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Apprenticeships and traineeships

The Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training have a website that will provide you with much valuable information if you are looking at taking up an apprenticeship or traineeship after school, On their [website](#) under the Training heading, you will find information on:

- [About apprenticeships and traineeships](#) - Learn the basics and key details on getting started, roles, responsibilities, wages, entitlements and costs.
- [School-based apprenticeships and traineeships](#) - Everything you need to know - how they work, getting started, requirements, roles, wages, financial help and completing.
- [For apprentices and trainees](#) - Find support services and advice, financial help, how to make changes to your training contract, forms and replacement records.
- [Apprenticeships Info - support for apprentices, trainees and employers](#) - Find information and advice for apprentices, trainees and employers to help keep apprenticeships and traineeships safe, inclusive and on track.
- [Information sheets, forms, policies and procedures](#) - Links to forms, policies, procedures and content previously held in information sheets for the Queensland apprenticeship/traineeship system.

Energex apprenticeships for 2024

Energex applications for apprenticeships in 2024 are now open and close on 17 July - so be quick! They offer apprenticeships for Electricians, Communications Technicians, Distribution Linespersons, Transmission Linespersons, Underground Cable Jointer and Mechanical Trades (Fitting). Learn more about these on their [Trade types webpage](#). Not all trade types will be offered in every apprentice intake. The 2024 available apprenticeships are:

- Apprentice Boilermaker - Banyo Brisbane
- Apprentice Communications Technician - Mackay, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville, Victoria Park (Brisbane)
- Apprentice Distribution Linesperson - Multiple locations so check website
- Apprentice Electrotechnology Electrician - Multiple locations so check website
- Apprentice Mechanical Fitter - Cairns



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- Apprentice Plant Operator - Geebung (Brisbane)
- Apprentice Transmission Linesperson - Geebung (Brisbane North), Innisfail, Rockhampton, Townsville
- Apprentice Underground Cable Jointer - Geebung, Southport, Toowoomba

Click [here](#) for more information including how to apply.

Group Training Organisations

Registering with a Group Training Organisation (GTO) is one strategy to try when looking for an apprenticeship. GTOs employ apprentices and trainees and place them with a host employer until the apprenticeship or traineeship has been completed. Click [here](#) for more information about GTOs and their role in the VET sector. Visit the National Employment Network [website](#) site to find a GTO near you.

Looking for some help sorting through your apprenticeship options?

If you are considering the apprenticeship pathway but don't yet know what apprenticeship you are wanting, you may find the Queensland Government's Queensland Skills Gateway a good place to start. On their [website](#) you will be able to:

- Find a training course
- Find an occupation - an alphabetical list of occupations with job description
- Find if you are eligible
- Find a provider
- Find a project - enables you to build work ready skills valuable when applying for jobs
- Find other links to assist in your job research

What is a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship?

School-based apprentices and trainees, usually in Years 10, 11 and 12, are trained in their chosen apprenticeship or traineeship, in the workplace and through a training organization, while continuing to study towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at school. To commence a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT), a student must have the support of the employer, the school, a supervising registered training organisation and their parent/guardian. The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training have put together a fact sheet which tells you about:

- Advantages of school-based apprenticeships and traineeships
 - More flexibility and variety
 - Head start in a career
 - Nationally recognised qualifications
 - An opportunity to learn and earn
 - Contribution to the community
 - Employer satisfaction
- How SATs work
 - School/finishing school
 - Work
 - Training

Click [here](#) to find out more about SATs and whether they are an option for you and also speak with your school career counsellor or VET coordinator.



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Australian Defence Force



Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

The ADF hold information sessions that focus on particular areas of the Defence Force providing valuable information around life, employment, opportunities and commitment when joining the ADF. For details about the following events visit the [Defence Jobs Upcoming Events & Info Sessions](#).

- 11/07/2023 [Gold Coast: Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
[Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 12/07/2023 [Bundaberg: Indigenous Pathways Information Session](#)
[Toowoomba : Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
- 13/07/2023 [Hervey Bay: Indigenous Pathways Information Session](#)
[Townsville: Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
[Brisbane: Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
- 18/07/2023 [Townsville: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
[Toowoomba: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
[Brisbane: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- 19/07/2023 [Maroochydore: Air Force Careers Information Session](#)
- 24/07/2023 [Toowoomba: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
[Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session](#)
- 25/07/2023 [ADFA Careers Information Session](#) in person and online
- 26/07/2023 [Maroochydore: Army Reserve Information Session](#)
[Brisbane: ADFA Careers Information Session](#)



Career Exploration



11 tips to increase your child's interest in careers

Young people can be unclear about their direction in life. It's often not until their early twenties that they gain a good sense of who they are. Our system, however, asks much younger people to make decisions based on knowing who they are and what they want to achieve in life. They have to select subjects, elective choices and vocational study opportunities. There is a wealth of information about possible choices. People can feel overwhelmed, unable to decide or lose interest in the whole 'careers thing'. Finding out who you are and what you want to do is a process that depends on many factors. Click [here](#) to read about 11 strategies that may assist you and your child including:

1. Stay calm and open-minded
2. Be a positive influence
3. Encourage your child to talk to other adults about their careers
4. Watch movies and television together
5. Talk about the people you know or those you meet in your day-to-day activities
6. Do things together
7. Ask your child what would they choose if they could be or do anything in the whole world
8. Make it easy for your child to participate in work experience programs
9. Encourage your child to participate in activities at school or in the community
10. If your child is ready, encourage them to seek a part-time job
11. Start to build your career profile

7 reasons why deciding to become a Tradie could be the best choice you'll ever make!

Thinking about taking up a trade but still not sure. *Qualify Me* has put together an article outlining some benefits of being a 'Tradie'. It will give you some insights to consider when making your decision. The [article](#) talks about:

- What is a tradesperson
- What makes being a 'tradie' so popular
 - Job security
 - No uni education required



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- Work flexibility
- Say no to the office cubicle
- Wages
- Travel
- Satisfaction

Career ladders can help boost your Career Ideas list

The [Careers Ladders](#) on the Good Universities Guide website covers 32 school subjects and related jobs of interest. 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 your Career Ideas list:

- Scan all the Career Ladders and select those subjects 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, click the link to find out about:
 - How to become a ...
 - Personal requirements
 - Related courses
 - Related careers
 - Duties and Tasks (The Job tab)

The jobs you are interested in 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. Don't leave it till the second half of Year 12 to start your research!

Explore careers by industry

Seek has a section on their [website](#) that looks at careers by 'industry'. If you scroll down the page you will find the heading *Browse careers by industry*. Click on the industries that interest you and you will find a list of jobs that you might want to find out more about.

