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Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Top strategies for getting an apprenticeship

Now is the time for students wanting an apprenticeship or traineeship in 2017 to start seriously applying for jobs. Don't wait until you finish school or after schoolies. Be ahead of the field with the following strategies.

Your resume – Spend time developing your resume. View [How to write a resume](#) for information on the structure and content of a resume.

- Include any work experience, part-time work or voluntary work you have undertaken, especially if it is relevant to the job you are applying for.
- List your skills. If you have undertaken hands-on subjects at school (e.g. Furnishing, Business, Tourism, Creative Arts) you will have many tool and/or process skills. These and other subjects also help you develop communication, teamwork, organisational, time management and computing skills. Ask your parents and teachers for help if you have trouble identifying your skills.
- Include the names and contact information for referees (people who are willing to talk to a potential employer about your skills, work ethic and attitudes).

Pick up more resume tips from [How to write an effective entry-level resume](#).

Routinely checking job vacancy ads – These are in newspapers, community noticeboards, the internet ([SEEK](#), [Careerone](#), [Jobactive](#), [Adzuna](#), etc.) and on group training company websites.

Networking friends and family - Tell people you know that you are looking for an apprenticeship. They might know a potential employer (or they might be a potential employer). Read the tips on [Networking](#) at Youth Central.

Cold canvassing door-to-door – Visit potential employers. Practice your greeting and handshake before you go (look neat and friendly). Ask if you can leave a resume in case anything comes up. It is a good idea to call in a second time so the employer knows you are keen. Learn more at [Cold calling – What is it?](#)

Doing work experience – If an employer can't take you on as an apprentice at this time, ask if it is possible to do unpaid work experience with them. This experience will give the employer an opportunity to see the type of worker you are. It can be added to your resume and if the employer is impressed with your attitude and skills, they may contact you in the future when they are looking for a new apprentice.

Pre-apprenticeship courses – Many of these are offered by [TAFE Queensland SkillsTech](#) (do a search by trade e.g. plumbing, carpentry). These courses can cut time off the apprenticeship period. They make you more useful to an employer because you already have some skills before you start your apprenticeship. It is a good idea to put in an expression of interest to SkillsTech for courses starting in 2017.

Group training organisations – These organisations employ groups of apprentices and hire them out to host employers. For more information, visit [Group Training Australia](#). These organisations have lists of job vacancies on their websites.

Other strategies – The following websites contain other helpful job-seeking strategies.

- [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways](#)
- [Apprenticeships Info](#)
- [Australian Apprenticeship Support Network](#)



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year

Students interested in an ADF Gap Year in 2018 can register their [interest](#) to receive an email as soon as 2018 Gap Year jobs and application details are available. In the meantime, you might want to check that you meet the general entry requirements for Gap Year jobs:

- Australian Citizen or hold Permanent Resident status
- At least 17 years old (on entry)
- Completed Year 12
- Reasonably fit and healthy, with an acceptable Body Mass Index.

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

Maroochydore – Wednesday 5 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Mooloolaba Yacht Club, 123 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba. [Book a spot.](#)

Brisbane – Wednesday 5 October 2016 at 6 pm – *Defence Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot.](#)

Toowoomba – Wednesday 5 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Trade Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Toowoomba, Milne Bay Training Depot, O'Quinn Street, Toowoomba. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot.](#)

Gold Coast – Monday 10 October 2016 at 5.30 pm - *Women in Defence Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Court, Robina. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot.](#)

Brisbane – Monday 10 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Royal Military College Leadership Evening* at Victoria Park Golf Complex, 223 Herston Road, Herston, Brisbane. It is essential to [RSVP.](#)

Maroochydore – Tuesday 11 October 2016 at 5.30 pm - *Women in Defence Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Maroochydore, 35-39 Primary School Court, Maroochydore. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot.](#)

Maroochydore – Thursday 13 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Health Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Maroochydore, 35-39 Primary School Court, Maroochydore. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot.](#)

Gold Coast – Thursday 13 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Engineering Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Gold Coast, 14 Edgewater Court, Robina. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot.](#)

Brisbane – Thursday 13 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Q&A Evening* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. No RSVPs required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Bundaberg – Monday 17 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Civic Centre, 190 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Gayndah – Tuesday 18 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Golden Orange Hotel Motel, 2-5 Maltby Place, Gayndah. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Brisbane – Wednesday 19 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Engineering Careers Information Session* at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Rockhampton – Wednesday 19 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Leichhardt Hotel, Cnr Denham and Bolsover Streets, Rockhampton. Walk-ins are welcome or [book a spot](#).

