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# Apprenticeships & Traineeships

## **Ever wondered what 'on-the-job' and 'off-the-job' training means?**

To complete an apprenticeship or traineeship, you are required to have an employer who you work with and who teaches you 'on-the-job'. You also complete a Vocational and Education Training (VET) qualification (for an apprenticeship it is usually a Certificate III). This qualification is usually gained at a TAFE college or at another Registered Training Organisation (RTO). This is what 'off-the-job' training means. Sometimes the RTO comes to your place of work to undertake the training. Find out more about apprenticeship training on the [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website](#).

## **Higher level apprenticeships**

The idea of training workers through an apprenticeship is beginning to be used by other industries. Jobs, usually requiring a university degree, will be available to students undertaking Vocational Education and Training (VET) through the introduction of higher-level apprenticeships. For example, in July, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) launched its higher apprenticeship pilot program that will allow school leavers to gain a business diploma while working at the company as accountants and risk management consultants. The practice offers prospective employees the chance to bypass university and to gain similar job security to that of a traditional trade apprenticeship, where the person in training can not only earn money as they learn but is highly likely to land a full-time job upon completion. Read more about this program on the [PWC website](#).

## **The Future of Apprenticeships**

In today's (and the future) changing world of work, Australia needs a capable, skilled and adaptive workforce. According to a recent [Financial Review article](#), Vocational Education and Training (VET) (e.g. apprenticeships and traineeships) is well placed to equip people with the skills required. There is already a growing demand for apprentices, attracting workers from different industries, different backgrounds and different ages. Visit the [SBS website](#) to find out why apprentices are appreciated.

## **The pathway to an Australian Apprenticeship**

Now is the time to start implementing your job search strategies if you want an apprenticeship or traineeship in 2018 (or if you are considering a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship). A very useful tool to start you on this journey is the Pathway to an Australian Apprenticeship Flowchart. This [Flowchart](#) shows the steps to becoming an apprentice or trainee. Each step has links to other helpful resources.





# AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

## **A Day in the Navy**

This day will be held from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday 21 October 2017 at HMAS Moreton, Apollo Road, Bulimba. It will give you a chance to find out about the Engineering, Trade and Submariner roles available in the Navy. The program will include:

- Interactive Science and Engineering challenges
- Racing Simulators
- Trade and Engineering Careers tents
- The Submariner Recruitment team
- A Virtual Reality Kit for an immersive experience.

You must [register](#) to attend this event.

## **Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year**

Students interested in an ADF Gap Year in 2019 can register their [interest](#) to receive an email as soon as 2019 Gap Year jobs and application details are available. Applications for Gap Year 2019 will open in March 2018.

## **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](#). Also, information about the ADFA Education Award can be found on this site.



### **Podcasts that will (probably) help you with your career**

A recent Foundation for Young Australian's (FYA) [article](#) lists eight podcasts that may help you with your career planning. The following are five of the podcasts. It is highly recommended that you read the article before you explore the podcasts.

[WorkLife](#) - A six-part series by ABC Radio National about life at work and how to make it better.

[Binge Thinking](#) - Binge Thinking is a fortnightly show where host Caspar Roxburgh has a chat to guests who are all under 35 years of age about who they are, what they do and how they see the world.

[Starving Artist](#) - How do creative types do what they do and pay the bills? This podcast aims to find out.

[Working](#) - Each episode is an interview with a professional about what they do all day.

[Startup](#) - This podcast is for those who are keen to get their own business off the ground.

### **Your career planning journey**

In simplistic terms, career planning has four stages:

- Knowing yourself
- Finding out about the options available (i.e. exploring industries and occupations)
- Decision making
- Taking action (i.e. acting on your decision).

The [Career Centre](#) on the Western Australian Government website has resources to help you with each stage of your career planning. Visit the site and get started. Contact your school Guidance Counsellor/Officer if you require assistance with this process.





# Course & Institution Updates

## **Aviation Australia Flight Attendant Training**

Aviation Australia is now delivering this training at its Brisbane campus. The course is available for people wishing to learn more about this career. It is like the Cabin Crew Training delivered by Aviation Australia in the past. The Flight Attendant Career Training course is a non-accredited course that can be completed in five weeks. Upon graduation, graduates receive a portfolio of completion certificates and access to Employment Services. For further general course information including course modules click [here](#). For Flight Attendant Career Sessions click [here](#).

