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Gap Year applications are closing soon

You can still apply for the 2019 ADF Gap Year to experience life in the Navy, Army or Air Force, without committing to a longer period. However, places are strictly limited, so apply early. Visit the [Gap Year website](#) for more information and to apply.

The outlook for most technicians and trades workers is good!

The latest [National Skilled Labour Market report \(2016-17\)](#) indicates that employment for technicians and trades workers is expected to be slightly below average and shortages are likely to persist in a number of labour markets reflecting many factors including:

- Continued weakness in new supply through the apprenticeship and traineeship system
- (in some Trades labour markets) relatively low pay and difficult working conditions (such as split shifts) contributing to wastage of skilled workers

This has led to over 60 trades being included on the [National Skills Needs List](#). Airconditioning and Refrigeration Mechanic, Baker, Carpenter, Electrician (General) and Hairdresser are just some of the jobs on the list. The advantages of selecting a job from this list are that:

- you may be eligible to attract employer incentives which could help you get an apprenticeship
- you will be entering an occupation that is in demand

To be successful in getting the job, you need to demonstrate the qualities and attributes employers want. The main qualities sought by employers of apprentices, as reported in [Australian Jobs 2017](#) (p.33), are:

- Mature attitude
- Reliable
- Positive attitude
- Strong work ethic
- Good presentation
- Genuine interest
- Desire/passion
- Commitment

If you are interested in becoming an apprentice, look at websites like [australianapprenticeships.gov.au](#) or [aapathways.com.au](#) and explore your chosen industry or occupation and talk to career advisers, or the Australian Apprenticeship Support Network

There is still time - TAFE Queensland SkillsTech Year 10 Trade Taster Program 2018

Do you have students who are currently in Year 10 who enjoy practical work and using their hands? Are they considering a career in the trades? They can apply now for the Year 10 Trade Taster Program offered through SkillsTech! Students must be in Year 10 and be undertaking Maths and English at a Year 10 level. The program is fully funded by the Queensland Government and is offered to students at no cost. This program **does not** use a student's VETiS funding entitlement. The program will run one day per week for 9 weeks, in Term 2 2018. Skills Tech are looking to run another program in July based on its popularity.

The program will be held at the following locations:

- Alexandra Hills Training Centre, Windemere Road, Alexandra Hills
- Acacia Ridge Training Centre, 247 Bradman Street, Acacia Ridge
- Bracken Ridge Training Centre, 157 Norris Road, Bracken Ridge

How does it work?

- Students will attend one day per week:
- Students who do not yet hold a Construction Safety White Card will undertake this as part of the program. The cost of the White Card is also subsidised by the Queensland Government so is offered at no cost to students.
- Students who already hold a Construction Safety White Card will not be required to attend the White Card day. Students will be asked if they hold a White Card when enrolment offers are made.
- Students will complete individual competencies from various programs but will not complete a full certificate or obtain any QCE credits.
- It is a condition of enrolment into this program that students commit to attending all classes.

What trades are available to try? Full details of the proposed programs available at each location, can be found by clicking on the hyperlinks below. Please note that these may change but are indicative of the trades available. To learn a bit more about these trades [click here](#) for general information.

- [Acacia Ridge Training Centre](#)
- [Alexandra Hills Training Centre](#)
- [Bracken Ridge Training Centre](#)

Places are limited so it is recommended that students have multiple preferences to avoid disappointment. When enrolment offers are made, if the student's first preference is unavailable, they will be contacted to request their other preferences. There is no need for them to submit multiple applications with multiple preferences.

How do students apply? It's important students speak with the School Career Counsellor/Guidance Officer if they are interested in this program. They will be able to assist you complete your application. You need to apply online at tafeapply.com. Students need to use an application code which is: TQST18TT. To apply, students will also need to enter their USI (Unique Student Identifier) number. To create a USI, head to www.usi.gov.au. Students will need to select an industry area. All students need to select the industry area of: Building and Construction.

What happens after students apply? After students apply, an email will be sent to their parents and the school, seeking approval for the application. If everyone approves, TAFE Queensland SkillsTech will contact

the student further regarding an offer of place. Students will need to keep an eye out for this email as they will be given a limited amount of time to respond to their offer.

If you have any questions, please contact your School Career Counsellor/Guidance Officer or speak to the TAFE at School Team on 07 3244 0341 or email schools.skillstech@tafe.qld.edu.au

Videos about apprenticeships and traineeships

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

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Defence University Sponsorship

Start studying a degree of your choice, at the university of your choice and then join the Australian Defence Force under the Defence University Sponsorship scheme. Through this scheme, you will have your fees paid, receive a salary while you complete your degree and walk straight into an ADF job following graduation. Visit the [Defence Jobs website](#) for details.

Defence Work Experience Program

Work experience is one way to find out if a military life is for you. Visit the [Defence Work Experience website](#) (click on 'Placements' and 'Qld') for a list of work experience opportunities to view a list of currently published opportunities for the year. You will need to speak to your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or Work Experience Coordinator about applying. This is a popular program, so start your application early.

Upcoming Events:

09/04/2018 to 13/04/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Medical Corps Overview (2nd Close Health Company) <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
23/04/2018 to 26/04/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Army Field and Familiarisation Program: Gallipoli Barracks <i>Enoggera, QLD</i>
30/04/2018 to 04/05/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Armoured Corps Overview (2nd Cavalry Regiment) <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
30/04/2018 to 04/05/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Medical Corps Overview (2nd Close Health Company) <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
14/05/2018 to 18/05/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Army Aviation – 5th Aviation Regiment: RAAF Base Townsville <i>Garbutt, QLD</i>
28/05/2018 to 30/05/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Army Field and Familiarisation Program: Gallipoli Barracks <i>Enoggera, QLD</i>
25/06/2018 to 27/06/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: ADF Malaria and Infectious Disease Institute (ADFMIDI) – Secondary School: Gallipoli Barracks <i>Enoggera, QLD</i>
25/06/2018 to 28/06/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Army Aviation Training Centre (AAvntC) Familiarisation: Swartz Barracks

25/06/2018 to 29/06/2018	<i>Oakey, QLD</i> Defence Work Experience Program: Armoured Corps Overview (2nd Cavalry Regiment) <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
26/06/2018 to 27/06/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Army Field and Familiarisation Program: Gallipoli Barracks <i>Enoggera, QLD</i>
26/06/2018 to 28/06/2018	Defence Work Experience Program: Navy Overview Session 2 <i>Cairns, QLD</i>

Upcoming Defence Force Information Sessions

Stay informed about important upcoming [Queensland and National ADF events and information sessions](#) by visiting the Defence Jobs website.

Note that some of these events are during the Easter holidays.

View the specific events information link for more details including: location, times and to book your tickets.

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

Upcoming Events:

27/03/2018	Brisbane Gap Year Information Session 27 March 18 <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
28/03/2018	Cairns Army Reserve Information Session <i>Cairns, QLD</i>
28/03/2018	Townsville ADF Gap Year Information Session <i>Townsville, QLD</i>
23/04/2018	Brisbane Army Reserve Employer Breakfast 23 April 18 <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>



Chemistry careers

Founded in 1917 and granted a Royal Charter in 1932, the RACI is the professional body for the chemical sciences in Australia. It acts both as the qualifying body in Australia for professional chemists, and as a learned society promoting the science and practice of chemistry. The [Royal Australian Chemical Institute website](#) has a section on Career planning which contains:

- [Opportunities](#)
- [Career Planning Articles](#)
- [Videos](#)

Do you have a passion for finding things? Consider Archaeology

Archaeologists study past human societies by finding things such as cultural artefacts, food remains, skeletal remains, etc. They do this by talking to people, studying maps, making field surveys and by carrying out excavations. They are also involved in cleaning, restoring, recording and displaying the material they find. To become an archaeologist, you need to complete a university bachelor degree or higher qualification. The following Queensland universities offer courses in Archaeology.