Loganholme – Wednesday 19 October 2016 at 6 pm - *Defence Careers Information Session* at Fitzys Loganholme, Cnr Bryant's Road and Pacific Highway, Loganholme. [Book a spot](#).

Further information about these events and Army Reserve Information Sessions can be accessed on the [Facebook](#) site.

Year 11s interested in the Australian Defence Force Academy

The optimum time to apply for entry into the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is Semester two of Year 11. Year 11 students who are interested in an attractive salary while studying an Australian Defence Force funded degree in Business, Engineering, Arts, Science, Technology or Information Technology are encouraged to commence their application this year. You can start your application on the [ADF](#) website or ring 131901. Before you do this, explore [life and study at ADFA](#).



Career Mash

[Career Mash](#) is a Canadian website that focuses on careers that combine skills in information and communication technology (ICT) with other skill areas. For example, humanities and tech, fashion and tech, crime solving and tech. The site includes a fun quiz to identify ICT career mashes you may be interested in and information on a range of career mash jobs.

Researching jobs

You might have some job ideas, but know little about what the jobs entail. A good place to start is the [Researching Careers](#) article on the myfuture website. The article has links to the 'My Career Profile' (a career interest questionnaire to help you come up with job ideas) and 'Occupations' (information on over 400 jobs). It also provides information on interviewing people already in the jobs you are interested in. You need to prepare for these [Informational Interviews](#). Another excellent research strategy, once you narrow down your list of possible jobs, is to do work observation (spend a day or two with someone in the job). However, the best way to test your interest in a job is to do work experience. See your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer for help with organising work experience.

Unsure of your career direction?

Do the [Career Explorer](#) survey on the University of Southern Queensland website to come up with jobs you might be interested in. It takes about five minutes and requires you to rate a number of activities according to how you might enjoy doing them. After you complete the survey, you will be sent an email with your results and related courses you may wish to explore.

Competitions

Concept to Code Competition

This competition is open to all high school students in Years 9 – 12 in the Rockhampton/Yeppoon school areas. It requires students to create a mobile application using an online tool. Participants will receive instructions as part of a two-day intensive course on 15 and 16 October 2016. For more information, download the [Concept of Code Competition poster](#) and the [Concept of Code Competition Entry Form](#).

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Course & Institution Updates

Australian Catholic University (ACU) reminders

Early Achievers' Program (EAP) applications due – EAP considers the contribution school leavers have made to their communities through their school, workplace, local organisations or cultural and religious groups not just their academic results. Applications close on 17 October 2016. Visit [EAP](#) for more information and tips on preparing your application.

Bonus point schemes at ACU – ACU has a number of schemes that can add bonus points to your tertiary entry score, thus increasing your chances of gaining a place in your preferred ACU course. Visit [Bonus points schemes](#) for more information.

Aviation Australia Cabin Crew Career Session

Aviation Australia, located at the Brisbane International Airport, offers courses in cabin crew, engineering and pilot training for those wanting a career in the aviation industry. It will hold a Cabin Crew Career Session from 6.30 – 8.30 pm on Thursday 13 October 2016 at its Flight Safety Training Centre, 15 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport, Eagle Farm. For more information, visit [Aviation Australia](#).

CQUniversity (CQU) updates

Courses with additional entry requirements – Applying for D Music, B Music (Specialisation) and B Theatre (Specialisation), offered through the [Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music](#), is a four step process:

- Apply to QTAC for a course place
- Complete an online application on the Conservatorium website
- Attend an audition
- Submit an artistic resume at the time of the audition.

For more information, visit the Conservatorium website.

B Construction information sessions – The [B Construction](#) is a new course being offered at the Mackay and Rockhampton campuses in 2017. Information sessions for the courses will be held from 5 – 6.30 pm on:

- Monday 10 October 2016 at CQU's Mackay Ooralea - Trade Training Centre
- Tuesday 11 October 2016 at CQU's Rockhampton campus.

You can register to attend these sessions on the B Construction website.

Term three online chat session – You can fast-track your CQU studies by starting them in Term three, over the Summer break. If you are interested in this option, [register](#) for the online chat session to be held from 5 – 7 pm on Thursday 13 October 2016.