## **Careers within STEM degree finder**

The Careers with STEM website has a degree finder with a search function for STEM degrees at all universities in Australia and New Zealand. Access the degree finder [here](#).

## **Griffith University news**

**Careers in Commerce Experience Day** – This day will be held from 9 am – 2.30 pm on Friday 20 October 2017 for Year 11 and 12 students. The program for the day will provide students with an insight into the range of career choices available for commerce and business graduates in accounting, business law, economics, finance and financial planning. Talk to your business subject teacher about attending this event. More information, visit the [website](#).

**Priority access scheme** - If you're a local and new to tertiary study, you may be eligible for priority access into Griffith University. This scheme awards a bonus of one OP band or two ranks when you apply for programs at Gold Coast and Logan campuses. If you are eligible, bonus ranks will be automatically applied to your QTAC or UAC application. The Gold Coast and Logan Campus Priority Access Scheme has recently expanded to include the following Northern New South Wales council boundaries: Byron, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley, Tenterfield, Glenn Innes Severn and Clarence Valley. More information [here](#).

**Accommodation at Griffith** – There is a range of accommodation options available. These include [residential colleges](#) at Nathan and Mt Gravatt campuses (also open to students studying at South Bank and Logan) and the [Griffith University Village](#) on the Gold Coast campus. [Homestay](#) and [off-campus](#) accommodation is also available. Accommodation [applications](#) are now open for the Brisbane campuses.

**GUEST applications open for Trimester one 2018** – The Griffith University Early Start to Tertiary Studies (GUEST) program provides senior students with an opportunity to study Griffith university subjects while still

at school. Current Year 11 students are invited to apply for the first trimester in 2018 (from 26 February – 1 June). Applications close on 30 October 2017. Visit the [GUESTS website](#) for details and to apply.

**Summer Rock School** – High school students who want a hands-on crash course in popular music should check out Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University's week-long Summer Rock School at the Gold Coast campus to be held from 8 – 12 January 2018. More information is available on the [website](#). Applications close Wednesday 1 November 2017.

### **JMC Academy Brisbane Short Courses in January 2018**

[JMC](#) will offer the following six Short Courses during the school holidays in January 2018:

- [Audio](#) (2-day Course)
- [Character Design](#) (2-day Course)
- [Introduction to Visual Design](#) (3-day Course)
- [Insta-Pro Marketing Boot Camp](#) (2-day Course)
- [Pop Songwriting & Production](#) (4-day Course)
- [Script to Screen](#) (4-day Course)

Ticket price ranges are between \$180 - \$360 per person (this cost includes lunch and a light snack) with a 20% Early Bird discount applied until 5 pm 27 November 2017.

### **Notes from Bond University**

**Experience Day in October** – Year 11 and 12 students, parents and teachers are invited to the [Careers in Business, Hotel and Tourism Management, Actuarial Science and Commerce](#) Experience Day to be held from 9 am – 3 pm on Wednesday 25 October 2017. On the day, participants will be given information about the courses, see the latest facilities and talk to relevant academics and current students. You are required to register for this event.

**Headstart Day** - This [event](#) will be held on Monday 16 October 2017. It will provide Year 10 and 11 students with an opportunity to try university subjects from across Bond's four faculties. Contact your school's Guidance Officer/Counsellor if you are interested in attending this event.

**Book a campus tour** - If you want to discover more about what it's like to study at Bond, book a campus tour for you, your family and your friends. Book your tour [here](#).

### **Qld School of Film and Television (QSFT) workshops in October**

QSFT will hold the following half-day workshops from 9 am – 1 pm at their Annerley campus:

- Saturday 14 October 2017 – WRITE IT: Introduction to Script Writing
- Saturday 28 October 2017 - DIRECT IT: Introduction to Directing.

Register an expression of interest in attending a workshop [here](#).

## **Queensland University of Technology (QUT) news**

**Future Skills evening for students and parents** – You are invited to this evening to be held from 5.30 – 8.30 pm on Tuesday 10 October 2017 at the Science and Engineering Centre, Gardens Point campus. This is a presentation and networking event focusing on how to navigate a successful career in today's changing world of work. For more information and to register to attend, visit the [website](#).

