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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parent and Teacher Webinar Opportunity

Talking Careers with Young People

Supporting your child as they move through senior school and career decision making is often challenging. The world of work has changed since we were at school with many more study pathways and career opportunities open to young people. During this webinar Shauna Quinlivan and Judy Beausang will discuss:

- What influences Generation Z
- Career Development – a lifelong journey
- Employment trends – jobs in the future
- Strategies for career decision making – 7 new job clusters
- Pathway options after school
- Where to find career information

Join us and gain valuable career insights and information along with strategies that will assist in you having quality and timely career conversations with your child.

Date: Monday 30 July 2018

Cost: \$25

Time: 7pm – 8.00pm (recording available if you can't attend on the night)

Technology Requirements: Internet access and sound

[Click here](#) to register and we look forward to you joining us.



Apprenticeship resources on the myfuture website

“An apprenticeship is a contract between a registered employer and an apprentice whereby the employer trains and employs the apprentice in an occupation. An apprentice undertakes structured learning and paid employment to achieve a relevant qualification.” This definition of an apprenticeship comes from the [Apprenticeships page](#) on the myfuture website. Other topics on this page include:

- A link to the National Skills Needs List which identifies traditional trades that are experiencing a national skills shortage
- Information and case studies about School-based Apprenticeships
- Links to sites that show the traditional and emerging occupations that require apprenticeship training
- The Australian Apprenticeship Ambassadors Program

Brisbane City Council (BCC) trade apprenticeships

The BCC employs apprentices in several trades in construction, automotive and horticulture. The specific trades include:

- Construction - Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Painting and Decorating, Engineering (Fabrication)
- Automotive - Auto Electrical, Vehicle Painting, Heavy Vehicle Mechanics, Bus building
- Horticulture - Arboriculture, Parks and Gardens, Sports Turf Management

BCC recruits throughout the year for apprentices. To apply you will need to submit a resume and cover letter outlining your personal attributes and interest in the apprenticeship on offer. The process may also involve online assessments, interviews, assessment centres, reference checks and medical examinations. To receive an email about the next apprentice intake, create an account and set up a Job Alert. Visit the [BCC Employment Programs website](#) for more information.

Don't know what types of apprenticeships are available?

On the [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways website](#) you can search by industry group (Arts, Culture and Performance, Automotive and Boating, Building and Construction, Business etc.) to find samples of apprenticeship and traineeship jobs and the training required.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

The Australian Defence Force hold a variety of information sessions across Queensland. The sessions focus on one particular area of the Defence Force and provides valuable information around life, employment, opportunities and commitment when joining the ADF. The following are a list of sessions to be held in July 2018.

For details about these events and for information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#) and [Defence Jobs Upcoming Events & Info Sessions](#).

Upcoming Events:

18/07/2018	Submariner Careers Information Session <i>Townsville</i>
18/07/2018	Army Reserve Information Session <i>Maroochydore</i>
18/07/2018	Submariner Information Session <i>Brisbane</i>
18/07/2018	Submariner Information Session <i>Brisbane</i>
19/07/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Kingaroy</i>
19/07/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Atherton</i>
23/07/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>STANTHORPE</i>
23/07/2018	Trade Careers Information Session <i>Ingham</i>
23/07/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Normanton</i>
24/07/2018	Career Expo <i>Sunshine Coast</i>
24/07/2018	Music Careers in the ADF <i>Brisbane</i>
24/07/2018	Trade Careers Information Session <i>Townsville</i>
25/07/2018	Submariner Careers Information Session <i>Gold Coast</i>

25/07/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Charters Towers</i>
25/07/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Karumba</i>
25/07/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Dalby</i>
26/07/2018	Defence Careers Information Session <i>Calamvale</i>
26/07/2018	Australian Defence Force Academy <i>Maroochydore</i>
26/07/2018	Trade Careers Information Session <i>Cairns</i>
30/07/2018	Women in Defence Information session <i>Toowoomba</i>
30/07/2018	Trade Careers Information Session <i>Brisbane</i>
31/07/2018	Trade Careers Information Session <i>Gold Coast</i>

Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Open Day

On Saturday 25 August 2018, ADFA, located in Canberra, will open its doors to the public. This is an ideal opportunity for potential students to experience the academy firsthand. Defence and university staff will be available to answer questions. Reasons you might want to study at ADFA, include:

- Get paid to study (and have your HECS-HELP loan paid for you)
- Gain a quality education and graduate with a degree
- Study with the best university teacher to student ratio in Australia
- Learn to be a leader
- Undertake adventure training and personal development
- Graduate with a guaranteed job.

Visit the [ADFA Open Day website](#) to download the event program and information sessions and tours. Defence Force Recruiting will have a booth at the [Tertiary Studies Expo](#) (TSXPO) on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July 2018 to answer questions about ADFA.

Upcoming Events:

25/07/2018	Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Open Day <i>Canberra</i>
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The Rural Experience Program: Experience a rural career

Students in Years 10 - 12 are invited to join “The Rural Experience” by spending a week in a rural region to discover what life and work is like beyond the city. Students can choose from four different work observation options:

- Health Care Services
- Professional & Administrative Services
- Tourism & Hospitality
- Agriculture & Agribusiness

Program participants will hear from local people, visit local workplaces and have a chance to enjoy some of the local tourism activities. Rural careers are changing and are part of Australia’s future growth potential. The Longreach Program will give high school students first-hand experience and a real insight in the next generation of rural career opportunities.