The Start Uni Now (SUN) program - This program allows students in Year 10 (for Term 3 only), 11 and 12 to study CQU subjects while still in high school. Applications for Term 3 (6 November 2016 – 10 February 2017) close on 21 October 2016. Visit [Start Uni Now](#) for details.

Flight Attendant Preparation Course at TAFE QLD

If you are interested in becoming a Flight Attendant, the [Certificate II Tourism – Flight Attendant Preparation Course](#) will give you a flying start. This course will provide you with an understanding of what it takes to be a Flight Attendant while gaining nationally recognised training, including Apply First Aid, Responsible Service of Alcohol and Customer Service. This is a four-week, full-time course offered at TAFE Queensland Brisbane, South Bank campus. Start dates for the course are 28 November 2016 and 30 January 2017. For more information, call 137248.

Griffith University news

New streamlined scholarship application – The new online application can be used for all Griffith scholarships, so you can apply for multiple scholarships on the one application. Note the following application due dates:

- 25 November 2016 for Griffith Sports Excellence Scholarship
- 9 December 2016 for Sir Samuel Scholarships.

Visit [Griffith Scholarships](#) for details and to access the online application.

Introducing trimesters – Starting in 2017, Griffith will replace its current two-semester academic year with a three 12-week trimester academic year. Trimesters will offer you more flexibility, with the option to pace your study to suit your needs (e.g. work or training), or fast track your degree and get a head start on their career. Visit [Study at Griffith](#) for information on the new range of degrees available.

School holiday Chinese immersion courses - Learn about the Chinese language and culture or improve your current knowledge by enrolling in a two-day course at Griffith’s Tourism Confucius Institute. For information about dates and fees and to register, see [School Holiday Immersion Courses](#).

Summer Rock School – This will be held from 9 – 13 January 2017 on the Gold Coast campus. It is designed for students who want a hands-on crash course in popular music. Applications are due on 11 November 2016. Visit the [Rock School](#) webpage for details and to apply.

Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUESTS) program – Year 11 (some semesters/trimesters only) and 12 students can study Griffith university subjects while still at school through this program and gain credit and guaranteed entry to Griffith degree courses. Go to [GUESTS](#) for everything you need to know about the program. The due date for Year 11 students applying for the 2016 Summer semester is 15 October 2016. The due date for Year 12 students (current Year 11 students) applying for Trimester one 2017 is 30 October 2016.

Medicine and Biomedical Science Information Evening at Bond University

Are you interested in medicine or health care? Bond University is hosting a special information evening on the Gold Coast that will provide insight into study pathways and career opportunities in the health industry. This event will be held from 6 - 8 pm on Thursday 20 October 2016 at the Gregor Heiner Theatre, Level 3, Faculty of Health Sciences and Medicine. Attendance is free. It is recommended that you [register](#) to attend.

National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) courses in Brisbane

NIDA will continue its delivery of Drama and Acting courses in Brisbane during Term four. For courses and application processes, visit the [NIDA Open website](#).

Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) questions

When will I get my Year 12 results? – The QCAA will mail your results on Friday 16 December 2016 to the address your school has for you (so make sure your school has your current mailing address). You can access your results before the mail arrives from your Learning Account on the [Student Connect](#) website on Saturday 17 December 2016.

How do I login to my Learning Account? - You will need your LUI and password to login to your account. You can get [Login Help](#) from the Student Connect website if you encounter any problems with this.

What are the new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems? The new systems will be in place for Year 11s in 2018. You can read about the new systems on the [QCAA](#) website.

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) news

QUT online resources – If you missed the QUT tours during the September holidays, you can access plenty of online resources at [Are you a high school student?](#) and [Resources for Students](#).

Start QUT – This program enables students to study up to two QUT subjects during Year 12. Applications for Semester One 2017 close on 31 October 2016. Visit [Start QUT](#) for more information.

Consider applying for QUT's Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships – The categories available are academic, elite athlete and creative industries as well as the new \$30,000 elite visual and performing arts scholarships for acting, dance performance, music and visual arts single degrees. The Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (Academic) requires students to achieve an OP 1 or 2, and the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship (Elite Athlete) requires that students achieve an OP 1–5. Applications for these scholarships are due by 18 November 2016. Visit [Undergraduate Scholarships](#) for more information.

