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Benefits of an apprenticeship or traineeship

Apprenticeships and traineeships provide an important employment pathway, particularly for young Queenslanders. They are a great stepping stone into a career. Youth Central has outlined some of the benefits of becoming an apprentice or trainee. [Click here](#) to find out more about the advantages such as:

- You get paid to study
- It's flexible
- You'll get great training
- You've got the same rights as all workers
- You can enter competitions and win awards
- Links to other relevant sites

Career Interest Explorer – a quiz to help identify your career interests in vocational areas

Your interests are important in career exploration and decision making, as the information can help you identify your potential career pathways. Career interests are activities you enjoy doing or are interested in. [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways](#) have a [Career Interest Explorer](#) quiz which can help you identify your career interests in vocational fields. The quiz allows you to answer work type related questions and requires you to indicate your interest in activities relating to the following:

- * Persuading and Service
- * Nature and Recreation
- * Helping and Advising
- * Creative and Artistic
- * Analytic and Scientific
- * Practical and Manual
- * Organising and Clerical

Your results will be a list of the work types in order of your interests. The work types you are most interested in will be at the top. From here you can search the related jobs and industries and come up with a list of possible jobs you can explore further through reading about them, talking to people already in the jobs and doing work experience.

Why do I need a White Card to do work experience on a construction site?

Construction sites are dangerous places. All workers on a construction site, even work experience students, must have knowledge of the hazards they may encounter and how to manage them. Consequently, the Workplace Health and Safety Act requires all employees and work experience students on a building site to hold a White Card or [General Construction Induction card](#). This card can only be obtained by successfully

completing a Building and Construction General Safety Induction course. Most courses are delivered online. Some training organisations have a discount price for students. The following are some of the organisations that offer the course.

- [Blue Dog Training](#) (online course)
- [Tafe Queensland](#) (various locations and study options)

You can do an Internet search to find other registered training organisations that General Construction Induction training, (Unit of competency - CPCCWHS1001 Prepare to work safely in the construction industry). Once you have successfully completed the training the RTO will issue evidence that you have completed the training and the white card. You should keep evidence of completion of training as it may be required to replace your card in the future. For more information regarding the [General Construction Induction](#) and [Applying for a General Construction Induction card](#), visit the Department of Workplace Health and Safety Electrical Safety office Workers' Compensation Regulators website. Queensland White Cards are accepted throughout Australia.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Education Award

The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Education Award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements exhibited during Year 11. The award comprises a tablet device (or similar) and certificate for you, along with a plaque of recognition for your school. There are up to 50 awards available on behalf of the Navy, Army and Air Force, which will be presented to suitable applicants who have applied for entry to ADFA. Current Year 12s have until 28 February 2020 to submit their applications and current Year 11 students can start their application on 1 May 2020. Visit the ADFA [Education Award](#) on the ADFA website for more information, including:

- Key Dates
- Award Eligibility
- Assessment
- Obligation of the Recipient
- Presentation

Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

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

- 11/02/2020 [Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 12/02/2020 [Rockhampton Info Session for Parents & Teachers: ADF Careers](#)
[Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 13/02/2020 [Emerald Info session for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers](#)
[Toowoomba: Diversity Pathways Information Session](#)
- 14/02/2020 [Gold Coast: Be Deadly Afternoon Tea](#)
- 17/02/2020 [Toowoomba: Women in Defense Information Session](#)
[Townsville Info Session for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers](#)
[Cairns Info Session for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers](#)
[Maroochydore: Health Careers Information Session](#)
- 18/02/2020 [Ayr Info Session for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers](#)

[Brisbane: Army Reserve Information Session](#)

- 19/02/2020 [Ingham Info Sessions for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers](#)
[Brisbane: Women in Defence Information Session](#)
[Gold Coast: Defence Gap Year Information Session](#)
- 20/02/2020 [Charters Towers Info Session for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers](#)
[Cairns: Defence Gap Year Info Session](#)
- 21/02/2020 [Toowoomba: Defence Force Recruiting Open Night](#)
- 24/02/2020 [Townsville: ADFA Info Session](#)
[Maroochydore: ADFA Future Leaders Networking Evening](#)
- 25/02/2020 [Gold Coast: Defence Careers for Indigenous Australian Information Session](#)
[Brisbane: Indigenous Elders and Community Breakfast](#)
[Brisbane: Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session](#)
[Cairns: ADFA Info Session](#)
[Mount Isa: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 26/02/2020 [Toowoomba: ADFA Information Session](#)
[Gold Coast: Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session](#)



Career Quest– a quiz for career explorers

[Career Checker](#) is a New Zealand career site that has valuable information and is worth a visit. You can do the CareerQuest quiz and find out what jobs might match with your interests and values. The information about each job's earnings, qualifications and popularity is based on New Zealand statistics but the quiz will provide you with some insights into job possibilities that you can research. You will have to set up your free sign up to access the site. Once you have completed the quiz, the [Career Checker](#) provides you with your results and offers tips for further exploration or next steps regarding knowing yourself, getting career ideas and taking action.

Ever wondered what Blockchain is?

Investopedia has an article on blockchain and suggests that if you have been following banking, investing, or cryptocurrency over the last ten years, you may be familiar with “blockchain,” the record-keeping technology behind the Bitcoin network. And there’s a good chance that it only makes so much sense. In trying to learn more about blockchain, you've probably encountered a definition like this: “blockchain is a distributed, decentralized, public ledger.” The good news is that blockchain is actually easier to understand than that definition sounds. [Click on the article](#) for more information about blockchain and you can also view a blockchain explanation on [Youtube](#) from World Economic Forum.