The Longreach Program will run between Sunday 23 September 2018 – Saturday 29 September 2018. Applications close Friday 27 July 2018. See [The Rural Experience](#) website for more information.

Using Career ladders to develop your Career Ideas list

The [Careers page](#) on the Good Universities Guide website has Career Ladders for over 30 interest areas related to subjects you may be familiar with. The Career Ladders are like Career Bullseyes on the [myfuture website](#). Each Career Ladder lists jobs in four levels, according to the minimum training required:

- Level 1 - Year 10, Senior Secondary Certificate of Education (e.g. Queensland Certificate of Education) or Certificate I or II
- Level 2 - Certificate III or IV, or relevant experience
- Level 3 - Diploma or Advanced Diploma
- Level 4 - Bachelor Degree or higher.

How to use the Career Ladders to develop you Career Ideas list:

- Scan all the Career Ladders and select those that interest you.
- Scan the jobs listed in the four levels of your selected Career Ladders (you might choose to concentrate on one level). Choose jobs you are interested in finding out more about and write these down under the heading of ‘Career Ideas’.
- Research each of the jobs in your Career Ideas list by clicking on the job in the relevant Career Ladder.

- Delete from your Career Ideas list any jobs that you are no longer interested in, now you know more about them.

The remaining jobs in your Career Ideas list can be explored further by interviewing or doing work observation with people already in these jobs, doing work experience in the jobs, and/or investigating the education/training you need to get into the jobs.

Videos about jobs

One way to learn more about the jobs you are interested in is to watch videos about them. The [myfuture website](#) has information on over 500 jobs. You will need to 'Sign up' (free of charge) to enter the site for the first time. Otherwise 'Log in' and, once on the site, click on 'Occupations' and search for the jobs you are currently exploring. Most job descriptions on the site include a video. Each video lasts approximately three minutes. After you have viewed a video see if you can answer the following questions.

- Name at least three of the main duties and tasks required in this occupation.
- Would you like to do this job? Why or why not?
- List some things you learnt about this occupation.

Competitions

A reminder: Entries for the 1 – Minute Film Competition close soon

The 1-Minute Film Competition is an initiative of Australian Teachers of Media (ATOM) and ClickView. It provides Australian and New Zealand primary and secondary students with the opportunity to make a 60-second short film or animation and win prizes in the process. The theme for 2018 is 'Memory'. Applications close midday on Friday 3 August 2018. Find out more on the [website](#). [Click here](#) for competition and entry information.

Upcoming Events:

03/08/2018

[A reminder: Entries for the 1 – Minute Film Competition](#)

FlickerUp

FlickerUp is a film competition for students enrolled in primary and secondary schools in Australia. It is a category within Flickerfest, Australia's international short film festival to be held in Sydney in January 2019. Applications for FlickerUp will open in July for the 2019 festival. Visit the [website](#) for details.

The 2017 Pixel Prize – a digital image competition

This competition is conducted by the Australian Catholic University. It is open to secondary students from Australia, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka who have a passion for photography and graphic design. This year's theme is 'Love'. See the [website](#) for details about the competition. Entries close for Australian entrants at 5 pm on Saturday 15 September 2018 (AEST).

Upcoming Events:

15/08/2018

[The 2018 Pixel Prize – a digital image competition](#)

Employment

Australian Jobs 2018 now available

Want to know the employment trends for jobs you are interested in? The Australian Jobs 2018 Report provides information about employment trends by location, age, industry and occupation. It will help you understand where the jobs are and what employers look for when recruiting. It highlights the changes in the Australian labour market, noting that large numbers of new jobs are expected to be created over the next five years. It also provides a guide to where these jobs are likely to be. You can download the Report from the [Department of Employment website](#) under the title “Australian Jobs – Publication”.

Myth Busted: Vocational Education and Training is Outdated

In 2017 the Skilling Australia Foundation released a [report](#) about the results and outcomes vocational education and training (VET) continues to deliver for students, employers, and the general economy. However, a common misconception they discovered is many Australians believe VET is outdated.

If Australia wants to compete on a global scale, vocational education and training is actually more relevant than ever. VET also provides the skills we need to keep up with our quickly changing employment and industry trends. [Click here](#) to read more.

Surveying and Geospatial Science

If you like Geography, Maths, IT or design you may be interested in a career in surveying or geospatial science. These jobs are in demand making job security strong and salaries competitive. But what do they do?

- Surveying is the mapping of our environment using mathematics and specialised technology. It’s the bedrock of town planning, construction and infrastructure projects.
- Geospatial science takes data based on a location, then uses creative ways to map that information simply and meaningfully. This spatial data can help us get from A to B with Google Maps, or it can predict future trends, for example, which roads might flood during heavy rainfall.

To find out more about more visit the [Queensland Spatial and Surveying Association](#) and the various university websites who offer courses in these areas.

What are transferable skills?

Transferable skills are skills that aren't directly related to a specific job. They can be applied to a wide range of jobs and industries. You may learn these skills on the job, at school, doing voluntary work, participating in sporting and community activities or even in everyday social interactions. According to many articles on this topic, transferable skills can include:

- Digital literacy
- Communication skills
- Problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Team working
- Flexibility
- Resilience
- Self-motivation
- A strong work ethic

For more information about transferable skills and how you might acquire them, read the following publications:

- Identifying Transferable Skills from [Griffith University](#)
- Identifying your skills from the [Australian Government](#)
- [Transferable Skills](#) from Princeton University.