QUT's Equity Scholarships Scheme – This scheme offers over \$4 million in scholarships each year to students experiencing financial hardship. See [Equity scholarships scheme](#) for eligibility details and to access the application form. Applications for Semester one, 2017 are now open. Apply by 4 November 2016 to know the outcome by late December 2016. Apply by 6 February 2017 to know the outcome by early March 2017.

Creative Industries short courses - QUT's Creative Industries will offer a number of short courses in November 2016, including:

- Beginning Acting
- Digital storytelling intensives
- Introduction to Social Media
- Fashion illustration for beginners
- Public speaking: Making meaningful messages
- Stepping off a cliff: Starting Your First Novel.

Visit [Creative, Design and Performance Short Courses](#) for details.

Study for a Day at SAE Qantm: A Creative Media Institute

[SAE Qantm](#), located in West End, Brisbane, invites students interested in studying Animation, Audio, Graphic Design, Web Design, Film or Games to spend a day with them. This is a great way to experiment with these media fields and to learn about the SAE Qantm courses and campus. The [Study for a Day](#) event will be held from 9 am – 4 pm on Saturday 22 October 2016. Visit the website for more information and to register.

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) news

Tertiary Preparation Program Intensive Pathway (TPPIP) – Applications are now open for this free program. TPPIP is for Year 12 students and provides guaranteed entry into selected USQ degrees. It is held in Semester three (i.e. during the Summer holiday period, starting on the 28 November 2016) which allows students to start their degree studies in Semester one 2017. TPPIP will be delivered on the Toowoomba, Ipswich and Springfield campuses. The due date for applications is 18 November 2016. Access the application at [TPPIP](#).

HeyU: Year 12 and Beyond – This publication is designed for Year 12 students. Topics focus on the transition from school to university and include lots of advice from current USQ students. [Year 12 and Beyond](#) is worth a read.

Unsure of your career direction? – USQ Career Development Practitioners are available for free ZOOM (video) appointments after hours. They can help you to develop career skills, set goals, access resources and choose the best degree for you. Visit [Unsure of your career direction](#) for more information.

Murri Study Options Evening – At this event you can find out how uni can help your future, check out the campus and talk to others considering uni study. It will be held from 5 – 7 pm on Tuesday 18 October 2016 at the Ipswich campus. For more information and to register to attend, visit [Murri Study Options Evening](#).

Head Start Program for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 - This program enables students to study USQ subjects while still at school. Applications for Semester three 2016 (14 November 2016 – 10 February 2017) close on 24 October 2016. See [Discover Head Start](#) for details.

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) snippets

Meet USC Sippy Downs – You are invited to the Sippy Downs campus any time between 1 - 4.30 pm on Tuesday 11 October 2016 to explore study options and check out the campus. Visit [Meet USC](#) for a list of the day's activities and to register your interest in attending.

Scholarships at USC – Check out [Scholarships](#) for the range of university (academic, sporting and equity) and external scholarships available. The application due date for many (but not all) of these scholarships is 30 November 2016.

USC course offer dates – No offers will be made to Year 12 students before 18 November 2016. From then, offers may be made every Thursday to eligible applicants (exceptions: Friday 18 November in place of Thursday 17 November and Wednesday 21 December in place of Thursday 22 December 2016). Check [Course offer dates](#) on the QTAC website as this information can change.

Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)

UQ academic scholarships program – There are three categories of academic scholarships – Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships, Excellence Scholarships and Merit Scholarships. You apply for all three on the one online application. You must provide scanned copies of supporting documentation with the online application form. The application due date is 31 October 2016. Details of the application process and FAQs are available at [UQ academic scholarship program](#).

2017 Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) – High achieving Year 11 students are invited to apply for this program for an opportunity to study a university subject in Semester one of Year 12. Applications are now open and will close on 31 October 2016. Visit [ESP](#) to download a brochure and to apply.

When will UQ course offers be made? – Offers for 2017 courses to Year 12 students may be made from 21 December 2016. However, the major offer-round for UQ courses will be on 16 January 2017. Any early offers will not be made for high demand programs such as Medicine, Physiotherapy, Dentistry, Vet Science or Midwifery (or related dual programs). Check [Course Offer Dates](#) on the QTAC website as this information can change.