Myfuture website

For those who don’t know, [myfuture](#) is Australian’s career information service. It’s free and you sign-up when you first visit the site and then enter a username and password for access. You then log-in for subsequent visits.

The site contains information on courses, occupations, industries and institutions. The My Career Profile function on the site is a career questionnaire you use to develop your career profile which is then matched with jobs you may be interested in. The Career Bullseyes provide lists of jobs that relate to the subjects/study areas you enjoy. The site has over 60 case studies of real people in a range of jobs.

The Career Insight section has over 80 short articles about topics of interest to people wanting to learn more about jobs and related topics. Once you have joined [myfuture](#), you can explore the following articles:

- [Researching Careers: Where to begin](#)
- [Making Good Career Decisions: The adventures of you](#)
- [What is a career?](#)
- [11 places to search for jobs](#)
- [Australian Apprenticeships offer a world of opportunities](#)
- [Volunteering benefits your community and your career](#)
- [Work experience and why it matters](#)
- [The 4 main factors affecting job prospects](#)
- [9 activities to help children understand careers](#)

Networking Newbies: LinkedIn for High School Students

Have you ever heard that it's not what you know, it's who you know? The Canadian, Chad Dorman writes that *high school students are professional networking newbies and are just getting started. He goes on to explain that it does not mean that our high school years aren't the perfect time to look into professional networking platforms such as LinkedIn...* [Click on](#) the article and find out about:

- Linked in for high school students
- Why LinkedIn is important to networking newbies
- LinkedIn - a great place to learn
- Start making valuable connections

Although this article has been written for a Canadian audience it gives you an initial insight into one business networking platform. Like all online platforms, LinkedIn has its purpose and it is important to use it wisely.

Q&A with Dean Van Lunenberg from Whittlesea Pacers

In a three-part series, Good University Guide has a chat with some rising stars at [Whittlesea City Basketball Association](#). This month, they met Dean Van Lunenburg to talk basketball, education and the intersection between the two. [Click here](#) to read more.

QUT Match My Skills

The QUT Match My Skills is a career assessment tool. It is an interactive program to assist in course and career research and provides tailored guidance about study options at QUT. It also gives valuable insight into how technology could impact on your future through emerging career trends which could help future proof careers. [Click here](#) to give Match My Skills a test drive.

The Best Universities for Environmental Studies

With environmental issues dominating world policy and the media, the prominence of climate change has also resulted in extra research funding for many universities. [Click here](#) to read more. [Studying environmental science](#) could see you specialise in areas such as:

- atmospheric science
- conservation
- ecology
- landscape management
- marine studies
- parks, recreation and heritage
- sustainable resource management
- toxicology
- wildlife and conservation biology

What is a Cryptography Engineer?

What it is: To quote fintech startup Polymath, a cryptography engineer “straddles the divide between a mathematician and software engineer.” It’s their responsibility to build code in support of tech like blockchain to improve the safety, security and confidentiality of financial transactions.

Competitions

Bond: Mooting competition. Can you put together a good argument?

Bond University's Faculty of Law conducts an annual mooting competition involving student representatives from secondary schools around Australia. The National High School Mooting Competition is an event for Year 11 and 12 students to develop their advocacy skills in a competitive environment against students from approximately 80 schools. The competition held over a fortnight with the preliminary rounds being held from Tuesday, 5 May to Friday, 15 May 2020. They will take place at the Bond University campus on the Gold Coast. The National Grand Final will be held on Saturday, 30 May 2020. If you are interested go to the [Bond University website](#) and speak with your Guidance Officer/school counsellor asking them to contact Bond University for more details.

USQ Secondary Schools Moot Competition

Hosted by the School of Law and Justice and established for schools in the Darling Downs, Lockyer, Ipswich and Springfield regions, this free competition broadens the knowledge and experience of law for Year 11 and 12 secondary students. Through close analysis and argument of a legal problem, competitors will gain valuable and fun practical experience in a law court environment and a better understanding of how the law functions. [Click here](#) to find out more about the 2020 competition

Upcoming Competitions

Competitions are a great way of putting your learning into action and do some creative thinking. Below are a range of upcoming competitions across Queensland and Australia. Visit the competition website for more information regarding eligibility requirements, registration dates/information, costs and any other relevant information.

- [Australian Brain Bee Challenge Registration page](#)
- [CYA Conference Hatchlings Writing Competition](#) Applications close 4 April 2020
- [Sunshine Coast Art Prize](#) Entries close 12 May 2020
- [Future Leaders Writing Prize](#) Entries close on 31 May 2020
- [The Opti-Minds Challenge](#)
- [ABC Heywire](#) Keep an eye out for 2021 dates
- [Computational and Algorithmic Thinking \(CAT\) competition](#) Applications close online 22 April 2020
- [Australian Mathematics Competition](#) Entries close online 23 July 2020
- [Australian Informatics Olympiad \(AIO\)](#) Entries close 20 August 2020
- [Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad](#) Entries close 4 September 2020

Disabilities

Resources for students with disabilities

The [Australian Human Rights Commission](#) website may be of assistance to students with disabilities. It provides information on the rights of people with a disability. Information you can find includes:

