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# Announcements

## 2025 National Careers Week

National Careers Week is an initiative of the Career Industry Council of Australia and aims to celebrate careers, career development, career development services and career development practitioners. It also promotes the economic, social and personal benefits of career development for all Australians. This year, National Careers Week will be held between 13 and 19 May 2024. Click [here](#) to find out more information as it is published, including upcoming events that you may want to get involved in.

## Something to think about

**“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.” —B.B. King**

# Apprenticeships & Traineeships



## Group Training Organisations (GTOs) in Queensland can organise employment

GTOs employ apprentices and trainees and place them with a host employer until their apprenticeship or traineeship has been completed. Some GTOs provide apprenticeships and traineeships in specific industries, others provide them across many industries. For more information about GTOs, visit the [Group Training Australia website](#). This site lists Group Training Organisations across Queensland. The following are some of the GTOs that provide services in Queensland.

- The [Aboriginal Employment Strategy](#): (AES) offers a unique service to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into careers and walks along with them during their employment journey to provide advice, mentoring and other specialist supports.
- [AFL SportsReady](#) is a not-for-profit company dedicated to helping young Australians develop careers through traineeships, cadetships, direct employment and educational opportunities.
- [Apprenticeship Careers Australia](#) is a national organisation that offers apprenticeships and traineeships in multiple industries
- [Apprenticeships Queensland](#) provides apprentices and trainees for businesses across Queensland
- [Apprenticeships R Us](#) specialises in automotive apprenticeships
- [Ai Group Apprentice and Trainee Centre](#) (AiGTC) The ATC believes apprenticeships and traineeships are the steppingstones to highly esteemed and sought-after careers.
- [Australian Training Company](#) provides apprentices and trainees for a range of industries, including business services, information technology, hospitality, horticulture, traditional trades, sport, fitness and recreation
- [Capricornia Training Company Shaping Futures](#) offers apprenticeships and traineeships in multiple industries for people in the Rockhampton and Central Regional Queensland areas
- [Community Solutions](#) Support customers to achieve their goals and work with them on their pathway to possibilities.
- [DGT](#) based in Toowoomba provide apprenticeship and traineeship services for multiple industries across regional Queensland
- [Electrogroup Apprenticeships and Training](#) is a GTO that recruits, employs and trains electrical apprentices for careers in the electrotechnology sector
- [Golden West Apprenticeships](#) assists apprentices and trainees to enter jobs in a broad range of industries in Roma, Toowoomba, Dalby, Emerald, Goondiwindi and surrounding areas
- [HIA Apprentices](#) provide apprentices for the construction industry
- [Maxima](#) provides apprenticeship and traineeship services to multiple industries throughout Queensland
- [MEGT Australia Group Training](#) offers apprenticeships and traineeships in a broad range of industries
- [MIGAS Apprentices and Trainees](#) is a national organisation that services, construction, electrical, mechanical, automotive and engineering industries
- [MRAEL](#) provides apprenticeships and traineeships in a broad range of industries in Queensland



- [NECA Training and Apprenticeships](#) specialises in apprenticeships for Domestic and commercial, data and communications, renewable energy and electrical supply (powerlines) industries
- [Novaskill](#) is a multi-industry group training organisation offering services from Sydney to Mackay
- [OSMAC Apprenticeships](#) specialises in a number of different trades within the automotive, construction, electrical, engineering, plumbing, warehousing and business administration fields
- [Skill360 Australia](#) located in Cairns, Kirwan, Mount Isa and Townsville, is a multi-industry service provider
- [Smart Employment Solutions Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#) supports most occupations and trades in South East Queensland
- [WPC Group](#) provides apprenticeships and traineeships in automotive, engineering, business and government, hospitality, horticulture, building trades and green trades

## Literacy and numeracy quizzes for Apprentices and Trainees

[Australian Apprenticeships Pathways](#) website has literacy and numeracy quizzes for a range of careers. These general industry-based quizzes indicate the literacy and numeracy levels required when undertaking Australian Apprenticeships qualifications. The quizzes give you an idea about your literacy and numeracy skills/ability that you need for the jobs in the industries listed. They are a guide but will help you find out what areas you need to work on at school. Find sample quizzes for the following industry areas [here](#):

- Agriculture, Animals and Conservation
- Automotive, Transport and Maritime
- Business and Financial Services
- Construction and Electrical
- Creative and Beauty
- Digital, Technology and Telecommunications
- Energy and Utilities
- Food and Wine Processing
- General or Non-industry Based
- Health and Community Services
- Manufacturing and Production
- Resources, Mining and Processing
- Retail, Hospitality and Recreation

## Looking for information about apprenticeships and traineeships?

Apprenticeship Central is a job search site where apprentices and employers can connect. Its aim is to provide a space for users to search for opportunities and also connects job seekers with employers. If you are looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship you can register and be notified of current vacancies.

The [website](#) has a Resources section where you can find information on creating a resume, videos and blogs, what's the best career fit and frequently asked questions.

## **VET Student Loan (VSL) eligibility**

The short VET Student Loan (VSL) eligibility assessment will help you check your eligibility for a VET Student Loan (VSL) but should be used as a guide only. Click [here](#) to check your eligibility.

## **Videos about apprenticeships and traineeships**

[SkillsOne TV](#) has a collection of videos showcasing skills, trades and industries. If you click on 'Skills Bites' (scroll down the left-hand menu) you can get a taste of skills and trades in 15 seconds.



## Fitness requirements

Reaching the necessary ADF fitness requirements is well within most people's capability. During the application process you'll be assessed. Click [here](#) to read about the fitness requirements:

- How fit must I be to apply?
- About the Pre-entry Fitness Assessment (PFA)
- Fitness requirements for the Army, Navy and Air Force
- Answers to your most frequently asked fitness requirement questions

## Upcoming information events

Stay informed about important upcoming [Queensland and National ADF events](#) and information sessions:

- 17/04/2025 [Ayr: Trade Careers Information Session](#)
- 18/04/2024 [Brisbane: Navy Careers Information Session](#)  
[Toowoomba: Navy Careers Information Session](#)  
[Mackay: Trade Careers Information Session](#)
- 22/04/2024 [Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
[Bundaberg: Women in Defence Information Session](#)  
[Gladstone: Indigenous Pathways Information Session](#)
- 23/04/2024 [Cairns: Australian Submarine Tour](#)  
[Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
[Townsville: Navy Careers Information Session](#)  
[Rockhampton: Indigenous Pathways Information Session](#)
- 29/04/2024 [Ipswich: Defence Careers Information Session](#)  
[Maroochydore: Navy Careers Information Session](#)

# Career Exploration



## A career built on empathy and advocacy

QUT's Karyna Doolan wanted a career that enabled her to make a difference for families going through tough times. The Bachelor of Social Work gave her the skills to fight unjust systems and advocate for the needs of the families she works alongside. Read Karyna's story [here](#) to find out how studying social work can lead to a meaningful career.