**A Letter to My Younger Self: Leadership Journeys** – Year 11 and 12 female students are invited to attend this breakfast event to be held from 7 – 9 am on Thursday 12 October 2017 at the Gardens Point campus. The event will coincide with International Day of the Girl Child. Participants will hear from young and experienced female leaders, who will share ideas and key learnings acquired during their leadership journeys. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register to attend.

**Reminder about the Experience Day for International students** – This event will be held from 9 am – 2.30 pm on Monday 16 October 2017 at the Gardens Point campus. This is your opportunity to explore QUT courses, scholarships and international student support services. Access the program for the day and register to attend [here](#).

**Other than study, what can I do at QUT?** – Going to uni isn't all about study. There are other activities you might like to get involved in:

- You can join more than [150 clubs](#) ranging from engineering to rock-climbing, music and more.
- [Get sporty](#) in gyms, pools or the sports field with running track. Play social sport, compete in the University Games or learn more about the Elite Athlete Program.
- [Take off overseas](#) for exchange, study tours, international projects and cultural or community experiences.
- Develop [leadership and other skills](#) through free workshops and conferences and campus projects.

**START QUT applications due on 31 October** – This program provides high achieving Year 12 students with an opportunity to study university subjects while still at school. Current Year 11 students are invited to investigate the 2018 program [here](#).

**Entry programs and upgrading pathways** - Students can maximise their chances of gaining entry to QUT by applying for relevant [entry programs](#) and including [upgrading options](#) in their list of QTAC preferences in case they miss out on the OP/rank for their preferred course.

**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](#).

## **SAE Qantm Creative Media Institute Study for a Day**

Are you interested in studying Animation, Audio, Graphic Design, Film, or Games? If so, study with SAE Qantm for a day to experience student life at its Brisbane Campus. This is a great way to experiment with the creative media fields. It will be held from 9 am – 4 pm on Saturday 21 October 2017. For more information and to register, visit the [SAE Qantm website](#).

## **Snippets from the CQUniversity (CQU)**

**Courses with additional entry requirements** – In addition to applying through QTAC, students wishing to gain entry to the following courses are required to register for an audition.

- [B Creative Arts](#)
- [D Music](#)
- [B Music \(Specialisation\)](#)
- [B Theatre \(Specialisation\)](#)

Access the registration form on the audition [website](#). This site also has the audition locations and dates.

**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 2017 – 9 February 2018) close on 20 October 2017. Note that, as of Term 1 2018, students can undertake their first SUN subject at zero cost.

## **The five most common university myths debunked**

A recent [article](#) in the *Herald Sun* challenged some of the popular myths about university study. The following points are adapted from the article.

**First year uni doesn't count** – At most universities, first year results contribute to your final grade point average (GPA). Your GPA is of interest to future employers. Your first year GPA, (if good enough) can be used to upgrade to your preferred course if you didn't get into it straight from school. Your GPA is important when applying for scholarships.

**I'll be paying off my HECS-HELP debt for the rest of my life** - The HECS-HELP loan scheme helps you pay your part of the cost of the course you are studying (called 'Student contribution'). You begin paying it through the Australian Tax Office as part of your income tax once you have completed your course and are earning a threshold amount (\$54,869 for 2016-17). You don't pay interest on your debt but it is indexed each year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. Under the current system, a four-year B Education would cost approximately \$26,550 for a student enrolling in 2018 (see the [Study Assist](#) website).

**I'll never find a job after graduation** – Competition for jobs is high. However, you can increase your employability while you are studying by gaining work experience in the field in which you want to work. This not only looks good on your resume, it gives employers a chance to see what sort of worker you are. Don't wait till your final year at uni to start looking for jobs. Visit the uni Careers and Employment services early during your studies.

**If I don't make friends during O Week, I never will** – For those who don't know, O Week is Orientation Week which is usually the week before lectures begin. This is an important week as the information you receive will introduce you to the support services and other activities available. You will have many additional opportunities to make friends during your uni studies. If you're not particularly comfortable starting up a conversation with a random in class, get involved in a university club or two.

**Lectures can be skipped** – Yes and No. Lectures are usually recorded and made available online, so technically, you don't need to attend in person. However, there are a few reasons why you should get in the habit of going to every class. Attendance might form part of a percentage of your final mark. You're paying

to sit in that lecture theatre, so you might as well show up and enjoy it. Lectures provide an opportunity to make new friends and of course, impress a lecturer or two.