Finding work that fits you best

From an early age we learn to develop the knowledge and skills needed to secure a job. In many cases, we pay vast amounts of money gaining a qualification so that we can enter the workforce. However, it can be challenging to find work that suits you. You need to consider your needs, values



and things that are important to you in how you live and work. Click [here](#) to read a myfuture article that will help you identify work that you will enjoy and engage in. You will read about:

- Knowing your values
- Why work?
- Job satisfaction

Is VET for you?

Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications include certificates, diplomas and advanced diplomas, offered across a large number of industries and study areas. They offer many advantages from pathway options to skill development. If you fit into one of the categories below, a [VET course](#) could be of interest. Click [here](#) to read more.

- You're looking for practical, hands-on training
- You're looking to qualify for a specific job or trade
- You're looking for a pathway to university study
- You're looking to add to your current skill set

Labour Market Insights for career research

The information on jobs can be found on the [Labour Market Insights](#) website. On this website you will find information under three categories:

1. Regions
2. Industries
3. Occupations

To find an A - Z list of occupations:

1. [Visit the website](#)
2. Click on Occupations
3. Click on *Browse all occupations* tab found in the white box
4. Click on *Browse A to Z list of occupations* tab

When you click on an occupation you will find information about:

- Overview
- Outlook
- Earnings and Hours
- Industries
- Regions
- Work profile
- Employment Pathways
- Skills and Knowledge
- Interests and demands
- Links and downloads



Competitions



Griffith Law School Legal Essay Competition

Are you a Year 12 student with a strong case to make about a current legal issue? Are you interested in the role of law and law reform to effect positive social change? If so, you are encouraged to submit an essay in Griffith Law School's competition. With cash prizes up for grabs, this is the perfect opportunity for you to showcase your passion for law and social change in a fun, competitive environment. Competition is now open and closes on 1 September. Click [here](#) for more information and application details.

Last Call: Join Griffith University's Responsible Leaders Challenge 2023!

If you are in Year 10 or 11 and would like to solve a local business problem in teams of up to four, then Griffith Uni invite you to enter their Responsible Leaders Challenge. The 2023 challenge is to design a virtual kitchen in the metaverse to engage and inspire young adults, aged 14-25, to explore their culinary creativity. Registrations close this Friday 23 June. Click [here](#) for more information and to register your team.



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Disabilities

Brisbane Fresh Futures Market

The 2023 Brisbane Fresh Futures Market will be held on Wednesday 2 August 2023 at the Brisbane City Hall from 9am - 2.30pm. There will be a great range of options and you will be able to chat with the many different service providers that may be able to support your pathways after school. The Deaf Choir will be performing again this year. There will also be Auslan interpreters available to support you on the day. Click [here](#) for more information.

National Awards for Disability Leadership nominations now open

National Awards for Disability Leadership nominations are now open and close on Friday 20 October. They recognise outstanding achievements by individuals, or disabled people's organisations, who have significantly contributed to advancing the status of disabled people. Disability leaders will be acknowledged across seven categories reflecting the diversity of this community and the intersectional* nature of their lives in:

1. The Arts – advancing the status of disabled people through artistic expression.
2. Change Making – achieving greater equality for disabled people by changing policy, programs or legislation.
3. Rights Activism – advancing the status of disabled people by using human rights mechanisms including the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*.
4. Innovation – achieving outcomes to the status of disabled people by working outside the box, developing new systems, technology and/or tools.
5. Social Impact – achieving visibility of disabled people by using mainstream or social media or other digital interfaces.
6. Inclusion – illustrating the intersectional diversity of disabled people by designing processes, systems or programs.
7. The Lesley Hall Award for Lifetime Achievement – awarded to an individual who has shown commitment to the disability rights movement and worked over time to achieve significant outcomes for disabled people.

Click [here](#) for the nomination form.



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(*intersectional means being disabled alongside one or more of the following: gender, LGBTIQ, Indigenous, culturally or linguistically diverse, or young).

Support for people with disabilities

There are a large number of services available to support students with disability, including apprentices and trainees, to participate in vocational education and training (VET). This includes services that may assist transition into VET and then into employment. Click [here](#) to find information from the Queensland Government's, Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training including:

- Skilling Queenslanders for Work
- Certificate 3 Guarantee
- Skills Disability Support
- Disabled Australian Apprentice Wage Support (DAAWS) Program
- JobAccess
- Transition to Work (TtW)
- Ticket to Work
- National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) Program
- National Equipment Database (NED)
- National Disability Insurance Scheme in Queensland



Employment, Job & Labour Market Info



ABS Labour Force Data - May 2023

The Australian Bureau of Statistics has released its [Labour Force Data for May 2023](#):

- Unemployment rate remained at 3.5%
- Employment increased to 14,003,400
- Underemployment rate increased to 6.3%
- Participation rate remained at 66.8%
- Employment to population ratio remained at 64.4%
- Monthly hours worked increased to 1,944 million

Find out about the idea of a 4 day week!

The four-day work week, promising boosted work-life balance, job satisfaction and productivity, has never felt more in reach. But could this model really make its way into the mainstream? In recent years, the concept of a [compressed work week](#) has gained significant traction in Australia, captivating the attention of leaders and employees across the country. After a recent [trial](#) of a four-day work week by 10 Australian and 16 international organisations across a range of sectors, only one participating company chose not to continue with the compressed week. Click [here](#) to read HRM's article in detail.

Healthcare and education worker shortages slow the fall of job ads

Job ads are falling from record highs, but certain industries are far less affected than others. Data from online employment marketplace Seek shows the number of job ads on the platform fell 22 per cent in May compared to the same time last year. The sectors with the biggest job ad falls on Seek included hospitality and tourism, retail and consumer products, and information and communication technology. However, education and training and healthcare and medical industries were the only ones to see annual job ad declines on Seek of less than 10 per cent. Click [here](#) to read more in the NewDaily article.



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Industries in demand

On the Your Career [website](#) you will find industry profiles including the current industries that are in demand - needing more people to enter that industry. Check out the current industries in demand:

- [Health Care and Social Assistance](#) - Supporting the health and wellbeing of the community
- [Professional, Scientific, Technical Services](#) - Providing specialist professional expertise across a variety of industries
- [Education and Training](#) - Learning and development supports students of all ages and life stages to achieve their aspirations and goals

Looking at creating your own job ...