What digital skills will you need in the future

The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA), report that most jobs require some level of digital literacy. However, the level of knowledge and skills required may differ and will depend on your day-to-day responsibilities at work. The article lists four levels of digital literacy:

- A digital muggle, requiring no skills
- A digital citizen, who uses technology to communicate, find information and transact
- A digital worker, who configures (such as website design or publication design) and uses digital systems
- A digital maker, who builds and creates digital technology (for example JavaScript, HTML, Python and other programming tools).

As the world of work changes, the degree of literacy required for some occupations will shift. The article states that within the next five years this is anticipated to rapidly increase. 90% of the workforce will require at least basic computer skills, such as using email or company software. Over 50% will need to be able to use, configure and build digital systems in the next 2-3 years.

Read the [article](#) to find out how ready Australian young people are for this shift in the need for digital literacy.

Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Bond University 2018 scholarships closing soon

The Bond University's scholarship program for Year 12 students opened on 1 June 2018 with the majority of the undergraduate scholarships closing on 1 August 2018 (Such as the ADCO Sports Excellence Scholarship, Georgina Hope Rinehart Swimming Excellence Scholarship, John Eales Rugby Excellence Scholarship, Riewoldt Family AFL Excellence Scholarship, Vice Chancellor's Elite Scholarship, Vynka Hohnen Scholarship). Some other scholarship applications close on 10 September 2018 (Such as the Indigenous scholarship, Excellence Scholarship and Transformer Scholarship). Bursaries may also be available for each trimester, such as the Padma and Hari Harilela Bursary. Visit the [scholarship website](#) for a full list of scholarships, to download the 2018 Bond University Scholarship brochure, and for tips on applying. Interested students are encouraged to start their online application as soon as possible so they can ensure all sections are completed by the relevant closing date.

Redkite and Coles Education Support Grants – the Dare to Dream Scholarships

If you are 15 - 24 years of age and have cancer or have survived cancer, you are invited to apply for this scholarship. As part of the application you are required to write about your dream, how cancer got in the way and how a Dare to Dream scholarship or grant could help you make it happen. Applications for the 2018 Dare to Dream Scholarship program are now open and will close on Monday 6 August 2018. Visit [website](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

06/08/2018

[Redkite and Coles Education Support Grants – the Dare to Dream Scholarships closing date](#)



Gap Year Program News

AFS Intercultural Programs Australia

AFS Intercultural Programs Australia offers both full and partial scholarships to students wishing to participate in their overseas programs. Scholarships are available for AFS Intensive Programs, Semester Programs and Year Programs. Find out about these programs and how to apply for a scholarship on the [AFS website](#).

Lattitude Global Volunteering

Lattitude Global Volunteering applications for 2019 overseas placements are now open. Learn about their gap year programs on the [Lattitude website](#).

Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange

Southern Cross-Cultural Exchange will hold an information session from 7 pm on Tuesday 31 July 2018 at Ruth Fairfax House, 89-95 Gregory Terrace, Brisbane. Register to attend [here](#).

World Education Program Student Exchange

WEP will hold an information session in Brisbane from 7 – 8.30 pm on Wednesday 8 August 2018 at Fulton Trotter Lounge, 129 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill QLD. Visit the [WEP website](#) to register to attend.



Bond University Indigenous scholarships for 2018

These 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 and academic achievements. Applicants must have successfully completed or be currently completing Year 12 at an Australian High School. Applications close on 10 September 2018. Visit the [Bond website](#) for further information.

Griffith University – Gumurrii Student Support Unit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students

The Gumurrii unit is a dedicated support unit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at Griffith University. The staff can assist students and future students from recruitment and orientation to graduation, providing undergraduate support including tutorial assistance in a safe and culturally appropriate learning environment. Some of the support services include:

- On-campus study space
- Direct entry program (apply for a Griffith Uni course directly through them)
- Scholarships
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tutorial Assistance program
- Indigenous Research Unit.

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

Indigenous STEM Experience Day

First Australian students in Years 9 to 12, with their teachers or community Elders, are encouraged to participate in this event at the Nathan campus. It will be held from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm on Thursday 9 August 2018. On the day, students will participate in one of two workshop streams: an IT and engineering stream or a science and environment stream. Read about the program on the [website](#). See your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor about registering to attend this event as registration is through your school.



Interstate & International

2018 World University Rankings announced

The Times Higher Education has recently released its [2018 World University Rankings](#). This information may be helpful if you are thinking about studying at an overseas university in the future. You can use the information to compare universities from around the world.

Loan Options for International Students in the USA

US News published an [article](#) on loan options available for international students studying in the USA. The article notes that education is expensive in the US, especially for international students. It provides links to several sources of information on available loans.



10 High-Paying jobs you Won't need a degree for

There is much talk about the value of different qualifications when it comes to getting a well paid job. You often hear that the best (and most conventional) route to a successful and highly paid job starts with a university degree but not necessarily. [Click here](#) to find out about some job options that don't need a degree and usually pay well. A word of caution – the salary range is a guide only.