### **University of Southern Queensland (USQ) updates**

**Accelerated Entry Pathway Program (AEPP)** – AEPP is an intensive external program offered over Semester Three (starts on 4 December 2017). The program will help you transition from school to university in a supportive, on-campus, adult learning environment. Successful completion of AEPP will provide you with the English subject pre-requisite required for USQ degrees and ensure you are eligible to apply for a wide range of USQ undergraduate degrees. This is a fee-free program. For more information, visit the [AEPP website](#).

**AEPP Information Sessions** – Students interested in learning more about AEPP are invited to attend the following upcoming USQ Zoom AEPP information sessions from 5.30 – 6.30 pm on the 11 October 2017:

- [Springfield](#)
- [Toowoomba](#)

Registration is required.

**Unsure of your career direction?** – USQ Career Development Practitioners are available for initial 15-minute appointments. They can help you to develop career skills, set goals, access resources and choose the best degree for you. Visit the [website](#) for more information. You can also access the Career Explorer questionnaire from this site.

**Murri Study Options Evenings** – At the following events you can find out how uni can help your future, check out the campus and talk to others considering uni study.

- Ipswich campus from 5 – 7 pm on Monday 9 October 2017 – register [here](#).
- Toowoomba campus from 5.30 – 6.30 pm on Wednesday 11 October 2017 – register [here](#).
- Springfield campus from 5 – 7 pm on Monday 16 October 2017 – register [here](#).

**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 2017 (13 November 2017 – 9 February 2018) close on 23 October 2017. See the [Head Start website](#) for details.

### **University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) news**

**My Brilliant Career profiler** – If you are having trouble deciding what you would like to do in the future, this [online questionnaire](#) might give you some direction. Try it. See what you come up with.

**Language courses at USC** - You can choose from six different language courses (Chinese [Mandarin], French, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese and Spanish) at beginning, elementary and guided conversation levels. The courses are held in the evenings at the Sippy Downs campus. Find out more [here](#).

**Meet USC - Getting first year into gear** – This event will be held on Thursday 12 October 2017 from 3.30 – 6.30 pm at the Sippy Downs and Fraser Coast campuses. The event is for anyone considering starting uni in 2018, whether you are a teen or retiree. For more information and to register, visit the [website](#).

**Reminder about scholarships at USC** – Check out the [Scholarships website](#) 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 2017.

## **Updates from the University of Queensland (UQ)**

**Changes to the 2018 Academic Calendar** – The 2018 semester one calendar will be adjusted to make allowances for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. First semester classes will begin on 19 February rather than 26 February 2018. The mid-semester break will be two weeks instead of one, from 2 to 13 April to align with the Games from 4 to 15 April 2018. Access the [2018 Academic Calendar](#) for more information.

**UQ Academic Scholarship applications due this month** – 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 2017. Details of the application process and FAQs are available at [UQ Academic Scholarship Program](#).

**UQ Sport Scholarship applications due this month** – Applications for the following scholarships are due on 31 October 2017:

- [Clem Jones Sporting Scholarships](#) are awarded based on financial need, sporting achievements to date and potential to perform in your chosen sport at a high level. The award is valued at \$18,000 over three years.
- [UQ Sport Scholarship Ambassador Program](#) is awarded to professional and/or elite athletes. It is valued at \$1500 in support services per athlete per year.
- [UQ Sports Achievement Scholarships](#) are awarded to outstanding new and continuing students who have demonstrated exceptional ability in their chosen sport. It is valued at \$3,000 - \$12,000 for one year.

**Applications for the 2018 Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) due on 31 October 2017** – 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. Visit the [ESP website](#) to download a brochure and to apply.

**UQ's Integrated Pathology Learning Centre** – This centre, located in the Health Sciences Building at Herston, is an interactive pathology museum. Health science students at UQ use it as part of their studies. Take a [virtual tour](#) of the centre.

**Options for studying biomedical science at UQ** – Biomedical scientists work with doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals to diagnose disease, evaluate the effectiveness of treatment, and research causes and cures for disease. You can also use this program as a pathway to study medicine or allied health programs. There are three options for studying biomedical science at UQ:

- 3-year [B Science](#), majoring in Biomedical Science
- 3-year [B Biomedical Science](#)
- 4-year [B Advanced Science \(Honours\)](#), majoring in Biomedical Science.