## Australian Skills Classification

Find out about that job you're interested in by checking out The Australian Government Jobs and Skills Australia website. You can find out about the skills that jobs in Australia require including the one/s that you are interested in. The Classification identifies three types of skills for every occupation: specialist tasks, technology tools and core competencies. You can explore the options by reading about skills' clusters or by occupation. Visit their [website](#) for more information about the skills clusters and occupations.

## Compare tertiary courses and providers

Some courses and education providers are better than others when it comes to preparing students for the world of work. So how do you sort the good from the bad? Do some research to find the right education provider and course for you. Only commit to training that suits your needs, learning style and makes you more competitive for jobs. The first step is to finish school! Click [here](#) to read JobJumpstart's article which includes information about:

- Think about what you want to do and how to make it happen
- Compare the different education providers and courses before you decide where to spend your money
- How will you choose what to study?
- These resources can help you

## Create a life you're passionate about

year13 has a career quiz that may give you some clues as to where to go next with your career and pathway research. Click [here](#) to start the quiz and always remember that career quizzes can't make your career decision for you but can give you some great ideas as to where to research next.

## Know your work preferences

Knowing a bit about yourself will help you in your job search. To help understand what roles and work environments suit you, you need to understand your work preferences. You can do this by thinking about the types of activities you enjoy and the environments you work best in. Understanding your work preferences will help you target your job search efforts to jobs that suit you. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I prefer being outdoors or inside?
- Do I prefer working alone or in a team?
- Am I more suited to analytical or creative activities?
- Am I more practical (e.g. I like working with my hands), or more theoretical (e.g. I prefer research)?

Click [here](#) and check out the information on:

- Work tasks I prefer
- Interactions I like
- Places I like to work

## School subjects and how they relate to job options

An early step in career exploration is to develop a list of jobs you are interested in. One way to start is to think about the school subjects you most enjoy. Check out the subject Bullseye Posters from the myfuture [website](#) which will help you find jobs that are related to the subjects you like at school. There are over 30 Bullseye Posters and each poster groups jobs into four qualification levels.

## Thinking of going to uni? Read this first!

Job Jumpstart has an interesting article highlighting the reasons why you need to fully investigate your pathway options after school to make sure that the one you choose is a good fit for you and your career ideas. If you are considering a university pathway you might want to read their article [Thinking of going to uni? Read this first!](#) The article isn't advocating not to go to university, rather that it is wise to go to university for all the right reasons. The article prompts/helps you to answer the following questions:

1. Why am I going to university?
2. Is this course right for me?
3. Which university is right for me?
4. Will I get a job when I finish?

## Why do work experience?

The best way to explore a job you are interested in is to try it. This sounds obvious, doesn't it? However, it is often the last thing people think of when exploring jobs and making career decisions. The following are ways you can try a job.

- Work observation/shadowing - spend one or two days with someone already in the job
- Work experience – spend up to a week working in the job

- Volunteering – volunteer your services to an organisation that has jobs you are interested in
- Part-time paid work – explore the possibility of part-time or casual work in your preferred career area
- Join an activity group where you can try out some of the skills you will need in the job you like e.g. join the Air Force Cadets or the St John Ambulance Cadets
- Participating in various programs associated with specific career areas for example, Engineering Link projects

The benefits of trying a job are:

- Learning about what the job involves
- Having a structured, supervised, hands-on experience
- Experiencing a work environment – the world of work isn't like school!
- Gaining a new referee to add to your resume
- Developing contacts that may help you gain employment in the future.

Your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or VET Coordinator can help you organise work experience. Read '[Tips for finding work experience](#)' on the myfuture website for other ways of finding work experience.

## Will I get a job when I finish my Trade qualification

National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) reports that a high proportion of trade apprentices and trainees were employed after completing their training in 2023, according to a recently released NCVER report. The *Apprentice and trainee outcomes 2023* report shows that 95.6% of apprentices and trainees who completed their training in a trade occupation were employed after training, similar to 2022. Click [here](#) to read the report in full.

## Year 10, Start thinking now about what's next!

Year 10 is when the pressure comes to start thinking about yourself as an individual and to sort through your own thoughts and ideas for your future. Are you thinking, "*I have no idea what I want to do! I haven't yet found anything I am particularly good at*". If this sounds familiar, or even if you think you know exactly what you want to do, stop and think about all the things out there, you don't know about. Smart Year 10 thinkers (and smart thinking has nothing to do with grades) will start to think about and research a lot of different career opportunities. When you start this thinking early in Year 10, you give yourself plenty of time to work out the things you do like and what subjects best suit your interests and skills. You will always get better grades when you are learning about something you are interested in. SO, be a smart thinker and start your thinking/research now. It will pay off come subject selection time!

## Competitions



### **Focus on Abilities Short Film Festival**

The Focus on Ability™ annual International Short Film Festival challenges filmmakers to create a short, 5-minute, film that celebrates the achievements and abilities of people with disability. Entries are now open for the 2024 festival and will have over \$100,000 in cash and prizes. Entries close July 12, 2024. Click [here](#) for more information and entry details.

# Disabilities



## Disability Employment Report

The report [\*Employment and disability in Australia: improving employment outcomes for people with disability\*](#) by Bankwest Curtin Economics Centre contains an assessment of the trends, drivers and consequences of labour market disadvantage faced by people with disability in Australia. The report reveals that employment rates for people with disability in Australia have not improved over the last two decades.

## Jigsaw Brisbane

[Jigsaw Brisbane](#) trains and transitions people with disability into open employment. Jigsaw Brisbane offers:

- A comprehensive workplace-based and online training program focused on transferable skills to get you work-ready
- A 12 month+ award wage employment contract in our commercial document and data management business
- A CV, job application and interview coaching plus a profile on our online talent pool to promote you to employers
- Ongoing support for you and your new employer after you've secured your dream job.

Click [here](#) to listen to a video with more information.

## Queensland Government – Support for people with a disability

[People with disability](#) in Queensland includes a section for young people. Here you will find information on:

- [Bullying](#)
- [Early Childhood](#)
- [Going to School](#)
- [Leaving School](#)
- [Getting some help](#)
- [Keys to good mental health in Children](#)
- [Peak body supports](#)

The '[leaving school](#)' section will be of interest to senior students with disability. Visit their website for information.



# Employment, Job and Labour Market Info



## ABS Labour Force Data - February 2024

The Australian Bureau of Statistics have released the [Labour Force Data for February 2024](#):

- Unemployment rate remained at 3.8%
- Employment increased to 14,232,300
- Underemployment rate remained at 6.6%
- Participation rate decreased to 66.6%
- Employment to population ratio remained at 64.1%
- Monthly hours worked decreased to 1,909 million

## Australia, the small business nation

Australia has always been an entrepreneurial nation, with small businesses as the backbone of the economy and the labour force. The Australian spirit of independence, a DIY attitude and the courage to give things a go are strongly demonstrated in the mccrindle's research data. Click [here](#) to read more about the side hustle generation and the Top 5 Survival Challenges.

## Employment Projections

National Skills Commission produces employment projections to provide a much-needed guide to the likely future direction of the jobs market over the next 5 years. Each year these projections are updated to reflect emerging trends and developments. The latest data available are for the five years to November 2026.

