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Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website

This Australian Government-funded [website](#) acts as a one-stop shop for information on Australian apprenticeship and traineeship information. The apprenticeship and traineeship information is targeted towards four core groups–

- Students;
- Job Hunters;
- Employers; and
- Industry Insiders.

The ‘Student’ entry point will provide you with the tools and resources needed to explore apprenticeship and traineeship career pathways in Australia. The ‘Job Hunters’ page is worth looking at as well because it includes topics on job hunting and pre-apprenticeships. You can also use the site to find service providers and training options based on industry groups.

How will I know I’m being paid the right amount?

Visit the ‘Pay’ page of the [Fair Work Ombudsman website](#) for information about pay obligations, including minimum wages and the rules regarding unpaid work. To test your knowledge about pay entitlements, do the Workplace Basics quiz available on the page.



Connect with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) through social media

Use the following sites to keep up with ADF events and new developments:

- [Facebook](#)
- [You Tube](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Instagram](#)

You can find action videos of recent ADF activities [here](#).

Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

The following Australian Defence Force information sessions will be held in August and September. You will be able to find out about opportunities in the ADF. For details about these events and for information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#) and click on the link.

Upcoming Events:

15/09/2018	Lady Tradie Day <i>Gold Coast</i>
18/09/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Toowoomba</i>
18/09/2018	School to Service Information Session <i>Cairns</i>
18/09/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Caloundra</i>
19/09/2018	School to Service Information Session <i>Rockhampton</i>
19/09/2018	Navy Careers Information Session <i>Gold Coast</i>
21/09/2018	I Can You Can Women in Defence Mocktail Evening <i>Gold Coast</i>
24/09/2018	Health Careers Information session <i>Brisbane</i>

Women in the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

The Defence Jobs website has a section dedicated to [Women in the ADF](#). This site looks at equal career opportunities, lifestyle, flexible working conditions, family support and short commitment options for women.



A Sport's Life by Fuel for Girls

Fuel is running an all-day workshop for girls in years 7 – 12 aimed at giving them a better understanding of what life in the sporting lane demands. The workshop will include behind-the-scenes insight from 10 elite sportswomen. Places are strictly limited to 60. The event will run on Sunday 23 September 2018 at The Precinct, Fortitude Valley. Read more about the workshop and book your place on the [event website](#).

Career Exploration Tool by USQ

If you are unsure of what you may like to study, USQ offers a Career Explorer to hone in on your interests. Try the Career Explorer Tool [here](#).

Skillsroad website for career exploration

The [Skillsroad website](#) allows you to do a career quiz, explore occupations and industries, and learn about study and training pathways. The 'Apply for Jobs' section provides information about job search skills including job search techniques, how to write resume and cover letters, preparing for a job interview, as well as a jobs board. The 'Life Hacks' section also has valuable life skilling information.

Specialties in psychology

There are many specialties in psychology. Some of the specialties include:

- Psychologists with general registration
- Clinical psychologists
- Clinical neuropsychologists
- Community psychologists
- Educational and developmental psychologists
- Forensic psychologists
- Health psychologists
- Organisational psychologists
- Sport and exercise psychologists
- Counselling psychologists

Read about these specialist areas on the [Australian Psychological Society website](#).

The Year13 website

[Year13](#) is an online resource for post school options. It provides information on Jobs, Gap Year Programs, Job Vacancies, Studying, Money Advice, Internships and more. The site has a 'Get Advice' section with many articles you might find interesting and informative. Visit the 'Study' section for useful information about industries and occupations.

Competitions

Focus on Architecture photography competition

The Brisbane Open House (BOH) photography competition is open to anyone with an interest in architecture or architectural photography. To enter you must take the photo on the Brisbane Open House weekend from 13 October 2018 – 14 October 2018, then upload your photo to the Brisbane Open House website by 5pm on 19 October 2018. You can read more about the competition on the [FAQ page](#) after 11 September 2018.

Upcoming Events:

19/10/2018

[Focus on Architecture photography competition closing date](#)

Disabilities

Vision Australia Further Education Bursaries

Applications for the 2019 bursaries for students who are blind or have low vision opened from 1 August 2018. The bursaries provide adaptive technology to help students fully participate in their chosen studies. Applications close on 31 October 2018. For information on how to apply and to download the application form, visit the [Vision Australia website](#).

Employment

Do you have a business idea but don't know where to start?

The [SelfStart website](#) provides an online hub created to support young people in exploring and developing their ideas into a successful business. The site can help you connect to existing services and programs and provide you with the information you need to set up your own business. SelfStart is one of four strategies in the Department of Employment's Encouraging Entrepreneurship and Self-Employment Initiative. For more information about the Department's strategies for helping young entrepreneurs, visit the Department's [website](#).

How to be Competitive for Jobs

The Australian Government's JobJumpstart initiative has put together videos to help guide you on how to be competitive in the job market:

- [Part 1: Get to know yourself](#) – the first step is to essentially know yourself when it comes to your work preferences and your understanding of what's out there
- [Part 2: What do Employers Want](#) – the second step is to have the ability to demonstrate your skills to an employer. This includes letting them know your job-specific skills, personal qualities and strengths, and your knowledge of their business
- [Part 3: You Got This!](#) – the final step is to take action. Asking for feedback, setting goals and asking advice will help you tailor your approach to make you a standout applicant.