# Employment

## **AI is coming to your workplace: These six skills will help you be ready**

This [article](#) from inc.com lists the following skills that we need to be brushing up on to prepare for the future world of work:

- Connecting Dots and Pattern Recognition (finding meaning in data sets)
- Inspiration Hunting (looking for ideas, angles and opportunities will only grow in importance)
- Creative Risk Taking (pushing their business to the edge, and taking risks routinely and willingly)
- Clear Articulation and Convincing Communication (these are valuable skills that an algorithm can't replicate)
- Quick Learning and Adaptability (a willingness to change and a willingness to ramp up from novice to proficient in areas that you know little about)
- Open Mindedness (enables you to spot golden opportunities in the first place).

## **City Spotlights – Uncovering salary trends across Australia**

Did you know that:

- The average salary in Brisbane is \$80,810?
- The highest paying jobs in Brisbane are in Engineering (Management)?
- The fastest growing industry in Brisbane is Insurance and Superannuation?

This information came from the Seek Insights and Resources website. Visit the [website](#) for more salary trends and highest paid job information from across Australia.

## **Labour Market Information Portal (LMIP) update**

The employment projections by occupation and skill level for the five years to May 2022 are now on the LMIP. The projections can be found [here](#).

## **Transition to work**

Transition to Work is a new service to support young people aged 15-21 on their journey to employment. Through this service, young people can be given assistance to:

- develop practical skills to get a job

- connect with education or training
- find and complete work experience placements
- find job opportunities in the local area
- connect with relevant local community services.

You can find a local Transition to Work provider on the [Find a Provider page](#) on the [jobactive website](#). You can access more information about the Transition to work service [here](#).



# Financial Assistance & Scholarships



## **Aim for the Stars 2018 Scholarships**

Layne Beachley and her Aim for the Stars Foundation invites Australian females aged 12 years of age and above who need funding to achieve goals in their sporting, academic, community, business, environmental or cultural pursuits to apply for a [2018 scholarship](#). Applications for scholarships will open in February 2018. Add your name to the email list to be sent a reminder to apply.

## **Australasian College of Natural Therapies (ACNT) 2018 New Student Scholarship**

Each year [ACNT](#), located in Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, invite aspiring natural therapy students to apply for a scholarship to study an ACNT health science course. The scholarship is awarded on merit. To be eligible to apply, you must have completed Year 12 and have an ATAR of at least 60.0 or equivalent (like OP 16) to apply for a bachelor degree. The courses offered at ACNT are:

- 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](#).

## **Charlie Bell Scholarship for Future Leaders**

This scholarship is offered by McDonalds. The scholarship provides up to \$15,000 towards 2018 tuition fees. Employees and non-employees of McDonalds can apply for this scholarship. Applications are now open and will close on Wednesday 1 October 2017. For more information and to apply, visit the [Charlie Bell Scholarship](#) website.

## **National Summer Art Scholarship**

Year 11 students can apply for the National Summer Art Scholarship 2018 program. The program, which will be held 13 – 20 January 2018, offers workshops and a behind-the-scenes experience of the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra. Applications close on Monday 6 November 2017. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

## **Selected undergraduate scholarships at the University of Melbourne**

[Melbourne Chancellors Scholarship \(domestic\)](#) – Awarded to undergraduate students based on academic achievement during their Australian Year 12 or International Baccalaureate (IB). A Chancellor's Scholar receives HECS Student Contribution exemption, a living allowance, financial support for study overseas and a guaranteed place in one of the professional master degrees. You do not have to apply for this scholarship; it is automatically awarded. International students can apply for the Melbourne [Chancellors Scholarship \(international students\)](#).

[Undergraduate Access Scholarships](#) - These scholarships are awarded to commencing undergraduate students who gained admission to the university while having experienced difficult circumstances that impacted on their Year 12 result. Approximately 200 scholarships are awarded per year. No application is required. You will be automatically considered for this award.

View the full range of University of Melbourne scholarships on the [Scholarship website](#).