- [Australian Network on Disability website](#) provides information for employers, however it does contain resources like case studies, information for job seekers with disability
- [Australian Apprenticeship Pathways – Government Initiatives](#) (scroll down) provides information about support available for students with a disability applying for and undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship
- [Australian Apprenticeships](#) provides information on what support is available for Australian Apprentices with a disability, including accessing other support networks
- [Graduate Careers Australia](#) web page has a useful section [education to employment toolkit](#) designed for graduates with disabilities
- [Job Access](#) provides free information and advice about the employment of people with a disability
- [Centacare](#) supports students with a disability to plan and prepare for life after school
- [Steps Employment Services](#) support the recruitment of people with injury, illness and disability
- [Queensland Government Department of Employment Small Business and Training](#) (scroll down) provides advice and support for apprentices, trainees and employers

Support for students with disabilities at Queensland Universities

If you are in Year 12 and you have a disability, it is important to be aware of the support you can access when you go to university. Begin your research early by first exploring what's available from the university websites. The following are links to disability support services at Queensland universities.

- [Australian Catholic University](#)
- [Bond University](#)
- [CQUniversity](#)
- [Griffith University](#)
- [Queensland University of Technology](#)
- [University of Queensland](#)
- [University of Southern Queensland](#)
- [University of the Sunshine Coast](#)
- [James Cook University](#)

Later in the year you should contact these services. Introduce yourself. Let them know you hope to study with them next year. Find out how they can support you. University is not like school. The support services don't come to you automatically. You need to approach them first.

Employment

37 Creative jobs that will stoke your artistic fire

Are you ready to be amazed? Creative jobs can take many different forms—maybe more than you realise. The essence of creativity is the ability to generate, develop, and express unique and original ideas, which is a skill that can be applied to virtually any industry. Art careers and other creative occupations encompass an enormous range of activities, from drawing and illustrating to performing, composing, and writing. Creative abilities are also crucial for anyone who designs buildings, develops apps, edits films, or directs marketing campaigns. The range of possible jobs for creative people is much wider than you might expect. [Trade Schools, Colleges and Universities](#) have put together a list of creative jobs that you might want to read up about that fall within these categories:

- Design
- Craft arts
- Fine arts
- Multimedia
- Writing and communication
- Performing arts

You will need to do some research to see what's on offer training wise, here in Australia.

Government support for transiting young people

Did you know the [Australian Government, Department of Employment has a Transition to Work](#) website has a section to support young people aged 15-21 on their journey to employment? The service provides intensive, pre-employment support to improve the work readiness of young people and help them into work (including apprenticeships and traineeships) or education. Visit the [Transition to Work](#) website for more information, including:

- What services can young people access?
- Who is eligible?
- [List of successful Transition to Work service providers](#)
- [Transition to Work fact sheet](#)

Have you heard about: Biotechnologists, Book and Script Editors or Business Machine Mechanics

[Biotechnologists](#) study the anatomy, physiology and characteristics of living organisms and isolated biological molecules and develop new materials for applying to a range of purposes. They can specialise in Cell Geneticist, Molecular Biologist, Molecular Geneticist. A bachelor's degree in science majoring in biotechnology, biomedical science or a related field is needed to work as a Biotechnologist. Many Biotechnologists complete postgraduate studies.

[Book or Script Editors](#) evaluate manuscripts of books or scripts to determine suitability for publication or production and edit and supervise material in preparation for publication or for production on film, television, radio or stage. They can specialise as a Script Coordinator. Usually needing a formal qualification in a relevant field and Book or Script Editors often have university qualifications.

[Business Machine Mechanics](#) install, maintain and repair electronic business equipment such as multi-function devices, photocopiers, scanners, fax machines and cash registers and can specialise as a Photocopier Technician. Either extensive experience or a Certificate III in Engineering Mechanical trade is needed to work as a Business Machine Mechanic.

How well do you think you will transition to work or study?

There is a clear link between getting a Year 12 certificate (or equivalent qualification) and improved social and economic outcomes for young people. The Australian Government recognises the importance of education and training, and encourages young people to complete school, to increase their chances of successfully moving to further education, training or work.

Young people who complete school and get their Year 12 certificate (or equivalent vocational qualification) are more likely to complete further study or training, get a job, have significantly higher wages and be better placed to tackle future challenges.

Various Australian Government initiatives help support young people move from school to further education, training, or work, including:

- [Preparing Secondary Students for Work](#) - Supporting VET in secondary schools
- the [National Career Education Strategy](#)
- the [Pathways in Technology \(P-TECH\) pilot](#)
- the [School to Work Transition strategy](#)

SEEK spotlights health, community, education at the end of 2019

SEEK research shows that as 2019 comes to a close the spotlight is on employment opportunities across the public sector, with near record-high job ad volumes in health, community services and education. Looking more broadly, job ads are down 8.4% nationally compared to last year, but the average advertised salary is up. [Click here](#) to find out more on how the year is wrapping up in this month's employment market snapshot.

Tax File Number - you will need one!

A Tax File Number (TFN) is a unique number issued by the Australian Tax Office (ATO). It is required for:

- Starting work (including part-time and casual jobs)
- Lodging a tax return
- Applying for Commonwealth Government financial assistance such as pensions and other benefits
- Applying for the Higher Education Loan Program (e.g. HECS-HELP, FEE-HELP) and VET Student Loans when you start your university, TAFE or college study.