### Summary

Over the five years to November 2026:

- Employment is projected to increase across all 19 broad industries
- Employment is projected to increase across all 8 broad occupational groups
- 9 in 10 new jobs are projected to require post-school education

### Industries projected to grow

Four services industries are projected to provide more than three-fifths of the total projected employment growth:

- [Health care and social assistance](#)
- [Accommodation and food services](#)

- [Professional, scientific and technical services](#)
- [Education and training](#)

This follows the long-term structural shift in employment towards services industries. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Shared Vision, Equal Pathways Report

The *Shared Vision, Equal Pathways* inquiry into the perceptions and status of vocational education and training has been released by the Parliament of Australia. Despite the critical importance of VET to Australia's economic security, many people hold negative perceptions of VET and the careers to which it leads. Click [here](#) to read the report in detail.

## Some ideas on how To Break Into The Film Industry

Few other industries hold the allure of Hollywood, with its powerful and influential A-list. But while big-name actors will always steal the spotlight (pun intended), entertainment jobs range from the creative, to the practical, to the commercial.

Where there's an actor, there's an agent. Where there's a set, there's a director. And a PA. And a location scout. And on and on. Saying you work in Hollywood can mean you work in any number of fields, from production to management to publicity.

[Click here](#) to read about how ten insiders broke into the film industry with some of the tips being:

- Create your own work and don't be afraid to cast yourself
- Being a production assistant is a great entry-level job
- Stay focused, no matter what
- Above all, build a network

## Specific occupation information - mathematics and mining

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

### Mathematics

- [Careers In Maths](#)
- [Australian Mathematical Society](#)

### Mining

- [Myfuture](#)
- [Labour Market Insights](#)
- [Australian Mines and Metal Association](#)
- [Minerals Council of Australia](#)

## The profile of Australia's young hybrid worker

Of hybrid workers in Australia, Gen Y (born 1980-1994) are the most likely generation to work remotely with over two in five Gen Y working in a hybrid format (43%). This is in comparison to 25% of Gen X and 24% of Gen Z being hybrid workers. Click [here](#) to read more about the hybrid worker including:

- Young hybrid workers
- Hybrid workers and higher education levels
- Capital cities and hybrid workers
- Hybrid workers and their families

## What is an 'occupation'?

JobJumpstart says that 'Occupation' is the name given 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. Many of the skills and abilities developed working in one occupation are directly transferable and applicable to others. The Labour Market Insights [website](#) has information on hundreds of different occupations. They also offer job descriptions, average wages and main tasks. By exploring the website, you can get a sense of the kind of work that might suit you. The site can also help you understand the skills and roles that will be in demand in the future. Click [here](#) to find some tools that can help you in your research including:

- Know about jobs and employers
- Get job and career ideas
- Identify the skills you need for the job you want

## What is an accountant and what do they do?

Are accountants obsessed with numbers? While figures and spreadsheets are among their many talents, there's more to these Excel experts than meets the eye. Accountants are crucial to the smooth running of every organisation, from the smallest start-ups and sole traders to multinational corporations. As the resident money person, they manage a business's invoicing, salaries, wages, account reconciliations and financial reporting. They also help individuals with personal financial matters, like lodging tax returns, making them highly valued members of the community. But is this the right career path for you? Click [here](#) to find out more about what accountants including:

- What does an accountant do?
- What are the different accounting careers? - Chartered accountants (CA), Tax accountants, Financial accountants
- Are there any specific skills needed to be an accountant?
- How long does it take to become an accountant?
- How much will you get paid?

# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## Griffith Uni scholarships

No matter where you've come from or where you hope to be, a scholarship could make the difference. Scholarships provide financial support while you study, allowing you to focus more on your learning. You'll also get more out of your university experience through exclusive networking events, meeting mentors and developing job-ready skills. Click [here](#) to find out more about the scholarships offered at Griffith uni including the application process, eligibility and time lines.

## Scholarships for international students at QUT

QUT have expanded scholarship offerings for international students. Click [here](#) to find out more about their scholarship offerings including:

- QUT Real World International Scholarship
- Alahakoon Amini-Moghadam Learning Potential Fund Scholarship
- Equity scholarships scheme
- International Merit Scholarship
- Elefteria and John Polichronis Bursary
- QUT College English Language Concession
- QUT College Merit Scholarship
- QUT Excellence Scholarship (Elite Visual and Performing Arts)
- QUT Excellence Scholarship (Creative Industries)
- QUT Excellence Scholarship (Academic)
- Australia Awards Scholarship
- Dean's Scholars Program (QUT Business School)

# First Nations Peoples



## 5 career tips for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

Working out what your career will look like is challenging for everyone. Click [here](#) to read about 5 career tips for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders including:

- Develop your emotional intelligence
- Build your networks
- Get that internship/work experience
- Find mentors
- Lifelong learning doesn't really hurt!

## QUT Oodgeroo Unit

The Oodgeroo Unit is committed to developing better access to university education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and ensuring they reach their full potential. The Oodgeroo Unit caters to the diverse needs of over 800 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled whilst also providing vital programs for community and prospective students. The Unit is responsible for and committed to ensuring pathways to higher education and the academic success of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This includes:

- assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to enter University.
- providing our students with academic, personal, and cultural support throughout their degree
- providing a visible cultural presence at QUT
- engaging in community events, representing QUT
- promoting real-world opportunities for our students.

The Oodgeroo Unit operates across both Kelvin Grove and Gardens Point Campuses. On both campuses, they offer state of the art facilities including computer labs, places to study and work with tutors and places to meet with other students. Click [here](#) to find out more about the services and support that the Unit can offer future and current students.

## UQ's InspireU UQ camps

The InspireU Tertiary Experience Camps provide Indigenous high school students with an experience to see life as a UQ student. Camps, held over 5 consecutive days, see you stay at a campus college and participate in university and cultural activities. During camp, you will have the opportunity to:

- Find out what area of study you are interested in from expert staff and industry partners

- Learn about what success and support services are available to students
- Participate in fun and interactive workshops

The following [InspireU Spring Camps](#) will be held from June through to September:

- [InspireU Health Sciences Camp](#) - 23 - 28 June 2024 - applications close on 11 May
- [InspireU Year 12 Camp](#) - 30 June - 5 July 2024 - applications close on 11 May
- [InspireU Kickstart Camp](#) - 3 July, Year 7 - 9 one day camp - applications close on 11 May
- [InspireU STEM Camp](#) - Week commencing 15 September 2024 - apply now
- [InspireU \(Business, Economics and Law\)](#) - 22 - 27 September 2024 - apply now



## Camp America

Camp America organises summer (May, June, July) camp jobs in the USA for students from around the world. At camp, you will work directly with American children by instructing or assisting them in activities. There are different [types of camps](#) and roles available. The visa required for the program includes 30 days of travel time in the USA before and after the camp. Visit the Camp America [website](#) for more information.

## Projects Abroad

Projects Abroad is a volunteer abroad organisation. Its projects provide an experience in which you can contribute to, as well as become a part of, a community in one of over 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and the South Pacific. Visit the [website](#) to learn about the projects available. You can find information on:

- Volunteering for Teenagers
- Projects
- Destinations
- Plan Your Gap Year Project
- Volunteer Abroad
- Under 18s

Always check with Smart Traveller for current international travel warnings and suggestions.