## **Selected University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Scholarships**

[Chancellor's Scholarships](#) – Three of these scholarships will be awarded to the most outstanding applicants commencing full-time on-campus study in 2018 at the Toowoomba, Springfield and Ipswich campuses. Applications close on 27 October 2017.

[John Ross Clancy Indigenous Student Book Bursary](#) – Two of these bursaries will be offered to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying on-campus at USQ in 2018. Applications close on 27 October 2017.

[Scholarship website](#) – Visit this website for information about the full range of undergraduate scholarships available at USQ.



## Gap Year Program News

### **The pros and cons of full-time work during your gap year**

Some Year 12 students choose to take a year off from study to work for a year before continuing to further study. A recent article on the Year 13 website encourages students contemplating this strategy to weigh up the pros and cons. The article examines the following points.

#### **Pros:**

- Opportunity to earn money
- Learn new skills and add work experience to your resume
- Gives you time to figure out what you want to do in the future
- Further education will still be there when you are ready.

#### **Cons:**

- No more school holidays – you are on the 9 – 5 grind
- You may find you are out of the loop with your friends
- Listening to people tell you you'll never go to uni/have wasted your potential.

Read the full article on the [Year 13 website](#).

### **Updates from gap year program organisations**

**Camp America** will hold an information session from 6.30 – 7.30 pm on Tuesday 3 October 2017 at the George Williams Hotel (Woodcraft Room), 317-325 George Street, Brisbane. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register.

**Letz Live** has some vacancies for the 2018 intake to New Zealand, Thailand and the UK. Visit the [website](#) for details.

**EA Ski and Snowboard Training** offers ski instructor and snowboard instructor internships in Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, USA and Canada. It guarantees a job offer with traineeship. Now is the time to check out the program for the northern hemisphere 2018 winter season. Visit the [website](#) for details.

**Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (SCCE)** will hold an information session on Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 7 pm at Ruth Fairfax House, 89-95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. More information can be accessed on the [SCCE website](#).

**World Education Program (WEP) Student Exchange** will hold the following information session in October 2017:

- Cairns - 6 pm on 6 October at Cairns State High School, Cnr Sheridan and Upward Streets, Cairns City
- Brisbane – 7 pm on 25 October at the Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill, Brisbane.

Visit the [WEP website](#) to register to attend.

**Youth for Understanding (YFU) Australia** will hold an online information session from 5 pm on the 5 October 2017. Visit the [YFU website](#) for more information.

**The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme** provides young Australians aged 16 – 23 years with a unique, challenging and inspirational experience at sea aboard the national sail training ship Young Endeavour. To sail in Young Endeavour, you apply for a ballot (which is like a lottery). The ballot for 2018 is now [open](#).

### **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](#)
- [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.

## **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. You will find information about these scholarships in the Scholarships webpage of the institution you have applied to.

## **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 31 January 2018. The online application can be accessed from the [Northparkes](#) website.

## **Search tool for Indigenous scholarships**

The Find My Scholarships search function on the [Indigenous Scholarships Portal](#) 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.

## **Think your way portal**

This 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



## **Hospitality jobs in demand**

A recent [news.com.au](https://www.news.com.au) article reported that the flourishing Australian hospitality and tourism sector is creating jobs and increasing the demand for qualified workers. Five hospitality jobs in demand are:

**Waiter** - Employment Department forecasts show that the projected future growth is strong, with about 19,000 more needed up to 2020. The average weekly pay is \$804 and most staff have a certificate II or III.

**Chef** - Very strong future growth is forecast, with 19,000 more to be hired in the five years to 2020. The average full-time weekly pay is \$1050. Most staff have done an apprenticeship, and about one in five also have a diploma.

**Bar Attendant/Barista** - About 11,700 more are forecast to be needed in the five years to 2020. The average full-time pay is \$873 a week. The recommended qualification is a certificate I or II.

**Café/Restaurant Manager** - Future growth is expected to be very strong, with 15,700 more employed up to 2020. The average full-time pay is \$900 a week. One in four staff have a certificate or diploma as their highest level of education.

**Conference/Event Organiser** - Strong growth is forecast with about 2200 more needed up to 2020, representing about a 9.5 per cent increase. The average full-time income is \$1313 a week with a 37.6-hour average work week.

## **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 [QLD Police Recruiting website](#) and in the H.I.R.E.D flyer you can download from this site. The Queensland Police Recruiting Unit holds [information seminars](#) in Brisbane and regional centres. Interested students should also visit the [Prepare yourself for a Police Career web page](#).