Labour Market Information for Australian regions

The Department of Employment's Labour Market Research and Analysis Branch regularly updates its [Labour Market Information Portal](#) (LMIP) with regional employment information. Visit the Employment Regions page of the LMIP. Here you can click on your region to obtain summary data as well as more specific industry and occupational data.

The Future of Work in a 'Gig Economy'

The ever-increasing sophistication of technology and automation has disrupted the face of many industries, changing the types of jobs available and changing the way we work. Research indicates that we are already experiencing more varied, less stable ways of working, such as more part-time work, remote work, freelance work, the gig economy, and portfolio careers. This [article](#) examines the concept of a gig economy and how the world of work is quickly evolving.

The top 20 jobs that are most in demand in Australia

According to a recent news.com.au [article](#), there are many jobs in Australia that employers are finding very difficult to fill. This statement is based on an analysis of Indeed's (an online employment site) database of more than 170,000 Australian job listings, identifying jobs that have remained unfilled for 60 days or more. Hospitality positions top the list with 70% of the jobs listed for 'crew members' and 'shift managers' remaining unfilled after 60 days. The top 20 jobs in demand were:

- Crew member
- Shift manager
- Pizza cook
- Beautician
- Glazier
- Massage therapist
- Plasterer
- Carpenter
- Driver
- Hair stylist
- Panel beater
- Installer
- Shop assistant
- Detailer
- Veterinarian
- Cabinet maker
- Plumber
- Tutor
- Maintenance electrician and
- Air conditioning engineer.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



A reminder for Year 12 students about Tax File Numbers

Prospective university students are encouraged to apply early for a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who gain entry to a university course must have a TFN to be able to defer their fee payment through HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP or a VET Student Loan. These loans are made on the basis you pay it later through the tax system. So if you don't have a TFN, you won't be able to finalise a government loan for study. There are several ways to apply for a TFN. Visit the [Australian Tax Office website](https://www.ato.gov.au) for details. You need to apply early as it will take some time to receive your TFN.

Access and Equity Schemes for entry to university

These schemes aim to assist applicants who have experienced some form of educational disadvantage - particularly financial difficulties. Some of these schemes provide bonus points to aid entry into courses and/or scholarships. Some of these schemes use QTAC's Education Access Scheme (EAS) as part of the application process but check out each university for details of their Access and Equity schemes.

AIS: Local Sporting Champions program

This program provides financial assistance for young people aged 12 – 18 years towards the cost of participating as an athlete, coach, or match official in either

- an official state championship (endorsed by the relevant national sporting organisation)
- an official national championship (endorsed by the relevant national sporting organisation); or
- an international competition as a member of an official Australian team

To find out more, visit the [website](#).

Australian Catholic University Equity Scholarships

[ACU Equity Bursaries](#) are now open and will close on 19 December 2018.

Upcoming Events:

19/12/2018

[ACU Equity Bursaries applications close.](#)

Commonwealth Scholarships

There are three types of Commonwealth scholarships:

Student Start-Up Loan – This loan is available to eligible full-time students in higher education who receive Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance. It is not paid automatically. You must apply for it. The loan is administered by Centrelink. See the [website](#) for more information about this loan.

Relocation Scholarship – This is an annual payment to help eligible ABSTUDY or Youth Allowance students with their higher education if they have relocated to or from a regional or remote area to study. This loan is administered by Centrelink. More information can be accessed on the [website](#).

Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships - These scholarships assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those from rural and regional areas. They are administered on behalf of the Commonwealth Government by eligible universities. Contact the institution you have applied to for more information.

CQUniversity Equity and Financial Scholarships

The due dates for some of the applications for CQU's Equity scholarships and financial support will start from 30 September 2018. To view all available equity and financial scholarships, visit the [CQU scholarships page](#) and filter the 'Scholarship Category' by 'Equity and Financial'.

CQUniversity scholarships guide

Scholarship information is available on the [Scholarships webpage](#). This site has a search function.

CQUniversity Vice-Chancellor's Pathways Scholarship Program

This scholarship program recognises and rewards students who have undertaken and successfully completed prior study in one of the following pathway options available at CQU: [SUN](#), [STEPS](#), [TEP](#) or VET programs. The Vice-Chancellor's Pathways Scholarship program aims to assist students with the costs of university as they continue their learning journey by transitioning into a CQU degree in 2018. It is valued at \$18,000 for up to 4.5 years full-time (up to \$6,000 per year). More information will be available on the [Scholarships page](#) shortly.

Griffith University Uni-Start Equity Scholarships

The [Uni Start Equity Scholarships](#) are for students whose ability to achieve has been hampered by financial hardship or educational disadvantage. Applications are now open and will close on 9 December 2018.

Upcoming Events:

09/12/2018

[Griffith University Uni-Start Equity Scholarships close](#)

Griffith University's Deans Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships

The Deans Sir Samuel Griffith and the Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships are awarded to school leavers with outstanding academic records and high-level leadership and community engagement. These scholarships are worth from \$24,000 - \$60,000 and include membership to the Griffith Honours College. Applications for these scholarships close on 16 December 2018. Find out more about the full range of scholarships at Griffith at <https://www.griffith.edu.au/scholarships>.

James Cook University Access Fund Scholarships

Round one of [JCU's Access Fund scholarships](#) open on 10 January 2019.