The Department of Employment, Small Business and Training has hints and tips to help school leavers make informed career and training decisions. You can find out about:

- [Business readiness health check](#)
- [Key elements for starting a business](#)
- [Are you ready to be a business owner?](#)
- [Business plan template](#)

Online profiles are important

When you are applying for a job, employers will check your online profile to:

- confirm that what you've said about yourself in your application fits what you show online
- understand your interests, abilities and attitude to life
- find out if you have an existing network of professional contacts.

Using social media in a positive and constructive way can actually help you get a job. Your passion for a good cause, your love of music or your entertaining blog, all say something about you and what you have to offer. In JobJumpstart's article [Impress employers with your online profile](#) they explain how to protect your online profile and provide some tools that can help.

Technology Council of Australia Jobs Update

The Technology Council of Australia have released the [Tech Jobs Update](#) report for May 2023. Most of the recent growth in tech jobs has been driven by the indirect tech sector, which includes all non-tech industries, like mining and banking, across the Australian economy. Despite news of layoffs, demand in the direct tech industry remains stable.



Financial Assistance & Scholarships



Financial help if you're 24 or younger and a student or Australian Apprentice

Youth Allowance is a financial payment from the Australian Government to support students and Australian apprentices while they gain their qualifications. To get this, you must be one of the following:

- 18 to 24 and studying full time
- 16 to 17, studying full time and either independent or needing to live away from home to study
- 16 to 17, studying full time and have completed year 12 or equivalent
- 16 to 24 and doing a full time Australian Apprenticeship.

Click [here](#) to read the full conditions and more information including:

- What you need to do
- How much you can get
- How to prepare to and make a claim
- When you'll get your first payment
- How to report and manage your payment

How to start putting together scholarship application information

Career exploration is often linked to admission and scholarships. these applications can require you to submit a personal statement. In scholarship applications, personal statements help the institution or organisation to get to know your future plans and to evaluate your suitability for the award. Click [here](#) to read a CERIC article which talks about what a personal statement is and how students can gather information to answer 'future plans' questions. Although written for a Canadian audience, the information is still valuable in the Australian context.



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Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship for Papua New Guinea at Griffith Uni

Griffith Uni's Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship, is offered in partnership with Minter Ellison Gold Coast. Scott Reid devoted much of his life to the development of AFL in Papua New Guinea. The Scott Reid Memorial Scholarship rewards a Papua New Guinean student applying for Law who meets the selection criteria:

- Demonstrated capacity for leadership, initiative and service to your community
- E epitomise Scott's approach to life – 'Laugh a lot, stand strong and keep it all in perspective'
- Seeks to use your law degree to make a difference.

The scholarship includes a one-month paid law clerkship annually (up to a maximum of 4 years), providing practical experience, progressive skills growth and mentorship. Click [here](#) for more information and application details. Applications close on 15 October 2023.

Tertiary Access Payment for regional or remote students

To get the Tertiary Access Payment, your family home, current address of your parent or guardian, needs to be located in certain areas. The family home address must be at least 90 minutes by public transport from your education institution and in one of these areas:

- inner regional
- outer regional
- remote
- very remote.

Use the [Student Regional Area Search](#) to find out if your home address is in an eligible area. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership – Scholarship Opportunities

The [Andrew. N. Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership](#) has a number of scholarship opportunities for students commencing study at UQ in 2024. Current opportunities include:

- [Liveris Academy Undergraduate Scholarships](#)
- [Stavros Niarchos Foundation Scholarship](#)
- [Dalio Philanthropies Scholarship](#)

Applications close on Sunday 20 August. Click [here](#) for more information.



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first Nations Peoples



Bond University First Nations Peoples scholarships for 2023

Bond offer a number of scholarships to Indigenous Australians. Their Indigenous Scholarships aim to support Indigenous Australians by offering a premium tertiary education experience and pathways to exceptional career opportunities. As an Indigenous scholar, you will be provided with 50% of tuition fees for any single undergraduate degree (excluding the Medical Program) or 100% tuition for any diploma program. You will start at Bond in the January semester. Applications are now open and close at 11:59pm on Tuesday, 5 September 2023.

Griffith University Gumurrii Student Support Unit for First Nations Peoples students

GUMURRII is a dedicated support unit for First Nations Peoples students by assisting them from recruitment, orientation to graduation providing undergraduate and postgraduate support, including tutorial assistance. The Unit is located on each of Griffith's campuses, with officers who also assist online students studying through the digital campus. GUMURRII Student Success Unit offers a safe and culturally appropriate environment to enhance the student experience. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- Core values
- Direct entry registration – Admission pathways
- Tutoring for success program
- Scholarships

Interstate & International



QS World University Rankings 2024

[QS Top Universities feature 1,500 universities](#) from around the world and each institution has been assessed according to six key areas. You can learn more about this process by reading their [methodology](#). You can use their rankings to easily compare universities and start your university search. Once you're ready to start learning more about each institution, check out their profile page which is full of details about that institution, from available degree programs to facilities and tuition fees.



Miscellaneous

Spot the scam signs

Are you able to spot the signs of a scam when you see them? Challenge yourself with these five common scam examples. But before you get started, remember that scammers:

- try to **gain trust** by claiming to be from a well-known business or impersonating a known contact
- will suggest their **own verification procedures**, like going to websites they have created or calling numbers they provide to you
- know how to **appeal to your emotions** and press your buttons to get what they want
- create a **sense of urgency** to get you to make decisions without thinking.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has put together some tips to help you spot the scam including:

1. Phishing scam: Bank SMS
2. Online shopping scam
3. Classified scam
4. Phishing scam: Mail delivery
5. Business email compromise scam

The site gives you examples of the five different scams above and you can see how good you are at spotting the scam. At the end of the article, they provide the answers too! Click [here](#) to check them out and stay 'scam safe'!



Open Days, Expos & Career Markets



ACU Open Day

Open Day is the perfect opportunity to find out more about your study options, meet ACU's friendly staff and students and explore the campuses. ACU's Open Day in Brisbane will be held on 26 August from 10am - 2pm. Open Day programs will be available closer to the day. You can register your interest to find out more about their Open Days and other upcoming events. Register [here](#) to find out more about the day [here](#).