- James Cook University: [B Arts in Archaeology](#)
- University of Queensland: [B Science \(Specialisation in Archaeological Science/Extended\)](#); [B Arts \(Specialisation in Archaeology/Extended\)](#)
- University of Southern Queensland: [B Arts \(Anthropology and Archaeology Extended\)](#); [Bachelor of Arts \(Archaeology\)](#)

This occupation is small ([11,100 in 2015 in Australia](#)) and the job openings are below average according to the [myfuture website](#). You can check out the personal requirements for [Archaeologists](#) on this free site (Sign in if it is your first visit). The following Archaeologist case studies will give you a broader understanding of the job:

- Craig Baxter maps out his archaeological career. Since graduating from La Trobe University with a Bachelor of Archaeology (Honours) in 2009, Craig has worked throughout Australia, carrying out both small scale excavations and test pitting projects, and larger scale machine excavation monitoring and surveys. [Read his story](#) on the [myfuture](#) website.
- Sarah Parcak is a Space Archaeologist. She uses satellite technology to find hidden archaeological sites. She has created an online citizen science satellite archaeology platform, called [Globalxplorer \(GX\)](#), to allow anyone in the world to help in the search for looted sites and previously unknown ones. Read about Sarah and listen to her TEDX talk [here](#). Check out GX and help in the search.

Exploring jobs through Instagram profiles

The Commonwealth Department of Employment's [Instagram platform](#), Australians at Work, has short case studies of people in a range of jobs. The case studies currently on the site include: marketing consultant, game designer, fashion retailer, fitter and turner, physiotherapist, hostel manager, director of dance fitness studio, hire equipment co-owner, climb leader at Bridge Climb and many more. If any of the jobs in the case studies interest you, find out more about them from the Occupations section of the [myfuture website](#) (sign in to this free site if this is your first visit).

Pathways to medical specialisations and other health career resources

The [My Health Career website](#) has infographics and other information on pathways to ten different medical specialisations. The 'Videos' section of the website has interviews with practitioners involved in dentistry, dietetics, medicine, nursing, optometry, occupational therapy, pharmacy, psychology, physiotherapy and podiatry. Explore more of the resources on this website and subscribe to a regular health careers newsletter.

Queensland Police Recruiting seminars

If you are interested in exploring the career opportunities within the Queensland Police Service, you can attend a seminar. Visit the [Queensland Police Recruiting website](#) for upcoming seminars.

The Good Careers Guide

[The Good Careers Guide \(GCG\)](#) is a helpful resource for students starting their career exploration. It provides up-to-date information on over 400 jobs. It also includes useful information on:

- How to start your career exploration
- Education and training pathways, including apprenticeships, VET courses (e.g. Certificates and Diplomas at TAFE) and higher education (e.g. a Bachelor Degree at university or an accredited private institution)
- How to get funding for your education and training
- How to get a job.

GCC comes in several formats:

- **e-book** – The [e-book version](#) of GCG has the same information as the hard copy version.
- **Hard copy** - Your school may have hard copies of GCG. Ask your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor. You can also purchase it from the [Good Education Bookshop](#).
- **Online** - The [online version](#) of GCG has a job search function; blog posts on lots of career related topics (e.g. 'Your guide to choosing a career'); and Career Ladders (these list jobs in broad subject categories e.g. Chemistry, Maths, Computing, Environmental Science).
- **GCG App** - This [App](#), called Good Education AR is available for Apple and Android mobile devices. The App compliments GCG by allowing you to interact with elements of GCG content.

Note that the current GCG is the 2017 edition. A 2018 edition will be released in May. Meanwhile the 2017 edition is a great place for beginning your career exploration.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

You probably recognise the question. You've been asked it since you were a young child. To some of you it provides an opportunity to talk about your passion and your future plans. To others of you, it creates anxiety, because you have lots of interests but no one true passion. An article on the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) website, titled [what if we don't have one true calling?](#) suggests that having many interests might be an advantage.

The article refers to [Emilie Wapnick's TED X talk](#) in which she calls people with numerous interests, multipotentialites. Multipotentialites, according to Emilie, can convert their many interests into entrepreneurial ventures. She suggests that they might be ahead of the game in today's rapidly changing world of work because they tend to be innovative, rapid learners and adaptable (skills needed in the 21st Century). The FYA article relates this concept of many jobs to Job Clusters in [The New Work Mindset](#) report. Job clusters are groups of jobs requiring similar skills. One job within the cluster can lead to other jobs within the cluster. Watch the TED X talk. Then read the article for more information about this different way of thinking about jobs.

Competitions

Upcoming Competitions

Below are a range of upcoming competitions. Please visit the competition website for information regarding eligibility requirements, registration dates/information, costs and any other relevant information.

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards

Entries are now open for this annual poetry competition. The optional theme for 2018 is 'I have Promises to Keep'. The closing date for entries is 30 June 2018. Visit the [website](#) for details.

Queensland Regional Titration Competition

The aim of this competition is to challenge and encourage students who enjoy chemistry. Entrants compete in teams of three from Years 10 – 12. Applications are through your school. For details, see the [Royal Australian Chemical Institute website](#). Talk to your science teacher about participating in this competition.

The ESU Roly Sussex Short Story Awards 2018

The 2018 English Speaking Union (ESU) Roly Sussex Short Story Award is now open for Entries, closing Friday 15 June 2018. The 2018 Winners will be advised with details posted on the ESU Website on Friday 30 July 2018. This Competition is one of the most prized Literary Awards and is designed to foster original creative writing of outstanding quality, including experimental, challenging or thought provoking work. Maximum 3000 words. Entrants to the Secondary School section must be enrolled full-time at a secondary school. Submitted stories should not have been published before. Best Secondary School Student Story, First Prize \$1000, Second Prize, \$500. Visit the [ESU Website](#) for more information.

The ESU Secondary Schools Public Speaking Competition 2018

This [ESU Secondary Schools Public Speaking Competition 2018](#) requires students to speak to the nominated topic. All speech topics for this year of the 100th Anniversary of the founding of ESU come from the words of Winston Churchill. Each year level has a separate topic. Students in the Grand Finals will speak to a new set of topics in a prepared and impromptu session. There are three competition categories:

- **Senior (Years 11 and 12)**
 - Topic: 'Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak: courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen' (Winston Churchill)
- **Intermediate (Years 9 and 10)**
 - Topic: 'Think like a wise man [or woman] but communicate in the language of the people' (Winston Churchill)
- **Junior (Years 7 and 8)**
 - Topic: 'Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference' (Winston Churchill)

For more information and to nominate online, visit the [English-Speaking Union website](#).

Wool4Skool Student Design Competition

Want to work in the fashion industry? Fancy yourself as a designer? If so, you are invited to enter the Wool4Skool student design competition. This year Wool4School invites students to design a multi-functional outfit which truly highlights innovation and your creativity as a designer. From dresses turning into handbags, jumpers which can be worn as a skirt, or trousers becoming shorts - the possibilities are endless but versatility is essential. The outfit must contain a minimum 80% Australian Merino wool and can consist of one to four items to complete the look. This is purely a design competition, you don't actually need to make the outfit; we just want your sketched designs. So get designing, encourage your friends and teachers to join the nation's favourite school design competition, Wool4School. Find out more on the [competition website](#). Registrations close on 31 May 2018.