Le Cordon Bleu Australia Advanced Diploma and B Business scholarships

Le Cordon Bleu Australia, with campuses in Adelaide, Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney, offers a \$10,000 fee reduction scholarship for its Brisbane campus' Advanced Diploma Hospitality Management (Cuisine or Patisserie), and \$30,000 fee reduction scholarships for its Adelaide and Sydney campuses in the following degrees:

- B Business (International Hotel Management)
- B Business (International Restaurant Management)

Visit the [website](#) for more information and application process.

Queensland University of Technology Equity Scholarships

All eligible low-income applicants are encouraged to apply for [QUT's Equity Scholarships Scheme](#). Applications for this scheme will open mid-October 2018. [Q-Step](#) applicants are automatically considered for this scheme when they apply for QTAC's Educational Access Scheme, 'Financial Hardship' category.

QUT Business Scholarships

The Queensland University of Technology's (QUT) Business School offers the following undergraduate scholarships for school leavers commencing their studies in 2019.

- [Corporate Partners in Excellence](#) – This scholarship is valued at \$36,000 and paid in semester instalments over three years. It includes two 15-week internships with QUT's corporate partners. Applications close on 9 November 2018.
- [Dean's Honours Program](#) – Valued at \$20,000 paid over four years. Other benefits include membership of the QUT College of Excellence as well as other leadership and development opportunities. Applications for Semester 1 2019 will open mid-October 2018. Apply for the B Business (Dean's Honours) through QTAC (see page 47 of the *2019 Year 12 Guide*).

- [Business Academic Excellence Scholarship](#) – Awarded to eligible OP 1 – 2 students, valued at \$5,000 and paid over two semesters. Benefits include membership of the QUT College of Excellence along with leadership and development opportunities. Applications for 2019 are currently open.

SAE Creative Media Institute scholarships

SAE Creative Media Institute offers scholarships to outstanding creative media applicants who are commencing study in the February 2019 intake. Applications for these scholarships close on 30 October 2018.

There are several scholarship full-tuition and partial-tuition programs available for 2019:

- **Creative Media Scholarships** – One full scholarship and three partial scholarships will be offered. These are awarded to current high-achieving Year 12 students who have demonstrated outstanding scholarly ability as well as strong leadership skills and creative potential. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to download the application.
- **Creative Indigenous Scholarship** – One full Indigenous scholarship is awarded to a current Year 12 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student who has shown high academic achievement, strong leadership skills and a creative passion. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to download the application.
- **Master of Creative Media Scholarships** – Two partial scholarships will be offered to high-achieving postgraduate applicants who have shown their creative potential with outstanding industry engagement, professional achievement and leadership skills. Applications for this scholarship is by invitation only. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to download the application.

University of Queensland Link Program

The [UQ-Link Program](#) is for applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage caused by financial hardship. Applicants are automatically considered for this scheme when they apply for QTAC's Educational Access Scheme, 'Financial Hardship' category.

University of the Sunshine Coast Equity Bursaries

[USC Equity Bursaries](#) are now open for studies commencing in Semester 1, 2019. Applications close on 30 November 2018.

Upcoming Events:

30/11/2018

[University of the Sunshine Coast Equity Bursaries applications close](#)

University of the Sunshine Coast's scholarships

USC Semester 1, 2019 undergraduate scholarship applications are now open and will close on 30 November 2018. USC offers scholarships based on merit, equity (e.g. financial hardship), honours, rural and remote placement, sporting achievement, indigenous and more. You can apply for most scholarships through one online application. Visit the [Scholarships website](#) for details about the various scholarships available and to access the application.

USQ Pinnacle Foundation Scholarships

[Pinnacle Foundation Scholarship](#) applications for 2019 are now open. The scholarships can help light the spark within and enable recipients to reach their full potential. To be eligible, students need to comply with the [selection criteria](#) and complete the [online application](#) form. Applications close October 1, 2018.

William Blue College of Hospitality Management: Scholarships for the hospitality industry

If you are interested in a future career as a hospitality or tourism manager, you are invited to apply for a scholarship at the William Blue College of Hospitality Management, Sydney campus. Applications for 2018 are now open and will close on 22 October 2018. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to apply.



Gap Year Program News

An alternative to the usual schoolies experience

Antipodeans invites school groups or individual students to join its Schoolies Unearthed program. This program offers an alternative to the usual schoolies experience. It gives groups of high school graduates the chance to embark on an adventure to Vietnam, Borneo, Vanuatu and Thailand during which they can explore infrequently visited parts of the world while helping others and contributing to a sustainable community development project. Find out more on the [Antipodeans website](#).

Camp America applications open for 2018

Camp America runs a US camp counsellor program for Australians to work as. As a camp counsellor, you will receive a paid summer experience in the USA. Read more about this experience on the [Camp America website](#).

Gap Year program information events in September

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange will hold an information evening from 7 pm on Tuesday 18 September 2018 at Ruth Fairfax House, 89 - 95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. Visit the [website](#) to register.

Career Counsellors USA (CCUSA) Australia will hold an information night from 6:30 – 7:30 pm on Thursday 15 September 2018 at the Chermside Library, 375 Hamilton Road, Chermside. Visit the [website](#) to register.

World Education Program Student Exchange (WEP) will hold an information session from 7 – 8:30 pm on Wednesday 24 October 2018 at Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, Brisbane. Visit the [WEP website](#) to register.

Lattitude Global Volunteering new round of applications

The Lattitude program provides volunteer positions in a range of countries for school leavers. Positions include school assistant, teacher, sports and development, coach, outdoor activities instructor, community worker, medical assistant and caring assistant. Applications are still being accepted for several volunteer positions for 2019. Visit the [website](#) to explore your options.