CQUniversity all campus' Open Days

Attend your local CQU campus' open day and explore facilities and have your questions answered. CQU has 20+ national locations, so if you can't see an event near you, join them online on 31 August, 2023. Below are the dates for their various campus open days:

- [Mackay \(Aug 05\)](#)
- [Bundaberg \(Aug 10\)](#)
- [Cairns \(Aug 10\)](#)
- [Townsville \(Aug 17\)](#)
- [Rockhampton \(Aug 20\)](#)
- [Gladstone \(Aug 24\)](#)

Griffith University's Open Day at Nathan and Gold Coast campuses

On Sunday 13 August from 9am - 2pm, Griffith Uni will hold their Open Days at both their Nathan and Gold Coast campuses. Whether you've got it all figured out or have no idea where to start, Open Day is packed with useful information. Visit the Gold Coast or Nathan campuses to chat with their staff and students and get a feel for what student life is like at Griffith. By registering to attend you will go into the competition to win a Tech Pack valued over \$1,900. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



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Open day checklist from the Good Universities Guide

Open day season has started! Open Days give you a chance to find out about life at a university that you are interested in and answers to any questions you have. The following is a guide for attending open days and will be of great assistance when you plan your open day visit.

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 (for example: exams, group projects or essays)?
- 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 does the union coordinate?

Other things to consider



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- **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.

The [article](#), *Get the most out of your university open day* provides more information.

TSXPO reminder

TSXPO will be held from 10am - 4pm on Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July at the Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane Showgrounds. Click [here](#) to find out what to expect when you visit TSXPO including:

- Visitors
- Exhibitor Directory
- Seminars
- Downloads
- Getting here

UniSQ Open Days reminder

At the UniSQ's Open Days you will get all your questions answered about starting uni, entry options, changing careers, online and flexible study options and a whole lot more. You will experience campus life firsthand, build confidence in your future plans and explore degrees and where they can lead you. Click [here](#) to find out more and to register for:

- 13 August - Springfield and Ipswich
- 20 August - Toowoomba



NIDA 2024 applications open

Applications are now open for the National Institute of Dramatic Art's (NIDA) Vocational Diplomas and undergraduate degrees for entry in 2024. NIDA's [undergraduate courses](#) include Acting, Costume, Design for Performance, Props and Effects, Set Construction Technologies, Technical Theatre and Stage Management and Design for Performance. They also offer [vocational diploma courses](#) in Musical Theatre, Live Production and Technical Services, Specialist Make-up Services and Stage and Screen Performance. Click [here](#) to apply and find out more information.

NIDA Term three classes in Brisbane

The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) will be offering [weekend workshops](#) in Brisbane during Term 3. Check out the workshops to see dates and locations in Brisbane.

Pathway to university with Griffith College

For over 25 years, Griffith College has helped students prepare for higher education and successfully transition into a university degree. This long-standing partnership has enabled the College to truly understand the needs of students and to create a learning environment that sets them up for success. The College offers diplomas in:

- Business
- Criminology and Criminal Justice
- Design
- Educational Studies
- Engineering
- Health Care
- Health Sciences
- Information Technology
- International Tourism and Hotel Management

- Science
- Social and Psychological Science

Other study options include Foundation and the Associate Degree in Business. Click [here](#) for more information.

Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT) Workshops

[QSFT](#) invites students to the 'It' series of workshops covering many aspects of film production. For more information about the QSFT workshops, check out their [2023 Schedule](#).

The Hotel School's Insights into a 5-Star Career

Are you thinking of a career in tourism, in particular hotel management? The Hotel School delivers Southern Cross University courses and is the only hotel school in Australia formed through a unique partnership between a public university and a global hotel investment group. Click [here](#) to read about:

- Over 10,000 industry experience opportunities
- Online flexible study options
- Hands-on work opportunities
- Graduate programs with Mulpha properties
- World rankings and academic experience



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QTAC & Tertiary Entry



Rumours, Myths, and legends from QTAC

Rumour: The Queensland ATAR can include other inputs like IB subjects, Music and Dance qualifications, Certificate I and II qualifications...

Reality: The ATAR can only include General subjects, Applied Subject, Completed VET qualifications at Certificate III level and higher. The ATAR must include at least 4 General subjects.

Rumour: Some Mathematics subjects scale better for ATARs.

Reality: The difficulty of a subject has nothing to do with how well it will scale! How a subject scales is dependent on the achievement of students in all their subjects (including their Mathematics subject).

Rumour: It is possible to game the system to get the highest ATAR

Reality: The ATAR is entirely data driven. ATAR is a rank, so if a student's results place them in the top percentile, then they will get the top ATAR.

Myths and Legends: Can certain subjects like Physics increase a student's ATAR?

Reality: NO - A student can only maximise their ATAR by performing well in all their subjects.

Myth and Legends: What pattern of subjects will guarantee an ATAR of 99.95?

Reality: The ATAR is entirely data driven, so if a student's results place them in the top percentile, then they will get the top ATAR regardless of the subjects they do.

Myths and Legends: I will only get an ATAR if I apply to QTAC for tertiary entry.

Reality: No, QTAC will calculate an ATAR for all students who have qualified and registered for an ATAR, even if they are not applying for tertiary entry

Myths and Legends: I will not qualify for an ATAR so higher education is closed off to me.



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Reality: Some tertiary courses are accessible without a formal tertiary ranking like ATAR. There are other pathways to tertiary study, including via VET. Check with the institutions/Uni's you are interested in to see what they pathway options are.

The difference between QCE and ATAR

QTAC states that the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) are different and have different purposes. QCE certifies learning, ie shows a student's academic achievement and at what standard they achieved in each subject during their senior schooling. The QCE may be considered by employers and the general community. ATAR indicates a student's position (or ranking) compared to all other students in the state. The only intended purpose for the ATAR is to assist with selecting applicants for tertiary study. For more information about QCE contact [Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority \(QCAA\)](#) and for ATAR information contact [QTAC](#).

The new IBAS Combined Rank Schedule

QTAC Selection Ranks and ATARs both have scales from 0.00 to 99.95. This means that IB graduates receiving an IBAS that equates to a QTAC Selection Rank of 99.75 on the new Combined Schedule, will be considered for tertiary admissions alongside students who received an ATAR of 99.75.

Students with a completed IB Diploma are considered for tertiary study through QTAC on the basis of having met 'Eligibility', requirements (minimum course entry for their desired tertiary course, such as subject prerequisites, auditions, portfolios or interviews) and 'Merit', QTAC Selection Rank (In this case IB Diploma, other examples are ATAR and VET Qualifications). Find more information and the new Combined Rank conversion table [here](#) to determine a QTAC Selection Rank from an IBAS.

To be considered

Making sure Year 10 students meet tertiary prerequisites for tertiary study

Before you choose your senior subjects, it is essential that you identify any prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended study for the courses that you are interested in applying for at the end of Year 12. Not all universities and institutions have the same prerequisites, assumed knowledge or recommended study requirements, so it's important that you check all universities and institutions. [Click here](#) to find the *Guide for 2022 Year 10 students 2025* book with a list of the universities and institutions and their prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended studies for 2025 tertiary entry.