The easiest way to get a TFN is to:

- Complete an [online application form](#) from the ATO website
- Print a summary of your application which includes your application reference number
- [Make an appointment](#) for an interview at a participating Australia Post Office
- Take the summary of your application and [proof of identity](#) to the interview within 30 days of completing your online form

Visit the [ATO website](#) for details about this process. Year 12 students intending to apply for tertiary study in 2021 should apply for their TFN this year to avoid any delays early next year.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



HECS-HELP: What you should know now for later

If you are studying at a public funded university or an approved private university or college, you will be offered either a [Commonwealth Supported Place \(CSP\)](#) or a fee-paying place. A CSP is a Commonwealth Government subsidised place. Students with a CSP (called Commonwealth supported students) only pay a 'student contribution' instead of the full cost of their course.

The [Commonwealth Government](#) has several financial assistance programs to help students meet the cost of their tertiary education. The [HECS-HELP](#) scheme is one of these programs. It is a loan scheme for eligible Commonwealth supported students. Through this scheme, students can defer payment of their student contribution until they are earning a specified amount (called the compulsory repayment threshold). They then repay their loan through the taxation system.

For more information about HECS-HELP, visit the [Australian Taxation Office website](#) or Study Assist website.

Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education

The Peter Doherty Awards for Excellence in STEM Education recognise students, teachers, support officers, schools and education partners (volunteers, mentors and organisations) who demonstrate an outstanding and innovative contribution to STEM education in Queensland.

Nominations for this award are now open. This year, awards will be presented across six categories. Two of these categories are for students.

- Outstanding Senior STEM Student Awards - \$5,000 each
- Outstanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Senior STEM Student Awards - \$5,000 each

Applications close on 1 April 2020.

Visit the [Education Queensland website](#) for details about these awards including information regarding:

- Who can apply?
- Award conditions
- How the award is to be used
- Attendance at the award ceremony
- How to apply
- Further information

VET Student Loans

The [VET Student Loans program](#) offers income contingent loan support to eligible students studying certain diploma level and above vocational education and training qualifications. There are strict requirements for the VET Student Loan program including:

- Students must meet specific criteria to be eligible for a VET Student Loan

- Students can only access VET Student Loans for approved courses provided by approved providers
- Eligible students will be entitled to loans up to a capped amount (the cap might be \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000, depending on the course)
- If the course tuition costs more than the loan cap, the student is required to pay the difference.

Visit the Australian Government, Department of Education and Training to download the [VET Student Loans information booklet](#). There is a list of approved courses and their capped amounts in the [legislation document](#). Students are required to repay the loan through the taxation system when their income reaches the repayment threshold. See the [Study Assist website](#) for threshold information.

Eligible courses and approved providers, are also available on the [MySkills website](#). You can access student fact sheets on the VET Student Loans from the [Australian Department of Education and Training website](#).



Gap Year Program News

Camp America

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

LetzLive

LetzLive coordinates several Gap Year programs including experiences in the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Thailand. It's important you visit the LetzLive website for specific information relating to the country you wish to visit during your Gap Year as application closing dates may vary.

Applications are now open for the 2021 United Kingdom placements. Australian residents must apply before 20 March 2020. Visit the [Letz Live website](#) for details of this and other programs.

Projects Abroad

Projects Abroad is a volunteer abroad organisation. In 2017, Projects Abroad celebrated 25 years of supporting international volunteering. Its projects provide an experience in which you can contribute to, as well as become a part of, a community in one of over 30 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and the South Pacific. Visit the [website](#) to learn about the projects available.

Holiday Programs & Short Courses

SAE: Free Electronic Music Masterclass with MAD ZACH

In this free two hour workshop, established electronic music producer, controllerist, and educator Mad Zach will guide attendees through the exciting process of building an original sound pack in Ableton Live and using the pack to write a fleshed-out track. Tuesday 18 February from 6 - 8 pm. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.



Indigenous

Interested in a career in Indigenous Health?

There are many types of [job opportunities](#) available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the health sector, from dental assistants to dieticians, from physiotherapists to paramedics, from nurses to neurosurgeons. Some health jobs involve working in hospitals and clinics, while others involve working in private practices or out in the community. Some jobs suit people who like working behind the scenes, while others suit people who love face to face contact with the public.

For more information check out the [Health Heroes website](#). Here you will find information that encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander secondary students to pursue a career in Health Care. The Health Heroes website has a range of information and resources for students, teachers and parents regarding:

- [Jobs](#)
- [Training](#)
- [Financial Support](#)
- [Change careers](#)
- [Parent and Teacher Tools](#)
- [I Heart My People](#)

Job Info

Graduate Career Advice

The [Graduate Opportunities website](#) has the profiles of key industries in Australia. Each profile includes the key jobs in the industry, Essentials, Specialisations, Getting hired, On the Job and related articles. You will also find information on an industry overview, pros and cons of a career in that industry and what salary and benefits you can expect as a graduate. A scan of this information will help you learn more about industries you are likely to work in one day. It will also make you aware of industries and jobs you didn't know about including. [Click here](#) to find information about the following industries: Accounting and advisory, Banking and financial services, Charity, social work and volunteering, Construction and property services, Consulting, Creative arts and culture, Education and training, Energy and utilities, Engineering, R&D and manufacturing, Entertainment, travel and hospitality, Environment and agriculture, Government and public services, Health, Human resources and recruitment, IT and communications, Law, Mining, oil and gas, Retail and consumer goods, Transport and logistics. You can also browse by topic.