Upcoming Events:

04/12/2017 to 31/05/2018	Wool4School Design Competition <i>Online</i>
22/01/2018 to 18/05/2018	Film Scoring Competition <i>Online</i>
22/01/2018 to 29/06/2018	2018 Hermitage Plant Science Competition <i>Online</i>
19/02/2018 to 01/06/2018	USQ - Bruce Dawe National Poetry Prize <i>Online</i>
19/02/2018 to 15/06/2018	USQ - Get Writing Competition <i>Online</i>
01/03/2018 to 30/06/2018	Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards <i>Online</i>
13/03/2018 to 01/06/2018	2018 SAE ATOM Award for Film and Media Excellence <i>Online</i>
27/03/2018	The ESU Secondary School Public Speaking Competition <i>Online</i>
27/03/2018 to 15/06/2018	The ESU Roly Sussex Short Story Awards 2018 <i>Online</i>
12/05/2018	Queensland Regional Titration Competition – Brisbane (UQ) <i>Online</i>
26/05/2018	Queensland Regional Titration Competition – Brisbane (QUT) <i>Online</i>
26/05/2018	Queensland Regional Titration Competition – Toowoomba(USQ) <i>Online</i>
30/05/2018	Queensland Regional Titration Competition – Cairns <i>Online</i>
30/05/2018	Queensland Regional Titration Competition – Townsville (JCU) <i>Online</i>
02/06/2018	Queensland Regional Titration Competition – Brisbane (GU) <i>Online</i>
02/06/2018	Queensland Regional Titration Competition – Sunshine Coast (USC) <i>Online</i>

02/06/2018	<u>Queensland Regional Titration Competition –Gold Coast (GU)</u> <i>Online</i>
04/06/2018	<u>2018 Young ICT Explorers Competition – Expression of Interest Deadline</u> <i>Online</i>
10/06/2018	<u>2018 Young ICT Explorers Competition – Registration Deadline</u> <i>Online</i>
24/06/2018	<u>2018 Young ICT Explorers Competition – Project Report Submission Deadline</u> <i>Online</i>
26/07/2018	<u>Queensland Regional Titration Competition – Rockhampton (JCU)</u> <i>Online</i>
26/07/2018	<u>Queensland Regional Titration Competition – Bundaberg (CQU)</u> <i>Online</i>
26/07/2018	<u>Queensland Regional Titration Competition –Mackay (CQU)</u> <i>Online</i>
26/07/2018	<u>Queensland Regional Titration Competition –CQUniversity (other) Own School</u> <i>Online</i>

Employment

A career path you may not know about:

Dental Hygienists, Technicians and Therapists provide supportive dental services in preventative and restorative dental procedures, and construct and repair dental appliances.

Related occupations include:

- Dental Hygienist
- Dental Prosthetist
- Dental Technician
- Dental Therapist
- Clinical Dental Technician
- Dental Laboratory Assistant

Tasks include:

- providing educational programs to motivate children, parents and the community in matters relating to oral health
- providing fluoride therapy by applying remineralising solutions and desensitising agents
- removing deposits from teeth
- applying non-invasive fissure sealants to teeth
- taking impressions of the mouth
- taking dental radiographs

Source: [myfuture](#)

Spot Jobs.com – an online job search site

[SpotJobs.com](#) is one of Australia's fastest-growing online job boards. It focuses on permanent and flexible (part-time, casual) employment opportunities. You can search jobs by location and working conditions, including the time of day you would like to work and preferences such as working indoors or outdoors, or in a customer service role.

What does it mean to have a career today?

A broad definition of 'career' includes life roles, leisure activities, learning and work ([Australian Blueprint for Career Development](#), see the Glossary). The broad nature of this definition is particularly relevant to a world

of work that is changing more rapidly than ever before. A recent article published by the [Deloitte University Press](#) uses an interesting infographic to show the changing nature of a career. While the article itself isn't particularly of interest to students, the infographic is. It suggests that:

- People are staying in the workforce longer, possibly up to 60 – 70 years as we live longer
- The length of time people tend to stay in one job is approximately 4.5 years instead of the past aspiration of a job for life or the more recent 5 - 7 jobs in a lifetime
- The skills we learn for a specific job will rapidly become outdated. They may only last up to four years before we need to retrain and upgrade our learning to remain relevant in the work place.

The article's authors make the point that, in the past, we learned to gain skills for a career; now, the career itself has become a journey of learning. What might the implications of this be for you in your career?

What is \$20 Boss?

[\\$20 Boss](#) is a program designed to equip young people with enterprise skills such as project management, financial literacy, teamwork, communication, digital literacy, problem solving, critical thinking and global citizenship. Students receive \$20 of start-up money to create their own business over a school term. They develop a business concept and run their venture for a month, with the aim to create profit. At the end of the month of trading participants pay back the \$20 with a \$1 legacy donation (like interest) and have the choice to donate any profit to the school or a charity of their choice, or retain a portion for themselves to invest in the continuation of their business.

Lucinda and Mitchell are your average teenagers whose lives are filled with school, sport, friends and part-time work. The reason they stand out, is that they somehow found the time to run their own business and to even make money. Their initial funding came from the Foundation for [Young Australians \(FYA\) \\$20 Boss Program](#). An article on the FYA website reports on Lucinda and Mitchell's venture and lists four tips the teenagers felt contributed to their success. Read about the tips in the [article](#). You might also be interested in the FYA \$20 Boss Program.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Bond University scholarships for 2019 will open on 1 April 2018

Bond's scholarship program offers a large number of full fee and part fee scholarships as well as cash bursaries. Most scholarships can be used for any single or combined program (with the exception of the Medical Program). These scholarships are available to Australian and international students. Visit the [Bond website](#) for more information, to download the 2018 scholarship brochure and to access the application tips. Scholarship applications for Year 12s must be lodged online using the Bond University application form. Applications are open annually from 1 April to 31 July.

Scholarships and Grants -for VET and Year 12 Graduates

[TAFE Queensland](#) offers a selection of scholarships aimed to support both new and continuing students in their educational pursuits. Information regarding the specific eligibility and selection criteria associated with each scholarship is available on the [TAFE Queensland](#) website.

[Vocational education and training scholarships competitions and awards](#) details about various scholarships, competitions and awards available for students in vocational education and training.

[TJ Ryan Memorial Medals and Scholarships](#) are awarded each year to support exemplary Queensland students who demonstrate outstanding leadership in their school and the broader community as well as academic excellence through their achievements in Year 12.

The [Aspiring Teacher Grants](#) provide a one off cash incentive to high-achieving Year 12 school leavers who are starting their teaching career and undertaking an initial teacher education program at a Queensland higher education institution.

St Andrew's Scholars Program

St Andrew's College is a co-residential academic community within the University of Sydney. [St Andrew's Scholars](#) are young men and women who thrive academically, are engaged in life and have the potential to make a significant contribution to the College and the wider community. Applications for the 2019 intake open on 1 May 2018. For more information including Eligibility Criteria for 2019 intake visit the [St Andrew's Scholars webpage](#).



Gap Year Program News

AFS Gap Program

The AFS Gap Program provides opportunities for young people to live for a few months or a whole year in another country where they can study a new language, attend a local school or participate in volunteer projects. Find out more [here](#).

