development

The seven new majors can be chosen from Semester 1, 2026. Find out more [here](#).

START QUT Webinar

Are you a Year 11 student and interested in the START QUT program? QUT will be hosting a START QUT webinar on 2 September, where you can find out about studying a university subject while still in high school and hear from past START QUT students about their experiences. Click [here](#) for more details and to register.

The University of Queensland

ATAR Guarantee

UQ offers guaranteed ATAR entry thresholds across most programs in 2026. This means you may be able to secure an early position in a UQ program based on your ATAR without the anxious wait for an acceptance letter. You will need to:

1. Select a UQ program as your first QTAC preference.
2. Meet or exceed the guaranteed ATAR threshold
3. Meet subject prerequisites

Programs not included in the scheme are:

- Dental Science (Honours)
- Medicine (Provisional entry)
- Physiotherapy (Honours)
- Veterinary science
- Advanced Humanities (Honours) - Western Civilisation Major only
- Music

Click [here](#) to read more about the programs/degrees in the scheme.

Auditions for the 2026 B Music Program

The UQ School of Music invites applications from everyone interested in auditioning for a place in the [B Music](#) program commencing in Semester 1 2026. The prerequisites are:

- Queensland Year 12 (or equivalent)
- General English subject (Units 3 & 4, C)
- Audition/interview

Applications for audition close on 25 August and you must provide details to the School of Music when you arrange for your audition. The School may accept late applications to audition up to 4pm on 8 September 2025. Click [here](#) for more information on audition requirements including:

- Application formats
- Application to audition
- Live audition
- Applying for a place in the Bachelor of Music (Honours) Program
- Accepting a place in the Bachelor of Music (Honours) Program

Missing prerequisites for a UQ course?

UQ College's bridging programs in Mathematical Methods, Physics, Chemistry and Biology run over 4 weeks will see you obtain a prerequisite in Mathematical Methods, Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Successful completion of an individual course will satisfy the prerequisites at The University of Queensland and some

other universities (check each university individually). Results will be ready for the QTAC Offer Round in January each year. Click [here](#) for more information about their Bridging Program, Tertiary Preparation Program and Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation.

Rural Access Scheme

If you've lived in an Australian rural area, [UQ's Rural Access Scheme](#) may help boost your selection rank for entry into some programs. The scheme provides eligible applicants with 2 adjustments to help boost their selection rank for entry into all undergraduate programs including the Doctor of Medicine (Provisional Entry). Click the above link to find out more about:

- Who is eligible
- How to apply
- Supporting documentation

UQ Ready

You can join UQ in person or online for an informative night that will provide you with everything you need for a smooth transition from high school to university. Upcoming events are:

6 August in Mackay from 5:30 to 7:00pm

3 September online from 6 - 7pm

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

University of Southern Queensland

Auditions for some UniSQ courses

An audition is required for entry to the :

- [Bachelor of Visual Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of Music](#)
- [Bachelor of Theatre](#)
- [Bachelor of Creative Arts and Community Wellbeing Major Visual Art](#)

If you are seeking alternative/non-ATAR entry to the Bachelor of Television and Radio Production (BTVR), Bachelor of Film and Screen Production (BFSP) or Bachelor of Design and Interactive Technologies (BDIT), please contact usq.support@usq.edu.au. You will be contacted by the Discipline Advisors team to confirm your audition time, date and location after submission of this audition form. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

Head Start For Years 10, 11 and 12 students

UniSQ Head Start is open to Year 10, 11 or 12 students wanting to study a Uni subject while still at school. It will give you a taste of uni as you study one university subject a semester while working towards your QCE. Applications for Trimester 3, 2025 (8 September - 7 December) close on 1 September 2025. Click [here](#) to find out more about:

- Head Start courses
- Entry requirements
- Key dates
- How to apply for UniSQ Head Start

Trimester 3 Head Start applications

UniSQ's Trimester 3 Head Start program is an opportunity for students to get a 'head start' on your university studies and experience university life. For more information and the application process, check out UniSQ's [Head Start page](#). Applications for Head Start Trimester 3, 2025 close on 1 September.