## Interstate and International



### Australian National University (ANU)

If you are thinking of applying to ANU click [here](#) to read their suggested application steps including:

1. Check you're eligible to submit a direct application to ANU
2. Consider which ANU programs are best for you
3. Check that you meet the co-curricular or service requirements
4. Elect to be considered for a scholarship
5. Explore your accommodation options
6. Prepare your supporting documentation
7. Apply!

Click [here](#) to find out more information and to apply directly to ANU and applications are now open and close on 13 May 2024.

### Study Medicine in Samoa

[Oceania University of Medicine](#) (OUM), located in Apia Samoa blends distance learning and hands-on clinical rotations to help aspiring physicians overcome distance, personal and professional barriers to achieve their dream. OUM's MD program is based on a full-scale, rigorous medical school curriculum, which is typically completed in four-and-a-half to five years. To learn if OUM's approach is right for you or speak to an Admissions Counsellors, call 1300 665 343, email [admissions@oum.edu.ws](mailto:admissions@oum.edu.ws) or check out the links below:

- **What they are about:** Oceania University of Medicine students have the best of all worlds. The challenging preclinical program is presented online followed by traditional clinical rotations arranged at affiliated teaching hospitals. Graduates are currently practicing or training in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Samoa, and United States. For more information visit the [Our Approach to Learning webpage](#).
- **Admissions:** If you always dreamed of becoming a physician but "life" got in the way, Oceania University of Medicine is right for you. The flexibility of online medical school allows non-traditional students to balance school with work and family obligations. For more information visit the Admissions [webpage](#).
- **How it Works:** The rigorous curriculum is based largely on American and Australian medical education models. The program is typically completed in four-and-a-half to five years. Accreditation provides a requisite credential that medical school graduates need for licensure and post-graduate training. For more information visit the OUM Curriculum [webpage](#).



# Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



## May Career Expos

- 2 & 3 May [Gold Coast Careers Festival](#) Thursday 2 May: 9am – 7pm Friday 3 May: 9am – 3pm Gold Coast Sports and Leisure Centre
- 8 May [Bundaberg Careers Expo](#) 9:00am – 3:00pm Bundaberg Multiplex Sports and Convention Centre
- 14 May [Gladstone Careers Expo](#) 8.30am – 3.00pm Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre
- 16 May [Maranoa Careers Expo Roma](#) 9:00am – 2:00pm TAFE Queensland Roma
- 16 May [Capricorn MEGA Careers Expo](#) Rockhampton (9:00am – 2:00pm) CQUniversity Community Sports Centre, Rockhampton North
- 17 May [Emerald Career Expo](#) 10:30AM – 2:30PM Emerald Town Hall
- 24 & 25 May [Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo](#) 9am – 3pm Fri, 9am – 4pm Sat Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
- 30 May [Charters Towers Career Expo](#) 9:00am – 3:00pm Charters Towers PCYC

## QUT Open Day

QUT Open Day is on Sunday 28 July, from 9am to 3pm at Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses. You can explore the campuses, chat to staff and students from all study areas about courses and careers and find out about uni life. Click [here](#) to find out more and to check out last year's highlights and get a good idea of what to plan for.

## University of New England (UNE) Open Day

UNE Open Day gives you the chance to explore UNE and get a taste of studying at university. Tour their regional campus, meet your future lecturers, chat with current students and find out why they are the only public university in Australia to have received five stars for Overall Experience 18 years running (Good Universities Guide 2007-2024). Click [here](#) for more information and to register to get event updates.

## Private Provider Updates



### Australian Film TV and Radio School short courses

Critical to many major screen productions today, virtual production is finding a home in Australia. As we see the benefits of virtual production becoming imperative to more and more projects, skills in this space are essential for all filmmakers to have. Australian Film TV and Radio School (AFTRS) is offering the following online short courses:

- [Intro to VFX & 3D Animation](#) | 13 May (online) - Dive into the world of visual effects and animation, and learn about the structures, workflows and practices in the industry
- [Producing for Virtual Production & VFX](#) | 10 June (online) - Delve into the intricacies of managing projects in virtual production environments. Gain insights into scheduling, managing virtual assets, and incorporating 3D elements seamlessly.
- [The Director's Journey with Elissa Down](#) | 22 April (online)

### Billy Blue College of Design

Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University Australia is one of the nation's most prominent design schools. They emphasise connections to industry as well as the power of creative thinking to solve problems. Design courses that they offer include:

- Interior Design and Decoration
- Graphic and Communication design
- Fashion Design and Marketing

Click [here](#) to find out more including the actual courses they offer under each of the above design areas.

### NIDA open

The [National Institute of Dramatic Art \(NIDA\) Open](#) offers evening and weekend courses, short courses and school holiday workshops for all ages and abilities across Australia. Whether you're looking to have some fun with friends, try something new, refresh your skills or get serious with some professional development, there's a course to suit you. Click on the links below for more information, making sure that you use the filter to choose QLD when searching for courses.

- [Children](#)
- [Young people](#)
- [Adults](#)
- [Schools and teachers](#)

## **QANTAS Group Pilot Academy**

In partnership with Flight Training Adelaide (FTA), QANTAS has launched the Qantas Group Pilot Academy to help meet the increasing need for skilled aviators in one of the fastest growing global industries. The Academy is committed to providing a high standard of training delivered in an inclusive and supportive environment. The Academy is based in Toowoomba, Queensland, at Wellcamp Airport. FTA is a world-class training provider for the Australian aviation industry and some of the world's leading airlines and offers a full range of services including student selection, ab initio and advanced training courses. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **SAE (Creative Media Institute) campus tour**

SAE offers courses in animation, audio, creative industries, design, film, games and music. They have world-class facilities and collaborative spaces geared towards the creative media industries, as well as flexible remote learning options. When you book a campus tour, you can speak to an SAE Course Advisor who can address your needs and answer your questions. You can book a campus tour by clicking [here](#).

## **UX Designers - what do they do?**

What does a User Experience (UX) designer do? UX designers aim to create digital products that provide meaningful and relevant digital experiences that focus on improving the usability, accessibility and interaction of the product. In others words, they make it easier and more enjoyable for you when you are checking out websites and looking for and finding information. Grandshake offers a Google UX Design Certificate for young people which you can do while still at school. Click [here](#) for more information.

# Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities



## National Volunteer Week (NVW)

[National Volunteer Week](#), 20 - 26 May 2024, provides an opportunity to highlight the important role of volunteers in our community and invites people not currently volunteering to give it a go. [Subscribe to VA News](#) for the latest updates. This year's theme is 'Something for Everyone'. National Volunteer Week 2024 will recognise the diverse passions and talents everyone brings to the act of volunteering. Click [here](#) for more information and ways of getting involved. According to Volunteering Queensland, volunteering is all about making a difference in your community and also benefits you personally as it offers the chance to:

- act on your values, passions and interests
- make new friendships and create professional networks
- gain work experience and learn new skills
- enjoy new social and cultural experiences
- develop personally and build confidence
- enjoy better physical and mental health as studies show volunteering makes us healthier and happier
- challenge yourself in a supportive environment
- help your community
- have fun!