Holiday Programs & Short Courses

AICD: Holiday programs at the Australian Institute of Creative Design

AICD has campuses on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane. It offers diploma and certificate courses in Arts and Design, Beauty Therapy, Fashion Business, Fashion Design, Fashion Styling, Interior Design, Make-up and Photography. AICD will be running several holiday programs during September. You can choose from:

- Art & Design: Flow Acrylic Workshop;
- Styling: Street Style Image and Fashion Flat Lays;
- Photography: Want to Be a Photographer?;
- Fashion Design: Design and Sew a Skirt in a Day;
- Art & Design: Design Your Own Print;
- Make-Up: Special Effects Makeup;
- Beauty Therapy: Eyelash Extension Workshop;
- Interior Design: Discover Interior Design;
- Beauty Therapy: Spray Tanning Workshop;
- Art & Design: Vibrant Bold Impasto Workshop;
- Art & Design: Acrylic Layers Large Canvas Course.

Visit the [AICD website](#) for details on these events, and to enroll your attendance.

USQ The ConocoPhillips Science Experience

The [ConocoPhillips Science Experience](#) will be held at USQ Toowoomba Campus between 25 - 27 September 2018 (first week of the school holidays). The program is suited for students in years 9 and 10 who are keen on science. For further information, please head to our [website](#) or register [here](#).



Interstate & International

Criteria for selecting a university/college in the USA

A recent article in [U.S. News](#) lists the following criteria that prospective international students should consider to determine whether a US tertiary institution (also referred to as ‘schools’ in the article) is a good match for them. The information in the article is based on interviews with admissions experts, and include:

- Does this school have what I'm looking for academically?
- Will my needs be met outside of the classroom?
- Can I afford this school?
- Will this school help me achieve my career goals?

Read the article for other helpful links for further information about other key criteria to consider.

Study a university course in Japan

Nagoya University is recruiting Australian students. The undergraduate programs offered include:

- Automotive Engineering
- Fundamental and Applied Physics
- Chemistry
- Biological Science
- Social Science – Law
- Social Science – Economics
- Japan-in-Asia Cultural Studies

These full-degree programs are taught in English, so Japanese language proficiency is not required at the time of admission. For further information, visit the [website](#).

Study in New Zealand at the University of Otago

The University of Otago offers a broad range of courses including Commerce, Health Sciences (including Medicine), Humanities and Sciences. Australian students [pay the same domestic fees](#) as New Zealand citizens. Click on ‘International’ on the home page of the [website](#) for details about studying at Otago.



ICT careers resource

The ACS Foundation has a [Careers Foundation website](#) with an interactive career wheel. Using this wheel, you can explore careers in ICT sectors involving the following sectors:

- Software
- Hardware
- Security
- Specialties
- Digital Design
- Content
- Industry and
- Marketing/Consulting sectors.

For example, Cloud Computing is in the Specialties sector. When you click on Cloud Computing you will find a list of jobs and courses you could do to gain entry to the jobs.

Learning to work with robots

Any talk about artificial intelligence and robots is prone to be followed by doomsday lines of losing your job to a robot. The idea that human labor will be completely replaced by computers is very unlikely – but it is very likely that people will find their jobs changing to accommodate automation. There are plenty of cases of the latter. [Foreign Policy](#) argues that it is therefore best to learn how to work with robots.

Survey indicates telecommuting is a priority for 65% of job candidates

Employers are now looking to offer telecommuting options for employees in the battle for talent. A survey by Robert Half found that out of more than 550 Canadian professionals surveyed, nearly two-thirds said they would be more inclined to accept a job offer if there was a possibility to telecommute. The view by millennials is even greater – 79% preferring the remote work option. Read more about these findings [here](#).

What is allied health?

According to Allied Health Professions Australia, allied health professionals comprise the following:

Arts therapists, Audiologists, Chiropractors, Dietitians, Exercise Physiologists, Genetic Counsellors, Music Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Optometrists, Orthopedicians, Orthotist/Prosthetists, Osteopaths, Perfusionists, Physiotherapists, Podiatrists, Psychologists, Rehabilitation Counsellors, Social Workers, Sonographers and Speech Pathologists. Read more about allied health professions [here](#).

To learn more about a specific allied health profession, do a search on the [myfuture website](#) (you can 'Sign up' for free or 'Log in' if you have previously visited this site). You can also visit the [My Health Career website](#) (click 'Resources' and 'Pathways to a career in health'). You can also access information about many of these professions on the [University of Queensland Health website](#).

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Endeavour College of Natural Health: Open Day

Endeavour College of Natural Health will hold their Open Day event from 10 am on Saturday 6 October 2018 at all its campuses (Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney). The day will give you an opportunity to speak to lecturers and current students, explore the degree courses available and find out if a career in natural health is for you. For more information and to register, visit the [Endeavour website](#).

MedView: Medical Experience Day

Student consulting organisation MedView will be hosting 'A day in the life of a doctor' for parents and students in years 10 – 12 wishing to gain entry into medical school. This medicine experience day will allow guests to learn medical skills, talk face-to-face with some of Queensland best surgeons and physicians, and receive firsthand tips for when applying for UMAT, GAMSAT, Multiple Mini Interviews. The event will run from 8:30am – 4:00pm on Saturday 29 September 2018 at the University of Queensland, St Lucia campus. Read more about the event and book your spot on the event website [here](#).