Careers in automotive

The Automotive industry is broad and encompasses a variety of activities and businesses. These activities include repair and service of vehicles; retailing of vehicles; parts and tools; repair, maintenance, repair and service of bicycles, outdoor power equipment, marine vessels and motorcycles; and some non-car manufacturing. [Click here](#) to find out more about the many automotive sectors, employment and training snapshot, skills and more.

How do you become a qualified psychologist in Australia?

To practice as a psychologist in Australia you must be registered with the [Psychology Board of Australia](#). To be eligible for general registration you are required to complete a minimum of six years of education and training, which is set out in this [useful diagram](#). This can be achieved via a few pathways, each of which requires as the first step:

- A three-year accredited undergraduate degree in psychology plus an accredited fourth year (honours or post-graduate diploma), or
- A four-year accredited undergraduate degree in psychology.

Courses are accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) and approved by the Psychology Board of Australia (PsyBA). See a list of accredited Queensland courses on the [APAC website](#).

The second step is to complete one of the following:

- An accredited masters or doctoral degree
- An accredited graduate diploma in professional psychology plus one year of a PsyBA-approved supervised experience
- A two-year PsyBA-approved internship.

In addition to the completion of one of these pathways, the Board may require the passing of the [National Psychology Examination](#) prior to accepting an application for general registration.

The following are also useful resources:

- [The fields of psychology](#)
- [Australian Psychological Society](#)

Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



Career Markets and Expos in July 2018

Don't miss out on career expos in your area. The following expos/markets will be held this month.

Upcoming Events:

19/07/2018	South Burnett Careers Market TAFE Queensland, Kingaroy Campus
24/07/2018	Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo Calvary Centre, Tanawha
24/07/2018	Ignite Youth Careers Expo Logan Metro Sports & Events Centre
24/07/2018	Stanthorpe Careers Market Stanthorpe State High School
24/07/2018	Warwick Careers Market <i>Warwick Indoor Recreation and Aquatic Centre</i>

Open day checklist from the Good Universities Guide

With QTAC applications opening shortly, open day season is now in full swing. These days allow students to get a taste for life at a university of interest and find answers to any questions they have.

What to do on the day

In and amongst the freebies, food and entertainment, there are a few key things you should do on the day.

- Take a tour of the campus and facilities
- Collect brochures, course guides and other useful information for further reading
- Talk to students and staff, and ask plenty of questions
- Attend information sessions for courses or faculties of interest

Key questions to ask staff and students about courses

- What are the entry requirements? Are there any prerequisite subjects or additional requirements (such as a portfolio or interview)?
- How much time can you expect to spend in classes each week? How many hours will need to be dedicated to study outside of class?
- What are the most common forms of assessment (exams, group projects or essays, for example)?
- Where are graduates of the course working now? What are some typical career paths?
- Are there opportunities for practical learning, work experience or internships?
- Are there any pathway options to help you gain entry to the course?
- Does the course offer a pathway to further study?
- Are double degrees available?

- Does the university have any industry connections in the field?
- How much choice is there in subject selection? Are there opportunities to study elective subjects?

Key questions to ask staff and students about the university

- What facilities are available on campus?
- What support services are offered to students?
- Are there accommodation options on campus or nearby?
- Does the university offer any scholarships?
- Does the university have any exchange agreements with institutions overseas?
- Does the university provide assistance with finding work after graduation?

Key questions to ask staff and students about student life

- What clubs and societies are on offer?
- Are there opportunities to socialise on campus?
- Is there a student union? What services and activities do the union coordinate?

Other things to consider

- **Getting there:** Is the campus easy to get to? Can you catch public transport? If you plan to drive, what are the parking options around the campus?
- **Accommodation:** For those planning on moving out of home to study, consider having a look around the local area for potential neighbourhoods to live in or take a tour of on-campus accommodation.
- **Facilities:** What facilities are available on and around campus? Look at food options, gyms, banks, medical centres, libraries and any other facilities you consider important. It's also worth investigating the practical facilities available for your course, such as laboratories and studios.

Useful links:

- [Open days in Australia](#)
- [Get the most out of your university open day visit](#)

Selected Queensland tertiary institution open days

Upcoming Events:

29/07/2018	TAFE Queensland South Bank
20/07/2018	Queensland University of Technology Gardens Point Campus
23/07/2018	University of the Sunshine Coast Sippy Downs campus
28/07/2018	Australian Catholic University Brisbane campus
28/07/2018	Bond University Gold Coast
29/07/2018	Southern Cross University Gold Coast campus
31/07/2018	Central Queensland University Noosa, Noosa campus
04/08/2018	Torrens University, 90 Bowen Terrace, Fortitude Valley
05/08/2018	University of Queensland St Lucia Campus
09/08/2018	Central Queensland University Brisbane, 160 Ann Street Brisbane

11/08/2018	Central Queensland University Mackay <i>Sydney Street, Mackay and the Ooralea campus at 171 Boundary Road, Ooralea, Mackay</i>
12/08/2018	Griffith University, Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses
12/08/2018	Central Queensland University Cairns
15/08/2018	Central Queensland University Online
19/08/2018	University of Queensland, Gatton Campus
19/08/2018	James Cook University Townsville
19/08/2018	University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba
19/08/2018	Central Queensland University Rockhampton
26/08/2018	James Cook University Cairns
26/08/2018	Central Queensland University Townsville

Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) – THIS WEEKEND

This is a must attend event for Year 12 students in South-East Queensland. It will be held from 10 am – 4 pm on both Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July 2018 at the Royal International Convention Centre, RNA Showgrounds, Brisbane.