UQ College intensive prerequisite courses – These courses in Mathematics B, Biology and Chemistry are delivered between 22 November - 17 December 2016. The results will be sent by UQ College to QTAC in time for the major offer-round on 16 January 2017. Applications can be accessed from [UQ College](#).

UQ College Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP) – This is a bridging program to further study at UQ and other universities for students who do not currently meet the entry requirements for their preferred degree courses. The program is free. There are intakes in January, May and September. Applications are now open for the January intake. For applications forms, visit [UQ College](#).

Employment

Labour market snippets

Developments for youth since the GFC - The Australian Parliamentary Library has provided a statistical snapshot of [Developments in the Youth Labour Market Since the Global Financial Crisis](#). The report shows young people bore the brunt of softening in the labour market following the GFC. However, there is evidence of gradual improvement from late 2014 to May 2016.

Detailed jobs data show professional services up, sales staff out - A recent ABC news report states that professional services have accounted for 95% of new jobs since 2010. Architecture (19,800) and market research (19,000) have been the biggest job drivers in the past year. Retail and mining see the biggest job losses. To read the full report, visit [Detailed jobs data show professional services up, sales staff out](#).

Want a job in 2025?

Based on the prediction that many current jobs will be lost due to automation and on several credible reports, the World Economic Forum (WEF) has developed a list of the fastest growing occupational fields. These include:

- Software developer, computer systems analyst and market-research and marketing specialist jobs
- Medical technicians, physical therapists, and workplace ergonomics expert jobs
- Sales and marketing specialists and customer service representative jobs
- Management analysts, accountants and auditors.

You can read the WEF article at [Want a job in 2025? These are the sectors to focus on](#). The article also includes a list of the skills that will be required in the future.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Australasian College of Natural Therapies (ACNT) 2017 Scholarship

[ACNT](#), located in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, is offering a new student a scholarship covering tuition fees for one year for Bachelor Degrees, or one trimester for Diploma courses, commencing on 20 February 2017 in any of the following full time, on-campus courses:

- Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy)
- Bachelor of Health Science (Nutritional Medicine)
- Bachelor of Health Science (Western Herbal Medicine)
- Diploma of Health Science.

Interested students should apply [online](#) by the 25 November 2016.

Australian National College of Beauty (ANCB) 2017 Scholarship

[ANCB](#) delivers a Diploma of Beauty Therapy at its Brisbane campus. The College is offering a scholarship for studies in 2017 to a student who can demonstrate a strong interest in establishing a career in the beauty industry. This scholarship is for one term, commencing in February 2017. [Apply online](#) by 25 November 2016.

Charlie Bell Scholarship for Future Leaders

This scholarship is offered by McDonalds. The scholarship provides up to \$15,000 towards 2017 tuition fees. Employees and non-employees of McDonalds can apply for this scholarship. Applications close on Monday 31 October 2016. For more information and to apply, visit the [Charlie Bell Scholarship](#) website.

SAE Creative Media Institute scholarships

SAE offers a Creative Media Scholarship and a Creative Indigenous Scholarship to outstanding creative media applicants. SAE scholarships are awarded to recognise creative talent coupled with academic excellence and outstanding leadership. Applications for the 2017 scholarships close on Friday 19 December 2016. SAE offers degree, diploma and certificate courses in the fields of Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, and Web and Mobile. For more information and to download the application form, visit the [SAE Qantm](#) website.

The TC Beirne School of Law Leadership, Excellence and Diversity Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to up to 15 outstanding Australian Year 12 students from non-selective government schools who are successful in gaining admission to the B Laws (Honours) or a B Laws (Honours) dual degree at the University of Queensland for 2017. The scholarship is valued at \$7,000. Applications close on 4 November 2016. To apply, students complete an [online application form](#).

You to uni: Scholarships

The [You to uni](#) website has been developed primarily for adult learners in Queensland. However, much of the information on the site is of interest to Year 12 students. The [Scholarships](#) section is particularly useful as it has links to Queensland public universities and to TAFE Queensland scholarship websites. The scholarship links are organised under the following categories:

- Academic Scholarships
- Equity Scholarships
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships
- Refugee and/or CALD Scholarships
- Other Scholarships/ Financial Support.



Gap Year Program News

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Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE) will hold an information session on Tuesday 18 October 2016 at 7 pm at Ruth Fairfax House, 89-95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. More information can be accessed on the [SCCE](#) website.