UMelb: Interstate student and family Information Day at the University of Melbourne

This event will be held from 9 am – 5 pm on Friday 5 October 2018 at the Parkville campus. The Information Day will focus on aspects of the university that are of greater concern to interstate students such as:

- the application process,
- scholarships,
- student services,
- the student experience and
- accommodation options.

Participants will have an opportunity to ask current University of Melbourne students who have come from interstate about their experience and how they have managed the transition. The program will also include a campus tour and residential college tour. Lunch will be provided on the day. For more information and to register to attend, click [here](#).

Private Provider Updates

Billy Blue College of Design: A Day in the Life of a Designer

Billy Blue College of Design will be holding a free half-day workshop at its Brisbane campus on Saturday 6 October 2018. The workshop is designed for those interested in a creative career. During the workshop you will be involved in your registered area of interest, meet current students and see what it is like to work in that area. Areas of interest include:

- Photography;
- General Design;
- Graphic Design;
- Interior Design;
- Communication Design;
- Post Graduate Design;
- 3D Design & Animation;
- Branded Fashion Design; and
- Digital Media / Media Design.

Places are strictly limited, so visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.

Jazz Music Institute: Summer Jazz Clinic 2019

JMI's Summer Jazz Clinic has been running since the late 1970's. It is a four-day jazz performance clinic that is delivered in a fun and supportive environment for musicians of all abilities and all ages. The 2019 clinic will be held from 14 – 17 January 2019 at JMI's Brisbane campus in Bowen Hills. For more information and to register, visit the [JMI website](#).



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Additional criteria for teaching applications

Students applying for teaching degrees are required to complete an online questionnaire **and** 2 x 500-word personal statements in addition to meeting subject prerequisites. The 'Fact Sheet' on the [QTAC website](#) will help students with their statement by showing them how to reflect on why they would make a good teacher. Students upload their completed personal statements to their QTAC application. See page 20 and 21 of the *2019 Year 12 Guide* for due dates for submitting on time documentation..

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

The EAS provides OP or rank adjustments for applicants who have experienced circumstances negatively affecting their studies. When applying for this scheme, it is important to be aware of the following:

- You can choose to lodge your documents for this scheme either electronically or by mailing hard copies to QTAC
- A relevant cover sheet *must* be completed for each EAS category you apply for
- In the Financial Hardship category, where a current financial year's Income Tax Return is required, this means for the 2017/2018 financial year
- Applicants who have experienced disruption due to leaving foster care/out-of-home care are encouraged to apply in the 'Home Environment and Responsibilities' category. There is now a separate tick box on the cover sheet for this situation, with an additional section to indicate that the applicant is willing to be contacted by institutions about available support.

Visit the [EAS](#) site for more details.

Elite athlete entry bonus schemes for students applying to university

Elite athlete programs recognise sporting excellence. Successful applicants have usually competed at the state, national or international level in their chosen sport. While many universities are recognised as 'Elite Athlete Friendly' institutions and offer sports scholarships and support to athletes, the following universities offer entry bonuses (or an 'adjustment') for elite athletes:

- Australian Catholic University's [Elite Athlete and Performer Program](#)
- Queensland University of Technology's [Elite Athlete Entry Adjustment Scheme](#)
- Griffith University's Elite Athletes Program through the [Griffith Sports College](#)
- Southern Cross University's [Elite Athletes and Performers Scheme](#)
- University of the Sunshine Coast's [Elite Athlete Adjustment](#)

Interested in what is happening to the future Queensland ATAR?

In 2020 the ATAR will replace the current OP system in Queensland. Read more about the changes on the [QTAC website](#).

QTAC application course preference checklist

Have you submitted your QTAC application? While the final date to apply and to submit documents for the major offer round on 16 January 2019 is 14 December 2018, it is recommended that Year 12 students apply early. Some courses have early and/or fixed closing dates (see pages 20 and 21 of the *2019 Year 12 Guide*). Also, if you are competitive (OP results) you may be offered a place before the major offer round in January. View the key dates [here](#).

Did you use the 'desired – back-up - pathway' plan when organising your preferences? Go to the [QTAC website](#) and scroll down to 'How should I order my preferences?' for information about this plan. Your sixth preference should be one that you have a very good chance of gaining entry given its previous cut-off and your results. You also need to check the major offer round dates of your preferences and make changes if the dates differ (preferences need to be chronologically organised according to the major offer round of the courses you are applying for). Courses you are offered in early offer rounds can be conditionally accepted and your preferences can be changed after subsequent offer rounds if necessary.

Have you deleted all wasted courses? Wasted courses include those that:

- You do not meet the entry requirements
- You would not do if you got an offer for them
- Are full-fee or located in regional centres that you have not consulted your parents/guardians about
- Are too difficult or impossible to commute to given where you live
- Are very competitive and you list them below much less competitive courses.

Questions from Year 12 students

Q - I have successfully completed two uni subjects through START QUT this year. How do I let QTAC know about this

A - You need to put the subjects you are doing through START QUT in the 'Education and Experience' section of your QTAC online application. QUT will provide your results to QTAC. Refer to page 11 in the QTAC 2019 course guide for more information.

Q. - How do I go about adding any extra qualifications to my QTAC application that I have gained during Years 11 and 12?

A - Any qualifications already in your QCAA learning account will automatically appear in your QTAC application when you apply; you won't have to add them. You will have to check your QCAA Student Connect account carefully and if you have a problem speak with your Guidance Officer or Career Advisor.