Almost 200 organisations will be represented at the expo, including Queensland and interstate universities, Queensland TAFE, private education institutions, the Defence Force, Gap year program organisations and many more. Access a list of exhibitors from the [website](#). You can also access the list of seminars to be held during the two days and find out about the competitions you can enter (a \$500 JB Hi-Fi voucher is one of the prizes).

All this will be very confusing if you don't prepare before you go. The expo site has resources to help you plan your visit in the 'Visitor Information' section.

The Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) Open Day

AFTRS offers a B Arts Screen: Production as well as several Advanced Diplomas and Diplomas (including Screenwriting, Production Sound, 3D Animation and Visual Effects, Social Media, Editing, Screen Business management, Radio Essentials) at its campus in Sydney. The School will hold its Open day at its Sydney campus in Moore Park NSW from 10 am – 3:30 pm on Saturday 11 August 2018. On the day, you can meet the tutors, participate in sample course sessions and tour the facilities. Visit the [Open Day site](#) for more information about the event and to register. If you can't make it to Sydney, tune into the [Facebook](#) live stream.

Private Provider Updates

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP)

ACAP specialises in offering courses in Psychology, Counselling, Youth Work, Social Work, Case Management and Social Science. Courses range from Diploma and Bachelor, through to Masters level. For more information visit their [website](#).

Flight Attendant Career Session

Aviation Australia will hold this session from 6:00 – 8:00 pm on Tuesday 31 July 2018 at its campus at 15 Boronia Road, Eagle Farm, Brisbane QLD. Register to attend on the [Australian Aviation website](#).

Flight Centre Travel Academy

Flight Centre Travel Academy is the training and education arm of the Flight Centre Travel Group. Its Brisbane campus, at Southpoint, 275 Grey Street, South Brisbane, offers the Diploma of Travel and Tourism and some short courses. Diploma students may be eligible for FEE-HELP. Visit the website for more information. Visit the [Academy's website](#) for more information and to check out the blogs.

NIDA 2018 applications open

Applications are now open for the National Institute of Dramatic Art's (NIDA) B Fine Arts and Vocational Diplomas for entry in 2019. Applications close on 30 September 2018. Specialisations in the B Fine Arts are in Acting, Costume, Design for Performance, Properties and Objects, Scenic Construction and Technologies, and Technical Theatre and Stage Management. The Vocational Diplomas are in Live Production and Technical Services, Specialist Make-up Services and Stage and Screen performance. Eligible students can apply for FEE-HELP. For more information, visit the [NIDA website](#). NIDA representatives will be attending the [Tertiary Studies Expo](#) (TSXPO) on 21 and 22 July 2018.

NIDA Term three classes in Brisbane

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) will be offering [Acting for Grades 11 and 12](#) this term in Brisbane. The program will be delivered at [TAFE Brisbane](#) on weekends, commencing on 29 July 2018.

Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) Direct It Workshop

[QSFT](#) invites students to the 'Direct It: Introduction to Directing Workshop' to be held from 9 am – 1 pm on Saturday 21 July 2018 at the QSFT campus at 22 Warwick Street, Annerley, Brisbane. Click [here](#) to register your interest in attending the workshop. For more information about the workshops of QSFT, visit the [2018 Schedule](#), phone (07) 3392 7788 or email marketing@qsft.qld.edu.au.



QTAC & Tertiary Entry

Special consideration through QTAC

QTAC's Educational Access Scheme (EAS) helps applicants who have experienced difficult circumstances that have impacted negatively on their senior studies. The categories of EAS are:

- Financial hardship
- Personal illness and disability
- Home environment and responsibilities
- Educational disruption
- English language difficulty

Through EAS you may receive bonus ranks towards entry to your preferred course. You apply for EAS as part of your QTAC application. QTAC will send you an email containing a cover sheet for each relevant category if you need to send documentation to support your EAS application. You then mail or deliver the required documents with the cover sheet(s) to QTAC. Read more about EAS on the [QTAC website](#).

TAFE pathways to university study

TAFE provides several pathways that can be used to gain entry to degree courses at university. These include:

- **Upgrading** - Successful completion of any diploma, advanced diploma or associate degree at TAFE may improve your tertiary entry score when applying through QTAC for entry to university degree programs. For example, a completed diploma at pass level will receive a QTAC selection rank of 82, which was comparable to OP 9 in 2016.
- **Credit transfer agreements with universities** - You complete a diploma, advanced diploma or associate degree at TAFE and apply through QTAC for a related degree course at a university with which TAFE has a formal credit transfer agreement. This means you receive credit from your TAFE course towards your degree course.
- **Dual awards** - You apply through QTAC for a dual TAFE/university qualification. Once you have completed your TAFE qualification you commence your university degree studies without reapplying through QTAC.
- **Degrees at TAFE** – Some TAFE institutes partner with universities to deliver a degree program on the TAFE campus. TAFE Queensland Brisbane at South Bank has been accredited to offer its own degree program – B Dental Prosthetics.

Check out the [Degree Pathways 2018 Course Guide](#) for a listing of degree programs offered by TAFE Queensland Brisbane and for a list of pathway options to universities and other higher education providers.