What is casual employment?

There are several different types of employment arrangements under Australia's workplace laws. One of the most common types that students work under is casual employment. Casual jobs are defined as jobs that usually:

- are short-term or temporary
- involve irregular hours
- aren't guaranteed to be ongoing
- provide extra hourly rate as they don't provide paid holiday leave or sick leave.

Read the article [What are your rights as a casual employee](#) from the Myfuture website for more information on:

- Casual loading
- Minimum conditions for casual workers
- Flexibility vs. security in casual work
- Superannuation for casuals
- Super for under 18s



Specialisations on the rise

SEEK.com has recently published information on the fastest growing specialisations. Risk Consulting in the Insurance & Superannuation industry was the fastest-growing specialisation on SEEK in 2019. It grew by 54.1% year-on-year, which is likely due to the aftermath of the Hayne Royal Commission, which put a spotlight on risk in the financial services sector. The speech therapy specialisation came in second with a 53.8% year-on-year lift. Healthcare was also home to the third fastest-growing specialisation – Residents & Registrars. Job ads for this role rose by 37.2% year-on-year. “Population growth is putting pressure on hospitals, and this is leading to greater demand for these roles,” Owyong says. [Click here](#) to find out the top 20 growth areas including Legal, Mining, Resources and Energy, engineering and more.

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



2020 Tertiary Studies Expo

The annual Brisbane [Tertiary Studies Expo \(TSXPO\)](#), Australia's largest tertiary studies expo, offers a unique opportunity for anyone interested in starting, changing or upgrading their career. It will be held at the Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane Showgrounds on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July 2020 from 10am to 4pm on both days. Featuring many local, interstate and overseas education providers, students' services and support agencies. Don't miss this great opportunity to map out your future, all in the one location!

Careers and Employment Expos around Queensland

There are a number of Careers and Employment Expos around Queensland in 2020. The Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo is a leading careers, training and education event in Queensland. The event offers the opportunity for students, job seekers and career changers of all ages to connect with organisations for guidance, clarity and opportunities in relation to career options. For more information regarding Careers and Employment Expos in your area, please visit the [QTAC website](#) and see some of the events pages below:

Gold Coast Careers Festival	13 & 14 May 2020
Cairns Youth and Careers Expo	21 May 2020
Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo	8 & 9 May 2020
Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)	18 & 19 July 2020
Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo	21 July 2020
Townsville Career Expo	3 August 2020

University Open Days in Queensland in 2020

It is highly recommended to attend an open day event at the university (or universities) you wish to apply to for studies next year. The open day gives you an opportunity to talk to lecturers and current students about the courses you are interested in. You can also check out the campus, the support services offered and social and cultural activities available. Open days usually occur between July and early September each year. Visit the [QTAC website](#) for further information regarding each universities 2020 open day, location and hours.

Private Provider Updates

Endeavour College of Natural Health – information for high school students

[Endeavour College of Natural Health](#) specialises in degree courses in alternative medicine. Endeavour College of Natural Health is Australia's largest provider of education to the natural medicine industry, with [six campuses](#) nation-wide and online learning options. The programs offered include Nutrition and Dietetic Medicine, Naturopathy, Acupuncture, Myotherapy and Complementary Medicine.

The [webpage for high school students](#) contains links to information about [courses](#), [scholarships](#), open days, webinars and graduate profiles. Check back to the Endeavour [Events](#) page for updates to upcoming Endeavour-hosted events, including upcoming Webinars. It also provides an invitation to visit their Wellnation Clinics which are open to the public. If you are interested in alternative medicine but don't know much about it, attending open days and participating in other Endeavour activities could help you with your decision making.

International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)

[ICHM](#), located in South Australia, was the first Swiss Hotel Association institution outside of Europe. As a student, you can choose to finish your studies after completing the Bachelor of Business (Hospitality Management) or, go on to complete the more advanced Bachelor of International Hotel Management (Swiss Hotel Association). The second degree provides students with additional international management studies aimed at giving you a competitive industry advantage.

During the course, students have an opportunity to learn a language and to experience an industry placement in Australia or overseas. Eligible students can apply for FEE-HELP loans. Visit the [ICHM website](#) for more information.

Jazz Music Institute (JMI) - a specialist jazz school

This private college, located in Bowen Hills, Brisbane delivers degree, diploma and certificate courses in jazz. In addition, JMI offers evening short courses; open workshops which feature nationally and internationally known jazz educators and performers; and Summer Jazz Clinics. JMI offers [School Workshops and Classes](#), including a 1 hour performance demonstration for high school students at your high school. JMI Live presents live jazz in Brisbane every Thursday and Friday night. Visit the [JMI website](#) for information on their upcoming gigs (a good way to check out the college).

Open Universities

[Open Universities Australia](#) offers single subjects and full degrees with full government funding. Open Universities partners with Universities across Australia such as: University of New South Wales (UNSW), La Trobe University, Curtin University, University of New England, Australian Catholic University (ACU) and Griffith University. They deliver over 270 degrees and 1600 subjects in the one place, all available to study online, anywhere, anytime. When you enrol through Open Universities, you become a student of your chosen university and study online with them. It's the exactly same course that's delivered on campus. Some of the subject areas available include:

- Arts & Humanities
- Business
- Education
- Health
- Information Technology
- Law & Justice
- Science & Engineering
- Media communications and languages
- Engineering

For further information access the [Open Universities Australia](#) website.