## 2023 ATAR Report

The [2023 ATAR report](#) provides an overview of the calculation of the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for the 2023 Queensland Year 12 student cohort. The report includes a summary of:

- Subject enrolments
- Outcomes of the inter-subject scaling process
- Allocation of students to ATAR bands

Further information on how Queensland's ATARs are calculated may be found [here](#).

## Are you the first in your family going to Uni?

First in family students often face complex and multiple forms of challenge that shape their schooling and transition to university. In some regional universities, enrolments comprise over 55% of first-in-family students. Read more about people who have made it to and through uni in QTAC's blog [First-in-family students pave the way to university success](#).

## Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

You can apply for [EAS](#) when you are applying to QTAC. EAS can help if you have experienced circumstances that negatively affected your studies and results. EAS categories include:

- Financial hardship
- Home environment and responsibilities
- English language difficulty
- Personal illness and disability
- School Environment

If eligible for EAS, you may receive adjustment factors which may improve your chance of receiving an offer. [Click here](#) to find out more including if you're eligibility to apply.

## QTAC Blogs

The QTAC blog contains articles suitable for Guidance Officers, students, parents. They provide information, stories and news which focus on the transition from secondary to tertiary education. Click [here](#) to read the current blogs and check in regularly for new additions.

## Rundown of 2024 Semester 1 offers

As of February:

- 56,978 QTAC applicants received an offer for a 2024 Semester 1 course from one of QTAC's Queensland institutions.
- 31,009 were 2023 Year 12 students
- Total offers for Semester 1 are down by 3.7% from the 2023 admissions year.

The top four most popular fields of study were:

- Health - Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Naturopathy, Speech Pathology - 9,086 offers
- Society and Culture - Law, Economics, Psychology, Sport and Recreation - 4,981 offers
- Natural and Physical Sciences - Mathematics, Physics, Laboratory Technology - 3,882 offers
- Management and Commerce - Hospitality Management, Banking and Finance - 3,866

# Study Skills and Wellbeing



## 5 ways to get motivated after school holidays

Getting over the slump that comes from going back to school after holidays is hard. You've been spending all your time off sleeping in and staying up late. Naps become a regular part of your day during the holidays and not having to go to school every day means you can quietly ignore the fact that there's work you should probably be doing. So how do you get motivated after holidays? [year 13](#) has put together some pointers that will assist you in getting a great start on the term including:

1. Sort out your sleeping pattern
2. Get your self together
3. Get a routine again
4. Start your work
5. Remember, motivation is bs

## How to improve your concentration

Concentration is the ability to focus and control your attention. Some people seem to be born with it, the rest of us have to learn how to do it. The good news is that anyone can improve their ability to concentrate. The following are strategies to help you get there.

- Make sure you get plenty of sleep. It is difficult to concentrate when you are tired. Regular exercise and healthy eating are also important.
- Set realistic and specific study goals for yourself (e.g. I will go up one grade in English next exam)
- Develop regular habits of study – same desk, same time, etc
- Work in a place that is free of distractions (in front of the TV is probably not the best place!). De-cluttering your desk will help too
- When you sit down to study, make a plan of what you want to achieve that session and cross off items as you complete them
- If you find yourself distracted by something else (e.g. I feel fat; I should do more exercise), jot down the task, idea or problem to deal with later
- Begin working immediately – don't wait for inspiration
- Attend to one thing at a time
- When you start to lose focus, get up and take a walk

## Three ways to build wellbeing

Conversations about wellbeing tend, more and more, to focus on the pressing need to address burnout, stress and overwhelm. This is no easy task. But there are certain things that we can all do in order to build wellbeing. It is crucial for workplaces, (school and study are your workplace), to strike a balance between

maintaining business purpose and impact (academic success and progression) and ensuring and strengthening the wellbeing of their staff/students. It is important that individuals do the same. Click [here](#) to consider the three fundamental pillars when thinking about updating or developing approaches to sustaining purpose and enhancing wellbeing:

- Intention: A proactive and strategic approach
- Customisation: Tailoring wellbeing to support your needs
- Flexibility: Responding to life while maintaining wellbeing



## Animal Studies Information Session

Thinking about a career in animal care? TAFE Queensland are holding an online information session on studying animal care at TAFE. Whether you want to turn your love of animals into a career or simply want to learn more about studying animal care, this session is designed to answer all your questions. It will be held on Tuesday 30 April and if you miss that date it will be held again on Thursday 30 May from 6 - 7pm. Click [here](#) to register.

## Fee-Free TAFE - Jayden's story

You could get qualified for less with over 70 Fee-Free TAFE courses to choose from. Jayden Dudek used Fee-Free TAFE to kick start a career in nursing. Check out Jayden's story who says that "This will save me so much money in the long run ... this is such a great opportunity for people to be qualified and get the job they want without any financial barrier." Click [here](#) to find out more his journey to becoming a registered nurse.

## Student services

TAFE Queensland knows that everyone's journey is different and sometimes some extra support is just what will make your study journey more successful. TAFE Queensland's student support services are available for all students, making your learning experience just that little bit easier. Click [here](#) to find out about their:

- Learning support
- LEAP to a successful student journey
- Studiosity
- Learning Skills Centre
- Counselling
- Mental health and wellbeing
- AccessAbility support
- Indigenous student support
- International student support
- Library services
- Career and employment services

## TAFE Queensland's courses by location

No matter where you live you can choose from up to 50 locations across Queensland from Thursday Island to Coolangatta, to and as far west as Mount Isa. There are locations in:

- Far North Queensland
- North Queensland
- Wide Bay Burnett
- Sunshine Coast
- Gold Coast
- Greater Brisbane
- Darling Downs and South West

[Click here](#) if you are wanting to study at TAFE Queensland or want to find out about your pathway options.

## Thinking about TAFE?

TAFE Queensland offered 240 courses across the State during the 2023/2024 offer rounds. Courses ranged from Certificate III, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Undergraduate Certificates, Associate Degrees and Bachelor Degrees. TAFE offers a huge range of tertiary course opportunities and you can check them out [here](#). The most popular courses in Semester 1 2024 were:

- Diploma of Nursing
- Diploma of Justice Studies
- Diploma of Sport
- Bachelor of Creative Industries (University of Canberra)
- Bachelor of Digital Design (University of Canberra)
- Associate Degree in Civil Engineering (Uni credit)
- Diploma of Laboratory Technology
- Bachelor of Dental Prosthetics
- Diploma of Information Technology



## A long journey to become a doctor

Becoming a doctor is easy to say but it takes time and hard work to get there. There are four main steps to becoming a specialist doctor (and a GP - General Practitioner is a medical specialisation!). The four steps are:

1. Undergraduate Bachelor degree (3 - 4 Years)
2. Doctor of Medicine qualification (3 - 4 Years)
3. Junior Hospital doctor (2 - 3 Years)
4. Specialist training (3 - 5 Years)

Click [here](#) for more details about each of these training steps.