The 2018 Year 12 Guide

QTAC's guide to tertiary courses in 2019 has arrived. This book is a very important resource for students wishing to apply for Queensland tertiary courses that commence in 2018. The following are some of the items you can find in the Guide:

- How to apply through QTAC and some myths about the process
- Ordering preferences and how to reorder them for multiple offer rounds
- How offers work
- Open days
- Responding to an offer
- Key dates and fees
- Courses that have fixed closing dates i.e. you must apply for them by a certain date or you miss out
- Offer rounds
- Information about the Educational Access Scheme (EAS)
- A section on assistance schemes. Institution websites will provide you with more information
- Course descriptions and requirements (use the page colours to help you find courses in the different fields of study)
- Information about direct entry institutions you apply directly to (i.e. not through QTAC)
- Information and contact details for tertiary institutions you apply to through QTAC.

Year 12 students are advised to read the information in this booklet carefully. Use the 'Contents' page to find specific topics. More information is available on the [QTAC website](#). It is most important to understand that the book is a guide only for courses and course information and all information should be checked on the QTAC website.



Study Skills

A bit of fun: Inside the mind of a master procrastinator

Tim Urban, the guy who put 'pro' in procrastination, talks about his unhelpful study practices in a Health TED talk accessed from the [UQ Health Blog](#) (scroll down to 'A bit of fun'). The talk is very funny but also has some helpful insights into the mind of a procrastinator.

BCC Libraries offer homework help

Did you know that some Brisbane City Council (BCC) Libraries have homework programs? Visit the [website](#) for a list of libraries that offer these programs.

Five study mistakes you're probably making

This helpful piece comes from the University of Queensland's Health Faculty blog. The five mistakes listed are:

- You can't read over old notes whilst watching Game of Thrones and call it studying
- Taking everything so seriously
- Skipping meals
- Using a highlighter like a lightsabre
- Freaking right out

Visit the [blog](#) to read the alternative strategies suggested.

Cairns Campus- Schooltech Information evening

SchoolTech is an innovative, award winning initiative between TAFE Queensland, Woree State High School, and Skill360 Australia. Through the SchoolTech program you can gain your QCE and two qualifications while at high school. There will be an information day on 8 August 2018 starting at 5.30pm in the K Block Theatre TAFE Queensland Cairns Campus. [Click here](#) for more information about the program, apprenticeship opportunities and study areas.

Upcoming Events:

08/08/2018

[Cairns Campus - Schooltech Information evening:](#)
TAFE Queensland Cairns campus

Southbank campus - TAFE at school parent information session

Make an informed choice about your child's future and attend the parent information night and learn about what TAFE Queensland offers to students at school. The information evening will be held on 24 October 2018 from 5.45 – 7.30pm at TAFE Queensland South Bank campus.



Universities

Bond - Ideas Camp

This is a full-on, one-day business bootcamp designed exclusively for the next generation of corporate adventurers. It will be held from 8.45 am – 2:15 pm on Wednesday 8 August 2018. The program consists of ‘campfire’ talks from some of Australia’s most successful young entrepreneurs. Visit the [Bond website](#) for more information about the presenters and to register.

Bond - Pathway programs

Bond has [several pathways for students](#) who do not meet the entry requirements for Bond degree programs. These are:

- [Bond University Preparation Program](#) – This program for domestic students can be studied on a full-time, flexible or part-time basis. Students gain the core skills required for university study and are guaranteed entry to most Bond diplomas or degrees, depending on their results.
- [Bond College Foundation Program](#) – This program for international students provides an academic preparation over two semesters for students seeking entry to the first year of undergraduate study.
- [Bond University Diplomas](#) – These diplomas provide work-ready qualifications as well as a pathway into several undergraduate degrees at Bond University. Diplomas can be completed in eight months full-time. Successful students can then move into their chosen degree at Bond University with credit.

CQU - B Agriculture at CQUniversity (CQUni)

This program provides students with the knowledge and skills required for employment in tomorrow’s technology-driven Agribusiness, Cropping and Livestock industries. The course includes practical based training throughout the three-year degree. Students complete an embedded Diploma of Agriculture in the first year of this degree, followed by mandatory industry placements as part of their second and third years. Visit the [CQUni website](#) for more information about this course.

GU - Applications for 2018 Bachelor of Music

All applicants must lodge an online Application for Audition with the Queensland Conservatorium by 24 August 2018. There will be a two-phase audition process. In phase one, applicants will be required to either submit a portfolio or prepare a performance demonstrating their ability (by 24 August 2018). The second

phase generally involves an interview or additional performance. Live auditions will be held in round two between 2 – 6 October 2018. Visit the [degree website](#) and [audition information](#) for further details.

Upcoming Events:

24/08/2018

[Applications for 2018 Bachelor of Music closing date](#)

GU - Open Day

You are invited to this event to be held from 9 am – 2 pm on Sunday 12 August 2018 at the Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campuses. The program on the day will include information sessions, tours and activities. Download the open day program from the [website](#). Register for Open Day on the website to be in the draw to win one of three Microsoft Surface Pro tablets.

Upcoming Events:

12/08/2018

[Griffith University Open Day](#)

JCU - Applying for health science/veterinary courses at James Cook University (JCU)

Course information sheets and 2019 application forms for the following courses are now available on the [JCU website](#).