Be a ski instructor in Canada, Japan, Switzerland or USA

Educating Adventures offers ski and snowboard instructor courses and internships. The internships may provide an opportunity to obtain paid employment at a ski resort and complete an internationally recognised ski or snowboard instructing qualification. See the [website](#) for more information.

International Student Volunteers (ISV)

[ISV](#) works in close collaboration with grassroots organizations, local communities and researchers to offer the highest quality projects that are safe, meaningful, sustainable and achievable. ISV also strives to ensure that projects are fun and educational so you have a great time and learn from your experience. All of their projects are developed around the specific goals and priorities of their partners and host communities. For more information, visit the [ISV website](#).

The GAP Network – Placements in UK Boarding Schools

[The Gap Network](#) is a fresh, new approach to the growing demand for Gap Year placements in UK Boarding Schools. Imagine getting paid to take a year off between school and university and travel to the other side of the world? Imagine having the opportunity to live and work at some of the best boarding schools across the UK? You can do this with The Gap Network! They provide you with an affordable way of travelling to the UK and exploring all that Europe has to offer, by arranging a paid position at a UK boarding school. All you have to bring is a great attitude and willingness to work hard. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Try a different Schoolies – have an overseas adventure!

Antipodean Abroad's Schoolies Unearthed Program is an alcohol-free, 10-day journey overseas that combines community service projects with adventurous exploration and activities. The program provides

school leavers an opportunity to immerse themselves in a new environment and culture. Destinations include Borneo, Cambodia, Vietnam, Vanuatu and Thailand. For more information, visit the [Antipodean website](#).

Holiday Programs & Short Courses

Free School Holiday Activities

There are a number of free activities around Brisbane you can use to fill up your calendar this school holidays. Check out the following links for events in your area:

- [Brisbane Kids Free holiday event round up](#)
- [Brisbane City Council Library Events](#)
- [Logan City Council Library Events](#)
- [Library Events in the Moreton Bay Region](#)
- [Townsville Library Events](#)
- [Cairns Library Events](#)

NIDA holiday courses

The [National Institute of Dramatic Art \(NIDA\)](#) is bringing a range of short courses to Brisbane in April 2018. There are courses for adults, primary, junior and senior students. Classes start on 9 April 2018 and will be held at the Queensland Academies Creative Industries located at Kelvin Grove. The courses for Year 11 and 12 students are:

- [NIDA Actor's Project](#) – this course will explore the core concepts of NIDA actor training
- [Voice and Movement Masterclass](#) – this course draws on actor training techniques to explore relationships between voice and physicality
- [Acting for Grades 11-12](#) – practice skill-based learning by industry experts across a range of performing arts disciplines

Visit the [NIDA website](#) for details.

Upcoming Events:

09/04/2018 to 13/04/2018	NIDA Actors Project – Grades 11-12 <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
09/04/2018 to 13/04/2018	NIDA Drama School, Grades 7-10 <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
14/04/2018 to 15/04/2018	Voice and Movement Masterclass <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
14/04/2018 to 15/04/2018	Auditions and Screen Tests, Grades 7-10 <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
05/05/2018 to 23/06/2018	Drama for Grades 7-10 – Chapel Hill <i>Bundaberg, QLD</i>

05/05/2018 to 23/06/2018	Drama for Grades 7-10 – Kelvin Grove <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/05/2018 to 24/06/2018	Acting for Grades 11-12 - Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/05/2018 to 24/06/2018	Drama for Grades 9-10 - Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/05/2018 to 24/06/2018	Drama for Grades 7-8 – Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/05/2018 to 24/06/2018	Acting on Screen Grades 7-10 – Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
28/07/2018 to 15/09/2018	Drama for Grades 7-10 – Chapel Hill <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
28/07/2018 to 15/09/2018	Drama for Grades 7-10 – Kelvin Grove <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
29/07/2018 to 16/09/2018	Acting for Grades 11-12 - Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
29/07/2018 to 16/09/2018	Drama for Grades 9-10 - Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
29/07/2018 to 16/09/2018	Drama for Grades 7-8 – Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
29/07/2018 to 16/09/2018	Acting on Screen Grades 7-10 – Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
29/07/2018 to 09/12/2018	Next Stages for Grades 7-10 – Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
20/10/2018 to 08/12/2018	Drama for Grades 7-10 – Chapel Hill <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
20/10/2018 to 08/12/2018	Drama for Grades 7-10 – Kelvin Grove <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
21/10/2018 to 09/12/2018	Acting for Grades 11-12 - Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
21/10/2018 to 09/12/2018	Drama for Grades 9-10 - Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
21/10/2018 to 09/12/2018	Drama for Grades 7-8 – Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
21/10/2018 to 09/12/2018	Acting on Screen Grades 7-10 – Brisbane <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

Queensland Government – Coast Club School Holiday Activities

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing hosts a range of events during the School Holidays including half day (3 hours) and full day (6 hour) activity sessions at our Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast Recreation Centres for children (8 years and over). Visit the [Coast Club webpage](#) for more information on the 2018 Program.

Queensland School of Film and Television Updates

[QSFT](#) offers a number of film, television and media production courses and workshops these school holidays. Visit their [2018 Workshop Schedule](#) to view all upcoming events including those available during the School Holidays.

Upcoming Events:

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| 04/04/2018 to 05/04/2018 | ACTING BOOTCAMP! 2 Days School Holiday Acting Workshop
<i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |
| 06/04/2018 | Jnr FILM MAKER BOOTCAMP! School Holiday Junior Film Maker Boot camp
<i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |
| 11/04/2018 to 12/04/2018 | FILM MAKER BOOT CAMP! 2 Day School Holiday Filmmakers Bootcamp (For Yr 9-12 High School Students)
<i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |

Ride It, Drive It, Grow It, Taste It!

[The Agricultural Skills and Technology Experience \(TASTE\)](#) is a five-day program for year 10, 11 and 12 students held at [Emerald Agricultural College](#) and [Longreach Pastoral College](#) during most school holidays. The program is designed to help young people explore the many education and career options available in rural industry. The program will be run at the Longreach Pastoral College and the Emerald Agricultural College. Download a [flyer](#) from the [Taste website](#). The program dates are:

Upcoming Events:

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| 02/07/2018 to 06/07/2018 | The Agricultural Skills and Technology Experience (TASTE)
<i>Longreach Pastoral College and Emerald Agricultural College, QLD</i> |
| 24/09/2018 to 28/09/2018 | The Agricultural Skills and Technology Experience (TASTE)
<i>Longreach Pastoral College and Emerald Agricultural College, QLD</i> |
| 03/12/2018 to 07/12/2018 | The Agricultural Skills and Technology Experience (TASTE)
<i>Longreach Pastoral College and Emerald Agricultural College, QLD</i> |

University of Queensland (UQ) Robotics Workshops during the school holidays

The Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Information Technology at UQ will offer different workshops in robotics for primary and secondary school students during the school holidays. Keep an eye on the [School Holiday Robotics Workshop](#) page for future events.

Upcoming Events:

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| 04/04/2018 | UQ Introduction to Robotics - High School Students Holiday Workshop 2018
<i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |
| 06/04/2018 | Robogals Workshop: Beginner
<i>Brisbane, QLD</i> |

Indigenous Jobs Australia:

[Indigenous Jobs Australia](#) was developed by the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce (Indigenous Chamber) and is dedicated to advertising job vacancies and opportunities which might be suitable for Indigenous Australians. They provide a purpose built employment website for the many businesses, organisations and government agencies who actively seek to employ Indigenous Australians. Indigenous candidates have access to employers who are committed to Indigenous employment thereby improving employment outcomes.