What senior subjects should you study to gain an excellent ATAR

Year 10 students and their parents often ask this question. [The answer is](#), the subjects that you enjoy, have had past success in and meet any future tertiary course prerequisites. You want to get to the end of Year 12, receive your results and be able to say to yourself that they are the best results



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you could get while maintaining life balance and wellbeing. Your ATAR is a rank used by QTAC for competitive entry into tertiary institution courses. It is NOT an indication of your 'intelligence' and future success and happiness in life.



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2023 External Examination timetable

For those who are studying specific General and General (Extension) external subjects, the external assessments will be held from Monday 23 October to Tuesday 14 November 2023 and the external assessment timetable for General and General (Extension) subjects is now available at [2023 external assessment timetable](#). The timetable will be updated in Term 3 to include language and non-language Senior External Examinations (SEEs). SEEs are 100% external examinations and are different from the mainstream General subjects offered to adult learners and eligible Year 12 students. If you have any questions about the timetable, please speak with someone at your school or email ExternalAssessment@qcaa.qld.edu.au.

External assessment

The purpose of assessment is to improve your learning and provide opportunities for you to show what you know and can do. The way that your learning is assessed depends on the subjects you study. [Read more](#) about the external assessment of subjects including:

- External assessment
- How do they contribute to results?
- What do they test?
- How are they developed and marked?
- Key dates and details
- Resources to help you prepare
- What to do if you are unwell
- How can I stay updated about changes to external assessment?
- Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments
- Understanding AARA



Study Skills & Wellbeing



6 common study mistakes and how to fix them

Emily Morantz from The University of British Columbia (yes in Canada!) has put together some study tips that may assist you to study more effectively and avoid the 'big cram' just before exams ... and wouldn't that be a sweet spot! Although the article is written for Uni students, her tips are great for all students. Click [here](#) to read about the solutions to the following problems:

1. The Marathon - You find a comfortable spot to study and refuse to move ever again. You don't even think about taking a break as that would be a waste of time. Don't you know this assignment is due in 16 hours?
2. The Full-Page Highlight - You try to study by reading the textbook but somehow end up highlighting everything and remembering nothing.
3. The Multitasker - You try to do work for all of your classes at the same time by constantly switching back and forth between projects. This one is particularly common during finals.
4. The Media Frenzy - You study while texting your friends, checking 10 different social media tabs, listening to loud music (or worse, watching Netflix) and looking at your phone every 5 seconds as it buzzes away on your desk.
5. The Solo Mission - You only ever study in solitude and refuse to ask anyone else for help.
6. The Full-Out Panic - You suddenly realise how much work you have to do and completely freak out, ripping up pages and curling into a ball under your desk.

Headspace work and study support

Headspace work and study Programs support 15 to 25 year olds with everything education and employment related. From finding your first job, to deciding what to study, support is available online and in centres and their services are free and tailored to your needs. Click [here](#) to find out more including:

- Online support
- Centre support
- Career mentoring



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Invest your time instead of wasting it

Growing Leaders suggests that everyone has a choice to make when it comes to time. We can:

1. **Waste our time.** We find things to do to kill time or amuse ourselves.
2. **Spend our time.** We use our time on tasks to maintain the status quo.
3. **Invest our time.** We leverage our time to improve current realities.

The truth is none of these three activities are inherently wrong. Sometimes we just need to relax and kill time, let our hair down and decompress. It feels like we are **wasting time** because we don't have a tangible goal. We also need to **spend time** doing chores, playing sport, walking the dog, studying. It's not glitzy, but it's necessary.

The best time is leveraged, however, when we find ways to invest it. Just like money, when time is invested well, it multiplies. Things get better. People make progress. Life moves forward. When we invest our time, it pays dividends, either to us or for other people. There is a great benefit. Click [here](#) to read more about how you can use your time wisely.

Life skills are important!

Life skills are talked about a lot but not often explained. 'Life skills' is a term used to describe a set of basic skills acquired through learning and/or direct life experience that enable you to effectively handle issues and problems commonly encountered in daily life. The following are some ways that could help you recognise and develop your own set of life skills (source unknown):

1. **Building a Good Attitude:** Stay positive, hungry, humble and do whatever it takes.
2. **Taking Initiative:** If you're willing to go first, others will see you as a leader.
3. **Capturing Vision:** See the big picture and pursue something bigger than you.
4. **Communicating Effectively:** Understand that if listeners don't get it, you haven't communicated well.
5. **Teamwork:** To go faster, travel alone. To go further, learn to travel together.
6. **Creativity:** Learn the art of combining two existing ideas to generate a new one.
7. **Grit:** Resilience and work ethic can replace what you lack in talent or personality.
8. **Emotional Intelligence:** To connect with others, understand yourself and them.
9. **Resourcefulness:** Searching and finding new answers keeps you relevant.
10. **Critical Thinking:** Seeing all sides of an issue enables you to act intelligently.
11. **Problem-solving:** The best way to influence is to serve people and solve problems.
12. **Getting Over Yourself:** The clearest sign of maturity is focusing on others.

Why am I so tired you may ask!

Year 13 has an interesting article on some of the reasons you may be stressed, running out of energy and not getting things done on time or at all! Although we are all individuals, the article outlines some of the common reasons why young people can always feel tired and struggle to meet their family, school and work commitments. Click [here](#) to read what they say but if you are struggling it is best to speak with your school Guidance Officer/Counsellor or family doctor:

- You're skipping meals



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- You're not giving yourself long enough breaks
- You're not getting enough sleep
- You're getting too much sleep
- You're leaving the hardest work to the latest time at night



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TAFE Queensland Updates



Pre-Apprenticeship courses

Pre-apprenticeship training is an entry-level certificate made up of theoretical and practical training at one of TAFE Queensland's campuses, as well as hands-on work experience in your chosen industry. Whether you're looking to get a foot in the door or just try something new, pre-apprenticeship training with TAFE Queensland could be what you are looking for straight out of school. Click [here](#) to find out:

- What are the benefits?
- What job can I get?
- What if I don't know what I want to do?
- Available courses and how to apply
- Current school students' information
- School leavers and mature-age students' information

TAFE Queensland Pathways to University Course Guide

TAFE Queensland Pathways to University Course Guide outlines all the diploma to degree pathway arrangements that they currently have in place with universities across Queensland. The Guide includes all the degree programs that they offer in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast. The guide sets out the Diplomas that they offer and the direct access they give to different universities and university courses, including the total time you will need to be studying. Click [here](#) to access the guide.