- B Dental Surgery
- B Health Science (Physician Assistant)
- B Medicine, B Surgery (MBBS)
- B Physiotherapy
- B Veterinary Science

You must submit the application form directly to JCU as well as apply to QTAC by 30 September 2018 for entry in 2019.

Upcoming Events:

30/10/2018

[JCU - Applying for health science/veterinary courses at James Cook University \(JCU\) application forms due](#)

New Tertiary Admissions Terminology

The Australian Government Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency ([TEQSA](#)) has made the application and admission process to Australian tertiary study more transparent. Admissions transparency means that prospective domestic undergraduate students can easily find good quality admissions information that allows them to compare courses and providers and make informed study choices. [UAC](#) has an easy to read list and explanation of the new terminology and [UQ](#) has developed a table comparing the old and new terminology.

QUT - Bachelor of Education—refreshed course and new double degrees

QUT's Bachelor of Education has recently been refreshed, and three new double degrees (subject to approval) will be added to our education offerings. [Search for QUT Education courses](#) to check the online course details.

QUT - Double degrees boost graduate employment outcomes

Recent results from the 2017 Graduate Outcomes Survey confirm that QUT double degrees are a good option when it comes to competitive advantage in the work force.

QUT - Entry to QUT from 2021

Year 10 - Looking at going to uni in 2021 using your ATAR? [Click here](#) to find out more about how QUT will assess VET qualifications undertaken at school, and subject requirements for 2021 entry.

QUT - Gain assumed knowledge or prerequisite subjects for university over summer

If you don't meet the assumed knowledge or prerequisites for courses you wish to study in 2018, you can do an intensive bridging course. QUT offers bridging courses in Maths B, Chemistry and Physics. These bridging courses will meet requirements for QUT courses and may satisfy prerequisites for other universities (check with the relevant university). Registrations for summer semester Maths B close 8 October for evening classes and 5 November for day classes. Registration for the summer semester Chemistry course closes 12 October. Students can enrol in the Physics course at any time and complete it online within 6 months of starting. Visit the [website](#) for details.

QUT - How to prepare for your portfolio, audition or interview for creative industries courses

Students considering applying for acting, dance, dance performance, fashion, music or visual arts courses at QUT are invited to attend a one hour question and answer session about preparing their portfolio, audition or interview on Sunday 5 August 2018. Parents are encouraged to attend. [Click here](#) for more information.

QUT - International students attending TSXPO and QUT Open Day

International students completing senior studies in Australia are encouraged to attend TSXPO and QUT Open Day to talk to course experts, current students, and specialist international staff. At QUT Open Day, there will be a seminar: *Getting in - for international students*. [TSXPO](#) is on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 July 2018, and [Open Day](#) is on Sunday 29 July 2018.

QUT - Know a student who loves gaming? eSports at QUT

eSport (electronic sport, or organised video game competition) is a huge industry. Around 360 million people watched the 2017 League of Legends mid-season invitational broadcast—more than the 2017 Super Bowl and NBA finals. QUT eSports is a grassroots community to supporting students with a passion for gaming, offering a gaming arena and links to multidisciplinary career opportunities.

QUT - Learn from the best: Grads return for Open Day

Want to find out what it's like to work at a hot young tech company, or the digital arm of one of the world's biggest accountancy firms ... or even Walt Disney World in Florida? Talk to QUT graduates at the course information tents at the QUT Open Day on 29 July 2018. [Click here](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events:

29/07/2018

[QUT Open Day](#)
Gardens Point

QUT - Making decisions: an online resource

To help students with course and career decision making, QUT's career practitioners have developed a free online course - [Kickstart Your Career](#). Register now for the next course starting 6 August 2018.

QUT - New opportunities in creative industries

QUT aim at delivering contemporary, real-world education that equips students with the knowledge and skills to succeed and thrive in the changing employment market, a number of new creative industries degrees will be offered from 2019. [Click here](#) to find out more.

QUT - PATHWAYS: art + design + fashion

Students interested in pursuing a career in the areas of visual art, design (interactive design, architecture, interior architecture, industrial design, landscape architecture) and fashion are invited to come along to the free panel discussions in late July (see if you can find a date but don't spend too much time over it) at QUT Art Museum and The Cube.

UM - Access Melbourne

This is a special entry and access scholarship scheme which can help you gain entry to undergraduate courses even if your tertiary entrance score is below the 'Clearly-in Rank'. See the [website](#) for more information.

UM - Open Day

The University of Melbourne will hold its Open Day on Sunday 19 August 2018. Visit the [Open Day website](#) for more information.

UM Meet Melbourne in Brisbane and on the Sunshine Coast

Representatives from the University of Melbourne will be at the [TSXPO](#) in Brisbane on 21 and 22 July 2018 and the [Sunshine Coast Daily Careers Expo](#) on Tuesday 24 July 2018.

UQ - Pathways to medicine at the University of Queensland

There are two entry pathways to the four-year graduate entry Doctor of Medicine (MD) program at UQ.