Indigenous Scholarships:

- [Bond University scholarships](#), valued up to 50% of tuition fees for any single undergraduate degree (excluding the Medical Program) or 100% tuition for any diploma program, are awarded to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students who have demonstrated extracurricular involvement, leadership potential, academic achievements and connection to their Indigenous heritage. Further information can be found on the [Bond website](#). Applications for 2019 scholarships are now open and will close on 31 July 2018.
- [QUT offer an Indigenous Commonwealth Scholarships](#) QUT's scholarship may mean applicants receive one or more of the following:
 - an Indigenous Bursary (IB) of \$1,500 for one year only, to assist Indigenous students from low-income backgrounds to undertake study at QUT
 - an Indigenous Relocation Scholarship (IRS) of \$5,000 for one year only, to assist Indigenous students who have relocated from a rural or remote area to study at QUT
 - an Indigenous Costs Scholarship (ICS) of \$3,500 for one year only, to assist Indigenous students meet the cost of living and studying while at QUT
 - These scholarships are subject to federal government funding
- UQ offer a range of scholarships for future undergraduate students and you can access their [Scholarship webpage](#) to identify those available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants.
- [Lambert McBride Perpetual Bursary](#) provides the opportunity for one Indigenous tertiary student to continue Mr McBride's legacy through their personal commitment and contribution within their local community.
- [Pearl Duncan Teaching Scholarships](#) assist aspiring teachers who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander to complete an initial preservice teacher education program and make a difference in education.



Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships – Mobility Grants

The [Australian Government's Australia Awards–Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships and Endeavour Mobility Grants](#) support two-way engagement between Australia and the rest of the world. The scholarship and grants provide life changing opportunities for Australian and overseas students and professionals to access learning and research opportunities globally.

Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships are merit-based scholarships and fellowships providing opportunities for Australians to undertake study, research or professional development overseas and for overseas citizens to do the same in Australia.

The Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowships aim to build Australia's reputation for excellence in the provision of education and research, support the internationalisation of the Australian higher education and research sectors and offer high-achieving individuals from overseas and Australia opportunities to increase their productivity and expertise in their field.

For more information about the Endeavour Scholarships and Fellowship application process visit their [webpage](#).

Endeavour Mobility Grants support Australian undergraduate, postgraduate and vocational education and training students to have an international study experience that contributes to their Australian qualification. Through short-term study, practicums, clinical placements, internships, and volunteer projects, students are able to immerse themselves in the academic and social cultures in all regions, strengthening their global knowledge and experience.

Semester exchange is also supported with grants available for Australian higher education students to have an overseas study experience and overseas higher education students to study in Australia. Grants are paid through education providers, and those interested in applying for their students can find more information on the following [webpage](#).

Exploring college options in the USA and SAT through Khan Academy

Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalised learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. They tackle math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more. Their math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus using state-of-the-art, adaptive technology that identifies strengths and learning gaps. The Khan Academy '[exploring college options' web page](#) provides a helpful process for exploring tertiary courses in the USA. The Khan Academy website also has a free [SAT preparation module](#).

Study Abroad – Student Information Sessions

TAFE Queensland offers a Study Abroad program that reaches around the globe to offer their students the opportunity to develop their professional networks, participate in workshops, learn new skills and explore new places. They are hosting three student information session later this month. Suitable for Year 12 Students. Students studying in the following areas are eligible to participate in forthcoming Study Abroad programs:

- Business (China)
- Laboratory Technology (UK)
- Travel and Tourism (Vanuatu)
- Community Services (Canada)
- Building Design/Interior Design and Decoration (Denmark)
- Early Childhood (Italy)
- Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising (UK)
- Graphic Design and Photo imaging (Canada)
- Building & Construction (PNG)

Students must [register](#) to attend. For more information visit the [Study Abroad webpage](#).

Upcoming Events:

27/03/2018	TAFE – Study Abroad Student Information Session (Logan) <i>Logan, QLD</i>
28/03/2018	TAFE – Study Abroad Student Information Session (Mt Gravatt) <i>Mt Gravatt, QLD</i>
29/03/2018	TAFE – Study Abroad Student Information Session (Southbank) <i>Southbank, QLD</i>

Study Overseas

The Australian Government has a [student information gateway](#) website specifically for students interested in studying overseas. The webpage contains information including:

- [Starting out](#)
- [Where to study](#)
- [Money matters](#)
- [Student stories](#)
- [Travel advice](#)
- [Resources](#)

The website also contains quick links, news and publications. It can be a handy place to start your study exploration if you are interested in broadening your options outside of Australia.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Academy of Design – every day is an open day

The [Academy of Design](#) is a private college located on the Gold Coast, that offers accredited certificate and diploma courses in fashion design, photography, film and TV, graphic design, makeup, massage, beauty and interior design. The Academy invites potential students to drop in and see their recruitment staff at any time. You get to visit the campus, discuss study options available to you and chat to the staff about course content, delivery styles and experience the educational environment that you may choose to study at. Contact info@academyofdesign.com.au for more information.

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP) Information Session

This college offers accredited courses in counselling, psychology, case management, social work, youth work, social sciences and coaching. Visit the [ACAP website](#) to register your attendance at their upcoming Open Day.

Upcoming Events:

08/05/2018

[Australian College of Applied Psychology Open Day](#)
Brisbane, QLD

Queensland Guidance and Counselling Association Event

[QGCA invites you to a special event](#) celebrating 70 years of Guidance in Queensland: "Assessing and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people aged 10-19 years": a one-day workshop presented by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. The event will be held on Saturday, 19 May 2018 in Brisbane. Cost (including morning tea and lunch) QGCA current financial members \$165, others \$225. RSVP by 10 May 2018. Visit their [webpage to register and pay](#). Join Dr Carr-Gregg as he guides participants to learn:

- The latest research on mental health and wellbeing of students, including a quiz for participants
- The key paradigms used in the assessment of young people at risk. Discussion and demonstration
- How to use the key paradigms in practice. Active involvement using video case study

Upcoming Events:

19/05/2018

[Queensland Guidance and Counselling Association Event](#)
Brisbane, QLD

Private Provider Updates

Aviation Australia

[Aviation Australia](#) is a world class, registered training organisation, established by the Queensland State Government in 2001 to support the development and growth of aviation and aerospace industries in both the Australian and international markets. They pride themselves in training excellence, offering courses in cabin crew, engineering and pilot training to aspiring individuals, looking to pursue a career in the aviation industry. For those already leading a successful career, Aviation Australia provides the opportunity to upskill or gain professional development, with a variety of short courses to further advance within the industry. As a result, Aviation Australia is a partner to over 60 airlines and aerospace companies, governments, defence forces and regulatory authorities, with over 1000 graduates working worldwide. Visit their website for upcoming events including information sessions and expos.

Endeavour College of Natural Health

[The Endeavour College of Natural Health](#) has a webpage specifically for [High School Students](#). It contains information about events, activities and resources that can be accessed throughout the year to assist with researching and preparing for an undergraduate degree in natural health. You can find information including:

- School Leavers Prospectus
- Scholarships
- Open Days
- Webinars
- Wellnation Clinics
- Graduate Career Profiles

Still have questions, you can contact the Admissions Team on 1300 462 887.