SAE Diploma in Screen and Media

SAE is now offering an innovative [Diploma of Screen and Media](#). Students will train in animation, design, audio, film, games and music production. The program gives students the opportunity to explore the multifaceted creative media industry through diverse technical practices. [Click here](#) to find out more.



Study Skills

Looking after yourself

Your brain and body are closely connected – looking after your body has great benefits for your mind. Activities like sport, dance, walking or yoga can increase your performance by increasing oxygen to your brain. It's also great at reducing tension from stress and school pressure.

Some stress can be useful in keeping us motivated – without it we would find it hard to stay awake! However, during Year 12, and especially during exam time, you may find your stress levels rising high into the 'critical zone', causing a dramatic decline in performance. Proven strategies for beating stress include:

- Relaxation: smartphone apps like [Smiling Mind](#) can help
- Time management: try making a list of activities and prioritise
- Connecting with others: talk about your worries, laugh, be positive!
- Remember to be kind to yourself: take some time out to do the things you enjoy or help you maintain your wellbeing

[Click here](#) for more ideas on how to look after yourself.

Surviving Year 12 - ways to look after yourself so you enjoy the year

Much is required of you during Years 11 and 12. It can be stressful at times. It is important to build your resilience to meet the challenges of this time in your life and the future. The [beyondblue website](#) contains strategies and resources for looking after yourself. Have a read and start the year off with healthy habits. Remember your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor can also help you learn strategies to cope with the challenges of senior study and life.

The 5–Count Breath – a quick technique to help you refocus

Things can get hectic during the day at school. Sometimes we need to take the time to rest and refocus. The 5-Count Breath technique takes a couple of minutes and is a useful way to reset the day. Listen to the [5-Count Breath video](#) presented by Smiling Mind on youtube. Check out the other mindfulness techniques on the ABC's [Mindfully](#) site.

USQ Social Hub resources to help you study

The [Social Hub](#) on the University of Southern Queensland's website has tips, resources and advice you might find useful. One resource that may be of interest are the article [Discover Your Motivational Mojo](#) and you can find some inspirational phone and desktop downloadables [here](#).

Get a head start with a TAFE at School Course

If you're a Year 10, 11 or 12 student you may be able to complete a TAFE Queensland qualification while you're still at school. Choose from a variety of certificate I to certificate III courses from a range of study areas ranging from hospitality to horticulture, early childhood education to engineering, and everything in between. Some of the benefits are:

- Fits around your high school studies
- Direct entry to a TAFE Queensland course
- Your pathway to a trade qualification
- University pathways

A TAFE at School course can be achieved in conjunction with your senior studies and can count towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Completing a TAFE at School course is also a great way to open up new [pathways to university](#). You must have permission from your school and parents to participate. [Click here](#) to access the 2020 School at TAFE brochure.

TAFE Queensland School Students Website

Each year TAFE Queensland enrolls over 120,000 students across a network of over 50 campuses in Queensland, in employers' workplaces, online and in markets offshore. They offer foundation skills and entry level qualifications to higher education degrees across more than 500 programs.

TAFE Queensland have a [School Students website](#) which provides students with a range of study and career options to gain skills, get a job or go onto further study. Their interactive website contains information specifically for school students regarding:

- [TAFE at School](#)
- [University Pathways](#)



ANU: Applying direct for 2021

You can [apply direct to ANU](#) for 2021 and get an early conditional offer. This will allow you to focus on what's really important - completing your final year.

Direct applications will open March 2020. You can apply if:

- You will complete your Year 12 studies in 2020 or an International Baccalaureate Diploma in November 2020
- Your Year 12 studies or International Baccalaureate Diploma need to be completed in an Australian school
- You will be applying for an undergraduate program that starts in 2021.

What you need to know:

- There is no application fee
- You will be required to meet the co-curricular or service requirement
- You will apply for admission, guaranteed accommodation, and over 200 scholarships all in one application

Find out more about:

- [Accommodation](#)
- [Adjustment Factors](#)
- [ANU Early Offers](#)
- [Application documentation](#)
- [Co-curricular and service requirements](#)
- [Scholarships](#)

ANU: What's on offer

You have many questions about what's on offer at the Australian National University. [Visit their website](#) for more information about courses in:

- Engineering and computer studies
- Law and legal studies
- Business and commerce
- Natural, physical and environmental science
- Arts, society and culture
- Health and medical studies
- Scholarships

Bond: Diploma Programs hosted by the Bond University College

Deciding on a degree or program is a personal choice - it's about choosing the right program for you; your interests, your future. Bond University College offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and programs, diplomas and non-award programs. Visit the [website](#) to find out more about programs, semester intake and entry requirements. When you click into each Diploma, you will be able to see how many of the 8 subjects will credit into different Bachelor's degree which can often be all 8 subjects.

Bond: Year 12 Business Extension Program

The Bond Business School [Year 12 Extension Program](#) is a two day workshop where students gain an insight into university life to assist the transition from high school to university. Lecturers will facilitate the opportunity for students to experience an enrichment of the senior school syllabus through real world applications and the use of 21st century skills. There are two Business Extension programs that attendees can choose from; day one on Thursday, 30 April or Friday, 1 May, 2020 with day two on Thursday, 7 May or Friday, 8 May, 2020. The Maths Extension program will be held on Thursday, 30 April, 2020 and Wednesday, 6 May, 2020

Bond Business School can [arrange travel for students](#) in regional areas to complete the Year 12 Extension Program (Business Extension Stream only) over two consecutive days: Thursday, 7 May - Friday, 8 May, 2020.