Letz Live has last minute vacancies for 2017. See the [Letz Live](#) website for more information.

AFS Intercultural Programs Australia will hold an Open Day from 2 – 3.45 pm on Saturday 15 October 2016 at the Broadbeach Branch Library (Meeting room B) 61 Sunshine Boulevard, Mermaid Waters. More information can be found on the [AFS](#) website.

Youth for Understanding (YFU) Australia will hold a number of online information sessions this term. Visit the [YFU](#) website for more information.

World Education Program (WEP) Student Exchange will hold an information session from 7 – 8.30 pm on Wednesday 26 October 2016 at Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, Brisbane. See the [WEP](#) website for more information and to register.

A reminder that the **Young Endeavour** ballot for 2017 is still open. [Apply](#) online for an adventure of a lifetime on this amazing ship.

Year 11s, it's time to start exploring your gap year options

Many very popular gap year programs have their application due dates early in the year. To avoid missing out it is important to begin your exploration of options early. Start with the following list.

- [AFS Intercultural Programs Australia](#)
- [Antipodeans Abroad](#)
- [Camp America](#)
- [InterExchange](#)
- [Latitude Global Volunteering](#)
- [Letz Live](#)
- [Projects Abroad](#)
- [Ski Internship Courses](#)
- [Southern Cross Cultural Exchange](#)
- [World Education Program Student Exchange](#)
- [Youth for Understanding \(YFU\) Australia](#)

Always thoroughly investigate any gap year programs you are considering. Get your parents involved in this process. Talk to people who have participated in the program. Attend an information session.

Indigenous

Health Heroes website: Jobs in health

The [Health Heroes](#) website is a resource that has been developed as part of a campaign to encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students to pursue a job in the health sector. The website provides information on a range of health jobs, training options and career pathways in the health field. It includes case study videos, resources for parents and students and information on financial support.

New Scholarships Match Tool for Indigenous scholarships

The [Scholarships Match Tool](#) on the Aspiration Initiative website will help you find scholarships you are eligible for. It will also help you explore the financial support available. Try it out and see what you come up with.

Northparkes Mines 2017 Indigenous Scholarships

These scholarships allow successful applicants to study a wide range of courses aligned to the mining industry, including:

- **Non-Technical Careers** – Nursing; Occupational Health/Safety/Science; Physiotherapy; Accounting; Environmental Science; Human Resources/Training, Social Work, Communications
- **Technical Careers** - Mining Engineering; Electrical Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Metallurgy; Geoscience.

Applications for this scholarship are now open and will close on 30 January 2017. The online application can be accessed from the [Northparkes](#) website.

The University of Queensland Indigenous Science Scholarship

This scholarship, valued at \$20,000, will enable an Indigenous student to study a Bachelor Degree program in Science, Biomedical Science, Environmental Science or Biotechnology at the University of Queensland. To apply, complete the application that can be downloaded from the [scholarship](#) website and submit it by 21 October 2016.

Think your way portal

This new portal has been developed for Indigenous students to help them with the challenges they may face when considering higher education. The portal has student stories and challenges and information for parents and teachers. It even has a space for visitors to tell their story. Visit the [Think your way portal](#) to start your challenge.

Occupational Information



Health Jobs in Australia

Did you know that Health is the fastest growing industry in Australia? According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, this industry is projected to grow by up to 16.4% in the next five years. You can find out more about this industry in the University of Queensland's (UQ) *Ultimate Guide to Health Jobs in Australia* which can be downloaded from [UQ's Health Faculty](#) website.

Interested in joining the Queensland Police Service?

Young people can apply for entry to the Queensland Police Service at the end of Year 12 once they turn 18 years of age. Other pre-application requirements are listed on the [Queensland Police Recruitment](#) website. The Queensland Police Recruiting Unit will be holding information seminars in Brisbane and regional centres during October 2016. See [Information Seminars](#) for dates and locations and to register to attend. If you are unable to attend a seminar, you can visit the Police Recruiting Centre at 30 Makerston Street, Brisbane. Alternatively, you can call 1300 232 267 or email recruiting@police.qld.gov.au to make an appointment to speak to a recruitment officer.

Want to be a park ranger?

If so, you might like to try out the job by becoming a park volunteer. To find out more, visit [Volunteering for Parks](#).