## Online resources for Year 12 parents

Transitioning from high school to university can be a challenging journey for students and their parents. Several universities provide resources for parents to support them and their children through the transition. Some examples are:

- Australian Catholic University – [How parents can help](#)
- James Cook University - [Parents and partners](#)
- Griffith University – [Family and Friends](#)
- Queensland University of Technology - [Parents and Guardians](#)
- The University of Queensland – [Preparing your child for university](#)
- University of the Sunshine Coast - [USC Parent Lounge](#).
- TAFE Queensland – [Parents and Advisors](#)
- University of Southern Queensland - [University Guide for Parents and Guardians](#)
- University of New England - [Parent, Partner and Friends Information Guide](#)
- Southern Cross University - [Guide for Parents and Caregivers](#)

## UCAT ANZ applications closing date reminder

Candidates taking the [UCAT ANZ](#) in 2024 for entry to some health related courses in [Australia and New Zealand universities](#) in 2025 should note these [key dates](#). Deadline times are 11.59pm AEST - Australian Eastern Standard Time. A reminder that the closing date to apply to sit for UCAT is 17 May 2024.

## Australian Catholic University

### 2024 Guarantee - Early Offer Program

The ACU Guarantee program offers eligible Year 12 students a place at ACU based on your Year 11 results. Offers may be made as early as September. You must still complete your Year 12 exams. You may also enhance your entry score by including short personal statements that give ACU an insight into your personal circumstances and motivation for university study. Applications open 22 July and close on 16 September. Click [here](#) to find out more, how to apply, application and offer FAQ's.

### What can you study at ACU

ACU Brisbane campus offers a wide range of qualifications. Find out more on the ACU website including:

- Allied Health
- Business
- Creative Arts
- Global Studies and International Development
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Information Technology
- Law and Criminology
- Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine
- Nutrition and Biomedical Science
- Philosophy
- Public Health and Administration
- Sport and Exercise Science
- Teaching
- Theology
- Youth Work and Community Development

Check out their [website](#) and/or [Undergraduate Course Guide 2025](#) for more information.

## Bond University

### Thinking of Bond?

At Bond, they have a deliberately different approach to university learning. It's not only about what you learn in your program, it's who you learn from, who you learn with and how you learn. They provide enriching learning experiences designed to help you find your passion, develop your knowledge, build your skills and stand out in your future career. If you are thinking of Bond Uni as an option for 2025, then check out their 2025 Undergraduate Guide [here](#).

## Griffith University

### Bachelor of Communication - new in 2025

Interested in a career in communications when you leave school? The new Griffith Uni Bachelor of Communications will see you develop advanced skills in digital media production, content creation, advanced writing, speaking and digital communication, tailored for various platforms including emerging technologies. If you want to give it a try and not commit to the full 3 year course, then the Diploma of Communication is also available, with guaranteed entry into the second year of the Bachelor of Communication. Click [here](#) for more information on the Bachelor of Communication.

### Bachelor of Cyber Security could be an option for you

Cyber security is one of the fastest-growing industries in Australia. With this degree, you'll gain highly sought-after skills to generate and implement innovative cyber security solutions for business, government and individuals. You'll develop the expertise to investigate and identify current and future cyber security threats, conduct risk and vulnerability assessments of networked devices and infrastructure, and generate and implement innovative cyber security solutions. Study topics such as Fundamentals of Cyber Security, Cyber Security Standards and Operations, Cyber Security Defence and Incident Response, Digital Forensics, Ethical Hacking, Cryptography, and Trustworthy AI. Click [here](#) to find out more about their 3 year degree with an expected ATAR of 67. Click on course list and requirements to see what subjects/courses you will study.

### Engineering at Griffith Webinar

Engineering is one of the most creative professions — just look around you to see what engineers have designed and created. Griffith Uni's Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) degree will equip you with in-demand skills to make a positive contribution to our world. Click [here](#) and hear from their students and lecturers about their study experiences and career opportunities after graduating.

### Griffith Bridging Maths for entry into a Teaching degree

If you're wanting to study a teaching degree after school but don't have the maths prerequisite, successful completion of Griffith's Bridging Maths meets the Maths subject prerequisite for entry into Griffith education degrees. The course, from 13 May to 24 June, is offered part-time over six weeks in on-campus and online modes. It is expected that you will commit to approximately 13–15 hours per week of study comprising:

- a compulsory two-hour, face-to-face tutorial once each week on campus or online
- approximately 13 hours per week of self-study completing online modules (including assessment).

Click [here](#) for more information including fees, eligibility, tutorials, topics and how to apply.

## Griffith Film School and Games Design portfolio admission

Animation and Film and Screen Media Production - Admission to the Bachelor of Animation and the Bachelor of Film and Screen Media Production is via portfolio and interview. If there are any places not filled, limited offers may be made in later rounds via ATAR/rank.

Games Design - There are two admissions pathways to the Bachelor of Games Design. Applicants may be considered via submission of a portfolio and attending an interview OR via guaranteed ATAR?Rank of 70 or higher.

Click [here](#) for more information.

## Portfolio information

You may 'think' you know what to put in your portfolio but it's always best to check! Griffith want you to focus on showing who you are as a developing artist or designer. They say that portfolio submissions don't need to be finished works – they can be ideas/concepts/in-progress pieces.

Portfolio requirements include written and visual submissions. Portfolios are assessed by a range of criteria, including:

- Ability to follow a brief
- Understanding the medium and communicating critical thoughts
- Technical skill and originality or creativity
- Written expression and the ability to communicate

Portfolio applications for degrees with Trimester 1 2025 entry will open in line with QTAC and UAC open dates in early August 2024 and close approximately 4 weeks later so its wise to start planning now! Click [here](#) for more information about the portfolio requirements for the Queensland College of Art and Design courses and [here](#) for the Griffith Film School Portfolio Admissions requirements.

## Queensland College of Art and Design (QCAD) portfolio admission

For entry into 2025 QCAD courses you can apply via portfolio or ATAR Rank. You may be considered via submission of a portfolio and attending an interview OR via guaranteed ATAR/rank of 70 or higher. The relevant courses are:

- Bachelor of Visual Arts
- Bachelor of Design
- Bachelor of Visual Arts/Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Design/Bachelor of Business

Applicants who are not successful with their portfolio/interview will automatically be considered based on ATAR/Rank. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Undergraduate Certificate in STEM Foundations

Not sure what you want to study at university? This Undergraduate Certificate may be an option worth investigating. You can choose between a range of different courses, that lead to Griffith Bachelor degrees. You complete four courses, one of which is Foundations of Mathematics. The remaining three courses include one each in business, the arts and information technology. For each area, you get to choose between two courses that meet your interests.

This is a good foundation for further tertiary study. There is no commitment beyond four courses and you get a qualification that is recognised in the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). If you like the experience, the courses you studied can be credited towards one of the following Bachelor degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Computer Science
- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
- Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours)
- Bachelor of Environmental Science
- Bachelor of Forensic Science
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Marine Science
- Bachelor of Psychological Science
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Sport Development

Click [here](#) for more information.