VET qualifications for tertiary selection

Successfully completed VET qualifications, at a certificate III level or higher, may be used for tertiary selection in two ways:

- an input into an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR), and/or
- a stand-alone qualification for tertiary admission at some universities (may apply to non-ATAR eligible applicants)



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Education institutions may allocate a selection rank depending on the level of VET qualification completed. Click [here](#) to see a guide (scroll down) to the approximate selection rank allocated to each level of qualification. Contact your preferred university or institution to confirm their current guidelines regarding VET admissions. Additional admissions policies may also apply for recent Year 12 graduates with completed VET qualifications, such as meeting prerequisites. For more information visit the QTAC [website](#).



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Universities



Additional entry requirements for Nursing and/or Midwifery

To enrol in Nursing and/or Midwifery at any university you must meet the following educational requirements: you must have attended and satisfactorily completed at least 6 years of primary and/or secondary education taught and assessed solely in English. At least two years of this education must have been between grades 7 and 12. This education must have been completed in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America. If you do not meet these educational requirements, you are required to provide evidence of an acceptable English Language test. For more information see [English Language Proficiency](#).

Pathways into Queensland universities

There are many different pathways that will see you gain entry into an undergraduate course/degree at Queensland universities. It's important to do your pathway research as you need to choose an appropriate and achievable pathway at the end of Year 12. Check out the pathways offered at the following universities to see which may suit you and your Year 12 results best.

- Australian Catholic University - [Find your pathway](#)
- Bond - [Academic and English pathways](#)
- Christian Heritage - [Pathways and Credit Transfer](#)
- CQUniversity - [Entry pathways](#)
- Federation University - [Pathways](#)
- Griffith University - [Admission Pathways](#)
- James Cook University - [Pathways and Preparation](#)
- Queensland University of Technology - [Admission Pathways Guide](#)
- Southern Cross University - [Pathways Programs](#)
- Torrens University - [University entry pathways](#)
- The University of Queensland - [Consider your pathway options](#)
- University of New England - [Entry Pathways](#)
- University of Southern Queensland - [Pathways to Uni](#)



- University of Sunshine Coast - [Uni pathways and bridging programs](#)

Things I wish I knew before coming to university

Moataz Hamde shares with ABC's EveryDay the things she wishes she understood/knew about before going to uni. She says that her idea of what to expect from university life came in the form of trashy US college movies. She was gearing up for non-stop debauchery, but the reality was far different — a demanding workload, strict deadlines and the ultimate test of mental, emotional and physical strength. Click [here](#) to read more about her tips for managing and being successful at university including:

- Stress less, no-one cares what your school score was
- Make sure you're studying what you want to learn
- Keep an open mind
- Expand your circle
- Go out and get you some real-world experience
- Study hard and work a little bit

Australian Catholic University

Pathway diplomas

If you don't have the ATAR or rank to gain admission into your chosen course at ACU, you could consider studying a diploma first or a foundation studies course. When you successfully complete a pathway Diploma you will receive one year of credit towards the related ACU Bachelor course. Check ACU [website](#) for intake and campus availability and information on:

- Is a pathway certificate or diploma for me?
- How their pathway courses work
 - Choose your pathway course - including pathways to bachelor degrees
 - Move on to an advanced degree
 - Get extra credit
 - Choose a course provider
 - Apply

Central Queensland University

Apprenticeships and Traineeships through CQU

CQUniversity has a range of [apprenticeship and traineeship courses](#) available. Apprenticeships and traineeships combine the benefits of structured training and paid employment. Undertaken on a full-time, part-time or school-based basis, apprenticeships and traineeships enable you to learn a trade or skill and receive a nationally accredited qualification. CQUniversity is the local TAFE training provider, providing apprenticeship and traineeship courses in:

- Age and disability care



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- Animal studies
- Automotive Engineering and Technology
- Beauty Therapy
- Business
- Construction
- Education
- Electrotechnology
- Engineering
- Fitness
- Hairdressing
- Health care
- Horticulture
- Hospitality
- Laboratory
- Oral Health
- Tourism

Griffith University

Adjustment factors for Year 12 subject adjustment scheme including IB subjects

[Subject adjustments](#) can boost your selection rank and improve your chances of securing a place at Griffith. You are eligible to receive adjustments for subjects and university courses that you successfully complete in high school that require a high level of skill and knowledge. Adjustment factors will be automatically applied to your ATAR when you apply for eligible Griffith University preferences through QTAC for study in 2023. Below is the list of QCAA subjects that will earn you 2 adjustment factor ranks each when you pass them with a minimum grade of C in Units 3 and 4:

- Accounting
- Aerospace Studies
- Ancient History
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Digital Solutions
- Economics
- Engineering
- Film, Television and New Media
- Geography
- Health
- Languages other than English (LOTE)
- Legal Studies
- Marine Science
- Modern History
- Physics
- Psychology
- Specialist Mathematics



Click [here](#) to also find a list of the International Baccalaureate Diploma subjects that come within the scheme along with more information on these adjustment factor opportunities and conditions.

Free resources for students completing the Teacher Personal Statement

If you are thinking of applying for teaching at any university in 2024, as part of your QTAC application, you will need to complete a Teacher Personal Statement. The Teacher Personal Statement is a written response and can be daunting for some people, so Griffith has created resources to assist you in writing a quality statement. You can download the free 'Demystifying the Teacher Personal Statement Fact Sheet', for tips on completing your application and you can watch a video from Education Head of School, Prof. Donna Pendergast. Don't leave writing your statement to the last minute as you will need to put some thought into your statement content which is best done when you are not stressed. Click [here](#) to find out more and access to the fact sheet.

Griffith Film School application support webinar coming up soon

If you are applying to study at Griffith Film School, you will need to submit a portfolio as part of your application. To answer all your questions about what this means, Griffith is holding a portfolio admission webinar on 18 July. The webinar will cover:

- all about our degrees in [animation](#), [games design](#) and [film and screen media production](#)
- how to apply to study in 2024
- what to include in a portfolio.

After the short presentation, there will be a live Q&A with our creative arts staff and specialists in admissions to answer questions. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Queensland College of Art application support webinar

If you are applying to the Queensland College of Art, a portfolio can be part of your admission process, however this is an optional entry pathway. Griffith is holding a portfolio admission webinar on 19 July starting at 5pm. During the webinar you will learn about their degrees, how to apply, as well as the benefits of portfolio submission. This webinar being held on 19 July will cover:

- all about our degrees in [visual arts](#) and [design](#)
- how to apply to study in 2024
- what to include in a portfolio
- why you should submit a portfolio.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.