[To apply](#) send your completed application form together with a copy of your Year 11 report to extensionprogram@bond.edu.au by Friday, 27 March, 2020.

GU Griffith College

[Griffith College](#) offers undergraduate diploma programs that, on successful completion, provide guaranteed [pathways to degree programs at Griffith University](#). The fields of study offered include arts and communication, commerce, criminology and criminal justice, design, engineering, health care, health sciences, hotel management, Information Technology and science. The college is located at the Mt Gravatt and Gold Coast campuses.

GU: Griffith Honours College

Admission to the [Griffith Honours College](#) is available to school leavers who are undertaking their first undergraduate degree. International students who meet the eligibility criteria are also invited to apply for entry. The College provides a range of experiences in addition to academic study. These include mentoring, leadership development, international study, work and research, networking and social events.

GU: Help for elite athletes

If you are an elite athlete thinking of applying for courses at Griffith next year, you need to explore the assistance you can get from the [Griffith Sports College](#). You will receive support to balance your academic and sporting commitments. You may also be considered for adjustment factor points.

GU: Science and Engineering Challenge

This challenge is designed to help students, through fun and practical hands-on activities, to understand the opportunities available in science, technology and engineering. It is open to class-sized teams of Year 9 and 10 students. Applications for the South Brisbane and Gold Coast events will open in April 2020 and book out very quickly. Visit the [Science on the Go website](#) for more information and registration details. Talk to your science teacher about entering a team.

QUT: Creative Industries

QUT offer courses in the design and communication study areas including double degrees. Visit [QUT's Creative Industries website](#) for more information. Further information is available on the QUT [study website](#)

QUT: Opportunities for QUT students

Students can gain personally and professionally by taking advantage of the many opportunities available at QUT. These include:

- [Work integrated learning](#), lets you combine workplace activities with academic study
- For those interested in research, QUT's [Honours and Undergraduate Research](#) is a chance to learn alongside researchers
- International study through [QUT's Student Exchange programs](#)

QUT: Parents and Guardians Website

Parent website – At this [website](#) parents can keep up-to-date with the latest information from QUT; download a brochure specifically for parents; and find out about courses, entry requirements, processes and university life.

Parent information seminars – On 12 May, QUT will deliver a [seminar](#) at QUT Gardens Point to provide parents and their senior secondary children an opportunity to learn more about QUT. Information will be provided on:

- making course and career decisions
- getting into university
- life as a university student
- transition to university and support for students
- study costs and financial support
- resources for parents

You'll also have the option to attend a twilight campus tour with a QUT student before the seminar.

QUT: Start QUT

[START QUT](#) gives you the opportunity to study up to two university units, in the same classes as current QUT students, while you're completing Semester 2 of Year 11 or throughout Year 12. You can select two units from across the university, and study one unit each semester. This is a great opportunity to get a head start on your chosen undergraduate course, or to try out study areas you're interested in. Visit the [QUT Start webpage](#) for more information on what you receive, how much it costs and other things to consider. Applications for Semester 2 will open on 31 March and close on 31 May.

UQ: Careers that started in science

The Faculty of Science at UQ has gathered the profiles of scientists who have used their qualifications to gain entry into a diverse range of interesting and rewarding jobs and now work worldwide. The profiles can be accessed from '[Careers that started in science](#)'.

UQ: New accommodation options for UQ students

UQ is establishing a 'student-village' precinct, integrated health and fitness centre and a new Brisbane CBD hub that will open for 2022, Semester 1 students. [Click here](#) to find out more.

UQ: Science Ambassador Program

Nominations for the 2020 UQ Science Ambassador program are open! Teachers may nominate up to six Year 11 students for the 2020, UQ Science Ambassador program in 2 easy steps.

- Step 1: You or the nominated students must complete the [online nomination form](#) and click submit.
- Step 2: Download the UQ Science Ambassador [consent form](#) then print, complete and return the forms to sciamb@uq.edu.au

Applications close 1 March 2020. Both the online nomination and consent form MUST be completed and submitted by the closing date to be accepted as a 2020 Science Ambassador. For more information, please contact sciamb@uq.edu.au

UQ: The University Of Queensland information sheets

Each year UQ publishes fact sheets that provide information on many topics that will support your pathway and course research. It must be noted that these fact sheets are updated annually so regularly visit the web page for updates. Some fact sheets that you will find are guides on scholarships, undergraduate courses, UQ guide for parents, Enhanced Studies program, Future Students - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students and more. [Click here](#) to bookmark the page.

UQ: Tips for new undergraduate students

Tips for new students – If you are planning to study at UQ next year, you will find the the article [How to succeed in your first year of uni](#) helpful. Topics covered include:

- Being prepared
- Get up to speed on all the important details
- Attend O Week
- Practice being on time
- Know the campus
- Don't be afraid to ask for help
- Use your free time wisely
- Get involved
- Transport

UQ: Undergraduate health website

This [website](#) has the following useful resources for students interested in a health science career.

- Information on health science study areas
- [2020 Health Study Guide](#)
- A link to the [Health Blog](#)

USC: Resources on the University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) website

My Brilliant Career Profiler – This is a fun questionnaire that identifies your personality and matches it with USC courses you might enjoy. You can find it on the [USC website](#).