## James Cook University

### Applying to JCU Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science?

JCU has a two-step application process for the following degrees:

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

Steps to apply

1. Apply online via the [QTAC website](#); **AND**
2. Apply online [directly to JCU here](#).

Click [here](#) for more application information for the above undergraduate degrees, key dates and course prerequisites.

## Queensland University of Technology

### Brisbane University Languages Alliance

Through the [Brisbane Universities Language Alliance](#) you can study a range of QUT language courses through Griffith University or The University of Queensland. Check the structure of your future course to see if you can incorporate a language into your study program. You may be able to study a language as either:

- a minor (four units)
- a second major (six units)
- option units (electives)

### Free maths and data webinar

This webinar is on Wednesday 29 May. If you register but can't attend due to school commitments, you will receive the webinar recording. You'll hear from a sports systems statistician, an energy expert and a healthcare mathematician. These individuals are at the forefront of applying mathematical principles and data skills to make significant impacts in their respective fields. Don't miss the opportunity to learn how to unlock new possibilities and shape the future. Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

### Future You Summit applications closing soon

Applications for the Future You Summit will close on Monday 29 April. QUT's Future You Summit provides students in Year 11 and 12 with a taste of university life. Students will have the opportunity to expand their skill sets beyond the classroom and explore future career ambitions with like-minded peers. This event is held during the June/July school holidays from 1 - 5 July. You can find out about QUT study areas including:

- law and business
- creative industries, education and social justice
- science, maths and technology
- engineering and the built environment
- health.

Click [here](#) to find out more and how to apply.

### Indigenous Australian Experience Day

QUT's Oodgeroo Unit is providing an on-campus experience day for Indigenous Australian Year 11 and 12 students on Friday 10 May, 10am–4pm. The day is an on-campus experience where you will get information about degree choices, scholarships, accommodation, entry pathways and the overall student life experience. The experience day will be delivered by the QUT Oodgeroo Unit and is targeted to all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 & 12, 2024 looking to study at tertiary level. Experience Opportunities include:

- Entry Pathway Presentation



- Campus Tours - Kelvin Grove and Gardens Point
- Degree Information and Networking Opportunities
- Faculty Workshops in chosen Study Area
- Scholarship / Accommodation Options

Click [here](#) to find out more and to register.

## Match My Skills

Need help finding a uni course that suits you? Match My Skills sees you work through the steps and create a list of QUT courses that may be of interest to you. It takes less than 10 minutes. [Take the quiz.](#)

## New vertical double degrees with Master of Data Analytics

The demand for professionals with unique problem-solving skills and data analytics expertise is soaring in today's job market. QUT offers a range of new, exciting vertical double degrees that seamlessly integrate undergraduate and postgraduate studies. Click [here](#) to find out more about the degree/s they offer:

- Business + Data Analytics - Bachelor of Business/Master of Data Analytics
- Engineering + Data Analytics - Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Master of Data Analytics
- Information Technology + Data Analytics - Bachelor of Information Technology/Master of Data Analytics
- Mathematics + Data Analytics - Bachelor of Mathematics/Master of Data Analytics
- Science + Data Analytics - Bachelor of Science/Master of Data Analytics

## QUT Sport events for high school students

**Schools Virtual Cycling Tournament** - QUT will be holding their Virtual Cycling Tournament on Thursday 2 May from 4pm - 8:30pm. Join QUT's Virtual Cycling High Schools Tournament competition. It is fierce, the journey is unforgettable, and the virtual road is yours to conquer! Click [here](#) for more information and registration details. Registrations close on 18 April.

**QUT High Schools League of Legends Tournament** - On Saturday 11 May this QUT tournament will be a 16 school 2-pool double elimination split. The top two teams from each pool will advance to the finals. Click [here](#) for more information and get a team of 12 together and register. Registrations close on 29 April.

## Southern Cross University

### 2025 Early Offers now open

The Early Offer program allows Year 12 students to secure a place in a Southern Cross University degree before their Year 12 results are released. It's designed to remove some of the pressure from the final year of high school and provide a pathway directly into university study that is not based solely on Year 12 results.

You will be required to submit a school recommendation following SCU's guidelines. Early Offer applications for 2025 are now open and close on 30 September. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Southern Cross Uni Indigenous Australian Student Services**

The Indigenous Australian Student Services (IASS) unit provides support and guidance to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying, or looking to study at SCU. The unit provides a wide range of information, advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in a culturally appropriate, safe, friendly and supportive environment. Click [here](#) to find out more about their services including:

- Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme
- Indigenous Scholarships
- Alternative Pathway: Testing & Assessment
- Indigenous Social & Emotional Support
- ITAS Program

## **The University of Queensland**

### **Junior Physics Odyssey**

The Junior Physics Odyssey (JPhO) is a four-day (non-residential) program during the school holidays held at UQ St Lucia campus for Year 10 students with an interest in physics, science and mathematics. The program aims to develop your problem-solving skills as well as an appreciation and understanding of physics. Applications are now open and close on 3 June. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

### **Medicine Information Evening**

Thinking about studying Medicine at UQ in 2025? You can attend either their online information session on 30 April from 6 - 7.30pm or their in-person information session on 1 May from 6 - 7.30pm at the Lecture Theatre (Room 200), Advanced Engineering Building (Building 49). During the presentations they will discuss:

- The current climate and magnitude of medicine
- How to apply for UQ's Doctor of Medicine (MD) program
- The multiple entry routes and partnerships with CQUni and UniSQ
- Advice from recent graduates and current students
- Interactive Q&A panel with alumni and current students
- Networking with current medical students.

Click [here](#) to register for either event.

## UQ Degree Discovery Series - Education and Business degrees

Each week, UQ will hold a webinar focusing on a selected study area, providing you with detailed information on specific study pathways at UQ. What's involved:

- Hear from the experts about UQ programs and where they can take you
- Learn about pathways to attend UQ
- Gain an insight into life as a university student from current UQ students
- Ask the questions you need answered in an interactive Q&A

Click here to find out more about and register for the following sessions in May:

- [Education at UQ](#) - 8 May - 6pm - 7pm - online
- [Business at UQ](#) - 15 May - 6pm - 7pm - online

## UQ Ready information sessions - Bundaberg and Northern Rivers

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. What's involved?

- Get advice on maximising your ATAR score
- Understand QTAC preferencing
- Hear about our many student support services and accommodation options
- Know how to respond to a university offer, enrol, and plan your timetable

Information evenings in May and registration details are:

- [Bundaberg](#) - 9 May - 5.30pm - 7pm - St Lukes Anglican College Lecture Theatre Mezger Road, Kalkie
- [Northern Rivers](#) - 14 May - 5.30pm - 7pm - Emmanuel Anglican College 62 Horizon Drive, West Ballina

Great information if you are looking to go to any university. Where possible, a panel of UQ students will share their experiences and advice on making the most of your university experience.