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Thinking of applying to Griffith - get some valuable information

Year 12 students can apply for Griffith undergraduate degrees online through [QTAC](#) or [UAC](#). You can also search for more information on their [Degree finder](#). If you are an international student, visit [international applications](#). Click [here](#) to find information about:

- Admissions Pathways
- VET pathways
- ATAR Guarantee
- Prerequisite and assumed knowledge
- Griffith Bridging English
- Adjustment factors - location and equity - Year 12 subject adjustments
- International Baccalaureate Diploma
- Rural Priority Access Scheme
- All about your ATAR
- Study Uni while at school
- High achievers
- Elite athletes
- Scholarships
- Key dates

Updates on the Queensland College of Art application criteria

From 2024 Queensland College of Art (QCA) will use a range of selection criteria for admission into its programs. Admission will be available via portfolio submission or ATAR /Rank. They believe that your academic performance is important but it's not the only sign of your development and may not show your creative ambitions and potential. They encourage you to submit a portfolio and attend an interview even if you are confident that you will meet the ATAR /Rank Guarantee. It is a valuable opportunity for you to showcase your talent and commitment to a creative arts degree. Click on the links for more information on [QCA portfolio admission](#) and [GFS portfolio admission](#). Don't leave it to the last minute to get your portfolio together, as a winning portfolio takes planning and preparation time.

James Cook University

Early Offer Program

If you're graduating this year, you may be able to receive an early offer for a JCU course. To participate in JCU's Early Offer Program, work with your school on a recommendation and list JCU as your first preference in QTAC when applications open. Early Offer applications close on 13 October 2023 and click [here](#) for more information including:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Information for schools including key dates, nomination form and application process



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Pathways to JCU

JCU has many pathway options to get you to uni either straight after school or further down the track. Click on the links below to read about:

- [Diploma of Higher Education](#)
- [Tertiary Access Course](#)
- [Certificate of Higher Education](#)
- [Bridging Courses](#)
- [JCU Prep](#)
- [VET/TAFE](#)
- [Apply for credit](#)
- [Pathways to University](#)
- [Contact the JCU Domestic Pathways Team](#)

QTAC Information Webinar

QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre) is the tertiary application service for Queensland universities, including JCU. On 27 July, from 7 - 8pm, JCU will be hosting a webinar designed for Year 12 students who are planning to move on to university in 2024. It will help you make well researched decisions for your chosen pathway. You'll emerge from this webinar more informed about:

- Key QTAC application steps including preference selection, entry requirements, ordering preferences, and pathways options
- ATAR calculations and other Year 12 qualification assessments
- Special Admissions Schemes including the Educational Access Scheme and other adjustment factors
- Important dates and deadlines and strategies for responding to offers

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Queensland University of Technology

A career analysing sports

Are you a sports head who would love nothing more than a career analysing sports performance? There's a job for that. Performance Analysts work with sporting teams, using software and video, as well as real-time, in-game analysis to review individual's and teams' performances. Current [Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science](#) student, Natalie Honnery, shares what it's like doing an internship as a performance analyst for the Queensland Reds. Read about Natalie's experience [here](#).

Guiding students to choose their destinations webinar (for parents/carers)

This free webinar, Monday 31 July, 5.30-6.30pm, will provide parents/carers with case studies, practical resources and tips to help you support Year 9 and 10 students to make informed decisions for their futures. [Register now](#).



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Match My Skills reminder

Need help finding a uni course that suits you? Complete *Match My Skills* to create a personalised list of courses that may suit your interests. It takes less than 10 minutes. Visit [Match My Skills](#) and give it a test drive.

New Architecture and Built Environment curriculum for 2024

From 2024 the QUT Architecture and Built Environment curriculum has been updated with a [Bachelor of Architectural Design](#) and a [Bachelor of Built Environment \(Honours\)](#) which has four majors:

- [Construction Management and Quantity Surveying](#)
- [Interior Design](#)
- [Landscape Architecture](#)
- [Urban and Regional Planning](#)

The new Bachelor of Built Environment (Honours) is a good pathway option for students interested in the new Bachelor of Architectural Design who may not meet the higher entry requirements.

New engineering vertical double degrees

The Faculty of Engineering is launching three new Engineering vertical degrees in 2024. A vertical double degree means you will graduate with a Bachelor and Master's degree within five years. New in 2024:

- [QUT - Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\) / Master of Sustainable Infrastructure](#)
- [QUT - Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\) / Master of Renewable Energy](#)
- [QUT - Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\) / Master of Advanced Manufacturing](#)

New in 2023:

- [QUT - Bachelor of Engineering \(Honours\)/Master of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence](#)

The Sky's The Limit: Street Science and QUT Atmospheric Science Show

The online Atmospheric Science Show is kicking off tomorrow, Wednesday 12 July. Explore the wonders of Earth's atmosphere in QUT's 'Sky's The Limit' Science Show. There are multiple shows to choose from, all interactive, educational, and will relate to your school studies. If you are interested, speak to your Science teacher or Guidance Officer/School Counsellor as you need to [register](#).

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Elite Athlete Program

The University of Queensland (UQ) supports more than 200 elite student-athletes, including Olympians, Paralympians, Commonwealth Games and Professional athletes. Eligible athletes can apply for 'elite athlete status' which gives them access to academic considerations through the [Programs and Assessment for Elite Athletes Policy](#). Once approved for elite athlete status, student-athletes can access the UQ Sport Elite Athlete Program (EAP). The program offers opportunities and support for elite-level student-athletes to perform at their peak, while studying at UQ. Click [here](#) to find out about:

- Academic support
- Services and Benefits
- Eligibility
- How to apply
- Once approved

How to apply

UQ have put together a guide for applying to UQ at the undergraduate/degree level. Applying isn't difficult but there is a sequence of steps that you need to go through. Click [here](#) and find the steps and more detail:

1. [Choose your program](#)
2. [Review entry requirements](#)
3. [Review admission schemes](#)
4. [Consider your pathway options](#)
5. [Review fees and financial support](#)
6. [Check credit eligibility](#)
7. [Submit your application](#)
8. [Respond to your offer](#)
9. [Get ready for UQ](#)

Parent information night

The Future Students Australia team are hosting an online information session for parents and guardians. It will provide information about supporting your child's transition to University. The webinar will be held on 31 July from 6pm - 7pm and you will learn about the application process, financial support, accommodation options and the wide range of support services at UQ. Keep checking their website for registration details.