Project, Leadership and Entrepreneur Opportunities

2018 Chrysalis International Young Leaders Conference

The [Chrysalis International Young Leaders Conference](#) will be held from Saturday 28 July to Saturday 4 August 2018 in Brisbane. It will be available to Year 9 - 12 students from around the world to come together for a fun and stimulating one-week program of leadership education, extra-curricular and recreational activities. Applications are now open.

Upcoming Events:

28/07/2018 to 04/08/2018 [Chrysalis International Young Leaders Conference](#)
Brisbane, QLD

Auto Camp – MTA Institute

[MTA is offering an Auto Camp](#). During this 3-day course, designed for male and female high school students (14-17yrs), you will get hands-on experience in a range of skills connected to the automotive industry. This is a great experience if you are interested in electronics, engineering, design or manufacturing. Course content includes:

- Automotive Principles and Maintenance
- Electrical/Electronic Fundamentals
- Hybrid Battery Electric Technology
- Design and Manufacturing
- Collision Repair Technology

Cost of the course is \$225 per person (including GST). Students are required to have enclosed footwear/work books and work trousers/jeans. For enrolments contact courses@mtai.edu.au or call 3722 3002. Class size limited to 20 students. Price includes lunch and morning tea. All safety equipment eg: glasses, face shields, gloves will be provided and students will receive a Certificate of Completion.

Upcoming Events:

03/07/2018 to 05/07/2018 [MTA Institute Auto Camp](#)
Eight Mile Plains, QLD

The Australian Youth Aerospace Forum (AYAF) for those who love flying

[AYAF](#) is an annual five-day conference for students in Years 11 and 12 who are interested in investigating careers and pathways in the aerospace industry (e.g. Aerospace engineering, Aerospace trades, Military

aerospace and Pilot Training). In 2018 the AYAF will be run from 9 – 13 July in Brisbane. Applications open on 26 March 2018 and close on 22 April 2018.

For those students travelling long distances to attend the forum in Brisbane, AYAF offers a travel equity support program to assist financially with the cost of their travel to and from Brisbane. The level of financial support provided is determined on a case by case basis, with the aim of assisting as many students as possible who might not otherwise be able to attend the conference due to financial reasons.



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Updates from QTAC

How did the 2018 Year 12s go in the QTAC offer rounds? – The following figures show the outcome for last year’s Year 12s:

- 26,745 Year 12 students applied to QTAC for entry in Semester one 2018
- 22,732 were OP eligible and 4,013 were OP ineligible
- 97.0% of the OP eligible applicants and 89.5% of the OP ineligible applicants were made an offer.

This is good news for Year 12 students.

What were the most popular fields of study for the 2018 Year 12s? – The following are the top seven fields of study last year’s Year 12 students applied for. They are listed in priority order.

- Health
- Society and Culture
- Management and commerce
- Sciences
- Creative arts
- Engineering
- Education

Year 12 2018 offers breakdown by institution

Institution	OP Eligible	OP Ineligible
TAFE Queensland	586	874
Griffith, QUT, UQ, ACU, SCU, USC, USQ, CQUniversity, JCU, UNE	21,198	2,516
SAE, CHC, Griffith College	445	279



Study Skills

Free app to help you manage the stress of Years 11 and 12

Senior studies can be stressful, especially around exam time and assignment due dates (which seem to coincide!) Having stress management strategies to call on when needed is essential, not just for this year but also for your future success and happiness in studies and living. The [Smiling Mind app](#) is a tool that could get you started on learning useful strategies. This app is free for use online or as a smartphone app. It is a modern meditation program that guides the user through a series of exercises. Visit the [Smiling Mind website](#) for more information.

Is social media interfering with your study? Try an e-fast

The following five tips are from 'Addicted to social media? Try an e-fasting plan' published on [The Conversation website](#). To put an end to obsessive behaviour towards social media, it is important to try to abstain from it or at least regulate usage occasionally. The aim of e-fasting is to enable you to reclaim your life, achieve a balance of life and not become hostage to social media.

- 1. Abstain from social media** - Decide on a specific day when you will stay clear of social media. This might increase your anxiety in the short term, but the time away will enable you to perform other activities.
- 2. Self-regulate** - Set some rules that only allow you to connect to social media at specific times of the day. For example, browsing for a limited time in the evening or not browsing when in bed.
- 3. Limit checks on social media** - It is not a good idea to keep checking social media pages without a specific aim. The algorithms of social media feeds are designed to keep users hooked by projecting information higher in feeds, based on users' past interactions. Think of the urge to check incessantly and consider whether it is important or can wait for another time.
- 4. Disable alerts and notifications** - This will mean that you are not constantly reminded of messages by your social media platform. Adopting a pull-based approach of your notifications over a push-based approach will lead to fewer interruptions too. This should reduce the desire to check social media constantly.
- 5. Remove social media apps from your smartphone** - If disabling alerts and notifications do not do the trick, consider deleting social media apps completely from your smartphone. As most people access social media platforms from their smartphone, removing these apps would mean less ease of access. You will then only have access to social media from a personal computer.

As with any fasting regime, there's no one-size-fits-all formula, but the self-control and discipline tips listed above should go some way to reducing your social media addiction. E-fasting has the potential to become a new fad to treat social media addiction and detox your life.

You might also like to read [6 Ways To Manage Your Social Media So You'll Get Hired \(Not Fired\)](#) from the Foundation of Australian Youth website.

Why smart people don't multitask

When you're doing homework, do you focus on one task at a time, or do you interact with your electronic devices at the same time? An article in [The Huntington Post](#) cites Stanford University research that found that multitaskers can't pay attention, recall information, or switch from one job to another as well as those who complete one task at a time. Other research suggests that multitasking may have a negative effect on our IQ when we're doing cognitive tasks (e.g. homework and exam revision). Read the article for more information about the negative impact of multitasking.

Exploring jobs through a VET course

If you're unsure about what you want to do in the future, but you do have a few ideas, instead of applying for entry to a university course to see if you like it, consider applying for a Vocational Education and Training (VET) course. A VET course is usually cheaper and shorter and will get you into employment faster.

For example, if you think you might like nursing, but you're not sure, why not apply for a Diploma in Nursing at TAFE. You can complete the course in 18 months and gain employment as an Enrolled Nurse. If you wish, you can further your studies in nursing by doing a B Nursing at a university and gain credit for your diploma.

Similar examples can be found in the fields of engineering, interior design, screen and media, business, justice studies, community services, dental technology, information technology, building design and many more. Visit the [TAFE Queensland Brisbane website](#) to download '[Degree Pathways 2018 Course Guide](#)' and read the section on diploma to degree pathways.

Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate – Essential hospitality training delivered in your school

[TAFE Queensland](#) are offering a Responsible Service of Alcohol Certificate which will give students all the needed legal and practical information for those wishing to start a career in within the Hospitality Industry. Responsible practices must be undertaken wherever alcohol is sold or served, including where alcohol samples are served including all types of hospitality venues, packaged liquor outlets and wineries, breweries and distilleries. This course requires a minimum of 20 students per course. Cost is \$75 per student for the entire training schedule. TAFE@School trainee will provide all material and information necessary to complete this certificate. For more information, please contact Carmen Fisher on 13 72 48 or via Carmen.fisher@tafe.qld.edu.au.



Universities

Australian Catholic University (ACU) updates

2019 Undergraduate Course Guide – The Guide provides information on the courses to be offered in 2019 at all the ACU campuses in Australia (including the Brisbane campus at Nudgee), scholarships, pathway programs, how to apply and much more. It can be download from the [ACU website](#) or you can get a copy from your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor.