If you have qualifications that won't be included in your QCAA Student Connect account they you will have to add them to your QTAC application. For more information see Page 11 in the QTAC 2019 course guide.

Q - I am an international student completing Year 12 in Queensland. Should I apply for university courses through QTAC?

A – For most universities in Queensland, you can apply through QTAC. Check this with the universities you wish to apply to. When you apply through QTAC, your application information will be provided to the institutions you applied to. These institutions will make course offers directly to you. This means you can receive more than one offer, usually earlier than offers given to domestic students. Most universities provide specific web pages for international students.

Q - I heard that the Certificate III I am doing at school could be used as part of my QTAC application. Is this true?

A - Yes. Up until 2020, additional qualifications may be assessed separately by QTAC when you apply for tertiary entry. These qualifications include Certificates III and IV; Music, dancing and speech and drama qualifications (e.g. AMEB completed 7th or 8th grade) or tertiary study (e.g. Diploma). Find out more about providing QTAC with this information on page 11 of the *2019 Year 12 Guide*.

Q - I have completed AMEB Speech and Drama Grade 7. Will this help my OP?

A - No. However QTAC will allocate a Rank of 84 (comparable to OP 8 in 2017) for this qualification. This is a separate score to your OP. The rules of the institutions you are applying to will determine if this score or your OP will become the first order or primary rank for the courses you have applied for. In most cases, the best score will be used. Note that you still must meet the course's entry requirements.

Q - I didn't study chemistry in Years 11 and 12. I want to do a course that has chemistry as a prerequisite at the University of Queensland. How can I pick up chemistry?

A – University of Queensland has an information sheet on the bridging courses acceptable for entry to its courses. You can download it [here](#).

Q - Does the University of Queensland Bonus Rank Scheme apply to the MD (Provisional Entry for School Leavers) course?

A - Yes. Click [here](#) for more information about this. Scroll to 'Doctor of Medicine (Provisional Entry)'.

Q - Does the Griffith University Year 12 Adjustment Factor Pathways Scheme apply to entry to its B Medical Science (MD Provisional Entry for School Leavers course)?

A - No. See the 'Exclusions' section on the [Griffith website](#).



Study Skills

10 Powerful ways to create your own happiness

Dr Travis Bradberry, co-founder of Emotional Intelligence 2.0, shows why happiness is important: Happy people have 36% more motivation, are six times more energetic and twice as productive as unhappy people.

Happiness is attributed by about 50% to genetics and life circumstances – the other 50% is up to you. Bradberry sets out 10 strategies you can utilise to develop your own happiness:

Avoid obsessing over things outside of your control by:

1. Choose your battles wisely
2. Get enough sleep
3. Stick to your moral compass
4. Exercise during the week
5. Adopt a growth mindset
6. Clear your workspace clutter
7. Help others – it helps you
8. Use your strengths to reach a flow state
9. Believe the best is yet to come

Read the full article by Dr Bradberry [here](#).

Helpful study skills websites

- [ReachOut.com](#) – Provides access to several articles on effectively dealing with exam stress.
- [Youth Central](#) – The article sets out the top ten study tips for students.
- [Test Taking Tips](#) – Focuses on the methods and skills you need to be a successful test taker.
- [How to avoid Hubert face](#) - Feeling stressed? Watch this light-hearted video to learn how you can avoid Hubert face in seven easy steps. It has been produced by Bond University.



Universities

Bond: Headstart Day at Bond University

Ambitious Queensland state school students in year 10 and 11 are invited to Bond University's Headstart Day. This free [event](#) will be held on Monday 22 October 2018. It will provide these students with an opportunity to try university subjects from across Bond's four academic faculties. Contact your school's Guidance Officer/Counsellor if you are interested in attending this event.

Upcoming Events:

22/10/2018

[Bond Uni Headstart Day](#)

CQU: Echocardiographers

These specialised health professionals view, analyse, modify and report on cardiac scans. CQU offers the B Echocardiography (Cardiac Physiology) and Graduate Diploma of Echocardiography at its Brisbane campus. This combined course prepares students for a niche career as an Echocardiographer. You can study the course over four-years full-time or eight years part-time. For more information about this course, visit the [CQU website](#).

CQU: New Course – B Applied Technology

This hybrid course teaches TAFE competencies and university study to give students an alternate pathway to a career as an automotive trade qualification. The university components include the mechanical engineering stream – giving students advanced knowledge about the mechanical trade they intend on heading into. This 3-year course commences from Term 1, 2019 in the Mackay and Rockhampton campuses. Click [here](#) for more information.

CQU: New Course – Double Degrees in Law

The B Laws program at CQU can now be undertaken as a combined dual degree with one of the following:

- [Business](#)
- [Information Technology](#)
- [Property](#)
- [Science \(Psychology\)](#)

Click on the dual degree above for more information.

CQU: Online chat sessions

CQU will hold an online chat session over Facebook Messenger from 3 – 6 pm on 20 September 2018. The session will be an opportunity for those who were unable to attend a CQU open day to have their questions about studying at CQU answered. Click [here](#) for more information and to register your attendance.