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Brisbane Fitness and Health Expo

This expo will be held on the weekend of 22 and 23 October 2016 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. A wide range of health and fitness organisations will be represented at the expo. Many of these offer courses for entry to the industry. There are competitions for those who are game enough to have a go. Find out more on the [EXPO](#) site.

Explore alternative medicine courses at Endeavour's Open Day

The [Endeavour College of Natural Health](#) will hold an Open Day from 10 am – 12.30 pm on Saturday 8 October 2016 at its Gold Coast and Brisbane campuses. On the day you can explore degree courses in Acupuncture, Complementary Medicine, Myotherapy, Naturopathic Medicine, Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine, and more. [Register](#) to attend this event.

Info Session at Shillington: Explore Graphic Design

Shillington is an international college which offers an intensive Graphic Design course at its Brisbane campus. Shillington will hold an [Information Session](#) starting at 6 pm on Friday 21 October 2016.

Interested in nursing? Come to the Mater Education Open Day

[Mater Education](#), located in South Brisbane, offers a number of health science related courses, including the Diploma of Nursing, Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance and Certificate III in Health Services Assistance. Applications are now open for the January 2017 intake. Interested students are encouraged to explore these courses at the Mater Education [Open Day](#) to be held from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday 22 October 2016. Mater Education offers scholarships for eligible students from a refugee or Indigenous background.

Navigating Degrees at TAFE Information Sessions

These sessions will provide you with an opportunity to learn about the full range of Bachelor Degree options available at TAFE QLD Brisbane, meet the course lecturers and learn about TAFE's university partners. The sessions will be held from 5.30 – 7.30 pm on:

- Monday, 17 October 2016 at Bracken Ridge Campus

- Tuesday, 18 October 2016 at South Bank Campus
- Wednesday, 19 October 2016 at Loganlea Campus.

Visit [Navigating Degrees at TAFE](#) for more information and to register to attend.

New York Film Academy (NYFA), Gold Coast Open Day

The New York Film Academy (NYFA) offers tertiary level courses in filmmaking, acting and screen writing. Short term and evening courses are available also. It will hold its Open Day from 12 noon – 2 pm on Saturday 8 October 2016. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.

Open Day at the Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT)

[QSFT](#), located in Annerley, Brisbane, offers a Diploma of Screen and Media. During this course, students gain a working knowledge of the film and television industry and the technical, organisational, creative and fundamental skills needed for filmmaking. QSFT will hold its [Open Day](#) from 10 am – 12 noon on Saturday 29 October 2016.

Sunshine Coast JobShow

This event is presented by the Sunshine Coast Council. It will be held on 19 October 2016 at TAFE QLD East Coast, Mooloolaba Campus. The objective of the JobShow is to bring the community together to address the issues of unemployment. Exhibitors will include employers, Group Training Organisations, TAFE Queensland and other training and education providers. Visit the [JobShow](#) website for more information.

TAFE Queensland Gold Coast Coomera Open Day

This event will be held at the Coomera campus from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm on Saturday 15 October 2016. This is your opportunity to explore the campus facilities, learn about the courses available and participate in a range of activities. Find out about the day's program at [TAFE QLD Gold Coast Events](#).



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

QTAC application follow up

Late QTAC applications - The on-time application due date for applying for Semester One 2017 tertiary courses through QTAC was 30 September 2016. However, for a higher application fee (\$138), Year 12 students can still apply for all courses except those with [fixed closing dates](#) that have expired. The last date to apply for the major offer-round on 16 January 2017 is 8 December 2016.

QTAC application number – You may need this number when applying for scholarships. This number was on the last screen of your QTAC application after you paid the application fee. It is also in your application confirmation email. This number has nine digits and starts with '17'.

Updating contact details on your application – After you have lodged your application, you can use the [Application Services](#) to change your postal or home address, email address, phone number, password, security questions, or authorised person details. You need to phone QTAC on 1300 467 822 to change your name, date of birth, citizenship status, gender, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status or qualification details.

Applicants with a disability – Students with a disability that may impact on their tertiary study are encouraged to contact the disabilities services of the relevant universities before they commence their studies. See [Institution disability contacts](#) on the QTAC website.