SPARQ-ed Senior Research Immersion Program

SPARQ-ed Senior Research Immersion is a five-day learning experience designed to immerse Year 10, 11 and 12 students in biomedical research. They will work as a team to answer a real research question designed by researchers working at the Translational Research Institute. Regional students may apply for a SPARQ-ed LMRF Scholarship to assist with travel and accommodation costs. Students may also apply for an ATAR adjustment factor for entry into select UQ courses. Applications close on 31 July and click [here](#) to find out more and to register.



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What can I do with my ATAR?

Your ATAR makes you competitive for entry into university programs and other pathways. Undergraduate degrees have different ATAR/tertiary selection rank requirements. Most UQ undergraduate programs show a minimum ATAR threshold as part of their entry requirements. If you're not entirely sure which course you want to pursue, it might be helpful to get a broad idea of which doors are open to you with your ATAR/ranking. Click below to find out the ATAR requirements and more information for:

- [ATAR needed for law](#)
- [ATAR needed for medicine](#)
- [ATAR needed for nursing](#)
- [ATAR needed for teaching](#)
- [ATAR needed for psychology](#)
- [ATAR needed for engineering](#)
- [ATAR needed for physiotherapy](#)
- [ATAR needed for business management](#)
- [ATAR needed for marine biology](#)
- [ATAR needed for accounting](#)

University of the Sunshine Coast

High Performance Student Athlete program

If you are an elite athlete, UniSC will assist you to manage your study and sporting commitments. You will need to do your research to see if you are eligible for their program. High Performance Student Athletes (HPSA's) receive the following personalised support and exclusive benefits:

- Special entry to degree programs
- Exclusive access to world-class facilities
- Personal development opportunities
- Tailored academic and career support
- Scholarships and financial assistance

Click [here](#) to find out if you are eligible and ways you can apply.



Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
11/07/2023	ADF Gold Coast: Air Force Careers Information Session
11/07/2023	ADF Maroochydore: Defence Careers Information Session
12/07/2023	ADF Bundaberg: Indigenous Pathways Information Session
12/07/2023	ADF Toowoomba: Air Force Careers Information Session
12/07/2023	QU's Economics schools' day 2023
12/07/2023	Southern Cross Cultural Exchange Information session
13/07/2023	ADF Hervey Bay: Indigenous Pathways Information Session
13/07/2023	ADF Townsville: Air Force Careers Information Session
14/07/2023	2023 Young ICT Explorers competition
14/07/2023	Griffith uni online Chem and Phys courses registrations close
15/07/2023 to 16/07/2023	2023 TSXPO Tertiary Studies Expo
16/07/2023	University of the Sunshine Coast Open Day– Sunshine Coast Campus
18/07/2023	ACU Guarantee: early offer application process and student panel webinar
18/07/2023	ADF Brisbane: Army Reserve Information Session
18/07/2023	ADF Toowoomba: Army Reserve Information Session
18/07/2023	ADF Townsville: Army Reserve Information Session
18/07/2023	Griffith Film School portfolio and application support webinar



18/07/2023	IGNITE Youth Careers Expo Logan
18/07/2023	Southern Cross Cultural Cross Exchange information webinar
18/07/2023	Sunshine Coast Career Expo
19/07/2023	ADF Maroochydore: Air Force Careers Information Session
19/07/2023	Griffith Sports College elite athlete workshop Nathan Campus
19/07/2023	Queensland College of Art Portfolio and application support webinar
19/07/2023	UQ's World Religions Symposium
19/07/2023	World Religions Symposium 2023
20/07/2023	South Burnett/Kingaroy Career Market
20/07/2023	Wool4School Student Design Competition entries close
21/07/2023	Dalby Career Market
21/07/2023	Focus on Ability Film Festival closes
21/07/2023	QUT AdSpace competition
23/07/2023	University of the Sunshine Coast Open Day– Moreton Bay campus
24/07/2023	ACU Guarantee Opens
24/07/2023	ADF Brisbane: Defence Careers Information Session
24/07/2023	ADF Toowoomba: Defence Careers Information Session
25/07/2023	ADF ADFA Careers Information Session in Person and Online
25/07/2023	Griffith Sports College elite athlete workshop Gold Coast campus
25/07/2023	World Education Program Student Exchange webinar
27/07/2023	JCU's QTAC Information Webinar
27/07/2023	QTAC Information webinar
28/07/2023	World Science Festival Queensland Student Day Gladstone
29/07/2023	Bond University open day
29/07/2023	World Science Festival Queensland Gladstone
30/07/2023	QUT Open Day
30/07/2023	UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarships applications close
31/07/2023	QUT Guiding students to choose their destinations webinar (for parents/carers)
31/07/2023	SPARQ-ed Senior Research Immersion Program
31/07/2023	Townsville Career Expo
31/07/2023	UQ parent information evening



01/08/2023	ATAR Portal registration for 2023 open
01/08/2023	Australian Mathematics Competition entries close
01/08/2023	QTAC Admissions applications for 2024 open
02/08/2023	2023 Brisbane Fresh Futures Market
02/08/2023	Bowen Careers Expo
03/08/2023	Mackay Career Expo
05/08/2023	CQ University Open Day Mackay
05/08/2023	TAFE Queensland Brisbane Campus Open Day
06/08/2023	UQ Open Day - St Lucia campus
09/08/2023 to 12/08/2023	TAFE Queensland Gold Coast Campus - Various campuses
10/08/2023	CQ University Bundaberg
10/08/2023	CQ University Cairns Open Day
11/08/2023	UCAT ANZ testing finishes
11/08/2023	World Science Festival Queensland Schools Program Ipswich
12/08/2023	SAE Open Day
12/08/2023	Torrens University Open Day
12/08/2023	UCAT ANZ testing period ends
13/08/2023	Open Days Griffith University – Gold Coast and Nathan Campuses
13/08/2023	University of Southern Queensland - Ipswich and Springfield campuses Open Day
17/08/2023	CQ University Townsville Open Day
19/08/2023	ADFA In-person Open Day
20/08/2023	CQ University Rockhampton
20/08/2023	The Liveris Academy for Innovation and Leadership – Scholarship Opportunities
20/08/2023	University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Open Day
20/08/2023	UQ Open Day - Gatton campus
21/08/2023	UQ auditions for the 2024 B Music (Honours) Program close
21/08/2023	UQ Music Audition applications close
23/08/2023	Australian Informatics Olympiad (AIO) entries close
24/08/2023	Cairns Youth and Careers Expo
24/08/2023	CQ University Gladstone



25/08/2023	UNSW Bragg Student Prize for Science Writing 2023 entries close
26/08/2023	ACU Brisbane Open Day
31/08/2023	Australian Intermediate Mathematics Olympiad entries close
31/08/2023	CQ University - Online Open Day



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