Upcoming Events:

20/09/2018

[CQU Online Chat Session](#)

3 - 6pm

CQU: STEPS information session

The 'Skills for Tertiary Education Preparation Studies' (STEPS) course is an enabling course that prepares students for entry to degree programs at CQU. It could be a pathway for students who do not gain entry to their preferred course the first time. Other universities may accept STEPS as a pathway to their courses (check with the relevant institution). CQU is holding another information session specifically for the STEPS course from 9 am – 10 am on 21 September 2018. Click [here](#) for more information about STEPS and to register to attend a STEPS information session at a CQU campus near you.

GU: GUESTS Trimester Three

The Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUESTS) program provides senior students the opportunity to study a single Griffith university subject while still at school. Current Year 11 students are invited to apply for Trimester Three (29 October 2018 – 1 February 2019). Year 11 applications for trimester 3 are due by 1 October 2018. Visit the [GUESTS website](#) for more details and to apply.

Upcoming Events:

01/10/2018

[Griffith Uni's Guest Trimester Three applications due date](#)

GU: Musical Theatre Summer School 2019

The Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University, is running a week-long summer school for students aged 13 years and above who have a passion for musical theatre. The workshop will run 9 am – 5 pm from Monday 14 – Friday 18 January 2019 at the Burke Street Studios, 8 Burke Street, Woolloongabba. If you are passionate about singing, dancing, acting and performance, this is the event for you. Find out more and book your position on the [event website](#).

Upcoming Events:

14/01/2019 to 18/01/2019

[Griffith Uni's Musical Theatre Summer School](#)

Griffith Uni Woolloongabba

JCU: Accommodation

JCU has an Accommodation Service that can assist you with organising on and off campus accommodation options. Applications for the on-campus residential colleges and halls in Townsville and Cairns are now open. Find out more on the [Accommodation website](#).

JCU: GetReady4Uni program

This program is designed to assist new students with the transition to university life at JCU. The program's [web page](#) has six modules to help you settle into university study and living.

JCU: Important due dates

If you do not meet the following dates, you will not be considered for the related courses:

- 30 September 2018 - the last date for Medicine/Surgery, Dental Surgery, Veterinary Science and Physiotherapy applicants to submit their QTAC applications.
- 30 September 2018 at 5pm - the final date and time to submit the separate written application required for Medicine/Surgery, Dental Surgery, Veterinary Science and Physiotherapy applicants. Visit the [website](#) to access course information sheets and applications.
- 12 October 2018 at 4 pm - the final date and time for submitting the 'Predictions of Academic Achievement' forms for B Medicine/B Surgery applicants to be emailed to the Division of Tropical Health and Medicine at JCU. Note that this form must be emailed by the school principal, guidance officer or director of studies only - not the student.

Upcoming Events:

30/09/2018	Last date for JCU Medicine/Surgery, Dental Surgery, Veterinary Science and Physiotherapy applications due to QTAC
30/09/2018	Final date to submit the JCU separate written application required for Medicine/Surgery, Dental Surgery, Veterinary Science and Physiotherapy applicants
12/10/2018	Final date for submitting JCU's 'Predictions of Academic Achievement' forms for B Medicine/B Surgery applicants to be emailed to the Division of Tropical Health and Medicine at JCU

JCU: QTAC Information sessions

If you need help with your QTAC application or you want more information about JCU courses and where they can lead to, you are invited to attend one of the following information sessions.

- [Townsville](#): 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm on Tuesday 11 September 2018 at James Cook University, Building 25
- [Mackay](#): 5:30 pm - 7 pm on Wednesday 12 September 2018 at Rydges Mackay Suites, 9 Gregory Street
- [Rockhampton](#): 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm on 13 September 2018 at Empire Apartment Hotel, 5 East Street

Click on your relevant location above to register your attendance.

QUT Year 9 Experience Day

Year 9 students are invited to come along to QUT on Tuesday 20 November 2018 to hear what it is like to be a QUT student, and the number of different career paths that university can lead to. Interactive sessions will be held across all QUT faculties:

- Business
- Creative Industries
- Education
- Health
- Law
- Science
- Engineering

Students can select two faculties for the interactive workshops. For students to attend, school guidance counselors must register their students' attendance by email prior to 14 September 2018. Email exploreevents@qut.edu.au if you would like further information.

QUT: 2019 entry to QUT using a Vocational Education and Training (VET) study option

For 2019 entry you can use completed VET studies, such as Certificates III and IV, Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas, from TAFE or private providers for entry to QUT. QUT allocates ranks for the following Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) awards:

Completed AQF Qualification	Minimum QUT rank awarded
Diploma	87 (Approximate OP equivalent 7)
Certificate IV	74 (Approximate OP equivalent 12)
Certificate III	68 (Approximate OP equivalent 14/15)

Visit their [website](#) for more information.

QUT: Book a campus tour

You are invited to visit the Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses on either Thursday 27 September 2018 or Friday 28 September 2018. On the day you'll be able to take a guided tour of either campus, hear from current students about their life at university, and information about relocating to Brisbane. Registration for a tour beforehand is essential. Find out more [here](#).

QUT: How do international Year 12 students apply to QUT?

If you are completing Year 12 in Australia, you apply for QUT courses through QTAC. QTAC provides your information to QUT. QUT will send conditional offers from late October. The offers are conditional on meeting course requirements. See [QUT's International student's website](#) for more information.

QUT: Reminder that the cut-off date for some Creative Industries courses is fast approaching

In addition to applying to QTAC, students must [register for auditions or submit portfolios](#) to QUT by 5pm on Friday 14 September 2018 for courses with additional entry requirements. The following courses require either an audition or portfolio to be submitted:

- [Bachelor of Design \(Fashion\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Fine Arts](#) – Acting, Dance Performance, Dance, Music, Visual Arts (including the double degree with business).