## **Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physiotherapy – How are they different?**

In an article on the [My Health Career website](#), Professor Susan Brandis from Bond University talks about the history, similarities and differences of these two occupations. Both occupations have ancient beginnings and throughout history have worked together to improve the health and wellbeing of their clients. Over time physio has had a core focus on mobility, physical development and ability and the use of a variety of treatment methods such as exercise, manipulation and massage. OT has a core focus on occupation and the

use of functional activities to restore a person to their full potential in the areas of work, leisure and self-care. Both professions aim to improve quality of life. Read the article for more information about these occupations which remain in high demand. Degree courses available in Queensland are:

### **Occupational Therapy**

- Australian Catholic University – [B Occupational Therapy](#) at the Brisbane campus
- CQUniversity – [B Occupational Therapy \(Honours\)](#) at the Rockhampton and Bundaberg campuses
- Griffith University - [B Occupational Therapy](#) at the Gold Coast and Nathan campuses
- James Cook University – [B Occupational Therapy \(Honours\)](#) at the Townsville campus
- University of Queensland – [B Occupational Therapy \(Honours\)](#) at the St Lucia campus
- University of the Sunshine Coast – [B Occupational Therapy \(Honours\)](#) at the Sippy Downs campus
- Southern Cross University – [B Occupational Therapy](#) at the Gold Coast campus

### **Physiotherapy**

- Australian Catholic University – [B Physiotherapy](#) at the Brisbane campus
- CQUniversity – [B Physiotherapy \(Honours\)](#) at the Rockhampton and Bundaberg campuses
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### **Virtual scientists – Learn about careers in research science**

Meet research scientists who work in the fields of animal science, environmental management, mathematics, biological science, astrophysics, ecology, occupational health and safety, plant science, earth science, nanotechnology and food science on the University of Queensland [Facility of Science website](#).

### **Want to be a park ranger?**

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



## Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



### **Interested in nursing? Come to the Mater Education Open Day**

[Mater Education](#), located in South Brisbane, offers 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 2018 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 21 October 2017. Mater Education offers scholarships for eligible students from a refugee or Indigenous background.

### **Natural Health Open Day**

Endeavour College of Natural Health will hold this event from 10 am – 1.30 pm on Saturday 7 October 2017 at its Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses. 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](#).

### **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 10 am – 12 noon on Saturday 21 October 2017. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to RSVP.

### **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 14 October 2017. This is your opportunity to explore the campus facilities, learn about the courses available and participate in a range of activities, including:

- Visit Black Box Theatre, film editing, sound studios and tour the facilities
- Experience interactive displays: gaming, green screen and broadcast
- See the exhibits by design students
- Speak with industry experts for course and career advice
- Join the Radio Metro Pop Up Party with Celebrity DJ and MC Bilsy, with prizes up for grabs.

For location details, visit [TAFE QLD Gold Coast Events](#).



# Overseas Studies

## **De- stress the SAT**

Sitting for exams is stressful, but sitting for the SAT doesn't have to be. The College Board and Khan Academy have teamed up to provide free SAT practice resources for building confidence and reducing the stress of SAT preparation. You could also win a prize! Visit the [website](#) to find out more.



## QTAC & Tertiary Entry

### **QTAC application follow up**

**Have you submitted your QTAC application?** - The early-bird application due date was 29 September 2017. If you have yet to apply, consider applying ASAP before Term Four becomes totally hectic (as it will). The absolute final date to apply for courses commencing in Semester One, 2018 is 8 December 2017. However, you need to be aware that by this date, many of the courses with [fixed closing dates](#) are no longer available and that many Year 12 students have already received early offers.

**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 ‘18’.

**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 (this includes if you want to submit and an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) application after you have already submitted your QTAC application).

**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. Ring QTAC to tell them this is what you are doing. 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](#), and [Instagram](#).

**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 15 December 2017. You can access these from your [Learning Account](#) on 16 December 2017 instead of waiting for the mail to arrive. It is important to review your preferences, particularly your ‘Pathway’ preferences (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) based on 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 dates](#) that have expired). Once you save your changes, you have used one of the three free preference change sessions. More than three changes will incur a \$42 fee. View the [How can I change my preferences?](#) video for more information about changing preferences. The 9 January 2018 is the final date to change preferences for the major offer-round on 16 January 2018.