Educational Access Scheme (EAS) applications - If you indicated on your QTAC application that you intended to apply for EAS, it is important that you submit your EAS cover sheet and supporting documents to QTAC by mail or hand deliver as soon as possible, preferably by the end of October. See your Guidance Officer/Counsellor if you require assistance with your EAS application. You can apply for EAS after you have submitted your QTAC application. Just download, the relevant cover sheet from the [EAS](#) site, complete it, attach the supporting documentation if required and submit it to QTAC.

Connect with QTAC - You can check for updates as well as ask questions using social media. QTAC is active on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and Snapchat.

Interact with your application – After you have lodged your application, it is a good idea to use [Application Services](#) to go back into your application from time to time to check:

- If you have received any correspondence from QTAC about your application
- If you are meeting the entry requirements
- To find out your OP ineligible rank (if applicable) in late December.

Review your course preferences when you receive your results – QCAA will mail your Year 12 results on 16 December 2016. You can access these from your [Learning Account](#) on 17 December 2016 instead of waiting for the mail to arrive. It is important to review your preferences, particularly your 'Pathway' preferences (5th

and 6th) in light of your results to ensure you have included a good safety net in case you do not receive an offer in your higher preferences.

Changing preferences before you receive an offer – You have three free preference change sessions. During each session, you can change the order of course preferences, delete preferences or add new preferences (except for courses with [fixed closing date](#) that have expired). Once you save your changes, you have used one of the three free preference change sessions. Further changes will incur a \$37 fee. View the [How can I change my preferences?](#) video for more information about changing preferences. The 9 January 2017 is the final date to change preferences for the major offer-round on 16 January 2017.

Monitor you emails – QTAC will usually communicate with you using the email address on your application (this should be your personal email not your school email). This is also how QTAC lets you know you have an offer. Get into the habit of checking you emails regularly.

Offer-round dates – Year 12 students will not receive an offer from QTAC before 18 November 2016 (the last day of school for Year 12s). See [Course offer dates](#) for information about when institutions will make offers. This information can change, so check it periodically. Don't panic if you don't get an early offer, as offers will still be made on the offer-round dates in the *QTAC Guide*.

Responding to an offer – Visit the [Offers](#) webpage for specific information about responding to your offer. It is essential that you respond by the due date. If you don't, your offer will lapse and you will not be considered for any other offer rounds. If you do miss a due date, contact QTAC ASAP. Also, it may not be wise to reject an offer. If you are considering doing this, contact QTAC on 1300 467 822 to discuss this move.

What will meet the English prerequisite for teacher education courses?

The [English subject prerequisite table](#) on the QTAC website provides information about how applicants can meet the English prerequisite for teacher education courses and all other courses for each institution. You will need to contact the institutions directly for information about alternatives to meeting the Maths and Science prerequisite subjects for teacher education courses.



Keeping your cool: How to get into the right mindset for Year 12 final exams

The following information is from the 'What degree? Which university?' website. This website is developed by students for students.

Exercise - Exercise is anxiety's kryptonite. There's no better way to keep your stress levels down in the lead-up to exams than by taking the time to exercise every day. It can be as simple as going for a walk in your neighbourhood, and just half an hour will do the trick. Not only that, but it's been shown that there is a link between memory and kinetic movement. In the final days before exams, it's easy to feel like all your time is better spent at your desk. However, the truth is, getting your blood flowing will actually supplement your study time by helping you retain what you've learnt!

Sleep - Sleep is your best study partner! Sleep is essential to effective memory. Do you ever have that feeling when you wake up, where something you've struggled to get your head around the night before, suddenly seems clear and straightforward? Well, while you're asleep, your brain is actually hard at work, sorting through and reinforcing all the things you've learnt in a day. Don't believe us? Listen to an [interview](#) with American neuroscientist Penelope Lewis as she explains just how good sleep is for your brain.

Perspective - Repeat after me: Year 12 is just one year of my life – a life that will be filled with lots and lots of other exciting work and opportunities. Keeping things in perspective is crucial to maintaining your cool. And it's not just a nice message to tell yourself to try to feel better while secretly, a little voice in your head is screaming, "Lies, it's all lies! This is the biggest thing I will ever do!" as the other side of your brain tries really hard to ignore it. There is an abundance of other paths that lead to what you love, or think you love, both at uni and in the working world beyond. The irony is that once you've realised that Year 12 exams aren't the most important thing in the world, is usually when you do your best. When you are feeling relaxed, your thoughts flow more clearly, you show more creativity and you can tackle any exam question that's thrown at you with your mind at its sharpest.