ACU Course Updates:

New courses available: For students commencing in 2019, ACU has added a range of new courses for you to consider studying in Brisbane:

- [Bachelor of High Performance Sport](#)
- [Bachelor of Human Services](#)
- [Bachelor of Sport and Outdoor Education](#)

Learn more about these courses and others by visiting the [courses webpage](#).

Courses not continuing: These courses will not be taking any new enrolments in Brisbane:

- Bachelor of Information Technology
- Bachelor of Psychological Science
- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)
- Bachelor of Counselling
- Bachelor of Science (and double degrees)
- Bachelor of Public Health (and double degrees)

Do you help others? ACU's Community Achiever Program could be for you!

ACU wants students who share their passion for making a difference to the world around us. [The Community Achiever Program \(CAP\)](#), formerly the Early Achievers' Program, is open to students who volunteer their time and energy to help others. Successful applicants receive an early conditional offer and may benefit from a reduced minimum OP/rank requirement. CAP applications open on 1 May 2018, and with a closing date of 31 July 2018, there is plenty of time to make sure you get your application just right.

Got a passion for business?

[ACU's Passion for Business \(P4B\)](#) program offers students an early competitive edge. We know there's more to you than your exam results and your passion and commitment counts. P4B is a guaranteed early entry program designed to nurture your learning potential and give you a step up in your future business career.

Benefits of the program include:

- Access to our academic skills workshops, CareerHub and networking events
- Study abroad opportunities
- \$500 textbook voucher awarded to the top three P4B students at the end of Semester
- Invitation to our ACU P4B welcome event

ACU Pathways - ACU offers a range of entry schemes and programs which can help you into your dream course. Successful completion of a pathway course can help you gain entry into your chosen ACU degree. For more information visit the [Pathway Programs](#) webpage on the ACU website.

Virtual Campus Tour – want to take a look around the ACU Campuses from the comfort of your own home? Well you can! ACU has a [360 Virtual Tour](#) of their Melbourne, Strathfield, North Sydney and Brisbane Campuses.

Bond University’s Medical Program

Bond’s [Medical Program](#) is made up of two sequential qualifications - the Bachelor of Medical Studies and the Doctor of Medicine. Students are required to complete both degrees for registration as a medical practitioner. Both degrees are awarded at the completion of Year five. The program has an educational focus on case-based learning, evidence-based medicine and integrated clinical practice. Entry requirements for the Bachelor of Medical Studies are:

- Minimum academic score to be competitive for an interview - OP 1 - 2 or ATAR97+ or IB Total 39+
- Prerequisites of Authority English plus one of Chemistry, Maths B or Physics
- Psychometric Test, from 2018 the Medical program will introduce a psychometric test into the selection process
- Short-listed applicants will be required to attend an interview (a structured Multi Mini Interview)
- Note that UMAT is **not** a prerequisite for the Bachelor of Medical Studies application.

Applications for the Bachelor of Medical Studies are through QTAC. They usually open mid-January and close early February each year.

CQUniversity (CQUni) briefs

CQUni Life Blog - If you are interested in finding out what it’s like to be a CQUni student, check out the CQUni Life Blog. The blog follows experiences of CQUni students. Their posts will give you an insight into life at CQUni. Click [here](#) to access the blog.

Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies(STEPS) - STEPS is CQUni’s pathway course designed to help students gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to enter university. The course is suitable for students who:

- Have not met the prerequisite subjects for their preferred diploma or degree
- Have not achieved their desired OP to get into their preferred course
- Need some additional support with the transition from school to further study.

The STEPS course is a Centrelink approved course. You may be eligible for various forms of financial support while undertaking the course. The STEPS course is FREE of tuition fees, however, there are minimal costs associated with textbooks, stationery, photocopying and printing. For more information visit their [website](#). It may also be an acceptable bridging program for other universities in Queensland (check with the institution you wish to enter). Visit the [STEPS website](#) for more information about the course. Find an information session near you at [STEPS Information Session](#).

Upcoming Events:

20/04/2018 [CQUniversity – STEPS Information Session](#)
CQUniversity

Events at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

[The Get Writing Prize](#) is open to Australian secondary schools students in Years 7-12. Get Writing! Write your poetry and/or short story masterpiece. Poetry entries should be no more than 30 lines. Short story entries should be no more than 500 words. Enter one or both categories relevant to your grade at school: Junior Poetry (Years 7-9) and Junior Short Story (Years 7-9) OR Senior Poetry (Years 10-12) and Senior Poetry (Years 10-12). For more information, visit the [Get Writing Entry](#) Instructions webpage.

Year 11 and 12 Student Experience Days - [Student Experience Days](#) are an engaging and immersive way for Year 11-12 students to explore their fields of interest. Students choose a study stream for the day, consisting of interactive sessions led by USQ's team of academics. Students will also learn about pathways and scholarships, as well as take tours of the campuses and residential colleges (Toowoomba). Our current students are involved throughout the day, offering high school students the opportunity to learn about their journey to university.

Student Experience Days will be offered at all three USQ campuses - Ipswich, Springfield and Toowoomba - each with a focus on the specific study programs and state of the art facilities and equipment on offer at each campus. This interactive event helps to reinforce your study goals as well as to highlight post-school opportunities and help with decision-making. For more information visit the [Student Experience webpage](#). Here you will find information on what to expect at each of the individual days.

Team Based Maths Challenge - Do you have students who excel in mathematics and would like to use their skills to have a positive impact in the world? [The International Mathematical Modelling Challenge](#) encourages real-world application of learning, encourages collaboration and allows students to compete against like-minded students, world-wide. [Enter a team online!](#)

Australian Brain Bee Challenge [Australian Brain Bee Challenge](#) gives students in Year 10 an opportunity to test their science abilities, particularly in neuroscience. Students will learn and be tested about the brain and its functions, careers in neuroscience and dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses. [Register your students online.](#)

Upcoming Events:

27/03/2018 to 15/06/2018 [USQ - Get Writing Competition](#)
Online

02/05/2018 [Student Experience Day Ipswich](#)
Ipswich, QLD

16/05/2018 [Student Experience Day Springfield](#)
Springfield, QLD

Griffith University events and updates

Open Day 2018 – In 2018 the Griffith Open Day will be held on Sunday 12 August at the Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses. To Register for updates on upcoming events and advice regarding studying at Griffith University, visit their [webpage](#) and enter your details.

The Learning Space – This space, located on Level 2, Garden City Shopping Centre, Upper Mt Gravatt, provides a venue for educational experiences and community activities. Visit the [website](#) to read about:

- Professional development seminars
- Research space
- Griffith flicks

Science on the Go! Aims to bring dynamic and engaging science shows and workshops to your school and classroom. GU's lab experiences for senior students in Year 10–12 are held on campus, providing staff and students access to the innovative facilities, resources and expertise of Griffith University. From science and engineering challenges, to cutting-edge STEM conferences, they offer opportunities for Years 5–12 students and their teachers to experience University-inspired STEM in unique, hands-on, out-of-classroom scenarios. Culminating in National Science Week each year are some of our signature events, including the STEM Trivia Challenges, Pop-up Science Centre and Schools Science Competition. Visit the [Science on the Go](#) webpage for more information.

New Degrees in 2018 - Griffith offer future-focused degrees that are developed in consultation with industry, based on cutting-edge research, and taught by Australia's most awarded teachers. In 2018, they are offering physiotherapy and occupational therapy in Brisbane for the first time, as well as new degrees in social science and acting. They've also developed new industry-related double degrees, giving you the option to combine business with creative and interactive media, photography, fine art, or environmental science, or engineering with computer science or aviation. Find out more about these new offerings at one of their [Open Days](#).