**Monitor your 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 your emails regularly.

**Offer-round dates** – Year 12 students will not receive an offer from QTAC before 17 November 2017 (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 *2018 Year 12 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.

## **Year 12 Subject Bonus Rank Schemes**

Some universities offer bonus ranks when you successfully complete specific subjects in Year 12. Each university has its own scheme. You don’t have to apply for these schemes as bonus ranks are automatically given when you apply for courses through QTAC. Bonus rank points only apply to Year 12 qualifications (e.g. OPs, IB and OP ineligible ranks) not VET certificates/diplomas and other qualifications you may have completed during Years 11 and 12. The following information is a summary of Year 12 Subject Bonus Schemes at universities that offer them.

**Australian Catholic University** – A maximum of 5 bonus points can be allocated through ACU’s Year 12 Subject bonus scheme. Subject bonus points are based on results in Year 12 subjects relevant to the course you are applying for at ACU. For more information, see the [ACU website](#) (click on ‘Subject’).

**Griffith University** – A maximum of six points can be allocated under this scheme for the successful completion of over 20 Year 12 subjects as well as university subjects. The maximum bonus points that a student can receive under all Griffith bonus schemes is capped at 8. Some courses are exempted from this scheme, including B Medical Science (MD Provisional Entry for school leavers) and B Dental Health Science. For more information, see the [Griffith website](#).

**Queensland University of Technology** – A maximum of eight points can be allocated for the successful completion of Maths C, a language other than English, Physics, Engineering Technology and Aerospace

Studies (for Engineering single and double degrees) and university subjects. Bonus points do not apply to courses with additional entry requirements, Dean's Honours and Dean's Scholars programs and scholarships that require a minimum OP. If you qualify for bonus points in all subject areas, you can receive the maximum of 8 bonus points. For more information, see the [QUT website](#).

**University of Queensland** - A maximum of five bonus points can be allocated for the successful completion of Maths C, a language other than English and university subjects. The bonus points do not apply to scholarship applications but do apply to Doctor of Medicine (Provisional Entry applications). For more information, see the [UQ website](#).

**University of Southern Queensland** – Bonus points are applied for successful study in Maths C, Chemistry, Physics, a language other than English and university subjects. For more information, see the [USQ website](#).

**University of the Sunshine Coast** – Bonus points are applied for successful studies in Maths C and a language other than English. For more information, see the [USC website](#).

Note that bonus points are not OPs. They are QTAC selection ranks. To allocate bonus points, your OP is converted to the QTAC 1-99 (highest) selection rank scale to which the bonus points are applied. You are then considered for admission based on your new rank. For a table that compares OP with QTAC selection ranks, visit the [QTAC website](#) (click on 'Applying interstate' and 'Compare 2016 OPs with QTAC selection ranks').

## **Year 12 questions**

**When will I get my Queensland Core Skills Test result?** – You will be able to access these results from your Learning Account on the [Student Connect](#) website on Wednesday 15 November 2017.

**When will I get my Year 12 results?** – The QCAA will mail your results on Friday 15 December 2017 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 16 December 2017.

**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. You can also download the 'Student learning accounts user guide' from this site.

**What are the new senior assessment and tertiary entrance systems?** The new systems will be in place for Year 11s in 2019. You can read about the new systems on the [QCAA](#) website.



### **How to put the 'pro' into procrastination**

If you can't win the fight against procrastination, you can at least make it productive. The University of Southern Queensland's Social Hub has a slide show with 10 ideas to help you do just that. View the slide show [here](#).

### **Study skill resources**

The University of Queensland's (UQ) Student Services Learning [website](#) has online guides to help you with all aspects of study. While these are provided for UQ students, most of them are equally useful for Year 12 students.

### **Three effective AF things you can do to keep from stressin'**

This is the title of a recent [article](#) on the Foundation for Young Australians' (FYA) website. It starts with:

"It's getting to that pointy end of the year where exam stress and job stress and 'what am I supposed to do with my life?' stress all start fogging our thoughts and making it difficult for us to get stuff done."

If you identify with this, **read the article!** It contains information about stress and anxiety and lists three things you can do to manage them.