University of the Sunshine Coast

How to apply for university through QTAC: A parent's guide

As a parent, watching your child prepare to embark on their university journey is both exciting and a bit overwhelming. Supporting your child with their university application through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) can make a significant difference. Click [here](#) to read the QTAC article which provides information that will assist you in supporting your child as they research and apply for courses through QTAC. The article covers:

- Understanding QTAC
- Choose a program
- Check entry requirements
- Gather info for the QTAC application
- Complete the QTAC online application
- List preferences
- Apply for an early offer
- Change preferences (If needed)
- Check application progress
- Receive an offer
- Enrol at UniSC

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
29/07/2025	ADF: Brisbane Army Reserve Information Session
29/07/2025	JCU Power of conflict coaching webinar
29/07/2025	JCU QTAC Info Webinar
29/07/2025	JCU QTAC Information 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	ADF: Brisbane Trade Careers Information Session
31/07/2025	CQUni Mackay Open Day
31/07/2025	CQUni Mackay Open Day
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	ADF: Brisbane Defence Careers Information Session
04/08/2025	ADF: Charters Towers Indigenous Pathways Information Session
04/08/2025	Townsville Careers Expo
05/08/2025	ADF: Toowoomba A Night in the Army Reserves
05/08/2025	ADF: Toowoomba Defence Careers Information Session
05/08/2025	ADF: Townsville Trade Careers Information Session
05/08/2025	ADF: Whitsundays Defence Careers Information Session
05/08/2025	ATAR Portal registration for 2025 opens
05/08/2025	DDF: Southport A Night in the Army Reserves

05/08/2025	JCU Early Offer program opens
05/08/2025	QTAC Year 12 applications open
06/08/2025	ADF: Mackay Defence Careers Information Session
06/08/2025	ADF: Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
06/08/2025	UQ Ready event Mackay
06/08/2025	UQ Ready Mackay information session
07/08/2025	Cairns Youth and Careers Expo
07/08/2025	CQ University (Bundaberg) – Open Day
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
10/08/2025	Southern Cross University Open Day Coffs Harbour and Gold Coast
11/08/2025	ADF: Gold Coast Defence Careers Information Session
11/08/2025	ADF: Townsville Defence Careers Information Session
14/08/2025	Australian Performing Arts Conservatory Open evening
14/08/2025	CQUni Townsville Open Day
16/08/2025	Christian Heritage College 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	CQUni open day Rockhampton campus
17/08/2025	Southern Cross University Lismore Open Day
17/08/2025	University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba
17/08/2025	UQ Open Day Gatton Campus
18/08/2025	ACU Biology Revision Webinar
18/08/2025	Griffith Law School Legal Essay Competition closes

19/08/2025	Western civilisation application process and interview preparation webinar
21/08/2025	Cairns Careers Expo
21/08/2025	CQUni Open Day Gladstone
21/08/2025	Marter Education Open Day
24/08/2025	Southern Cross Uni Open Day Gold Coast
25/08/2025	CQUni's Diagnostic Imaging Open Day webinar
25/08/2025	Gold Coast Schools Science Competition
25/08/2025	UQ B of Music audition applications close
26/08/2025	CQUni's Psychology Open Day Webinar
28/08/2025	Bond Uni Indigenous Scholarship application closes
28/08/2025	Bond University Indigenous Scholarship application closes
28/08/2025	CQUni Cairns Campus
28/08/2025	JCU Pathways webinar
28/08/2025	JCU Pathways webinar
29/08/2025	Auditions for Queensland Conservatorium applications close
29/08/2025	Bachelors in Music, Musical Theatre and Acting offered at the Queensland Conservatorium Audition applications close
29/08/2025	Bond Student for a semester Sept applications close