Upcoming Events:

14/08/2018	QUT - register for auditions or submit portfolios to QUT for Creative Industries courses
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QUT: Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship program

If you have an outstanding record of academic, creative or sporting achievement, you may be eligible for one of [QUT's Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships](#), which range from \$10,000 to \$30,000. This scholarship is not just about financial rewards. It brings high-achieving students together with mentors who will challenge them to realise their full potential. As a Vice-Chancellor's scholar, you'll have access to [leadership and development opportunities](#), including the College of Excellence and the Leadership, Development and Innovation program. These added features of the scholarship will assist in developing your leadership skills and provide a platform for building professional networks. Applications for the academic and sporting scholarships close on 16 November 2018.

UQ College Tertiary Preparation Program

UQ College also delivers a 28-week, 2-trimester program offered on the St Lucia campus. This program has three intakes per year: January, May and September 2019. Upon successfully completing the program, students can use their grade point average and prerequisites attained in this program to apply for entry into a UQ degree. This program may also be accepted by other universities as a pathway for entry (check with the relevant institution). Applications are currently open for the January program and will close on Friday 28 December 2018. Click [here](#) for more information.

UQ: Accommodation

UQ has 10 residential colleges on its St Lucia campus and a Halls of Residence on the Gatton Campus. Interested students can organise a visit of these places during school holidays. Most colleges provide pastoral care, academic guidance, tutorial programs, community service activities and inter-college cultural, sporting and social programs. Visit the [Live UQ website](#) for information about the colleges and to apply. It is important to apply early.

UQ: Idea Hub

This dedicated start-up incubator offers a 6-week program for aspiring student entrepreneurs. Students with business ideas can use this hub to get support and mentors to help them develop their business plan. Learn more about the 6-week program [here](#).

UQ: Interested in Engineering?

The following courses may be of interest to you.

- [B Engineering \(Hons\)/Master of Engineering](#) is a new integrated course offered in 2018. It is a five-year course that includes a six-months work placement. Prerequisites are English, Mathematics B, plus one of Physics or Chemistry. Recommended subjects are Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics C.
- B Computer Science - This is a standalone computer course. Previous computer science studies were offered through engineering and science programs.

UQ: Need to meet a subject prerequisite for a UQ course?

UQ College delivers intensive university courses to satisfy the prerequisite requirements for Mathematics B, Biology or Chemistry over four weeks from Tuesday 20 November 2018 - Saturday 15 December 2018 at the St Lucia Campus. Applications close on Friday 26 October 2018. See the [UQ College website](#) for more details and to download the application form.

Upcoming Events:

26/10/2018

[2018 UQ College Tertiary Preparation Program applications close](#)

UQ: Non-resident/Associate Membership programs at residential colleges

Several residential colleges at UQ have programs for non-residents. The programs may include participation during O-Week, access to tutorials, pastoral care and academic support. Non-residents can use the college as a 'home base'. Check the residential college websites at [Live UQ](#) for information about these programs.

USQ Accelerated Entry Pathway Program

Current Year 12 students (both OP and non-OP) can prepare for undergraduate study by undertaking the free [Accelerated Entry Pathway Program \(AEPP\)](#) at USQ over the summer semester. On successful completion of the AEPP, students will be eligible to apply for a wide range of undergraduate programs at USQ. Visit the [website](#) for key dates and further information.

USQ Film, TV & Radio 2-day Experience

Students who have a high interest in the industry and future aspirations to study film, television or radio in Years 11 or 12 have the opportunity to register to attend the USQ Film, Television and Radio (FTR) Two Day Experience. Limited to just 56 (21 Film, 25 Television and 10 Radio) school students you must register via the USQ [website](#) or to find out more information please email Faculty.marketing@usq.edu.au or call 07 3470 4154.

USQ Applications closing soon for the USQ Future Community Leaders program!

Don't forget applications for the upcoming Future Community Leader days offered at both [USQ Toowoomba](#) and [USQ Springfield](#) campuses during the school holidays, for Year 10-12 leaders to take part in a day designed to reward, support and acknowledge future community leaders. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

USQ: School holiday campus tours at the University of Southern Queensland

A campus tour is a great opportunity for you to check out the USQ campuses at Toowoomba, Springfield and Ipswich. The tours will be led by current USQ students. The tours are available 9 am – 3 pm, Monday – Friday. Bookings must be made with at least 2 days of notice before the desired date. Visit the website for more details and who to contact for the [tour](#).

USyd: University of Sydney fixed minimum ATARs

What ATAR is required to guarantee you a place at the University of Sydney? The university has fixed ATARs for most of its courses to simplify the application process and make it more transparent. You can download the What ATAR is required to guarantee my place? information sheet [here](#). Visit the [QTAC website](#) for tables comparing OP with QTAC selection ranks and QTAC selection ranks with ATARs.

USyd: University of Sydney new Maths course prerequisites

If you are thinking of applying for a place at Sydney University in 2019 check the academic admission criteria for your undergraduate course before applying. In 2019 students need to complete the NSW Higher School Certificate Mathematics (not General Maths) or equivalent interstate of IB subjects in order to meet the requirements for admission into a number of courses including Economics, Commerce, Engineering and IT, Psychology, Pharmacy, Veterinary Science and Science. Find out more about Sydney University's undergraduate academic requirements by visiting their [website](#).