USC Career Directory – This [directory](#) can be of help when you know the career you want but don't know what USC course you can do to get there.

Parent Lounge – This [webpage](#) has heaps of resources that parents can use to support their children as they transition to university study.

USQ: Head Start Online Orientation evening

Studying a Head Start program is a unique and rewarding experience. USQ's online orientation is designed to set you up for success from the moment you start. [Click here](#) to find video recordings, webinars and online workshops to introduce you to USQ's online learning environment. You will find out about valuable resources and support services you can refer back to at any time during your studies. Work your way through the sections and attend a USQ campus tour with the Future Student Outreach Team to familiarise yourself with the campus, collect your student ID and meet your SRO.

USQ: Study at USQ

It's never too early to start researching your options after school. If you are thinking about Uni you might want to [visit the USQ website](#) and read about why study at USQ. There is information about:

- Scholarships
- Adjustment factor pathways
- Applying to USQ
- Head Start
- Experience university
- Getting into USQ
- Didn't get the ATAR you had hoped for
- Student Advisors
- Parents' Guide to Uni

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
28/01/2020 to 27/03/2020	IM ² C 2020 International mathematical modelling challenge
11/02/2020	Maroochydore Defence Careers Information Session
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11/02/2020	Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session
12/02/2020	Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session
12/02/2020	Rockhampton Info Session for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers
13/02/2020	Emerald Info Session for Parents and Teachers
13/02/2020	Toowoomba: Diversity Pathways Information Session
14/02/2020	CQU Start Uni Now (SUN) closing date for Term 1, 2020 close
14/02/2020	Gold Coast: Be Deadly Afternoon Tea
16/02/2020	2020 YMCA Youth Parliament applications close
17/02/2020	Cairns Info Session for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers
17/02/2020	Maroochydore Health Careers Information Session
17/02/2020	Maroochydore: Health Careers Information Session
17/02/2020	Toowoomba: Women in Defence Information Session
17/02/2020	Townsville Info Sessions for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers
18/02/2020	Ayr Information Session for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers
18/02/2020	Brisbane: Army Reserve Information Session
19/02/2020	Brisbane: Women in Defence Information Session
19/02/2020	Gold Coast: Defence Gap Year Information Session
19/02/2020	Ingham Info Session for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers
20/02/2020	Cairns: Defence Gap Year Info Session
20/02/2020	Charters Towers Info Session for Parents and Teachers: ADF Careers
20/02/2020	Student Exchange Australia and New Zealand will hold an information session
20/02/2020	World Education Program (WEP) information evening Cairns
21/02/2020	Toowoomba: Defence Force Recruiting Night
22/02/2020	World Education Program (WEP) hold information evening Townsville
24/02/2020	Maroochydore: ADFA Future Leaders Networking Evening
24/02/2020	Townsville: ADFA Info Session

25/02/2020	Brisbane: Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session
25/02/2020	Brisbane: Indigenous Elders and Community Breakfast
25/02/2020	Cairns: ADFA Info Session
25/02/2020	Gold Coast: Defence Careers for Indigenous Australians Information Session
25/02/2020	Mount Isa: Defence Careers Information Session
26/02/2020	City Welcome Festival 2020 & Lord Mayor's International Student Friendship Ceremony Registrations close
26/02/2020	Gold Coast: ADFA Information Session
26/02/2020	Toowoomba: ADFA Information Session
26/02/2020	World Education Program (WEP) information evening Sunshine Coast
28/02/2020	ADFA Education Award (Current Year 12) Applications close
28/02/2020	USQ: Head Start at the University of Southern Queensland
28/02/2020	USQ: Head Start at the University of Southern Queensland
29/02/2020	World Science Festival Chinchilla Streer Science day
01/03/2020	UQ nominations for the 2020 UQ Science Ambassador program applications close
01/03/2020	UQ: 2020 UQ Science Ambassador Program
02/03/2020 to 05/03/2020	Combat Engineering Introduction and Familiarisation [TRADES]: Gallipoli Barracks Job Ref - WEP/05422/19 (Enoggera Brisbane)
02/03/2020 to 05/03/2020	Combat Service Support Battalion Introduction and Familiarisation [TRADES]: Gallipoli Barracks Job Ref - WEP/05424/19 (Enoggera Brisbane)
02/03/2020 to 11/05/2020	UCAT testing booking for 2021 available
03/03/2020	World Education Program (WEP) information evening Gold Coast
04/03/2020 to 25/03/2020	Tuckwell Scholarship Applications Open Online Entry
05/03/2020	City Welcome Festival 2020 & Lord Mayor's International Student Friendship Ceremony
09/03/2020 to 11/03/2020	Navy Aviation Overview - HMAS Albatross Job Ref - WEP/05646/19 (Nowra NSW)
20/03/2020	Letz Live UK Gap Year Program in 2021 will close on 20 March 2020.
20/03/2020	Letzlive United Kingdom Gap Year Program closing date for applications
21/03/2020	World Science Festival Brisbane
25/03/2020 to 27/03/2020	World Science Festival Brisbane
25/03/2020 to 29/03/2020	World Science Festival Brisbane
27/03/2020	Bond Year 12 Business and Mathematics Extension Program applications close

30/03/2020 to 02/04/2020	Exercise First Look-Indigenous Youth Program: Gallipoli Barracks Job Ref - WEP/05450/19 (Enoggera Brisbane)
31/03/2020	START QUT Semester 2, 2020 applications open