- **Direct entry** for graduates who have completed, at a minimum, a 3-year Bachelor Degree with a GPA of 5.0 or better within the last 10 years. They must achieve a minimum score of 50 in each section of the GAMSAT completed in the past two years. Direct entry applications are made through the Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS). From 2019 onwards, direct applicants will also have to participate in Multiple-Mini Interviews (MMI's) run by UQ, where each applicant moves through a circuit of stations where they are interviewed on their non-academic qualities such as their empathy, integrity, adaptability and verbal communication skills. From 2021, direct applicants will also have to have completed the two subject prerequisites of 1) Integrative Cell & Tissue Biology and 2) System Physiology, or the course equivalents at UQ, by the end of 2021. For more information, visit the [Future Students website](#).
- **Provisional entry for school leavers** – Year 12 students can apply through this pathway, which involves an application through Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). The requirements are OP 1, a pass in Year 12 English and a UMAT score. Overall UMAT scores are used and UMAT Section 1 scores are used as a tie-breaker. Once accepted into the course, students must complete, at minimum, a 3-year Bachelor Degree at UQ before commencing their medical studies. From 2018 onwards, applicants will also have to have completed the two subject prerequisites of 1) Integrative Cell & Tissue Biology and 2) System Physiology, or the course equivalents at UQ, before enrolment into the MD program by 2022. From 2020 onwards, applicants will also have to participate in Multiple-Mini Interviews (MMI's) run by UQ, where each applicant moves through a circuit of stations where they are interviewed on their non-academic qualities such as their empathy, integrity, adaptability and verbal communication skills. See the [UQ School of Medicine website](#) for a list of recommended Bachelor Degrees that cover the prerequisites for the MD course.

Also, there are several special entry schemes available.

- **MD-specific Admission Schemes** can help boost an applicant's success in applying for the MD program. These schemes include the Rural Access Scheme, Rural Background Sub-quota and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Admission Pathways (For both direct and Provisional Entry). See the [MD Admission Schemes website](#) for more information.
- **Year 12 Admission Schemes** All Year 12 students are also eligible to apply for an increase in their selection rank for the MD Program through the UQ [Subject Incentive Scheme](#), and QTAC's [Educational Access Scheme](#).
- **Rural Background Sub-quota (RBS)** - 28 % of MD places in each year's intake are given to applicants who come from a rural background. Find out more [here](#).

- **Bonded Medical Place (BMP)** – 28.5 % of MD first-year places are BMPs. In return for admission to the MD program through this scheme, these participants agree to work in an Eligible Location in Australia for a total period of 12 months upon successful completion of their medical course. This 12 month period can be completed between commencing an internship and up to five years after attaining fellowship (completion of a specialisation). For entry in 2018, the UMAT cut-off for Non-Bonded places was 185:66 and the UMAT cut-off for Bonded places was 180:58. An applicant can use both the BMP and RBS for their application. See the [Department of Health website](#) for details about the BMP scheme.

UQ Engineering and Computing Careers Evening 2018

This careers evening will give interested applicants the chance to hear from graduates, talk to academic staff about study options, ask real engineers about job opportunities and get a greater sense of studying engineering and computing at UQ. The event is free and will run from 6 pm – 8 pm on Thursday 23 August 2018 in UQ's GHD Auditorium. Registration closes 5 pm Wednesday 22 August 2018, and can be submitted on the [event website](#).

UQ Enhanced Studies Program (ESP)

High achieving Year 11 students are invited to apply for this program which gives you the opportunity to study one UQ subject during Year 12 in 2019. You can view content from the 2018 program on the [ESP website](#). The 2019 content will be available in early August when applications open.

UQ Open Days

The 2018 Open Days for UQ are on Sunday 5 August (UQ St Lucia) and Sunday 19 August (UQ Gatton). You can obtain an Open Day Program from your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor. Alternatively, go to the Open Day [website](#) to download the 2019 UQ Undergraduate Guide to start planning your day.

Upcoming Events:

05/08/2018	UQ Open Day <i>St Lucia Campus</i>
19/08/2018	UQ Open Day <i>Gatton Campus</i>

USC - Early Offer Guarantee at the University of the Sunshine Coast

This scheme enables Year 12 students to be offered an early and guaranteed place at USC in November, before the release of Year 12 results. Early and guaranteed offers are made to students based on a School recommendations. Applications for students wishing to study at USC in 2018 open on 2 August 2018. The deadline for students to submit their application to their school is 12 October 2018. See the [USC website](#) for more information.

USQ - Discover Engineering and Surveying at the University of Southern Queensland

Are you interested in Engineering and/or Surveying? You are invited to come and listen to recent graduates and professionals talk about these industries. This free event is open to students, parents, teachers and anyone interested to learn more about Engineering and Surveying. It will be held at the Toowoomba campus from 6 – 7:30pm on Wednesday 8 August 2018, and at the Springfield campus from 6 – 7:30pm on Wednesday 22 August 2018. Visit the [USQ website](#) for more information and to register to attend.

UTAS - Thinking of studying at the University of Tasmania?

UTAS offers courses in the fields of Humanities, Architecture and Design, Business, Education, Health Science (including Medicine), Law, Science, Engineering, IT, Creative and Performing Arts, Agriculture & Environment, Journalism and Communication, Marine and Antarctic Studies, Maritime Studies, Tourism, Nursing and Midwifery. For information about the courses visit the [UTAS website](#) and the UTAS stand at the [TSXPO](#) in Brisbane on 21 and 22 July 2018. It is advisable to apply for [student accommodation](#) as early as possible to avoid missing out. Also, check out the [scholarships](#). Applications for entry to UTAS in 2019 open in early August and close on 28 September 2018. You apply online directly to UTAS. See the key application dates [here](#).