New Courses for 2019:

Nathan and Gold Coast Campus

- Bachelor of Communication and Journalism
- Bachelor of Intelligent Digital Technologies

Gold Coast Campus

- Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours)

New Double Degrees

Nathan and Gold Coast Campus

- Bachelor of Environmental Science/Bachelor of Data Science
- Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Data Science
- Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Arts

- Bachelor of Science /Bachelor of Commerce
- Bachelor of Information Technology/Bachelor of Commerce

Nathan, Gold Coast and Mt Gravatt campuses

- Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Psychological Science

Upcoming Events:

12/08/2018

[Griffith University Open Days](#)
Brisbane, QLD

Higher Education Admission Information is improving! Quick Reference for students and parents

What's happening? The Australian Government, in partnership with higher education institutions, is making changes to the way universities and other providers explain their admission processes. These changes are intended to make the processes for applying to study higher education easier for students to understand, and to compare. Some changes are already in place, with more coming in 2018, to support students enrolling in 2019. For more information, read the [Quick Reference Guide](#) that has been put together by the Australian Government, Department of Education and Training.

News from the University of Melbourne

The Melbourne curriculum – The structure of the curriculum at Melbourne uni is somewhat different from other universities in Australia. At Melbourne, you start by completing [a three-year undergraduate degree](#). You can then enter the workforce, or apply for a graduate program. To enter many professional fields (e.g. nursing, journalism, medicine, law, engineering, etc.), you are required to complete a graduate program. Find out more about Melbourne's graduate programs [here](#). A [Guaranteed Entry scheme](#) is available for very high achieving Year 12 applicants. This scheme guarantees entry to graduate programs after the completion of an undergraduate degree at Melbourne.

Studying law at the Uni of Melbourne – The [JD \(Juris Doctor\)](#) is a three-year full-time course. The requirements for entry are the completion of an undergraduate degree other than Law. In addition, all applicants for the Melbourne JD must sit for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) before applying. Only University of Melbourne [Guaranteed Entry applicants](#) are exempted from sitting the LSAT. Visit the website for more information about the course and LSAT.

News from the University of Queensland (UQ)

UQ Introduction to Robotics – High School Students Holiday Workshop 2018- This workshop introduces students to the exciting world of robotics by building and programming robots. The event will be held on 4 April 2018. For more event information visit the [UQ Introduction to Robotics webpage](#).

Robogals Workshop: Beginner - Robogals and UQ invite girls in grades 4-6 to attend a full-day Robotics Workshop at UQ's St Lucia campus. This event will be held on 6 April 2018. For more event information visit the [Robogals Workshop: Beginner webpage](#).

UQ St Lucia campus tours – This is a great way to become familiar with the campus. To register a tour of the campus, access the [online registration form](#). For future Students, tours leave at 10:00am on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays (with the exception of public holidays) from the front entrance of the Student Centre (Building 61) and take approximately 1 hour. Please check the "Booking Date" for availability as bookings are essential and required 24 hours in advance.

Access to UQL Cyberschool – This is a free service for Year 11 and 12 students offered by the UQ Library. Students in Brisbane can borrow books from the library. There are links to online resources for most senior secondary subjects. Visit the [UQ Library website](#) for a rundown on the services offered to secondary students.

Reminders – The following events have been listed in this bulletin previously.

- Expressions of Interest for [FEAST](#) (Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology) are now open. The event will be held between 1 to 5 July 2018.
- Careers that shape the world will be held on 5 June 2018. Registrations will open mid-April 2018. Visit the [website](#) to view the 2018 Program.

Upcoming Events:

04/04/2018	UQ Introduction to Robotics <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
06/04/2018	UQ Robogals Workshop: Beignner <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
05/06/2018	Careers that Shape the World <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>
01/07/2018 to 05/07/2018	UQ FEAST Program <i>Brisbane, QLD</i>

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) updates

USC study locations – USC offers flexible study options at a network of teaching locations between Brisbane and the Fraser Coast. Many programs include subjects that can be completed at any campus, and some are available through off-campus study hubs. This means you have the flexibility to choose a study location that works for you. Some programs let you complete your first year closer to home, then transition to another campus to finish your degree. USC has campus including: USC Sunshine Coast, USC Fraser Coast, USC Gympie, USC Caboolture and USC Southbank. USC will open [USC Moreton Bay](#) at Petrie in 2020. In addition there are USC Study Hub location and facilities at Noosa and North Lakes. Learn more about these study locations and the courses they offer [here](#).

High Performance student athlete program – If you are competing in a sport at national or international level, you can apply for this program once you get accepted into a course at USC. The program assists athletes to manage the demands of study as well as sport. More information on the [website](#).

Headstart program – Through this program Year 11 and 12 students can study USC subjects while completing their senior studies. Some of the benefits of the Headstart are:

- Gain credit towards a USC Degree
- Prepare for university
- Save money
- Broaden your education

- Enhance your school performance
- Gain QCE Points

Read more about this program on the [Headstart webpage](#). Applications for Semester 2, 2018 (23 July – 16 November) close on 30 April 2018.

Upcoming Events:

23/07/2018 to 16/11/2018 [Headstart program](#)
Sunshine Coast, QLD

Updates from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Applications are open for the QUT Vice-Chancellor's STEM Camp – This free, five-day STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) camp is for high achieving Year 11 students. It will be held from Sunday 23 September - Friday 28 September 2018. During the camp, students will work with QUT researchers and current students and engage in solving some of the major challenges facing our society and planet today. Visit the [STEM Camp webpage](#) for details of the camp. Applications open in April 2018.

Subject Selection for STEM Careers 2018 – Find out which subjects in senior high school prepare you for successful studies at QUT in science, IT, engineering, mathematics, health and education at this free event to be held on 9 May 2018 from 4.30 – 8 pm on the Gardens Point campus. Visit the [website](#) for more information and to register to attend.

Why choose a double degree? – A double degree combines two bachelor degrees into a single course of study, doubling both your study and career options without doubling the study time. Check out some good reasons to consider a double degree, find out how it works and browse the list of QUT double degrees at [Why choose a double degree?](#)

Test drive uni with START QUT– High-achieving Year 12 students can study a QUT subject through this program, giving you the opportunity to trial an area of interest before committing to further study. You can access all QUT's facilities and enjoy campus life in the same way as current university students. Once completed, you can receive credit for your studies, putting you ahead of your peers and setting you up for future success. Applications for the Semester two [START QUT program](#) close 14 May 2018.

Students in regional or rural areas – There are several ways you can access information about QUT, even if you live in a rural or regional area. You can search for [course information](#), or access [QUT publications](#) online. QUT's general guide to QUT, 'Real Choice's', is currently available online, and the new faculty guides will be added in May. QUT staff and students will be available to talk at [career markets](#) throughout Queensland and northern New South Wales. Your school can request a [Skype presentation](#) from QUT. There is also a dedicated web page with everything you need to know about [moving to Brisbane for university](#).

Upcoming Events:

01/03/2018 to 14/05/2018 [START QUT – Applications Open](#)
Brisbane, QLD

09/05/2018 [Subject Selection for STEM Careers 2018](#)
Brisbane, QLD

23/09/2018 to 28/09/2018 [QUT Vice-Chancellor's STEM Camp](#)
Brisbane, QLD