## Young ChangeMakers Program

The Young ChangeMakers program presents Year 11 students with an exciting opportunity for academic extension and enrichment and is centred around igniting young change makers' passions for leadership, academic achievement and community development in today's global society. To learn more about the program, read [2023 Young ChangeMakers Program](#). Applications open soon - click [here](#) to find information about:

- Eligibility
- Assessment of applications
- Additional requirements to support your application

## University of Southern Queensland

### Study at UniSQ Drop-in Session

Are you thinking of Uni in 2025? Join UniSQ at their upcoming Study at UniSQ Drop-in Session and get your questions about studying answered. If you're starting to think about uni study in 2025 or just seeking more information about studying at UniSQ, their staff will be able to answer your questions about degrees, recognition of prior learning, student support services, flexible study options and more! The drop in session will be held on Tuesday, 23 April, from 4.00pm - 7.00pm at their UniSQ Brisbane campus, [293 Queen Street, Brisbane](#). Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

### UniPrep Program

UniPrep is a pathway to university for Year 11 and 12 students. It focuses on developing academic skills to prepare you for success in undergraduate degrees. It provides a pathway to a wide-range of undergraduate degrees at UniSQ and supports your transition from school to university. You might be interested if you:

- are not completing an ATAR but would like to go to university
- fall short of the required ATAR or didn't do the prerequisite subject/s for your chosen degree
- are unsure if your ATAR will get you into the UniSQ degree you want to study
- want an introduction to studying at university
- are not sure if university is for you
- are on a ATAR pathway and would like to better prepare for university

The course is free for Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent humanitarian visa holders. Successful completion meets the English subject prerequisite for UniSQ degrees. Click [here](#) to find out more and then talk to your Guidance Officer/School Counsellor.

## University of the Sunshine Coast

### Headstart now open for study in Semester 2, 2024

Headstart challenges motivated Year 10 - 12 students with university-level learning by giving you the opportunity to advance your study skills and gain credit towards a UniSC degree. You can pursue a subject of interest, experience life as a uni student and enhance your academic skills as you blend high school learning with university study. You can complete up to four first-year UniSC subjects (one per semester) during Years 10 (available in Semester 2 only) to Year 12. Click [here](#) to find out more information about:

- Choosing a course
- How to apply
- Headstart key dates
- What to expect
- Headstart Guide
- Benefits of the program

Applications for Semester 2, 2024 close on 10 May 2024.

### **Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP)**

Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) is a free 6-month bridging program that provides a university experience before committing to a full degree. TPP can help you to gain a selection rank for entry to a number of UniSC programs, as well as brushing up on any subject area knowledge you need to meet prerequisites. Study up to four TPP courses and gain entry into most UniSC programs on successful completion. UniSC's TPP program is fee-free. Click [here](#) for more information.

# Upcoming Events



| Date                     | Event  |
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| 25/02/2024 to 25/05/2024 | Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo                                 |
| 16/04/2024               | QUT Quick Guide to QUT: Webinar for Year 9–10 students and parents |
| 16/04/2024 to 17/04/2024 | Townsville - JCU Science and Engineering Challenge                 |
| 17/04/2024               | ADF: Ayr: Trade Careers Information Session                        |
| 18/04/2024               | ADF: Brisbane: Navy Careers Information Session                    |
| 18/04/2024               | ADF: Mackay: Trade Careers Information Session                     |
| 18/04/2024               | ADF: Toowoomba: Navy Careers Information Session                   |
| 18/04/2024               | SAE information night  |
| 18/04/2024               | Schools Virtual Cycling Tournament registrations close             |
| 19/04/2024               | 2024 International Film Challenge entry closes                     |
| 19/04/2024               | Cairns - JCU Science and Engineering Challenge                     |
| 22/04/2024               | ADF: Bundaberg: Women in Defence Information Session               |
| 22/04/2024               | ADF: Cairns: Defence Careers Information Session                   |
| 22/04/2024               | ADF: Gladstone: Indigenous Pathways Information Session            |
| 22/04/2024               | Mackay - JCU Science and Engineering Challenge                     |
| 23/04/2024               | ADF: Cairns: Australian Submarine Tour                             |
| 23/04/2024               | ADF: Gold Coast: Defence Careers Information Session               |
| 23/04/2024               | ADF: Rockhampton: Indigenous Pathways Information Session          |
| 23/04/2024               | ADF: Townsville: Navy Careers Information Session                  |
| 23/04/2024               | Study at UniSQ Drop-in Session Brisbane                            |
| 24/04/2024               | Rockhampton - JCU Science and Engineering Challenge                |
| 26/04/2024               | QAMT Problem Solving Competition                                   |
| 27/04/2024               | Bond Uni Health Experience Day                                     |
| 29/04/2024               | ADF: Ipswich: Defence Careers Information Session                  |

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| 29/04/2024               | ADF: Maroochydore: Navy Careers Information Session  |
| 29/04/2024               | QUT High Schools League of Legends Tournament registrations close                          |
| 30/04/2024               | ADF: Toowoomba: Defence Careers Information Session  |
| 30/04/2024               | TAFE Qld Animal Studies online Information Session   |
| 30/04/2024               | UQ's Medicine information evening  |
| 01/05/2024               | UQ's Medicine information session  |
| 02/05/2024               | Gold Coast Careers Festival  |
| 02/05/2024               | QUT Schools Virtual Cycling Tournament   |
| 03/05/2024               | 2024 Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST) registrations close |
| 03/05/2024               | Gold Coast Careers Festival  |
| 03/05/2024               | University of New England Open Day   |
| 08/05/2024               | Bundaberg Careers Expo   |
| 08/05/2024               | UQ's Education at UQ online information session  |
| 09/05/2024               | UQ Get Ready event - Bundaberg   |
| 10/05/2024               | QUT 2024 Indigenous Year 12 On-Campus Experience Day                                       |
| 11/05/2024               | QUT High Schools League of Legends Tournament  |
| 11/05/2024               | UQ's InspireU Health Sciences Camp registrations close                                     |
| 11/05/2024               | UQ's InspireU Kickstart Camp registrations close   |
| 11/05/2024               | UQ's InspireU Year 12 Camp registrations close   |
| 13/05/2024 to 19/05/2024 | 2024 National Careers Week   |
| 13/05/2024               | 2025 ANU applications close  |
| 14/05/2024               | Gladstone Careers Expo   |
| 14/05/2024               | UQ Get Ready event - Northern Rivers Ballina   |
| 15/05/2024               | UQ's Business at UQ online information session   |
| 16/05/2024               | Capricorn MEGA Careers Expo  |
| 16/05/2024               | Maranoa Careers Expo Roma  |
| 17/05/2024               | Emerald Career Expo  |
| 17/05/2024               | UCAT ANZ test bookings close   |
| 17/05/2024               | What Matters? Writing Competition  |
| 19/05/2024               | Griffith Uni Creative Arts Open Day  |

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| 19/05/2024               | GU Creative Arts Open Day                                 |
| 19/05/2024               | Sunshine Coast Art Prize 2024                             |
| 24/05/2024 to 25/05/2024 | Brisbane Careers & Employment Expo                        |
| 30/05/2024               | Charters Towers Career Expo                               |
| 30/05/2024               | TAFE Queensland Animal Studies online Information Session |